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NEWS WATCH

AIDS trial

PORTLAND, Ore. — A man accused of trying to give AIDS to a 17-year-old girl through unprotected sex was found guilty Wednesday of attempted murder charges. The girl, now 18, testified she had unprotected sex with Alberto Gonzalez, 28, in 1990. She has tested negative for the AIDS virus. Defense attorney Karolyn March said in closing arguments that no evidence was presented showing that Gonzalez intended to kill the girl. She also said that AIDS does not qualify as a deadly weapon. Deputy District Attorney David Peters said Gonzalez knew he had the AIDS virus when he had sex with the girl and he knew the consequences of his actions.

Double birth

OMAHA, Neb. — Twins Lela and Lisa Schaecher have pulled off the second double birth of their lives. They gave birth to baby girls on the same day. The sisters, who married first cousins, had daughters Friday. Hannah Schaecher was born in Omaha at 11:55 a.m. to Lela and her husband, Randy, who live in Omaha. Hannah's cousin, who hasn't been named, was born at 9:30 p.m. to Lisa and her husband, Todd, who live in Lindsay.

Free calls

WASHINGTON — American military personnel stationed overseas will be able to call friends and family in the United States free from today through Jan. 3, 1993. The special call-home program was arranged by the Armed Forces Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) and MCI Communications Corp. Service members will be able to contact 185 MARS stations in the United States using shortwave radio. The U.S. stations will connect callers to family members and friends using MCI's long-distance network.

No cigarettes

ROME — It is probably true that at no time since tobacco was introduced to Europe in the mid-16th century, has a small group of people forced an entire country to contemplate giving up smoking cigarettes. But that is what has happened in Italy after 20 days of a strike by the workers who control distribution from the state tobacco monopoly. There are no cigarettes to be had anywhere except from smugglers, who are themselves running low on stocks./11A

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Americans prepare for day of feasting

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Thanksgiving tradition defied bad weather and a year of economic hard times as Americans geared up Wednesday for the annual day of feasting, family and funny cartoon balloons on parade.

Holiday travel in Texas, Colorado, Kansas and other western states was complicated by deep snow and high wind that forced road closures. Airports around the country had delays on one of the busiest travel days of the year.

President Bush and his wife, Barbara, planned a qui-

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AP Laserphoto

A worker de-ices a jet in Kansas City.

Texas National Guard plows motorists' path

PAMPA (AP) — Texas National Guard units plucked motorists from snow-clogged highways Wednesday and those stranded by the deadly storm prepared to spend Thanksgiving in shelters.

"I wish I had stayed home" in Borger, said William Sam Ward Jr., stuck for more than nine hours in his Chevy truck Tuesday before an armored vehicle found him west of Pampa just before midnight.

Sgt. 1st Class James Larkin said the 16 members of the National Guard's Pampa unit had rescued 123 motorists in Gray and Hutchinson counties.

The soldiers were plowing through drifts as high as 6 feet to get to the American Red Cross shelter and Coronado Community

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Thanksgiving dinner

Bryan Welch of Golden Corral slices some of the 1,000-plus pounds of turkey the restaurant has prepared in anticipation of today's third annual "Thanksgiving Celebration Dinner." Invitations for the meal, which will be served from 10:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., have been distributed through social service agencies and other organizations.

U.S. shows robust gains in economy

■ Gross domestic product grows by 3.9 percent in third quarter — best in four years, Commerce Department says.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy is finally revving up just as George Bush's presidency is winding down. The government on Wednesday reported the best quarterly growth in nearly four years.

"This is a good present for us to leave to the new administration. . . . It's ironic, but that's the way it is," said Commerce Secretary Barbara Hackman Franklin.

The gross domestic product, the sum of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders, advanced at a brisk 3.9 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate during the July-September quarter, the Commerce Department said.

It was the best growth of the Bush presidency and matched the rate during the fourth quarter of 1988, the last of Ronald Reagan's term.

As Bush left the White House for a long Thanksgiving holiday in Kennebunkport, Maine, his spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, said, "He feels very good about the economy. The Bush recovery is coming on strong."

"These economic figures made us all feel a lot better," he added.

President-elect Clinton told reporters in Little Rock, Ark., that his advisers were analyzing the report to see if it meant he should rethink his plans for stimulating the economy next year.

"It could have some impact on short-term judgment, but we're going to have to see if these figures tell us anything about what is likely to happen for the next year," he said. ". . . It won't change my long-term plans at all."

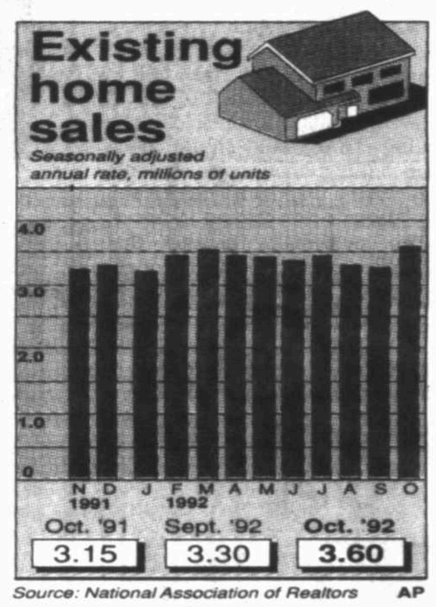
Many economists contend that the economy is strong enough now to continue growing without help from the government. A stimulus like a tax cut or increased public spending risks increasing the budget deficit and triggering a rise in inflation and long-term interest rates, they say.

Other analysts, however, welcome a modest stimulus package as insurance against the kind of relapse that has plagued the economy since it began struggling to emerge from the recession.

"We've seen periods of accelerating growth only to see the economy fall back into torpor. We need to ensure that doesn't happen again," said economist Mark Zandi of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

Economists were surprised by Wednesday's GDP report, which marked a sharp improvement over an earlier

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Clinton says he's close to making Cabinet decisions

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President-elect Clinton said Wednesday he's close to settling on a few Cabinet members as he continued a pre-Thanksgiving flurry of interviews, summoning former Arizona Gov. Bruce Babbitt and New Mexico Rep. Bill Richardson.

The talks with prominent Democrats — Sens. Lloyd Bentsen of Texas and Tim Wirth of Colorado were in on Tuesday — were described by some Clinton aides as wide-ranging discussions not necessarily related to Cabinet posts.

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But two high-ranking Clinton aides on Wednesday characterized the sessions as job interviews and said Clinton was considering the officials for top administration posts.

"You know how he does things," said one Clinton aide, who requested anonymity. "He'll shoot the bull — talk about football and politics — and get down to policy — the economy or whatever — maybe even without mentioning the job. But these are job interviews. These are guys he's considering."

The latest interviews came as Clinton's transition team announced the directors of "cluster" groups that will review the federal agencies and prepare for the Democrats' bureaucratic takeover.

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Dallas Patterson

Disabled woman trains for Boston Marathon

■ Odessan becomes activist for other people with head injuries.

By Ed Todd

Staff writer

Dallas Patterson today is running for life. And one of her goals is to inspire others to overcome obstacles associated with head injuries.

Death eluded her in 1983 when, at age 17, she tried to commit suicide by shooting herself in the head.

Since then, Ms. Patterson has overcome paralysis. And, rebelling over early prognoses that she would never run again and would never lead an independent life, at age 26 she has become an activist for people with head injuries and other disabilities.

"I don't like the word 'can't,'" Ms. Patterson said Wednesday.

She hopes her advocacy will shine in 1996 when she, on her own training timetable, plans to run in the prestigious Boston Marathon.

Hospitalized in 1983, Ms. Patterson became "furious" when doctors told her that she "would never have an independent life, that she would never be able to run," and that she would be wise to "to look at realistic goals."

"Submission was out the door," Ms. Patterson said.

In a mysterious moment, she found herself uttering this pledge: "One day, I'm going to run the Boston Marathon."

That was 9½ years ago. Today, she is undergoing training despite the handicap of a left "drop foot," a muscular defect that she is overcoming through physical

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GUARD: Storm strands holiday travelers

(From 1A)

Hospital in Pampa, where a woman gave birth to a boy 13 minutes later Tuesday night.

"We almost delivered in the military vehicle," Larkin said.

The 13 inches of snow that blasted Pampa was the most measured across the frigid Panhandle. The National Weather Service also recorded from 9 inches in Amarillo to 11 inches in Perryton.

Conditions were expected to improve on Thanksgiving, with snow leaving the Amarillo area at least until Sunday, said weather service specialist Robert Robledo.

North winds as high as 35 mph whipped up thick flurries that continued to cause delays at Amarillo International Airport.

Many roads and highways were impassable. An 82-year-old Claude man died Wednesday and his wife Edna, 82, was hospitalized after their car collided with a pickup truck driven by Kenneth Detten in a weather-related accident in Amarillo.

Mrs. Dishman remained in stable condition Wednesday night at St. Anthony's Hospital, a spokeswoman said. Detten was not injured.

On Tuesday, two women were killed in a traffic accident near Vega that critically injured a third woman. Also, an 80-year-old man froze to death after leaving his stalled car on Interstate 40 about 20 miles west of Amarillo.

"He had been rescued twice earlier that day, twice, by Oldham County sheriff's deputies and each time declined their offer for rides in to town, for shelter," Department of Public Safety spokesman Mike Cox said.

Drifts were still trapping many Amarillo residents inside their homes even though the flurries had stopped.

State highway officials opened I-40, which had been closed the entire 200-mile east-west stretch of the Panhandle.

Other roads closed included U.S. 60 eastbound from Pampa to Oklahoma, Texas 152 from Pampa to Oklahoma, U.S. 70 north of Pampa, Texas 136 from Amarillo to Fritch, U.S. 83 from Wheeler to Oklahoma and U.S. 87 from Dumas to Hartley and from Dalhart to New Mexico.

"We're to a point right now where we think we have everyone off the highway and to a place where they're warm and fed," Larkin said from the armory in Pampa. "There are cars that we don't know of because they're buried in drifts."

Ward, meanwhile, considers himself lucky.

The 25-year-old cement truck driver had been driving his father to Oklahoma on Texas 152 when they — and about eight other vehicles in a 100-yard stretch — got stuck.



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Firm to pay $32 million in Valdez oil spill

JUNEAU, Alaska (AP) — The operator of the trans-Alaska oil pipeline will pay Alaska and the federal government $32 million to settle lawsuits over its failure to respond quickly to the Exxon Valdez spill, officials said Wednesday.

Alyeska Pipeline Service Co., a consortium of oil companies formed to operate the trans-Alaska oil pipeline and terminal at Valdez, was the agency charged with the initial cleanup response to the disastrous 1989 spill in Prince William Sound.

The settlement, approved by U.S. District Judge H. Russel Holland in Anchorage, brings to an end the governments' litigation surrounding the nation's worst oil spill, state Attorney General Charlie Cole said.

The governments settled their litigation against Exxon Corp., owner of the tanker Exxon Valdez, for a record $1 billion last year.

Under Alyeska's settlement, the money will go to build docks and warehouses to store additional spill-response equipment in the sound, toward the purchase of private timberland in Kachemak Bay State Park, to reimburse the Coast Guard for its Exxon Valdez expenses, and to reimburse Alaska towns whose state fish tax payments declined after the spill.

Nearly 11 million gallons of crude oil spilled when the Exxon Valdez ran aground on a charted reef, killing thousands of birds and marine mammals and disrupting Alaska's rich fishing industry.

The governments charged that Alyeska failed to have adequate equipment on hand.

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By Norman Arey
N.Y. Times News

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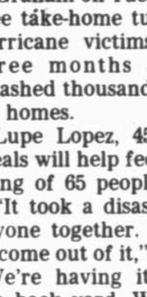
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Pamunkey reservation home to 49 Indians, census shows

By Norman Arey
N.Y. Times News Service

KING WILLIAM, Va. — Swift Water stands on a ridge, gazing into a thicket. The chief is clad in boots, jeans, plaid shirt and a dark coat. A rifle is crooked in his arm. Dusk is settling in and time is running out.

The hunt ends, the prize is secured and will be delivered up as tribute 36 hours later — just as it has every year, for 346 years, in lieu of taxes.

Swift Water, a.k.a. William Miles, and his hunting party make the trek to the governor's mansion in Richmond. The original payment in 1646 was 20 beaver pelts offered to the English Crown. Today it's a deer delivered to Gov. Douglas Wilder.

Swift Water and his fellows are Pamunkey, once the core of the powerful, 32-tribe Powhatan Confederacy. Chief Powhatan was a Pamunkey, as was his daughter Pocahontas. It was she who was credited with saving the life of Captain John Smith, leader of the small Jamestown colony, held prisoner by her father.

Ultimately, the Pamunkeys were conquered, of course — hence the payments of tribute. The ceremony now serves to bolster Virginia's claim that it — not the Pilgrims of Massachusetts — hosted the first Thanksgiving dinner in 1621.

The Pamunkey reservation sits on 1,200 acres 40 miles out of Richmond, cut by the Pamunkey River — their home since the Ice Age.

The 1990 census shows there are 49 Indians on the reservation, which was once more than four times larger than it is now. The Pamunkeys, once numbering in the thousands, are also shrinking.

The young move away to find jobs. Only one family on the reservation farms. Miles is taking his own census, pinpointing Pamunkeys around the United States. He says there may be 500.

A small Baptist church, founded in 1865, marks the reservation entrance. A crossroads is dominated by a monument dedicated to Pocahontas' memory. She died of smallpox in England at the age of perhaps 22. To the left is a mound said to hold the bones of Powhatan.

Farther down is the Pamunkey museum, flanked by a council building and a small white clapboard structure. The smaller building was the Pamunkey Indian School, which closed in 1956. Today the Indian children attend the public schools of King William County. Behind the museum is a small cottage, home to the Pamunkey Pottery Guild since 1932.

Daisy Stewart Bradby has made pottery since the 1920s. The pottery is sold in the 13-year-old museum, but business is slow — and has been since 1854, when the railroad began bringing mass-produced wares into the area. Today Ms. Bradby and a trio of others are the only potters left.

"I'm sorry to say there are no young ones coming along," said Ms. Bradby. "We're getting old and don't feel like coming out here. I was 78 this week."

The largest collection of Pamunkey pottery is in Georgia. Atlanta's Ann Miles DeNice, mother of the chief, bought 10,000 pieces at an estate sale and may own the largest Native American collection in the United States. Ms. DeNice sells some of the pottery at a Porterdale flea market, but most is stored.

The museum serves as the main draw for tourists, but most of the visitors are school children. In the summer, curator Kevin Brown says an average of four or five people come by each day.

Miles is a modern-day leader who dispenses business cards with "William P. (Swift Water) Miles — Chief" on one side and the official tribal seal on the other. The 49-year-old was a General Electric executive until he tired of the rat race and moved to the reservation, taking a job with the federal government.

His chiefly duties consist of managing tribal business and settling disputes. The tribe has been governed by a council and chief since 1677 and has its own laws. Miles serves as the main public relations man for the tribe. But the tribe does little to attract visitors. "I don't think we want any more tourists than we have," he said.

Miles won a four-year term as chief the same day Bill Clinton won his. The Pamunkeys vote the same way they did three centuries ago. Each member has a bean and a corn kernel. The corn is a yea vote; a bean rejects.

Miles says he finds nothing offensive about being called an Indian nor a Native American. Neither does he find anything upsetting about sports teams' names — the Braves, Indians, or Redskins. "We have a lot of things to be concerned with like crime, unemployment, drugs and the homeless instead of worrying about sports teams' names."

FEAST: People defy hardships

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et, long weekend alone at their vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

An oversize Goofy balloon was the only newcomer invited to join the 1992 Macy's parade lineup in New York City. The accident-prone Disney dog will make the trip down Broadway dressed like Santa Claus, tangled up in a string of Christmas lights and a holiday wreath.

Turkey and all the trimmings may not have been foremost in the minds of those hurt by recent tornadoes, or victims of Hurricane Andrew, but bravery counterbalanced any bitterness.

At a Mississippi trailer park where a weekend tornado killed six people, Dorothy Jordan can't whip up a turkey dinner. Like much of her home, her dishes were blown away.

"We won't let the day pass without giving thanks that we're alive," said Mrs. Jordan, of Brandon, Miss. "All this can be replaced. Lives can't."

The holiday as well-known for giving as giving thanks featured widespread charity efforts across the country ranging from turkey dinners at soup kitchens to free hot meals in Kerrville, Texas, for passing truck drivers.

"The truckers enjoy the food and the fellowship. I've seen tears in their eyes some times," said Tara Hernandez, project coordinator.

In Homestead, Fla., the Rev. Billy Graham on Tuesday handed out free take-home turkey dinners to hurricane victims still suffering three months after Andrew smashed thousands of south Florida homes.

Lupe Lopez, 45, said the free meals will help feed a family gathering of 65 people.

"It took a disaster to bring everyone together. That's the good to come out of it," Mrs. Lopez said. "We're having it buffet-style in the back yard. We can't do it in the house. It's still a mess."

In Albany, Ore., restaurant owners Joseph Novak and his wife, Matilda, will renew their personal Thanksgiving tradition by offering all comers a free holiday dinner. It will be the 10th year friends and strangers have gathered to accept their generosity.

"The Lord has been very good to us. We feel very good we can share our blessings with those around us," said Novak, a Hungarian immigrant who fled communist rule in the late 1950s.

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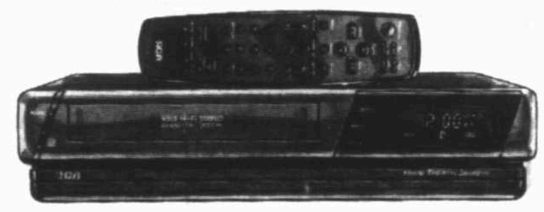
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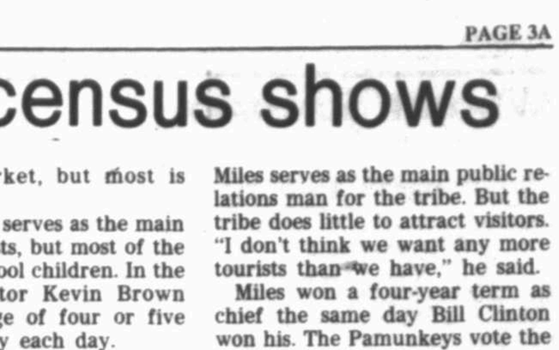


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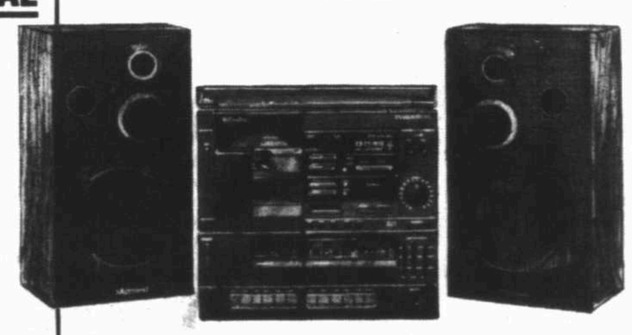
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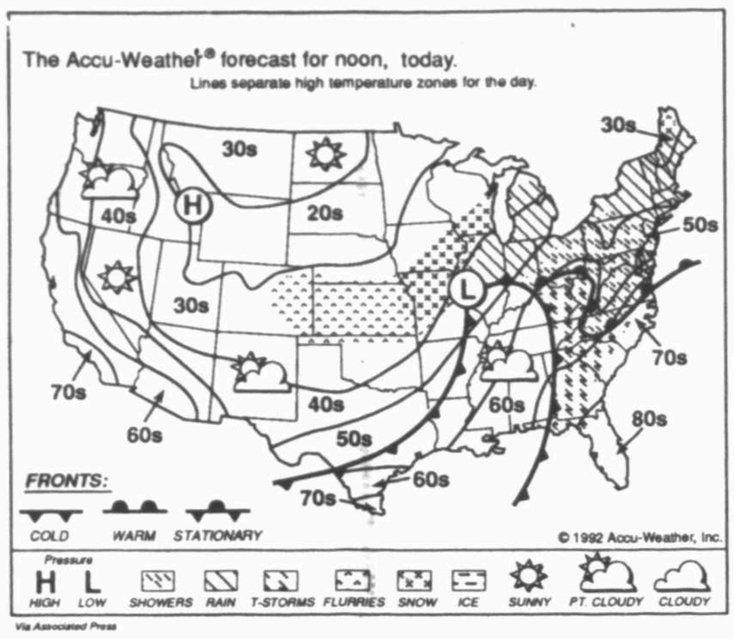
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Staff report

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high in the upper 40s and north winds at 10-20 mph. Tonight should be clear with a low in the lower 20s, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Friday should be sunny with a high in the lower 50s.

After an overnight low of 24, Wednesday's high reached 43, compared to the record high for that date of 85 set in 1965. The record low was 18 set in 1938.

STATE

Winter storm systems brought clearing skies and colder temperatures to most of Texas on Wednesday.

The storm system that claimed three lives and snarled traffic for miles in the Panhandle had largely abated by Wednesday afternoon, but it left cold air and hazardous roads in its wake.

The skies over the Texas Panhandle were partly to mostly cloudy with 20 degree readings, while mostly sunny to partly sunny skies and temperatures in the 30s and 40s dominated elsewhere in West Texas.

Clearing skies accompanied temperatures in the 50s and 60s in South Texas as northerly 10-15 mph winds gusted to 25 mph.

West Texans can clear away the snow drifts under clear skies today, but they will need to bundle up against temperatures falling into the 20s and teens at night.

Clear and cold conditions are predicted in North Texas for today with lows in the mid-20s to near 30. Highs in the 40s Thursday with lows in the 20s predicted for tonight. Mostly sunny Friday with highs in the mid-40s to lower 50s were forecast.

NATION

A storm that dumped more than a foot of snow in parts of the Central Plains and Mississippi Valley snarled Thanksgiving eve traffic.

Many highways in southwest Kansas were closed by snow drifts, which reached 10 to 15 feet deep near Hugoton. Nineteen inches of snow fell at Laverne, Okla., and roads over much of that area were closed. In southeast Colorado, 6 to 12 inches of snow had fallen by daybreak.

Elsewhere, hail nearly an inch in diameter fell north of Fayette, N.C., as showers and thunderstorms raked the Southeast.

By mid-afternoon, rainshowers and thunderstorms extended over the eastern Gulf of Mexico states and the southern two-thirds of the Atlantic Coastal states. Rain over central New England changed to snow over northern Maine.

Heavier rainfall during the 6 hours ending at 1 p.m. EST included 2½ inches at Dothan, Ala., and nearly 2 inches at Columbus, Ga.

By mid-afternoon, the snow reached across southern Wisconsin, northwest Illinois, much of Iowa, the northwest third of Missouri, the northern and central Plains, northern Minnesota and central Oklahoma.

In southwest Kansas, 17 inches had fallen by daybreak at Liberal near the Oklahoma line.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Today: Sunny, high in the upper 40s, north winds at 10-20 mph.
Tonight: Clear, low in the lower 20s.
Friday: Sunny, high in the lower 50s.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High	43 degrees
Overnight Low	24 degrees
Sunset today	5:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:27 a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	00.00 inches
This month to date	00.70 inches
Year to date	20.77 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	36	6 a.m.	25
7 p.m.	31	7 a.m.	24
8 p.m.	28	8 a.m.	24
9 p.m.	28	9 a.m.	29
10 p.m.	28	10 a.m.	33
11 p.m.	27	11 a.m.	36
midnight	28	noon	38
1 a.m.	26	1 p.m.	40
2 a.m.	27	2 p.m.	42
3 a.m.	26	3 p.m.	42
4 a.m.	26	4 p.m.	43
5 a.m.	24	5 p.m.	41
		6 p.m.	36

Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Ppn
Amarillo	25	20	
Austin	56	41	
Brownsville	67	54	
Corpus Christi	60	50	
Dalhart	30	19	0.02
Dallas	48	37	
Del Rio	57	37	
El Paso	49	21	
Fort Worth	47	37	
Houston	56	44	
Junction	52	30	
Lajitas	58	28	
Laredo	59	50	
Lubbock	35	24	
Marfa	43	19	
Presidio	60	33	
San Angelo	49	31	
San Antonio	61	39	
Waco	51	36	
Wichita Falls	38	35	
Wink	44	22	

Weather elsewhere

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	37	18		clr
Atlanta	63	53	2.35	cdy
Atlantic City	57	50	.13	cdy
Boston	46	43	.12	cdy
Chicago	44	39	.48	cdy
Denver	34	08	.01	clr
Great Falls	37	20		cdy
Jackson,Miss.	64	50	.23	clr
Las Vegas	53	37		cdy
Los Angeles	72	51		clr
Memphis	52	51	.06	cdy
Nashville	70	50	.51	cdy
New Orleans	65	54		clr
New York City	52	47	.05	rn
Oklahoma City	35	33	.06	cdy
Reno	46	32		cdy
San Francisco	64	52		cdy
Shreveport	53	35		clr
Topeka	34	33	.80	clr
Tulsa	40	34	.19	cdy
Wichita	33	31	1.06	clr

Area forecast

West Texas: Panhandle, Thanksgiving, sunny. Highs from upper 30s to near 40s. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the teens. Friday, sunny and a little warmer. Highs in the lower 40s. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid teens to lower 20s. Saturday through Sunday, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Lows in the mid teens to lower 20s. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. Monday, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the mid 20s. Highs near 50. South Plains, Thanksgiving, sunny but cold. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the lower 20s. Friday, sunny. High around 50. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower to mid 20s. Saturday through Sunday, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s. Monday, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the upper 20s. Highs in the lower to mid 50s. Permian Basin, Thanksgiving, sunny but cold. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the lower to mid 20s. Friday, sunny. High in the lower 50s. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows from 30-35. Saturday through Sunday, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Lows in the mid 20s to lower 30s. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the 50s. Concho Valley, Edwards Plateau, Thanksgiving, sunny but cold. Highs in the lower 50s. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the mid 20s. Friday, sunny. High in the lower 50s. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid to upper 20s. Saturday through Sunday, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Lows in the upper 20s to mid 30s. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the mid to upper 50s. Far West Texas, Thanksgiving day, sunny. Highs around 50. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the lower 20s. Friday, sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the lower to mid 20s. Saturday through Sunday, mostly sunny days and fair nights. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows near 30. Highs in the upper 50s. Big Bend, Thanksgiving, sunny. Highs in the 40s mountains to the mid 50s along the river. Tonight, clear and cold. Lows in the teens mountains to upper 20s along the river. Friday, sunny. Highs in the 40s mountains to the mid 60s along the river.

Border forecasts

New Mexico: Thanksgiving, mostly sunny and not as cold. Highs 30s to mid 40s mountains and north, 40s and low 50s south. Tonight, cold with mostly fair skies. Lows 5 below zero to near 20 mountains, teens to mid 20s at the lower elevations. Extended forecast, Friday, fair skies. Highs 30s to mid 40s mountains and northwest, 40s and 50s east and south. Saturday, increasing cloudiness. Lows zero to lower 20s mountains with mostly 20s at the lower elevations. Highs middle 30s to near 50 mountains and northwest with 40s and 50s at the lower elevations. Sunday, partly cloudy. A chance of showers northwest. Lows 5 to 25 mountains and northwest with middle 20s to middle 30s east and south. Highs middle 30s to lower 40s mountains with 40s to and 50s at the lower elevations.

Oklahoma: Thanksgiving, partly cloudy with highs in the 40s. Tonight, mostly clear with lows from the mid teens in northwest oklahoma to the 20s elsewhere. Friday, partly cloudy and not so cold. Highs mainly upper 40s and lower 50s. Friday night, clear to partly cloudy with lows mostly in the mid and upper 20s. Saturday, partly cloudy with highs in the 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs from the lower 50s to lower 60s and lows from the upper 20s northwest to the lower 40s southeast. Monday, a chance of thunderstorms. Highs from the upper 50s to mid 60s and lows in 30s and lower 40s.

Texas lottery

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are results of Lotto Texas winning numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery:

14-21-36-39-40-42

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: $12 million.

Inauguration to mix class, comfort

■ Clintons to be 'in touch with the American people' during his four-day celebration.

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Bill Clinton's mother danced barefoot and blew kisses to the band at his first inaugural ball, a homey bash with a quaint theme: "Diamonds and Denim."

At his last inaugural as governor, Clinton and his wife, Hillary, stood in a reception line for more than four hours, shaking hands with any Arkansas resident who bothered to wait.

The Clintons have conducted five inaugural celebrations, all a tasteful mix of folksy, friendly and fancy. Black tie was optional at the balls — most people wore business suits, but a few wore jeans the first year. Clinton always dressed in a tuxedo, his wife a gown.

Wine — usually Carlo Rossi — washed down the cheese and crackers. Jazz, gospel and rock were played.

Americans can expect the same mix of class and comfort at the four-day celebration marking the Jan. 20 inauguration of Clinton as the 42nd president of the United States, event organizers say.

"It will be about being in touch with the American people," inaugural chairman Ron Brown said. "On the other hand, it will have the requisite amount of dignity that is becoming of an American president.

Stealing from the Arkansas celebrations, the Clintons plan to have one or two activities designed for children, a reception that enables them to greet the public, some cheap events and several swanky balls. They also will find a way to thank voters for the victory.

For Clinton's first inaugural in 1979, Mrs. Clinton wore a dusty rose panne velvet gown modeled after her wedding dress. "It was my favorite and I asked her to do something similar for the inaugural ball," Clinton said at the time.

The ball was held at a local armory. Tickets were $20 a head.

A band called "Dealer's Choice," featuring Clinton's half-brother Roger, played rock music. Roger Clinton said his new rock band "Politics" will play at one of the presidential inaugural balls in January.

Folk singer Jimmy Driftwood and gospel group "Loving Sisters" also played for the eclectic Clintons.

The day began with a service at Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock, a tradition that held through the 1991 inaugural. Officials say Clinton will certainly include a church service in the presidential inaugural celebration.

Clinton was thrown out of office in 1980 and returned in 1982, making the 1983 inaugural a special event. More than 6,000 people crammed a Little Rock convention center to join the wildest of Clinton's five inaugural balls.

Roast beef sandwiches and baked ham were served to the 2,000 people who attended the $20-a-ticket ball in 1985. The Clintons made their grand entrance on a red carpet. Mrs. Clinton wore a three-piece gold lame ensemble that shimmered in the spotlights.

For the third inaugural in a row, Mrs. Clinton wore the "Kahn Canary," a 4.25 karat uncut yellow diamond found at Arkansas' Crater of Diamonds State Park, the only public diamond mine in the world.

But, again, comfort and accessibility were keys.

"We're going to have a party!" Mrs. Clinton said in announcing the 1985 ball. "Wear what you feel comfortable in. It's strictly black-tie optional."

His swearing-in that year prompted Clinton's biggest inaugural gaffe. He nervously raising his left hand, instead of his right, to take the oath of office. "

In 1987, 3,000 people broke into cheers when the Clintons had the traditional first dance, this time to "Moonlight Serenade." The applause turned to a roar when he switched partners and finished the dance with Chelsea, then 6.

Balloons were hung in long arches over the room or rose from the centerpieces of dozens of tables.

CABINET: Clinton meets with Bentsen, Wirth

(From 1A)

On the Cabinet watch, Babbitt, Richardson and Wirth are considered top prospects for secretary of Interior or Energy; Bentsen a candidate for Treasury. Clinton met Tuesday with another leading Treasury candidate — Robert Rubin, head of a Wall Street investment firm.

"He's always said he wants to do his economic team first and I think that still holds," said Clinton's communications director, George Stephanopoulos.

Referring to Clinton's interviews with the three Western Democrats for the possible Energy Department post, Stephanopoulos said: "He's always said he expects Energy to be part of his economic team."

Clinton, who went jogging and made what aides called a routine trip to the doctor Wednesday morning, said "no" when asked if he was interviewing Babbitt for the Interior post.

"We've got a lot of things to talk about," Clinton said.

Richardson, the New Mexico congressman, would put a Hispanic in the Clinton Cabinet. Clinton has pledged ethnic diversity in building his administration.

Of his interview with Bentsen, Clinton said:

"We talked for two hours. I asked his advice about a whole range of things," Clinton said, adding he hadn't had time to meet with the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee last week in Washington.

Asked if he was close to making any Cabinet decisions, Clinton said, "Yes, a few."

High-ranking aides said Clinton has not made any decisions nor offered anyone a job.

Clinton's longtime associates say it would be vintage behavior for Clinton to pull in lots of information and interview candidates, then go away for the weekend to mull his choices.

Clinton was spending Thanksgiving Day at home with family, then heading to California on Friday for a long weekend of mostly vacation time and a courtesy call on former President Reagan.

Clinton aides predicted his first appointments might come in early December, but said mid-month was more likely. Clinton is focused on filling his Cabinet and economic team before completing the rest of his inner circle.

"White House staff, I don't think, is on the radar screen," said one aide, who like the others, spoke on condition of anonymity.

Clinton was being unusually secretive about his meetings, even to close advisers and assistants who normally would know about such sessions.

The cluster groups announced Wednesday will examine personnel and operations under the 14 Cabinet secretaries.

GROWTH: Economic report surprises analysts

(From 1A)

government estimate of a 2.7 percent growth rate. Analysts originally were predicting only 1.5 percent growth in the third quarter and were deeply skeptical of the first report. A few even speculated the government was "cooking the books" to help Bush get re-elected.

But since then, a variety of reports have detected gathering momentum in the economy, and analysts said the revision was genuine, although probably inflated somewhat by a few special factors.

"This is the real thing, and a real thing is always a surprise when it comes," said economist Allen Sinai of the Boston Co. Economic Advisers. "... Everyone has been waiting for this for a long time. It is an irony of fate and politics that this revised number didn't somehow show up before the election."

Stock prices rose in response to the news, building on gains posted Tuesday on earlier positive economic figures.

Economists are looking for somewhat less GDP growth in the fourth quarter, about 2 percent. They said positive elements of third quarter growth not likely to be repeated included an increase in inventories held on shelves and backlots and a rise in government spending. Military spending went up in the third quarter because of relief efforts after the hurricanes, Zandi said.

In the third quarter, consumer spending rose at a 3.7 percent annual rate. Business investment increased at a 1.9 percent rate. Government spending grew at a 3.3 percent rate. Housing construction edged up at a 0.8 percent rate. Exports shot up at a 9.4 percent annual rate but that was more than offset by a 12.8 percent rise in imports.

TRAIN: Odessa woman refused to accept doctors' prognosis

(From 1A)

therapy.

Ms. Patterson, who recently moved to West Texas from Alba in Northeast Texas, is living in Odessa and planning a wedding.

She will be near The Rehabilitation Hospital of Midland-Odessa, which is a health-care facility operated the Rehabilitation Hospital Division of National Medical Enterprise (NME). Much of her recovery has been though NME's Dallas Rehabilitation Institute and through her determination to run the Boston Marathon.

To qualify for the Boston Marathon, Ms. Patterson must run the 26.2-mile distance in a qualifying marathon within three hours and 40 minutes (3:40) — a minimum pace of eight minutes and 24 seconds per mile (8:24).

She was a runner prior to June 15, 1983, when she put the muzzle of a .38-caliber pistol to the right side of her head and pulled the trigger.

Ms. Patterson, who had been a victim of child abuse, had grown weary of life's struggles and pains.

"In my situation, I wanted to die," she said.

On the day she tried to take her life, Ms. Patterson had not run.

"Lord knows why I didn't run that night — that 'fateful night,' I call it," Ms. Patterson said. "If I had problems, I would always run. It was my way of releasing my frustrations ... instead of getting angry."

In her methodical recovery, Ms. Patterson said, "the one thing I have been doing is trying to prove everybody wrong on everything (about the otherwise debilitating injury), and working and living on my own, taking care of my godchild from time to time, being able to go back to school (studying accounting)."

Slowly, she had come out of "the fog" caused by her head injury.

One of her immediate goals, as she trains for her date in Boston — which has progressed to a run-walk routine — is to organize a chapter of the Texas Head Injury Association (THIA).

THIA is a research and support organization for victims of head injuries and their families to survive better and to get head-injury people back in school, so we can get them productive jobs."

In THIA group meetings, "People need to know that they are not alone," Ms. Patterson said. "It's more than just a physical defect. You have memory loss. You have the inability to be able to keep a job. You have personality defects. You have sexual problems (and may lose) your temper and not be able to explain why."

As a person recovers from a head injury, it is important that the family "let go" of the person. "You have to take risks."

Today, Ms. Patterson is taking the risk of preparing for the Boston Marathon in 1996 and, as best she can, to serve the cause of the disabled.

"I'm a person of my word," said Ms. Patterson, who has worked continuously to "increase what I was doing, increase my physical ability, my mental ability, my memory skills. I went to school (after the head injury). I lived on my own. I drove a car — all these things. The only thing I could not do was run."

On Dec. 28, 1991, much to her surprise and joy, she found herself running ... if only for a while.

"But I never gave up on it. I would dream of it at night."

Clarification

Living Christmas trees, those that are in pots with roots intact, can either be donated to schools or the city's Parks Department will pick them up and they will be planted throughout the city.

Cut trees, those that have been chopped to be put in tree holders, can be taken to one of two disposal sites: Wild River Canyon, 5200 Princeton, or Hogan Park, Field No. 7, behind the Armory on Lamesa Road. The trees will be turned into mulch.

The distinction between the two types of "live" trees was not clear in Wednesday's edition. The *Reporter-Telegram* regrets the omission.

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Fifth-grade student teaches principal some new words in Spanish

By Ramon Renteria
Associated Press writer

EL PASO — Jesus Chavez's rapid-fire drill often stumps his school principal at Roosevelt Elementary.

"Que es esto ?," he asks, reeling off a Spanish vocabulary list: la maleta, el saco, la cartera, el pantalon, las medias .

His student, Sandra Stone, momentarily halts the lesson in the school library, "Wait a minute Jesus, what are those things?"

Jesus hesitates a little before translating las medias, then replies, "Ladies things." He means panty hose.

Jesus is an 11-year-old fifth grader at Roosevelt School in South El Paso. He tutors Stone — the school's principal — once a week, teaching her basic Spanish.

Stone doesn't mind switching roles. "It's crucial that I learn. I want to get to a point where I don't need a translator," she said.

Jesus works with the Jesuit Language School, a network of volunteers organized by the Rev. Austin Park of South El Paso's Sacred Heart Church.

Stone is trying to become proficient so that she'll communicate better with parents and students whose dominant home language is Spanish.

Jesus sticks around after school every Thursday and drills the principal for about an hour. He also tutors once a week at Loretto Academy in Central El Paso.

"She's learning quickly," Jesus said of Stone's progress.



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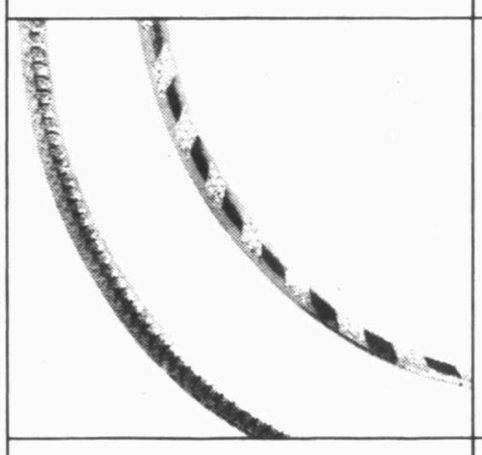
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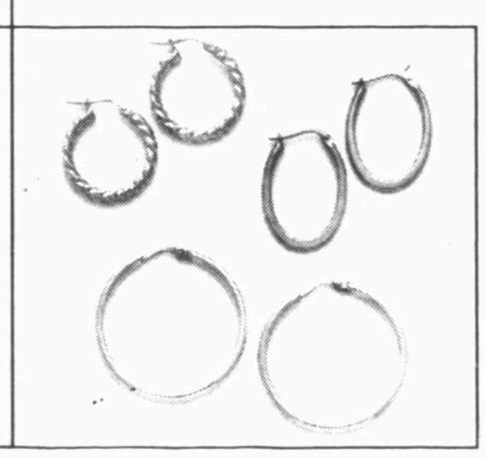
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Too pooped to cook? They'll bring the restaurant to your door

By Constance L. Hays
N.Y. Times News Service

NORWALK, Conn. — Once or twice a week, Judy Chabala and her family sit down to a hot dinner delivered to their Westfield, N.J. home from a local restaurant. Some nights, it's a bucket of fried chicken; others, it's grilled shrimp with whole-grain mustard sauce from one of the swankier places in town.

"There are times when you're just too busy with work to cook," said Mrs. Chabala, a freelance editor, "or too tired to go shopping and do the food prep. My daughter knows how busy we are, and as long as she gets a good hot meal, she doesn't care whether I cooked it or my husband cooked it. We wind up having better meals because of the selection we're offered."

Across the New York region, suburban families are reaching for the telephone, not the frying pan, when dinnertime rolls around, fueling the growth of companies that arrange delivery of restaurant meals.

In Connecticut's Fairfield County, for example, at least five such companies are operating, said Charles Singewald, who started Bring Me My Dinner, based in Norwalk, 18 months ago. And more are on the way: Takeout Taxi, a sprawling franchise based in Herndon, Va., plans a branch in Stamford and another in Westchester County before the end of the year.

With names like Gourmet Express, Dinners to Go and Cuisine on Call, such companies are responding to the clash between 1990s realities, like dual-career households, and stubborn notions about the way life in the suburbs is supposed to be. While pizza delivery has been a fact of suburban life for years, anything beyond that was unusual until now.

'Americans simply don't have time to prepare food at home as often as they'd like . . .'
— Wendy Webster, restaurant association spokesman

Variety is emphasized: Some companies do business with as many as 45 restaurants. For a family that can't agree on a single restaurant, let alone a single main dish, the companies will gladly stop at two or more restaurants for an additional charge. Presentation is also important; drivers often sport tuxedo shirts and red carnations, and they are under orders to be cheerful and polite.

The whole concept seems the contemporary answer to television's June Cleaver, serving up an enterprising casserole at the end of the day in her starched dress and perfect coiffure.

"There's a great sense that people don't have time for these kinds of things anymore, yet they were brought up to believe this was what constitutes home," said William C. Sharpe, an associate professor of English at Barnard College who studies suburban culture. The time once devoted to cooking and meal planning, he believes, has been swallowed up as women have joined the work force and by the logistics of suburban living, which requires a car, long hunts for parking and time spent waiting in traffic.

With home delivery, exhausted parents and professionals alike can order in a steak, a lobster or a plate of mesquite-grilled vegetables without the stress of going to a restaurant. Many companies, known in the restaurant industry as third-party deliverers, pride themselves on depth. Afghan restaurants are among the dozens featured at Takeout Taxi in Herndon, and Dinners to Go in Westfield will deliver tempura or an eel hand roll.

"When I get home, I don't really want to think about where I'm going to go to dinner or what I'm going to cook," said Janet Abbazia, 29, an account executive for AT&T who lives in Westfield and orders her dinner from Dinners to Go at least once a week: "If it's really crummy out, I don't want to get into the car. And I drive around all day, so the thought of getting back in the car for dinner is not appealing."

The company owners say they perceived a need for their services but have been startled by the extent of the demand.

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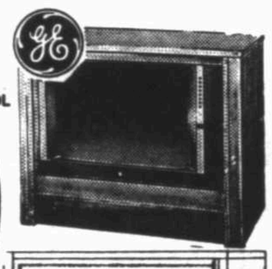
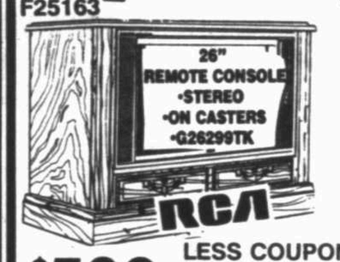
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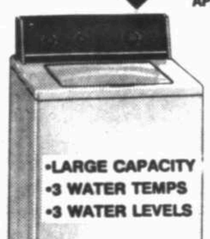
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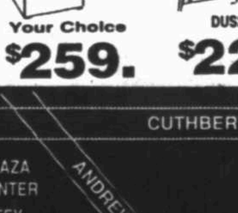
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Florida officials want tent city reopened for 'new homeless' workers

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Officials are urging the federal government to reopen a military-style tent city for "new homeless" in Hurricane Andrew's aftermath.

The officials say out-of-state laborers seeking work in the storm's ruins are swelling roadside encampments already crowded with migrants and tenants evicted from damaged homes. Volunteer workers reported up to 2,000 people living in the makeshift camps.

"These are human beings and we have to take care of them," said Andy Menendez, director of homeless programs for Dade County. This week he asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to reopen a tent city.

"It's either have a tent city or have hundreds of people camping along the road with nowhere to wash or use the bathroom — that's inhumane," Menendez said.

The camps dot dusty lots along busy U.S. Highway 1, the backyards of damaged homes and the edge of migrant labor camps.

Some people sleep in their cars. Others have been living in lean-tos made of discarded plywood and garbage bags. When police run them off, they take root elsewhere.

"We don't want to live here, we have to," said Jim Teasley, a 44-year-old carpenter from Mobile, Ala., who pitched a tiny tent near a canal where he bathes. 'There's no affordable housing within 50 miles of here."

Four Marine-operated tent cities closed down Oct. 23 after homes were found for thousands left homeless by the storm that struck Aug. 24, leveling much of Dade County in South Florida.

FEMA officials, who plan to meet with Menendez on Monday, are reluctant to reopen a tent city because this class of homeless do not fall neatly into the category of storm victims.

"This is a social problem," said FEMA spokesman Len DeCarlo. "Our only responsibility is for those directly displaced because of a disaster."

The federal agency has offered tents and equipment to the state so the county can maintain a camp. But Menendez said FEMA must take on some of the responsibility.

Loma Hash, 35, of Tulsa, Okla., came here three months ago and found construction work, but he said life has been "pure hell."

"I work 40 to 60 hours a week. I bring home up to $400 a week," said Hash. "I can't even go to a hotel around here for a shower because they won't take construction workers. Apartments would cost more than I make and even campgrounds are asking $200 a week."

Lincoln words bring record $1.32 million

By Joe Ungaro
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — A handwritten fragment of Abraham Lincoln's second inaugural address — featuring the words "With malice toward none; with charity for all" — sold Friday for $1.32 million, a record for an American manuscript.

The manuscript had an estimated value of $500,000 at the Christie's auction. The purchaser was Profiles in History, a California dealer in rare manuscripts, said Todd Merrill, a Christie's spokesman.

The price broke the manuscript record set by a Lincoln letter proclaiming he would not repeal the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed the slaves on Jan. 1, 1863. The letter sold in 1991 for $748,000.

Also Friday, an 1805 letter from President Jefferson to Revolutionary War hero Gen. John Stark sold for $70,000 to Jefferson Rarities of Jefferson, La., a dealer in rare books and manuscripts.

And "The Columbus Letter," a pamphlet with Christopher Columbus' account of his trip to the New World, sold for $330,000 to an anonymous buyer.

Columbus' story hit the presses of Europe upon his return. Pamphlets made their way around the continent, led by Stephan Plannck's Latin editions printed in Rome in early 1493.

The Lincoln manuscript was found on the first page of a family autograph album, according to Christie's. Locked away in a New York City apartment for decades, it was discovered during a routine estate appraisal.

Signed "Abraham Lincoln," the manuscript is the famous last passage of Lincoln's speech, delivered from the portico of the Capitol on March 4, 1865.

The "malice toward none" passage was Lincoln's attempt to set a conciliatory note for his second term and for the post-Civil War era.

The album is part of the estate of a descendant of Caroline Wright, wife of Joseph A. Wright, a governor of Indiana in the mid-19th century. The manuscript was found with a letter from Lincoln's wife, Mary, to Mrs. Wright.

Clinton declares himself healthy after checkup

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President-elect Clinton had a routine medical checkup Wednesday and afterward declared himself healthy though still about 10 pounds overweight.

Clinton, who jogs nearly every day, said he's slimmed down but has a way to go. "I have to lose 10 more pounds, but I'm doing a good job. I'm taking a lot off," he said.

An aide said last month that Clinton weighed 215 pounds, down from 226 recorded in a 1991 medical exam that said he was mildly overweight. The president-elect is 6-feet-2½.

Clinton, tieless with the top two buttons of his shirt unbuttoned, appeared relaxed and pleased after leaving the office of Dr. Andrew G. Kumpuris, a heart specialist.

"I'm healthy," he said, smiling.

He seemed particularly happy about his blood pressure: 110 over 60, well within the upper normal range of 140 over 90.

"Not bad for a man my age," said the 46-year-old president-elect.

He spent a little more than an hour with Kumpuris after spending an hour with his internist, Dr. Susan M. Santa Cruz.

Clinton visits the Little Rock doctors for regular checkups.

Four doctors who have treated Clinton released letters in mid-October in which they gave details of medical examinations conducted in 1991, along with updated tests from this year.

The tests indicated that Clinton was generally healthy, appeared to be following doctors' orders on diet and exercise and was showing signs of controlling a chronic, but mild, allergic condition.

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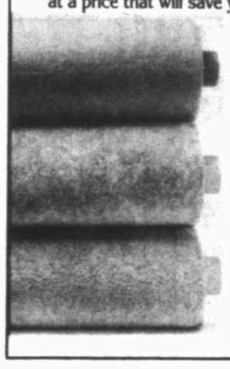
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French lawmakers oppose trade pact; premier eyes political rifts

PARIS (AP) — A majority of lawmakers voted Wednesday to oppose a farm trade pact between Washington and the European Community, but a lack of broad support for the government weakened efforts to kill or amend the accord.

Premier Pierre Beregovoy, who staked the fate of his Socialist government on the vote, was backed by a 301-251 margin but fell short of the near unanimous backing he hoped to gain in the National Assembly.

The main opposition bloc — which is demanding even harsher steps against the pact — withheld its backing and raised concerns among officials who sought a unified stance against the deal to cut government-subsidized farm exports.

Beregovoy's backers fear that EC leaders may now perceive France as a government in danger of collapse and not be as responsive to calls by Paris for a vote on the trade pact.

The dispute over farm subsidies had stalled talks designed to liberalize world trade under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade — which is backed by France.

But French farmers, fearing loss of livelihood, have staged escalating protests since the deal was announced last week.

"The government will exercise its veto on any accord that is contrary to the interest of France," Beregovoy told the chamber before vote.

The Senate is to debate the issue today, but it was not yet known whether a vote would follow.

The assembly vote further complicates France's next step.

The opposition bloc wants France to invoke its veto at the next meeting of the EC Council of Ministers on Friday.

But under EC rule's, no veto is possible until a legal motion goes before the council, made up of the foreign ministers of the 12 EC states. Unanimous approval of the accord is only if all EC countries feel their national interests are stake.

It is also not clear whether the council will permit a vote on the trade pact until after a GATT accord is ratified.

French officials said France can veto the EC's acceptance of any proposed GATT package, although it risks being cast as worldwide villain.

Beregovoy said France would announce its plans at the meeting, but he has strongly supported effort to block or amend the pact, which which cuts government-subsidized farm exports.

Beregovoy said he will ask the EC today for a meeting of agricultural and foreign ministers to discuss the farm trade deal.

After the vote, government supporters accused opponents of partisan politics when national interests are at stake.

Education and Culture Minister Jack Lang said the opposition "dishonored and discredited" itself by not backing the government.

Debate erupts on footing bill for restoration

William E. Schmidt
N.Y. Times News Service

LONDON — The flames that destroyed part of Windsor Castle last week are out but the debate they ignited over who, precisely, ought to pay to restore the landmark is still burning, sharply illuminating the increasingly uneasy relationship between the royal family and its more skeptical subjects.

While the government of Prime Minister John Major has calculated that the sympathetic and politic thing to do is to foot the bill, which will run into the tens of millions of dollars, a loud, broad-based minority of opposition politicians, republicans and disgruntled commoners are arguing otherwise.

For some, the fire-damaged castle has emerged as a kind of metaphor for the royal family's own image, after a year of sometimes breathless published reports about the marital and extramarital adventures of the queen's children and doubts in some quarters about the public money already being spent on royal subsidies.

In broadcast commentaries, angry letters and statements in Parliament, critics have argued that Queen Elizabeth II ought to contribute some of her own considerable personal wealth toward the rebuilding of the castle, if only to absolve the British taxpayer from one more punishing financial burden in what is already Britain's longest economic recession since the 1930s.

In The Independent Wednesday morning, a Conservative Party member named Charles Swann wrote to say he resented being asked to give money to rebuild Windsor Castle even as he was trying to find work and food for a 17-year-old boy forced to share a single room in London with seven other people.

"If a noble family cannot rebuild their own castle, in God's name let them live in the nearest ditch till they can," he declared.

Janet Daley, a columnist for The Times of London, also wondered if the royal family was trying to have it both ways: "While the castle stands, it is theirs, but when it burns down, it is ours."

ANC, rival group to stage summit; violence goes on

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Hopes for peace among warring black factions and power sharing with whites rose on Wednesday when the ANC dropped its demand for majority rule and agreed to meet with rival Inkatha.

The violence continued, however. More than 30 blacks were injured when unknown attackers opened fire at a railway station in the black township of Soweto near Johannesburg, police said.

ANC leader Nelson Mandela and Inkatha leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi will meet "as soon as possible," Thabo Mbeki, a top African National Congress negotiator, said in a statement. No date was given.

The ANC-Inkatha meeting is crucial, because multiparty talks on ending apartheid have virtually no chance of resuming unless the two groups are at peace. Fighting between ANC and Inkatha supporters has claimed thousands of lives since the mid-1980s.

The multiparty talks include both black groups and the white goverment.

The ANC leadership formally accepted on Wednesday the possibility of sharing power with President F.W. de Klerk's governing National Party.

The ANC previously demanded majority rule, believing it would win South Africa's first elections to include the black majority.

Mandela also said after a meeting of the ANC's national executive committee that it wants an elected interim government to replace white minority rule within 12 months.

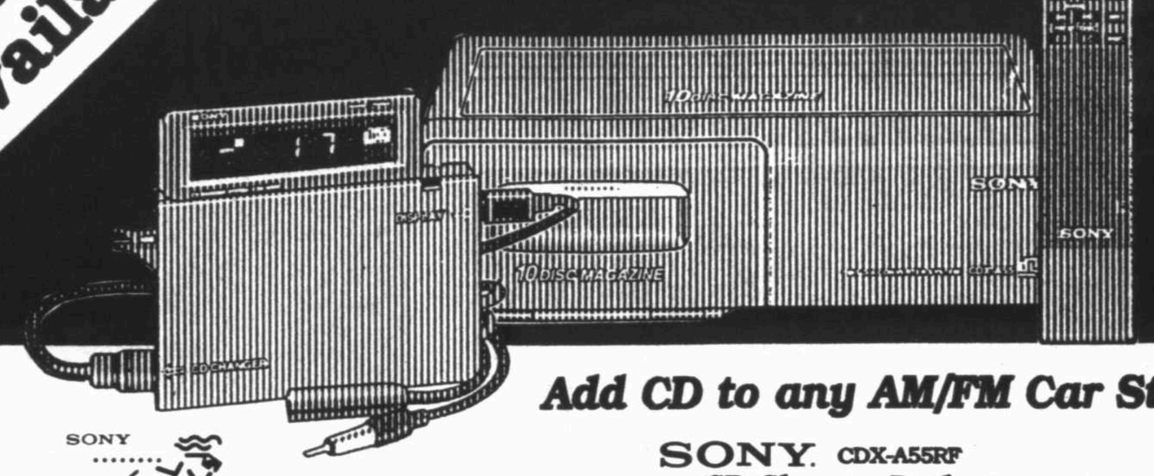
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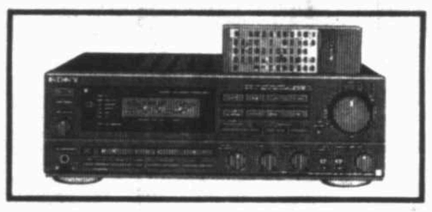

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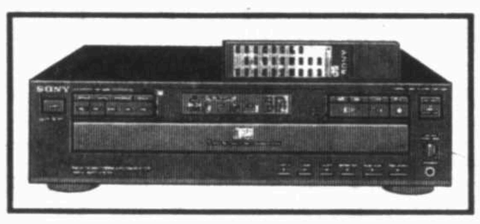
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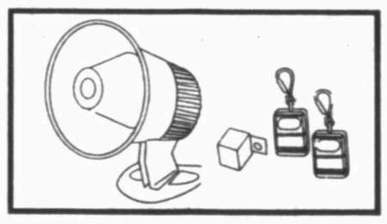
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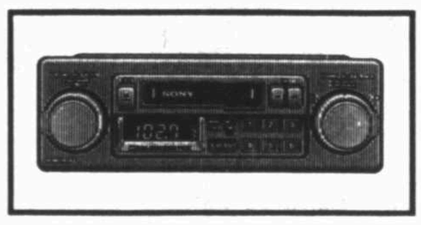
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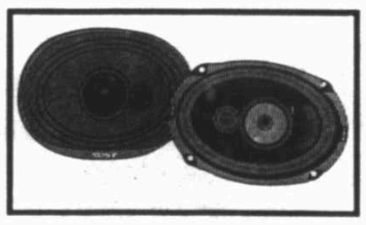
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By Audrey C. Woods
Associated Press Writer

NASH, England — A hedge-lined lane winding through a patchwork of fields and meadows is the essence of the English countryside — intimate, unspectacular and dearly loved.

"It's part of our heritage really," said Chris Phillips, who tends about 10 miles of hedge at his Buckinghamshire farm.

"We, as farmers, are responsible for looking after the countryside."

But thousands of miles of hedgerows, many set out in Saxon times, have been lost to modern farming methods and urban encroachment. Since 1978, more than one-fifth of the country's hedges have disappeared, at an annual rate of 4,000 miles in recent years.

To stem the loss, the government stepped in this summer with $5.9 million in grants for farmers who agree to a 10-year program of hedgerow restoration and maintenance.

A bill due in Parliament in January would require local government approval to remove a hedge.

At his farm on the edge of Nash, a village about 50 miles northwest of London, Phillips welcomed the grants.

"It's expensive to maintain something that isn't providing a contribution to the running of the business financially," he said.

Phillips, his wife Shirley and three children like to take their vacations in parts of the country "always with rolling hills, big hedges, plenty of woodlands and lovely little nestling English villages. It's really smashing, and I'm determined to make my bit of the countryside look the same."

The hedgerow is one of those rare human contributions to nature, giving back more than it takes.

There, in a thicket of hawthorn or blackthorn, live the hedgehog and the field vole, the wren and the song thrush. There, caterpillars become butterflies, and wildflowers driven from the fields by modern agriculture cling to life at the edge of the road.

Hedgerows form corridors for mice and other meadow creatures, and so become hunting grounds for kestrels and barn owls.

In May, the hawthorn hedges foam with white blossoms. In summer, honeysuckle twines among the twigs, and dog roses brighten the roadside. In autumn, the shrubs produce berries to feed the birds and voles.

"I think the English would regard hedges as part of our cultural heritage," said Tim Allen of the Countryside Commission, which oversees the grant program.

"Because there are lots of different types, they also help to give a distinctive sense of place," he said. "In Devon, you see hedges on stone-faced earth banks and it says to you, 'This is Devon.'

In the ideal hedge for wildlife, some of the saplings are left to grow to maturity, while the thickets on either side are regularly trimmed to keep them dense.

A properly managed hedgerow must be trimmed, and some need to be coppiced — cut back hard so they can regenerate.

Others, which have have been allowed to grow tall and gappy, should be "layed" — a demanding procedure that involves slicing the main stems of young trees down toward the base to make them pliable, then bending them horizontally and weaving them together. New shoots will grow from the horizontal stems, filling in the gaps.

In our pre-print insert today, there are two (2) errors:

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We'll give thanks for our blessings

It's Thanksgiving Day, the time traditionally set aside for feasting, enjoying family togetherness, thanking God for the blessings bestowed on us during the past year, and thinking of past hardships faced by our ancestors and of the many blessings they received during this nation's earliest years.

When the turkey and dressing are on the table, and the family has gathered around, little more than a month remains in the year. We are about to begin that fast, maddening rush to year's end, with its confounding mixture of anticipation, excitement, wonder, and joy. This is a special season of the year, and one that should get our full attention because whether we realize it not, we also have enjoyed the blessings of God during the past year.

Numerous Midlanders and others across the nation have faced difficult circumstances as the economy has continued to lag — locally, in the nation, and around the world. In other countries wars have erupted, famine has ravaged nations, and other calamities have beset mankind. At times, it seems that the difficulties that man faces will become too overwhelming, and that we must succumb to them. To do so, though, would betray the spirit of rugged determination established during this nation's early years.

It's important at those times to remember the trials faced by our ancestors at Plymouth colony well over 350 years ago. They were, literally, strangers in a new land, attempting to carve a new life out of the wilderness known as New England. They faced danger, uncertainty, hardship, and the most primitive conditions in their quest for a better life. And after their first harvest, they gave thanks to God for their safe passage to the New World and the bounty they enjoyed. They recognized that they could not succeed by their efforts alone, and praised God for His efforts on their behalf.

Today as people gather around the table to enjoy their Thanksgiving feast, they should give thanks for all they receive, recognizing that the bounty spread before them is not by their efforts alone.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Observer looks at figures of speech

Newsweek, in "The Inside Story" of the '92 campaign, points out proudly that "Mark Miller was given extraordinary access to the inner workings of the Clinton campaign, thanks to the permission of the candidate himself."



- Safire

Miller reports an episode of interest to students of vivid figures of speech in general, and of Southern American dialect in particular.

When the Bush campaign suggested that Clinton's "People first" economics would mean higher taxes for everyone who makes more than $36,000 a year, Clinton, according to Newsweek, blew up. Speechwriter Paul Begala sought to assuage his anger, Miller reports, but Governor Clinton said: "I want to put a fist halfway down their throats with this. I don't want subtlety. I want their teeth on the sidewalk."

This is not the cherubic, resolutely respectful Clinton that a plurality of American voters came to know and love. Historians and biographers will look at that direct quotation and ask: Was the reporter present to hear the words? Was his source Begala or someone else who was present, and was the source, if firsthand, paraphrasing or quoting directly? Was this quotation relayed to the reporter from vivid memory, contemporaneous notes — or from general recollection weeks afterward? Will President-elect Clinton confirm that these figures of speech — even if spoken on inside-background rules for publication after election — are indeed his own?

If so, we have a challenge to dialect etymology. First, *to put* a fist halfway down their throats — qualified violenee, not so strong as *to put a fist all the way down their throats* — was presaged by Shakespeare in a Hamlet soliloquy: "Who calls me villain, ... tweaks me by the nose, gives me *the lye i' the* throate as deepe as to the lungs?" Earlier, in "Titus Andronicus," the Bard pioneered the metaphor of fist-toward-larynx: "Till I have ... *thrust these reprochfull* speeches downe his throat, that he hath breath'd in my dishonour heere."

The image split in American dialect usage: *to ram down the* throat means "to force acceptance," while *to jump down* (someone's) throat means "to criticize suddenly." A third variant, *to cut (someone's) throat*, became a trope for intense competition.

Teeth on the sidewalk was presumably coined on the analogy of the more familiar *blood on the floor*; both are horrific images meant to exaggerate "severe consequences."

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



ART BUCHWALD

Well-fed families stop to give thanks

The first trade war between the French and the Americans took place in 1621 when Pilgrim leaders accused France of dumping their wines in the New World to take advantage of our Thanksgiving celebrations. A tariff was put on all French wine which made an ordinary bottle of Beaujolais cost 700 gold ducats or the equivalent of $5,000 today. This did not deter the Pilgrims from buying French wine by the glass.



Buchwald

One of our most important holidays is Thanksgiving Day, known in France as "le Jour de Merci Donnant."

"Le Jour de Merci Donnant" was first started by a group of Pilgrims ("Pelerins") who fled from "l'Angleterre" before the McCarran Act to found a colony in the New World ("le Nouveau Monde"), where they could shoot Indians ("les Peaux-Rouges") and eat turkey ("dinde") to their hearts' content.

They landed at a place called Plymouth (now a famous "voiture Americaine") in a wooden sailing ship named the Mayflower, or "Fleur de Mai," in 1620. But while the "Pelerins" were killing the "dindes," the "Peaux-Rouges" were killing the "Pelerins," and there were several hard winters ahead for both of them. The only way the "Peaux-Rouges" helped the "Pelerins" was when they taught them how to grow corn ("mais"). The reason they did this was because they liked corn with their "Pelerins."

In 1623, after another harsh year, the "Pelerins' " crops were so good that they decided to have a celebration and give thanks because more "mais" was raised by the "Pelerins" than "Pelerins" were killed by the "Peaux-Rouges."

Every year on "le Jour de Merci Donnant," parents tell their children an amusing story about the first celebration.

It concerns a brave "capitaine" named Miles Standish (known in France as "Kilometres Deboutish"), and a shy young lieutenant named Jean Alden. Both of them were in love with a flower of Plymouth called Priscilla Mullens (no translation). The "vieux capitaine" said to the "jeune lieutenant":

"Go to the damsel Priscilla ('Allez tres vite chez Priscilla'), the loveliest maiden of Plymouth ('la plus jolie demoiselle de Plymouth'). Say that a blunt old captain, a man not of words but of action ('un vieux Fanfan la Tulipe'), offers his hand and his heart, the hand and heart of a soldier. Not in these words, you know, but this, in short, is my meaning.

"I am a maker of war ('Je suis un fabricant de la guerre') and not a maker of phrases. You, bred as a scholar ('Vous, qui etes pain comme un etudiant'), can say it in elegant language, such as you read in your books of the pleadings and wooings of lovers, such as you think best adapted to win the heart of the maiden."

Although Jean was fit to be tied ("convenable a etre emballe"), friendship prevailed over love and he went to his duty. But instead of using elegant language, he blurted out his mission. Priscilla was muted with amazement and sorrow ("rendue muette par l'etonnement et la tristesse").

At length she exclaimed, interrupting the ominous silence, "If the great captain of Plymouth is so very eager to wed me, why does he not come himself and take the trouble to woo me?" ("Ou est-il, le vieux Kilometres? Pourquoi ne vient-il pas aupres de moi pour tenter sa chance?")

Jean said that "Kilometres Deboutish" was very busy and didn't have time for those things. He staggered on, telling her what a wonderful husband "Kilometres" would make. Finally, Priscilla arched her eyebrows and said in a tremulous voice, "Why don't you speak for yourself, Jean?" ("Chacun a son gout").

And so, on the fourth Thursday in November, American families sit down at a large table, brimming with tasty dishes, and for the only time during the year eat better than the French do.

No one can deny that "le Jour de Merci Donnant" is a "grand fete," and no matter how well fed American families are, they never forget to give thanks to "Kilometres Deboutish," who made this great day possible.

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GEORGE WILL

People take time to count the country's blessings

WASHINGTON — 'Tis the season to give thanks for the nation's blessings, which include Bill Gradison, the Republican congressman from southwest Ohio who in January will submit this constitutional amendment: "Each state shall have the power to limit by law the number of terms a representative or senator from that state may serve in Congress."



Will

A year ago, even before the term-limitation movement acquired its current locomotive-like momentum, Gradison wrote that although he did not support limits, the time might come when Congress would be honor-bound to send to the states for debate and decision a constitutional amendment limiting terms:

"We have to decide if we really trust the people. If we do, the Congress will eventually submit a constitutional amendment for congressional term limitations to the states with or without recommendation–and then abide by the results. To continue the present situation could well lead to Congress being one of a diminished number of legislative bodies in the country without term limits, and yet afraid to let the people decide if they want limits for the Congress. In my view this would only intensify the feeling that the Congress is out of touch. But worse still, it further undermines the sense of legitimacy of our actions without which representative government could be viewed as a mere slogan used by those whose overriding concern is maintaining power, not serving the public."

This year, when all 14 of the states that voted on term limitations for Congress voted "yes," by a landslide average of 66 percent, congressional careerists instantly took their cue from Speaker Tom Foley (whose state, Washington, imposed limits on him). Foley said, laconically and illogically: It is unconstitutional for states to impose such limits; a constitutional amendment is required; but such an amendment — here is Foley's resounding non sequester — should not be voted on until the constitutionality of state-imposed limits has been litigated.

Why not? Foley's conclusion would seem arbitrary and self-serving even if it were not known that the House he leads has never allowed a term-limiting constitutional amendment to come to a vote.

The constitutionality of state-imposed limits on Congress is an unsettled area of the law. And perhaps Foley really is, as he says he is, eager for an expedited adjudication of the issue. However, his eagerness may dissipate when he realizes that his adversaries will include former Attorney General Griffin Bell. A term-limits supporter as ardent as he is learned, Bell believes in the constitutionality of congressional term limits by state action. Furthermore, Foley may actually be hoping for a long delay, during which the term-limits movement — the most broadly based grassroots movement in more than a generation — might lose momentum.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 26, the 331st day of 1992. There are 35 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving Day.

In 1942, 50 years ago, President Franklin D. Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1.

LETTERS

Poll shows people want VIP stickers eliminated

I was not surprised when I read in the *Reporter-Telegram* that the new Airport Board, chaired by former Mayor Thane Akins, reported to Mayor J.D. Faircloth and the city council that they wished to retain the VIP parking stickers as this was exactly as the mayor requested by his having passed out a letter from City Hall at the board meeting expressing his desire. You talk about "stacking the deck." That compares to the county commissioners fighting the sheriff until they receive what they desire.

The Midland Airport Board includes a former mayor (Akins) and former councilmen (Tom Sloan and Bill Williams) who now have lifetime parking privileges, so one can readily see how they voted. The board, in turn, recommended Faircloth's desire to the city council where the mayor and council will also receive the lifetime parking sticker. The current 35 lifetime stickers, plus the recommendation that you add Faircloth and six additional councilmen totals 42 individuals with "lifetime" perks. Are there other perks that the buddy system is protecting? Eliminate all stickers. Anyone that is enjoying this freebie is exploiting the ones that are required to pay. In numerous discussions with many other taxpayers, everyone wishes to see the sticker program go, excepting the favored few.

A recent poll indicated that 94 percent of the taxpayers of Midland desire the elimination of the VIP Parking Sticker Program. Taxpayers of Midland, watch how the mayor and your councilmen protect YOUR interest in the vote at the council meeting today as to whether they represent you or the favored few. Take their action into consideration when they come up for re-election.

I am a smoker and the mayor and council did not hesitate when they took away our right to smoke at the airport. Why don't they wipe out their VIP stickers with the same zeal and vigor? The buddy system continues and is alive and well at city hall.

Curt Hinshaw
Midland

Children do not care about women's rights

In the ongoing furor over the efficacy of single parenthood, one very serious aspect is being almost ignored. To the self-centered, parenting is a bit like a fall garden: the therapeutic effects are important, but the fruitage itself often rots or is given away.

One young woman made a heart-wrenching plea recently on a national TV program:

"I'm not at all impressed by my mother's right to have a child by any man who walks though her neighborhood. At this point in my life I need my father desperately and I don't even know who he is."

Kenneth Duhon
Midland

State does not have right to require class

It has recently come to my attention that there is a new health (and I put that lightly) class coming before the state. This course will be required to graduate and will consist of "sex education," "homosexual family life," along with the usual stuff.

I am very deeply opposed to sex education in school — by secular perspectives.

Abstinence is not taught and this is vital.

Even deeper is my conviction that homosexuality is not to be looked at as a normal way of life or acceptable.

I, and not the state, will teach my children what is or is not acceptable, especially in these areas.

In my opinion, the state does not have the right to demand that my children take such a course or not graduate.

This letter voices one of thousands of people who feel this way, and I will encourage them to write also.

Lorraine Bostic
Midland

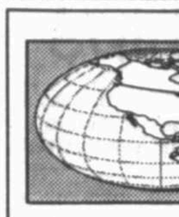
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The World in brief

■ Tugboat crew finds no trace of yachtsman

PARIS — Seamen from a French tug reached the capsized sloop of American Mike Plant on Wednesday, but the trans-Atlantic yachtsman was not aboard. His life raft was found in the cabin, dimming chances he survived.

The French tug Malabar examined Plant's yacht, Coyote, about 500 miles northwest of the Azores Islands, said maritime officials in the western port city of Brest. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

Friends and family of the adventurer had hoped that Plant had either managed to survive in one of the 60-foot ship's watertight compartments or escaped aboard the raft, which is stocked with provisions.

But divers from the Malabar discovered the partially inflated life raft inside the cabin, the officials said.

Attempts to reach Plant's fiancee, Helen Davis, who was in Les Sable d'Olonne, were unsuccessful Wednesday.

■ Americans in Somalia to celebrate holiday

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The American relief workers battling Somalia's famine will take a short break Thursday and celebrate Thanksgiving by gobbling turkeys provided by the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi.

The U.S. workers spend so much time feeding starving people, fighting epidemics and dodging clan gunbattles that they nearly forgot the holiday.

"We weren't looking forward to this. All of a sudden we remembered it and didn't want to miss out on it," said Teresa Hinkle, 46, a nurse from Scottsdale, Ariz., who works for the International Medical Corps.

"We didn't even tell our cooks about the turkeys until yesterday," she said at the building where she and other IMC employees live, and where the few dozen Americans working in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, will have dinner.

■ Pressure on European currencies eases

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Pressure on European currencies eased Wednesday and relieved tension on the European Monetary System. But analysts said it was only a brief reprieve and voiced fears for the system's future.

"The EMS is not out of the woods yet," said Stephen King, an analyst with James Capel and Co. in London.

There had been widespread speculation that more European currencies would come under pressure after the weekend devaluation of the Spanish peseta and the Portuguese escudo.

On Monday and Tuesday the French franc, Danish krone and Irish pound were the focus of attention. While trading eased on Wednesday, "it is not a lasting improvement," said Jouni Kokko, an economist at the financial house of S.G. Warburg in London.

■ Former prime minister of Japan to testify

TOKYO — With criticism of scandal-ridden politicians growing louder, Former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita prepared to go before parliament to face questions about his alleged links with mobsters.

Takeshita, who is scheduled to testify Thursday, will be the latest official to detail the web of corruption and abuse in Japan's tightly knit political system.

Former kingmaker Shin Kanemaru, who already has resigned from parliament in the influence-buying scandal, also has been summoned. But he was expected to testify Friday from his hospital bed, where he is recuperating from eye surgery.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram *wire services.*

'Germany is no Weimar,' Chancellor Kohl says

BONN, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl promised Wednesday that Germany won't tolerate attacks like the one that killed three ethnic Turks earlier this week, but he warned people against taking the law into their own hands.

Kohl also sought to allay international concern over rising neo-Nazism.

"This republic is not Weimar," he said, referring to the period between the world wars when anti-Semitism and xenophobia fueled the Nazis' rise to power in 1933.

But the anti-foreigner violence continued. A refugee home in southwestern Germany was attacked late Tuesday, and a Turkish man was wounded in a knife attack in a western region of the country.

A Turkish woman and two children were killed in an arson attack on Monday in Moelln, in northwest Germany. It was the worst neo-Nazi violence since German unification two years ago.

The number of right-wing attacks has grown to 1,700 this year, and 16 people have died. There are signs that foreigners and Jews are losing faith in the government's ability to protect them.

Ralph Giordano, a leading German writer whose mother was Jewish, sent a telegram to Kohl saying Jews must protect themselves "even to the point of armed self-defense." Ethnic Turks in Berlin's Kreuzberg neighborhood have threatened to avenge the arson deaths.

Kohl warned against this.

"The state's monopoly on the use of force to fight violence may not be infringed upon, and whoever tries to do so will face the full force of the law," Kohl said in a speech to the Bundestag, parliament's lower house.

Results of a poll released on Wednesday said most Germans would accept limits on freedoms — such as demonstration bans — if that would help curb right-wing violence. The Wickert Institute, one of Germany's major polling organizations, said 77 percent of the 1,982 people were willing to accept limits on freedom. The margin of error was 2 percent.

In a moment of unusual emotion, Kohl broke from his prepared speech to refer to the "mindless, dense foreigner hatred" that has gripped Germany.

He reminded Germans that the millions of foreign workers in the country, who often do jobs Germans refuse, had contributed to Germany's prosperity.

But Kohl also said Germany must limit the number of asylum-seekers because their growing numbers have fueled much of the anti-foreigner violence.

"We must take seriously the concerns of the people," he said.

The opposition Social Democrats have accused Kohl's conservative governing coalition of not using the same force to quell right-wing violence as the government used against left-wing radicals in the 1970s and 1980s.

Reacting to the criticism, Kohl said authorities would examine existing laws to see if they can be better enforced, or whether they needed to be tightened.

State prosecutors and the federal prosecutor, after a meeting in Karlsruhe, announced on Wednesday they would cooperate more closely with each other and police to speed neo-Nazi investigations.

Interior Minister Rudolf Seiters proposed creating a committee to combat right-wing extremism, similar to one established to deal with left-wing radicals.

The most recent extreme rightist attack was in Weisenheim, about six miles southwest of Frankfurt in Kohl's home state of Rhineland-Palatinate.

A group of 20 extreme rightists shouting Nazi slogans smashed windows at the home of 35 Polish and Romanian asylum-seekers late Tuesday, state prosecutor Klaus Puderbach said. No one was injured, and the attackers fled before police arrived.

Tobacco strike illustrates evils of state monopolies

By Alan Cowell
N.Y. Times News Service

ROME — It is probably true that at no time since tobacco was introduced to Europe in the mid-16th century, has a small group of people forced an entire country to contemplate giving up smoking cigarettes.

But that is what has happened in Italy after 20 days of a strike by the workers who control distribution from the state tobacco monopoly. There are no cigarettes to be had anywhere except from smugglers, who are themselves running low on stocks.

Never in the field of human addiction has so much been done by so few to irritate so many.

The crisis is now so severe that the authorities decided on Wednesday to send in the Finance Guard, an armed customs and finance branch of the security forces, to back up an effort by non-striking monopoly officials to end the stoppage on Friday so cigarette distribution can begin again. Part of the guard's usual job is to interdict cigarettes smuggled into Italy to avoid the monopoly, not help in the distribution of legal ones produced by the monopoly.

But beyond the 20 days of enforced abstinence and rage, there is a more somber message.

The strike by some of the 14,000 tobacco monopoly workers is ostensibly about their fear that when the authorities carry out their threat to sell stakes in the government-owned enterprise to private buyers, they will lose their jobs to tighter accounting procedures.

That is a worry that touches on the Italian social compact that has grown up over the last four decades — that whatever else, a job in the state sector is not only safe but a hallowed right.

And, in a sense, that represents one more fundamental shift in the way Italians are being forced to see their relationship with a state that is no longer willing or able to cosset them as the country faces the uncertainties of European integration after years of running to its own esoteric rhythms.

In June, Prime Minister Giuliano Amato negotiated a deal with the unions to suspend one of the most sacred institutions of international labor relations — the so-called scala mobile, the sliding scale that automatically links pay raises to inflation rates. In one blow, the agreement undercut the cozy assurance of Italian workers that material comfort need not depend on their productivity.

More recently, moreover, Amato's four-party coalition has forced Parliament to approve austerity measures that undercut Italy's post-World War II welfare state.

Serbs block relief convoy, may seek separate truce

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serb forces blocked a vital U.N. relief convoy Wednesday, violating an agreement by their political leader and casting doubts on his claims to be in control of the troops.

A French relief plane, meanwhile, was hit by small arms fire as it approached Sarajevo airport, leading U.N. officials to cancel two later flights. There were no injuries and the plane returned safely to Split, Croatia.

Sarajevo was quiet Wednesday as a cease-fire neared its two-week mark.

Serb military sources said they would seek will discuss a cease-fire with Croatian forces in northern Bosnia and withdrawal of all Croat troops from the region at a Thursday meeting in Sarajevo.

Such an agreement would be yet another blow to the Muslim-led government of Bosnia-Herzegovina, which has already accused its Croat allies of abandoning some strategic cities in the former Yugoslav republic and cutting off military supplies to others.

Gen. Janko Bobetko, the commander of the Croatian army, was unavailable for comment. The Croatian government has denied that its troops are fighting with ethnic Croat insurgents in Bosnia.

U.N. officials said a Bosnian Serb colonel stopped a U.N. relief convoy from Belgrade to Srebrenica six miles north of its destination on a bridge between the Bosnian town of Bratunac and the Serbian town of Ljubovica.

A separate convoy to Gorazde was stalled while troops cleared land mines along the route. An armored ambulance later hit a land mine, stalling the convoy overnight. There were no casualties, U.N. officials said.

"People are starting to starve and we cannot accept any delays," Jose Maria Mendiluce, special envoy of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said in Zagreb, Croatia.

"We are tired of listening from the warlords that we are feeding the enemy," he added. "That is not true ... we are feeding women and children, civilian victims."

Mendiluce said he was convinced the convoys were being held up under orders from the leadership of the self-proclaimed Serbian Republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina.



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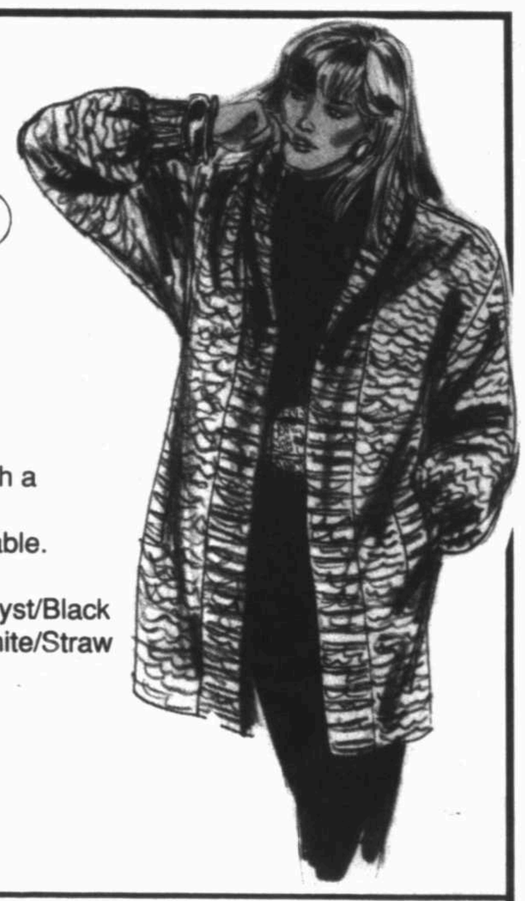
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U.S. Customs officials go after drug traffickers on cruise ships

By David Beard
Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Every year, cruise ships bring San Juan more than half a million tourists, millions of dollars and far too many mules carrying drugs.

With the high season under way, the U.S. Customs Service is running Operation Cruise Control in an attempt to catch the drug couriers, known in the trade as "mules."

Nelson Rolon, chief of Caribbean enforcement, said the waterfront operation and a similar one at the San Juan airport are intended to stop Colombian drug traffickers from using Puerto Rico as an entry to the United States.

It is no easy task, since 1,495 cruise ships arrived in the port from October 1991 through August 1992, carrying 546,911 passengers and crew members.

This month, the heavy winter schedules begin and cruise ships start operating for the first time from Ponce, on the southern coast of Puerto Rico.

"The courier system is expanding more and more," Rolon said in his office at the Customs building, which was erected at harborside in colonial days.

"Those Colombians who are knowledgeable know that, if they can get it to Puerto Rico, they're almost home free because there's very little customs inspection to the U.S. mainland."

Several months ago, Customs agents arrested a 23-year-old New York woman at the end of a cruise. She had 20 pounds of heroin in her suitcase.

Her arrest was one of 86 in two years either on or connected with commercial vessels docking in San Juan, including 20 of passengers or crew members, said Maria Palmer, chief of the Customs Service seaport division in San Juan.

Under Operation Cruise Control, agents track certain passengers and crew members as they head ashore and train on-board security personnel to spot possible drug couriers.

Most cruise lines provide customs agents with passenger information that can be run through enforcement computers to check on criminal records, currency violations and frequency of trips.

One Sunday morning, Customs inspectors were being briefed on the computer information before 2,600 passengers came ashore from the Monarch of the Seas, one of the largest cruise ships.

As they listened, 40 sweating porters with dollies spread thousands of pieces of luggage on the floor of the Pier 4 building, an area about the size of a football field.

People who travel frequently on cruise ships "are either very rich or they're smuggling," one of the inspectors said, on condition of anonymity.

On the palms of his hands, the inspector had written in red ink the names of several people who fit the profiles of drug smugglers and were about to leave the ship.

Operation Cruise Control pays particular attention to ships that stop in Venezuela and St. Maarten, thought to be major transshipment points for drugs from Colombia. Rolon said his personnel keep a close watch on crew members who know the ports and customs agents.

Most cocaine and marijuana confiscated in and around Puerto Rico is either air-dropped at sea, smuggled in aboard commercial vessels or flown to airstrips and airports.

Rolon believes couriers have a bigger role in smuggling heroin because it is less bulky and has a street value 10 times that of cocaine. He and agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration say a kilogram (2.2 pounds) of heroin is worth $200,000 in the United States.

"I see San Juan playing a much bigger role for cruises in the next five years," said Jay Lewis of Miami, a market analyst who specializes in the industry. He said it already is the third busiest U.S. cruise port, after Miami and Port Everglades, Fla.

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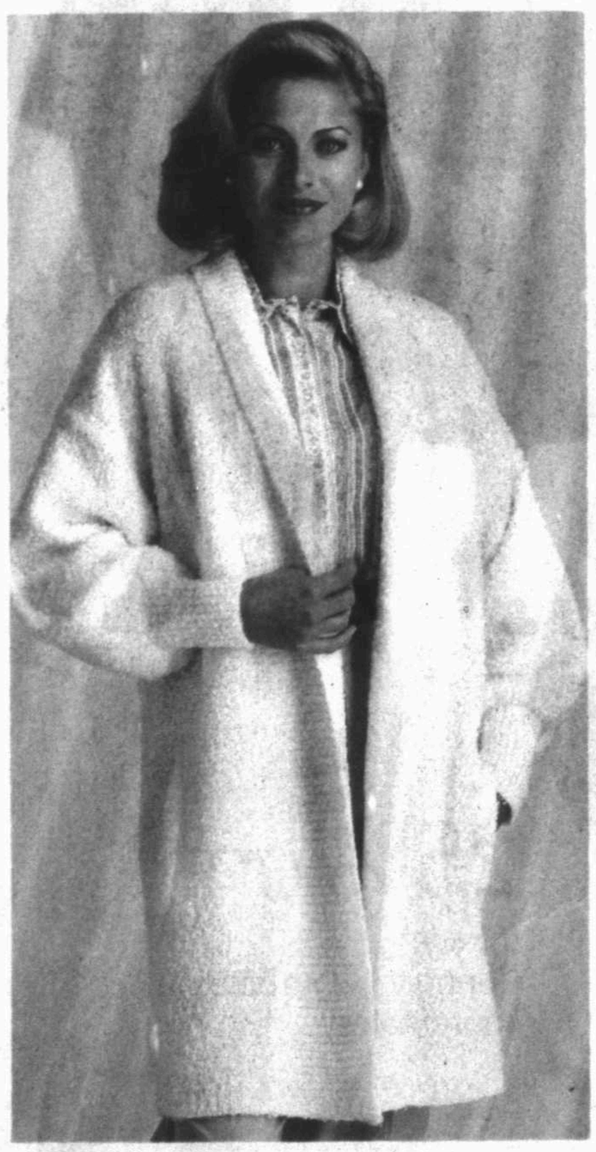
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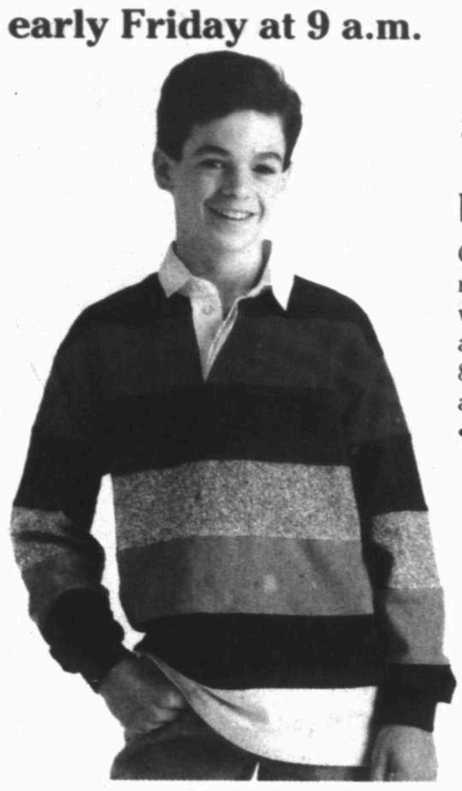
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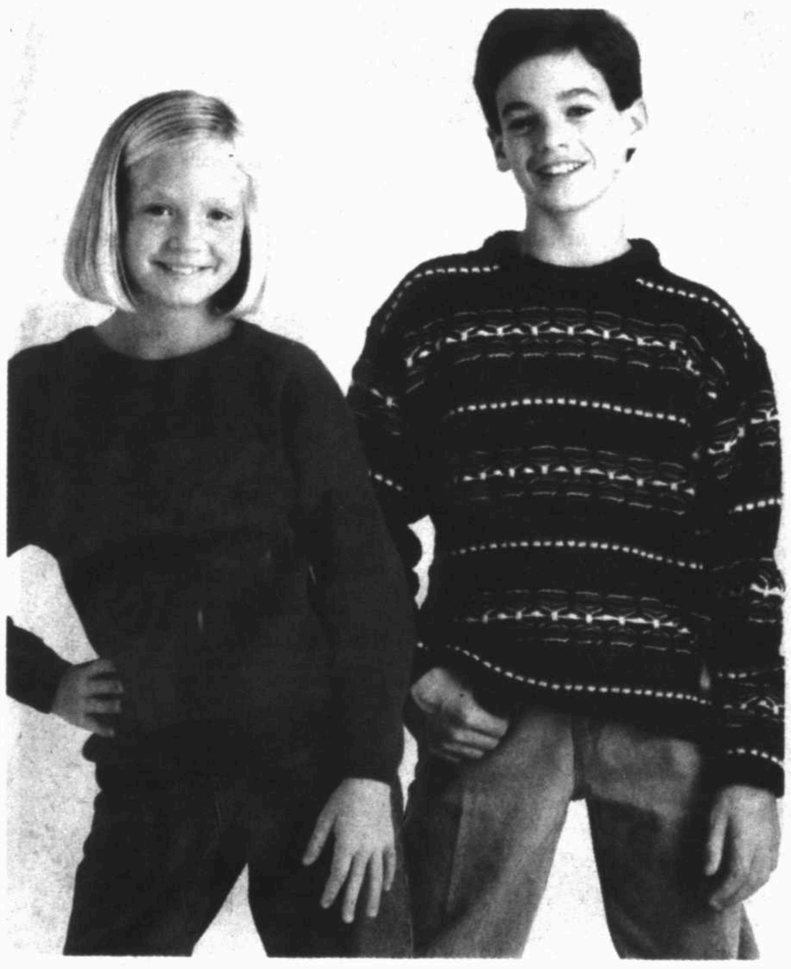
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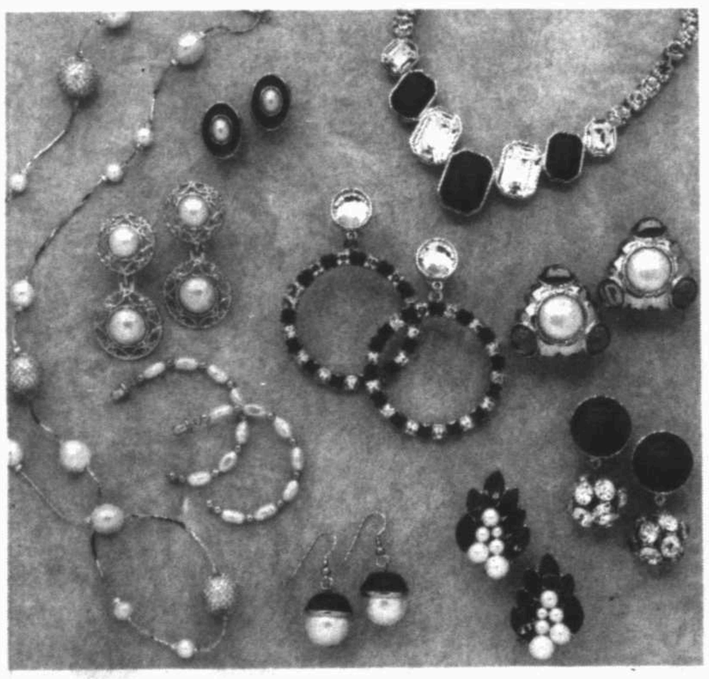
Wrap up in a cotton robe by **Earth Angels** from **Charles Komar.** Sizes S,M,L. Also available: **Earth Angels** socks in one size, **$6.** • Misses Sleepwear

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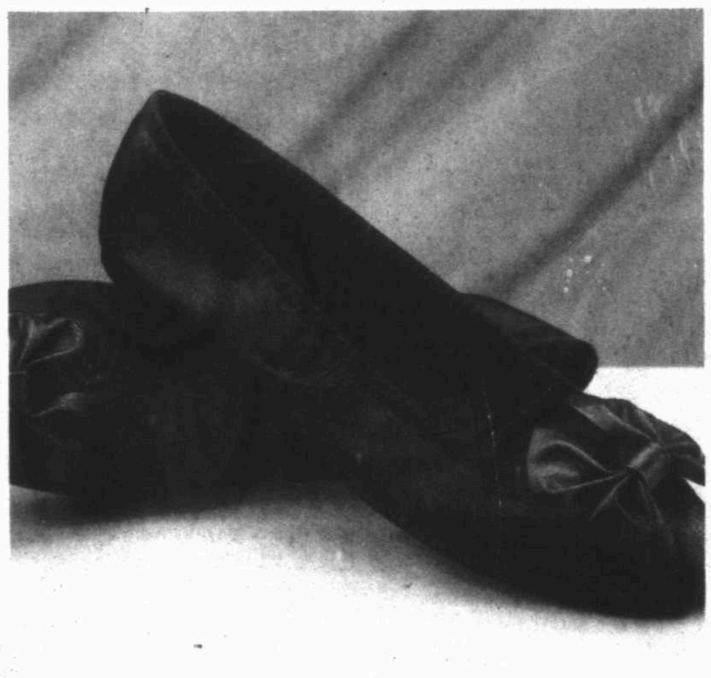
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$150 men's leather bombers

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Solid textured cotton crewneck sweaters from **Lake Harmony.** In rich fall colors, sizes M,L,XL. • Men's Sportswear



25% OFF men's slip-ons

This black leather **Bostonian** slip-on features a moccasin-style toe, double kiltie tassel and leather outsole, upper and quarter lining. Orig. $98, **now 73.50.** • Men's Shoes

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Choose from passcase or tri-fold eelskin wallets from **L'Aiglon.** In brown or black, they come boxed with a matching key fob! • Men's Accessories

$275 men's camelhair sportcoats

This **Bill Blass** sportcoat features two buttons, center vent and paisley lining. In tan, sizes 38-46R/40-46L. • Men's Suits

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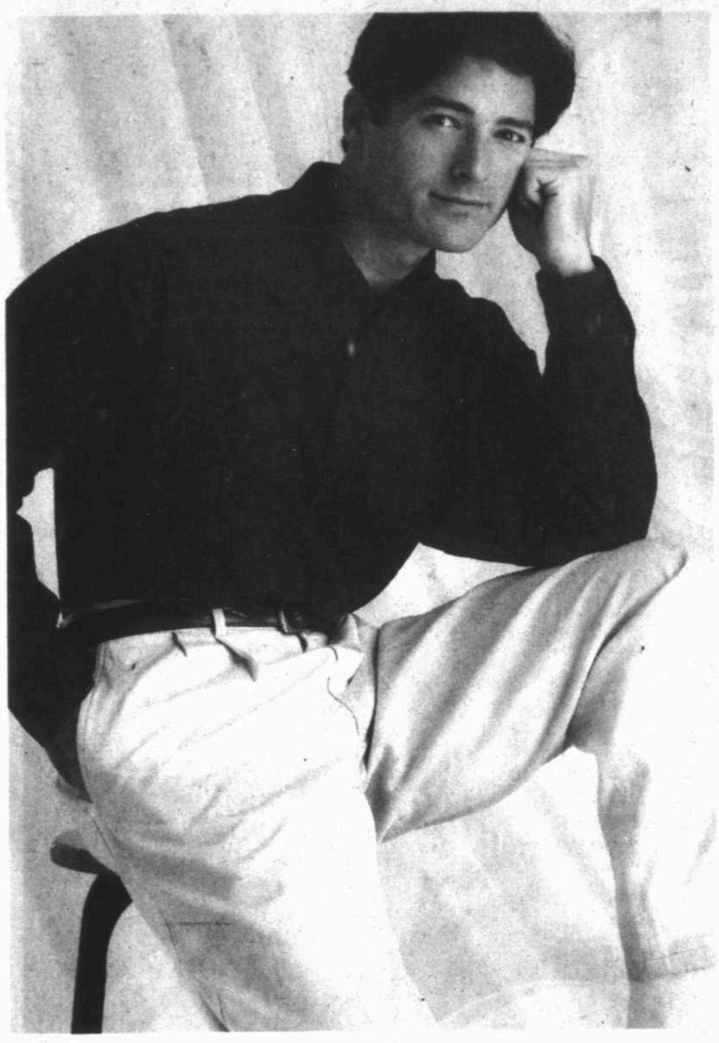
Choose from double reverse-pleated or plain-front polyester/wool slacks from **Austin Reed.** With silk lining to the knee, they come in lots of fall colors. Sizes 32-42R. • Men's Slacks



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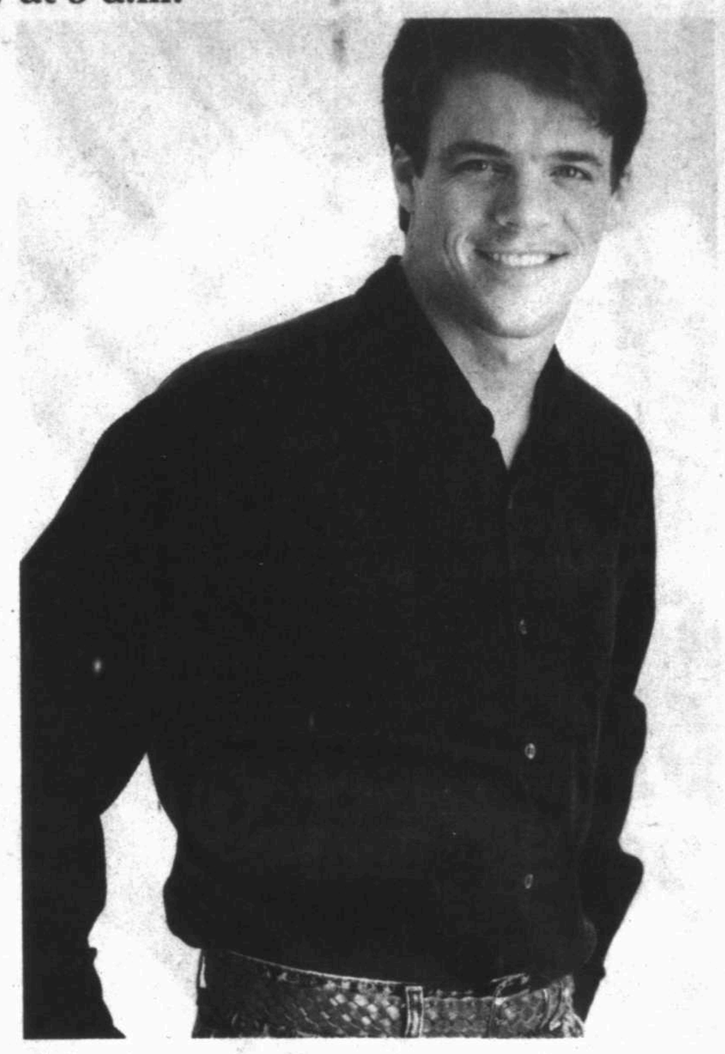
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$35 EACH men's fleece separates

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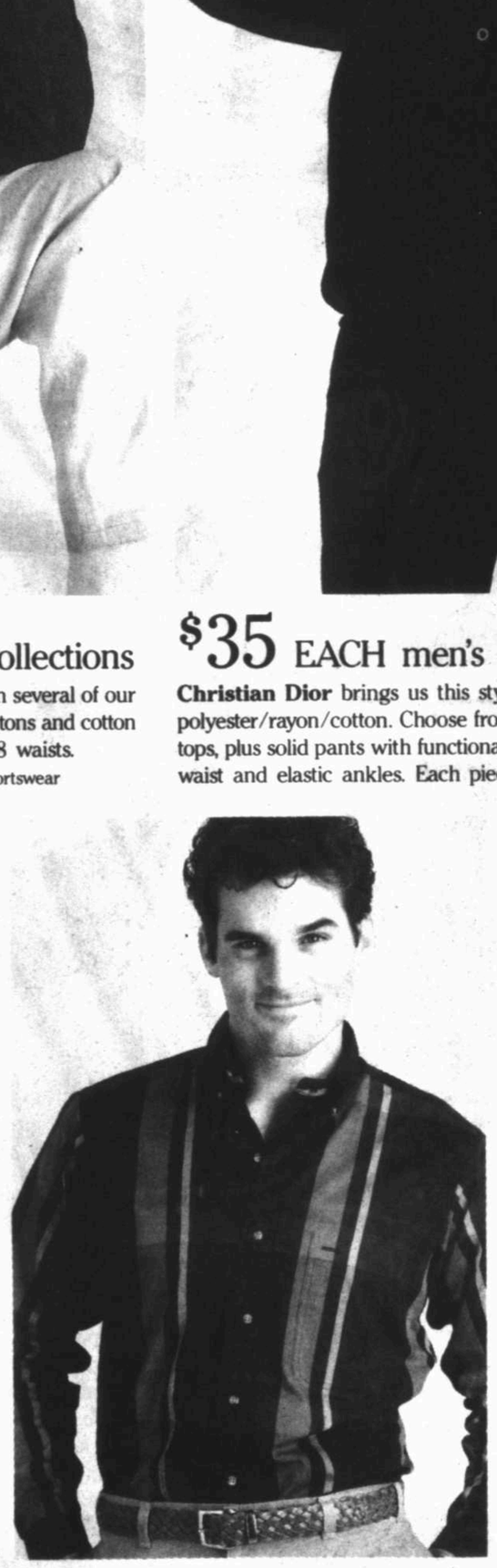
$35 men's solid silk twill shirts

Fenn Wright & Manson brings us these washable long-sleeved wovens in assorted solids of rich-looking, rich-feeling silk. Details include sleeve pleats, spread collar, double chest pockets, box pleat and two extra buttons. Sizes M,L,XL. • Men's Attitude



$28 men's pleated twill Dockers

Pleated **Levi's Dockers** with a relaxed fit for comfort. Of garment-washed cotton, in great solid colors! Sizes 30-42. (Belt not included.) • Men's Slacks



$28 men's woven sportshirts

Famous traditional maker cotton-rich plaids and stripes with long sleeves, buttondown collar and chest pocket. Sizes M,L,XL. • Men's Shirts



$35 men's Levi's 560 jeans

"Red Tab" Levi's with a great loose fit. Yours in stonewash, bleach, black and other popular tones. All cotton. Sizes 29-38. • Men's Denim



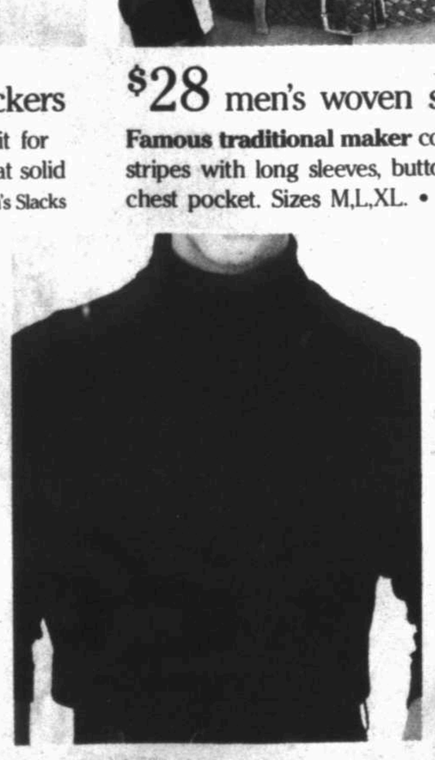
$32 men's corduroy pants

Haggar plain-front pants with Magic Stretch® waist and belt loops. In easy-care cotton/polyester. Sizes 32-42. (Belt not included.) • Men's Slacks



$28 men's leather gloves

Aris styles with "fur"or Thinsulate® warm lining and vented palms. Black or brown. Sizes M,L,XL. • Men's Accessories



$17 men's turtlenecks

And mocks, from **Roundtree & Yorke.** Full-cut solid cotton interlock, with stretch cuffs and collar. Sizes M,L,XL. Men's



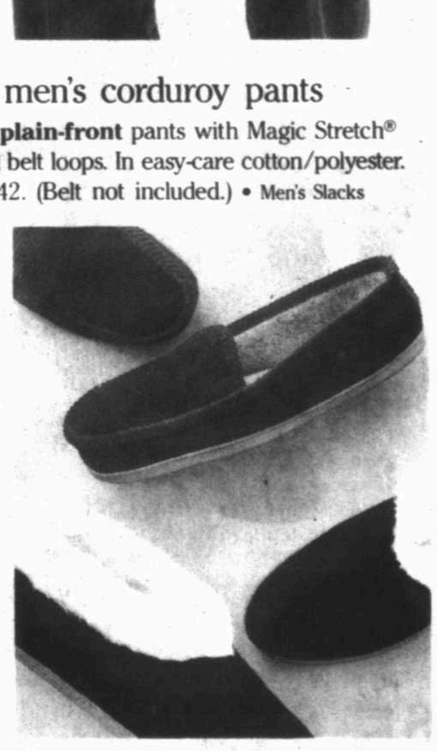
$32 men's jersey rugby shirts

Northwest Knitting Co. vertical or horizontal stripes with split long tail and twill collar. Cotton. Sizes M,L,XL. • Men's



$20-$24 men's silk boxers

Choose from a wide selection of solids and patterns in luxurious 100% silk. Sizes M,L,XL. • Men's Furnishings



$18-$20 men's slippers

Dearfoams® quilted cotton suede boots, **$18,** or terry-lined corduroy moccasins, **$20.** Indoor/outdoor sole. • Men's Accessories

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$45 5-piece place setting

Spode "Christmas Tree" dinnerware

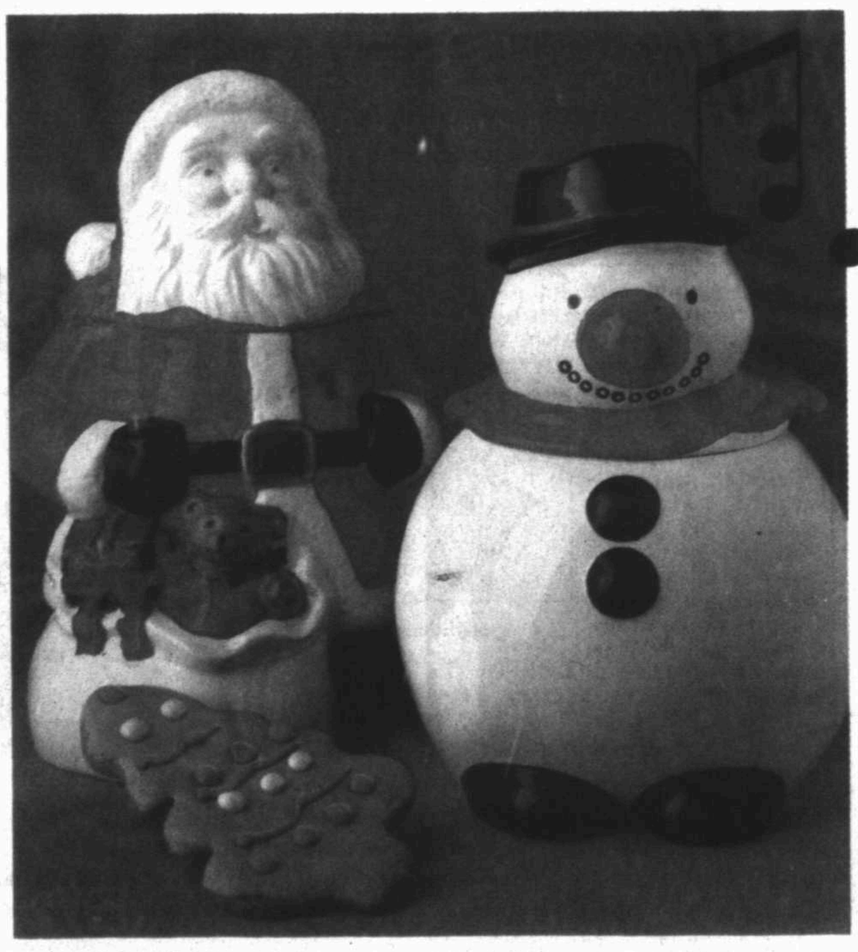
Spode "Christmas Tree" ironstone has been a Christmas tradition for generations! Everyone loves its classic design and spirited holiday colors, and you'll love our terrific selection of matching accessories! Shown from our collection:

5-piece place setting, including dinner plate, salad plate, bread and butter plate, cup and saucer, **45.00**; set of 4 package-shaped napkin rings, **19.00**; mug, set of 4, **51.00**; votive candleholder, **12.00**; 9″ square serving bowl, **64.00**; candy dish, **44.00**; heart-shaped dish, **16.00**; 7″ tree-shaped dish, **28.00**; set of 4 salad plates, **46.25**; highball glass, set of 4, **24.00**; wine stem, set of 4, **24.00**; set of 4 cork-backed place mats, **32.00.** Also available: tree-shaped salt and pepper set, **28.00.** • China



$5-$18 Santa motif ceramic accessories

Shown from our collection: teapot, **18.00**; Santa mug, **5.00**; bonbon dish, **10.00**; salt and pepper set, **10.00.** Also available: set of 4 dessert plates, **15.00**; set of 4 mugs, **15.00.** • Housewares



$20 EACH

musical cookie jars

Lift the lid on these adorable Christmas cookie jars and you'll get a musical surprise! Choose from the Santa style that plays "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, and the Snowman style that plays "White Christmas." Each of ceramic from **Grant-Howard.** • Housewares

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BUSINESS & OIL

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THURSDAY BUSINESS WATCH

SPOT MARKET
W.T. INTERMEDIATE
- Wednesday $20.27
- Previous Close $20.22
- One Year Ago $21.42

POSTED PRICE
- Today $19.00
- Previous Week $18.75
- One Year Ago $20.25

Prices rise

Crude oil futures rose slightly on the New York Mercantile Exchange as market players set their positions ahead of the four-day Thanksgiving holiday. With the market's close Wednesday, trading will not resume until Monday.

The lack of definitive news from the meeting of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' ministers in Vienna limited action on the market.

The ministers are trying to hammer out an agreement that will give support to sagging crude oil prices.

West Texas Intermediate for January delivery rose 5 cents to close at $20.27 per barrel Wednesday.

Local crude purchasers such as Scurlock Permian, Conoco and Texaco Trading and Transportation raised their posted price 25 cents to $19.

Natural gas for delivery in January settled at $2.025 per thousand cubic feet, down 1.4 cents.

Lower-grade sour crude was unchanged at $17.85 per barrel.

Delta fined

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration slapped Delta Airlines with a $2 million fine Wednesday, saying it had violated a long list of maintenance and safety rules.

The FAA said it will suspend $500,000 of the fine until it determines whether the airline fully complies with new safety orders.

But FAA Administrator Thomas C. Richards said Delta had taken "aggressive actions to correct deficiencies."

"The airline is now operating in accordance with the FAA's safety standards," Richards said. "But the FAA expects full accountability for any air carrier's failure to comply with federal air regulations."

Dollar declines

NEW YORK — The dollar declined on world currency markets Wednesday in extremely light, pre-holiday trading.

In New York the dollar settled at 123.75 yen, down from 123.85 yen on Tuesday.

In New York it cost $1.5295 to buy one pound, more expensive than Tuesday's $1.5255.

Stocks advance

NEW YORK — New signs of a strengthening economy helped the stock market forge ahead for the second straight session Wednesday.

Trading was moderately active on the eve of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up 25.66 points Tuesday, rose another 17.56 points to 3,266.26.

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OPEC proposes reduced output

■ Negotiators hope to push price to $21 a barrel.

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — As OPEC looks for a way to push oil prices higher, the cartel hopes the weather will cool down this winter and the U.S. economy heats up as Bill Clinton moves into the White House.

Oil prices are weak, but ministers attending the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries meeting that began Wednesday predicted tough negotiations on a plan to reduce OPEC output of 25.3 million barrels — the highest in years.

"I hope everybody will agree that we should cut production," Libyan oil minister Abdalla Salem El-Badri told reporters. "It is going to be a difficult meeting."

The opening session of petroleum emissaries concluded after a few hours without any word on what was discussed. They meet again today.

OPEC produces about 40 percent of the world's crude, including the bulk of the oil sold on export markets. But the cartel has been unable to push oil to the target price of $21 per barrel because OPEC members are producing too much.

Oil is now more than $2 below the level OPEC wants, and it has slipped further this week as traders remain unconvinced that OPEC has the will to cut production.

OPEC's top producer, Saudi Arabia, has indicated no willingness to cut its own enormous output below the current level of 8.4 million barrels a day. The second biggest OPEC member, Iran, has declined any public comment on its strategy.

Several smaller OPEC members are clamoring for production cuts of 500,000 to 1 million barrels a day.

Regardless of any agreement the cartel might reach on oil production levels, the sluggish global economy remains a concern.

United Arab Emirates oil minister Yousef Omeir Bin Yousef opened Wednesday's meeting with a speech warning of "a deep-seated malaise, which threatens worldwide economic and financial stability."

Recessionary economies plaguing much of the industrialized world have hampered demand for OPEC oil.

"Needless to say, all eyes are now turned on the United States, where the victory of President-elect Bill Clinton will, it is hoped, lead to a major upward surge in domestic activity in the world's richest nation and, as a consequence, to a noticeable improvement in economies everywhere," Bin Yousef said.

Cold weather, noticeably milder the past two winters, could also give oil prices a boost.

But traders believe that if OPEC cannot find a way to pump less, prices are on the verge of a big fall.

During the cartel's first session Wednesday, Venezuela's minister of energy and mines, Alirio A. Parra, was chosen as president of the OPEC conference, replacing Bin Yousef.

Architect from Midland to be officer in association

Staff report

Midland architect David Messersmith has been elected president-elect of the Texas Society of Architects. He was elected during the association's state convention in Houston earlier this month. He will serve as president-elect in 1993 and president in 1994.


Messersmith

He is a principal of MWM Architects, a firm with offices in Midland and Lubbock. A 1973 graduate of Texas Tech University, Messersmith spent four years practicing in Portland, Oregon, before establishing a practice in Midland in 1977.

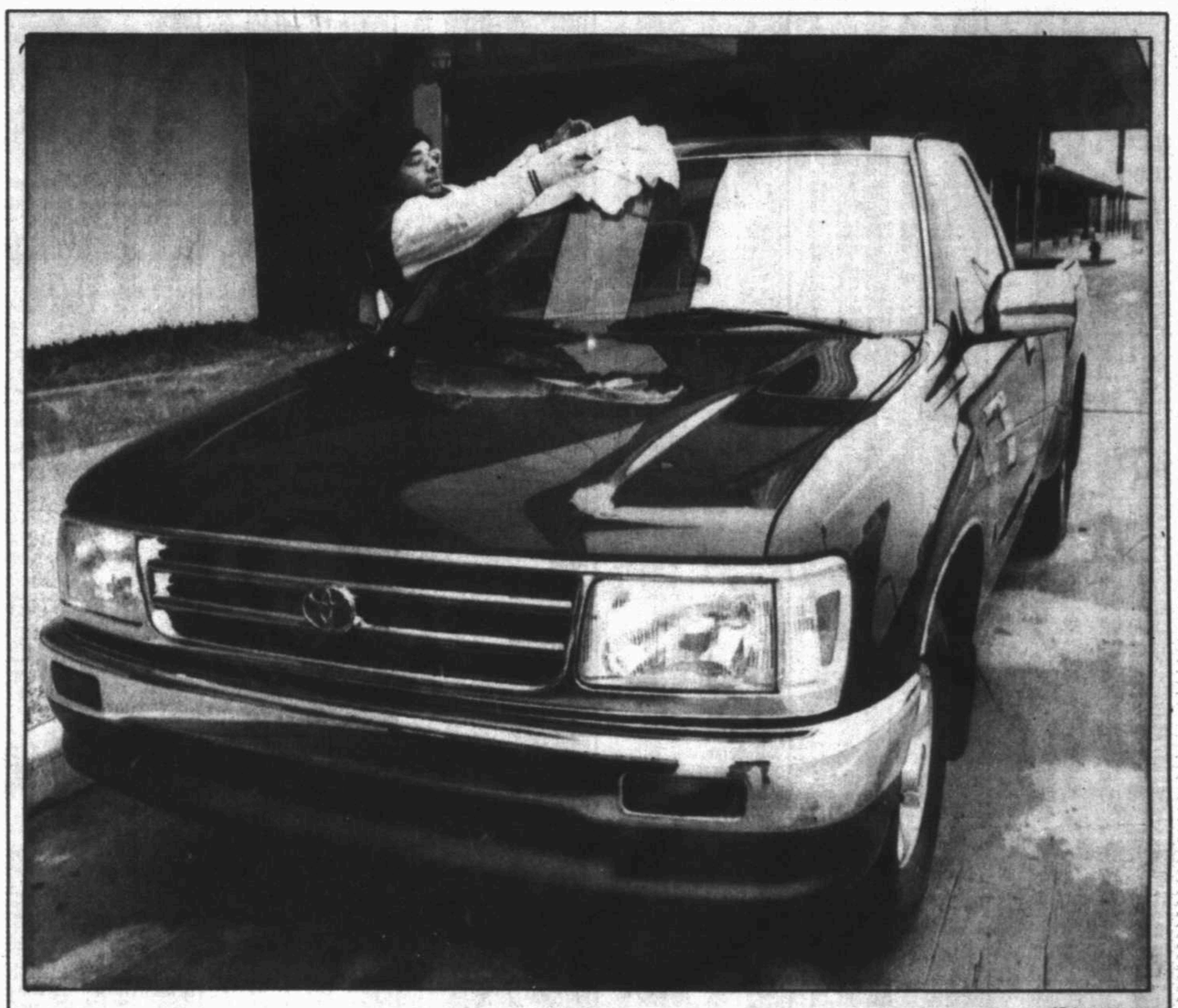
Some of the Midland projects completed by his firm are: One Marienfeld Place office building; United Bank Tower; Permian Basin Petroleum Museum; U.S. Postal Service General Mail Facility; and a master plan for High Sky Children's Ranch.

Also completed are Ward County Community Center and the Million Barrel Museum in Monahans and First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall and design of the Crockett County Historical Museum in Ozona.

In joint ventures with the Midland firm of Pate and Associates, Messersmith's firm has completed additions and renovations to the Midland College Student Center, additions to Lee High School and is currently overseeing the design and construction of Greathouse Elementary School in northwest Midland.

He was a member of the 1980 class of Leadership Midland and in 1988 led a group of Midland architects who assisted the Midland Independent School District in establishing a Qualifactions Based Selection process for the selection of architects for school projects.

The Texas Society of Architects is a 4,000 member regional component of the American Institute of Architects. The local chapter of TSA is the AIA/West Texas chapter and includes the cities of Midland, Odessa, Big Spring and San Angelo. Messersmith served as president of the West Texas chapter in 1984, was TSA secretary in 1988 and treasurer in 1990-'91.


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Shiny new truck

Jeffrey Dotson of A&M Specialists of Detroit shines a new Toyota T-100 intermediate-sized pickup. Toyota introduced the new truck Tuesday and Dotson polished it after test drives through the city.

Third-quarter corporate profits decrease

WASHINGTON (AP) — After-tax corporate profits slumped 6 percent in the July-September quarter, dragged down by damage and insurance losses caused by hurricanes Andrew and Iniki, the government said Wednesday.

If not for the hurricanes' impact on Florida, Louisiana and Hawaii, profits would have risen for the third consecutive quarter, the Commerce Department said.

The third-quarter decline, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $218.8 billion, was the biggest in 6½ years. It followed a 1.3 percent rise in the second quarter and a 10.8 percent increase in the first, the best in four years.

The hurricane-related decline in profits did not shake economists' belief that 1992 would be a good year for corporations, which have been cutting costs and payrolls.

"Profits are up because businesses have cut costs ruthlessly," said economist Cynthia Latta of DRI-McGraw Hill, a Lexington, Mass., forecasting firm.

Eventually though, analysts said increased profits would give firms the wherewithal to start hiring again.

Among other details in the profit report:

■ Before-tax profits fell 7 percent to an annual rate of $350.5 billion in the third quarter after rising 2.9 percent in the second.

■ Dividend payments to stockholders rose 3.1 percent to an annual rate of $151.1 billion after rising 2.1 percent in the previous three months.

■ Cash flow from current production, intended to show funds corporations have available for investment, rose 1.2 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of $494.9 billion, after edging 0.2 percent lower in the April-June period.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Just-retired widow seeks good investments

By Bill Doyle

Q. I am a widow, 62, and just retired. I will receive $785 monthly from Social Security and two pensions totaling about $1,700 per month. My home is paid off and I have no dependents. My only child is 25 and self-supporting. I do want to leave an estate for her.


Doyle

I have certificates of deposit totaling $152,000 and individual retirement accounts worth approximately $33,000 and $55,000 in a municipal bond mutual fund. I expect to receive about $35,000 when my husband's estate is settled.

What would be a good investment for the $35,000 inheritance? Are my other investments where they should be?

A: At your point in life and in your financial situation you should concentrate on safety by putting the $35,000 where it will earn reasonable interest and be available if and when you need it.

The easy way to do that will be by socking the $35,000 into more CDs with rather short maturities.

The problem is that CD interest rates are way down. Nonetheless, by spreading that money over CDs due to mature at various times, you'll get competitive interest rates and — more important — keep your inheritance safe.

My suggestion is to split that money into five pieces, putting each $7,000 segment into a one-, two-, three-, four- and five-year CD. As each matures, roll it over into a new five-year CD. That way, you will eventually have a five-year CD coming due every year — which would be rather handy if you need the cash.

Your other holdings seem wise, even though you don't say how your IRAs are invested. However, unless you are in the 28 or 31 percent federal income tax bracket — which seems unlikely — the municipal bond fund is not for you.

Because they hold municipal bonds paying tax-free interest, such funds pass that money along as dividends, also exempt from tax. But the yield is lower than you can get on taxable investments, making "muni" bonds and funds holding them suitable only for people in high tax brackets.

Q: As I understand the gift tax law, anyone can give $10,000 to another person once a year.

I have some farmland. May I give $10,000 worth of that land to one of my children each year? If so, what does the government require to establish the land's value?

A: The quick replies are "yes" and "documented evidence."

You can give $10,000 every year in cash, securities, farmland or any other property to each of as many people as your generosity allows without filing a federal gift tax return.

The government will have no record of the gifts at the time you make them. However, if the Internal Revenue Service ever comes calling, you had better be able to show proof of the dates and values of those gifts. When doing joust with the revenooers, the burden of proof is on the taxpayer.

So, if you make those gifts of land, you should have the land valued by a professional appraiser and the papers transferring it drawn up by a lawyer experienced in real estate and federal gift tax law.

Q: My parents feel they are in good financial shape and protected from federal estate tax because they have wills and their estate will be less than $600,000.

I have been trying to talk them into setting up a trust to protect the estate from probate. Do you agree with me?

A: Not in your parents' situation. The bother and expense of setting up and administrating a trust can be worse than going through the probate process.

Under present law, one spouse can leave to the other unlimited amounts free of federal estate tax, providing the surviving spouse is a U.S. citizen. Then the survivor can leave $600,000 exempt of that tax bite.

The rules might change, though. Some of those nuts in Congress want to cut that number to $200,000.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MUTUAL FUNDS

	Buy	Sell	Chg.
AAL Mutual:			
BondAm p	10.29	10.80	—.01
CapOr p	14.71	15.44	+.03
MuBd p	10.66	11.19	
AARP Invst:			
CalGr	33.30	N.L.	+.17
GlobInc	15.89	N.L.	—.01
GthInc	28.94	N.L.	+.14
HQ Bd	16.13	N.L.	—.01
TxFBd	17.92	N.L.	
ABT Funds:			
Emrg Gr	12.41	13.03	—.26
FL TF	10.88	11.42	+.01
GthIn p	10.63	11.16	+.07
Utilin p	12.84	13.48	
AHA Funds:			
Balan	12.51	N.L.	+.02
Full	10.58	N.L.	—.01
Lim	10.49	N.L.	—.01
AIM Funds:			
AdjGv p	9.85	10.15	—.01
Chart p	8.60	9.10	+.01
Const p	14.27	15.10	+.07
CvYld p	13.84	14.53	+.05
HiYld p	5.61	5.89	
IntlE p	8.84	9.35	+.05
LimM p	10.13	10.23	—.01
Sumit	10.31		+.02
TF Int	10.54	10.87	+.01
Weing p	17.33	18.34	+.02
AIM Funds C:			
AgrsvC p	18.43	19.50	+.17
GoScC p	10.19	10.70	—.01
GrthC p	14.67	15.52	+.03
HYldC p	9.39	9.86	+.01
IncoC p	7.97	8.37	
MuBC p	8.28	8.69	
TeCtC p	10.63	11.16	
UtilC p	13.77	14.57	
ValuC p	19.64	20.78	+.04
AMF Funds:			
AdjMtg	9.96	N.L.	
IntMtg	9.77	N.L.	—.01
IntlLiq	10.78	N.L.	—.01
MtgSc	11.26	N.L.	
ASM Fd	9.36	N.L.	+.05
ASO Funds:			
Balance	11.03	11.55	+.03
BondJ	11.17	11.70	—.02
Equity	13.35	13.98	+.08
LtdMat	10.69	10.96	—.02
Acornin	10.54	10.54	—.03
AcornF x	52.91	52.91	
1.68			
AdsnCa p	20.29	20.92	+.08
Advest Advsrs:			
Govt p	9.03	9.03	—.02
GwthAd p	17.44	17.44	+.11
HY Bd p	8.99	8.99	—.01
Inco p	11.86	11.86	
Spcl p	17.22	17.22	+.05
Aetna Funds:			
Aetna	10.22	N.L.	+.03
Bond	9.94	N.L.	—.02
GrwIncm	10.48	N.L.	+.05
IntlGr	8.77	N.L.	+.05
Afuture	8.88	9.32	+.02
Alger Funds:			
Growth t	18.30	18.30	+.01
IncGr r	12.84	12.84	+.09
SmCap t	22.15	22.15	—.35
Alliance Cap:			
Alian p	7.02	7.43	+.03
Balan p	13.47	14.25	+.03
Canad p	4.70	4.98	+.03
Count p	20.17	21.34	—.04
GlbSA p	9.92	10.50	+.06
GovtB p	8.37	8.37	—.01
Govt p	8.37	8.63	—.01
Grinc p	2.57	2.72	+.01
HiYld p	5.60	5.88	—.01
ICalT p	13.25	13.87	
InsMu p	10.08	10.55	
IntlA p	13.63	14.42	+.11
MonIn p	12.41	13.03	
MrtgA p	9.01	9.29	
MrtgB p	9.01	9.01	
MrtgTrB p	9.85	9.85	
MtlG	9.88	9.98	+.04
MtlIn t	1.90	1.90	
MMSA p	8.74	9.01	+.04
MMSB t	8.74	8.74	+.03
MuCA p	10.18	10.66	
MuNY p	9.68	10.14	
NtlMu p	10.35	10.84	
NEur p	8.85	9.37	+.07
NAGvA	9.76	10.06	+.01
NAGvB p	9.76	9.76	+.02
QusrA p	21.75	23.02	+.14
ST Mla p	9.18	9.46	+.02
ST Mlb t	9.18	9.18	+.02
Tech p	28.31	29.96	+.12
WldIn p	1.90	1.90	
Ambassador Fds:			
Bond	9.66	N.L.	—.01
CoreGth p	17.50	N.L.	+.10
Grwth	11.92	11.92	+.05
IdxStk	11.43	11.43	+.05
IntBd p	10.25	N.L.	—.01
IntBd	10.25	10.25	—.01
IntlStk	10.53	10.53	+.02
SmCoG	12.47	12.47	+.06
TFInt p	10.39	N.L.	
Amer AAdvant:			
Balan	12.18	N.L.	+.04
Equity	13.13	N.L.	+.08
IntlEq	8.90	N.L.	+.09
LtdTr	10.08	N.L.	—.01
Amer Capital:			
CmstA p	18.33	19.45	+.06
CpBd p	6.85	7.19	
EmGr p	22.21	23.56	+.04
EmGB p	22.08	22.08	+.04
EmtA p	14.34	15.21	+.04
EmtB p	14.25	14.25	+.04
EqInc p	5.07	5.38	+.01
Exch	102.75		+.13
FMgA p	12.63	13.16	
FMgB p	12.64	12.64	
GlEqA p	9.78	10.38	+.03
GlGvA p	8.87	9.31	+.01
GlGvB p	8.89	8.89	+.01
GlEqB p	9.75	9.75	+.03
GvScB p	10.69	10.69	
GvScA p	10.68	11.21	
GvT97 p	12.44	12.82	—.06
GvTIA	9.20	9.66	—.02
GvTIB	9.19	9.19	—.03
GrInc p	13.35	14.16	+.04
HarbA p	15.29	16.22	+.04
HarbB p	15.22	15.22	+.04
HiYld p	6.22	6.53	—.01
MunB p	10.00	10.50	
PacceB p	14.01	14.01	+.06
Pacc p	14.14	15.00	+.05
TxE I p	11.30	11.86	
TXMS p	9.74	10.23	
TEHY p	10.97	11.52	
American Funds:			
A Bal p	12.40	13.16	+.02
Amcp p	13.15	13.95	+.02
AMutl p	21.65	22.97	+.09
Bond p	13.93	14.62	—.01
CapIB p	31.05	32.94	+.02
CapW p	15.28	16.04	+.09
Eupac p	32.50	34.48	+.24
FdInv p	17.14	18.19	+.10
Govt p	13.93	14.62	—.02
Gwth p	24.19	25.67	+.04
HI Tr p	14.41	15.13	—.01
Inco p	13.80	14.64	+.02
IntBd p	14.01	14.71	—.02
ICA p	18.03	19.13	+.07
NEco p	26.28	27.88	+.08
N Per p	12.20	12.94	+.07
SmCp p	18.35	19.47	+.08
TxEx p	11.77	12.36	+.01
TECA p	15.16	15.92	
TEMd p	15.00	15.75	
TEVA p	15.42	16.19	+.01
Wsh p	16.57	17.58	+.10
A GthFd	8.92	9.75	+.12
A Herita	1.17	N.L.	—.01
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Amer Natl Funds:			
Grth	4.90	5.23	
Inco	23.10	24.64	+.07
Triflex	16.29	17.38	—.02
API Gr fp	11.36	N.L.	+.10
Am Perform:			
Bond	10.91	11.36	—.01
Equity	12.00	12.50	+.05
IntBd	10.76	11.09	—.02
AmUtlFd	21.92	N.L.	+.01
Amway f	7.93	8.18	+.02
Analyt	12.72	N.L.	+.03
AnchrCa f	24.57	24.57	+.20
Aquila Funds:			
AZ TF	10.51	10.95	
CO TF	10.40	10.83	
HI TF	11.34	11.81	
KY TF	10.55	10.99	—.01
OR TF	10.43	10.87	
Arch Funds:			
CapApp	14.44	15.12	+.08
Div Fi	10.29	10.77	—.01
MoTF	11.19	11.72	+.01
US Gov	10.84	11.35	—.01
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Atlas Funds:			
CaMuni	10.79	11.12	
GvtSc	10.51	10.84	+.01
GroInc	13.34	13.75	+.02
NaMuni	10.87	11.21	
BBTGrIn	10.52	10.73	+.06
BBTInGv	9.80	10.00	—.02
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Bond L	1.62	N.L.	
Bond S	10.36	N.L.	—.01
Enterp2	14.29	N.L.	+.04
Enterp	16.95	N.L.	+.09
Gwth	12.70	N.L.	+.05
Intl	12.30	N.L.	+.06
Shadw	11.37	N.L.	+.06
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UMB B	11.17	N.L.	—.01
UMB Hrt	9.06	N.L.	+.02
UMB St	15.92	N.L.	+.07
Value	22.02	N.L.	+.16
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BairdCa p	21.40	22.71	+.13
BakerGv	15.43	N.L.	
BaronA r	17.60	17.60	+.03
Bartlett Funds:			
BasVl	13.78	N.L.	+.09
Fixedl	10.23	N.L.	
Vl Intl	9.23	N.L.	+.05
Bascom	24.20	24.20	+.07
Beac Hill	33.72	N.L.	+.09
Benham Group:			
AdjGov	10.04	N.L.	—.01
CalTFI	10.87	N.L.	+.01
CatFln	9.99	N.L.	
CaTFS	10.14	N.L.	
CatFH	9.08	N.L.	
CatFL	11.40	N.L.	
EqGro	11.54	N.L.	+.04
EurBd	10.47	N.L.	+.05
GNMA	10.73	N.L.	
GoldIn	7.07	N.L.	—.03
IncGro	13.74	N.L.	+.04
NITFI	10.74	N.L.	
NITFL	11.56	N.L.	
Tg1995	87.39	N.L.	—.18
Tg2000	60.65	N.L.	—.13
Tg2005	40.31	N.L.	—.03
Tg2010	28.39	N.L.	+.01
Tg2015	20.89	N.L.	+.10
Tg2020	13.97	N.L.	+.02
TNote	10.88	N.L.	—.02
Berger Group:			
100	13.40	N.L.	—.07
101	9.55	N.L.	—.08
Bernstein Fdt:			
GvSh	13.08	N.L.	
ShtDur	13.04	N.L.	—.01
IntDur	13.59	N.L.	—.01
Ca Mu	13.34	N.L.	
DivMu	13.36	N.L.	+.01
NYMu	13.42	N.L.	+.01
IntlVal	11.58	N.L.	+.06
BerwynFd	15.48	N.L.	+.15
Blanchard Funds:			
GlGr p	9.73	N.L.	+.01
PrcM p	4.56	N.L.	+.05
ST Gl	1.85	N.L.	+.01
BdEnshr	19.20	N.L.	—.03
Boston Co:			
AAloc p	15.30	N.L.	+.04
AMEF	11.52	11.52	+.04
CaAp p	27.33	N.L.	+.11
Intl	10.09	N.L.	+.08
IntGv p	12.70	N.L.	—.02
MgdI p	11.36	N.L.	
SpGth p	16.49	N.L.	+.12
TF Bd	12.30	N.L.	
BrimnGl	10.21	N.L.	+.03
Brndywn	21.81	N.L.	+.01
Bruce	98.70	N.L.	+.18
BrundgSl	10.52	10.52	—.03
Bull & Bear Gp:			
FNCl p	17.61	N.L.	+.06
GlbInc p	8.52	N.L.	—.01
Gold p	9.66	N.L.	+.05
GovtSc p	14.75	N.L.	
SpEq p	23.40	N.L.	+.13
TxFr p	17.23	N.L.	+.01
USOvs p	7.97	N.L.	+.03
Burnhm	21.47	22.60	+.04
C&SRlty	28.34	N.L.	+.02
CDM Funds:			
CapDv	28.50	N.L.	+.37
Mutl	26.88	N.L.	+.15
Calmos	13.33	13.96	+.07
CalTrst	12.35	N.L.	+.01
CalUS	10.36	N.L.	—.01
Calvert Group:			
Ariel	28.69	30.12	+.08
ArielA	21.03	22.08	+.16
GlobEq	14.12	14.82	+.09
Inco	17.05	17.90	—.02
Social p	29.58	31.06	+.11
SocBd	16.48	17.30	—.01
SocEq	21.21	22.27	+.13
TxF Lt	10.67	10.89	
TxF Lg	16.25	17.06	
TxF VT	15.84	16.46	
US Gov	15.38	16.15	—.01
Cambridge Fds:			
CapGrA	14.75	15.61	+.03
GvInA	14.23	14.94	+.01
GwthA	15.20	16.08	+.01
CapGrB t	14.75	14.75	+.02
GvInB t	14.24	14.24	+.01
GwthB t	15.19	15.19	+.01
MulncB t	14.70	14.70	+.02
CapMkIdx	10.28	N.L.	+.04
CapitolEq	10.52	N.L.	+.05
CapitolFI	10.48	N.L.	—.01
Capstone Group:			
CshFr	11.35	11.92	+.09
Fd SW	18.12	19.02	+.05
GvtInc	4.82	4.82	
MedRs	16.51	17.33	+.09
PBHG	8.76	9.20	+.09
Trend	14.02	14.72	+.03
Cardnl	13.16	14.38	+.03
CrdnlGv	8.90	9.32	
CarilCa	12.66	13.33	+.06
CrnOHTE	9.56	10.01	+.01
Cnt Shs	25.46	N.L.	+.21
ChartBC	12.75	12.75	+.01
Chestnt	132.88	N.L.	+.38
Citibank IRA-CIT:			
Balan f	2.92	N.L.	+.01
Equit f	3.27	N.L.	+.02
Incom f	2.48	N.L.	
ShtTr f	1.91	N.L.	
Clipper	53.81	53.81	—.06
Colonial Funds:			
IntEq p	14.42	15.30	+.16
US Id p	21.06	22.34	+.08
CalTE A	7.27	7.63	
ConTE A	7.35	7.72	
FedScA p	10.72	11.25	
FundA p	22.70	24.08	+.11
GwthA p	14.55	15.44	+.04
HiYldA p	6.38	6.70	
IncomeA p	6.42	6.74	
MATxA	7.62	8.00	
MI TE A	6.85	7.19	
MN TE A	7.10	7.45	
NatResA	9.37	9.94	+.02
NY TE A	7.01	7.36	
OhTE A	7.23	7.59	+.01
SmlStk p	13.74	14.58	+.12
SttrlnA	7.01	7.36	
TxExA p	13.48	14.15	—.01
TXInsA P	8.08	8.48	
USGrA	10.61	11.26	+.05
USGvA p	6.88	7.22	
UtilA p	12.96	13.61	—.01
CrestFunds Inc:			
Bond	9.76	N.L.	—.02
SI Bd	9.84	N.L.	—.01
SpEq	11.04	N.L.	+.03
Value	10.44	N.L.	+.04
CuFd Adj	9.99	N.L.	
DG Eqty	10.36	10.57	+.01
DG GvIn	9.87	10.07	—.02
Dean Witter:			
AmVl t	20.05	20.05	+.06
CalTF t	12.63	12.63	
CapGr t	14.87	14.87	+.04
Convt t	9.59	9.59	+.04
DevGr t	14.08	14.08	—.15
DivGt t	27.65	27.65	+.11
DivIn t	9.97	9.97	
EqtInc t	9.35	9.35	
Euro t	8.62	8.62	
Glbl t	9.25	9.25	+.02
FedSec t	9.56	9.56	
HlthSc t	10.33	10.33	+.02
HiYld f	7.00	7.41	+.01
MuAZ t	10.19	10.61	
Intmd t	9.79	9.79	—.02
MuCA t	10.32	10.75	
MUFL t	10.30	10.73	—.01
MU NJ t	10.36	10.79	
MultPA t	10.35	10.78	
NYTF t	11.94	11.94	
NtlRs t	10.49	10.49	+.04
PacGr t	12.42	12.42	—.03
PrcM t	7.27	7.27	
Premr p	9.71	10.01	—.01
ScarT p	12.11	12.11	
Mngd t	11.28	11.28	+.04
ST US p	10.27	10.27	—.01
Strat t	14.82	14.82	+.07
TaxEx	11.83	12.32	
USGvt t	9.27	9.27	—.01
Util f	13.19	13.19	
ValAd t	17.58	17.58	+.08
WWIn	9.03	9.03	+.02
WldW t	13.62	13.62	+.03
TC Cor t	10.32	10.32	+.07
TCNor fp	9.94	9.94	+.01
Delaware Group:			
Trend p	12.94	13.73	+.07
Value p	17.57	18.64	+.09
Delcp p	23.52	24.95	+.06
Dectrl	17.10	18.69	+.10
DectII p	13.90	14.75	+.10
Delaw p	19.24	20.41	+.05
Delch p	6.75	7.09	—.01
USGvt p	8.88	9.32	—.01
Treas p	9.97	10.28	
TxUS p	12.10	12.70	
TxIns p	11.26	11.82	
TxFPa p	8.33	8.75	
Dimensional Fds:			
US Lrg	13.05	N.L.	+.05
US Sml	7.67	N.L.	+.05
US 6-10	10.26	N.L.	+.05
Japan	18.49	N.L.	+.14
UKing	16.44	N.L.	+.10
Cont	11.45	N.L.	+.06
Fixd	103.50	N.L.	
GlBd	103.92	N.L.	—.18
Govt	109.16	N.L.	—.22
IntGv	112.38	N.L.	—.11
Diversa	11.16	N.L.	+.22
Dodge&Cox:			
Balan	42.00	N.L.	+.06
Inco	11.64	N.L.	—.02
Stock	47.69	N.L.	+.19
Dreyfus:			
A Bond	14.78	N.L.	—.02
Aprec p	15.33	N.L.	+.02
CalTx e	14.75	N.L.	—.15
CalInt	12.81	N.L.	+.01
CapV p	11.26	11.79	—.01
CapGth	18.16	18.72	+.02
CT Int	12.80	N.L.	
CvSec	8.70	N.L.	+.02
Dreyf	13.59	N.L.	+.04
EdElcInd	13.00	N.L.	—.02
FL Int e	12.88	N.L.	+.02
GNM p	15.15	N.L.	
GlbInv p	13.73	14.38	+.01
GrInc	14.24	N.L.	+.02
GthOp	12.99	N.L.	—.07
Index	17.90	N.L.	+.06
InsMu pe	18.41	N.L.	—.21
Interm e	13.93	N.L.	—.30
InvGN	15.11	15.11	—.01
Mas Tx	16.40	N.L.	
MunBd e	12.81	N.L.	—.27
NJ Int	12.96	N.L.	
NJ Mun e	13.08	N.L.	—.18
NwLd p	34.13	N.L.	+.21
NYIn pe	11.51	N.L.	—.04
NY Tax e	15.41	N.L.	—.22
NYTE pe	17.55	N.L.	—.11
Peoplin t	15.59	N.L.	+.06
PeoMid	15.74	N.L.	+.05
ShtGv	11.62	N.L.	—.02
ST Inc	12.26	12.26	—.01
ShtInT pe	13.06	N.L.	—.01
StrGth p	30.87	31.82	—.08
Stinc p	13.99	14.42	—.01
Stinv p	20.35	21.31	—.06
StrW p	29.27	30.18	—.06
Thrd C	8.35	N.L.	+.05
UST Int	13.06	N.L.	—.03
UST Lng	14.21	N.L.	—.01
USTSh	15.87	N.L.	—.04
Dreyfus General:			
GnCA e	13.17	N.L.	—.08
GMBd pe	14.95	N.L.	—.13
GNY pe	19.71	N.L.	—.27
Dreyfus Premier:			
CAMu pe	12.61	13.20	—.12
CTMu pe	11.81	12.37	
FLMu pe	14.53	15.21	—.17
Gnma pe	14.83	15.53	—.21
MAM pe	11.71	12.26	—.01
MDM pe	12.60	13.19	—.09
MIMu pe	15.12	15.83	—.12
MNM pe	14.80	15.50	—.09
MuBd pe	13.97	14.63	—.22
NYM pe	13.99	14.65	—.15
NC Mu pe	12.82	13.42	—.01
OHMu pe	12.64	13.24	—.08
PAMu pe	16.00	16.75	—.11
TX Mu pe	20.44	21.40	—.03
VA Mu pe	16.16	16.92	—.01
DupKyt	7.25	N.L.	
DupKysm	5.21	N.L.	
EBI Funds:			
Equity p	64.69	N.L.	+.28
Flex p	51.26	N.L.	+.20
Income p	47.63	N.L.	—.06
Eaton Vance:			
Grwth p	9.24	9.70	+.04
EVStk	14.60	15.33	+.01
GvtObp	11.38	11.95	—.02
InBos p	8.12	8.52	
Invst fp	7.48	7.85	+.01
MunBd	9.86	10.35	
Nautls	13.61	14.29	+.03
STObl t	9.11	9.11	+.03
STTsy p	54.14	54.14	
SpEqt p	9.56	10.04	+.03
TotRt p	9.66	10.14	—.01
Eaton V Ltd Mty:			
NJTxF t	10.14	10.14	
FL TxF t	10.13	10.13	+.01
MA TxF t	10.07	10.07	—.01
NatTxFrt	10.27	10.27	
NY TxF t	10.13	10.13	
PA TxF t	10.21	10.21	
Eaton V Maratha:			
AZTF t	10.64	10.64	—.01
CalMn t	9.93	9.93	
CT TxF t	10.24	10.24	
EqInc t	10.80	10.80	+.03
FlTxF t	10.97	10.97	
GA TxF t	10.05	10.05	
Hilnc t	7.27	7.27	
KY TxF t	10.05	10.05	
MD TxF t	10.18	10.18	
MATF t	10.58	10.58	
MITxF t	10.49	10.49	
MN TxF t	10.26	10.26	
MO TxF t	10.36	10.36	
NJ TF t	10.61	10.61	+.01
NYTF t	11.06	11.06	
NtMun t	9.79	9.79	+.01
NCTxF t	10.26	10.26	+.01
OhTF t	10.51	10.51	
ORTxF t	10.24	10.24	
PA TF t	10.62	10.62	
VATxF t	10.43	10.43	+.02
EclipEq	13.31	N.L.	+.07
Emblem Fund:			
EmEq	11.59	12.07	+.01
IntGv	10.96	11.18	—.02
OH Reg	12.61	13.14	+.03
RelEq	12.54	13.06	+.06
SI Fxd	10.38	10.59	—.01
Emerald Funds:			
EmrlEq	11.95	12.51	+.02
EmrlUS	10.57	11.07	
FL TE	10.57	11.07	+.01
EmpBld	17.71	18.50	+.01
Endow	18.23	N.L.	+.07
Enterprise Group:			
CapA p	29.24	30.70	+.08
GvSec p	12.54	13.17	
Gwth p	8.69	9.12	+.01
GrInc p	16.71	17.54	+.11
HYBd p	10.78	11.32	—.01
IntlGr p	12.84	13.48	+.01
PrcM p	8.14	8.55	+.06
TE Inc p	13.55	14.23	
Equitable Funds:			
BalB t	15.67	15.67	—.01
GvScB t	10.14	10.14	—.02
GrInB t	14.33	14.33	+.06
GrInF p	14.25	15.04	+.06
GwthF p	21.55	22.74	+.07
GwthB t	19.18	19.18	+.06
STWF p	8.54	8.80	+.01
STWB t	8.56	8.56	+.01
TxEB t	10.66	10.66	
EqStrat	31.62	N.L.	+.45
Evergreen Funds:			
Evgrn	14.31	N.L.	+.07
Found	12.07	N.L.	+.03
LtdMk	21.95	N.L.	+.12
MunCA	10.07	N.L.	
MuniF	10.36	N.L.	
Retire	10.96	N.L.	+.02
TotRtn	19.60	N.L.	+.04
ValTrn	14.31	N.L.	+.06
ExcelMid	2.24	2.35	—.01
ExcHY p	7.40	7.77	—.02
FAM Val	19.71	N.L.	—.01
FBL BlC t	16.74	16.74	+.09
FBL Gth t	12.56	12.56	+.03
FPB Lexicon:			
CapApp	11.02	N.L.	+.07
FxInc	10.45	N.L.	—.02
IntGv	10.30	N.L.	—.01
FPB Eq	12.02	12.33	+.02
FPBINJ	10.48	10.97	
FMB Funds:			
DivEC p	11.52	12.00	+.02
DivE I	11.52	N.L.	+.02
IntGC p	10.14	10.45	—.02
IntG I	10.14	N.L.	—.02
MiTF p	10.25	10.57	
MiTF I	10.25	N.L.	
FPA Funds:			
Capit	18.18	19.44	—.02
NwInc	10.75	11.26	
Parmt	13.57	14.51	
Peren	23.68	25.33	+.07
Fairmt	18.95	N.L.	—.02
Federated Funds:			
ArmSS p	9.95	N.L.	—.01
Arm I	9.95	N.L.	—.01
Exch	65.42	N.L.	+.25
FBF	9.90	N.L.	—.01
FigtIS	10.42	N.L.	—.02
FSTI Is	9.09	N.L.	
FIGRO	22.22	N.L.	+.07
FHYT	8.76	N.L.	
FITIS	10.57	N.L.	—.02
FIMT	10.52	N.L.	+.01
FSIMT	10.33	N.L.	
FsigtIS	10.42	N.L.	—.01
FSBF	16.21	N.L.	+.03
FST	25.07	N.L.	+.09
GnmaIS	11.65	N.L.	—.01
GnmaSS p	11.65	N.L.	—.01
MaxCp	11.97	N.L.	+.05
Fidelity Advisor:			
EqPGl	26.16	26.16	+.05
EqPtI	12.82	N.L.	+.06
Europ p	8.89	9.33	+.04
Gov In p	9.74	10.23	
GrOpp p	21.84	22.93	+.10
HI Mu p	11.82	12.41	
HiYld p	11.11	11.66	
IncGt p	14.47	15.19	+.02
Lt BI	10.67	N.L.	—.01
ST Fi p	9.91	10.06	
SpcSit p	20.50	21.52	+.04
TEPI	11.08	N.L.	
Fidelity Invest:			
AgTF r	11.95	N.L.	
A Mgr	13.70	N.L.	+.03
AMgrGr	11.69	N.L.	+.03
Balanc	12.47	N.L.	
BluCh	22.94	23.65	+.06
CA In	10.31	N.L.	
CA TF	11.73	N.L.	
Canad	14.10	14.54	+.06
CapAp	13.69	14.11	+.11
Cplnc r	8.45	N.L.	
CngS	144.07	N.L.	+.55
Contra	28.04	28.91	+.11
CnvSc	15.68	N.L.	+.05
DestI	15.48	N.L.	+.07
DestII	23.52	N.L.	+.11
DisEq r	17.84	N.L.	+.09
DivIntl	8.39	N.L.	+.03
EmGr r	16.86	17.38	—.01
Eq Inc	28.35	28.93	+.14
EQII	16.39	N.L.	+.06
Eqldx	16.22	N.L.	+.06
Europ	14.98	15.44	+.06
Exch	101.18	N.L.	+.33
Fidel	19.18	N.L.	
GNMA	11.01	N.L.	
GloBd	11.64	N.L.	+.02
GovtSc	10.26	N.L.	—.01
GroCo	27.90	28.76	+.07
GroInc	19.57	19.97	+.06
HiYld	12.71	N.L.	
InsMu	11.74	N.L.	
IntBd	10.41	N.L.	—.01
IntrGvt	9.96	9.96	—.01
IntGr	13.13	13.40	+.06
InvGB	7.25	N.L.	—.01
LtdMun	9.65	N.L.	
LowPr r	15.54	N.L.	+.06
MI TF	11.66	N.L.	
MN TF	10.79	N.L.	
MagIn	67.01	69.08	+.14
MktIn r	32.14	N.L.	+.12
MA TF	11.66	N.L.	
MtgSc	10.69	N.L.	
MunBd	8.61	N.L.	
NY HY	12.47	N.L.	
NY Ins	11.64	N.L.	
OTC	25.16	25.94	+.06
Oh TF	11.48	N.L.	
Ovrse	21.45	22.11	+.20
PcBas	11.85	12.22	+.01
Puritn	14.70	15.00	+.05
RealE	12.18	N.L.	+.03
RetGr	19.63	N.L.

It's not all turkey and dressing

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AMARILLO — When Americans sit down to the traditional Thanksgiving fare of turkey and dressing, today, some will leave room for more unusual culinary combinations.

Some people prefer their edible peculiarities year round. For instance, Ruby Toleston, owner of Mama Ruby's, likes her black-eyed peas topped with okra.

Toleston, a Houston native who has lived in Amarillo since 1944, grew up eating the vegetable combination. One of the specialities at her soul food restaurant is French fries and onions.

"I just grew up eating it," she said.

"One thing that is different between Houston and here is that in Houston, they feed you to death with rice. You get up in the morning and it's rice; at noonday, it's rice; and at night, it's rice.

"I WORKED at a Greek restaurant, and it served sausage and rice for breakfast. Grits mixed with eggs and bits of real bacon or cheese grits are so good they can make you eat yourself to death."

The politically correct rice combination would be rice topped with black-eyed peas, according to Lillian Pace, co-owner of Golden Comb Beauty Shop. Pace's mouth also waters at the prospect of eating greens with ketchup.

"I started eating greens and ketchup when I was a little girl growing up in Arkansas," she said.

"I tried it by accident and just liked it. Ketchup on cornbread gives it a better flavor."

Pace also leans toward both mayonnaise and onion sandwiches, because she "likes the taste."

Irene Ford, co-owner of Golden Comb, said during her Arkansas days she picked up a liking for tuna fish sandwiches with Lays potato chips crunched in the middle.

SHE ALSO gets a hankering for sugar with cold butter sandwiches, which were popularized by Amos of the '40s "Amos and Andy" television series.

Amarilloan Diane Jones like her pound cake with a side of ham or peach cobbler juice over cornbread.

Denny's waitress Maxine McFall has served up some unusual combinations with pancakes, she said.

"People like ketchup on almost everything; things from ketchup on pancakes to ketchup in gravy or in their beans," McFall said.

"Then, there's people who eat mayonnaise on their pancakes or on their French fries. I just laugh at them, and bring it out to them. Most of them just tell me that that's the way they eat it at home.

"Customers also use guacamole on all kinds of things. One customer liked his steak so raw that he wanted us to cook it on one side for a few seconds and then flip it over to the other side for a few seconds."

DINERS ALSO have ordered turkey omelettes, French dressing in baked potatoes, chips and ice cream and horseradish in gravy, said Kevin Dougherty, Denny's manager.

"I had one kid (teen-ager) come in and ask for ketchup on top of his ice cream," he said.

"It was real early in the morning, so I thought it was a prank. But we fixed it for him, and he sure did eat it. People also put some pretty bizarre stuff on top of pancakes.

"One customer put chili on top of his pancakes; it was really gross. They also put salsa on some of the darnedest things."

Dougherty likes to dip his French fries or chips in mustard for a favorite afternoon snack.

"I can sit all day and look at a football game and eat barbecue potato chips and mustard; it's the breakfast of champions," he said.

OUT WEST, former Amarillo resident Ann Harris, owner of Harris' Restaurant in San Francisco, said Californians love their food the nouvelle way.

"Now, with people being so diet conscious, no one puts butter on their baked potatoes," she said.

"They use salsa instead of butter, which gives the potato a lift. Pasta with Maine lobster also is a popular dish.

"Southwestern foods are popular. At the restaurant, we add certain touches to the meals. We serve good Texas chili with the really good meat and chili powder."

Californians also dream of foods spiced with green and red chiles over everything, Harris said. Another chili that is catching fire in the Bay Area is the chipotle chili, which has a smoky flavor to it, she said.

"California cuisine is more (about) presentation," Harris said.

"THEY MIGHT present a plate with spoonfuls of pure "D" vegetables on it or fish on a bed of arugula — a green-leaf vegetable that has a licorice taste to it.

"Radicchio — a small lettuce that is red and white in color and has a bitter taste — also is far out. The nouvelle cuisine includes raw fish, which we sure wouldn't do in Texas."

Former New Yorker Mike Sarzynski, a Long Island native, said he likes the thought of cold pork sausage — kielbasa — or Kosher hot dogs with relish as opposed to the beefy dogs preferred in Texas. guy."

IN THE Windy City, the food of choice is hot dogs with celery, onions, beans and rice, said Mary Lyn Halley of radio station KGNC FM. Chicagoans also munch on chili with the celery, onions, beans and rice mixture, she said.

"Casseroles and stews are big," Halley said.

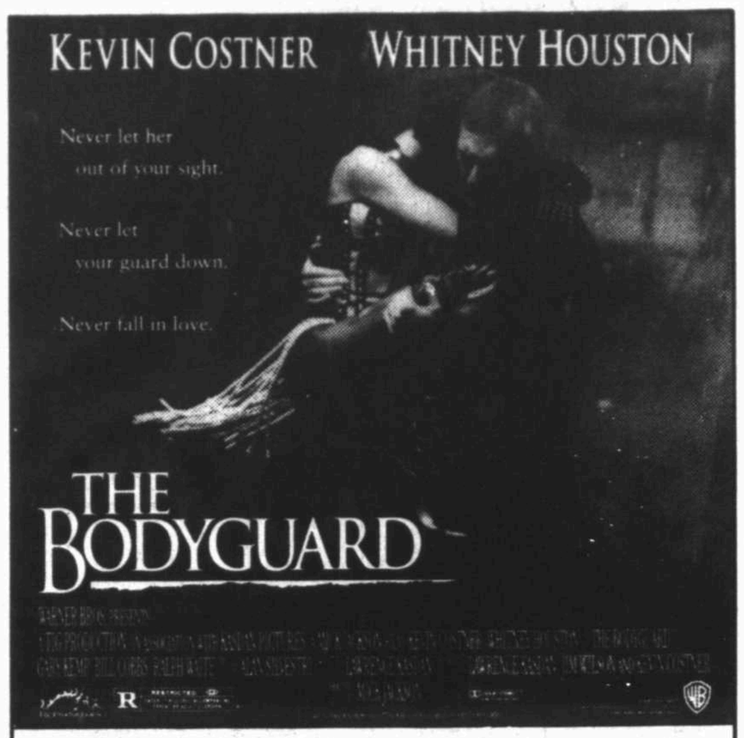
"If you can put gravy on it and sprinkle cracker crumbs over it, then you can eat. Chicago has a lot of ethnic foods. My mom was very Italian, so on a good Wednesday, we would have manicotti or Italian beef with sweet green peppers.

"People say the pizza in New York is the best, but I think not. In Chicago, you have pizza with thin or thick, flavored, pie or two crusts."

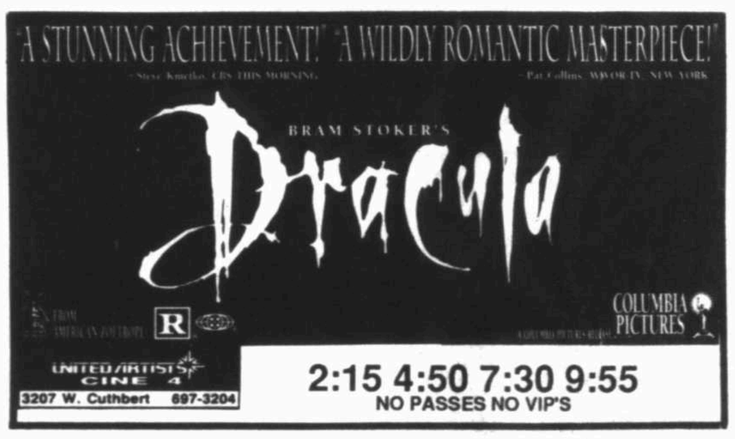
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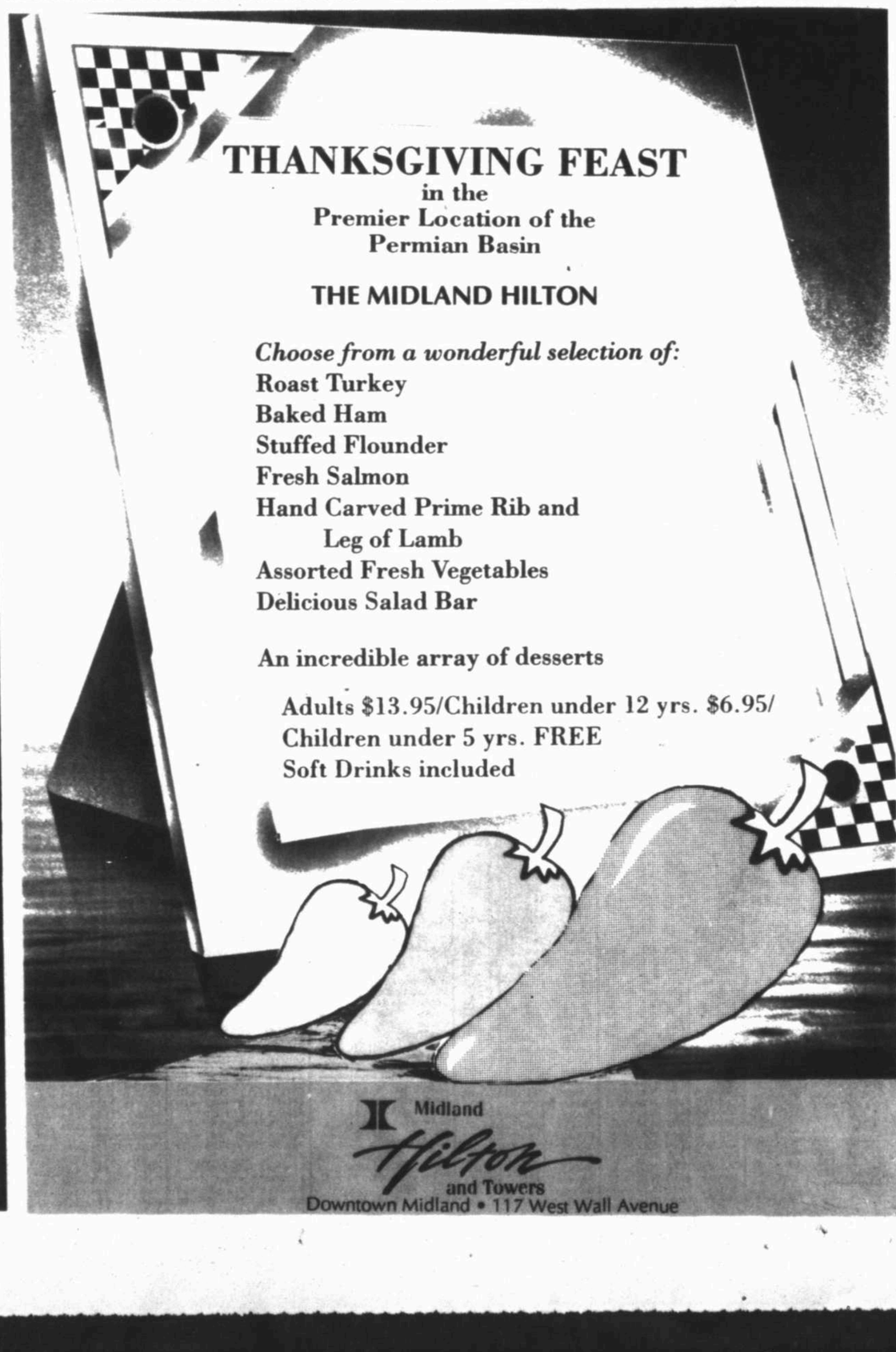


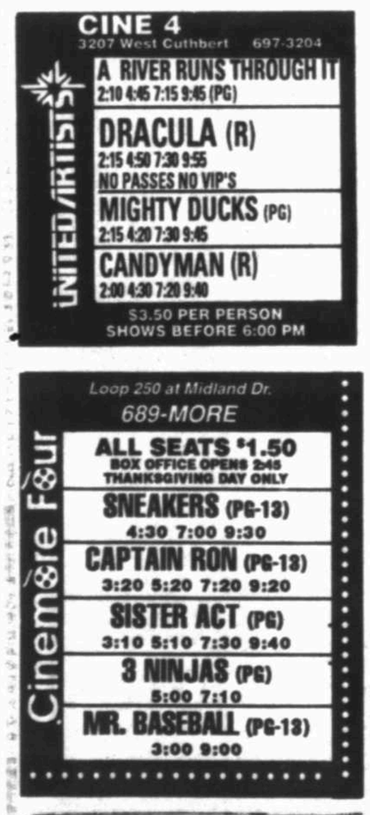
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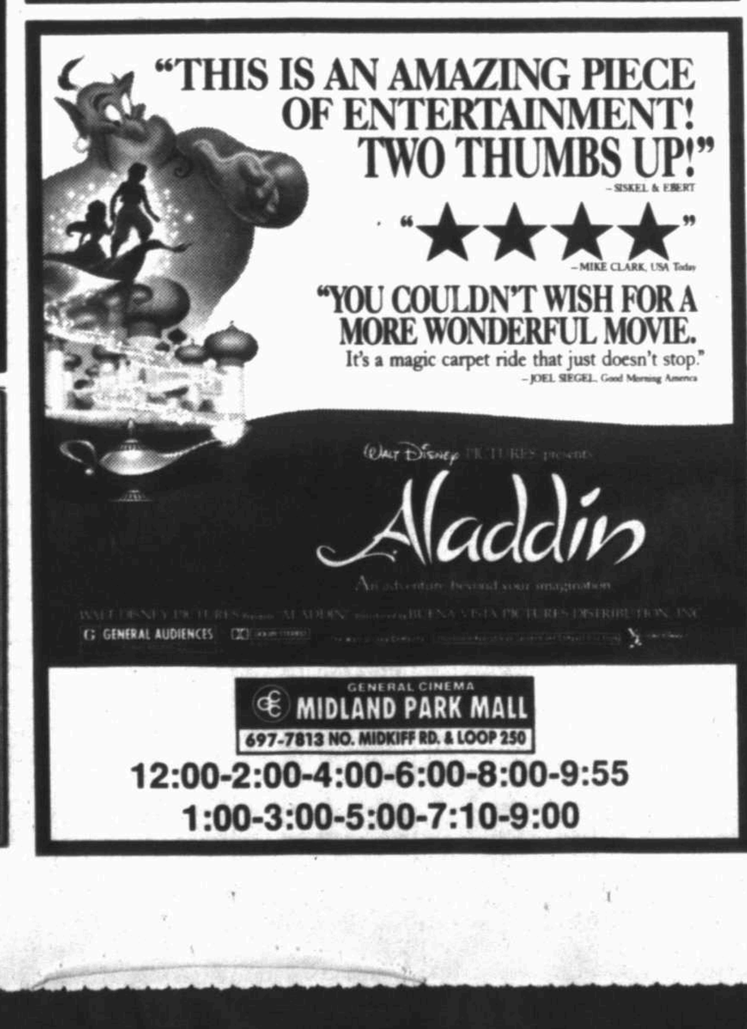


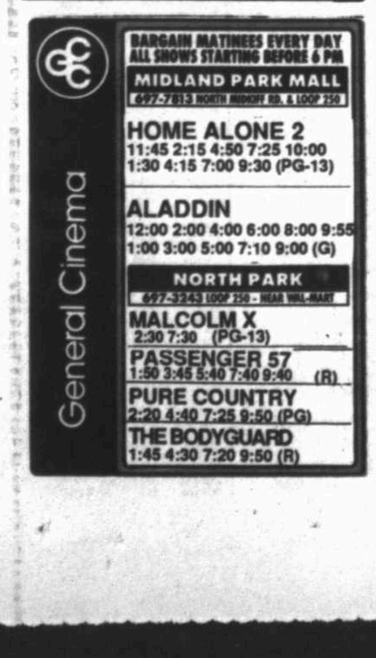
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GM to pay restitution to victim's father

■ **Manufacturer settles unsafe gas tank case out-of-court.**

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff writer

A pickup manufacturer — in the national spotlight due to claims of unsafe gas tank placement — has reached a settlement with the father of a Midland man burned to death in a fiery accident a year ago.

General Motors will pay an undisclosed sum to the father of 37-year-old Walter Krug, who died Nov. 25, 1991, after his 1988 Chevrolet C-30 pickup went up in flames after being struck by another pickup truck on Interstate 20 one mile east of Stanton.

"It is our belief the man would have been alive if not for the placement of those tanks," said attorney Jeffrey Hinkley, who with Frank Guinta represented Krug's father.

"And apparently GM thinks so too," Guinta said although the settlement doesn't include any admission of liability.

Krug's truck was one of approximately 9 million GM trucks manufactured between 1973 and 1987 that have side-saddle gas tanks mounted outside the vehicle's frame, attorneys said.

"He in effect was riding in a time bomb," Hinkley said.

"When we saw that vehicle, we knew right away what the problem is," he said.

"The frame rails are perfectly parallel," Guinta said of Krug's truck after the collision. "The tank is unprotected."

Krug's truck was by hit by another 1988 Chevrolet pickup that had a tire blowout and veered across the median into oncoming traffic.

"Mr. Krug was driving along minding his own business and gets hit ... He was trapped inside and couldn't get out," Hinkley said. "He didn't have a chance."

Examination by the attorneys and their experts revealed a ruptured gas tank.

While compiling information for a lawsuit, GM representatives contacted the attorneys.

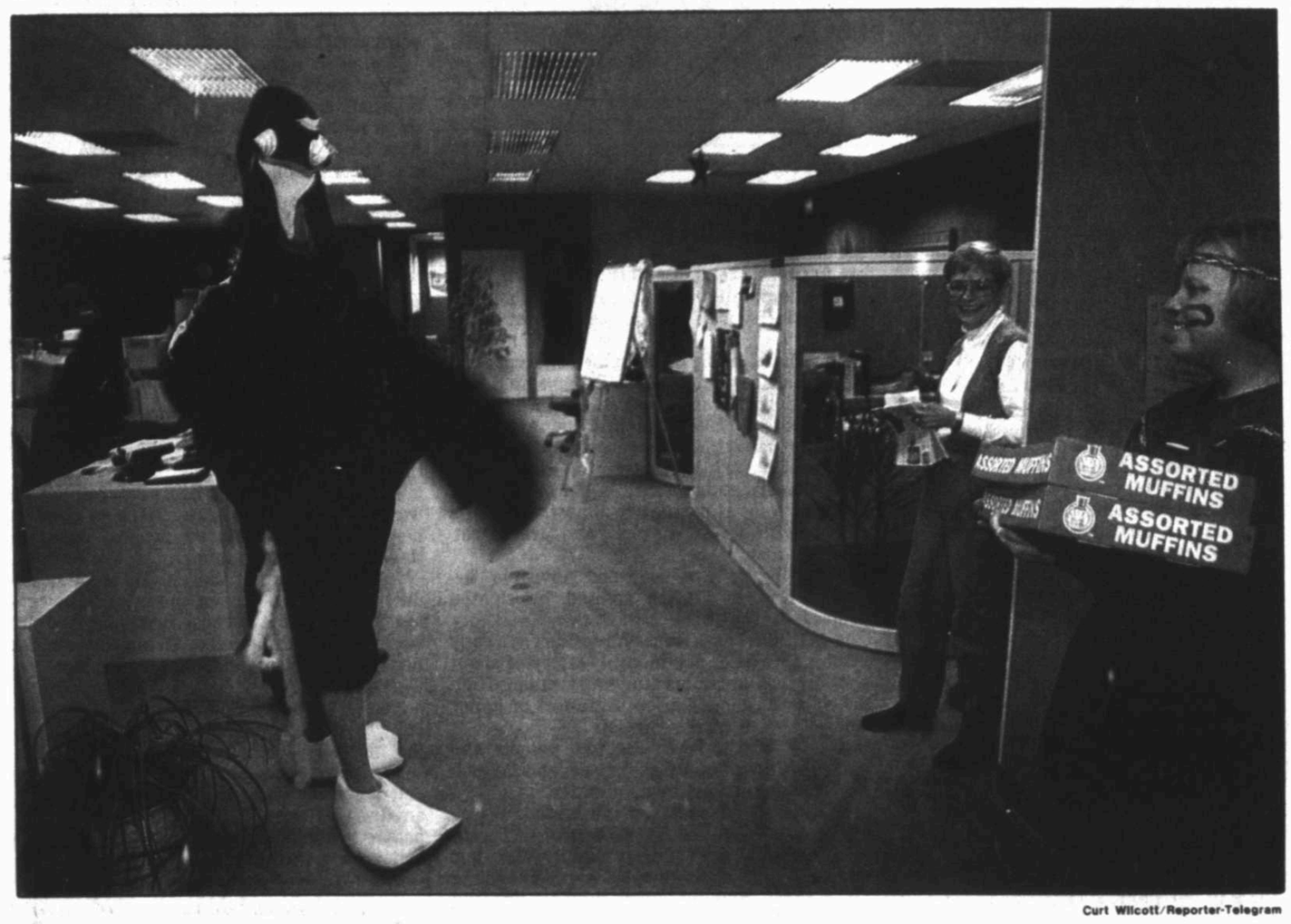
"I think they (GM) saw what we saw," Hinkley said.

Earlier this month, the truck manufacturer offered a settlement that was accepted.

"We surmise that GM did not want to get involved in litigation to disclose other documents," Guinta said.

GM memos from other litigation show

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Thanksgiving 'turkey'

This Thanksgiving turkey made an early arrival Wednesday afternoon at Midland's Allstate Insurance Co. office. Mike Warner, an employee at Enterprise Car Rental, donned the outfit and visited local insurance companies throughout the day to help workers get into the holiday spirit.

Settlements near in 1990 Williams air-crash lawsuits

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff writer

Families of the men who were killed in a Valentine's Day 1990 airplane crash near Putnam are finalizing out-of-court settlements with Mitsubishi and the insurance carrier for Williams Aviation.

"They are certainly close but not completely finalized," said Marshal Turner, with the New York law firm of Condon & Forsyth, which represents Mitsubishi.

Attorneys Frank Guinta and Jeffrey Hinkley, who represent Claudia Egan, said settlements were reached with Mitsubishi several months ago.

In addition, their client made a settlement with Williams Aviation last week.

Terms of the agreements prohibit disclosing the amount of money to be paid.

"By virtue of the fact we got it done, it was acceptable to all parties," Hinkley said.

"There seems to be a great deal of relief (for our client)," Guinta said.

Five wrongful death lawsuits against Mitsubishi, four that include Williams Aviation as a defendant, are filed in the 193rd District Court in Dallas.

Although the cases are filed separately, they are consolidated and scheduled to be heard jointly in January.

Because attorneys for the three other families, Williams Aviation and their insurer, could not be reached Wednesday, other settlements by Williams Aviation could not be confirmed.

In a federal lawsuit against Mitsubishi Heavy Industries by Williams Aviation, a seven-person jury in Midland in April found Mitsubishi 68 percent at fault for the accident and the 52-year-old pilot, Kenneth Mardis, 32 percent in error.

Jurors determined that the aircraft was flawed in design and unfit to fly in icy conditions — which contributed to the crash. Jurors were not asked to determine why the pilot was partially responsible.

Williams Aviation was awarded $462,600, the value of the Mitsubishi MU-2 turboprop, purchased in 1980.

A probable cause report released in September 1991 by the National Transportation Safety Board indicated the crash was the result of "improper planning/decision by the pilot." That report was not admissible at the trial.

Mitsubishi contends the crash

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Texas authors join to sign their westerns

By Darren J. Waggoner
Staff writer

The four gentlemen spoke softly, each with a distinct wit, powerful enough to tame the angriest cowpoke.

But it wasn't trouble they sought.

Western authors Jack Ballas and John S. McCord joined Midland novelists Wayne Barton and Stan Williams Wednesday for an old-fashioned book-signing at Miz B's Books in Midland.

Each man tells a different story but Barton and Williams often write the same.

"This is the third book we've done together," Barton says. "And I'm trying desperately to finish the manuscript to 'High Country', which is due to the publisher on Dec. 1."

Barton, a 48-year-old Arco engineer, and Williams, a 54-year-old Odessa College English professor, say they met on a jury about 10 years ago when they learned of the other's passion for writing.



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Signing autographs at Miz B's Books Wednesday are Texas authors, left to right, Jack Ballas of Euless, John McCord of Bedford and Wayne Barton and Stan Williams, both of Midland.

They soon joined forces and are now working on a joint contract to pen six books for Pocket Books. Thus far, the Barton/Williams collaboration has produced 'Warhorse', 'Live by the Gun' and 'Manhunt' — the latest which they signed on Wednesday.

Williams had published a few stories in various literary collections when the pair hooked up. Barton had already written two books and had earned the Golden Spur award and the Medicine Pipe Bearer's award from the Western Writers of America.

Williams is charged with roughly pounding out the story. Then Barton moseys in to smooth out the edges.

"I bring it between the fences, so to speak," he says.

Their books haven't made them rich yet, they claim, but they're working on it.

"One thing a writer learns is to be patient. Our sales kind of come and go," Williams says. "With Westerns, the initial part is getting your name known."

The duo have hit the publicity trail at numerous book-signings recently to help circulate their names. Pocket Books has also stepped up promotions for the pair, including distributing a post-

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Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

Donated feast

Rocio Vejar adds a helping of gravy to Israel Ramirez'searly Thanksgiving dinner at Boys and Girls Club Wednesday afternoon. The dinner was prepared by a group of members from food donated by parents and local merchants.

GARY OTT

Don't be lured into believing cold weather is 'neat'

This is that time of the year, before winter really kicks in, when the first cold weather footage from around the country is shown on TV news programs. Like most people in sunny West Texas, you are probably tempted to say, "Gee, doesn't that look neat?"



Ott

If other people are with you at the time, they might reply with something like, "I wish we had more snow down here." Or, "Cold weather is so invigorating. I just love it." Or, and this is my favorite, "We miss so much of life because we are cursed with nice weather all the time."

People who say things like that are incredibly stupid and should be locked up in a padded cell before they can cause any real damage to the rest of us.

Let's set a few things straight right now:

■ Cold weather is *not* invigorating. It's numbing. It also makes embarrassing stuff come out of your nose without you knowing it, which can be particularly unfortunate if you happen to have a mustache and are in the middle of making a presentation to an important client.

■ Snow, while pretty on Christmas cards, will eventually become ice and slush, which in turn causes stupid drivers, who are no doubt enjoying the wintry scene outside instead of concentrating on their driving, to ram into the back of your brand new car.

■ The only part of life you are missing by not living in the North Country is the joy of having your battery go dead on a delightful January morning when the temperature has soared all the way to the minus-10-degree mark.

So the next time you are watching huge snow drifts form on TV and are tempted to a make a favorable comment, stick a sock in your mouth.

The rest of us would rather be out on the golf course, and we don't need you weirdos wishing for snow just so you can "experience the full effect of all four seasons."

Of course, the fact that I have said all of this will do no good whatsoever. You will still, in a moment of weakness, give a pleasant thought or two to cold weather. It will be brief, but it will occur nonetheless.

And, frankly, it is not completely your fault. The blame should be placed at the feet of Hollywood.

The producers and directors there — be it in movies or on TV — have an uncanny ability to make winter look appealing. They show people all bundled up and rushing from one department store to another. They are invariably giggling and wishing each other well. Even the music they put with the pictures is uplifting. If you didn't know better - you could almost be lured into believing everyone is having fun.

But that's the key. You *do* know better.

Those people, regardless of their happy expressions, are miserable. Their toes are frozen stiff, their ears have turned purple and they have lost all feeling in their nose ... and we *know* the embarrassment that can cause.

Still, I can hear a few of you saying, "But, Gary, where's your sense of adventure? Life is boring when each day is the same as the one before it. We need some excitement to liven things up."

Yeah, right, like maybe a 200-car pileup. I'm sure you saw what I'm talking about the other day on the news. It happened outside of Amarillo, though these fun-filled chain-reaction pileups generally work the same way: One car collides with another car, then another one comes along and smashes into those two, and that is followed by yet another car, and another one, and another one. And, well, you get the point.

Sounds like the perfect adventure to liven up an otherwise drab afternoon, doesn't it?

So be smart, people. Don't let a few oddballs fool you into believing that freezing snow is fun. It's not.

When those people start babbling about "the exhilaration that comes with cold weather," think of purple ears. If that doesn't do the trick, close your eyes and imagine yourself teeing off on the 18th Hole at Doral Country Club in Miami.

Hey, it's your choice. You can be part of that 200-car pileup if you want, but, as for me, I can't be bothered. I've got this 12-foot birdie putt to make.

Gary Ott is managing editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

WEST TEXAS IN BRIEF

■ Texas author to sign books at Midland mall

Noted Western author Elmer Kelton will be appearing at Waldenbooks in Midland Park Mall from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday to sign copies of his new hardcover release, "Slaughter."

Kelton, a native of West Texas, lives in San Angelo. He has earned numerous awards for his work including the Levi Strauss Golden Saddleman Award for Lifetime Achievement in Western Literature.

Set against the backdrop of the Llano Estacado, "Slaughter" centers around the conflict between buffalo hunters and Indians in the years following the Civil War.

■ Fort Worth Ballet to perform at Odessa school

ODESSA — The Fort Worth Ballet, presented by the Ector County Independent School District in cooperation with the Texas Commission on the Arts, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at Ector Junior High School, 809 W. Clements.

Tickets, priced at $7.50 for adults and $2 for children with the purchase of one adult ticket, may be purchased at the Ector County Independent School District Administration Building, 802 N. Sam Houston St.

The program will culminate a four-day program for fourth and fifth grade students conducted by the ballet in the school district.

In it's public program, the Fort Worth Ballet, under the artistic direction of Paul Mejia, will offer "A Magical Christmas" with excerpts from the "Nutcracker," Act II. "Sarasate," with music by Pablo de Sarasate, also will be performed with the traditional Spanish dances and masterly exploitation of the violin's possibilities.

The program will close with "Serenade," which is presented by arrangement with The George Balanchine Trust. This is the first ballet choreographed in America by George Balanchine, the great Russian-American choreographer.

For more information call 332-9151, Ext. No. 100.

■ OC to present photography lighting class

ODESSA — The Odessa College photography department is hosting a workshop in interior lighting Tuesday and Wednesday in the photography lab of the instructional building.

The workshop will be conducted by St. Louis photographer Barbara Martin and will consist of lecture, slide presentation and on-site residential and commercial shoots led by Ms. Martin, whose photographs are featured in the Christmas issue of Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

For more information call Steve Goff, chairman of the photography department at OC, 1-335-6497. The workshop is being funded by the college's student activities organization.

■ Four-hour opera preview to be broadcast

The "Met Marathon," a four-hour preview to the 53rd season of live Texaco-Metropolitan Opera radio broadcasts, will be broadcast locally at 12:30 p.m. Saturday on KCRS radio, 550 AM.

This broadcast will feature highlights from the recorded archives of more than half a century of Texaco-Metropolitan Opera radio broadcasts, and interviews with Met artists scheduled to perform during the upcoming 20-week live broadcast season.

The Marathon also will give listeners a unique backstage tour by following members of the Met Orchestra, Chorus and Ballet as well as prompter, stage director and stage manager through a typical day of rehearsals and performance.

The 53rd season begins Dec. 5 with Donizetti's "L'Elisir d'Amore."

DEATHS

Paul Jones

Paul Howard Jones, 71, brother of a Midland woman, died Monday in a Seattle, Wash., hospital.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hawthorne Funeral Home Chapel in Mount Vernon, Wash. with the Rev. Dave Dowlen officiating. Burial will follow at Hawthorne Memorial Park. VFW Post #933 will provide military honors.

Jones was born Aug. 2, 1921, in Burkburnett, the son of Paul Henry and Jewell Jones. At a young age, he moved with his family to Midland where he was educated and graduated from high school. He then entered the U.S. Army and served 29 years, achieving the rank of major.

Following his military career, he worked as a barber in a variety of locations in Texas, and later was the preventive maintenance supervisor for the City of Houston Water Department.

He married the former Sharon Rohweder in Rockport.

He moved to Port Orchard, Wash., in 1990, and to Sedro Woolley, Wash., in June of this year.

Survivors include his wife; three daughters, Jan Dotson of Seattle, Judy Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Teresa Donner of Monterey, Calif.; one son, Barry Styles of Lufkin; one sister, Winnina LeMarquand of Midland; eight grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be directed to the Midland Veterans Memorial, 4516 Lanham, Midland, Texas, 79703.

John M. Cooper

Services for John M. Cooper of Midland are set for 11 a.m. Friday at the Ellis Chapel with the Rev. Roy Roach officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Cooper died Monday at a local hospital.

Pallbearers will be Bryan Robbins, Cole Hobbs, Bobby Standley, A.C. Treadway, Tony Robbins and Brad Robbins. Honorary pallbearers will be Paul Winn, George Davis, Everette Sproles, C.L. "Red" Behrends, Lonnie Johnson and members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 2982.

Eleanor Wheeler

Services for Eleanor Thomas Wheeler of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Wheeler died Wednesday at a local care center.

Blind man enhances career with vision

By Joe Cutbirth
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Daniel Hart wasn't intimidated when the newest member of the Texas House walked into his office to get a picture made for the official special session portrait.

Rep. Tom Ramsey, D-Mount Vernon, wanted to talk about his election, but Hart was ready to work.

He sat Ramsey down, handed him a small metallic cylinder in a brown leather case and told him to put it against his upper lip while he adjusted the camera.

Seconds later Ramsey looked like he was on stage doing a bad Groucho Marx imitation with Hart directing the show. It was vintage Daniel Hart: a simultaneous mix of mischief, good-natured humor and hard work.

Too bad he couldn't see it for himself.

For almost 12 years, Hart has been one of the first contacts new lawmakers, journalists and legislative staff make at the Texas Capitol. From a crowded office in the main basement, he uses a system he created to make identification cards that people need for access to the House and Senate chambers.

Hart developed his own system for centering and focusing the camera by using a light probe. During a normal legislative year, Hart makes 1,800 to 2,000 cards.

"If you get the right person in here," it can be a lot of fun, Hart said. "They're going to say, 'Well, a blind person wouldn't tell me the wrong thing to do; he's not capable of that.' If it's someone sort of dingy, they will put it (the light meter) anywhere."

Construction workers fill the deserted halls outside Hart's office these days as the $150 million Capitol restoration project nears the halfway point.

A four-story underground annex that will house key committee rooms, a cafeteria, press facilities and offices for 10 senators and 99 representatives is almost finished, and longtime employees already are complaining about the maze of corridors, stairwells and passages they have to learn to navigate.

Not Hart.

He doesn't know where his new office will be, but when the time comes he plans to make the move in stride. In fact, questions about how he will adjust to the new surroundings seem to irritate him.

'I bet I pay more attention to where I am going than you do. I better, if I'm going to get my butt out of here.'

—Daniel Hart
blind ID card maker

"If I can go to New York City by myself or Germany by myself, why should a hole in the ground be a problem," Hart said. "I bet I pay more attention to where I am going than you do. I better, if I'm going to get my butt out of here."

Hart shares many of the same concerns state employees frequently voice. He says he thinks he's underpaid and wishes he had better equipment. He also says that being visually impaired has stifled his career.

"I feel I haven't been given the same opportunities as a sighted person might have been," he said. "A lot of people are almost afraid of a person with an impairment and are threatened by that."

Ironically, he says, the word "invisible" describes how he's often treated by sighted people.

In 1981, the Texas House hired Hart as a copy machine operator at a monthly salary of about $523. He was an honors student at Athens High School and attended a few semesters of junior college before taking the job.

A few months later, the two people who made identification cards retired, and he took over the job on his own initiative.

"I just started doing it," he said.

"No one ever acknowledged it until I went up and told the boss one day that it wasn't just happening. (I said) people weren't coming down there, and the cards weren't jumping out of the desk and the typewriter wasn't doing it by itself."

Hart said he asked for a raise, because the people who had the job before him was making about $1,500 a month each, but all he got was an extra $50.

"I still don't make that ($1,500 a month)," he said.

In taking over the job, Hart came up with a light probe system for centering and focusing the camera. Ask him how he knew about the equipment, and his reply is to the point.

"Common sense," he said.

"You know what equipment is available to do what," he said. "You just figure out a way to use it to do what you want it to do. It may not have been designed for what you are using it for, but if is will work for that, you use it for that."

Some of the changes he's made have streamlined the system, such as using a new camera that takes the four picture he needs with one shot.

"One reason I bought it was most of the press is very vain, and they want to stand there and look over their pictures for 10 minutes before they pick the one for their card," Hart said. "That put an end to that and sped up the process a whole lot."

To supplement his income, Hart began taking classes several years ago to learn massage therapy.

After more than 400 hours of training, he was licensed by the state. He specializes in helping severely injured people, especially those with head trauma.

"If someone is not there to do some heavy-duty work at the time of the injury, they can lose a joint — not because it was injured in a wreck or something fell on it, but the calcification process starts and can take place anywhere in the body."

He says he hopes to further that career and one day move completely into some phase of the medical profession.

"Just don't make me out to be Superman, and don't say how surprising it is that I do anything," Hart said. "Most of all, I'd like for people to see me as me, treat me as an equal and get on with life."

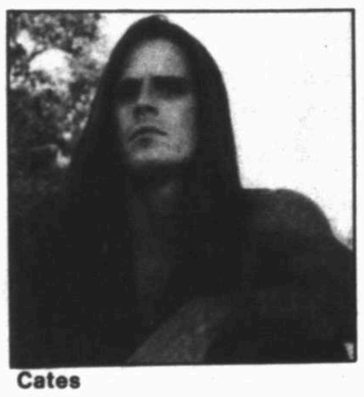
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Recording artist to perform at The Bar

V&R recording artist Leigh Cates returns to The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave., for performances at 9:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Cates, who grew up in Midland, performs lead vocals and plays bass. The trio, composed of Cates, lead guitarist Greg Brin and drummer Matt James, performs original works as well as songs by such performers as Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimi Hendrix, ZZ Top, B.B. King, the Allman Brothers and Lynyrd Skynyrd.

For more information call 685-1757.



Cates

BOOK: Texas authors meet for book signing

(From 1C)

er with their likenesses emblazoned on top.

"Manhunt" — about a Texas Ranger who hits the trail to investigate a murder in 1894 — is being cross-billed by Pocket Books as a western and mystery.

For Ballas and McCord, good friends who live a few miles apart between Dallas and Fort Worth, the journey to writing fame is much more storied.

Ballas, 71, is fulfilling a lifelong dream. McCord, 60, was lured into the literary world by his English professor wife who noted his flair for description and characterization in his letters home from Vietnam, which he wrote daily.

"But I had no aspirations of writing," McCord says. "I had only done school writing and bureaucratic writing in the military. It was a new and pleasant discovery to learn you could write and have it be fun."

Ballas agrees.

"If it ever ceases to be fun I will quit. I worked all my life with stress, now I'm doing what I want to do," Ballas says.

Ballas and McCord write alone but think a lot alike.

"I love the West. I love Texas. And I love the ways and morality of the 1870s and 1880s," Ballas says.

"And I love westerns," McCord says. "Can you think of any other genre where all three conflicts basic to novels exist? There's man against man, man against nature and man against self. We can include them all."

Both men agree their combat experience has helped them tell the tale of violence.

McCord is a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel who served in the Korean War and spent his 30th and 40th birthdays in Vietnam during two tours as an advisor.

Ballas served in World War II and Korea, earning a total of 13 battle stars.

CRASH: Families to finalize settlement

(From 1C)

was entirely pilot error.

Hinkley and Guinta said the settlement agreement prohibited comment on whether the settlement in the state suit reflected the percentage liabilities determined in the federal suit.

Those killed in the crash, in addition to the pilot, were Robert Smith, 62, (Ms. Egan's husband), Jamie Winkel, 45, Randy M. Kidwell, 37, and Aaron Giebel, 63.

The men were all business associates of then-gubernatorial candidate Clayton Williams Jr.

SETTLE: GM pays restitution

(From 1C)

the company had concerns about the placement of the gas tanks.

Giving GM credit for being responsible, Hinkley said of the settlement: "Maybe they did the right thing."

Strasburger & Price, a law firm that represents General Motors for product litigation in Texas, on Wednesday declined comment on the truck design and said no one was available to respond to Krug's case.

But a representative with the firm said the settlement represents no admission of liability.

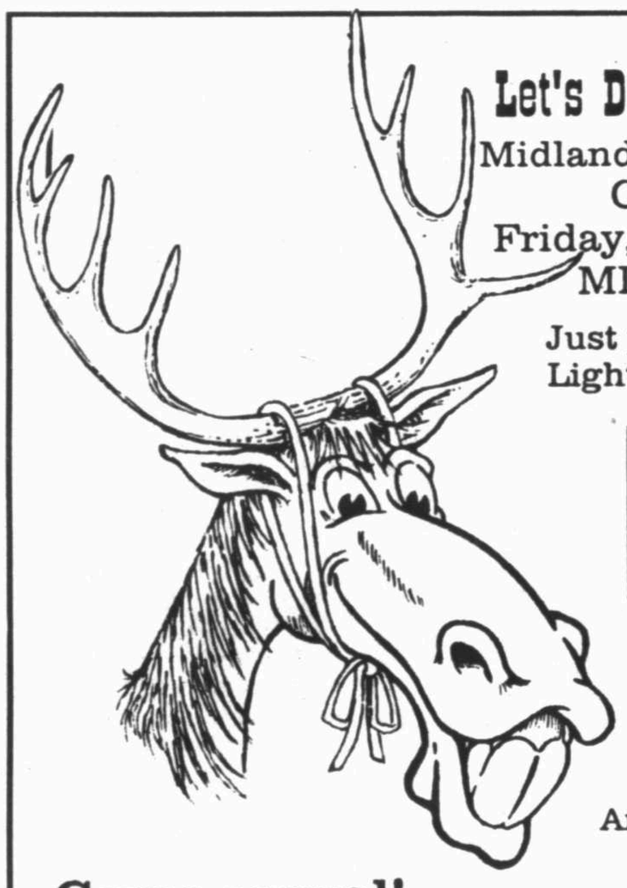
In national news reports — including the Nov. 30 edition of *Time* magazine which mentions the Krug accident — GM has claimed the design is safe.

That doesn't change Hinkley and Guinta's findings.

"If I had one, I would get rid of it. That's my personal opinion," Hinkley said.

"I agree absolutely," Guinta said.

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Texas reaches out to homeless this Thanksgiving

Associated Press

Sally Shipman remembers a time not so long ago when the homeless population consisted mainly of men and women down on their luck.

But this Thanksgiving Day will be marked by a growing number of entire families seeking food, shelter and clothing.

"The family shelters stay packed," said Ms. Shipman, executive director of the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston and Harris County. "Until about three years ago, families were not that much of the homeless population.

"But the most rapidly growing group of homeless is women with children and families."

There are about 10,000 homeless people, including 1,500 children in Houston. About 80 percent of them, according to studies, are hidden in abandoned buildings and public places.

Standard shelter space in the city would house about 2,000 people, and the extra space planned by the Star of Hope Mission and the Salvation Army would settle about 1,000 more. Still, that leaves about 7,000 people out in the cold.

"The equation is changing. Clearly, there are still the hard-core poor and destitute," said Jim Ivey, director of the North Texas Food Bank in Dallas. "But what we are beginning to see are children, elderly and the working poor who simply cannot stretch what their income is through a month if something goes wrong with the car or another expense arises.

"It is not a question of freeloading, but that they can't make it on what they are making," he said.

Through Sept. 30, the food bank has provided food for 232,207 families, said Ivey. A total of 3,360,193 meals have been prepared through the agency. It will provide thousands of meals through its 200 client agencies on Thanksgiving.

In San Antonio, the major citywide effort is the 13th annual Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens, expected to attract 17,000 people at the convention center.

This week the aroma of cooking turkeys filled the convention center basement, and chefs made huge trays of cornbread. An exhibit hall was set up with about 350 tables Wednesday and decorated with the creations of students from 85 area schools, said event director Alice Guerra.

But only half the estimated $60,000 needed to pay for the dinner has been raised.

"The money will come in," Ms. Guerra said.

The African-American Business and Professional Coalition in Lubbock is planning to serve at least 500 donated lunches at Big John's BBQ, Wiley's Bar-B-Que and Revelation Restaurant.

"Last year we piled on the heapings and fed them like kings," coalition President Greg Phea said.

Salvation Army Capt. Will Cundiff said he expects to feed turkey, dressing and pumpkin pie to more than 200 people today at the Lubbock shelter.

Senate calls on president to declassify information

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate on Wednesday approved a resolution calling on the president to declassify information about Americans missing in Vietnam and Southeast Asia.

The resolution also urges that the United States not normalize diplomatic and economic relations with Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia until those countries have helped "make a complete accounting of the missing."

Sen. Peggy Rosson, D-El Paso, sponsored the measure that she said is being pushed by the American Legion in all 50 states to seek more information about the 2,273 American servicemen and civilians missing in Southeast Asia.

"One hundred and forty-five of these men are from Texas," Ms. Rosson said. "I believe it is important for Texas to assist the American Legion in this effort."

The resolution included the names and hometowns of the missing Texas servicemen, some of whom have been unaccounted for since 1963.

"The majority of information obtained on these missing citizens to date has remained classified, denying the families of these missing Americans, as well as the press and the American public, access to reports of live prisoner sightings, burial site locations and detainment camp locations," the resolution said.

"Much of this important information could be declassified without compromising the methods, resources and identities of intelligence operatives," it added.

Ms. Rosson said the American Legion wants the information made public to help the families of the missing.

"The Legion's concern is that because there has been a softening of relations between Vietnam and our country recently, and a greater openness with regard to records, and because there is pressure being brought to more rapidly normalize trade relations ... that somehow the 2,200 missing Americans and their families may get lost in the shuffle" she said.

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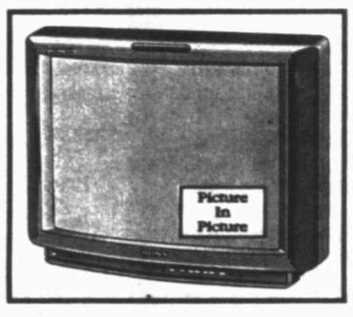


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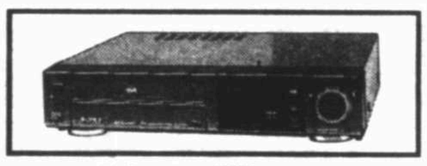
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Lawmakers break for holiday without ending deadlock

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Ann Richards used school children as a backdrop Wednesday to urge an end to what she called a "partisan game" over public education funding in the Legislature.

"It is time we stop this silliness and remember what we are elected to do. We are elected to solve problems," said Richards at an elementary school.

Lawmakers, meanwhile, broke for a long Thanksgiving weekend without breaking a partisan deadlock on school finance.

Richards and other Democratic leaders favor a proposed constitutional amendment on school funding that has been blocked in the House by Republicans. She said leaders have worked hard to accommodate Republicans and she still hopes a compromise can be reached.

State leaders have warned that schools may be shut down if lawmakers don't meet a June 1, 1993, Texas Supreme Court deadline for a constitutional plan to equalize funding among rich and poor school districts. Public education is funded mainly from local property taxes and state aid.

Richards and House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said Wednesday that if the issue winds up back in court, the result could be forced school district consolidation.

"If we can't solve it ... I think what the court would do is something that the education community doesn't want it to do, the taxpayers don't want it to do, and many other people don't want it to do, because the true solution is very harsh," Lewis said.

He said he was referring to school consolidation, an idea he proposed earlier that quickly sank.

Richards said, "I think that's entirely possible."

She also said it would be unfortunate if, as some have said, lawmakers won't be moved to pass legislation until the deadline is upon them.

"If ... the feeling that we have is that they don't want to resolve anything until they cannot ignore it any longer, then maybe that's what brings them to their knees. And these children pay a price for that," she said. "I think it's wrong."

Richards spoke on a visit to Gullett Elementary School, which was earlier given two turkeys by the governor to replace one they had been studying that was stolen.

She said she wanted to focus attention on the children as the school finance struggle continues.

Lawmakers in the House and Senate planned to work over the long weekend to try to put together a school finance compromise that could salvage the special session that began Nov. 10.

The Senate already has approved a proposed constitutional amendment that would allow redistribution of local property tax money among school districts and set a standard for school finance equity. Democratic leaders hope that would free the state from continuing court battles.

But most House Republicans said they wouldn't support a constitutional amendment unless the Legislature first approved a specific spending plan they like.

Court: Boy's 'ponytail' fight with school deserves trial

By Mike Erickson
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — A 10-year-old Central Texas boy who was taught in isolation after refusing to cut his ponytail will have his day in court, the Third Court of Appeals ruled Wednesday.

The court reversed a lower court's decision to dismiss Zachariah Toungate's lawsuit against the Bastrop Independent School District.

The appeals court ruled that Zachariah's challenge to the constitutionality of the school district's hair length limits for boys deserves a trial.

Charles Beall, Zachariah's attorney, said the appeals court established a balancing test that directs the trial court to weigh the school's interest in educating students against his client's right not to be discriminated against on the basis of sex.

That means the school district must prove that Zachariah's ponytail interfered with the ability of students to learn, Beall said.

"The bottom line is that unless they show that long hair disrupts the learning process, then their long-hair rule isn't any good," he said.

And because Zachariah was a model student before the rule went into effect his third-grade year, that won't be possible, Beall said.

"The only thing that changed was the rules. So how did he cause the disruption? He didn't. The school caused the disruption," Beall said.

Zachariah was given in-school suspension in October 1990 after he refused to cut a wispy ponytail that violated district rules requiring boys to have hair no longer than the bottom of their shirt collars.

He was taught alone, by a substitute teacher, in a twelve-by-fifteen foot room and required to take lunch and recess apart from other students. Zachariah could not participate in choir, music or physical education classes during the suspension.

In February 1991, the boy's parents withdrew him from school and taught him at home for the remainder of the school year. He now attends a private school in Austin.

Attorney Paul Hunn, who represents the school district, said officials are prepared to defend the dress code in court.

"We're not concerned about taking the case to trial. If that's what we need to do, that's what we'll do," Hunn said.

Hunn said he did not know if the school district would choose to appeal the appeals court's decision to the Texas Supreme Court.

According to court documents, the school district contends that students do not have the same rights as adults and that dress codes are necessary to maintain discipline and order.

The appeals court sided with school officials in upholding a previous ruling that Zachariah's mother, September Toungate, is not entitled to collect actual and exemplary damages from the school district.

Many want to ban 'Sex' in libraries

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston City Council member is calling for an independent committee to review Madonna's new book "Sex," siding with pornography opponents who want to keep the book out of the public library system.

"I think you've got to draw the line somewhere, and I think this is a good place to draw the line," Councilwoman Christin Hartung said at the weekly city council meeting Tuesday.

Ms. Hartung said she shares the concerns of nearly a dozen people who appeared before the council to protest placement of the pop star's book in the library. She wrote a memo to Mayor Bob Lanier requesting creation of a committee to review library donations.

The best-selling sexual fantasy book has drawn fire in Houston since librarians revealed plans to purchase four copies with funds from an anonymous donor. Publicity about the protests subsequently generated donations of four more copies.

Pending a final decision, "Sex" is not available at the library, Bates said.

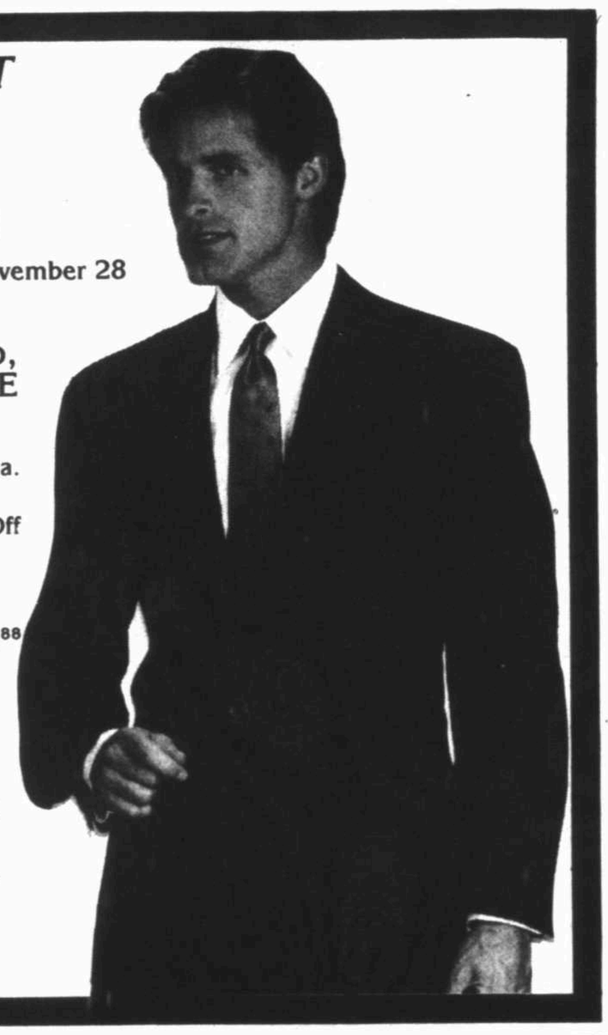
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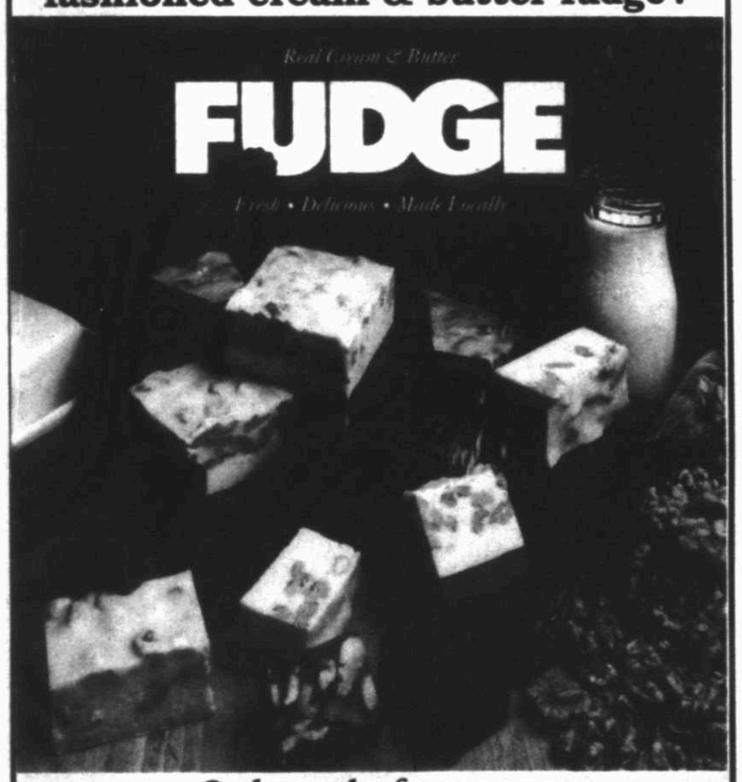


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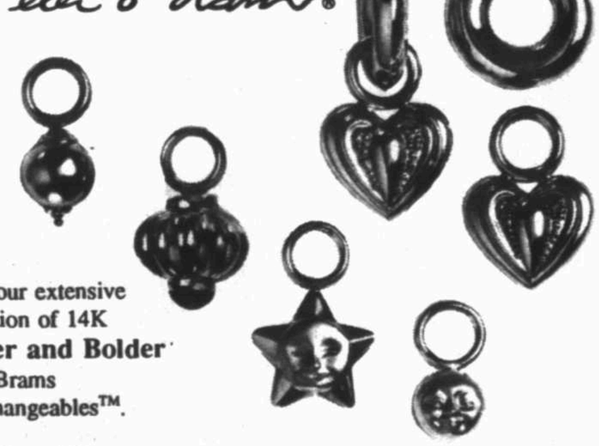
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Yeltsin shuffles personnel before battle with hard-liners in parliament

MOSCOW (AP) — A senior aide to President Boris Yeltsin resigned Wednesday as the Russian leader shuffled his Cabinet in preparation for a political battle with hard-liners in parliament next week.

Mikhail Poltoranin, a Yeltsin confidant who served as deputy prime minister and minister of information, said in his letter of resignation he was stepping down to protect "the president against attacks from revenge-seekers."

But opposition leaders said Poltoranin's resignation did not go far enough.

"I don't think that Yeltsin will be able to solve the problem just by shuffling the deck," said lawmaker Vladimir Isakov, a founder of the National Salvation Front, a hard-line group banned by Yeltsin.

An increasingly vocal and powerful opposition movement, drawing on public anger over the failing economy, wants Yeltsin to slow the pace of privatization and assure that enterprises do not go bankrupt, which would throw tens of thousands of people out of work.

Yeltsin has vowed to continue his reforms. He also had pledged not to sacrifice members of his reform team to appease critics in the Congress of People's Deputies, which convenes Tuesday.

But Yeltsin accepted Poltoranin's resignation, along with that of Education Minister Eduard Dneprov, a minor political figure. He also appointed a new director of the central television and radio system in place of reformer Yegor Yakovlev.

Yeltsin aides, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they expected the president to also drop Vice Prime Minister Valery Makharadze and to move State Secretary Gennady Burbulis out of the picture by appointing him ambassador to a Western European country.

The Russian president used the same tactics before last spring's session of Congress, when he gave some ground on personnel and policy in return for an extension of his power to make economic policy and name Cabinet ministers by decree.

Yeltsin's decree-making powers expire when the Congress convenes Tuesday.

Bill's passage to split Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — After 74 years as a nation, Czechoslovakia will split in two at the end of the year.

Parliament on Wednesday approved a bill to form independent nations of Czechs and Slovaks.

"After Dec. 31, 1992, the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic ceases to exist," says the bill, the last legal hurdle to the parting.

Opponents had demanded a referendum. Most public opinion polls show the majority of the federation's 15.5 million people are against a split. But leaders said there was no viable way to keep the federation together.

The bill's passage Wednesday means the country can divide peacefully under constitutional law.

Two other formerly Communist, Slav-dominated federations, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia, have broken up in chaos and violence.

Under Czech Premier Vaclav Klaus, the Czech republic, with about 10 million people, is moving ahead rapidly to put four decades of communism behind it.

Poorer, eastern Slovakia, with 5 million people, is governed by populist Premier Vladimir Meciar, who expresses the resentment some Slovaks feel toward what they see as Czech domination. They also fear that their weak economy will be further damaged by a rapid transition from communism.

Czechoslovakia was created from the remains of the Austro-Hungarian Empire after World War I ended in 1918.

Many of Czechoslovakia's large, Communist-style factories are in Slovakia, and unemployment is already several times higher than in the Czech republic.

Meciar and Klaus agreed to divide the federation following their electoral victories in June after they could not agree on keeping the country unified.

Klaus said relations between Czechs and Slovaks actually improved while they negotiated the breakup of the common state. "Unfortunately, we needed the dissolution to let the relations be equal," he said.

Czech and Slovak officials are negotiating a series of agreements to untangle the web of interests that connect them.

Agency halts Somalian aid after attack

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A U.N. relief agency suspended food shipments to Somalia on Wednesday after one of its ships was attacked. Later, a U.N. soldier was shot and badly wounded, the United Nations said.

The attacks on the troops and World Food Program ship have increased demands by U.N. officials for greater military protection in the lawless nation, where at least 300,000 people have died from drought and warfare.

The peacekeeper was shot in the left shoulder near the neck and was evacuated to Nairobi, Kenya, for treatment, said a report from the U.N.'s Somalia envoy, Ismat Kittani, read in New York.

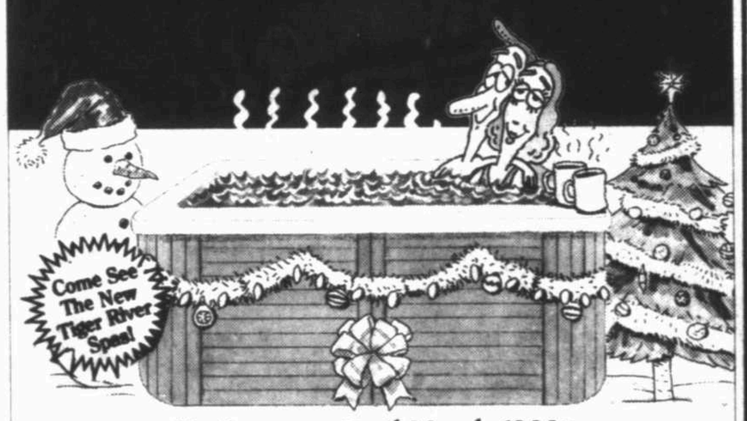
A lone gunman ambushed a U.N. car in Mogadishu and wounded Maj. Saqlain of the 500-man Pakistani battalion of U.N. peacekeepers, U.N. officials said. The report said two military observers, a Finn and Zimbabwean, were also in the car but escaped harm. The men were driving home from their headquarters.

A U.N. spokesman in Mogadishu identified the gunman as a clan member and said the car was hijacked.

"We are in the process of lodging a strong protest over this," U.N. spokesman Joe Sills said in New York, but he would not say to whom in lawless Somalia the protest would be sent.

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Its product line includes seven sizes and 21 styles of caskets, each constructed of high-impact styrene plastic. The biggest model, with satin interior lining, costs about $200. A cremation urn or tiny casket, though, costs as little as $15.

Hoegh scoffs at those who criticize his business as catering to a trendy indulgence.

"Pets are a part of the family for many people," he said. "And when they die, there's a grieving process the owners go through. Some want to do something a little more special.

"It's especially good for children. It helps them feel they've taken care of their pet, done all they can."

On the practical side, he noted, it's getting more difficult to dispose of animal remains. Many landfills now refuse them, he said.

Hoegh, 59, who runs his company with his wife Jeanne, said he first got the idea for his business in the mid-1960s when he was working for an Iowa food-processing company. A friend who was breeding dogs had wanted a casket for a prized animal that just died, but couldn't find one for sale and ended up making his own.

Hoegh figured there must be others in the same predicament. So he started making caskets in his basement and hit the road in search of buyers.

"As I would go from farm to farm in Iowa ... every single one would have a cemetery under a tree for the dog or cat. You'd see the little wooden crosses," he said.

Business lagged at first, then picked up after he moved to Michigan and got some investor backing.

Carolyn Shea, the executive director of the International Association of Pet Cemeteries, says Hoegh is "like the daddy of the pet casket industry." "In the 21 years I've been ordering from him, I've never gotten a defective product," said Shea, who also owns a pet cemetery near Tampa, Fla.

She says other companies are trying to break into the niche business, and some manufacturers of caskets for people also make them for animals as a sideline. But Hoegh is probably the nation's biggest company whose main product is the pet casket, she said.

Hoegh Industries has 10 employees, and contracts with a half-dozen people who sew the coverings, cushions and pillows for the inside.

Sample caskets are on display in the factory's showroom. Out back is a model pet cemetery, with rows of small granite markers and plaques with pictures of animals and inscriptions such as "Our Special Girl." There's a columbarium — a wall with niches for cremation urns.

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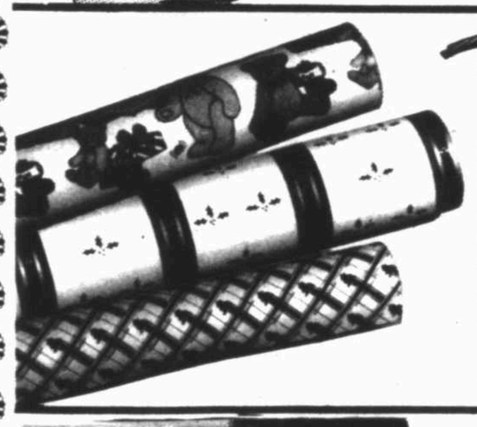
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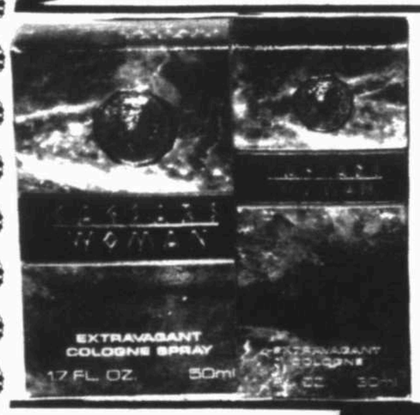
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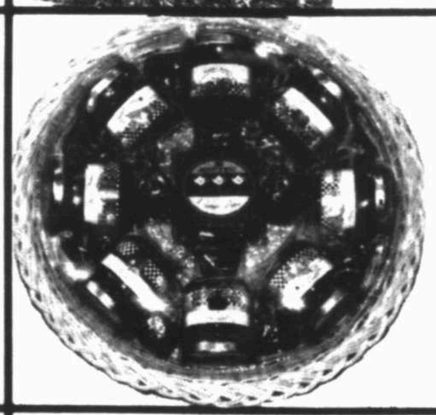
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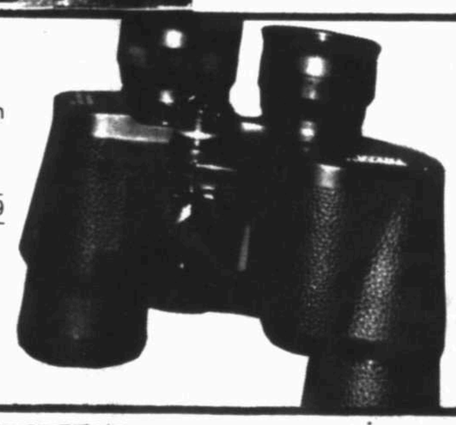


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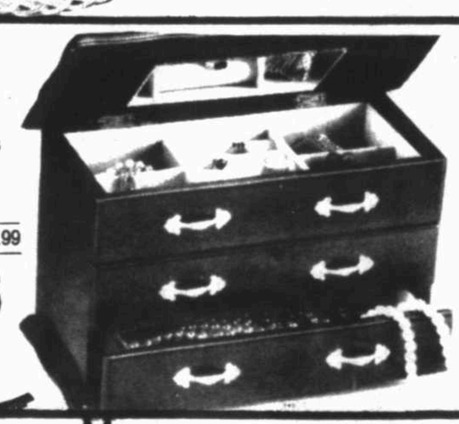
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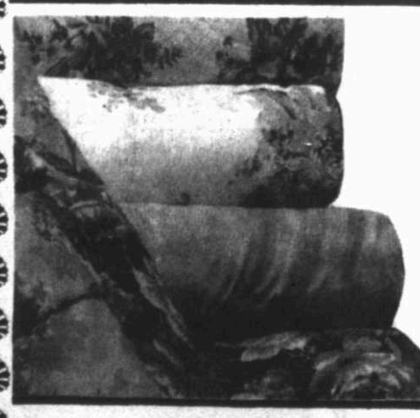
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Michigan Legislature acts against assisted suicide

By Isabel Wilkerson
N.Y. Times News Service

CHICAGO — Two years after Dr. Jack Kevorkian began a one-man crusade to help gravely ill people kill themselves with devices he made and one day after a sixth woman committed suicide with such a device, the Michigan Legislature took steps to ban the practice.

The House of Representatives passed a bill, 72-29, on Tuesday to make assisted suicide a felony punishable by four years in prison while a state commission studies the matter and makes recommendations for final legislation. The commission's work is expected to take about 15 months.

The bill is virtually assured of passage next week in the state Senate, which has approved a similar prohibition, and is likely to be signed by Gov. John Engler, a Republican whose major criticism of the measure has been that it is not a permanent ban.

Since Kevorkian helped an Oregon woman afflicted with Alzheimer's disease kill herself in June 1990, Michigan has been wrestling with both the moral question of assisted death and the more immediate problem of Kevorkian's flouting attempts to stop him. On three different occasions, charges against the doctor have been thrown out by judges who noted that assisted suicide was not a crime in Michigan.

Bills to address the issue were held up in committee in the Democratic-controlled House as poll after poll showed that nearly two-thirds of Michigan residents supported laws permitting doctors to assist people committing suicide.

In that time, five more women killed themselves with Kevorkian by their sides, including Catherine A. Andreyev, a cancer patient from a Pittsburgh suburb who died Monday.

"We have been in a two-year struggle here in Michigan," said Sen. Fred Dillingham, a Fowlerville Republican who was a co-sponsor of the ban adopted in March by the Republican-controlled Senate.

"It took us not only two years, but six deaths. Dr. Kevorkian's actions yesterday added to the necessity to deal with the issue. It has continued to build. Now Dr. Kevorkian will be out of business in Michigan."

Kevorkian has continued to help people kill themselves despite an injunction barring him from using his devices and the loss of his Michigan medical license. He is still licensed in California.

The 64-year-old pathologist was characteristically upbeat and defiant after hearing about the bill's passage. "It's essentially a bill against one person," Kevorkian said. "It's like we're still in the Dark Ages."

He would not say whether he would stop using his devices to help people die either by lethal injection or by breathing carbon monoxide.

"I got seven to eight calls today from people wanting my help," he said on Tuesday. "I'm counseling about five or six other people. Who's ever mentioned the patient in all of this? I've only done six in two and a half years. Is that an epidemic?"

For more than two years, Richard Thompson, the Oakland County prosecutor, has waged a losing battle against Kevorkian, three times filing murder charges against the pathologist only to see them thrown out.

Kevorkian became a major campaign issue in Thompson's re-election bid earlier this month, when the prosecutor's Democratic opponent accused him of squandering the taxpayers' money by trying to put the pathologist behind bars. Thompson won by less than 40,000 votes of nearly 500,000 cast.

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Commuter train-truck crash kills one, hurts 12

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A commuter train slammed into a truck at an unmarked crossing Wednesday, killing the truck driver and injuring 12 train passengers just a month after the rail service opened.

The three-car Metrolink train, traveling at 77 mph and carrying about 75 passengers, slammed into the truck in the Pacoima area of the San Fernando Valley, 15 miles north of downtown.

"There was this big scraping sound, then pow!" said Domingo Madias, who works at a nearby gas station. "I knew it had hit something."

Although the engineer had set the emergency brakes after seeing the truck, the train slid down the tracks after impact, dragging truck wreckage for nearly a mile. It finally stopping when it derailed.

Why the train slid so far was under investigation.

The truck driver died on impact. Injuries to train passengers were minor, authorities said.

The train hit a dump truck traveling on a road used only by city workers driving to and from a city maintenance yard, said Bill Currier, director of operations for the Southern California Regional Rail Authority.

There are no warning lights or a gate at the crossing.



AP Laserphoto

The front car of a Metrolink commuter train is derailed after the train collided with a trash truck near Los Angeles Wednesday morning. The truck driver was killed and 12 rail commuters were hurt slightly. It was the first accident on the month-old Metrolink system.

The double-deck train began its trip in suburban Santa Clarita, heading downtown. The train was being pushed by a locomotive, a common procedure, and the engineer sat in a cab at the front of the lead passenger car.

As the train neared the crossing, the engineer sounded the whistle and horn as is routine, Currier said.

It was the first accident in the short history of Metrolink, and officials sought to portray it as the truck driver's fault.

Tsongas calls cancer report 'speculation'

Hearst News Service

BOSTON — A growth in former Democratic presidential candidate Paul Tsongas' abdomen is cancerous, but his doctors have said it can be treated, a newspaper reported Wednesday.



Tsongas

Tsongas will probably undergo treatment with radiation, The Boston Globe reported, citing an unidentified source close to the former senator.

"I'm not going to confirm anything," Tsongas said in a telephone interview from his Lowell home.

He called the newspaper story "speculation" and said he would speak at a news conference Monday.

Tsongas, who ended his Senate career in 1984 after learning he had cancer, underwent a biopsy of the abdominal lump last week at Brigham and Women's Hospital, the newspaper said.

About a month after he dropped out of this year's presidential race, The New York Times reported doctors had found a lump in Tsongas' armpit in 1987, something his doctors had not disclosed during the campaign.

Tsongas said at the time that he had discussed the lump in interviews before the campaign. He pledged to make his medical records public if he were to run for office again.

Tsongas was first diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in 1983 and decided not to seek re-election to the Senate.

He had conventional treatment in 1984 and 1985, but his condition worsened. Besides radiation, he underwent an experimental operation in July 1986 in which some bone marrow was removed and treated to kill the cancer cells.

Tsongas works with the Concord Coalition, a public interest group he and Sen. Warren Rudman, R-N.H., created to focus attention on the nation's economic problems.

Wild turkeys return to the dinner table after century-long absence

N.Y. Times News Service

BOSTON — Wild turkeys, the main dish of feasting Pilgrims, are back to stay in New England after disappearing for more than a century, wildlife biologists say.

Clear-cutting of forests for farmland and unrestricted hunting drove the Eastern wild turkey from New England in the mid-1800s. About two decades ago, state biologists began restoration programs to bring them back in an effort diversify the region's wildlife.

Now, the biologists say, the turkeys are not just surviving, they are finally thriving.

In Massachusetts, home of the first Thanksgiving, 37 wild turkeys introduced in the western part of the state in 1972 have produced a population of 8,000 to 10,000, said a state biologist, James E. Cardoza. "We thought it was appropriate to have them back in the land of the Pilgrims," he said.

The five New England states have an estimated 28,800 Eastern wild turkeys, said Dr. James Earl Kennamer, director of research and management for the National Wild Turkey Federation in Edgefield, S.C.

The bird is proving to be far more adaptable than biologists expected, thriving not only in their traditional habitat of hardwood forests, but also in pockets of farmland and in drainage areas, Kennamer said. As their numbers have grown in the United States, they have also become more popular to hunt, he said.

More sharp-eyed than humans and faster than a sprinting racehorse, a wild turkey is considered one of the ultimate challenges for a hunter, he said. Although there are usually spring and fall hunting seasons, hunters usually have better luck in the spring, simulating the call of a hen during mating season.

"It's a tremendous challenge and more times than not, the turkey wins," said Kennamer.

The wild turkeys reintroduced in New England are the same that were once indigenous to the area before massive clear-cutting for dairy, sheep and other farms began in the 1800s.

They are smaller, leaner and have more dark meat than turkeys bred to be eaten, which are descended from turkeys domesticated by Incas in Mexico and introduced into Europe by returning Spanish explorers in the 1300s. Pilgrims brought these turkeys back to the Americas.

Wild turkeys can be found in all states but Alaska, the wild turkey federation says. The largest wild turkey populations are in Texas, Missouri, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia.

"As far as re-establishing wildlife species populations across New England, nothing has occurred like the expansion of wild turkeys," said Scott Darling, a wildlife biologist with the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife. Vermont began its restoration program in 1969 with 31 wild turkeys, and outpaces other New England states with a population of 15,000.

Attempts to bring back the peregrine falcon, the pine martin and the osprey are having nowhere near the success, Darling said. He credits the development of "rocket net systems," which captured birds from the wild turkey population in New York.

Tiny rockets launched the nets over an area containing the turkeys and trapped the birds before they could speed away. The turkeys were then transferred to New England.

Although expanding farms were largely to blame for the disappearance of wild turkeys in New England, they have also played a role in re-establishing wild turkey populations here, said Ted Walski, a New Hampshire biologist.

Russia regains export credits after payment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia repaid its overdue loans Wednesday, a day after the Agriculture Department suspended it from a government export program for nonpayment.

USDA spokesman Roger Runningen said Russia, the biggest U.S. wheat customer, was reinstated to the export credit guarantee program after it paid $405,000 that was overdue to a bank and $2.4 million that would have been in default if it had not been paid by day's end.

Russia had been suspended from the program Tuesday after it was late with $10.9 million in loan payments to four banks. Although it made those payments in full later in the day, USDA was unable to confirm the payments until Wednesday. In the meantime, the department received word from a bank that $405,000 was in arrears, Runningen said.

An additional $2.4 million was due to be repaid Wednesday, Runningen said.

"They have made all their payments," Runningen said. "The Russians are back in the game. The default notices have been lifted and they were reinstated."

USDA had initially expected Russia to be reinstated to the credit guarantee program Tuesday.

Since 1991, the department has extended about $5 billion in credit guarantees to Russia, Ukraine and, before its disintegration, the former Soviet Union.

Russia, which has received $1.2 billion in credit guarantees, is also responsible for the $3.75 billion that had been extended to the Soviet Union.

USDA also used the export credit guarantee program to extend about $5 billion in credit guarantees to Iraq before it invaded Kuwait in 1990.

The General Accounting Office, the watchdog agency of Congress, is looking at the export credit guarantee program's overall portfolio, and specifically at the former Soviet Union's debts and creditworthiness.

Current loan amounts outstanding total $13.55 billion under the program. Of that, banks are owed $9.04 billion and the government is due $4.51 billion because of defaults on bank loans, according to information obtained by the GAO for Rep. Bob Wise, D-W.Va. and the chairman of the House Government Operations subcommittee on agriculture and justice.

The former Soviet Union, including Russia, was the top foreign buyer of U.S. wheat and the country's No. 2 corn customer in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, according to USDA figures.

The Commonwealth of Independent States bought 8.7 million metric tons of wheat in fiscal 1992, and 6.4 million tons of corn, second only to Japan. It has also purchased or received donations of U.S. flour, rice, barley, vegetable oil, soybeans and soybean meal.

Judge bows out in teachers pay dispute

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The threat of a teachers' strike against the city's nearly bankrupt schools increased Wednesday after a judge removed himself from a pay dispute, allowing a 12 percent salary cut.

The Los Angeles Unified School District, the nation's second largest, had said it faced immediate bankruptcy if the pay cut were reversed by the judge. United Teachers-Los Angeles said its next move was clear-cut.

"If you want to stand up for your rights, then you're going to have to strike," Helen Bernstein, president of the 34,000-member union, said after Superior Court Judge Stephen E. O'Neil's ruling.

A strike has been authorized, but no date has been set.

O'Neil ruled he had no jurisdiction, saying the case belonged with state mediators.

A state budget crisis, blamed by politicians on the recession, prompted California to cut funding for public schools from $16.4 billion in 1991-92 to $16.2 billion this school year.

Before the cut, the average pay for teachers in the Los Angeles district was $42,000 a year.

The district on Oct. 2 voted a cumulative 12 percent reduction in the salaries of about 32,000 teachers, librarians and nurses to help offset a $400 million budget shortfall.

Three days later, O'Neil granted the teachers' request for a temporary injunction against the move. The district had to send out $19.7 million in supplemental checks after issuing a batch of reduced paychecks.

O'Neil's order expired Wednesday, allowing the salary cuts to take effect. The year-long contract began July 1, but bargaining continued on the proposed wage cuts.

Patrick F. Spencer, a district spokesman, said it will be weeks before a hearing can be held in Sacramento. Meantime, the district will impose the pay cut in future checks and deduct the $19.7 million in reimbursed funds.

"I've been in this district for 38 years and I've never seen anything like this," said Gordon Weisenburger, cross-country coach at Belmont High, overlooking downtown Los Angeles. "It seems to me that the right hand doesn't know what the left hand is doing."

The 645,000-student district had warned teachers not to spend the contested pay, saying it would reclaim it if the court ruled in its favor.

"There are houses that are going to be lost. There are going to be Christmases and Hanukkahs that are not going to be celebrated," union attorney Lawrence Trygstad told the judge.

But O'Neil called it "a classic labor dispute" that should be settled by the Public Employment Relations Board, where the teachers already have arguments pending.

Police protest jury's award in shooting trial

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The mayor and police are protesting a jury's award of $1.5 million to a man who shot and killed a police officer who he said used excessive force against him.

Fred Sanders, a former parochial school teacher, was given the award Monday by a jury in the federal civil rights case.

"I am deeply concerned that this verdict sends a message to some people that violence against the police is acceptable," Mayor Stephen Goldsmith said Tuesday. He was county prosecutor at the time of the incident.

Police responded Aug. 14, 1988, to a report of Sanders' dog chasing children. The incident escalated into a dispute in which Patrolman Matt Faber was shot in the back. He died nine days later.

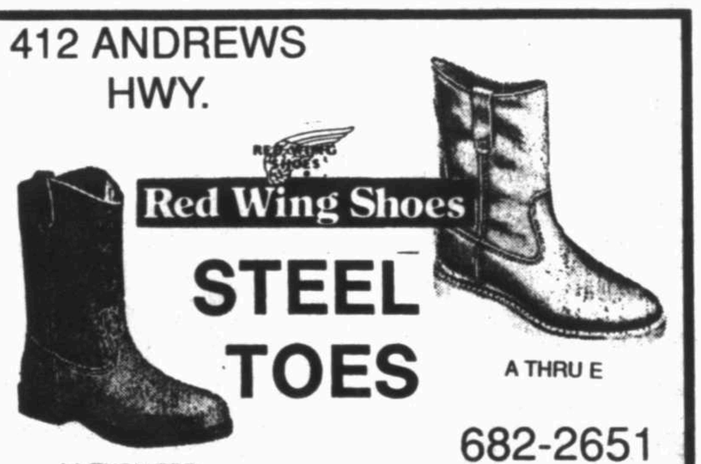
Police maintained Sanders was resisting arrest when he was shot in the leg. Ten officers testified they had seen no excessive force.

Sanders testified Faber beat him with a nightstick and that he feared for his life when he got a shotgun he said he fired as he was shot by police.

The U.S. District Court jury Monday found officers violated his civil rights, used excessive force, failed to intervene in the beating and tried to conceal evidence.

"Police officers take their jobs because they want to make their communities a better place to live," said Sgt. Jim Nash, a sheriff's deputy who is president of the local Fraternal Order of Police.

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Eyes provide new treatment for post-traumatic stress

By Katy Butler
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For 4 1/2 years, the rape retained the vividness of nightmare.

The stranger walked out of Landry Wildwind's bedroom with garden shears in his hand. She went for the phone. He ripped it off the wall. He held the shears to her throat and forced her onto the bed. "If only I were married," she thought, "this wouldn't be happening."

After it was over, Wildwind moved. She built an eight-foot fence around her new house. She married quickly and badly. Whenever she thought of the rape, she cried.

Like millions of Vietnam War veterans, incest survivors and other victims of accident and crime, she had lost her trust in a benign universe. She suffered from the flashbacks, troubled sleep, and pessimistic thinking that characterize PTSD, or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Then, in 1989, Wildwind became one of the first of thousands of PTSD victims to be treated with an experimental and so far unproven technique called Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, or EMDR.

While she recalled the rape, she was instructed by psychologist Francine Shapiro to flick her eyes from side to side in a movement mimicking the rapid-eye-movement stage of sleep. After a single 90-minute session, she says, her fear never returned.

The procedure sounds odd at first. Critics call it a marketing gimmick in a field full of them. Even its advocates say it can be dangerous without special training, does not work equally well with everyone and is no substitute for good clinical skills.

"I think it has some effectiveness, but I have serious doubts that it's going to live up to its overzealous billing," said psychologist D. Corydon Hammond, an associate professor at the University of Utah School of Medicine who works with survivors of incest and other trauma.

But leading researchers and therapists in trauma and behavioral psychology say they have had impressive results with some clients — in a psychological field where discouragement has long been the norm.

"In the 20 years that I've worked with Vietnam War veterans, never has any technique created so much change in my clients," said clinical psychologist and researcher Howard Lipke, director of the inpatient PTSD unit at North Chicago Veterans Administration Medical Center, one of six VA hospitals and outreach centers using EMDR.

"We weren't getting very good results with intrusive thoughts, nightmares and flashbacks. The best we could do was to have clients talk about them and try to understand them," Lipke said.

"Now, some people get complete resolution of their difficulty with a particular memory in one session."

Roger Solomon, a departmental psychologist with the Washington State Patrol in Tacoma, Washington, said he has used EMDR to reduce grief and anxiety in hundreds of clients, including law enforcement officers, a railroad engineer who ran over an entire family on the tracks, a truck driver who killed a child and others who witnessed or participated in shootings and auto accidents.

"I consider this a breakthrough. It has definitely shortened treatment and amazed many a law enforcement officer," he said.

Wildwind, an Albany, Calif., clinical social worker who now uses the technique with her own clients, found the procedure strange but effective.

"At first, I thought, 'What kind of a gimmick is this?' " she said. "Then I was reliving the rape. The shakes and the sweats came back, and the tears. I could feel the shears at my throat and hear his voice saying 'Don't cry,' in my ear."

At Shapiro's direction, she repeatedly recalled the memory while flicking her eyes. She says her rigid, helpless thoughts gave way to more flexible thinking.

"Now, the memory is like a book I read or a movie I saw," she said. "Instead of feeling helpless, I'm left with how resourceful and clever I was to say and do things that made him not hurt me. I can live alone and I'm not afraid."

The technique was invented in 1987 by psychologist Francine Shapiro of the Mental Research Institute of Palo Alto. In 1988, after trying it on healthy volunteers, she organized a formal research study in Mendocino county with 22 trauma survivors, most of whom reported significant decreases in anxiety after a single session.

According to a report published in the Journal of Trauma Studies, members of a control group who simply discussed their memories reported no relief at all. Shapiro has since taught the technique to more than 3,000 licensed therapists across the country.

The eye movements, she cautioned, can cause harm if attempted without adequate training because they can flood vulnerable clients with unbearably intense emotions that continue after the session ends. Her workshops, open only to licensed therapists, teach the eye movements and a package of specialized clinical skills designed to minimize risk.

"This is not something to do if you're leaving on vacation for two weeks, or in the last 10 minutes of a session, or when someone is facing a major career deadline," she told trainees at a South San Francisco hotel conference recently.

Bush pardons Thanksgiving turkey again

By Christopher Connell
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush pardoned his fourth and final turkey Tuesday.

The National Turkey Federation presented Bush with a hearty 55-pound breeder tom designated as the National Thanksgiving Turkey.

The huge, one-year-old bird took it all in stride, strutting around the Rose Garden and barely ruffling a feather when it was hoisted onto a small table to get an admiring pat from the president.

"Take it easy, turkey, we're just here to serve you," he said.

"We're going to grant him a special presidential pardon. He will be going into early retirement, I'm told, living out his years on a Virginia children's farm," the president told an audience of school children.

The Bushes, who will travel to their home in Kennebunkport, Maine, for the holiday, plan to dine on roast turkey, bread stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans with almonds, cranberry sauce, mixed green salad and pecan pie.

The turkey growers have been giving presidents turkeys to mark Thanksgiving since the Truman administration 45 years ago.

And for years presidents have pardoned the prize gobblers instead of stuffing them. Bush, now a lame duck, had done it three times before.

Ronald Reagan had a little difficulty with a cantankerous tom one November, but this year's turkey seemed especially tranquil.

Outside the White House gate, three demonstrators protested the event, including one dressed in a turkey outfit and sitting in a wheelchair.

The group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals said it had sent the White House a "cruelty-free" vegetarian Thanksgiving meal.

Parents need to remember toy hazards

WASHINGTON (AP) — One of the early reminders that the Christmas season is here: Parents and others who buy toys for small children are being reminded of the dangers posed by small parts.

More children die from choking on toys than from any other cause, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group said Tuesday.

A day earlier, the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission pointed out that toys recommended for children three and older could pose a choking hazard for younger children.

The Public Interest Research Group, a self-styled citizens' group, has pushed for years to get the CPSC to require fuller labeling on toy packages.

"Many parents assume that age labeling is a suggestion based on the developmental maturity of a child, not realizing that the toys labeled for use by children over three are often potentially lethal for children who still tend to put things in their mouths," said the group's Ed Mierzwinski.

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Holidays provide abundance of seldom-seen help for hungry

By Leslie Dreyfus
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — There were steaming mounds of stuffing, two huge tom turkeys well-basted and brown, acorn squash smothered in butter, minestrone soup, three-bean salad and several kinds of pie.

The klatch of volunteers who had spent most of the afternoon down in Holy Trinity's basement kitchen agreed it was quite a Thanksgiving feast. They were pleased with their good work.

At around 6 o'clock, the men began arriving. One was having an animated conversation with himself, another shed angry tears. Otherwise, the group plunked down around the collapsible banquet tables was decidedly impassive.

"Argh," a gray-faced guy man groaned to the fellow on his left. "This is my *THIRD* turkey dinner today."

On the Upper West Side of Manhattan, as on Chicago's South Side or down in San Francisco's Tenderloin district or out in the Roxbury section of Boston, the problems of homelessness and hunger are perennial.

It's charity that tends to be seasonal, a sort of national belch of philanthropy before the long winter hibernation settles in.

"It's like, come Thanksgiving, we go 'oh yeah' and think to make the donations and do the volunteering," said Catherine Jestice, who worked at last year's church feast.

"You'll get like 25 volunteers for Thanksgiving dinner. It can get ridiculous," said Margaret Platt, who with Jestice and others works all year at Holy Trinity's homeless shelter. "But then in the middle of January, when it's cold and people really need a hot meal, no one's around."

James Scott knows the annual giving glut. A little guiltily, he admits to attending three dinners last year. "You didn't even have to get up with volunteers waiting on you hand and foot, giving you pie, pouring you water," he said Tuesday.

First it was all-you-can-eat at 88th Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Fresh flowers adorned the tables, a band played cheerful tunes, the mayor stopped by for a photo op, volunteers outnumbered the homeless 3-to-1.

Later he stopped by a center at 114th Street near Riverside Park for a little late-afternoon snack: more turkey. Finally, it was on to another shelter near his Harlem apartment for, yes, still more turkey.

He took home a doggy bag stuffed with so much turkey that even his Doberman couldn't finish it. "He was looking at me like, 'What's all this today? I never eat like this,'" laughed Scott, who has been unemployed since breaking up with his wife a few years ago.

"It's a spirit thing. People figure they haven't done anything all year, so they give a few hours or a turkey or something," Scott said. "Then when they sit down with their family and their dinner with all the fixings, they aren't looking at it all and feeling guilty."

There is perhaps a degree of hypocrisy in this annual dance. But William Damon, co-author of the new book "Some Do Care: Contemporary Lives of Moral Commitment," can live with it.

Whatever the motivation, each year a percentage of good samaritans are moved to begin what will turn out to be a long-term commitment to helping others. And, no matter how small, it is a step forward.

"Even if it's contained in a sea of self-interest ... guilt is just the moral emotion that reminds us of our obligations. There's nothing wrong with doing something for that reason," said Damon, a developmental psychologist and chairman of Brown University's education department.

There's something in it for everyone. The givers get to ease their consciences before going home to feasts while the takers can load up on leftovers and maybe cadge a few dollars.

"People get soft-hearted. But it doesn't last," said Peter Urquhart, an older gent with watery blue eyes who was only slightly more talkative than his reticent friends outside an upper Manhattan food pantry.

"There are a few committed people who are here all year, but most come just for the holidays. Then they disappear again," Urquhart said as he finished his breakfast of white bread and black coffee.

On Thanksgiving he'll have mountains of turkey to eat, gifts from grocers who don't mind the do-good image or office raffle winners or maybe someone who at the last minute decided to dine out with friends.

Every bit helps, and those who run soup kitchens and shelters gratefully accept all donations.

Government: New jobless aid applications down

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of new applications for unemployment benefits fell in mid-November for the sixth time in eight weeks, the government said Wednesday.

Jobless claims fell to 374,000 for the week ended Nov. 14, down 12,000 from 386,000 the previous week, according to the Labor Department report.

The drop partially erased a 31,000 jump in claims in the week ended Nov. 7, the biggest increase since claims surged 71,000 in the week ended Aug. 8.

The latest jump was the first in three weeks and boosted the number to the highest level since 399,000 claims were filed for the week ended Sept. 26.

The report marked the eighth straight week that first-time claims have totaled less than 400,000. Some analysts contend the job market should improve moderately if claims remain below that level.

The four-week moving average, which smooths out the erratic weekly changes and is considered a more reliable indicator of the labor situation, also remained below 400,000.

It registered 368,750 for the period ended Nov. 14, down from 369,250 a week earlier. It has held below 400,000 for six weeks.

"The four-week moving average looks pretty good," contended Mark Obrinsky, an economist with the Federal National Mortgage Association. "Things are more clearly moving in the right direction."

Labor Secretary Lynn Martin said the report "provides additional evidence that the economy continues to strengthen."

The initial claims total does not include 20,403 individuals who filed first-time claims under a special, emergency unemployment program during the week ended Nov. 14. Still, the number of those claimants was down from 21,771 a week earlier.

The emergency program numbers, unlike the national figures, are not seasonally adjusted.

Forty-two states reported declines in weekly claims; 11 had increases.

States reporting the largest drops were California, 15,100; Minnesota, 3,402; Maryland, 3,162; Tennessee, 2,125, and Pennsylvania, 1,798.

California attributed its decline mainly to a shorter workweek because of the Veterans Day holiday. Minnesota said its decrease was the result of a return to normal conditions after a snowstorm. Maryland recorded fewer layoffs in the primary metals industry.

Tennessee registered fewer layoffs in the food processing, paper, leather goods, apparel, primary metals, fabricated metals, industrial machinery, scientific instruments and services industries. Pennsylvania attributed its drop to fewer layoffs in the furniture and electrical equipment industries.

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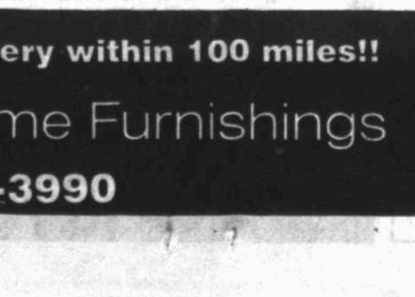
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■ Woman can be fired for gender, court says

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The state Supreme Court ruled Wednesday that state law allows people to be fired because of their sex, a decision that upheld the dismissal of a radio disc jockey fired because she is female.

The justices ruled unanimously that gender-based firings don't violate state law and said only the Legislature could pass a law barring such dismissals.

Patricia Williams Howard filed a lawsuit after her Jan. 26, 1988, firing from a job as disc jockey and advertising saleswoman at WEGN, an Evergreen radio station owned by Wolff Broadcasting Corp. The station is now WPGG.

State law allows employers to terminate workers at any time without cause.

■ Jury verdict In Contra trial still undecided

WASHINGTON — A federal jury completed a fourth day of deliberations without reaching a verdict Wednesday in the Iran-Contra criminal trial of former CIA spymaster Clair E. George.

U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth ordered the jury to resume deliberating on Tuesday after the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

The judge had planned for the jury to return Monday, and he made it clear he was angry when a juror notified him that she would be away that day on a cruise. But the judge decided to accommodate her plans.

George, 62, is accused of lying to Congress and a federal grand jury about his knowledge of the Reagan administration's arms-for-hostages swap with Iran and the diversion of profits to aid the Nicaraguan Contras.

■ Patterson pleads innocent to piracy charges

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A man convicted of air piracy in Colorado has pleaded innocent to similar charges in Arkansas, his home state.

Charles Lloyd Patterson Sr. of Batesville entered his innocent plea at a hearing Tuesday before U.S. Magistrate H. David Young of Little Rock. Young set a three-day trial for Patterson, beginning Jan. 4.

In Arkansas, Patterson is charged with air piracy, threatening an air crew member, interstate transportation of a stolen airplane and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

The charges are contained in a July 21 federal indictment. They arise from an April 9 incident in which a chartered plane was commandeered on a trip from Pine Bluff to Little Rock.

Patterson was captured June 17 at Odessa.

He was convicted of air piracy charges in Denver, where he was accused of hijacking another chartered plane June 7 in Boulder, Colo.

Patterson has 40 years remaining on previous state charges.

■ Arizona tribe signs gambling compact

FORT MCDOWELL INDIAN RESERVATION, Ariz. — Yavapai Indians and the governor's office ended a six-month standoff Wednesday by signing a compact letting the tribe operate 250 video gambling machines.

The tribe, which defied federal agents who tried to seize its gambling machines last spring, settled for a quarter of the machines it wanted and agreed to state oversight of the gambling operation.

In return, the state agreed to allow 24-hour operation at the bingo hall and casino known as The Fort, said Gov. Fife Symington and tribal Chairman Clinton Pattea.

Federal agents raided five reservations May 12, closing down gaming operations and seizing more than 500 electronic gambling machines.

Under the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, tribes are allowed gambling operations, such as high-stakes bingo, without limit. Horse and dog tracks and electronic machines are allowed if the state signs compacts.

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NRC disputes hazard of reactor pipe cracks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Wednesday that cooling system pipe cracks found at some nuclear power plants pose no immediate safety problem.

Concern about the cracks, which have been most severe at five Westinghouse-model reactors including the Trojan plant in Oregon, had been raised by the NRC's research office in a memo made public Monday.

The memo, released by a private watchdog group, had noted concern among some NRC engineers that reactors such as Trojan may be in danger of having multiple pipe ruptures that could result in a core meltdown and release of radioactivity.

But the NRC's Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, which imposes safety restrictions on nuclear plants, challenged that conclusion on Wednesday, saying it was based on "unrealistic" and incomplete assumptions.

"Our review has identified several aspects of the (research group's) analysis that are incorrect and do not accurately reflect operating experience or current licensing positions," wrote Frank Gillespie, director of the NRC's program management and analysis branch, in a memo to the research office.

Copies of the memo were released by the NRC.

Jim Richardson, a director of engineers at the NRC, said that the agency planned to continue its long-term investigation of the pipe-cracking problem, but the interim solutions — such as plugging cracks and requiring special monitoring and testing — are enough to maintain safety.

"It's a very complex issue. It's going to take some time to resolve," Richardson said in a telephone interview.

In February, the NRC allowed the Trojan plant near Portland, Ore., to continue operating under a special waiver, although it reported 428 steam generator pipes had cracks and other flaws that exceeded federal standards.

Since then, four other reactors with similar pipe-cracking problems have been given similar waivers.

Earlier this week a private watchdog group, the Union of Concerned Scientists, suggested these reactors, especially Trojan, should not be allowed to operate.

Trojan has been shut down since Nov. 9 because of a tube-leaking problem.

Army cancels $594 million Star Wars contract

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army announced Wednesday it is terminating a $594 million contract to develop and test a tracking system that was to have been part of the Strategic Defense Initiative's anti-missile defense.

Further spending on the Ground-Based Surveillance and Tracking System (GSTS) system was cut off as a result of budget cuts and decisions to delay some parts of the SDI program, also known as Star Wars, Army officials said.

A spokesman for McDonnell Douglas Corp., which won the contract in 1988, said the termination was disappointing, though anticipated.

The program made up more than half of McDonnell Douglas' Star Wars work. About one third of the $594 million allocated for the program had been spent.

Tom Williams, spokesman for the Huntington Beach, Calif., operations of the St. Louis defense giant, called the cancellation "orderly," saying the company will continue to deliver advanced optical products to the government that can be used in other programs or in a revived one by McDonnell Douglas.

"They're saying terminate the program, not turn around and walk away tomorrow," he said.

He said 65 McDonnell Douglas employees had worked on the program, with subcontractor employees bringing the total to 150 or 180.

The announcement was made after the close of financial markets Wednesday. McDonnell Douglas stock closed down 12½ cents per share to $52 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The program's four major subcontractors were Hughes Aircraft Co. of El Segundo; Honeywell, Space and Strategic Systems Operation, Clearwater, Fla.; TRW Inc., Huntsville, Ala.; and Orbital Sciences Corp. Space Data Division, Chandler, Ariz.

The canceled system would have used sensors launched into space to track warheads and discover whether dummy decoys had been released by incoming missiles. It would have relayed that information to help direct interceptors to the incoming warheads through ground-based radars.

The Army statement said the cost of the contract termination is estimated to be no more than $10.5 million.

Judge halts harassment at U.S. marshals'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deputy U.S. marshal was harassed and unfairly disciplined at work because he is white and Jewish, a federal judge ruled Wednesday.

Deputy Marshal Robert S. Turner was subjected to repeated comments about his religion, such as a supervisor's "joke" about the Holocaust referring to Germany's high gas bills during World War II, U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey said.

Turner and other white deputies assigned to the District of Columbia Superior Court were referred to as "white boys" and one black deputy said they worked in a "black office, for blacks, supervised by blacks," Richey wrote.

The harassment created a hostile working environment prohibited by federal civil rights law, the judge said, ruling in Turner's civil lawsuit against the Marshals' Service. Turner was assigned to Superior Court in April 1989.

A spokesman for the Marshals' Service declined comment on the ruling, saying officials had not had a chance to read it.

Richey ordered the service to see that such harassment was halted.

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Ozone summit officials quicken ozone-depleting substances reductions

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Environment officials from 93 countries agreed Wednesday to eliminate use of ozone-depleting chemicals four to nine years faster in order to save the Earth's protective atmospheric layer.

"If this timetable holds, the hole in the ozone layer will not become larger in the next century. On the contrary, it will reduce," said Danish Environment Minister Per Stig Moller, the host of the conference.

Scientists say the ozone layer that shields the Earth from damaging rays from the sun is disappearing faster than previously forecast. The results will be more skin cancer, blindness, vulnerability to disease and damage to marine food chains.

Environment ministers and other senior officials heeded the warning at the three-day U.N. Environment Program meeting and agreed to "the strongest package of global environmental law ever enacted," said the agency's executive director, Mustafa Tolba.

But environmental organizations at the conference said the timetables are still too slow.

"Governments shook hands today on the weakest controls on the table. This deal exposes populations to unacceptable and needless risk for at least two decades," said Fiona Weir of Friends of the Earth.

The signatories to the Montreal Protocol on the control of ozone-depleting substances agreed to phase out chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, and carbon tetrachloride by Jan. 1, 1996, four years ahead of schedule.

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— Per Stig Moller, Danish environment minister

The ministers moved up elimination of halons by six years, from 2000 to 1994. Methyl chloroform is to be banned by 1996, nine years earlier than previously agreed.

CFCs are used in refrigeration, air conditioners and aerosol spray cans. Carbon tetrachloride is used for dry cleaning and as a fumigant in warehouses. Halons are used in firefighting foam. Methyl chloroform is used in dry cleaning.

The ministers also agreed on an accelerated phaseout schedule for hydrocholoroflurocarbons, HCFCs, used a substitute for CFCs but also found to be dangerous. Production of HCFCs will be frozen after 1996 at the 1991 level, and will be banned by 2030.

The United States backed the CFC and HCFC measures, which are binding.

Convention, confusion reign while Irish vote on abortion

DUBLIN, Ireland (AP) — Divided on abortion but often united in bewilderment, Irish voters cast their ballots Wednesday on three constitutional amendments, and for a new government.

"None of the abortion referenda really makes sense to me, but I'll be voting in favor," said Phyllis O'Callaghan, a housewife from north Dublin. "A woman should have the right to make up her own mind about those things."

Mary Barry, emerging from the polling station at St. Brigid's Holy Faith Primary School in central Dublin, said she had voted no.

"It's very confusing. I don't think anyone knows what it's about. I just know I'm against abortion," said Mrs. Barry, 66.

An estimated 70 percent of the Irish Republic's 2.55 million voters cast ballots on Wednesday. Polls closed at 3 p.m. CST, and first results were expected this afternoon.

Voters were asked whether women could legally leave Ireland for an abortion; whether abortion services available in foreign countries could be advertised in Ireland; and, most controversially, whether abortion could be permitted in Ireland to save the life of the woman.

Opinion polls taken last week showed the first two issues supported by large majorities, but the third trailing. It drew opposition from abortion foes, as well as advocates of wider choice within Ireland.

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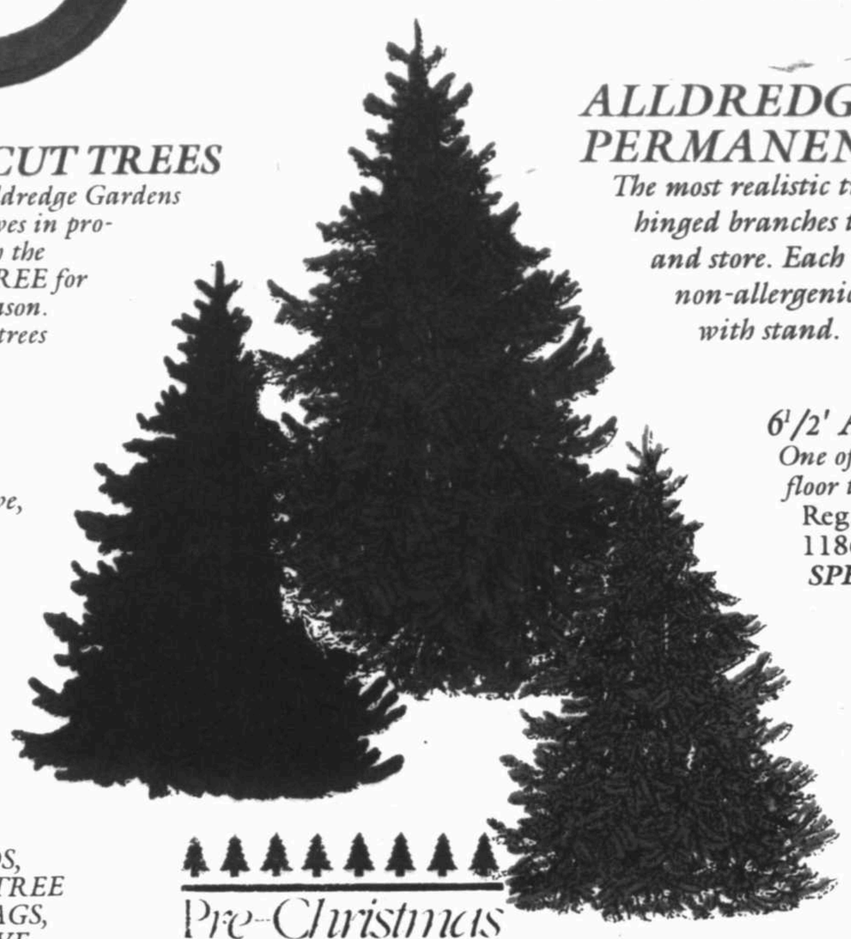
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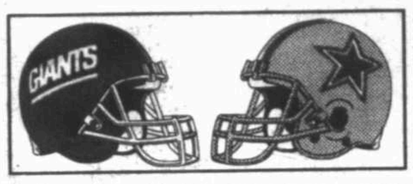
Cowboys face injury-riddled Giants

Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys are giving thanks they don't have to face linebacker Lawrence Taylor on Thanksgiving Day.

And they're probably thankful they'll be facing a rookie quarterback in a game the New York Giants must win to rekindle their playoff hopes.

"When you have to put two people on somebody, then he must be a superstar and that's L.T.," Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said. "It hurts their defense,



their style, not to have him in the game. There's no doubt the Giants are missing him."

■ **New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys, 3 p.m., CBS.**

Rookie Kent Graham, an eighth-round draft pick, will make his first NFL start for the Giants replacing Jeff Hostetler, who sustained a concussion in Sunday's 47-34 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles. Graham, who is from Ohio State, hit 11 of 26 passes for 141 yards, including an 18-yard touchdown pass to Ed McCaffrey.

"There's a dropoff of about eight years experience there," Giants coach Ray Handley said. "You've got a rookie eighth-round draft pick as opposed to a guy who won a Super Bowl. I'd say there is a dramatic difference."

However, the Cowboys were impressed with Graham watching him on tape.

"The kid has a strong arm," safety James Washington said. "Sometimes those kids will surprise you. Sometimes they crash and burn."

Graham started one season in college, his last year as a fifth-year senior after transferring from Notre Dame.

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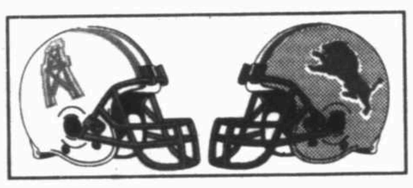
Houston, Detroit rely on backup QBs

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — Star quality is something the best NFL quarterbacks have. It's also been a staple over the years in Detroit's Thanksgiving Day games.

■ **Houston Oilers at Detroit Lions, 11:30 a.m., NBC.**

When the Lions (3-8) host the Houston Oilers (6-5) at the Silverdome, the star quarterbacks won't be starting. Yet that



doesn't mean their backups won't shine.

Cody Carlson, who has made a nice living playing when Warren Moon is injured, will be charged with keeping the Oilers' AFC playoff hopes alive. Moon has a broken arm.

"When you lose your quarterback, especially when he's a Warren Moon, it's a loss of leadership, all the confidence the guys have in him," Oilers' coach Jack Pardee said. "But, in our situation, Cody has been around for six years, so the guys have confidence in him."

They certainly see enough of him. Carlson replaced Moon in portions of three games before Moon fractured his upper left arm. In his start at Miami on Sunday, Carlson completed 22 of 35

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A&M, Texas renew rivalry

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Getting his players ready to play the Texas Longhorns on Thanksgiving Day is a problem R.C. Slocum has never faced in his 20 years as an assistant and now head coach at No. 4 Texas A&M.

Inspiration is built in. Listen.

"Throw out the Cotton Bowl throw out the championship, this is sheer hatred," said senior guard John Ellisor, and he's one of the more docile Aggies. "They don't like anything about us and we don't like anything about them."

Texas coach John Mackovic, normally restrained in his comments, even got caught up in the fervor.

"The Aggies think they're going to be national champs," Mackovic told an on-campus rally. "We want to send them home national chumps."

The battle begin at 7 p.m. CST in a bulging Memorial Stadium, where 3,900 bleacher seats have been added for the overflow crowd that could break the attendance record of 83,053 fans for the 1978 Texas-Houston game.

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Chaps open play in OC tournament

■ Midland College begins play in the Odessa College tournament.

Staff report

ODESSA — Only four tune-up games remain before Midland College embarks on the 1992-93 Western Junior College Athletic Conference season.

Three of those come over the next three days as MC returns to the Odessa College Thanksgiving Classic.

The Chaps were scheduled to open the tournament today against McCook, Neb., but the recent blizzard that ran across the Plains had made it impossible for McCook to attend.

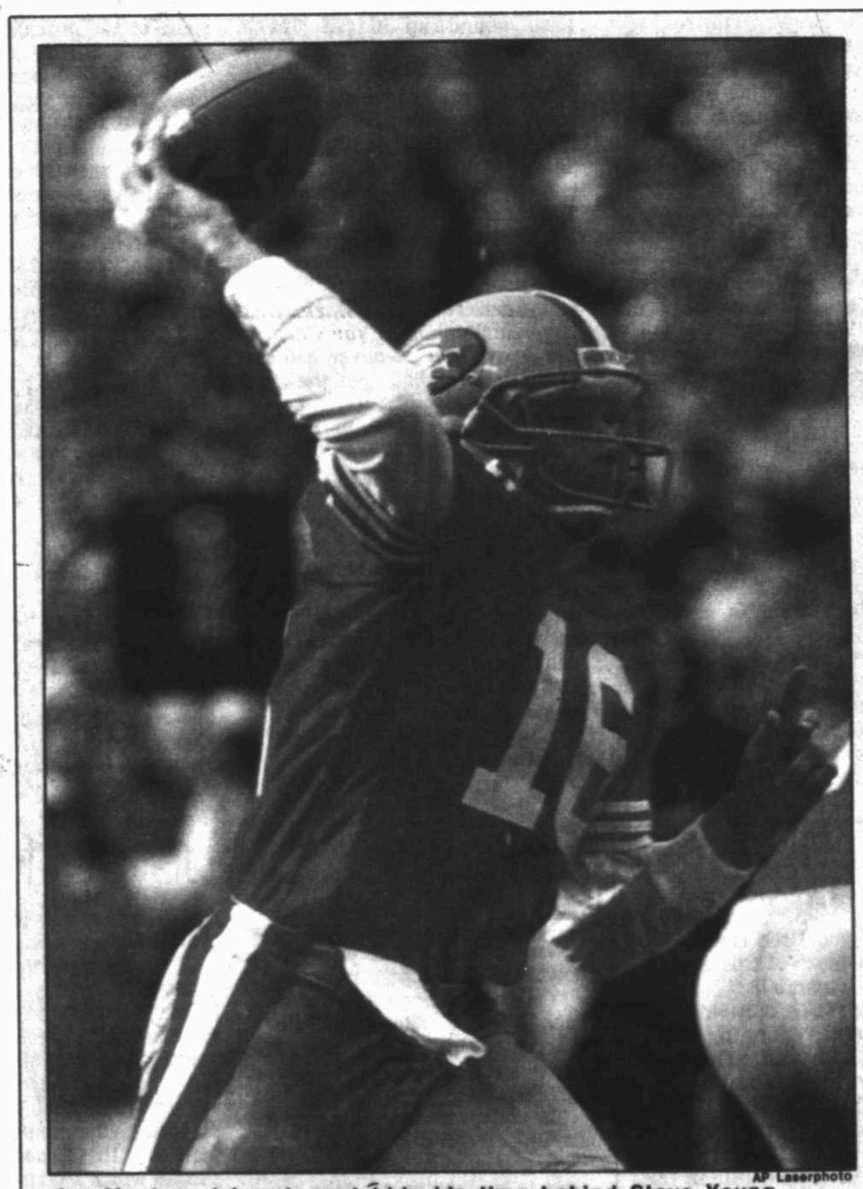
That leaves MC (9-1) facing the Angelo State junior varsity at 4 p.m. today. The Chaps then play an 8 p.m. game Friday against former national champion Connors State (Okla.) and a 6 p.m. Saturday contest against Lamar, Colo., a team the Chaps beat 96-85 Tuesday night at Chaparral Center.

Ranger and Odessa College round out the six team field, played in the classic tournament format where a true champion will not be decided.

Ranger, Clarendon, Weatherford and OC will compete in the women's division of the tournament.

Following the team's stint in Odessa, MC returns to Chap Center next Monday against Hill College. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m.

WJCAC play begins in earnest December 3 when Frank Phillips visits Chap Center, another 7:30 p.m. tip-off.



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Joe Montana (above) must bide his time behind Steve Young.

Montana practices with 49ers

■ Joe Montana runs the San Francisco scout team Wednesday, but poses no threat to Steve Young yet.

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — For now, Joe Montana will settle for being a scout-team quarterback.

"I've fought to get back to this point and it felt good," Montana said Wednesday after he rejoined the San Francisco 49ers' workouts as a member of the practice squad.

It was his first practice with the team since Aug. 1, when a recurrence of elbow soreness and arm fatigue forced him to cut short a training camp workout.

He has been sidelined since the start of last season because of a torn right elbow tendon that was reattached in an operation last October. Two other operations subsequently were performed to remove scar tissue and alleviate pressure on the ulnar nerve.

Montana endured setback after setback in his rehabilitation this past summer, but has thrown regularly for the past three weeks without any sign of complications.

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AP Laserphoto

Former Lion offensive lineman Mike Utley (left) has been named honorary team captain for today's game against Houston.

Utley's presence should add emotion to Lions' game today

Associated Press

PONTIAC, Mich. — The presence of Mike Utley is certain to make the pregame coin toss an emotional moment in the Silverdome today.

The Detroit Lions have named Utley an honorary captain for the toss.

Utley, a former Lions tackle, saw his NFL career end a year ago in a freak accident during a game with the Los Angeles Rams.

On Nov. 17, 1991, on the first play of the fourth quarter, Utley shattered the sixth vertebra in his neck while blocking on a Lions' touchdown. In that instant, he was paralyzed from the waist down.

Today, Utley lives in Denver and undergoes daily rehabilitation therapy at Craig Hospital in nearby Englewood, Colo. He will be featured by NBC-TV during the telecast of the Lions game with the Houston Oilers.

"Mike's got a great attitude," said Jeff Inwood, executive director of the Phoenix-based Mike Utley Foundation, which raises money for people with spinal-cord injuries. "Just a couple of weeks ago, he started a leg-bracing walking program. He was able to walk in leg braces with the help of parallel bars."

The next step, Inwood said, is for Utley to work on crutches with braces.

Utley said last week he never has felt sorry for himself. Yet he does get impatient, he said.

"I have trouble dealing with the acceptance that you can't do it all yourself," Utley told the Detroit Free Press. "I can take care of myself about 90 percent. But I still need that 10 percent, and that would bother anybody.

"I don't feel helpless, but it's in that line. Sometimes, I've just got to wait for somebody to show up."

Except for loss of fine motion in his fingers, Utley has full use of his arms. He gets around in a wheelchair and drives a specially designed van.

"I've never felt sorry for myself," Utley said. "There are a million things I could do. Now, I can do 999,999. So why worry about one? I wanted to jump out of a plane, and I still do. But somebody might have to push me, now.

"I want to walk like I did before. I've been hurt before, but I've always been fixed. I want myself fixed. But I want others fixed, too."

Utley was always a free spirit. That doesn't appear to have changed.

"I still do the same stupid stuff I did before," he said. "I just get caught quicker."

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NFL — Houston Oilers at Detroit Lions, 11:30 a.m., NBC.

New York Giants at Dallas Cowboys, 3 p.m., CBS.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Alabama vs. Auburn, noon, ABC.

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JUCO BASKETBALL — Midland College vs. Angelo State junior varsity, 4 p.m., Odessa College Sports Center.

Dye resigns

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Pat Dye is resigning after 12 years as Auburn's football coach, the Associated Press learned Wednesday night.

A source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said university president William Muse would make the official announcement during a news conference late Wednesday.

Dye's final game will be today when Auburn (5-4-1) plays No. 2 Alabama (10-0) at Legion Field.

A player, speaking with WVTM-TV in Birmingham on the condition that his name not be used, said Dye addressed the team Wednesday evening and said "tomorrow will be our last game together."

Several sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, indicated Muse would discuss Dye, who has a 99-38-4 record in 12 seasons at Auburn and a 19-year coaching mark of 153-61-5.

Hackett out

PITTSBURGH — Pitt coach Paul Hackett was forced to resign Wednesday after three seasons marked by poor records, declining fan support and the dwindling prestige of what formerly was one of college football's top programs.

Hackett, who had at least three years remaining on a multiyear contract that was extended only last year, was permitted to resign, but obviously was forced out.

Hackett, 45, who was 13-20-1 at Pitt, read a brief statement at a news conference, then abruptly walked out and declined to take questions.

Athletic director Oval Jaynes said an interim coach would be selected later this week to coach at Hawaii Dec. 5.

Cotton tickets

DALLAS — The 57th Mobil Cotton Bowl Classic is officially a sellout, the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association announced Wednesday.

The remaining 2,000 seats in the general public ticket allotment were sold Monday. Tickets to the 1993 Classic went on sale last March.

The only tickets left for the New Year's Day contest are those allotted to the participating universities.

Texas A&M, the Southwest Conference champion, will receive about 20,000 tickets.

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Packers try to break free from losing mold

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — For $25.95, you can still get a single room at the Titletown Motel, just up the street from Victory Blvd, a couple of blocks away from Lombardi Avenue and Lambeau Field, home of the Green Bay Packers. The place is a little frayed at the edges, but then, until the last few weeks, the Packers have been, too.

Titletown.

That has a certain ring to it, doesn't it? This mapdot town adopted the name for itself in the '60s, when its football team was in the midst of five world championships in seven years, including the first two Super Bowl titles.

Since then, nothing.

Except for the NFC Central championship in 1972 and cameo appearances in the playoffs that year and after the 1983 strike season, the Packers have drifted aimlessly, losing since Lombardi with depressing regularity.

Now, with three wins in the last four weeks, Green Bay is stirring and the long-suffering fans love it. Each Sunday, they gather at the Candlestick Lounge to watch the Packers play. "We're quite used to the losing," said Debbie Dalebroux, who owns the bar."We expect them to win every time. We hope they'll win. But ..."

Lately, they have been. After a 2-5 start, victories over Detroit, Philadelphia and Chicago have made November a good month for the Pack. Under a new administration, they're 5-6 now, threatening .500, the mark of mediocrity they've topped just five times since Vince Lombardi left town.

The prosperity is nice, a welcome change from 25 years of living in the past, thinking of those first two Super Bowls when Lombardi's team ruled football.

A sign on the back of the bar at the Candlestick offers a Packers Special — $1.75 drinks for a $1 anytime the Pack scores. "It doesn't cost me a lot," Dalebroux said with a shrug. "I get off real cheap."

Defensive end Robert Brown sat on the locker room bench, slowly unwrapping tape. As long as he's been at this post-game ritual, he can do it without even looking.

Brown has been a Packer for 11 years, drafted in the fourth round in 1982 from Virginia Tech. No one has been here longer. He has played 160 consecutive games and started 103 straight non-strike games. He is the model of consistency, even if his team isn't.

"All the losing is very frustrating," he said. "But I keep busting it, no matter what. That's what keeps me going — my attitude. Nothing will change that. You come into camp every year thinking, 'This is it. This is the year we turn it around.'

"And you know what? One day we will. One day, history will repeat itself and the Packers will win again."

Is that day finally at hand?

Offensive guard Ron Hallstrom, a first round pick from Iowa who arrived with Brown in 1982, certainly hopes so. He and Brown are playing for their fourth coaching staff and going into this season, their teams were 60-88-2 with just two winning seasons, one of them their strike-shortened rookie year.

"This team can play with anyone," Hallstrom said. "Mistakes hurt us. It's something that happens with a young team."

Still, like Brown, Hallstrom sees hope, generated by new coach Mike Holmgren and general manager Ron Wolf. "This is probably the best coaching and best organization we've had since I've been here," he said. "You hope we turn it around soon. I see progress. We're a couple of players away. It will turn around."

Teams are not bad for 25 years by accident. They must have a combination of sorry draft choices and terrible luck to be more than 50 games under .500 and to win more than eight games in a season just twice in a quarter century.

Bad drafts. Bad luck. The Packers qualify on both counts.

Stuff keeps happening to this team. Their history is full of wasted draft picks, especially in the first round where mistakes can be devastating.

"The draft has a lot to do with it," said Hall of Famer Paul Hornung, a cornerstone of the championship years. "In order to maintain excellence, you have to draft well. It compounds. If you have five or six poor drafts, you add 10 years to the rebuilding. They've drafted terribly."

The record supports Hornung. Green Bay has just one player, cornerback Vinnie Clark, left from its 1991 draft. Tackle Tony Mandarich, drafted No. 1 in 1989, has been plagued by injury and illness and may not play again. Running back Brent Fullwood, drafted No. 1 in 1987, is out of football. Defensive back Mossy Cade, acquired in a trade for Green Bay's No. 1 in 1986, wound up in jail. Tackle Bruce Clark, drafted No. 1 in 1980, opted instead to play in Canada.

"A first round pick should be a star for 10 years," Hornung said. "They've drafted terribly. Sterling Sharpe is the only one who's a terrific player. Every No. 1 should be. They should help a team immensely. Their's haven't.

"They drafted so poorly and they got some bad breaks. Second and third rounders never came through. Sometimes, you've got to get lucky. They've never had one of those. Everybody has the same lists of players.

"They've drowned in inferiority. They have people starting who shouldn't be starting. They've got guys starting who should be on special teams. They went three years without a 100-yard game. By accident, somebody should gain 100 yards. They went 28 straight quarters this season without a rushing touchdown. Jim Taylor and I used to get 15 or 16 touchdowns each in a 12-game season. That's 30 rushing touchdowns."

If Hornung sounds upset, he is. And he is not alone.

Bob Harlan, president and chief executive officer of the Packers, has been in the organization since 1971, a year before Titletown's last mini-title. The burden for losing now lands on his doorstep.

"Our drafts have not been as productive as they should have been," he said. "The system is there to help. We have not taken advantage of the system."

Harlan also believes the Lombardi dynasty may have caused some of the problems Green Bay experienced after he left.

"One of the things that hurt was that Lombardi was so successful and we thought one person could always handle both jobs," he said. "I think the GM-coach concept hurt. It was successful with Lombardi. You don't find many Lombardis."

Green Bay tried, first with Phil Bengtson, a Lombardi assistant, then with Dan Devine, then with ex-Lombardi stars Bart Starr and Forrest Gregg. It never worked. "We were late in transforming to two people," Harlan said.

The Packers finally did in 1987, hiring Tom Braatz and taking the GM duties away from Gregg. A year later, Gregg left, succeeded by Lindy Infante. Last year, both Braatz and Infante were dismissed, replaced by Wolf and Holmgren.

"Now, it's fully Ron Wolf," Harlan said. "The feeling has been that the excecutive committee and board of directors make football decisions. That's not true."

That was not always the case. The Packers are unique, a publicly owned franchise with 4,627 shares of stock, 1,866 shareholders and a seven-member Executive Committee that governs the corporation. In 1971, Devine was hired as general manager-coach by team president Dominic Olejniczak.

"There were some internal jealousies that go with a small town," Devine said. "I was Ollie's choice. I told him I wouldn't come there unless I was the unanimous pick of the board, all seven people. I found out later it was five. Two others wanted somebody else. Those two hurt my team to make Ollie look bad."

The two holdouts sided with running back John Brockington in a contract dispute, renegotiating his deal over Devine's protests. "When they did that, my days were numbered," Devine said. "I was the general manager. They cut the legs from under me."

That was not all Green Bay did to him.

Unaccustomed to losing and upset by his trade of five draft picks, including consecutive No. 1's in 1975 and 1976 for quarterback John Hadl, the fans were in revolt. One disturbed individual even shot the coach's dog.

Shaken, Devine left for Notre Dame where he won a national championship, but he still never quite shed the Packers experience.

"I think it comes down to a small town with petty jealousies," he said. "That was the common denomenator, the small town atmosphere."

Can all of this be repaired? Wolf's first draft — seven players made the team — and the trade that delivered quarterback Brett Favre encouraged Hornung.

"Now they've got the main ingredient, a quarterback who looks like he could be great," Hornung said. "Sharpe gives him someone to throw to. They need some running backs. They need some defensive players. They're out there. You've got to find them. Two defensive linemen is enough. They need a third down back, a guy to give the ball to on third-and-one.

"Free agency will help the Packers. They've got $50 million in the bank and no mortgages to pay. They've got the cash. Don't worry. In free agency, they'll get five or six players. Six does it. They've got one in Sharpe. They've got a young quarterback with potential. They need two running backs."

What about offensive linemen? Hornung guffawed.

"You just find some big, fat guys and there's your offensive line," he said. "That's all you need."

Harlan, too, believes the team is pointed at last in the right direction and that Wolf and Holmgren will get them there.

"I think these two would be disappointed if, by 1994-95, this is not a competitive team," he said. "This year we had a successful draft. Terrell Buckley is playing. Robert Brooks is playing. Our No. 2 (Mark D'Onofrio) got hurt. We got (Heisman Trophy winner) Ty Detmer and Fauvre. You've got to have three drafts to do it. We've had one.

"We will do what we have to do to build and make the Packers better. We've got to have the best fans in the league. Lambeau Field seats 68,000 and is sold out with a waiting list of 12,000. The support is phenomenal."

In the hours before a road game, the team's Hall of Fame, located across the street from Lambeau Field, is all but deserted. Jim Zemezonak, visiting from Chicago, is making his annual pilgrimmage to this shrine to the Packers past.

"They've been rebuilding for 25 years," he said. "Sometimes you get tired waiting."

For this trip, Zemezonak has brought along his son, introducing the youngster to some glorious history. The little boy is not impressed.

"He just keeps saying, 'The Packers stink! The Packers stink!' " Zemezonak said, sounding a little sad at this lack of respect. After all, the boy's grandfather, Bob Conrad, headed the team's chain gang for 35 years.

Everywhere in Green Bay, a town of less than 100,000, everyone seems to have a link to the Pack past or present. Nuclear engineer Guy Holmes wears a team sweatshirt celebrating 11 world championships on the front and with a picture of the 1966 team on the back.

"You see the players around town," he said. "We used to live up the street from Bob Skoronski."

Skoronski, a tackle, played on three of the Packers champion teams — including the '66 one pictured on Holmes' back. That club, 12-2, was a trifle more consistent than the current one, who produce high-fives and $1 beers all around at the Candlestick when they score.

"You'd better have one," the barmaid warned. "With them, you never know when you'll have another chance."



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Legendary figures like Vince Lombardi (being carried) and Jerry Kramer (64) are but a faint memory of Green Bay Packers fans in the 1990s.



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Curent Packers like defensive lineman Robert Brown (above) have experienced more success lately.

DALLAS: Giants miss L.T.

(From 1D)

But while they're saying nice things about Graham, the Cowboys are openly glad that Taylor's out with an Achilles tendon tear.

"We had to make special preparations to play against him," said offensive coordinator Norv Turner. "He could turn a game around as quick as anyone I've ever seen. We had the burden of giving help to the man blocking on Taylor.

"It seems different not having L.T. in there. It's much, much different."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said "I won't miss him. He's put some big hits on me. New York is still a quick, physical defense."

Neither will offensive tackle Erik Williams, who blocked on Taylor in the Cowboys 34-28 victory early in the season.

"He's tough to contain," Williams said. "It's something of a relief not to have to block him."

Wide receiver Michael Irvin said Williams would always ask him: "On your pass routes can you get a piece of this guy on your way downfield?"

"Taylor's the motivator, a great leader," running back Emmitt Smith said. "Their defense always played at a high level with him in there."

Oddsmakers installed the Cowboys (9-2) as 13-point favorites over the Giants (5-6) in the game at Texas Stadium. In the first game, Dallas built a 34-0 lead, then had to hold on as Phil Simms, now out with an elbow injury, rallied the Giants.

The Cowboys will be looking for the club's 300th victory. The Giants are playing against Dallas on Thanksgiving for the first time. Dallas is 16-7-1 on the holiday and is 18-6 following Thanksgiving.

"It's a disadvantage to travel on a short work week," Handley said. "But it probably won't bother Graham. He's a rookie and the game plan will have to be limited anyway. He does have a great arm, great size and nice confidence."

OILERS: Lions suffering their own QB problems

(From 1D)

passes for 228 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

"Cody does a good job," running back Lorenzo White said. "But, Warren is the top guy. He's the guy who wrote all the records. He's the star.

"If Cody was the star, he'd be starting. Warren is the guy."

At the moment, the Lions appear to be looking for "the guy." Erik Kramer, will start against the Oilers, even though Rodney Peete is no longer injured.

"But don't be surprised if Rodney Peete plays in this football game," Detroit coach Wayne Fontes said. "You might see both quarterbacks, regardless of how the game is going."

Kramer, who guided the Lions to the NFC title game last season, started Sunday at Cincinnati because Peete had a sore foot. He completed 12 of 25 for 141 yards, no touchdowns and three interceptions.

But nobody noticed. Barry Sanders turned into a human highlight film, rushing for 151 yards and one TD on 29 carries. He became the leading rusher in Lions' history in the process. Sanders now has 5,202 career rushing yards.

"As long as they have that No. 20 in the backfield, they still have some magic," Pardee said. "He's going to be a Hall of Famer, down the road. He's a terrific player."

There have been many terrific players, giving memorable performances in these Thanksgiving Day clashes which began in 1934. Some examples:

—1945: The Rams were still in Cleveland. Bob Waterfield passed for 329 yards, including an NFL-record 303 yards to end Jim Benton in a 28-21 Rams' win over the Lions.

—1951: Bobby Layne passed for four TDs and Jack Christiansen returned punts for 89- and 72-yard TDs to spark Detroit to a 52-35 victory.

—1962: The "Fearsome Foursome" of Darris McCord, Alex Karras, Roger Brown and Sam Williams sacked Bart Starr 11 times for 110 yards in a 26-14 Detroit win over the Green Bay Packers, who brought a 10-0 record into the game.

—1984: Gary Danielson passed for 305 yards and three TDs in the Lions' 31-28 comeback win over the Packers.

"I told all the rookies and the new guys that have never played here on Thanksgiving Day that it is a treat," Fontes said. "It's on national televison. The crowd gets here early. And it is very festive."

For the Oilers, the trip to the Silverdome could be the road to recovery. Houston is in the toughest stretch of its schedule, playing three consecutive road games over 12 days.

"I've dreaded this game, ever since I first saw it on our schedule," Pardee said. "It changes all the preparation for two weeks.

Jets' Coslet benches Nagle for veteran O'Brien

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Bruce Coslet has swallowed his pride — at least temporarily — and benched Browning Nagle — at least temporarily.

Nagle, the second-year quarterback who was handed the New York Jets' starting job in training camp, has struggled mightily in his first season of action. He is next-to-last among NFL passers with a 56.5 rating, five touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

So Coslet, who has sworn by the 1991 second-round draft pick, has switched to veteran Ken O'Brien for Sunday's game with the 7-4 Kansas City Chiefs.

"These are not necessarily permanent moves," Coslet said Wednesday. "If Kenny is healthy enough to take the necessary reps he needs in practice, we'll start him."

O'Brien has been bothered by a chip fracture of his right thumb. If practices this week exacerbate the problem, then Nagle will have to start.

"We'll give Browning a chance to sit back and watch. He needs to step back from the heat of battle. I feel this will help him in his development."

So does Nagle, bothered this season by hand, foot and shoulder injuries.

"It's part of the game, part of the process when things don't go as hoped," he said. "Let's hope it will become a step forward, something that meterialized now in stride and will enable myself and the team to go forward."

After an unbeaten preseason, Coslet did not hesitate in naming Nagle as No. 1. O'Brien had held out for much of the summer and was not ready for the season-opener in Atlanta.

Nagle, who played at the end of one game as a rookie, got off to a strong start in a 20-17 loss to Atlanta, going 21 for 37 for 366 yards and two TDs. But his play has gone downhill since New York's first victory, 30-21 over New England, following four straight losses.

Last Sunday was the nadir, a 24-3 flop against the Patriots.

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Atlanta 111, Philad
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New Jersey at LA

Thursday's Games
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HOUSTON (94)
Herrera 3-6 1-1 7, 17, Olajuwon 9-22 4-6 3-4 8, Smith 3-9 0-0 0-0 13, Brooks 2-4 0-0 0-0 0, Maxwell 0-4 1-2 6-10 3-5 15. Totals 3
ORLANDO (107)
Scott 9-22 6-8 26, 13, O'Neal 6-12 0-0 1 5-6 30, Anderson 8-1 bert 0-0 1-2 1, Royal ie 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41
Houston 21 26
Orlando 29 22
3-Point goals—H (Horry 1-1, Floyd 1-2, lard 1-5, Brooks 0-1 Winchester 0-3), Orla 4-6, Skiles 1-2, An
Fouled out—None.
Houston 55 (Olajuwo 52 (O'Neal 13). As 28 (Smith 10), Orlan 11). Total fouls—Hou do 15. Technical—Flo

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ATLANTA (111)
D.Wilkins 10-20 5-5 6-6 20, Koncak 1-3 0-0 14 1-2 13, Blaylock 6- rell 5-14 0-0 11, Wi Keefe 4-10 3-3 11, G 6, Mays 2-3 0-0 4, Ra 0 2. Totals 45-101
PHILADELPHIA (105)
Perry 7-12 3-6 17, 6-13 4-5 16, Lang 1-4 cek 6-16 3-3 16, Haw 27, Dawkins 1-3 0-0 2 0-0 6, E.Wilkins 0-0 0 1-2 15, Gilliam 1-3 0-0 84 19-25 105.
Atlanta 28 2
Philadelphia 31 3
3-Point goals—Atla lock 3-3, D.Wilkins 2- Wiley 0-1, Graham 0 Philadelphia 4-12 (G kins 1-2, Hornacek 1- 1). Fouled out—Non Atlanta 58 (Willis 19 48 (Weatherspoon 11 lanta 30 (Blaylock 6 31 (Hornacek 9). Tota ta 22, Philadelphia

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WASHINGTON (112)
Gugliotta 7-15 3-4 2-3 16, Jones 0-1 0-0 11 4-4 10, Smith 5-11 art 3-5 6-7 12, John MacLean 7-14 10-11 2-2 10, Foster 2-6 0-0 97 28-32 112.
BOSTON (150)
McDaniel 3-7 1-1 7 19, Parish 8-11 0-0 1 7-8 22, Lewis 14-17 1 4-6 0-0 8, Kleine 2-3 5-7 2-2 12, Douglas Webb 4-7 3-3 11, Kof Battle 2-5 0-0 4.Totals 150.
Washington 29 22
Boston 41 36
3-Point goals—We (Price 0-1), Boston 2- 1, Brown 1-2, Kofoed out—None. Rebounds 46 (Gugliotta, Foster (Parish 10). Assists 19 (Gugliotta 6), Bos 16). Total fouls—Wa Boston 27. A—14,890

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INDIANA (93)
Davis 5-6 0-0 10, M 1 10, Smits 1-6 2-3 4, 12, Richardson 6 Schrempf 5-11 8-8 18 3 0-0 2, Mitchell 3-6 5 4-11 3-6 11, Sealy 1 liams 0-2 0-0 0. Total 93.
MIAMI (110)
Long 7-12 4-7 18, P 28, Salley 1-2 0-0 2, 22, Edwards 8-17 1-1 0-0 5, Kessler 0-0 0-0 2 8, Geiger 4-5 2-2 1 20-24 110.
Indiana 19 30
Miami 29 23
3-Point goals—Indi ardson 0-1, Fleming 0 McCloud 0-5), Miami 2, Rice 1-6, Coles 0-1) None. Rebounds— (Schrempf 7), Miami Assists—Indiana 20 ardson 4, Schrempf (Coles 14). Total fou Miami 24. A—15,008

Knicks 99, T

NEW YORK (99)
Campbell 3-9 0-0 6, 0 0, Ewing 15-26 0-0 3-6 0-0 6, Rivers 3-5 0 3-10 1-4 7, Starks 9-1 son 6-11 2-2 14, Anth H.Williams 0-2 0-0 0, 0-0 2. Totals 48-91
MINNESOTA (78)
Person 6-13 1-2 14 17 5-5 29, Spencer 0- 7-16 1-1 15, M.William Sellers 0-0 0-0 0, Lon Bailey 1-3 0-0 2, Blar Cr.Smith 0-3 0-0 0, Mc 0. Totals 31-75 15-18
New York 24 2
Minnesota 19 1
3-Point goals—Ne (Starks 1-3, Anthony ts 1-7 (Person 1-4, We liams 0-1, Cr.Smith out—None. Rebounds (Ewing, Ch.Smith 9), (Person 10). Assists— (Rivers, Starks 6), (M.Williams 11). Tot York 17, Minnesota

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

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Orlando	6	3	.667	—
New York	7	4	.636	—
Miami	4	6	.400	2½
New Jersey	4	7	.364	3
Washington	4	7	.364	3
Philadelphia	3	6	.333	3
Boston	3	8	.273	4
Central Division				
Chicago	9	2	.818	—
Milwaukee	7	3	.700	1½
Charlotte	7	4	.636	2
Atlanta	5	5	.500	3½
Indiana	5	5	.500	3½
Cleveland	5	6	.455	4
Detroit	2	8	.200	6½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	6	3	.667	—
Utah	6	3	.667	—
Denver	3	6	.333	3
San Antonio	3	6	.333	3
Minnesota	2	7	.222	4
Dallas	1	7	.125	4½
Pacific Division				
Portland	8	0	1.000	—
Seattle	7	3	.700	2
LA Lakers	5	3	.625	3
Phoenix	5	3	.625	3
LA Clippers	6	5	.545	3½
Sacramento	5	5	.500	4
Golden State	4	7	.364	5½

Wednesday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Boston 150, Washington 112

Atlanta 111, Philadelphia 105

Orlando 107, Houston 94

Miami 110, Indiana 93

Charlotte 101, Detroit 97

New York 99, Minnesota 78

LA Clippers 130, Dallas 112

Milwaukee 94, Cleveland 85

Sacramento at Denver, (n)

San Antonio at Utah, (n)

Portland at Phoenix, (n)

New Jersey at LA Lakers, (n)

Thursday's Games

No games scheduled

Magic 107, Rockets 94

HOUSTON (94)

Herrera 3-6 1-1 7, Horry 8-16 0-0 17, Olajuwon 9-22 4-8 22, Floyd 2-9 3-4 8, Smith 3-9 0-0 7, Bullard 6-14 0-0 13, Brooks 2-4 0-0 4, Rollins 0-0 0-0 0, Maxwell 0-4 1-2 1, Winchester 6-10 3-5 15. Totals 39-94 12-20 94.

ORLANDO (107)

Scott 9-22 6-6 26, Turner 5-6 3-3 13, O'Neal 6-12 0-0 12, Skiles 12-18 5-6 30, Anderson 8-18 3-7 19, Tolbert 0-0 1-2 1, Royal 0-0 2-2 2, Bowie 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-79 20-26 107.

Houston	**21**	**26**	**25**	**22— 94**
Orlando	**29**	**22**	**21**	**35—107**

3-Point goals—Houston 4-17 (Horry 1-1, Floyd 1-2, Smith 1-3, Bullard 1-5, Brooks 0-1, Maxwell 0-2, Winchester 0-3), Orlando 5-9 (Scott 4-6, Skiles 1-2, Anderson 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Houston 55 (Olajuwon 13), Orlando 52 (O'Neal 13). Assists—Houston 28 (Smith 10), Orlando 25 (Skiles 11). Total fouls—Houston 20, Orlando 15. Technical—Floyd. A—15,151.

Hawks 111, 76ers 105

ATLANTA (111)

D.Wilkins 10-20 5-5 27, Willis 7-15 6-6 20, Koncak 1-3 0-0 2, Augmon 6-14 1-2 13, Blaylock 6-12 0-0 15, Ferrell 5-14 0-0 11, Wiley 0-1 0-0 0, Keefe 4-10 3-3 11, Graham 3-8 0-0 6, Mays 2-3 0-0 4, Rasmussen 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 45-101 15-16 111.

PHILADELPHIA (105)

Perry 7-12 3-6 17, Weatherspoon 6-13 4-5 16, Lang 1-4 2-2 4, Hornacek 6-16 3-3 16, Hawkins 10-17 6-7 27, Dawkins 1-3 0-0 2, Anderson 3-7 0-0 6, E.Wilkins 0-0 0-0 0, Grant 6-9 1-2 15, Gilliam 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 41-84 19-25 105.

Atlanta	**28**	**21**	**35**	**27—111**
Philadelphia	**31**	**31**	**20**	**23—105**

3-Point goals—Atlanta 6-11 (Blaylock 3-3, D.Wilkins 2-3, Ferrell 1-2, Wiley 0-1, Graham 0-1, Mays 0-1), Philadelphia 4-12 (Grant 2-4, Hawkins 1-2, Hornacek 1-5, Anderson 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 58 (Willis 19), Philadelphia 48 (Weatherspoon 11). Assists—Atlanta 30 (Blaylock 8), Philadelphia 31 (Hornacek 9). Total fouls—Atlanta 22, Philadelphia 17. A—13,162.

Celts 150, Bullets 112

WASHINGTON (112)

Gugliotta 7-15 3-4 17, Grant 7-16 2-3 16, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Overton 3-11 4-4 10, Smith 5-11 0-0 10, Stewart 3-5 6-7 12, Johnson 4-6 1-1 9, MacLean 7-14 10-11 24, Price 4-11 2-2 10, Foster 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 42-97 28-32 112.

BOSTON (150)

McDaniel 3-7 1-1 7, Fox 8-15 3-3 19, Parish 8-11 0-0 16, Brown 7-11 7-8 22, Lewis 14-17 1-1 29, McHale 4-6 0-0 8, Kleine 2-3 2-2 6, Gamble 5-7 2-2 12, Douglas 4-7 1-2 10, Webb 4-7 3-3 11, Kofoed 1-4 4-6 6, Battie 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 62-100 24-28 150.

Washington	**29**	**22**	**15**	**46—112**
Boston	**41**	**36**	**33**	**40—150**

3-Point goals—Washington 0-1 (Price 0-1), Boston 2-4 (Douglas 1-1, Brown 1-2, Kofoed 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Washington 46 (Gugliotta, Foster 11), Boston 55 (Parish 10). Assists—Washington 19 (Gugliotta 6), Boston 38 (Brown 16). Total fouls—Washington 23, Boston 27. A—14,890.

Heat 110, Pacers 93

INDIANA (93)

Davis 5-6 0-0 10, McCloud 5-13 0-1 10, Smits 1-6 2-3 4, Miller 5-11 2-2 12, Richardson 6-9 0-0 12, Schrempf 5-11 8-8 18, Thompson 1-3 0-0 2, Mitchell 3-6 5-6 11, Fleming 4-11 3-6 11, Sealy 1-1 1-1 3, Williams 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 36-79 21-27 93.

MIAMI (110)

Long 7-12 4-7 18, Rice 11-23 5-6 28, Salley 1-2 0-0 2, Coles 8-13 6-6 22, Edwards 8-17 1-1 17, Askins 2-5 0-0 5, Kessler 0-0 0-0 0, Shaw 3-6 2-2 8, Geiger 4-5 2-2 10. Totals 44-83 20-24 110.

Indiana	**19**	**30**	**24**	**20— 93**
Miami	**29**	**23**	**24**	**34—110**

3-Point goals—Indiana 0-9 (Richardson 0-1, Fleming 0-1, Miller 0-2, McCloud 0-5), Miami 2-9 (Askins 1-2, Rice 1-6, Coles 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 35 (Schrempf 7), Miami 57 (Rice 17). Assists—Indiana 20 (Miller, Richardson 4, Schrempf 4), Miami 26 (Coles 14). Total fouls—Indiana 24, Miami 24. A—15,008.

Knicks 99, T-wolves 78

NEW YORK (99)

Campbell 3-9 0-0 6, Oakley 0-0 0-0 0, Ewing 15-26 0-0 30, Blackman 3-8 0-0 6, Rivers 3-5 0-0 6, Ch.Smith 3-10 1-4 7, Starks 9-14 1-1 20, Mason 6-11 2-2 14, Anthony 3-5 2-2 8, H.Williams 0-2 0-0 0, Anderson 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 46-91 6-9 99.

MINNESOTA (78)

Person 6-13 1-2 14, Laettner 12-17 5-5 29, Spencer 0-2 1-2 1, West 7-16 1-1 15, M.Williams 3-12 5-6 11, Sellers 0-0 0-0 0, Longley 1-6 0-0 2, Bailey 1-3 0-0 2, Blanks 1-2 2-2 4, Cr.Smith 0-3 0-0 0, McCann 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-75 15-18 78.

New York	**24**	**21**	**26**	**28—99**
Minnesota	**19**	**17**	**27**	**15—78**

3-Point goals—New York 1-4 (Starks 1-3, Anthony 0-1), Minnesota 1-7 (Person 1-4, West 0-1, M.Williams 0-1, Cr.Smith 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New York 48 (Ewing, Ch.Smith 9), Minnesota 47 (Person 10). Assists—New York 35 (Rivers, Starks 6), Minnesota 21 (M.Williams 11). Total fouls—New York 17, Minnesota 17. A—18,063.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with Mark Gubicza, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with Cecil Espy and Greg Varsho, outfielders, on one-year contracts.

Prep Pairings

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Texas High School Playoff Pairings

Class 5A Division I

QUARTERFINALS

Region I: San Angelo Central (8-4) vs. Euless Trinity (7-5), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Angelo.

Region II: Arlington (7-5) vs. Spring Westfield (10-1-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Austin Memorial Stadium.

Region III: Alief Elsik (10-1-1) vs. Houston Eisenhower (9-2-1), 5 p.m. Friday, Astrodome.

Region IV: Converse Judson (11-1) vs. McAllen (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kingsville.

REGIONALS

Class 5A Division II

Region I: Amarillo (11-1) vs. Fort Worth Dunbar (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Amon Carter Stadium; Odessa Permian (10-1) vs. Lewisville (10-1-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Odessa Ratliff Stadium.

Region II: Richardson Lake Highlands (11-1) vs. Nacogdoches (10-1-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium; Richardson (10-2) vs. Temple (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Floyd Casey Stadium.

Region III: Houston Yates (9-1-1) vs. Aldine MacArthur (10-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Astrodome; Katy (10-2) vs. Fort Bend Clements (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Astrodome.

Region IV: San Antonio Madison (9-3) vs. Victoria (9-2-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Victoria; San Antonio Holmes (10-2) vs. Corpus Christi King (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi Bucanneer Stadium.

Class 4A

Region I: Plainview (11-1) vs. Stephenville (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial; Lubbock Estacado (6-4-2) vs. Wichita Falls Hirschi (8-6), 2 p.m. Saturday, Abilene Shotwell Stadium.

Region II: Denison (10-1-1) vs. Waxahachie (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Texas Stadium; Highland Park (10-2) vs. Henderson (10-2), 2 p.m. Saturday, Bedford Pennington Field.

Region III: A&M Consolidated (11-1) vs. Jasper (10-2), 6 p.m. Friday, Deer Park; Brazosport (7-4-1) vs. La Marque (10-0), 1 p.m. Friday, Astrodome.

Region IV: Austin Westlake (12-0) vs. Corpus Christi Calallen (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, San Marcos Bobcat Stadium; Hays Consolidated (10-2) vs. Gregory-Portland (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, San Marcos Bobcat Stadium.

Class 3A

Region I: Graham (10-2) vs. Alpine (12-0), 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Big Spring; Vernon (12-0) vs. Southlake Carroll (12-0), 8 p.m. Friday, Bedford Pennington Field.

Region II: Gainesville (10-2) vs. Brownsboro (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite Memorial; Commerce (9-1-1) vs. Atlanta (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tyler Rose Stadium.

Region III: Coldspring (11-1) vs. Columbus (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cypress-Fairbanks; Crockett (8-2-2) vs. Bellville (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Conroe Morehead Stadium.

Region IV: Sweeny (9-3) vs. Sinton (8-2-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Seguin; Marble Falls (11-0-1) vs. Port Isabel (8-1-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Corpus Christi Bucanneer Stadium.

Class 2A

Region I: Springlake-Earth (11-1) vs. Hamlin (8-4), 3 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock Lowrey; Canadian (8-4) vs. Goldthwaite (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Iowa Park Hawk Stadium.

Region II: Pilot Point (11-1) vs. Italy (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Bedford Pennington Field; Van Alstyne (11-0-1) vs. Grandview (9-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lewisville Goldsmith.

Region III: New Diana (9-1-2) vs. Timpson (10-1-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Tatum; Omaha Paul Pewitt (10-1-1) vs. Waskom (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gladewater.

Region IV: Universal City Randolph (10-1) vs. Boling (8-3-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Gonzales; Schulenburg (11-1) vs. Refugio (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Cuero.

Class A

Region I: Sudan (10-2) vs. Plains (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Levelland; Hart (11-1) vs. Rankin (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Seminole.

Region II: Menard (10-1-1) vs. Crawford (9-1-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood; Alvord (11-0) vs. Riesel (9-1-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Burleson.

Region III: Valley View (9-2-1) vs. Overton (10-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Crandall; Celeste (9-2) vs. Tenaha (11-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Hawkins.

Region IV: Center Point (9-1-1) vs. Runge (11-0), 8 p.m. Friday, TBA; Bartlett (11-0) vs. Flatonia (8-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pflugerville.

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QUARTERFINALS

Regions I, II: Lazbuddie (12-0) vs. Dell City (9-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Lenora; Chillicothe (10-1) vs. Fort Hancock (11-0), 4 p.m. Saturday, Wellman.

Regions III, IV: Panther Creek (11-1) vs. Cherokee (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Brady; Christoval (9-3) vs. Trinidad (8-1-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Early.

NFL Standings

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Buffalo	9	2	0	.818	301	183	5-1-0	4-1-0	6-2-0	3-0-0	5-1-0
Miami	8	3	0	.727	269	193	4-2-0	4-1-0	6-3-0	2-0-0	3-3-0
Indnplis	4	7	0	.364	147	253	2-4-0	2-3-0	3-7-0	1-0-0	2-3-0
NY Jets	3	8	0	.273	166	226	3-2-0	0-6-0	3-5-0	0-3-0	2-3-0
N. England	2	9	0	.182	162	260	1-5-0	1-4-0	2-6-0	0-3-0	2-4-0
Central											
Pittsburgh	8	3	0	.727	226	153	5-0-0	3-3-0	7-2-0	1-1-0	3-1-0
Houston	6	5	0	.545	246	197	3-2-0	3-3-0	5-5-0	1-0-0	2-3-0
Cleveland	5	6	0	.455	187	178	2-3-0	3-3-0	4-5-0	1-1-0	2-1-0
Cincnnati	4	7	0	.364	197	248	2-3-0	2-4-0	3-4-0	1-3-0	1-3-0
West											
Denver	7	4	0	.700	175	207	6-0-0	1-4-0	6-2-0	1-2-0	3-2-0
Kan. City	7	4	0	.636	228	172	5-1-0	2-3-0	5-3-0	2-1-0	5-1-0
San Diego	6	5	0	.545	187	179	4-2-0	2-3-0	5-5-0	1-0-0	2-3-0
LA Raidrs	5	6	0	.455	176	171	4-2-0	1-4-0	4-4-0	1-2-0	3-2-0
Seattle	1	10	0	.091	73	218	0-5-0	1-5-0	1-7-0	0-3-0	0-5-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Dallas	9	2	0	.818	263	162	5-1-0	4-1-0	3-0-0	6-2-0	5-1-0
Phila	7	4	0	.636	255	168	5-0-0	2-4-0	2-1-0	5-3-0	4-2-0
Washingtn	6	5	0	.545	178	187	4-1-0	2-4-0	2-1-0	4-4-0	1-3-0
NY Giants	5	6	0	.455	248	249	3-3-0	2-3-0	1-2-0	4-4-0	2-2-0
Phoenix	3	8	0	.273	184	241	2-3-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	3-8-0	1-5-0
Central											
Minnesota	8	3	0	.727	276	174	4-2-0	4-1-0	2-1-0	6-2-0	6-1-0
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	168	218	3-1-0	2-5-0	2-1-0	3-5-0	2-3-0
Chicago	4	7	0	.364	227	261	3-4-0	1-3-0	0-1-0	4-6-0	3-4-0
Tampa Bay	4	7	0	.364	198	256	3-3-0	1-4-0	0-2-0	4-5-0	3-4-0
Detroit	3	8	0	.273	196	229	1-4-0	2-4-0	1-1-0	2-7-0	2-4-0
West											
San Fran	9	2	0	.818	319	182	3-1-0	6-1-0	2-1-0	7-1-0	6-0-0
New Orlns	8	3	0	.727	211	141	4-1-0	4-2-0	1-0-0	7-3-0	2-2-0
Atlanta	4	7	0	.364	200	296	4-2-0	0-5-0	1-2-0	3-5-0	1-3-0
LA Rams	4	7	0	.364	200	233	3-2-0	1-5-0	2-2-0	2-5-0	0-4-0

Sunday's Games

Buffalo 41, Atlanta 14

Minnesota 17, Cleveland 13

Detroit 19, Cincinnati 13

Green Bay 17, Chicago 3

Miami 19, Houston 16

Pittsburgh 30, Indianapolis 14

Philadelphia 47, New York Giants 34

New England 24, New York Jets 3

Dallas 16, Phoenix 10

Los Angeles Raiders 24, Denver 0

San Francisco 27, Los Angeles Rams 10

San Diego 29, Tampa Bay 14

Kansas City 24, Seattle 14

Monday's Game

New Orleans 20, Washington 3

Thursday's Games

Houston at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.

New York Giants at Dallas, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 29

Chicago at Cleveland, noon.

Kansas City at New York Jets, noon.

Miami at New Orleans, noon.

New England at Atlanta, noon.

Phoenix at Washington, noon.

Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon.

Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay at Milwaukee, noon.

Buffalo at Indianapolis, 3 p.m.

Minnesota at Los Angeles Rams, 3 p.m.

Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3 p.m.

Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego, 7 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 30

Denver at Seattle, 8 p.m.

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for this week's games as provided by the league:

Thursday

HOUSTON AT DETROIT — Oilers: QB Warren Moon (arm), CB Darryll Lewis (knee), LB Lamar Lathon (leg) are out; WR Ernest Givins (ankle), T Don Maggs (quadricep), G Mike Munchak (back) are questionable. Lions: WR Jeff Campbell (ankle) is doubtful; WR Herman Moore (toe-shoulder), TE Thomas McLemore (foot), WR-KR Mel Gray (knee) are questionable.

NEW YORK GIANTS AT DALLAS — Giants: QB Jeff Hostetler (ribs), P Sean Landeta (knee) are out; LB Steve DeOssie (ankle) is questionable. Cowboys: S Thomas Everett (shoulder) is doubtful; WR Alvin Harper (shoulder), DE Charles Haley (groin), DT Jimmie Jones (back) are probable.

Sunday

BUFFALO AT INDIANAPOLIS — Bills: LB Shane Conlan (ankle) is questionable; WR Steve Tasker (hand), CB James Williams (calf) are probable. Colts: QB Jeff George (right thumb/throwing hand) is out; G Ron Solt (shoulder) is doubtful; CB Ashley Ambrose (groin), LB Jeff Herrod (shoulder) are questionable; TE Kerry Cash (shoulder), QB Jack Trudeau (head) are probable.

KANSAS CITY AT NEW YORK JETS — Chiefs: G Rich Baldinger (arm), DE Leonard Griffin (shoulder) are questionable; T John Alt (back), TE Keith Cash (ankle), RB Todd McNair (quadricep), CB Jayice Pearson (ankle) are probable. Jets: RB Freeman McNeil (rib) is out; G Dave Cadigan (foot), T Jeff Criswell (shoulder), WR Rob Moore (back), QB Browning Nagle (left, non-throwing shoulder/foot), QB Ken O'Brien (foot), DE Huey Richardson (hamstring), Rb Thomas (groin) are probable.

PITTSBURGH AT CINCINNATI — Steelers: QB Neil O'Donnell (hamstring) is questionable; C Dermontti Dawson (hamstring), WR Jeff Graham (ankle), WR Ernie Mills (ankle) are probable. Bengals: DE Alonzo Mitz (neck), DE Lamar Rogers (leg), LB Alfred Williams (shoulder) are probable.

MINNESOTA AT LOS ANGELES RAMS — Vikings: RB Roger Craig (knee), DT George Hinkle (virus) are questionable. Rams: WR Aaron Cox (hamstring) is out; CB Darryl Henley (shoulder) is questionable; DE Gerald Robinson (shin), RB Cleveland Gary (ankle) are probable.

PHILADELPHIA AT SAN FRANCISCO — Eagles: WR Roy Green (heel), T Ron Heller (foot), S Wes Hopkins (knee), DE Clyde Simmons (ankle) are questionable. 49ers: NT Michael Carter (knee) is doubtful; LB Keith DeLong (knee), DE Kevin Fagan (elbow), S Dana Hall (Achilles) are probable.

PHOENIX AT WASHINGTON — Cardinals: C Ed Cunningham (arm) is doubtful; C Bill Lewis (shoulder/hamstring), QB Chris Chandler (ribs), DT Eric Swann (shoulder), DE-DT Mike Jones (knee) are questionable; RB Johnny Johnson (groin) is probable. Redskins: CB A.J. Johnson (knee), DT Eric Williams (abdomen) are out; TE Don Warren (shoulder) is doubtful; T Joe Jacoby (back), T Ed Simmons (knee) are questionable; TE Terry Orr (knee), G Mark Schlereth (knee), DE Fred Stokes (knee) are probable.

TAMPA BAY VS. GREEN BAY at Milwaukee — Buccaneers: DE Ray Seals (knee-injured reserve), LB Calvin Tiggle (ankle-injured reserve) are out; S Darrell Fullington (knee), LB Reggie Burnette (ribs) are questionable; CB-S Marty Carter (groin), QB Vinny Testaverde (knee), DT Santana Dotson (ankle), DE-DT Mark Wheeler (ankle), DT Keith McCants (knee) are probable. Packers: CB Leroy Butler (ribs), C James Campen (arm), RB Darrell Thompson (ankle) are probable.

CHICAGO AT CLEVELAND — Bears: RB Darren Lewis (ankle), S Shaun Gayle (shoulder), DE Tim Ryan (leg), DE Trace Armstrong (knee) are probable. Browns: S Eric Turner (ankle) is questionable; DE Rob Burnett (flu), WR Michael Jackson (leg), CB Frank Minnifield (groin) are probable.

MIAMI AT NEW ORLEANS — Dolphins: CB Vestee Jackson (knee-injured reserve) is out; S Bobby Harden (hip), LB John Offerdahl (abdomen), C Jeff Uhlenhake (ankle) are questionable; CB Kerry Glenn (quadricep) is probable. Saints: T Stan Brock (toe) is doubtful; LB Joel Smeenge (hand) is questionable; LB-DE Mond Winston (knee), RB Fred McAfee (virus), WR-PR Pat Newman (ankle) are probable.

NEW ENGLAND AT ATLANTA — Patriots: DE Chris Gannon (ankle), QB Hugh Millen (shoulder), CB David Pool (hip), RB Leonard Russell (hip), LB Andre Tippett (hamstring), DE Brent Williams (knee/hip) are questionable. Falcons: RB Steve Broussard (wrist), S Scott Case (chest), T Chris Hinton (knee), WR Tony Jones (hamstring), WR Jason Phillips (knee), S Louis Riddick (shoulder), S Elbert Shelley (groin) are probable.

LOS ANGELES RAIDERS AT SAN DIEGO — Raiders: DT Willie Broughton (toe), WR Tim Brown (ankle) are probable. Chargers: DE Burt Grossman (ankle), LB Henry Rolling (ankle) are questionable.

Monday

DENVER AT SEATTLE — Broncos: QB John Elway (shoulder) is questionable; LB Mike Croel (ankle), WR Vance Johnson (fingers) are probable. Seahawks: WR Louis Clark (rib-injured reserve), LB Dave Wyman (foot) are out; QB Stan Gelbaugh (knee), T Ronnie Lee (knee), RB John L. Williams (foot/ankle) are probable.

NHL Results

All Times CST

WALES CONFERENCE

Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	16	5	3	35	105	85
NY Rangers	11	9	2	24	86	84
New Jersey	11	10	0	22	66	71
Washington	9	12	2	20	80	79
Philadelphia	8	9	4	20	89	86
NY Islanders	8	10	3	19	77	82
Adams Division						
Montreal	16	5	3	35	106	71
Quebec	12	6	5	29	104	82
Boston	12	8	2	26	84	71
Buffalo	8	10	4	20	103	85
Hartford	5	15	1	11	54	93
Ottawa	2	20	1	5	49	112
CAMPBELL CONFERENCE						
Norris Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	14	9	0	28	108	86
Minnesota	11	9	2	24	70	72
Toronto	10	8	3	23	66	60
Chicago	10	10	3	23	73	72
Tampa Bay	10	13	2	22	88	90
St. Louis	7	12	3	17	75	95
Smythe Division						
Los Angeles	14	6	2	30	102	81
Calgary	13	7	2	28	93	75
Vancouver	13	8	2	28	101	70
Edmonton	7	10	4	18	65	88
Winnipeg	7	13	2	16	78	92
San Jose	4	16	1	9	57	97

Wednesday's Games

Late Games Not Included

Montreal 6, Hartford 1

Quebec 1, Buffalo 1, tie

Ottawa 3, New Jersey 1

New York Rangers 11, Pittsburgh 3

Detroit 11, St. Louis 6

Washington 6, Boston 2

Vancouver 4, Minnesota 2

San Jose at Calgary, (n)

Los Angeles at Edmonton, (n)

Thursday's Games

Quebec at Toronto, 6:40 p.m.

Vancouver at St. Louis, 7:40 p.m.

Canadiens 6, Whalers 1

Montreal	**1**	**2**	**3—6**
Hartford	**0**	**1**	**0—1**

First Period—1, Montreal, Damphousse 6 (Keane, Lebeau), 12:07.

Second Period—2, Montreal, Damphousse 7 (Muller, Brisebois), 1:05. 3, Hartford, Burt 1 (Konroyd), 5:34. 4, Montreal, Bellows 13 (Muller, Damphousse), 9:25 (pp).

Third Period—5, Montreal, Desjardins 5 (Haller, Dionne), 6:11 (pp). 6, Montreal, Damphousse 8 (Muller, Bellows), 7:04 (pp). 7, Montreal, Dionne 7 (Carbonneau), 17:40 (sh).

Shots on goal—Montreal 11-10-15—36. Hartford 6-8-8—22.

Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 3 of 5; Hartford 0 of 3.

Goalies—Montreal, Racicot, 5-1-0 (2nshots-21 saves). Hartford, Burke, 4-10-1 (36-30).

Wings 11, Blues 6

St. Louis	**0**	**2**	**4— 6**
Detroit	**2**	**6**	**3—11**

First Period—1, Detroit, Yzebaert 9 (Yzerman, Fedorov), 7:29. 2, Detroit, Carson 14 (Fedorov, Ciccarelli), 10:41 (pp).

Second Period—3, Detroit, Fedorov 11 (Yzerman, Yzebaert), :40. 4, Detroit, Probert 6 (Sillinger, Kennedy), 6:26. 5, St. Louis, Hull 11 (Ron Sutter, Shanahan), 7:45. 6, Detroit, Carson 15 (Ciccarelli, Drake), 12:02. 7, Detroit, Ciccarelli 10 (Sillinger, Kennedy), 14:56. 8, St. Louis, Butcher 2 (Miller, Janney), 17:44. 9, Detroit, Probert 7 (Yzerman, Sheppard), 18:36 (pp). 10, Detroit, Ciccarelli 11 (Lidstrom, Carson), 19:18 (pp).

Third Period—11, Detroit, Yzebaert 10 (Konstantinov, Chiasson), :22. 12, Detroit, Kennedy 5 (Drake, Probert), 2:23. 13, St. Louis, Brown 10 (Janney, Hull), 4:19. 14, St. Louis, Hull 12 (Ron Sutter, Brown), 6:25 (pp). 15, St. Louis, Emerson 8 (Brown, Shanahan), 7:12 (pp). 16, St. Louis, Ron Sutter 1 (Janney, Hull), 7:49 (pp). 17, Detroit, Primeau 2 (Sheppard, Burr), 16:04.

Shots on goal—St. Louis 10-2-11—23. Detroit 8-18-10—36.

Power-play Opportunities—St. Louis 3 of 7; Detroit 3 of 5.

Goalies—St. Louis, Joseph, 5-10-3 (26 shots-18 saves), Hebert (0:00 third, 10-7). Detroit, Cheveldae, 9-8-0 (23-17).

Rangers 11, Pens 3

N.Y. Rangers	**3**	**2**	**6—11**
Pittsburgh	**2**	**1**	**0— 3**

First Period—1, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 26 (Paek, Jagr), :14. 2, New York, Messier 11 (Graves, Amonte), 5:32. 3, New York, Turcotte 10 (King, Broten), 7:46. 4, Pittsburgh, Francis 5 (Lemieux, U.Samuelsson), 12:01 (sh). 5, New York, Amonte 9 (Leetch, Hurlbut), 16:58 (pp).

Second Period—6, Pittsburgh, Needham 4 (Murphy), 4:10. 7, New York, Turcotte 11 (Graves, Leetch), 12:43. 8, New York, Leetch 6 (Messier), 16:36 (sh).

Third Period—9, New York, Messier 12 (Amonte), 3:38. 10, New York, Broten 3 (Turcotte), 4:37. 11, New York, Graves 6 (Messier, Patrick), 7:19. 12, New York, Graves 7 (Patrick, Turcotte), 12:58 (pp). 13, New York, Hurlbut 1 (Leetch, Messier), 13:44 (pp). 14, New York, Graves 8 (Weight, Messier), 17:58 (pp).

Shots on goal—N.Y. Rangers 9-14-17—40. Pittsburgh 9-10-7—26.

Power-play Opportunities—N.Y. Rangers 4 of 10; Pittsburgh 0 of 5.

Goalies—N.Y. Rangers, Vanbiesbrouck, 5-3-1 (26 shots-23 saves). Pittsburgh, Barrasso, 13-3-2 (31-23), Wregget (7:19 third, 9-6).

Senators 3, Devils 1

New Jersey	**1**	**0**	**0—1**
Ottawa	**1**	**1**	**1—3**

First Period—1, Ottawa, Peluso 6 (McBain), :29. 2, New Jersey, Richer 6 (Stastny, Zelepukin), 13:11.

Second Period—3, Ottawa, Peluso 7 (Boschman, McBain), :24.

Third Period—4, Ottawa, Baker 7 (Brady, Lamb), 8:27.

Shots on goal—New Jersey 12-5-10—27. Ottawa 9-6-5—20.

Power-play Opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 5; Ottawa 0 of 2.

Goalies—New Jersey, Terreri, 4-7-0 (20 shots-17 saves). Ottawa, Sidorkiewicz, 2-16-1 (27-26).

Nordiques 1, Sabres 1

Quebec	**0**	**1**	**0—1**
Buffalo	**1**	**0**	**0—1**

First Period—1, Buffalo, Andreychuk 18 (Hawerchuk, Mogilny), 6:42 (pp).

Second Period—2, Quebec, Ricci 9 (Ducheane, Sundin), 15:39 (pp).

Third Period—None.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—Quebec 11-7-9-2—29. Buffalo 14-8

Tide, Seminoles, Aggies should take victories

By RICK WARNER
AP Football Writer

Second-ranked Alabama, No. 3 Florida State and No. 4 Texas A&M must beat bitter state rivals this week to keep their national title hopes alive.

In a Thanksgiving doubleheader, Alabama plays Auburn in Birmingham and Texas A&M meets Texas in Austin. Florida State faces Florida in Tallahassee on Saturday.

Whether they win or lose, Alabama and Florida will play for a Sugar Bowl berth in the first Southeastern Conference championship game on Dec. 5. That could take some of the luster away from their traditional season finales.

"It's weird," Florida coach Steve Spurrier said. "It's very similar to what NFL teams go through once they clinch their division but have one regular-season game to go against their arch-rival."

While Florida is thinking about the SEC championship, Florida State is dreaming of a national championship. That could happen if the Seminoles beat the Gators and Alabama loses to Auburn or Florida, which would give Florida State another shot at top-ranked Miami in the Fiesta Bowl.

College Football Picks

"The Gators are coming to our backyard, and we don't like to lose in our own backyard," cornerback Clifton Abraham said. "We have to continue to win to put ourselves in position to win the national championship."

Both teams are on a roll. Florida State (9-1) has won five straight since losing to Miami, while Florida (8-2) has won seven in a row since losing consecutive games to Tennessee and Mississippi State. But the Seminoles have been much more impressive during that span, winning by an average of 30 points compared to 10 for Florida.

The oddsmakers are so impressed that they've made Florida State a 16-point favorite over the No. 6 team in the country. The oddsmakers are right. ... FLORIDA ST. 34-14.

Alabama is a 15½-point favorite over struggling Auburn (5-4-1), but the Tide has reason to be wary. Three years ago, Auburn upset an Alabama team that also was 10-0 and ranked No. 2.

However, that game was played at Auburn, and the Tigers were better than they are today.

"We've self-destructed during the course of the year," coach Pat Dye said. "We're not getting any good bounces. When you're good enough, you can overcome those things. But we're not good enough."

And the Tigers will have to be very good to beat Alabama, which has won 20 in a row and leads the nation in every major defensive category.

"They're not all that big and strong, but they have great speed and quickness," Dye said. "They create a lot of opportunities for their offense."

Alabama wants an opportunity to play Miami for the national title in the Sugar Bowl, and beating Auburn is the next step toward that goal. ... ALABAMA 24-7.

Texas A&M (11-0) has already clinched a spot in the Cotton Bowl, but Texas (6-4) needs a win over the Aggies to gain a berth in the Hancock Bowl.

The Aggies have won 20 straight regular-season games, 14 in a row over Southwest Conference opponents, and seven of their last eight against Texas. But they're still searching for respect in the AP media poll.

Coach R.C. Slocum says his team can "make a statement" by beating 6-point underdog Texas. However, the Aggies will remain a question mark if they don't win big. ... TEXAS A&M 35-27.

FRIDAY

No. 12 Nebraska (minus 8) at Oklahoma

Huskers must win final two games to earn Orange Bowl berth ... NEBRASKA 28-17.

SATURDAY

No. 1 Miami (minus 16½) at San Diego St.

Faulk injury may prevent Heisman showdown with Torretta ... MIAMI 45-7.

No. 5 Notre Dame (minus 6) at No. 19 Southern Cal

Irish have won nine straight over Trojans ... NOTRE DAME 24-17.

Georgia Tech (plus 12½) at No. 9 Georgia

Hearst campaigns for Heisman ... GEORGIA 27-21.

No. 16 Mississippi St. (plus 1½) at No. 24 Mississippi

First meeting in Oxford since 1972 ... MISSISSIPPI ST. 17-14.

No. 18 Tennessee (minus 9) at Vanderbilt

Johnny Majors is 14-1 vs. Vandy ... TENNESSEE 33-21.

Last week: 9-5 (straight); 7-7 (spread).
Season: 165-51 (straight); 99-96 (spread).

RIVALRY: A&M wins seven of last eight against 'Horns

(From 1D)

fierce intrastate rivalry aside, the Aggies (11-0) hope to emerge from the game with a better chance to contend for a national championship bowl matchup.

Slocum isn't quite as ready as Ellisor to throw out championships and national title possibilities. The Aggies, along with No. 1 Miami (10-0) and No. 2 Alabama (10-0) are the only unbeaten, untied teams remaining.

"If Alabama and Miami keep winning, they should play each other for the title," Slocum said. "But I hope the pollsters make certain that two of the three unbeaten teams end up playing for it."

No. 3 Florida State (9-1) is ahead of the Aggies.

The Aggies rose from a No. 7 ranking in The Associated Press pre-season poll to No. 4 going into the final regular season game. They'll play host for the second straight year in the Cotton Bowl.

The Aggies have won seven of the last eight games against Texas with the only break coming in 1990 when the Longhorns won their last SWC title. Texas leads the series 64-29-5 but the Aggies are six-point favorites for this game.

The Aggies may be able to dig deeper into emotional reservoirs than the Longhorns.

Texas (6-4) had to play at an emotional peak Saturday to contend with a Baylor team playing its last game for Grant Teaff, who ended his 21-year career as Bear head coach. The Aggies had a workmanlike victory over Texas Christian.

"We didn't have a choice on Saturday but to play a game like that," Mackovic said. "We wouldn't have had a chance if we didn't. That's what you have to do and we'll try to do that again. We'll try to gear it up and get ready for it."

Texas' offense, so prominent during the Horns' five-game winning streak, has wilted somewhat in the past three games. There's been a shortage of big plays and quarterback Peter Gardere's statistics have diminished.

"Our defense is playing better and that gives us a better opportunity to win the game," Mackovic said. "We didn't think we'd be able to out score everybody. We played a couple of the better defenses the past couple of weeks.

"We'll see a great defense on Thursday so the offense will have to gear up and eliminated errors."

Gardere warmed to Mackovic's multi-offensive scheme as the season progressed. After struggling in previous years, Gardere now ranks third on the SWC all-time passing list behind Houston's David Klingler and Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware.

The Aggies have struggled to improve their passing game this season but there's been nothing wrong with the running attack, led by Greg Hill and Rodney Thomas.

Hill has seven 100-yard performances this season, including a season high of 187 yards last week against TCU. He has 1,239 rushing yards for the year for a 112.7 per game average and 15 touchdowns.

Beleaguered 'Bama, Auburn battle today

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Here's the tale of the tapes for today's game between Auburn and No. 2 Alabama ...

Auburn, accused of wrongdoing last year in secretly recorded tapes made by a former player, has been formally charged by the NCAA, which has some players wondering if this will be Pat Dye's final game as coach.

"He told us this is not going to be his last game," receiver Frank Sanders said. "But with all the things they're looking at, they might get rid of him."

Alabama, accused of wrongdoing this month in secretly recorded tapes made by a former player, is in the early stages of investigating, and no one currently in the program has been linked to the case.

"It's something I worry about myself, but I don't think the players have paid attention to it," coach Gene Stallings said.

Crimson Tide players insist they won't be thinking about the claims of former Tide star Gene Jelks when they put their 10-0 record up against Auburn (5-4-1). Alabama is a 15-point favorite in the nationally televised game at Legion Field.

"We've hardly talked about it," defensive back George Teague said. "There's not anything we can do about it, and hardly anyone here knows anything about it. It hasn't bothered us."

Alabama already has played one game since Jelks, who left after the 1989 season, made his charges to an Atlanta newspaper. The Tide rallied to beat Mississippi State 30-21 to clinch the Southeastern Conference Western Division title.

"I addressed it one time," Stallings said. "It's something that we know absolutely nothing about, and the athletic director is handling it anyway."

The Tigers, meanwhile, have been hanging under the cloud of Eric Ramsey's claims for almost 14 months. The NCAA has accused the school of nine rules violations, and Auburn is preparing its response.

Dye's future rests in the hands of first-year president William Muse, who has not given the coach a vote of confidence beyond this season.

"I don't plan on this being my last year," said Dye, who even joked about all the rumors and speculation. "I heard Gene is going to retire after this season. Is there any truth to that? It would make more sense that he get out, because he's older than I am."

For Dye's players, it's a more serious matter.

"That's something we'll have to deal with when things come about," defensive lineman Tim Cromartie said. "Right now, we want to focus on Alabama."

The Tide has won two in a row in the heated rivalry, which has taken on somewhat less significance this season because Alabama has another game to go: the first SEC championship game against Eastern Division champ Florida on Dec. 5.

If Alabama should beat Auburn and Florida, that probably would set up a 1-2 showdown with top-ranked Miami in the Sugar Bowl.

The Tide's alphabet begins with D. Alabama leads the nation in all four defensive categories, allowing just 8.8 points, 187.4 total yards, 61 rushing yards and 126.4 passing yards per game.

"Defensively, they're not all that big and strong, but they have great speed and quickness," Dye said. "They create a lot of opportunities for their offense."

That offense is guided by sophomore quarterback Jay Barker, who has never lost in 14 games as the Alabama starter.

Auburn's defense is fourth in the country in yards allowed (257.5 per game), but the Tigers tend to get burned for big plays. Hence, they are allowing 18.8 points per game to rank only sixth in the Southeastern Conference.

The Tiger offense has been inconsistent. Sophomore James Bostic is the lone bright spot with 764 yards rushing, but he may have trouble making ground against Alabama.

"We're going to eliminate their running game and force them to throw it," said Teague, who leads the SEC with six interceptions.

SWC Football Stats

Southwest Conference Football Statistics
Note: NCAA rankings in parentheses
As Compiled by the League Office Through Games of Nov. 21

SEASON STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Avg. Diff.
Texas A&M	11	0	0	1.000	310	155	+14.9
Texas	6	4	0	.600	279	248	+ 3.1
Rice	6	4	0	.600	260	200	+ 6.0
Baylor	6	5	0	.545	324	263	+ 5.6
Texas Tech	5	6	0	.455	287	332	- 4.1
SMU	5	6	0	.455	212	276	- 5.8
Houston	3	7	0	.300	317	352	- 3.5
TCU	2	8	1	.227	195	319	-11.3

SWC STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.	Avg. Diff.
Texas A&M	6	0	0	1.000	189	86	+17.2
Texas	4	2	0	.667	181	150	+ 5.2
Rice	4	2	0	.667	155	117	+ 6.3
Texas Tech	4	3	0	.571	203	202	+ 0.1
Baylor	4	3	0	.571	201	159	+ 6.0
SMU	2	5	0	.286	128	217	-11.7
Houston	1	5	0	.167	191	243	- 8.7
TCU	1	6	0	.143	148	219	-10.1

TEAM STATISTICS

TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	G	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TD	Game Avg.	Punts No-Avg.
UH (1)	10	750	4938	6.6	40	493.8	39-35.9
TT (16)	11	872	4660	5.3	34	423.6	55-41.4
BU (25)	11	762	4452	5.8	39	404.7	43-39.0
UT (28)	10	729	4044	5.5	31	404.4	48-38.7
A&M(40)	11	784	4232	5.4	39	384.7	65-43.8
RU (48)	10	669	3729	5.6	30	372.9	58-35.7
SMU(78)	11	817	3555	4.4	25	323.2	64-39.7
TCU(91)	11	762	3153	4.1	18	286.6	83-35.4

RUSHING OFFENSE

Team	G	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TD	Game Avg.	Fumbles No-Lost
Bay (8)	11	570	2641	4.6	24	240.1	32-12
A&M(15)	11	515	2532	4.9	26	230.2	18-10
RU (30)	10	457	1985	4.3	20	198.5	14-8
TT (37)	11	492	1999	4.1	15	181.7	27-16
UT (42)	10	415	1738	4.2	15	173.8	20-7
TCU(94)	11	401	1248	3.1	7	113.5	25-10
UH (96)	10	207	1114	5.4	11	111.4	28-21
SMU(107)	11	365	662	1.8	9	60.2	18-12

PASSING OFFENSE

Team	G	Cm-At-Int.	TD	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.	Play Avg.	Game Avg.
UH (1)	10	319-543-23	29	58.7	3824	7.0	382.4	
SMU(13)	11	255-452-13	16	56.4	2893	6.4	263.0	
TT(22)	11	193-380-14	19	50.8	2661	7.0	241.9	
UT(24)	10	176-314-15	16	56.1	2306	7.3	230.6	
RU(61)	10	110-212-7	10	51.9	1744	8.2	174.4	
TCU(62)	11	175-361-15	11	48.5	1905	5.3	173.2	
BU(74)	11	89-192-13	15	46.4	1811	9.4	164.6	
A&M(80)	11	127-269-5	11	47.2	1700	6.3	154.5	

TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	G	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TD	Game Avg.	Punts No-Avg.
A&M(21)	11	744	3335	4.5	18	303.2	75-42.0
BU (54)	11	785	3900	5.0	30	354.5	60-39.6
UT (66)	10	721	3699	5.1	29	369.9	56-37.0
SMU(74)	11	815	4209	5.2	36	382.6	51-37.3
RU (88)	10	745	4054	5.4	25	405.4	53-40.0
UH (91)	10	792	4073	5.1	40	407.3	56-37.6
TCU(94)	11	856	4511	5.3	40	410.1	54-38.9
TT (97)	11	818	4598	5.6	36	418.0	56-40.0

RUSHING DEFENSE

Team	G	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TD	Game Avg.	Fumbles No-Lost
A&M(13)	11	398	1288	3.2	8	117.1	26-8
UT (32)	10	384	1393	3.6	10	139.3	20-9
BU (39)	11	438	1606	3.7	17	146.0	22-12
TCU(47)	11	470	1706	3.6	16	155.1	19-12
RU (50)	10	414	1586	3.8	14	158.6	21-11
UH (81)	10	497	1951	3.9	24	195.1	24-13
TT (82)	11	496	2160	4.4	21	196.4	24-11
SMU(85)	11	493	2204	4.5	24	200.4	19-12

PASS DEFENSE

Team	G	Cm-At-Int.	TD	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.	Play Avg.	Game Avg.
SMU(58)	11	184-322-11	12	57.1	2005	6.2	182.3	
A&M(20)	11	170-346-15	10	49.1	2047	5.9	186.1	
BU(53)	11	179-347-11	13	51.6	2294	6.6	208.5	
UH(81)	10	156-295-10	16	52.9	2122	7.2	212.2	
TT(97)	11	181-322-13	15	56.2	2438	7.6	221.6	
UT(61)	10	159-337-13	19	47.2	2306	6.8	230.6	
RU(71)	10	186-331-17	11	56.2	2466	7.5	246.6	
TCU(90)	11	221-386-21	24	57.3	2805	7.3	255.0	

SEASON SCORING

Team	High	Avg.
Hous (10)	63	31.7
Bay (16)	49	29.5
A&M (20)	41	29.0
Texas (25)	45	27.9
Tech (35)	49	26.1
Rice (36)	45	26.0
SMU (77)	41	19.3
TCU (89)	46	17.7

SEASON DEFENSE

Team	Low	Avg.
A&M (9)	7	14.1
Rice (42)	3	20.0
Baylor (66)	7	23.9
Texas (69)	14	24.8
SMU (71)	9	25.1
TCU (88)	11	29.0
Tech (93)	16	30.2
Hous (105)	7	35.2

SWC SCORING

Team	High	Avg.
Houston	49	31.8
Texas A&M	41	31.5
Texas	45	30.2
Texas Tech	44	29.0
Baylor	49	28.7
Rice	34	25.8
TCU	46	21.2
SMU	41	18.3

SWC DEFENSE

Team	Low	Avg.
Texas A&M	7	14.3
Rice	3	19.5
Baylor	7	22.7
Texas	14	25.0
Texas Tech	17	28.9
SMU	9	31.0
TCU	14	31.3
Houston	29	40.5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Name,	G	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TD	Game Avg.
Cobb, Rice	10	256	1265	4.9	10	126.5
Morris, Tech	11	242	1279	5.3	10	116.3
G.Hill, A&M	11	244	1239	5.1	15	112.6
L.Smith, UH	8	100	744	7.4	6	93.0
A.Walker, UT	10	120	774	6.4	4	77.4
Thomas, A&M	11	137	778	5.7	10	70.7
Modkins, TCU	11	162	689	4.3	3	62.6
Emanuel, Rice	10	149	605	4.1	7	60.5
Hill, SMU	9	126	512	4.0	4	56.9
Shepard, SMU	9	117	460	3.9	3	51.1

RECEIVING

Name,	G	No.	Yds.	Per Catch	TD	Game School Avg.
S.Smith, UH	10	89	840	9.4	5	8.9
L.Hill, Tech	11	76	1261	16.6	12	6.9
Beard, SMU	11	64	813	12.7	6	5.8
Wolf, SMU	11	60	529	8.8	3	5.5
Gilbert, UH	10	47	651	13.9	5	4.7
Jack, Houston	10	40	525	13.1	1	4.0
Mitchell, Tech	11	40	601	15.0	3	3.6
Neal, Texas	8	29	424	14.6	3	3.6
Bonner, Baylor	11	39	818	21.0	11	3.6
Shipley, TCU	11	36	500	13.9	4	3.3

TOTAL OFFENSE

Name,	G	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TDR	Play Game School Avg.
Klingler, UH	10	472	3156	6.7	25	315.6
Gardere, UT	10	389	2306	5.9	20	230.6
Fr'brger,SMU	11	470	2239	4.8	16	203.6
Joe, Baylor	11	324	2143	6.6	19	194.8
Emanuel, RU	10	306	1930	6.3	14	193.0
Hall, Tech	8	300	1752	5.8	13	219.0
Clay, TCU	11	347	1452	4.2	9	132.0
Cobb, Rice	10	256	1265	4.9	10	126.5
Morris, Tech	11	243	1279	5.3	10	116.3
G. Hill, A&M	11	245	1239	5.1	15	112.6

PUNTING

Name,	G	Plays	Yards	Avg.	TB-In-Ret	Net Avg.
Davis, A&M	63	2794	44.4	30-286		39.8
King, Tech	53	2256	42.6	32-234		38.2
Delaney, Bay	42	1679	40.0	18-205		35.1
Israel, SMU	64	2540	39.7	29-180		36.9
McClanahan,UT	48	1859	38.7	16-90		36.9
Avants, UH	29	1112	38.3	12-121		34.2
Richardson,RU	51	1884	36.9	17-168		33.3
Cordesman,TCU	81	2911	35.9	36-356		31.5

SCORING

Name, School	G	TD	PAT-A	Game FGM-FGA	Pct.	LG	Per G Avg.
G.Hill, A&M	11	17	0-0	0-0	102		9.3
Cobb, Rice	10	14	1-1	0-0	86		9.6
Szeredy, UT	10	0	31-33	14-19	73		7.3
V'tulias,A&M	11	0	35-39	14-21	77		7.0
L. Smith, UH	8	9	0-0	0-0	54		6.8

FIELD GOALS

Name, School	G	FGM-FGA	Pct.	LG	Per G Avg.
Szeredy, Texas	10	14-19	73.7	52	1.4
V'tulias, A&M	11	14-21	66.7	47	1.3
Davis, Tech	11	13-18	72.2	41	1.2
Wilkinson, TCU	11	11-17	64.7	51	1.0
Weir, Baylor	11	10-16	62.5	41	0.9
Richardson, RU	10	8-11	72.7	35	0.8
Anderson, SMU	11	8-12	66.7	38	0.7
Craft, Houston	10	7-15	46.7	47	0.7

KICKOFF RETURNS

Name, School	No.	Yards	TD	Ret. Avg.
Cullors, TCU	9	231	1	25.7
Saul, Texas Tech	10	242	0	24.2
Wolf, SMU	23	555	0	24.1
Adams, Texas	16	363	0	22.7
Allen, Rice	17	358	0	21.1

PUNT RETURNS

Name, School	No.	Yards	TD	Ret. Avg.
Mouton, Houston	13	226	1	17.4
D. Allen, Rice	21	252	0	12.0
McDonald, UH	10	118	0	11.8
Adams, Texas	23	256	1	11.1
Frazier, A&M	27	292	0	10.8

INTERCEPTIONS

Name, School	No.	Yards	TD	Per Game Avg.
Evans, TCU	7	121	0	0.6
Harris, Houston	6	53	0	0.6
Wesley, TCU	6	125	0	0.6
Brabham, SMU	6	30	0	0.6
Saul, Texas Tech	5	42	0	0.5
Glenn, A&M	5	4	0	0.5

PASSING

Name, School	G	Comp.	Att.	Int.	TD	Pct.	Yards	Att. Avg.	Game Avg.	Rating Avg.
Joe, Baylor	11	86	189	13	14	46.6	1765	9.3	160.5	135.7
Emanuel, Rice	10	82	157	5	8	52.2	1325	8.4	132.5	133.6
Klingler, Uh	10	257	433	17	25	59.4	3205	7.4	320.5	132.7
Gardere, Texas	10	166	297	12	16	56.6	2199	7.4	219.9	128.5
Hall, Tech	8	111	219	5	10	50.7	1645	7.5	205.6	124.9
Freiburger, SMU	11	229	390	12	15	58.7	2590	6.6	234.5	120.8
Pullig, A&M	7	53	105	3	3	50.5	760	7.2	108.6	114.8
Clemmons, Tech	8	81	158	8	9	51.3	979	6.2	122.4	112.0
Douglas, UH	7	62	110	6	4	56.4	619	5.6	88.4	104.7
Granger, A&M	9	69	157	2	7	44.0	844	5.4	93.8	101.3
Clay, TCU	11	143	287	12	8	49.8	1526	5.3	152.6	95.3
Knake, TCU	7	32	73	3	3	43.8	379	5.2	54.1	92.8

Nebraska runs into Oklahoma Friday

Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Nebraska brings the nation's top rushing offense into its game with Oklahoma on Friday. The 12th-ranked Cornhuskers have the top two running backs in the Big Eight and the league's offensive newcomer of the year in quarterback Tommie Frazier.

Stopping Nebraska will not be easy, although figuring out how to do it is.

"They're an aggressive, running football team that wants to utilize play action. There's no secrets," Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs said.

"You can't hide when you play Nebraska. There's no gimmicks when you play Nebraska. Defensively you've got to line up and defeat a blocker and make a tackle and hopefully you make a tackle for less than four, five, six, seven yards."

Not many people have been able to do that. The Cornhuskers (7-2 overall, 4-1 Big Eight) have averaged six yards per carry on their way to 333 yards rushing per game. Their 111 yards passing per game is lowest in the Big Eight, but they average 13 yards per completion.

Derek Brown leads the league with 103 yards rushing per game. When he isn't in the lineup, coach Tom Osborne turns to Calvin Jones, a sophomore who averages 98 yards per game — 7.6 per carry — and has scored 11 touchdowns.

Frazier makes it all go. The first true freshman in Nebraska history to be the full-time starter at quarterback leads the Big Eight in passing efficiency ratings and does a nifty job in the Cornhuskers' option game.

"He's not just handing the ball off to those two great tailbacks," Gibbs said. "Obviously it's beneficial to have those two guys back there, and to say he's got a couple great security blankets would be an understatement. But he's doing things as well."

Oklahoma's defense is ranked No. 2 in the conference behind Colorado. The Sooners (5-3-2, 3-1-2) have been hampered by injuries all season, particularly on defense, and that trend continues. The team's leading tackler, linebacker Mike Coats, will miss the game due to a knee injury, and cornerback Darnell Walker is out after having surgery on a broken finger.

"At this point they may still be missing one or two but they are healthier than what they were and will present a real challenge," Osborne said. "They've got a very fine football team."

It's a team that was up in arms a week ago. Discontent over the quarterback situation and other issues boiled over and resulted in a team meeting that wiped out a scheduled practice.

The meeting centered on backup quarterback Steve Collins not getting to play against Oklahoma State after having played well in the previous two games. He started those two in place of Cale Gundy, who was hurt.

Gibbs says the get-together was good for the team. He also said Gundy would start against Nebraska, dismissing the suggestion that Collins should play because of his option abilities and the fact Iowa State upset Nebraska two weeks ago with option football.

Gibbs said many of the things Iowa State did to keep the ball were not conventional option.

Washington tries to overcome woes

Associated Press

SEATTLE — First, the Billy Joe Hobert loan fiasco. Now, the Dalanke Smith cocaine case.

For the first time in 18 years at Washington, coach Don James' reputation is tarnished. For the first time, there are questions about his ability to control one of the nation's top college football programs.

"You talk about your name, your image, that's the thing that you live with," James said. "I've worked a lifetime trying to build and project a positive image. I got into coaching to try to do some good things for young people."

The November saga has elements of classic Greek tragedy — pride followed by disaster.

News of Hobert's loan broke on Nov. 5, and the quarterback was suspended pending investigation. Two days later, the Huskies' 22-game winning streak ended in Arizona and toppled them from their No. 1 national ranking.

The Huskies managed to beat Pacific-10 Conference doormat Oregon State before limping to the end of the season with a devastating loss to the cross-state rival Washington State last Saturday.

Three days after that, on Tuesday, prosecutors announced the arrests of eight people, including Smith, accused of selling cocaine and weapons from the Washington crew house that serves as a dorm for some players.

The Huskies still have dreams of glory — on New Year's Day they could become the first team to win three consecutive Rose Bowl titles — but the aura of invincibility is fading.

Washington kept Hobert, who had lost his starting job to Mark Brunell, out of the Arizona game and, on Nov. 10, declared him ineligible because he accepted $50,000 in loans from a friend's father-in-law with no collateral but his future. Hobert went through the money in three months.

While his fortunes as a player had started to flag, he'd had a 17-0 record as the Huskies' starting quarterback and was the 1992 Rose Bowl co-MVP.

And it could've been worse. The incident marred James' squeaky-clean reputation, but the Pac-10 concluded the team need not forfeit the games he played in this season.

Smith began fall practice penciled in as Washington's starting strongside linebacker. He started one game this season before dislocating his elbow.

King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng alleged Smith told his cocaine customers — who included a student informant and an undercover police officer — to use his uniform No. 55 when they called his pager to signal they were calling for drugs.

James said he was unaware of the Hobert and Smith situations until it was too late.

The latest round of bad news prompted Barbara Hedges, in her second year as Washington's athletic director, to urge better communications between coaches and players.

"I think what we need to do more of as a result of this is to make sure we're sitting down with our athletes, to make sure they understand the commitment of this program."

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Hakeem outshines Shaq, but Rockets lose 107-94

Associated Press

NBA Roundup

ORLANDO, Fla. — Shaquille O'Neal looked like a rookie for a change, but the Orlando Magic continued to build confidence Wednesday night with a 107-94 victory that stopped the Houston Rockets' six-game winning streak.

Scott Skiles scored a season-high 30 points and Dennis Scott added 28 to pace the triumph that enabled the first-place Magic to stay atop the Atlantic Division standings.

O'Neal, meanwhile, lost the statistical battle in his first confrontation with Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon, who had 22 points, 13 rebounds and five blocked shots in 41 minutes.

Orlando's rookie center attempted only 12 shots and finished with 12 points, 13 rebounds and three blocks in his quietest performance of the season.

Clippers 130, Mavericks 112

DALLAS — Danny Manning scored 14 of his season-high 31 points during a third-period surge that lifted the Los Angeles Clippers to a victory over the Dallas Mavericks.

Manning scored all of his team's points during a 9-3 third-quarter run that gave the Clippers a 72-61 advantage with 8:52 left in the period.

Manning hit six of his seven third-quarter shots for the Clippers, who won their sixth in eight games while dropping the Mavericks to their fourth consecutive loss and seventh in eight games this season.

Hawks 111, 76ers 105

PHILADELPHIA — Dominique Wilkins scored 21 of his 27 points in the second half, including a crucial 3-point shot with 30 seconds left in the game, as the Atlanta Hawks defeated the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Hawks trailed 64-49 with 11:36 remaining in the third quarter before Wilkins scored 14 points during a 28-11 surge. His two free throws gave the Hawks their first lead of the game, 77-75.

Atlanta led 84-82 at the start of the fourth period, then outscored the 76ers 18-8 to lead 102-90 with 5:56 left.

Philadelphia closed to 106-103 on a layup by Hersey Hawkins with 52 seconds remaining, but Wilkins followed with his 3-point shot, sealing Atlanta's third straight victory.

Knicks 99, Timberwolves 78

MINNEAPOLIS — Patrick Ewing scored a season-high 30 points and John Starks, back after a two-game benching, added 20 as the New York Knicks beat Minnesota in the Timberwolves' fifth consecutive loss.

In winning on the road for the first time since a season-opening victory at Atlanta, the Knicks held Minnesota to its lowest scoring output since a 79-78 loss to Dallas on Nov. 30, 1991.

Christian Laettner scored a career-high 29 points for the Timberwolves, who have lost by an average of 14 points during their losing streak.

Laettner scored 15 points during the third quarter, helping Minnesota pull to 69-63 late in the period.

Celtics 150, Bullets 112

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics snapped a six-game losing streak, their worst since 1979, as Reggie Lewis scored 29 points on 14-for-17 shooting in a romp over the Washington Bullets.

The last time the Celtics reached 150 points in regulation play was 152 against Indiana on Dec. 26, 1990. Boston also scored 152 in a double-overtime win against Portland last March 15.

Lewis' torrid shooting helped the Celtics shoot 71 percent in the first half and 62 percent for the game. Boston, in the midst of its worst start since 1978-79, raised its record to 3-8. The Celtics opened the 1978-79 season 2-12, the year before Larry Bird joined the team.

Heat 110, Pacers 93

MIAMI — Glen Rice scored 15 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter and grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds, and the Miami Heat overcame the absence of two centers to defeat the Indiana Pacers.

The Heat's starting center and leading scorer, Rony Seikaly, missed the game with the flu. His replacement, John Salley, pulled a right hamstring with the Heat ahead 29-19 in the second period and did not return.

Hornets 101, Pistons 97

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Charlotte won its fifth consecutive game as Dell Curry scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter of a victory over Detroit, extending the Pistons' losing streak to six games.

Dennis Rodman, returning from a three-game suspension, pulled down 20 rebounds in 33 minutes, but it wasn't enough to save the struggling Pistons, who scored only 36 points in the second half.

Bucks 94, Cavaliers 85

MILWAUKEE — Brad Lohaus scored eight of his 18 points in the fourth quarter and the Milwaukee Bucks used an 11-0 spurt to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Blue Edwards added 14 points and Frank Brickowski had 12, six in the final period.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON
Last Week: 18-7
Season: 207-93
Pct.: .690



GARY OTT
Last Week: 17-8
Season: 196-104
Pct.: .653



JOE WYATT
Last Week: 17-8
Season: 194-106
Pct.: .647



JIMMY PATTERSON
Last Week: 18-7
Season: 192-108
Pct.: .640



BILL PRICE
Last Week: 14-11
Season: 184-116
Pct.: .613



CRYSTAL BALL (Consensus)
Last Week: 16-9
Season: 199-101
Pct.: .663

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Lewisville vs. Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian (5-0)
Euless Trinity at San Angelo	San Angelo	San Angelo	San Angelo	San Angelo	San Angelo	San Angelo (5-0)
Rankin vs. Hart	Rankin	Rankin	Rankin	Hart	Hart	Rankin (3-2)
COLLEGE						
Texas A&M at Texas (Thur.)	Texas A&M	Texas	Texas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M (3-2)
Auburn at Alabama (Thur.)	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama (5-0)
LSU at Arkansas (Fri.)	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU (5-0)
Rice at Houston	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice (5-0)
Florida at Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State (5-0)
Nebraska at Oklahoma	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska (5-0)
Notre Dame at Southern Cal	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Notre Dame (5-0)
Miami at San Diego St.	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami (5-0)
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Mississippi State at Mississippi	Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Mississippi State	Mississippi	Mississippi State	Mississippi State (5-0)
Tennessee at Vanderbilt	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee (5-0)
PROFESSIONAL						
N.Y. Giants at Dallas (Thur.)	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas (5-0)
Houston at Detroit (Thur.)	Houston	Houston	Houston	Detroit	Houston	Houston (4-1)
Chicago at Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland	Cleveland (5-0)
Miami at New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	Miami	Miami	New Orleans (3-2)
Phoenix at Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington (5-0)
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh (4-1)
Tampa Bay vs. Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay (5-0)
Minnesota at L.A. Rams	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota (5-0)
Philadelphia at San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco (5-0)
L.A. Raiders at San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego (5-0)

Espy, Varsho and Gubicza sign contracts

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While the New York Yankees made and withdrew multimillion dollar offers to Doug Drabek, David Cone and Jose Guzman, former Pirates Gary Varsho and Cecil Espy found new homes in Cincinnati on Wednesday.

Mark Gubicza re-signed with the Kansas City Royals as baseball's free agent market began to get busy, agreeing to a $1.25 million, one-year deal with the chance to equal his 1992 pay with 10 bonus levels of $125,000 each based on innings.

Varsho and Espy, released earlier this week by Pittsburgh, agreed to $400,000 deals with the Reds. Varsho's deal is guaranteed, Espy's isn't.

In addition, Cecil Fielder and the Detroit Tigers were said to be discussing a $30 million, five-year deal, but also were said to be far apart on contract language dealing with the guarantee of his pay during a lockout. Fielder, who is not a free agent, has demanded a trade as part of his negotiating strategy.

The biggest news was the offers made by the Yankees, who appear to be gearing for a big offseason prior to the return of owner George Steinbrenner from suspension.

Yankees general manager Gene Michael said he had made and withdrawn offers to Guzman and Drabek, and a source said Cone also was in the group. The Guzman offer was worth approximately $13 million for four years, but the amount of the offers to Cone and Drabek wasn't known.

"They're off the board," Michael said. "If we haven't signed anyone in three or four days, they can come back to us. But we're going on to the next ones. If we can't sign one, maybe we'll have to trade for pitching and sign an outfielder."

Barry Meister, Guzman's agent, said he was talking with 11 teams and that seven had shown serious interest in the 29-year-old right-hander, who was 16-11 last season with a 3.66 ERA.

"We hope to decide by the end of this week," Meister said. "We're just going through each of the offers in each of the cities and trying to make the decision on where it's best for him to play."

Michael, who also is said to be interested in Greg Maddux and Greg Swindell, said he made an additional offer to another pitcher and said he may make another one Thursday. He said agents were trying to use his offers to raise prices with other clubs.

"They were shopping them like I didn't want," he said.

Cincinnati had no such problems getting the outfielders it wanted to back up Kevin Mitchell, Roberto Kelly and Reggie Sanders. Varsho and Espy were among five players let go last week by the NL East champion Pittsburgh Pirates.

Varsho made $367,500 last season, when he hit .222 with four homers and 22 RBIs in 103 games. Espy hit .258 with one homer and 20 RBIs in 112 games and made $320,000.

Gubicza, a 30-year-old right-hander, was 7-6 with a 3.72 ERA last season as he continued a comeback from 1990 rotator cuff surgery. He made $2.5 million in 1992, the final season of a three-year deal worth $7.4 million.

"He has worked hard rehabilitating his shoulder since being injured at midseason, and he will be ready to help us again in 1993," Royals general manager Herk Robinson said. "He's been a quality pitcher for us for a number of years, and we're glad to have him back both as a player and as a leader on the club."

Baseball owners may come to labor decision Dec. 7

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball owners will decide on Dec. 7 whether to reopen their collective bargaining agreement with the players' association, a move that may lead to another lockout.

Milwaukee Brewers owner Bud Selig, the chairman of the ruling executive council and management's Player Relations Committee, said Wednesday a special major league meeting on the issue will be held Dec. 7 at Louisville, Ky., site of the winter meetings. Regularly scheduled owners meetings are set for the following two days.

The current four-year agreement between the clubs and the Major League Baseball Players Association was signed on March 19, 1990, and is set to expire on Dec. 31, 1993. However, the agreement allows either side to reopen by this Dec. 11 on the central economic issues of free agency and salary arbitration and the minimum salary, currently $109,000.

If owners reopen the agreement, they then could decide to lock out the players again. Management closed spring training for 32 days in 1990 before the current agreement was signed.

PRC president Richard Ravitch, management's chief negotiator, has said that reopening the agreement wouldn't necessarily lead to a lockout. However, without a lockout the players could strike in August or September and threaten the bulk of CBS's national television payments to teams.

Hoosiers nip Gators in overtime, 81-78

Associated Press

Preseason NIT

NEW YORK — Pat Graham had waited a whole year for just this kind of chance.

The junior swingman broke the fifth metatarsal bone in his left foot in preseason practice last year and missed the entire season as Indiana went to the Final Four.

He was back this year and was a one-man offense for the fourth-ranked Hoosiers in the second half of regulation of their 81-78 overtime victory over No. 7 Florida State on Wednesday night in the semifinals of the preseason NIT.

With 20 seconds left in the overtime he was carried from the court by two teammates, his left leg dangling after being hurt in a scramble under the boards. He was unable to put any pressure on the foot, which was the same one he injured just over a year ago.

"Graham injured the same foot he broke last year," Indiana coach Bob Knight said. "We don't know the extent yet."

Graham was taken for X-rays on the foot, on which he had bone graft surgery on May 21 because the bone had softened.

The 6-foot-5 Graham scored all 14 of his points in the final 10 minutes of regulation. He missed a minute with five minutes to play when he had to leave the game with a bleeding cut below his left knee.

He scored all but five of Indiana's points in the final 10 minutes of regulation and his three-point play with 5:06 to play gave the Hoosiers their first tie since the opening minute of the second half.

"Pat Graham gave us a big lift in the second half," Knight said.

On Friday night, Indiana (3-0) will play for the title against the winner of Wednesday night's other semifinal between No. 6 Seton Hall and No. 21 UCLA.

Calbert Cheaney scored 34 points to lead the Hoosiers, who made 10 of 12 free throws in the final two minutes of overtime.

Indiana led by as many as 15 points in the first half, but only 39-37 at halftime. Florida State (2-1) started the second half with a 19-5 run as Indiana made just one of 10 shots from the field. A layup by Douglas Edwards with 12:35 left gave the Seminoles a 56-44 lead.

Another three-point play by Graham with 1:01 left gave Indiana a 69-67 lead. Edwards tied the game on a short turnaround with 6 seconds left.

Florida State led twice in the overtime, the last time at 73-72 on a side jumper by Bob Sura with 1:45 left. Cheaney made two free throws 19 seconds later and the Hoosiers made it 78-73 as Cheaney and Greg Graham each made two free throws.

Correction

Midlander Jim Rohn's milage as part of a motorcycle team that competed in the Baja 1000 was erroneously reported in the Wednesday *Reporter-Telegram*.

Rohn actually rode a total of 900 miles in the race, while George MaMahan logged 343 miles and Wes Willis 200. The *Reporter-Telegram* regrets the error.

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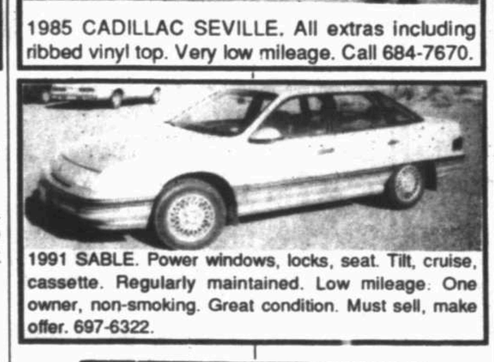


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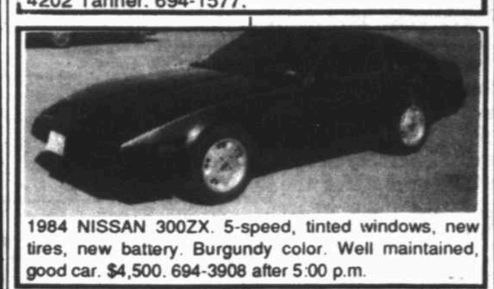
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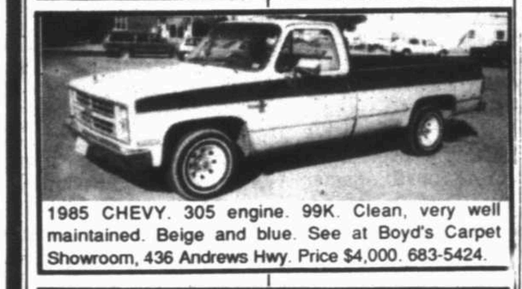
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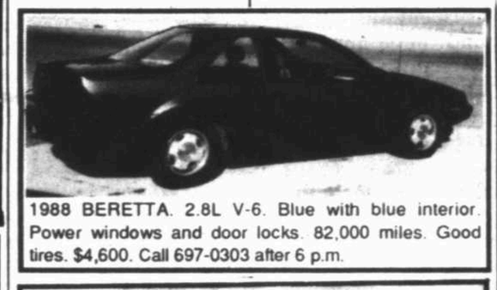
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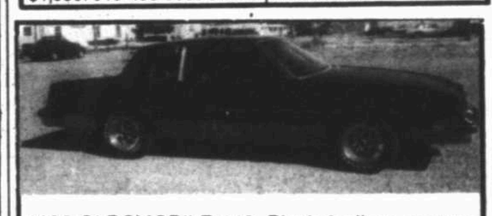
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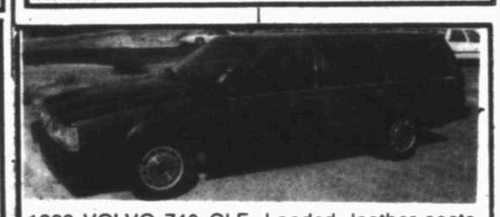
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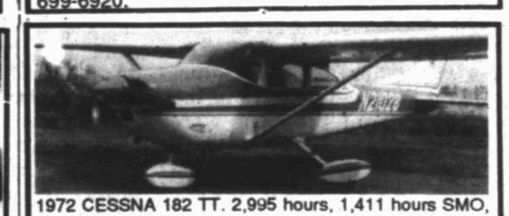
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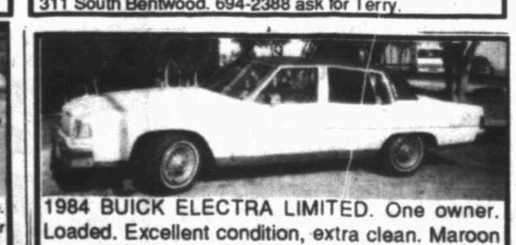
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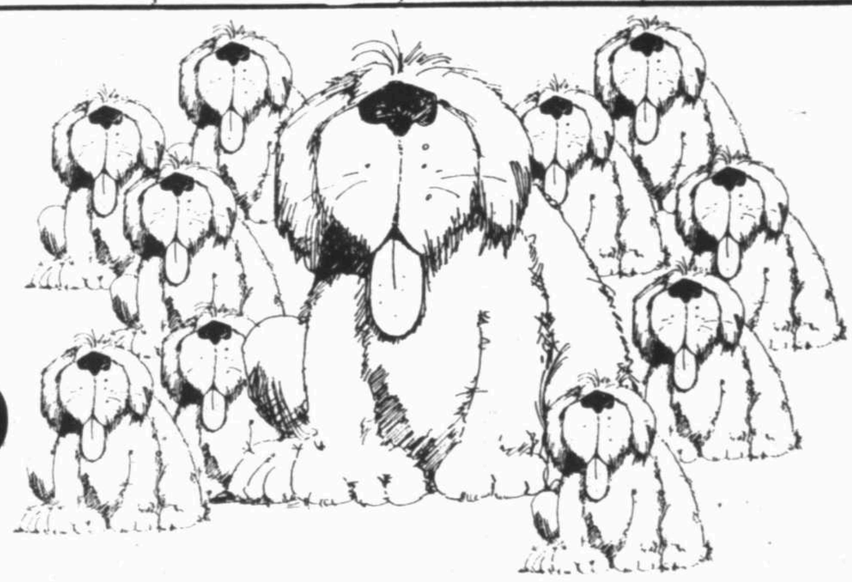
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312 Professional Help Wanted

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320 Sales Help Wanted

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No experience necessary.

We will train if you have EFFECTIVE speaking skills, are able to follow instructions, have realiable transportation and are at least 18 years of age.

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Christmas yard ornaments and decorations, one day only. Friday November 27th. 9 am to 5 pm. 4721 W. Storey. 689-0249.

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310 General Help Wanted

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Growing Real Estate firm, seeks enthusiastic individual for routine maintenance, temporary 6 - 8 weeks assignment. Must be highly self motivated, organized, energetic, detail oriented, and diplomatic with good written and verbal skills. Experience with electrical, plumbing, HVAC necessary. send resume and salary requirements to Christi Newton, 400 W. Illinois, Suite 900, Midland, TX 79701.

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Great Location!
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The Midland Reporter Telegram is looking for 2 independent contractors to deliver replacement papers on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays. Delivery hours are from 7:00 am until 11:00 am. Must have dependable transportation and good driving record (will be checked with DPS), as this job requires use of personal car.

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MIDLAND TX, AREA

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Administrator
P.O. Box 1763
Midland, TX 79702

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NEED ELDERLY CARING LADY to babysit two children less than four years. Light housekeeping work. Must have driving experience and flexible hours. 697-4760.

I AM LOOKING FOR HONEST, TRUSTWORTHY PERSON, to babysit children in my home. Must have own transportation and references. Call 697-9528.

340 Child Care Needed

WE ARE LOOKING for a babysitter for our 20 month old daughter. Must be flexible about hours, may come to our place or use yours. Please call 682-3310 after 6.

341 Child Care Providers

WILL BABYSIT at night while you go out. 2 years and up. Airline Mobile Home Park. 694-6575.

HAVE openings in my home for 6 months - 2 years. Certified Nurses Aide. West elementary area. 684-5934.

CHILD CARE in my home, eight months old and up. 7 - 6 PM, Monday - Friday. Hot meals, snacks provided. Have references. 699-5870.

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GARAGE SALES

Call 682-6222 For Assistance In Placing Your Garage Sale Ad

79701

THE PRACTICAL CENTER
2910 W. Wall. Tuesday thru Friday, 10:30 to 5:00; Saturday, 10:30 to 2:00. Closed Sunday and Monday. Gifts, toys, jewelry, kitchen ware, tools and etc. Clothes for everyone! Lay-a-way for Christmas now! 689-4910.

LARGE INSIDE SALE - Diamond rings (with appraisal papers), table organ, sewing machine, iron bed, insulators, oil lamps, showcase, rocking chairs, lots of old costume jewelry, clothes, bottles. Room 21, Traders Village, 3105 S. Rankin Hwy., Midland, November 27, 28 & 29th, 10 AM - 5 PM. This weekend only.

1505 W. KENTUCKY, Friday and Saturday, 9 am. Inside sale! Hand painted t-shirts and lots of goodies.

CHRISTMAS SALE

FRIDAY ONLY 9 to 1
Christmas tree, toys, games, children's books, Nintendo games, youth golf clubs, ski clothes, lots more.
1703 COMMUNITY LANE

WEDNESDAY THRU MONDAY, 10 - 6 Furniture, appliances, household items, and just about everything else you could think of. 1500 W. Florida.

79703

104 E. SHANDON, Friday and Saturday, 8 - 5. Kitchen table, clothes, coats, baby miscellaneous and what-nots.

79705

5100 CASTLEFORD, Friday 9-1, excercise machine, baby clothes, little tykes toys (lots of other toys), coffee and end tables, used dishwasher, mini blinds and curtains, lawn furniture, mens suits. Located in alley.

79707

4525 FAIRBANKS, Fri-Sat 8-4, lots of clothes, toys, bikes, furniture and lots of miscellaneous.

AREA SALES

LOWEST PRICES ON TOYS & GIFTS IN TOWN! Thousands of other bargains on records, tapes, sports cards, furniture, appliances, collectibles, household items, tools, cosmetics, jewelry, books, clothes, shoes, etc. Rainbow Trade Center & Flea Market. Rain or shine - shop inside. 1503 W. Industrial. 10 - 6, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. 570-4408.

To Meet a wonderful Companion See Meeting People In Sunday's Classified! Call 682-6222 for more information!

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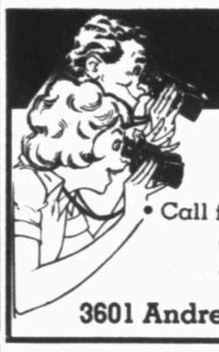
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AQUARIUM, 55 gallon with stand. Includes all accessories even the fish. $160, 684-8135.

WHITE DINING TABLE with 6 vinyl chairs with blue trim. $250. Cash only. 682-3046.

FOR SALE: camper shell for Chevy S10 long bed pickup. $85. Heavy duty grill guard for small pickup $65. Solo Flex machine $200. 699-6228.

SONY 8MM CAMCORDER, hard case, camera light, like new condition. Call 697-6239.

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Competition 1992
5th annual year continues register for age levels 5 to 7 and 8 to 10 year old. Boys and girls to participate in 2 runway categories: photo posing on runway, walk in the runway.
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for more information.
Registration Friday 9:30 to 12 at Mission Dorado
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7½' FROSTED TREE from Ms. Caycee's $150. Ladies size 12 custom designed reversible fur ski jacket appraised $750, asking $250. 682-0686.

ONE CASE OF 50 ELVIS, christmas ornaments. New in box, $100 or best offer. 458-3640 after 5.

WHIRLPOOL WASHER/ DRYER, good condition. $150 for both. Call 689-2947.

Collectors plates $10 each (Norman Rockwell and other artists). Contact 686-9325 or 682-4351.

CHRISTMAS YARD DECORATIONS. $4 to $25. Friday and Saturday. See at 4315 Harlowe Dr.

FOR SALE: singer sewing machine/ cabinet. Glass top dining room table. Henredon coffee table. 286 IBM compatible/ color monitor. 694-4104 after 5.

Unveil A NEW you - try safe and surprising ANEW by Avon. Call 682-9883.

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ROY ROGERS, COMIC BOOKS, spur, bits and spear, Nolan Ryan autograph ball and picture, Coke stuff. Buy it now before its too late for X-mas! It could be gone. Trader Village(Rankin Highway.)

INDOORS EAST SIDE
ROOM 19.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINE TICKETS, round trip any where Southwest flys, $300. 683-2990, 686-0011.

NINTENDO VIDEO GAME SYSTEM, with seven games. Like new. 686-0083, leave message.

SOFA LOVESEAT, La-Z-boy rocker recliner, large coffee table, two end tables and baby changing table. 697-0040.

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LYFETYME SMOKERS FROM UVALDE, two models with cutting boards. Lots of extras. $495-650, 697-3701.

OLD FASHIONED ICE CREAM TABLE with 2 chairs. $95.00. Collectible bits, spurs and saddle. 915-458-3457, 915-756-3276, Stanton.

HORSE DRAWN WAGON, Cigar Store Indian, Casio Cash Register, 1969 Ford Pick-Up for parts, dryer, miscellaneous office furniture, house appliances and furniture. 570-5633.

PIANO- Console $500; electronic keyboard $75; rowing machine $20; black/ white T.V. $25; trampoline frame, $50; girl's 5 piece bedroom furniture $300. 689-6393.

★ The GOLD STAR has arrived! Now open for business with great bargains on jewelry, glassware, toys and many miscellaneous gifts. New and used. 2507 W. Wall. Open Monday thru Saturday, 10 - 5:30pm.

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DEER PROCESSING
Deer Salami, deer jerky, smoked deer ham, smoked quail and turkey, smoked salmon. All meat in cray-o-vac packaging.
684-8809

FOR SALE USED 8 X 8 spa shell, (in-ground). One used 5 X 8 rectangular spa shell (in-ground). Excellent condition. Priced right. 699-5904.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

DON'T THROW AWAY that nonworking portable color T.V. or VCR it might be worth money. 697-1558 or 699-1454.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES COMPANY CLUB tickets wanted. Will pay top dollar. Call 687-5039.

Want to buy good used Nordic Trak. 686-8156.

420 Good Things To Eat

CHOICE BURKETT and Mohawk fancy pecans while they last. 684-7188.

GARDENDALE PECAN Processing, wants to buy your pecans, also custom shelling, pecan sells, Holiday shipping, pecan pickers, electric crackers, honey butter, burlap bags and more. Monday thru Saturday, 9 - 12 and 1 - 6. FM 554, Gardendale, 366-9793.

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430 Household Goods

★ I BUY & SELL appliances, washer, dryers refrigerators, freezers, and stoves. Call Perry's Appliances 560-5311.

NEED GOOD USED FURNITURE. Buy, sell, trade. Rowe's New & Used. 1211 S. Big Spring. 687-5966.

WASHER AND DRYER REPAIR. Kenmore, Hotpoint, GE, Whirlpool. 1704 West Carter. Call 685-1433.

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GOOD USED refrigerators, washer and dryers reasonably priced with warranty. Will pickup nonworking appliances. 1704 West Carter. Call 685-1433.

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JOHN'S SWAP SHOP
600 E. FLORIDA 683-7872

LOVESEAT AND CHAIR, excellent condition, best offer. 699-0361 after 6 pm.

USED APPLIANCE Sales and Service. Washers, dryers, refrigerators and stove. Will pick up nonworking appliances. 687-2121.

Nice Furniture! Sleeper sofa, recliner, baby crib, coffee tables, 697-7900.

DAY BED, EXCELLENT shape $150, RCA Camcorder $150, couch, EXCELLENT shape $175. Call 689-0428.

DARK SMOKED GLASS AND BRASS DINETTE with 4 chairs. Brand new - excellent condition. $250. 699-3092.

EXTRA NICE - A Brandt solid oak coffee table, 2 end tables, $600. A Brandt chair, $150, 4 cushion couch, $395, 2 lamps $30 each, bookcase $125. By appointment only, 686-8011.

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LANE BEDROOM SET: queensize waterbed, chest of drawers, night stand, lamp, gray lacquer. $700 OBO. 686-0678.

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MONTGOMERY WARD refrigerator, white, good condition. $75. Call 694-3322.

REMODELING BATHROOM and kitchen selling 2 tubs, 2 commodes, 3 sinks. Excellent condition. $75. 570-8737.

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ETHAN ALLEN pine desk & chair $100. Ethan Allen maple coffee table $75. Wool braided rugs 67 x 47 $25, 106 x 141 $50. 686-9006.

440 Firewood

WOOD YARD: mesquite, oak, pecan. Jarnagin Home and Garden Center. 701 N. Fairgrounds Road. 686-8107.

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450 Sporting Goods

1993 35' VACATION AIR, central air, awning, washer/ dryer, stereo, monitor panel, $13,500. 1-264-4011.

AR-15, with scope, extra clips and case. Excellent condition. 686-8998 after 5 pm.

REEBOK step aerobics with tape, for sale, like new, $75. Call. 694-5635.

COMPLETE SET, Lynx Tigress golf clubs with PGA bags. Telephone 686-8011.

310 POUND WEIDER weight set, with bench and curl bar. 689-4222 (leave message).

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WWII GERMAN MAUSER, 98K rifle, mint condition, Odessa 334-0482.

460 Antiques and Art

COTTON PATCH COLLECTIBLES
Marble Top Table, Pie Safe, Piano Bench, Country Cupboards, Wall Shelves, Various China Collectibles.
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ANTIQUE LIQUIDATION SALE.- glassware, primitives, collectibles and furniture, 1607 N. Big Spring.

1915 DUOFOLD Couch with rocker and chair, $1,000 OBO. 697-2129 after 6 PM.

ORIGINAL MAJESTIC 1918 IRON STOVE, completely refurbished inside. Mint condition! $1,600. 520-3777.

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AFFORDABLE PRICES, primitives, antiques, collectibles, depression glass, quilts, stoneware, lamps, china cupboards, beautiful glassware, unique gifts.
Lucky Dog Antiques, 3712 W. Wall.
689-6373.

COLLECTOR'S CORNER- Pre-Holiday sale 10% to 50% off dining room sets, miscellaneous furniture, antique chandeliers, sofas, chairs, mirrors, porcelain dolls, Depression glass (in all colors). 580-3303. 817 N. Meadow. Monday- Saturday 10 to 6. Odessa.

1985 "VALLEY MIST" by Laura Butler. Ideal gift for Western Art lover. $1200. 687-5340.

470 Musical Instruments

TAMA DRUMS, 5-piece electric, w/cases,stands. Days 570-0241, after 5 682-2438, ask for Juan.

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KIMBALL SPINET PIANO with bench. Good condition, dark maple. Call 570-8353 days, 686-9686, evenings.

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TANDY 1000TX, 286, 640K, 101 keyboard, modem, 5½, 3½, 20 meg, IBM compatible, high resolution color monitor, lots of software and desk. $600. 699-3092.

IBM PC includes Processor with duel floppy disk drives, & 40Mg HD, keyboard, monochrome monitor $720. Citizen 120D printer $225. Approx 40 Mg business, games, lots of other software worth $$$. 694-7257.

490 Computers and Accessories

MACALEX COMPUTER- We compete Nationwide! 486-33, 4 RAM, 170 HD, NIS VGA Monitor, $1,799. MAC CLASSIC II 4/40, $1,099. POWERBOOK 145 4/40, $1,995. MAC LCII 4/40, $1,199. HP Laserjet 4, $1,549. DESKJET 500, $394. Deskjet 500C, $595. Best Prices in the Country. Call 1-800-685-ALEX.

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FREE puppies, 8 weeks old, and free kittens. Call 684-7661, after 5 and anytime on weekends.

500 Pets and Supplies

DOG TRAINING in your home. Obedience/ problem correction. Local references available. 23 years experience. 699-0039.

AKC Registered Miniature Schnauzers. Six cute, cuddly puppies to steal your heart. $175.00. 520-8003.

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LOW cost neutering available. Call 689-0999, leave message. Midland Animal Control and Midland S.P.C.A. have many dogs & cats ready for adoption.
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BASSETT HOUNDS
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AKC REGISTERED PUPS. Chihuahuas, both coats, Bichon Frises, Papillons and Poodles, Westies, Maltese, Shi Tzus. Shots. Vet checked.
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HARRY..Bassett Hound mix, large male.
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SUZETTE..Small Norwich Terrier mix, spade female.
SUZIE..Small terrier mix, black-/brown/white, spade female.
QUEENIE..Long haired calico cat, must be indoor, spade female.
These and many more animals are up for adoption at the Big Spring Humane Society. $35.00 dogs and puppies, $25.00 cats and kittens, includes spaying and neutering. 267-7832.

AKC REGISTERED CHINESE PUGS, fawn with black face, great Christmas gifts. 368-7023 after 6 pm.

3 month old, buff colored, full blooded male Cocker Spaniel. $50. 694-4144.

TWO FERRETS to good home. Approximately 9 months-old. Cages and all included. $200 or best offer. 687-5925 leave message.

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AKC BASSET PUPPIES
six weeks old, tri-colored, very healthy, Science Diet fed. $125. 699-4746.

QUALITY SCOTTISH TERRIERS. Satisfaction quaranteed. All shots. Puppy kindergarten trained. Breeder member SPCA. 263-3404.

AKC registered Golden Retriever puppies. Beautiful, large litter. $150 each. Call 683-5210.

MINIATURE SCHNAUZER PUPPIES, champion sired, 5 girls, 1 boy. Salt/ pepper and black. Several show quality. 683-9489.

FREE puppies, 8 weeks old, and free kittens. Call 684-7661, after 5 and anytime on weekends.

SEEING SPOTS FOR CHRISTMAS?! AKC Dalmatian puppies born 10/27/92, shots, dew claws removed- $200. 686-7975.

505 Livestock and Poultry

HORSE BOARDING; grain and hay twice a day. Tack closets, telephone, arena. Northwest area. 694-4978.

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520 Store, Cafe Equipment

QUITTING BUSINESS- fixtures and equipment for sale- all good to excellent condition. Antique wall cabinets 6' x 7'10" with sliding glass doors, drawers and shelves. Display cases, gondolas, racks, stands. Bastian Blessing soda fountain, frozen yogurt machine, Scotsman icemaker, booths, stools, cash registers, etc. Corner Drug Store, 413 S. Drake, Iraan, Tx 79744 (915)639-2221.

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Portable storage buildings. Used priced - must sell. Will move. 563-0022

RETURN FROM LEASE. storage and office type buildings. Morgan 563-1807.

ONLY $255. 8 x 10 storage building. Morgan 563-1807.

550 Portable Buildings

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560 Machinery and Tools

FOR SALE: LINCOLN WELDER on trailer, excellent condition. Call 684-8124.

WANT TO BUY earth moving equipment, backhoes, dozers, etc. Running or not. Cash waiting. 563-7915.

570 Oilfield Supplies

FOR SALE: oilfield electric motors. Rebuilt with guarantee from 5 horsepower 1,200-1,800 RPM. 685-0636, 559-4167, 682-1546

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STRUCTURAL TUBING and rods for sale. Call Dan at 682-8319.

228 Lufkin Pumping Units, 500 BBL fiberglass tank, 8 1/2 x 10 Ajax motor, call 683-3033 or 694-2047.

FOR SALE complete sand blasting unit including Ingersoll-Rand 375 HP air compressor, all trailer mounted, excellent condition. Call 563-4005.

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580 Farm Equipment

8N FORD TRACTOR- $2,200. 1984 Chevy 4 door, clean, $2,200, possible finance. 697-2322.

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ALL UTILITIES PAID!
Studios- 1 & 2 bedrooms
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610 Apartments Unfurnished

1ST MONTH'S RENT FREE charming, two bedrooms, one bath. Spacious walk-in closets, well maintained grounds. $275.00 a month, 699-0914.

1ST MONTHS RENT FREE- small, medium, large 1 bedrooms also 2 bedrooms available. Pool, Laundry room, tennis court, security. Sandstone Apartments. 697-6900.

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FIRST MONTH RENT FREE. 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. Well kept, spacious. $225 - $295 monthly. Pool, tennis, court and playground available. 3101 N. Midland Drive. 520-2084.

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1, 2, & 3 bdrm apt homes. Nice family community. Ashton Way Apts. 694-1646. Open Saturdays

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FAIRMONT APARTMENTS
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Efficiency & 1 bedroom apartment of extraordinary quality, 616 sq. ft- 814 sq. ft. rents begin at $240 per month. Washer/ dryer furnished, ceiling fans, brick hearth fireplace, marble vanities, mirrored doors, frost free refrigerators, self cleaning oven.
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620 Houses Furnished

FURNISHED DUPLEX FOR RENT. One bedroom, West Midland. $300 plus deposit. Call 699-7821.

625 Houses Unfurnished

AFFORDABLE ONE/TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX- covered parking, pets welcome. Call 563-4550, 682-1659.

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●●● 4307-A DENGAR ●●●
2 bedroom, 1 bath, new carpet, $350 monthly, $200 deposit.
●●● 3234 CIMMARON ●●●
3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, $650 monthly, $650 deposit. No inside pets.
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Dene Kelly Realtors 687-0595.

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★ EXTRA CLEAN! 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, water softener. Henderson. $600/ $400 deposit. Non-smoker. 697-8090.

625 Houses Unfurnished

1 - 2 - 3 & 4 BEDROOMS, will qualify for HUD. Call 683-5574 or 682-2231.

LEASE: 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, large master, 2 car, Bush/ Goddard/ Lee. 4606 Debbie Cove. $800 monthly. After 5 PM 697-2672.

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310 S. DEWBERRY. Extra nice 3 bedroom, 1¾ bath, single garage, refrigerated air, dishwasher, stove, washer/ dryer connections, large yard. $550. 685-3012.

4602 W. DENGAR- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Available December 15, $635/ month, $350/ deposit. 40% of 1st years lease payment applicable towards purchase. Call after 5 pm 694-7049.

NICE- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, double wide mobile home. Stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, 15 miles Northwest of Midland, $395/ monthly. Willa Dean Berry. Dene Kelly Realtors. 687-2384, evenings 694-8956.

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DUPLEX FOR RENT
2305-A HAYNES
Large,3 bedrooms, 2 ½ bath
$550/ month
Call L.E. Waynick
694-0500
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2404 W. Kentucky, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Central heat, washer/dryer connections. References required, no utilities paid. $200/month, $100/deposit. 687-1011 or 570-0063.

4 BEDROOM executive home, 2813 Emerson Lane, $1,000 deposit, $1,200 monthly. Available Nov. 31st. 683-5202.

★ 3 BEDROOM- HOUSES & DUPLEXES. Good selection. $400-$600/ month. Williams and Assoc. 694-9663.

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LUXURIOUS Townhome, large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, fenced yard, microwave, fireplace, corner location, $695. Call Janette 520-7912 or 697-9977.

SEVERAL NICE HOMES and townhomes, $250 - $800 monthly. Small office $100. Jeannie Printz, Agent 699-5636.

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DUPLEX- SPACIOUS, 3 BEDROOMS, 2 bath, storage, carports on Haynes. $575. Deposit. Available now. 687-5495, 689-6442.

★ 1 BEDROOM DUPLEX, brick, all appliances, yard carport/ storage, pets allowed, central heat and air. 919 B Bentwood. 683-1485 or 697-4461.

DARLING SPACIOUS one bedroom home, completely furnished, huge fenced yard, close to hospital, shopping. North Crestview off Ohio, $235 plus deposit. 685-0545.

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EXECUTIVE HOME: 4900 Timber Court. 1 large 3 bedroom with 2 living areas, beautiful landscaping and condition. $1,000 per mo. years lease. Available Dec. 1. Call Pat Paxton, Langston Realtors, 683-0888, 682-9495.

625 Houses Unfurnished

SPACIOUS 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, double garage in Northgate area. Available December 15, 1992. Well maintained property with large master bedroom with walk-in closet. $700.00 per month with $500.00 deposit. Weekdays 9 - 5, call 683-0833; weekends & evenings, 697-0608.

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4314 VERSAILLES- 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 living areas, central heat/ air conditioning, large yard. $500. 694-4558.

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LARGE 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, double garage, fireplace, extras- $750/ monthly. Gas and water paid. Deposit and references required. 683-2996.

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640 Condos and Townhouses Unfurnished

FAIRGATE TOWNHOMES- 2 and 3 bedrooms, 1,620 sq. ft. livable, ceiling fans, fireplace, appliances furnished, garage. Northwest Side. 697-9566.

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665 Business Property / Offices

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From 220-1,561 Sq.Ft. available.
Rent as low as $4.75/ NSF/ YEAR
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or John at 683-3363

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LOOK: OFFICES, 2 rooms, 4 rooms, bills paid. Midland Medical Building, 2109 W. Texas, 682-0602.

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APPROXIMATELY 2,500 Sq. Ft. office warehouse. Excellent Northside location. 5 offices, restrooms, Class A space. $750 monthly. Contact Terry Hancock 686-8638.

BUILDING FOR LEASE. 4 Office 1,200 Ft., refrigerated air, 3 shops. 4,000 Sq. Ft. insulated, heater, overhead doors, fenced yard. $750 per month. Call 694-3141.

665 Business Property / Offices

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WALLACE TOWNHOME excellent condition, 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, 2 car garage. Underwood Real Estate, 682-9378.

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• All Areas $20K to $65K
• Free Lists
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★★★★★★★★★★★★
SAGEWOOD CONDO- Need income? Rented, 1 bdrm, living room, utility room, $21,000.
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3506 EDGEMONT- Good schools, good neighbors, good home. 3 bdrms, 2 bath, 3 car garage-workshop. Neat as a pin. $89,000.
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EXTRA LARGE 5 bedroom, 3 living area. Polo Park. Call Bobette RE/MAX 687-2558, 682-8820.

Starter 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new carpet. $36,500. Call Bobette RE/MAX 687-2558, 682-8820.

2 BEDROOMS, 1 bath, 1 living area, carport, large storage building, 406 W. Hart. 684-9902.

FOR SALE- 1510 PUEBLO RD-as is, $38,000, $1,000 down. Call AFTER 6 pm 699-7746.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 5 years old, single garage, fireplace. Non-qualifying assumable. $38,000. 520-5338.

★ NO CREDIT CHECK. Brick 4 bed, 2 bath, low equity, payments $408, 4513 Versailles. Call 683-1485 or 697-4461.

BAD CREDIT OK - Non-qualifying loans. Several houses. 801 W. Michigan, $45,000, 4 bedroom. 682-3542.

Cynthia Brown
HUD-VA Specialist
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WYDEWOOD ADDITION - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage, fireplace. Sale by Owner. 520-8700 after 5.

HOUSE FOR SALE, new carpet, 3,700 + sq. ft. private pool, 4 bedrooms, 7 baths. Must see! Call Mr. Wilson at 684-5567. 682-6436.

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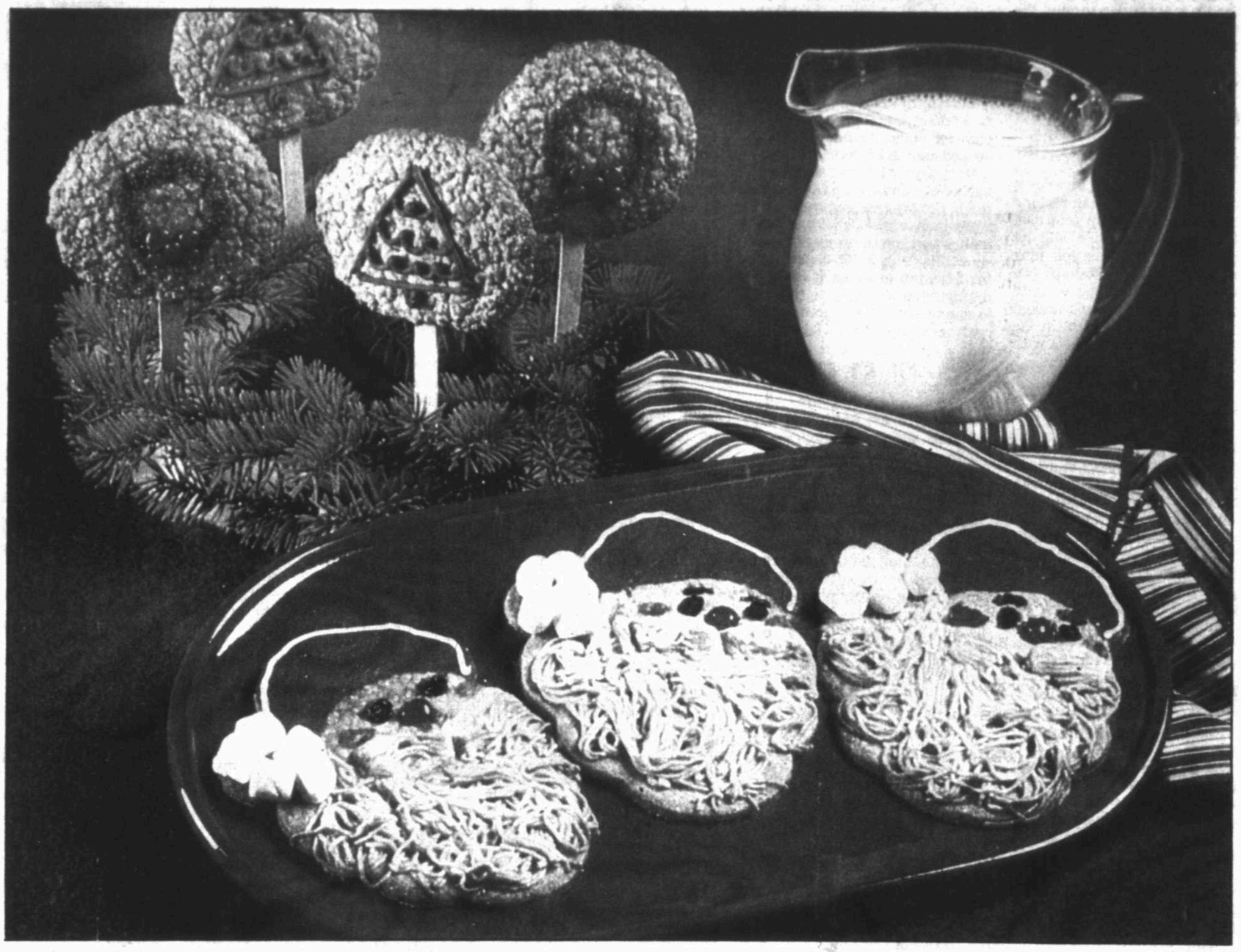
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RINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS



Santa Face cookies, front, and Lollipop cookies can be turned into place-card holders for your holiday table. Use icing to write guests' names on the cookies.

Festive feast

By Christine B. Needham
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Simple touches let your dinner table say "happy holidays" as clearly as the special food. These fun, festive looks from Better Homes and Gardens will get your family and friends in the mood to celebrate.

Decorate your dishes. Wrap a salad bowl or dessert dish with pretty ribbon. Or tie a small bow around the stem of each wineglass.

Create a fragrant centerpiece. Wrap bunches of long cinnamon sticks with ribbon and press whole cloves into oranges. Arrange both in a basket and surround with fresh, aromatic pine branches.

Make candle holders from apples. With an apple corer or knife, make a hole, big enough for a candle, in the top of an apple. If needed, trim bottom of apple to sit flat.

Bake your own place-card holders. Write each name, with icing, on a frosted sugar cookie cut into a fun holiday shape (see recipes below) With a stiff icing, attach the bottom of each cookie to a graham cracker, making a platform for the cookie to stand on.

Give little gifts at dinner. Put your guests in the holiday spirit by placing a small, wrapped box by each plate. Chocolate truffles, homemade candy or ornaments all make fun, inexpensive gifts.

Tie napkins with fancy ribbon. Add bells and small ornaments if you like. Or fold napkins in a new, creative way. Place napkins on the empty dinner plates or in empty glasses. For napkin folding, experiment on your own or look for a book on the topic.

Dress up dinner. Making your food look special can be as simple as adding a sprig of fresh herb. Other quick garnishes, such as grapes, nuts, cherry tomato wedges, red leaf lettuce and candied fruit, really spruce up a holiday menu.

The following two cookie recipes come from The American Dairy Association.

SANTA-FACE COOKIES

Yields: 24
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2½ cups all-purpose flour
Currants
Red cinnamon candies
Food colorings
Miniature marshmallows
Decorator's frosting

Cream butter until fluffy. Gradually beat in sugars until light and fluffy. Mix in milk and vanilla. Mix in flour.

Chill dough 1 to 2 hours for ease in handling.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Work with about one-third of dough at a time, leaving remainder in refrigerator.

Roll on lightly floured surface to ¼-inch thickness. Cut into Santa Faces using floured cookie cutter. Place on unbuttered cookie sheets. Make face using currants for eyes, a cinnamon candy for a nose.

Paint cap and mouth using red food coloring diluted with water to desired shade. Paint eyebrows using brown food coloring or cocoa powder and water mixture.

To make curly beard, press small pieces of dough through a garlic press. Place on cookie to form a beard.

Bake 10 to 12 minutes, or until cookies are just golden. Cool on pan 1 minute. Remove from pan and cool completely on wire racks. Place 3 or 4 miniature marshmallows at end of hat for tassel; secure with small amount of decorator's frosting.

Store at room temperature in airtight metal container up to two weeks.

Christmas elixir

By Christine B. Needham
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

It's just about time for eggnog to make its yearly appearance at holiday tables and celebrations, so you might be surprised to learn that this eggy elixir has a longer tradition as a medicinal concoction than it has as a festive drink.

Partly because of the alcohol often added to it and partly because of the eggs, the American Dairy Association says such egg and milk drinks enjoy a heritage as rich as the array of ingredients that go into them.

Although some social historians trace the eggnog lineage to Germany's egg punch, which is made with milk and wine, English blends are the more likely inspiration for the American version. Sack-posset, a centuries-old English concoction of milk curdled with ale or sack (a dry wine), appears to be eggnog's closest ancestor.

Eggs were also a necessary ingredient, but whether the drink was fortified with the whole egg or the yolk depended on the drinker's social status. English gentry sipped theirs with egg yolk while commoners tended to add the whole egg.

Other English drinks such as syllabub and caudle are also related to eggnog. Caudle is simply egg yolk and wine or ale (without milk); syllabub contains white wine, fruit juice and cream (no eggs). Modern-day syllabubs are often made frothy by beating in egg whites.

The American name "eggnog" apparently came from an English drinking vessel called a "noggin," a small mug with an upright handle. The British quaffed ale, which came to be known as nog, from these small vessels.

But today's eggnog, which comes in many ver-

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LOLLIPOP COOKIES

Yield: 24
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1½ cups firmly packed brown sugar
2 eggs
2½ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ cup milk
2½ cups quick oats, uncooked
Wooden sticks
Cookie decorations

Cream butter until fluffy. Add sugar and beat until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs.

Combine dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Stir in oats. Chill dough 1 to 2 hours for ease in handling.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Roll dough with your hands into 1½ inch-diameter balls. Place about 3 inches apart on unbuttered cookie sheet. Insert wooden stick halfway into each ball or dough.

Dip a flat-bottomed glass in sugar, then use to flatten cookies. Decorate as desired.

Bake 13 to 15 minutes, or until golden. Cool slightly, then remove from cookie sheet and cool completely on wire rack. Store at room temperature in airtight metal container up to two weeks.

Gift food baskets can tempt tastebuds

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Welcome to a cozy kitchen full of Christmas, where gift ideas that are tasteful, as well as good tasting, await. Here you will find plenty of gift inspiration to suit the taste buds of nearly everyone on your list. By using these suggestions for creative cookbooks, extraordinary cookware and kitchen items, and deliciously healthful recipes, you can pack basket after beautiful basket that will help you say "Happy Holidays" in the warmest of ways.

Although each basket comes with a list of items you can include in it, you should develop your own variations on the themes and let your imagination go as you look for things to include. Perhaps you have favorite recipes you want to share, or decorative items tucked away for ages that fit right in. Be sure to round out the baskets with colorful fruits and vegetables.

A taste of Italy: For travel-minded cooks, pack a sturdy basket from the Mediterranean. For example: arborio rice and tomato paste, cut-glass goblets, multicolored pastas with different flavors and bottled waters (available in specialty-food shops); fabric grape clusters for decoration; "Celebrating Italy," by Carol Field (1990, William Morrow); and Herbed Pasta Sauce (See recipe below).

Southwest Sampler: Pack up the robust flavors native to the American Southwest: a whimsical muffin pan to bake muffins in; corn tortilla mix and a corn tortilla press; "Coyote Cafe," by Mark Miller (1990, Ten Speed Press); and Corn Muffin Mix (See recipe below).

Bread Baker's Basket: For novice and experienced bakers alike, this collection is sure to inspire a firing of the heart: a glass baking dish and herbed bread mix; jars of delicious, no-sugar fruit spreads (available in most grocery stores); Whole Wheat Bread, which can be braided for a festive look (see recipe below), as well as tasty muffins made from the Oat Bran Muffin Mix (recipe also follows).

Herbal Holiday: This fragrant potpourri lets you give a gift to be enjoyed all year long: Prepare Herb and Cranberry Vinegars (recipe follows) and package them in colorful blue or grape-leaf glass bottles from specialty stores; add a selection of fresh herbs wrapped in a cloth with a botanical theme; add the book, "Herbs" by Emelie Tolley and Chris Mead (1985, Clarkson Potter, Inc.)

Teatime Table Settings: Consider offering a special friend who honors the teatime tradition a charming array of afternoon delights: a delicate teapot and a small tray that is perfect for serving cakes, cookies or crackers; metal napkin rings in botanical patterns, dried apricots (available in many groceries and specialty-food shops); and an assortment of flavored teas (sold in groceries and specialty-food shops).

A Grandmother's Gift: Share your love of cooking with a special youngster: a colorful grandmother and granddaughter apron and oven mitt set and an assortment of small-scale pans and kitchen tools; a whimsical animal cookie cutter; and Gingerbread Cutouts (see recipe below).

Make Up Your Own Baskets: You can design holiday food baskets around just around anything — jams, jellies, condiments, teas, coffees — the sky's the limit. The trick is to add items the recipient can use — and appreciate — after the food is gone.

Herbed Pasta Sauce

1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 green pepper, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
2 tablespoons water
1 28-oz. can tomatoes, cut up
1 15-oz. can tomato sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon dried basil, crushed
½ teaspoon dried marjoram, crushed
½ teaspoon dried oregano, crushed

In a Dutch oven cook mushrooms, pepper, onion and garlic in the water until tender.

Stir in the undrained tomatoes, tomato sauce, sugar, herbs and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 35-40 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Cool the sauce; pack in jars with tight lids. Store in refrigerator up to two days, or freeze up to three months. Makes 10 ½-cup servings.

Gingerbread Cutouts

½ cup shortening
2½ cups all-purpose flour
½ cup sugar
½ cup molasses
1 egg
1 tablespoon vinegar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon ginger
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon ground cloves

Beat shortening with electric mixer on medium to high speed for 30 seconds. Add half of the flour, the sugar, molasses, egg, vinegar, baking powder, ginger, baking soda, cinnamon and cloves.

Beat until combined, then beat in remaining flour. Cover and chill for about 3 hours. Divide the chilled dough in half.

On a lightly floured surface, roll half of the dough at a time ⅛-inch thick. Cut into desired shapes with a 2½-inch cookie cutter. Place 1 inch apart on a greased cookie sheet. Bake in a 375-degree oven for 5-6 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool on the cookie sheet for 1 minute. Remove and cool on a wire rack. Makes 36-48.

Oat Bran Baking Mix

2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups whole wheat flour
2 cups whole bran cereal
1 cup oat bran
½ cup nonfat dry milk powder
½ cup packed brown sugar
3 tablespoons baking powder

Stir together the flours, bran cereal, oat bran, milk powder, brown sugar, baking powder and 1 teaspoon salt. Makes 8 cups of baking mix. See recipe for Oat Bran Muffins below.

Oat Bran Muffins

1 cup Oat Bran Baking Mix (see recipe above)
1 slightly beaten egg white
¼ cup water
1 tablespoon cooking oil.

To make four muffins: In a medium mixing bowl stir the Oat Bran Baking Mix. Then stir together the egg white, water and cooking oil.

Add this mixture to baking mix all at once. Continue mixing just until moistened.

Line four muffin cups with paper bake cups or spray with nonstick spray coating. Spoon the batter into the muffin cups. Bake in a 400-degree oven about 20 minutes or until muffins are light brown. Serve warm. Makes 4. Note: For 8 or 12 muffins, double or triple recipe.

Corn Muffin Mix

5 cups yellow cornmeal
4½ cups all-purpose flour
2 cups nonfat dry milk powder
1¼ cups sugar
⅓ cup baking powder
1 tablespoon salt
1¼ cups shortening that does not require refrigeration.

Combine cornmeal, flour, nonfat dry milk powder, sugar, baking powder and salt in large mixing bowl. Cut in shortening until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Store in covered, airtight container up to six weeks. Stir mix before measuring. To use, spoon mix into measuring cup, level with straight-edged knife. Makes 15 cups. See Corn Muffin recipe, below.

Corn Muffins

2½ cups Corn Muffin Mix
2 eggs
1 cup water or milk

Place Corn Muffin Mix in a bowl. Beat together eggs and water or milk with a rotary beater. Add to mix, then beat with rotary beater just until smooth. Pour mix into greased muffin tins. Bake in a 425-degree oven for 20-25 minutes or until done. Makes 12.

Whole Wheat Bread

3 to 3½ cups all-purpose flour
1 package active dry yeast
1¾ cup water
⅓ cup packed brown sugar
3 tablespoons shortening
2 teaspoons salt
2 cups whole wheat flour

In a large mixer bowl combine 2 cups of the all-purpose flour and the yeast. Heat water, brown sugar, shortening and salt just until warm (115-120 degrees), stirring constantly. Add to flour mixture. Beat at low speed of electric mixer ½ minute, scraping bowl. Beat for 3 minutes at high speed.

Stir in whole wheat flour and as much of the remaining all-purpose flour as you can mix in with a spoon.

On a lightly floured surface knead in enough of the remaining all-purpose flour to make a moderately stiff dough that is smooth and elastic (6-8 minutes).

Shape into a ball and turn once. Cover. Let rise in a warm place until double (1 to 1½ hours). Punch dough down, then turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Divide in half. Cover and let rest 10 minutes.

To braid dough, divide each half into three pieces. Shape each piece into a 16-inch rope. Line up the three ropes, 1 inch apart on a greased baking sheet. Beginning in the middle of the ropes and working toward each end, braid the ropes (loosely, so the dough has room to expand). Gently straighten ropes on baking sheet. Pinch ends together; tuck the sealed portion under the braid so the ropes won't come apart during baking.

Cover braid and let it rise in a warm place until almost double. Brush with 1 tablespoon milk. If desired, sprinkle tops with sesame or poppy seed. Bake in a 375-degree oven about 45 minutes. Cover with foil the last 20 minutes to prevent over-browning. Makes 2 loaves of bread with 16 slices each.

Herb Vinegar

2 cups tightly packed fresh herb leaves or sprigs (tarragon, thyme, dill, mint or basil)
2 cups vinegar
Fresh herb sprigs

Pack 2 cups of herbs into a hot, clean 1-quart jar. In a stainless steel or enamel saucepan heat vinegar until hot, but not boiling. Pour the hot vinegar over herbs in jar.

Cover loosely with a glass or cork lid until mixture cools. Then cover tightly with the lid. Let vinegar stand in a cool dark place for one week before using.

To store, remove herbs from the jar. If desired, transfer liquid to a clean 1-pint jar or bottle and add an additional sprig of fresh herb to the jar. Cover tightly with a glass or cork lid. You can store the vinegar in a cool, dark place for up to 3 months. Makes 2 cups.

Cranberry Vinegar

6 inches stick cinnamon
2 cups cider vinegar
1½ cups cranberries
1 cup dry red wine
¼ cup sugar

Place cinnamon in a clean 1-quart jar. Set aside. In a stainless steel or enamel saucepan, bring vinegar, cranberries, wine and sugar to boiling. Boil gently, uncovered, for 3 minutes.

Pour over cinnamon in jar. Cover and let stand in a cool, dark place for one week.

Strain mixture through a sieve lined with cup-shaped coffee filter. Transfer liquid to clean, decorative bottles. Cover bottles with glass, plastic or cork lids. Store up to six months. Makes 3 half-pints (24 2-tablespoon servings).

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Holidays don't have to ruin diet

By Christine B. Needham
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Holiday foods can weigh heavily on our minds, bodies and spirits. Turkey, stuffing, gravy, glazed yams, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie. Oops! There goes a year's worth of healthy eating. We want to eat sensibly and moderately but the parade of rich foods and snacks makes even the toughest types waiver.

"By indulging in the parade of goodies that starts at Thanksgiving and continues unabated until New Year's, the average person will gain 5 to 7 pounds," said Jo Ann Carson, director of the clinical nutrition program at Southwestern Allied Health Sciences School, part of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Those 5 to 7 pounds translate to 17,500 to 24,500 *extra* calories.

How can that be? That little piece of fudge or those tiny Christmas cookies don't have that many calories. But wait! You need eat only an extra 500 calories a day from Thanksgiving to New Year's to watch the scale creep up 5 pounds.

Many dietary experts say that doesn't have to be so. Get your act together early, and plan a bit. Even if you are the person doing the lion's share of the cooking, you can insulate yourself against the heavy stuff.

"The key is moderation," said Martha Valo, director of dietary services at Kennedy Memorial Hospitals Stratford Division, in Cherry Hill, N.J. "Overindulgence in anything is a detriment."

It is possible to enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal or a holiday party and not turn the event into a fat-laden calorie binge. Yes, it's even OK to sample everything. "But don't take too much," said Valo. "Take a little bit of everything as long as you know the next day you are going to get back on the straight and narrow."

If you want to be a little more careful, Valo offers the following tips:

■ Eat the white meat of the turkey, which has fewer calories than the dark meat, and don't eat the skin.

■ Avoid the gravy or make a light gravy by skimming the fat from the turkey trimmings and thickening the juice with cornstarch or arrowroot.

■ Make glazed yams with a sugar substitute or sweeten them with natural fruit juices such as orange juice or pineapple juice.

Carson also doesn't recommend deprivation during the holidays. Instead she suggests cutting out a few things one normally eats (preferably those with empty calories) to make room for that extra cookie or piece of fudge. She said you can save up your calories during the week in preparation for a weekend holiday party.

"To do that all the time, however, is not a good idea because you break that pattern of control," she said.

One stumbling block for many is associating the specialness of the holidays with having lots of sweets. "Try not to use the Christmas season as an excuse to ignore the rules you usually follow," Carson said.

Carson suggests these time-tested tips:

■ For a festive, non-alcoholic beverage, mix apple-cranberry juice (which has no added sugar) with sparkling water. "You get some nutrition from the juice and not too many calories."

■ Cookie swaps may be a way to get around the urge to overindulge. For example, six people might bake a big batch of six dozen cookies each, everyone exchanges so each ends up with six kinds of cookies.

But six dozen cookies! Who needs that temptation staring them in the face? But Carson said the trick is to freeze most of those cookies and get them out later in the year on special occasions. Besides, you'll sample less cookie dough if you only bake once instead of six times.

■ When you receive gifts of food, Carson again recommends freezing as much as possible to serve later.

Carson said that while she personally does make candy at Christmas, she only puts out small dishes of it at a time. "I think three pieces of fudge per person is reasonable," she said.

"The notion that you are doomed to be a glutton is false," said Julie Ellis, nutritionist at Wake Forest University's Cardiac Rehabilitation program, in Winston-Salem, N.C. "You can eat healthily while enjoying some old favorites."

Ellis offers her own suggestions for eating right during the holiday period. She too sees big rewards in planning ahead.

■ Plan the heavy eating days so there will be time for exercise. For example, make family walks a holiday tradition.

■ Set early dinner times, so appetites will not have the whole day to grow and big meals have plenty of time to digest.

If you are responsible for preparing the meal, Ellis suggests these ways to reduce fat:

■ Choose a stuffing recipe that includes apples, celery, raisins and pecans rather than one with sausage and lots of butter.

■ Serve only one meat at a meal. Overeating can also be prevented by taking steps to avoid overloading on hors d'oeurves and appetizers.

■ When appetizers are served, announce that you are saving up for the main event. This will divert a pushy hostess and focus your attention on the meal you came to enjoy.

■ If munchies are out, sit as far away from them as possible.

■ Make an agreement with yourself that you will eat only while sitting down. It is easier to eat without thinking when you are standing and talking.

"It is not all or nothing," said Ellis. "If you overdo, don't give up and start baking Christmas cookies. Cut back a little the next day and get some extra exercise."

Rosemary Gonzalez, research dietitian at the Nutrition Research Clinic of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, weighs in with advice on another type of cooking. Traditional Hispanic family recipes can be made heart-healthy with a few simple changes, she said.

"Lard and fatty meats, two source of saturated fats, are common ingredients in many traditional dishes. By making minor changes, recipes typically high in fat can still be enjoyed as part of a heart-healthy, holiday meal," Gonzalez points out.

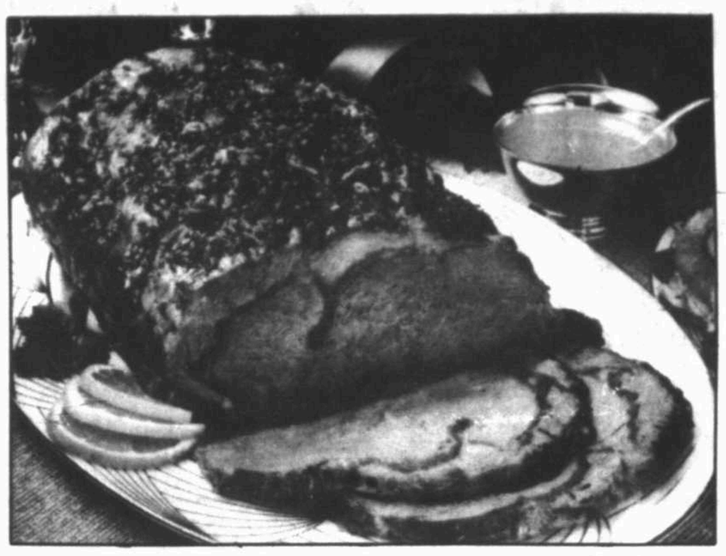
She offers these tips:

■ Choose lean cuts for meat. For pork, select a loin blade roast or loin chops.

■ Consider alternatives to fried foods: Tortillas can be steamed or baked, and tortillas for enchiladas can be dipped in chile sauce instead of fried.

■ If frying, use vegetable oil such as corn oil and cook quickly so less oil will be absorbed. Try using half the amount of oil called for in recipes.

■ Vegetables, beans, rice and fruit should make up a larger part of each meal, said Gonzalez.



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To cut down on the weighty aspect of holiday meals, dieticians recommend serving only one meat per meal, but that doesn't have to make it dull. This beef rib eye roast was rubbed with orange peel, garlic, pepper, thyme and salt.

Homecooked meals brighten homecoming

By Susan Goodman
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No matter how much you look forward to your holiday road trips, there is a point when "thank goodness I won't have to cook" becomes "I'm sick of people that don't know how to poach eggs."

Suddenly looking at yet another meal someone else has cooked is as unwelcome as deciphering your IRS tax form. They put too much mayonnaise in their omelets and don't have your Aunt Helen's recipe for roast chicken just when nothing else will do.

On the way back to home sweet home, you realize you are mighty sick of eating those quick car meals on the road as well. It's tough to endure a cuisine whose main virtue is that it can be eaten with one hand while the other one is on the steering wheel. A hunk of cheese and bread that, without a little mustard, lettuce and tomato, is too naked to be called a proper sandwich; that 22nd apple that means you have finally used up the 10-pound bag; the warm can of soda or tepid cup of coffee that washes it all down with less than a flourish.

Once at home, nothing looks better than a home-cooked meal. But nothing looks worse than cooking it. At the end of a vacation (holiday or otherwise) it's enough work to unload your suitcases directly into the washing machine and to remind your family that there's no more maid service. Who needs to chop onions too?

Luckily, you don't. With a little advance planning, you can have your dinner ready, awaiting your arrival. The food is so special, you can even invite a few special friends to drop by.

If you are going to be gone a week or less, try this menu of Burmese beef, rice and Vegetables a la Greque. It will all remain fresh and ready in the refrigerator for this amount of

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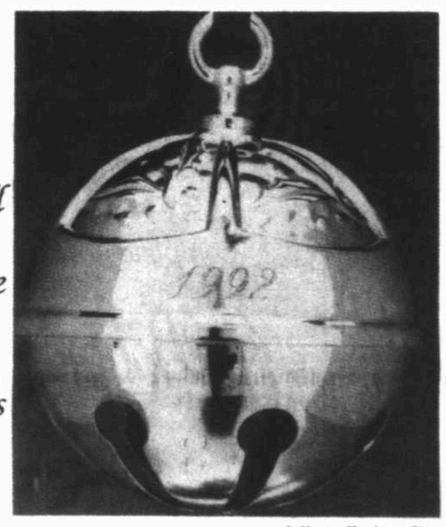
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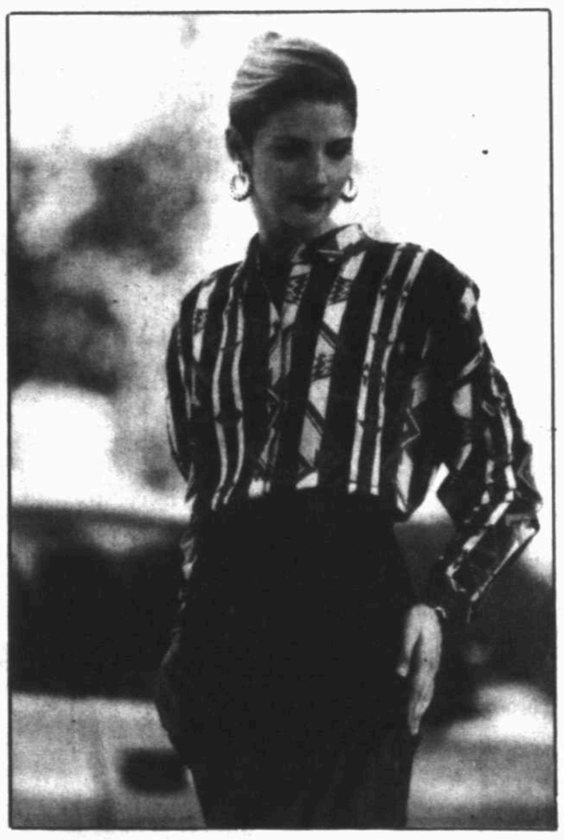
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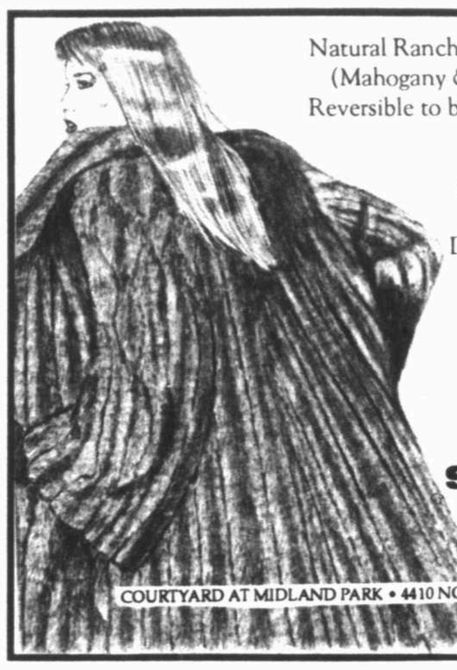
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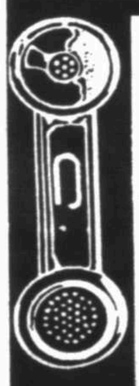
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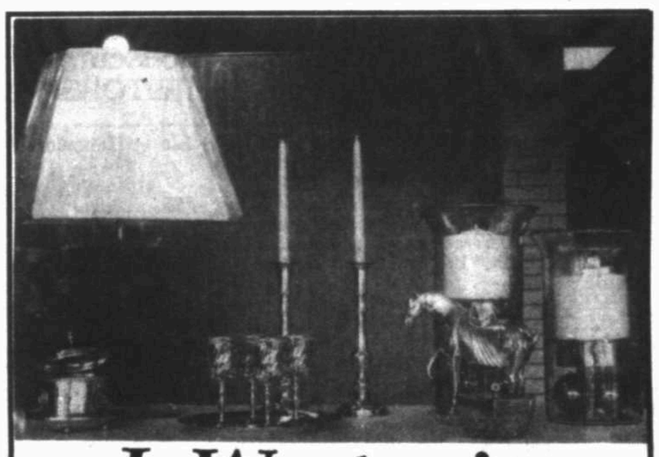
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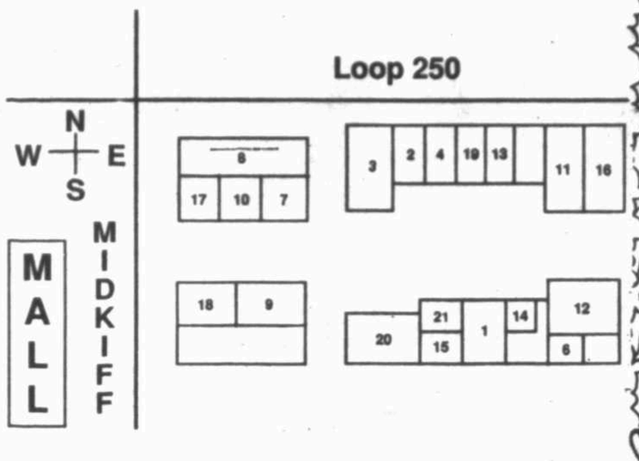
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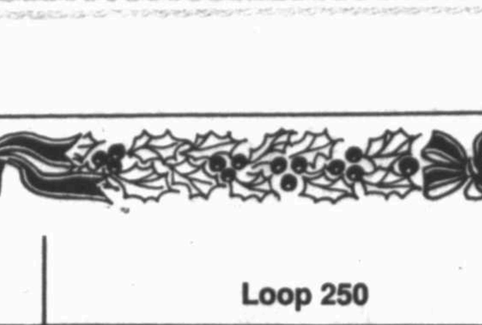
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HOME: Cook meals in advance

(From 3F)

time. In fact, a few days' wait between cooking and eating lets their favors steep and improve.

Your freezer will provide the main course for your dinner after a holiday of more than a week. We suggest using this recipe for Cassoulet of Veal and Sausage. It goes nicely with the pickled red cabbage.

Both menus close with ice cream topped with a Chocolate-Grand Marnier sauce. The sauce can be easily kept in the refrigerator for a week or two. If you are going to store it for longer than two weeks, put it in the freezer.

Burmese Beef

6 medium onions, chopped
4 cloves garlic, chopped
1 tablespoon ground ginger
1½ teaspoons salt
¾ teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 tablespoon sugar
1 teaspoon coriander
¾ teaspoon turmeric
½ teaspoon ground cloves
3 pounds lean chuck beef, cut into 1 and ½-inch chunks
¼ cup oil
1 can tomato paste
One 14-oz. can beef bouillon

Combine the first nine ingredients in a blender and blend for 20 seconds at a low speed. Marinade the meat in this onion mixture for 4 hours, stirring occasionally.

Heat oil in a large casserole. Add meat and marinade, cooking and stirring until meat is brown. Blend in tomato paste and bouillon. Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 2½ hours or until meat is tender. Add more tomato paste or bouillon if necessary.

Cool completely before refrigerating. Reheat slowly and serve with rice. Serves 6.

Vegetables a la Greque

1 medium cauliflower, cut into fleurets
1½ cups green beans, cut diagonally
2 cups water
1 cup olive oil
Juice of 3 lemons
2 stalks celery, sliced diagonally
2 cloves garlic, minced
½ teaspoon dried fennel
1 teaspoon dried chervil
½ teaspoon thyme
1 small bay leave
¾ teaspoon ground coriander
10 peppercorns
½ teaspoon salt

Bring all ingredients to a boil in a heavy saucepan. Reduce heat immediately and let simmer for 5 minutes. Turn into a bowl, let cool completely. Cover and refrigerate. Serves 6.

Cassoulet of Veal and Sausage

½ pound kidney beans, soaked in water to cover overnight
½ pound pinto beans, soaked in water to cover overnight
1 large onion, chopped
¾ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
1 bay leaf
5 whole cloves
4 slices bacon, diced
1 pound sausage meat
1 pound veal, cut into bite-size chunks
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 large onion, chopped
3 tablespoons parsley, chopped
¾ teaspoons rosemary
¾ teaspoon thyme
1½ cups dry white wine

In kettle, combine beans, their water and the next seven ingredients. Add more water if necessary. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer, covered, for about 1½ hours or until the beans are just tender.

Meanwhile, roll the sausage into marble-size balls. Brown them in a skillet. Remove the sausage and most of the fat, then brown the veal. Add the remaining ingredients to veal and simmer, covered, for 1 hour.

Remove from heat and add the sausage.

In a 6-quart casserole, alternate layers and the bean and meat mixtures, including the liquids of both. Bake, covered, at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Uncover and continue baking for another 20 minutes.

Cool completely before freezing. Then thaw completely before reheating to avoid overcooking. When reheating add a little more wine or bouillon if necessary. Serves 6.

Pickled Red Cabbage

1 red cabbage
Salt
Pickling vinegar
1 quart malt vinegar
2 tablespoons mustard seed
20 whole cloves
20 black peppercorns
2 tablespoons dried chiles
3 cloves garlic, crushed

The first day, trim and clean the cabbage, removing its outer leaves. Shred it thinly. Put it in a bowl in layers, salting well between each layer. Cover and set aside for 24 hours.

Drain off liquid from cabbage. Rinse off salt and drain again. Pack cabbage loosely into jars. Cover with vinegar and seal.

To make vinegar: Place all ingredients in the top half of a double boiler. Bring the water in the bottom half to a boil. Remove from heat and allow spices to steep for 2 hours. Strain.

This cabbage will be ready to eat after a week and will lose its crispness in about three months. Serves 6.

Chocolate-Grand Marnier Sauce

1 ounce (1 square) unsweetened chocolate
1 ounce semisweet chocolate
¼ cup honey
½ cup heavy cream
Rind of 1 small orange, finely grated
2 tablespoons Grand Marnier

Place the chocolates, honey and cream in a heavy saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally with a whisk. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 minutes, whisking constantly.

Remove from heat. Once tepid, add rind and Grand Marnier. Serve at room temperature.

If frozen, stir over hot water until softened.

Makes 1 cup.

Cheese, meats are tasteful gifts

Associated Press

Food and drink must have been the original one-size-fits-all gifts. Have a bite:

■ Cheddar cheese fills the new Cabot Moo Box from the Cabot Farmers' Cooperative in Vermont. It's a boxy version of a holstein cow's head, and when opened, emits a mooing sound. Depending on contents ordered, it ranges from about $6. For more information, call (802) 563-2231.

■ How about breakfast from Cafe Beaujolais in Mendocino, Calif.? A Breakfast Sampler Basket includes waffle mix, raspberry jam, hot chocolate mix, coffee beans, two heatproof glasses, and an autographed copy of "Morning Food" by the cafe's chef and owner, Margaret Fox. Cost is $89.75, including delivery. Order or ask for a catalog by calling (707) 937-0443.

■ Steaks, poultry and seafood are offered by mail order by Pfaelzer Gourmet Foods. Beef Wellington, wrapped in puff pastry and finished with wine sauce and mushrooms is one example, costing $69.95. Or snapper and other seafood for $42.95. For more information and a catalog, call 1 (800) 621-0226.

■ Exotic fruits, herbs, salad makings, dried mushrooms and tomatoes, chilies and other less-fattening goodies are offered in Frieda's catalog. You can order a garlic braid for $20 or a cheery red chile wreath for $35. For a catalog, call 1 (800) 241-1771.

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■ Waffle, pancake and muffin mixes, gourmet popcorn, cheese, preserves and other specialties of Pennsylvania Dutch country are available by mail from The Great Valley Mills. A pancake sampler ($14.95) includes buttermilk, pecan and oatmeal pancake mixes and a jar of blueberry syrup. For a catalog or orders, call 1 (800) 688-6455.

■ If you fancy real syrup or molasses, Honey Barrel from Good Food, Inc. can supply you with several different kinds. The company also markets a Shoo-Fly Pie Mix. For prices and information, call 1 (800) 327-4406.

■ Preserves and candies touched with liqueurs fill the Liqueur Octagonal Tin from Crabtree & Evelyn, $55. Other traditional treats included Noel mulled cider spices, gingerbread men, Scottish shortcake petticoat tails, herbal teas, and fancy mustards.

■ A simple but elegant chocolate presentation from Godiva is a box of truffles, accompanied by a miniature book of Christmas carols for $16.50, or a crystal jar filled with cherry cordials, $38.

■ If someone you know is a computer nut or checkers buff, check out Hershey's catalog, which has chocolate versions. Call 1 (800) 544-1347.

■ Can't decide between flowers and sweets? Cookie Bloomers will send a cookies in a long-stem box, a flower pot, basket or tote arrangement. For information, call 1 (800) 437-SEND.

■ A rich fruitcake laced with brandy and sherry is made by Cistercian monks at Holy Cross Abbey in Berryville, Va., in the Shenandoah Valley. The monks started baking holiday cakes for family and friends, but now make them for the public. The handmade cakes are packaged in tins and cost $19.95 each. For information or orders, call (703) 955-9494.

■ Fruitcake fanciers might order up a batch from the Collin Street Bakery in Corsicana, Texas — claimed to be the oldest fruitcake company in the world. Based on a recipe brought by founder Gus Weidmann from Weisbaden, Germany, the cake is the company's only product. It's heavily slanted toward the Texas pecan, and the makers will ship it around the world. For prices and orders, call (903) 872-8111.

■ A gift-wrapped bag of beans might be the choice for a coffee addict. Gloria Jean's Gourmet Coffees are packaged for the holidays with gadgets like coffee grinders, coffee and espresso makers, mugs, and other novelties. Samplers are available with Hawaiian kona, mocha java, Jamaican blue mountain and house blends. Items range from about $10 to $500. For information, call 1 (800) 235-0555.

■ Beer by mail every month can be arranged by Beer Across America, which markets distinctive beers from neighborhood "microbreweries" around the country. Cost is about $14 per month, plus shipping and handling. Call 1 (800) 854-BEER, or in Illinois, (708) 842-BEER.





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Amish indulge in cookies at Christmas

Associated Press

One of the many good things about holidays is that people have an excuse to make up recipes they may not use at other times of year.

One of the few times of year that the Amish indulge in cookies is at Christmastime, writes Phyllis Pellman Good in "The Best of Amish Cooking." Sand tarts were the most common.

Sand Tarts

1 cup butter
2 cups granulated sugar
3 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon salt
3½ to 4 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder

Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs and vanilla, and beat until fluffy.

Mix dry ingredients together and beat into batter until a soft dough forms. Refrigerate several hours or overnight.

Roll dough very thin and cut in decorative shapes with cookie cutters. Brush tops with egg whites and sprinkle with colored sugar and crushed peanuts, walnuts, or pecans.

Bake at 350 degrees for 8-10 minutes on greased cookie sheets. Makes 4 or 5 dozen cookies.

Cranberry fig bars are a holiday treat from California,

Cranberry Fig Bars

12-ounce package of cranberries
1 cup snipped dried California figs
6 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 cups oatmeal
1½ cups light brown sugar, packed
½ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup butter, melted
lemon glaze

In large saucepan, combine cranberries, figs and honey. Cook, covered, over low heat for 15 minutes, until cranberries pop, and stir often. Stir in vanilla.

In large mixing bowl, stir together flour, oatmeal, brown sugar, soda, cinnamon and salt. Blend in butter. Put half of oat mixture on bottom of an 8-13-2-inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes. Then spread fruit filling over baked layer. Sprinkle remaining oat mixture evenly on top and pat gently. Return to oven, and bake 20 minutes longer, until golden. Cool on wire rack.

To make lemon glaze: In medium bowl, combine 1½ cups sifted powdered sugar with 2 tablespoons lemon juice, gradually adding juice until mixture has spreading consistency. Drizzle over top, then cut into 28 bars.

Minnesota ships spruce to White House

CASS LAKE, Minn. (AP) — Somewhere in the Chippewa National Forest, a 62-foot white spruce was cut Monday and shipped to Washington to serve as this year's national Christmas tree.

The honor of producing the national Christmas tree rotates among the 156 national forests. U.S. Forest Service employees nominated 23 trees this year. Paul Pincus, landscape architect for the U.S. Capitol, looked at six before making the final designation in June.

Residents raised about $17,000 to pay for transporting and decorating the six-story tree, mainly by selling buttons, posters, T-shirts and sweatshirts with a "MINNESOTA'S TREE TO D.C." logo.

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Liqueurs bring richness to a holiday evening

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Soft, smooth, and silky — a tiny glass of liqueur brings richness and warmth to a relaxing evening.

Liqueurs, or cordials, impart sweet, intense flavors because they contain a sugar syrup along with a fruit- or spice-flavored brandy or alcohol. That means a little liqueur goes a long way, and one bottle lasts a long time.

If you buy a bottle of liqueur whenever a special occasion — such as Christmas — arises, you'll soon build up a wide selection for drinking and cooking. For drinking, serve liqueurs either straight (without ice) or over ice. For cooking, pick from the following ideas.

■ **Fruit:** The lexicon of fruit liqueurs reads like a summer orchard; apple (calvados), apricot, banana, blackberry, cherry (kirsch), cranberry, currant (creme de cassis), lime, mango, melon (Midori), orange (Cointreau, curacao, Grand Marnier, and Triple Sec), passion fruit, peach, pear, raspberry (framboise), and strawberry.

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Stir a spoonful of any fruit liqueur into a dessert sauce or drizzle it over ice cream. Or, splash some liqueur into whipped cream or champagne to spoon over fresh fruit.

■ **Nut:** The nuttiest tasting of all are almond (amaretto) and hazelnut (Frangelico) liqueurs. These cordials are interchangeable and taste delicious in ice cream, whipped cream, custard and even chocolate cake. Combine either one with a little cream to make a great dessert drink.

■ **Chocolate:** For chocolate fans, creme de cacao and mint-chocolate Vandermint are musts. Stir a spoonful into hot cocoa or into a fudge topping for ice cream. And, for cheesecake or chocolate mousse, substitute either liqueur for some of the liquid.

■ **Coffee:** Enjoy the rich taste of java in creme de cafe, Mexican KahluDa, or Jamaican TiDa Maria. Add a spoonful to just about anything chocolate to create a mocha flavor. Or, stir some into a cup of freshly brewed coffee.

■ **Herbs and spices:** Some liqueurs are based on the aromatic flavors of herbs and spices. Licorice-flavored anise is predominant in anisette, Galliano and sambuca. Heady mint stands out in green or white creme de menthe and chocolate Vandermint. Pour them over ice cream for dessert.



Los Angeles Times Syndicate

ELIXIR: Juice, fruit can spice up eggnog

(From 1F)

sions, is usually reserved for the holidays. Regional distinctions evolved from the American drink made with milk, cream, eggs and sugar traditionally spiked with rum, brandy or whiskey.

Southerners, particularly Kentuckians, like theirs with bourbon, while Creole cooks opt for French cognac. In Mexico, rompope, close kin to American eggnog, is made with milk, baking soda, cinnamon, sugar, egg yolks and grain alcohol.

Delicious either heated or chilled, the American Dairy Association recommends that if your taste runs toward the cold side, make sure it is *very* cold. Chill the punch bowl and the serving cups as well as the eggnog. Set the bowl of eggnog in a larger bowl of crushed ice to serve. You can also freeze some of the eggnog mixture in a ring, then add it to the punch bowl just before serving.

The association offers these suggestions for enjoying eggnog to its fullest without adding alcohol.

■ Substitute cranberry juice, apple juice or apricot or peach nectar for the alcohol in your favorite recipe.

■ Stir orange or lemon peel to taste into dairy eggnog.

■ For hot chocolate eggnog, stir ½ cup water into 3 tablespoons cocoa. Bring to boiling. Boil and stir 1 minute. Stir in 1 quart dairy eggnog and 2 cups milk. Heat to serving temperature, stirring frequently. Serve warm.

■ A fruit such as sliced carambola (star fruit), raspberries, strawberries or blackberries floating in a glassful of dairy eggnog makes for a festive presentation.

■ Give eggnog a sparkle by adding ginger ale to lemon-/lime soda; add approximately 1 cup carbonated beverage per quart of eggnog.

■ Whip up an eggnog shake with dairy eggnog and peppermint, chocolate or vanilla ice cream. Top with crushed peppermint or butterscotch candy, shaved chocolate or toasted coconut.

■ Substitute eggnog for milk and cream in some of your own favorite recipes such as a dessert souffle, pudding or French toast.

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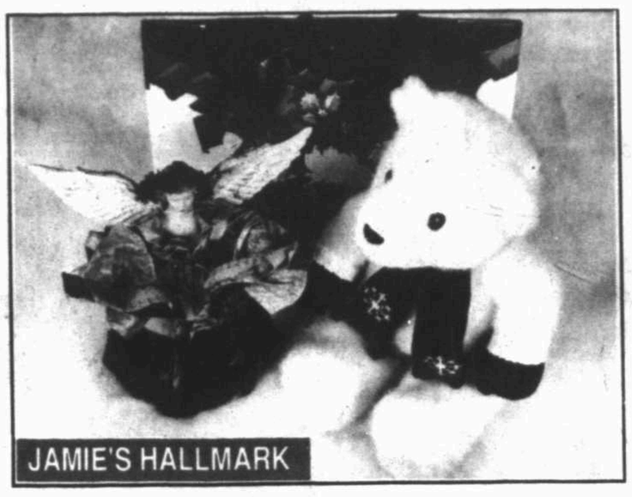
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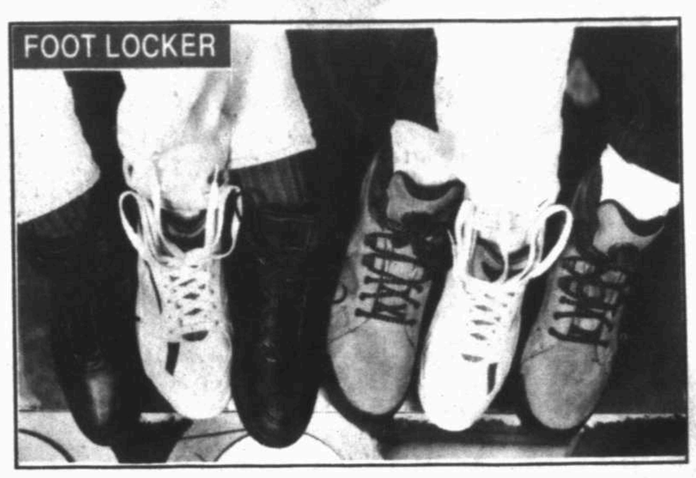
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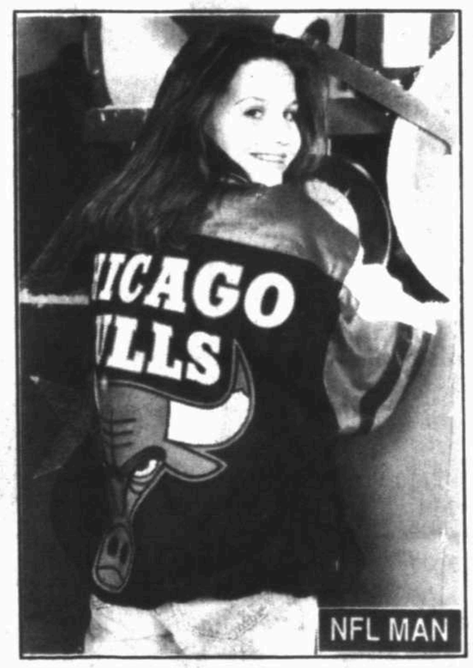
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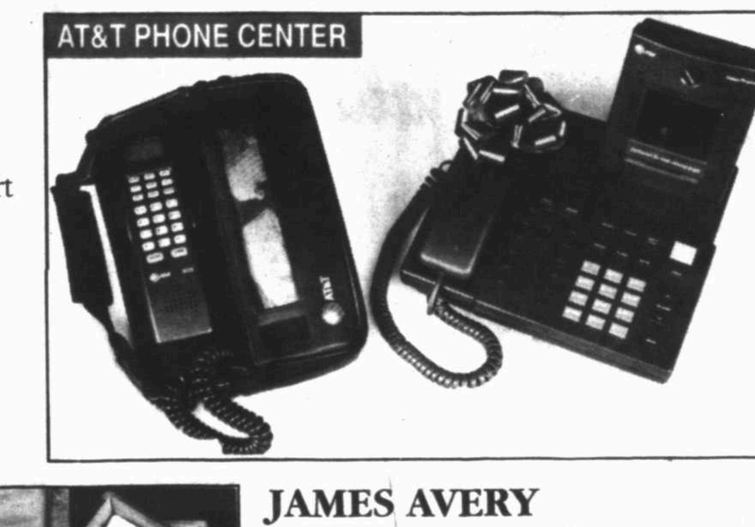
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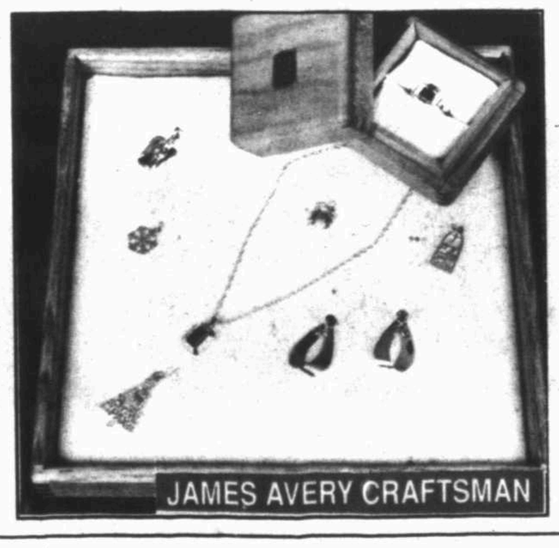
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Associated Press

In choosing a gift for a friend, a lover, or spouse, originality doesn't count as much as the thought. But finding what for whom is still the question. Here are some ideas for starters:

■ One of the new pearl rings by Elsa Peretti, or celestial jewelry called "Dreams" by Paloma Picasso, all at Tiffany & Co., will please a collector of pieces by these popular designers. The rings are typical of Peretti's sleekly sinuous designs, and the shooting stars and moons conjured up by Picasso are sparkling.

■ A connoisseur of Art Nouveau might enjoy one of the new editions of Louis Comfort Tiffany's decorative objects, done in sterling, crystal and porcelain and available at Tiffany's. The designer, son of the founder, Charles Tiffany, executed the glass originals early this century, with emphasis on natural forms like magnolia, apple blossoms, and artichokes.

■ A Vendome Louis Cartier watch in 18K, with three discreet diamonds, has a red lizard strap and is available at Cartier boutiques. The original version of this watch was conceived by the designer as he rode in a carriage with Ernest Hemingway through the Paris square of that name.

■ A piece of jewelry that moves? Animal designs by Eddie LeVian include turtle jewelry with moving head, legs and tail; a lobster pin has over 300 moving parts. These creations by the fifth-generation Persian designer are available at department stores around the country.

■ A new limited edition of the 1930s-era "Patrician" pen by Waterman recreates the original elaborately finished instrument. Lightly veined in design and given 19 coats of lacquer in a two-week period, the pen is finished with a gold filigree band around the cap and an 18K nib. It's available in both fountain and ballpoint versions, in sapphire, emerald or coral lacquer.

■ A silk scarf screened with a 15th century astronomical map is available at Rand McNally stores.

■ A lambswool shawl in a floral print of icy blue and ecru that can be worn with coats, dresses or separates or even draped as a skirt is at Laura Ashley. It can be coordinated with a crushed velvet cap and suede gloves.

■ The Showbox is an ingenious answer to the proliferation of family photos you don't have room to display in frames or time to paste into albums. The box, by Burnes of Boston, looks like a thick frame but conceals up to 40 pictures which can be shuffled to the viewing surface. The box protects the photos, too, since they're not touched as you flip through them.

■ The intensely organized person might appreciate an organizer with a built-in data bank. The Executive Weekly with Data Bank from Day Runner has a Texas Instruments data bank to store phone lists and dates, reminder alarms for appointments, calculator, Post-It note dispenser, planning system and and note pad. But you'll have to get your own coffee.

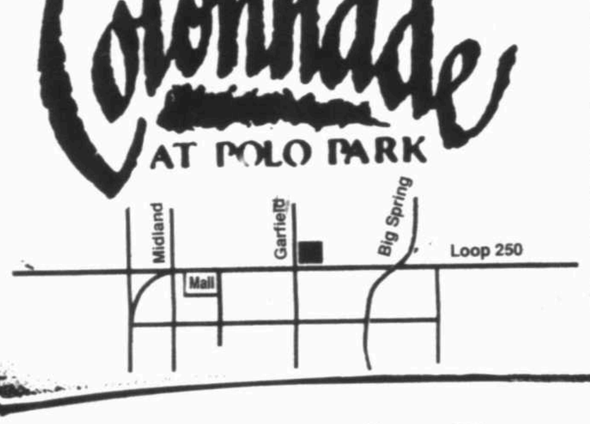
■ The more relaxed person, however, will like a Boston or Kutztown rocking chair in solid oak from Tell City Chair Company.

■ And finally, consider an unwrapped gift for the smoker on your list: "Freedom From Smoking For You and Your Family," a magazine-length explanation of the benefits of quitting put out by the American Lung Association. Inserted are a tear-out "Quitting Calendar," scorecards to attach to each pack, and a certificate declaring the smoker has quit. Available for about $5 at ALA offices.

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Los Angeles Times Syndicate

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Children's classics

By Susan Perry
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

See Jane Rockwell push a steel cart around the toy-stuffed aisles of a gigantic toy store. See Jane look earnestly for the perfect present for 3-year-old Richie. See Jane's energy start to run out.

At last, after rejecting dozens of items marked "New!" and "High tech!" Jane sees a box of plain, brown Lincoln Logs. "Now there's a toy *I* used to have," she thinks. And she brings it home for Richie.

During this holiday season, such scenes will be repeated in toy stores in every American city as parents search for "the right toys" for their children.

And often, one of the classics will fill the bill exactly.

That is not to imply that novel and high-tech toys don't have a place in industry that does more than $13 billion worth of business per year. In fact, sometimes the top sellers are the newest toys, according to Jodi Levin, spokesperson for the Toy Manufacturers of America, a New York-based trade association.

Runaway best-sellers have been as different as the perennial Barbie, as is anything to do with the Teen-age Mutant Ninja Turtles. Electronic learning toys and talking dolls are way up there, too.

But, insists Levin, the backbone of the industry is still the basics. "Some years are definitely years for the basics. We don't see many high-priced, highly promoted, highly exciting items on the market this year, and in years like that, parents do return to the basics."

What are the basics? Dolls, including baby dolls and Barbie; stuffed animals like Teddy bears and Mickey Mouse; books; classic board games like Candy Land or Chutes and Ladders; tried-and-true construction sets like Lincoln Logs, Tinkertoys, and LEGO bricks.

Also, everyone's favorite vegetable, Mr. Potato Head; offbeat games like Cootie and Mousetrap; pretend toys like doctor kits, cash registers and shopping carts; Matchbox cars, Tonka trucks, Lionel trains, little red wagons; and items like Silly Putty, Slinky, Play Doh, Etch-A-Sketch, dominoes, puzzles and so on.

These are the playthings which have brought pleasure to generation after generation. They've got something special.

"From Slinky to Mr. Potato Head to Barbie, essentially the reason certain toys have endured is that they are able to sustain the child's imagination," says Helen Boehm, an educational psychologist and author of "The Right Toys" (Bantam). "The classics capture something very unique and very special that makes play special and unique. They are toys that seem to leave some sort of lasting impression."

But beyond their play value, certain toys are purchased by great numbers of parents simply because they remember playing with those toys in their own childhoods.

"A toy that meant something to us as kids is important because we can pass on to our kids something of our own childhood when we share it with them," says Boehm.

Toy store owners and managers report that parents occasionally react with surprise when they see some of their personal favorites on the shelves. Perhaps this is because it's not the norm for a mom or dad to go shopping with the idea of purchasing a toy they remember from their own youth. Rather, they'll notice a Dressy Bessy, which first came out in 1956, or a cobbler's bench, which dates all the way back to the '30s, and they'll be pleased.

Meredith Brokaw, owner of the Penny Whistle Toys stores in the New York City area, says, "More often the comments we overhear in the stores are when parents come in and see something from their own childhoods, and they say, 'Oh, I used to have one of those, and I haven't seen one in ages.' "

Frequently, it's the shopper who seeks toys that coincide with developmental needs, that are educational as well as fun, who chooses a remembered classic.

"Usually, I look for something educational. I don't like stupid toys," says Rose Arem, a school counselor who lives in Oceanside, N.Y. She often purchases toys she used to play with for her school-aged niece Allyson and nephew Alexander.

"I bought Tinkertoys for them a few years ago and Alexander loved it," says Arem. "I always liked hand puppets, so I must have bought Allyson puppets for her first five Chanukahs."

That is not to say it is always a snap to recognize the toys of days gone by. The truth is, a number of manufacturers have come up with updated versions of the old favorites. For instance, that venerable creature, Mr. Potato Head, has come a long way since its origin in 1952. It used to be an assortment of 28 colorful pieces that you stuck into a potato or other vegetable.

Now, however, to conform to modern safety standards, the parts are no longer sharp, and you put them into the plastic potato-shaped head that comes with the set. A recent innovation for Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head is the 12 little spuds they've spawned, each with a name and interchangeable hats and shoes.

"What makes Mr. Potato Head so popular is the creativity the individual brings to it," says a spokesperson for Hasbro, which sells well over a million Potato Heads a year. "What was creative for us as children years ago is creative for kids today."

Hasbro makes several of the other classics, too, including Lincoln Logs, Raggedy Ann and wooden ABC bocks that date back to the '20s. Their popular Tinkertoys are once again packaged in canisters, as they were years ago. Sets are available that make 13, 27, 40, or 50 different constructions (not counting the myriad variations every clever kid will concoct.)

Another popular toy destined to be passed from generation to generation is Lego brand plastic interlocking building bricks, a relative newcomer to the field. About six million Lego and Duplo (the larger preschool version) bricks are produced annually worldwide, one-sixth in the United States. In addition, a wide variety of Lego construction sets has come out recently, with lots of new choices for preschoolers.

According to a Lego fact sheet, there are almost 103 million ways in which six eight-stud Lego bricks of the same color can be joined together.



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Christmas lights

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Catalogs: Shopping made easy

Associated Press

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■ Neiman Marcus, 1 (800) 825-8000. Fantasy gifts this year include authentic American Indian tipis, His or Hers restored vintage motorcycles, or a tiny electric train made in 18-karat gold and studded with a cargo of emeralds, sapphires, rubies and diamonds. These make the catalog fun to thumb through, but your selections can be less daunting, like a cowboy or cowgirl sleeping bag for $120 or a chip-dip set featuring blue tortillas, blackjack salsa and chile con queso for $28. The store says it will send Federal Express orders at normal shipping rates.

■ J.C. Penney Catalog, 1 (800) 222-6161, $4 (redeemable at $5 off your first order). Anything in the store is bound to be in the catalog. How about a new suit for Santa? A fancy designer Santa outfit costs $300 and includes a wig and beard; less expensive versions cost about $60. There's even a belly-booster you can order for $20.

■ Spiegel, 1 (800) 345-4500, $8. Clothes and toys for the season. Or order an 18-speed mountain bike for about $250.

■ Hemmeter, 1 (800) 955-4142. Bibelots and decorative items with animal themes, many with an eastern accent, can ordered from this specialty marketer. A small cloisonne hippo from China is $35, a carved wooden snail from Thailand is $55, and a woven prayer rug in a flayed tiger design from Tibet is $975.

■ Hammacher Schlemmer, 1 (800) 543-3366. Nostalgia items include a replica of the 1953 Western Flyer bicycle, coaster brake and all, for about $600, or a wall clock made from a real discarded hubcap from a 1940s-1950s-era car (price varies, but a Chevrolet "bow-tie" hubcap clock costs about $100).

■ Lilian Vernon, (804) 430-5555. Offbeat but useful items include a Queen Anne-style TV-VCR table, about $130, or brightly colored storage boxes for holiday ornaments, about $9.

■ L.L. Bean, 1 (800) 221-4221. Besides any of the Bean standbys, there's an L.L. Bear, a plush animal dressed in a fleece pullover and wearing a fanny pack ($39), or a Maine floral wreath with dried flowers and herbs ($48).

■ French Creek Sheep & Wool Company, (215) 286-5700. A favorite from this catalog is the shearling baby bunting, $200. A selection of naturally water resistant greasewool sweaters includes a cardigan ($180) and a crewneck with suede elbow patches ($145).

■ Holy Cow, 1 (800) 543-2697. How many ways can you make a cow joke? A lot of them are found in the catalog of this Vermont firm founded by artist Woody Jackson. There are cow motifs on soft goods, clocks, dishes, and other novelties. A plush Santa Cow costs $16, and the Moontana Windsock is $62. Be warned: The artist has branched out to dog and baseball items, also in black and white spots.

■ J. Peterman Company Owner's Manual, 1 (800) 231-7341. An Irish pub shirt for $38, a Mackintosh raincoat from England for $387, or an Afghan rolled rebel hat from Kabul for $21 are among the finds in this catalog of items from around the world.

■ UNICEF, 1 (800) 553-1200. The United Nations children's fund has its familiar collections of cards as well as other items. An accordion folio in a Chinese peony print is $15.

■ CARE, 1 (800) 428-1257. International gift choices include a Beehive-shaped basket-type birdhouse from Haiti for $25, a hand-knit sweater with a turtle design from Nepal for $185, or an African turquoise necklace for $80.

■ Oxfam America, 1 (800) 639-2141. A double "Y" Manyanga, a rattle-type instrument from Kenya ($34.50), is one of the international items offered. The catalog has a number of exotic textile items as well, including a Guatemalan chalina shawl ($28), or a marbled silk print scarf from India ($25).

■ The Company of Women, 1 (800) 937-1193. Women who work in the garden or the shop are usually frustrated in finding heavy-duty work gloves that fit. All-suede pigskin gloves with extra palm and thumb patches made especially for women are here, for about $20. Also featured are security items for the woman on the road — a remote-controlled car security light for about $33, or a car emergency kit for $35. There are lots of fun items, too, like soft sculptures of Gertrude Stein, Virginia Woolf ($48) and Emily Dickinson ($45).

Sharing is a way of sustaining holiday's warmth

By Dale Koppel
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

There are, of course, many ways to sustain the joy and warmth of the holidays by moving the emphasis of the occasion away from gifts and gift-giving. Here are a few that may spark you to come up with your own list.

■ "Share in the joy of the presents, then get involved in another activity, so there isn't an immediate letdown," says clinical psychologist Marguerite Murray.

■ "Change the scenery," says Barbara, who loads her children Ian and Emmett, and husband, John, into the car and visits her parents in Connecticut. "It works especially well if you can go somewhere overnight."

■ "Set aside time to do something as a family, something that makes everyone feel close and connected, clinical psychologist Virginia Kelty says, "like reading a story or singing Christmas carols." Or putting on a play, or playing charades with a Christmas theme, or writing thank-you letters.

"Plan activities for the weeks that follow," Kelty adds. "Continue the feeling of togetherness beyond Christmas day."

■ Rent a Christmas video. Some favorites are "Ernest Saves Christmas," "A Christmas Story" and "Home Alone."

■ "Have a definite plan for the day," psychologist Lorene Ware says. "And encourage your children to participate in that planning.

■ "Do something for someone else," psychologist Louis Frank says.

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Toys, games to fill children's toy chests

Associated Press

Riding on a wave of nostalgia — with an eye on the economy — Santa will show up this season with familiar classic toys that won't require mortgaging the family sleigh.

Parents and their kids want it that way, according to one major toy marketer, Playskool. Sharon Hartley, marketing executive with the company, says the firm keeps tabs on customer preferences with a toll-free service number and testing by youngsters. "For instance, we launched the new, all-plastic Tinkertoys, based on great feedback from the kids at Funlab, our on-site research facility," she says.

Another old-timer, the Erector set, came back last year after about a decade out of production.

Some picks for the season:

Building Toys

■ Tinkertoys have been around since 1913, with earlier versions made in wood. The new plastic ones can be made into larger structures or vehicles or machines with free-moving wheels. Sets range from about $5 to $30.

■ Erector sets, which also made their debut in 1913, come in either plastic or metal, depending on age groups. All sets are compatible, and several sets come with electric motors. Prices range from a starter set for about $14 to advanced sets with motors for about $160.

■ Lego and Duplo plastic bricks, introduced in the 1930s, can be used to build just about anything, say its makers, Lego Systems. To show them off, the company built a display including 20-foot dinosaurs, circus animals and a fantasy factory at its store at the new Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn. More modest creations can be made by your kids in their bedrooms with sets ranging from $2 to $200. The Shuttle Launching Crew set has 378 pieces and costs about $33.

■ Bigger versions are "life-size" plastic Briks. About the size of real brick, they could make a walk-in playhouse or other large structure. Compatible wheels, axles and gears are available. Set sizes range from 28 to 150 pieces, starting at about $38.

Dolls and Stuffed Toys

■ A tiny-ticket item is the Troll from Norfin, another revival (from the 1960s) showing up ubiquitiously as everything from keyring mascots to largish dolls, ranging from $1 to $85. Based on an original by Danish artist Thomas Dam, the current ones come in ethnic, bridal, professional, hippy and dozens of other guises. There are plush versions from Just Toys.

■ That older couple, Raggedy Ann and Andy, are still youthful at the age of 70. They're dressed for bedtime in a new version, Nighty Night Little Raggedys from Direct Connect. The 11-inch cloth dolls retail for about $10.

■ The Cabbage Patch family has been around long enough to rank as a classic, and the season's new versions are the Splash 'N Tan Kids (Hasbro), the first in this line to be waterproof. The Kids get a tan when in the sunshine, but the owner of each adoptee gets sun-care protection information. The dolls wear brightly colored swimsuits and sunglasses and cost around $30.

■ Talking Baby Alive (Kenner) eats, drinks, potty trains and chats — seven phrases including, "I'm still hungry, Mommy." The doll comes in several skin tones and costs about $48. Other dolls in the Baby Alive series retail for around $28.

■ Another talking doll is Baby Loves to Talk (Toy Biz), who mispronounces in her effort to communicate, and when corrected by her owner, does it right, in a sentence. She has a 250-word vocabulary, blinking, moving eyes, comes in black or white skin tones and costs about $50.

■ Or how about a barking dog? Ralf, the Barking Dog (Toy Biz) can bark, wink, kiss, smile, and hug with Velcro paws. He does all this without batteries. About $25.

■ A whole litter of stuffed puppies comes in a Puppy Surprise (Hasbro). Each mother dog comes with three, four or five pups inside — the child finds out how many after it comes home. They come in 12 colors and have registration papers. About $30.

■ A flashy showhorse, Starlight (Galoob) trots in response to a remote controller, with lighted gems in the forehead and bridle and a glowing mane in pink, white and lavender. She can toss her head and swish her tail, and her dressage includes saddle, show blanket, bows, brush, bridle, and lead.

■ Real dinosaurs undoubtedly were far from cuddly, but that doesn't stop the popularity of stuffed versions for youngsters. Barney, purple star of public television's "Barney and Friends," comes forth anthropomorphically in plush, selling for about $20 at J.C. Penney stores.

Arts and Crafts

■ Your kids can decorate their own greeting cards with Cards By Me, from Pastime Industry. The kits, ranging from $6 to $15, include beads, feathers, ribbons, markers, glue and cards with basic line art.

■ If your daughter likes jewelry or hair ornaments, she can make her own with Gettin' Pretty kits, also from Pastime. The Fashion Hairwear kit has components for making a head piece with matching earrings and choker. The Fashion Jewelry package includes materials for earrings, necklace, brooch, ring, bracelet, and shoe clips. Kits range from $6 to $15.

■ What fun, but what a mess finger painting is. A bright solution is The Finger Painter from Cap Toys, featuring interchangeable background designs which fit into a blue plastic easel. Paint is kept in a bag, released with a touch of the finger to create designs. About $11.

■ Back from the 1960s are those slimy little plastic bugs, which kids can make. Creepy Crawlers from Toymax include nontoxic Plasti-Goop to feed into molds and bake in a special oven, designed to prevent children from having access to the heated area or removing the crawlers before they're cool. Besides bugs, there are prehistoric creature molds, and the goop also comes in a glow-in-the-dark variation. About $25.

■ The same idea has been applied to the Treasures 'N' Trinkets Boutique, also from Toymax. Children can bake their own jewelry and hair ornaments. About $25.

■ Nostalgic for modeling goo? Your kids can enjoy Play-Doh as much as you did. Playskool has improved this stuff since it was introduced 35 years ago, with softer and more pliable materials and with more colors, including neon and pastels. Sets run from $3 to $21.

Wheels

■ Matchbox Originals are reissues of early diecast miniature vehicles produced over 40 years ago. Among them are the Aveling Barford road roller, Massey Harris tractor, a London bus, a horse-drawn milk float and the 1948 Dennis F-2 fire engine. Each comes with original-style matchbox packaging and costs about $2.

■ Toddlers can become independent travelers around 14 feet of chunky multicolored track on a battery-operated Ride Around Train from Playskool. The train has kid controls and whistle and bell sounds. About $100.

■ Toy truck aficionados might go for the long-range hauling trucks in Kenworth's Sonic Haulers series. The trucks have working headlights, horns, engine start-ups and idles, air-brake sounds, and a working ignition key to start the show. They come decorated with a choice of company logos, just like the big ones on the road. Cost is $25 to $30.

■ More ride-on vehicles include pedal- or battery-driven Power-Drivers cars with engine sounds. Some battery models reach top speeds of 5 mph. Price range is $99 to $399.

■ Potential motorcyclists can start out with the Mickeymobile from Power Wheels by Kransco. It runs on a 6-volt battery and can achieve a 2.5 mph forward speed. It has a wraparound windshield, dashboard, and a low center of gravity for safety. About $99.

■ Then there is the classic holiday star, the bike. The Delta V mountain bike from Cannondale has a smooth suspension that absorbs bounces and shocks and decreases vibration. It's one of the first bikes to use both front and rear suspension, weighs in at about 27 pounds and is adjustable for rider's weight and terrain to be covered. Prices range from $1,200 to $2,000.

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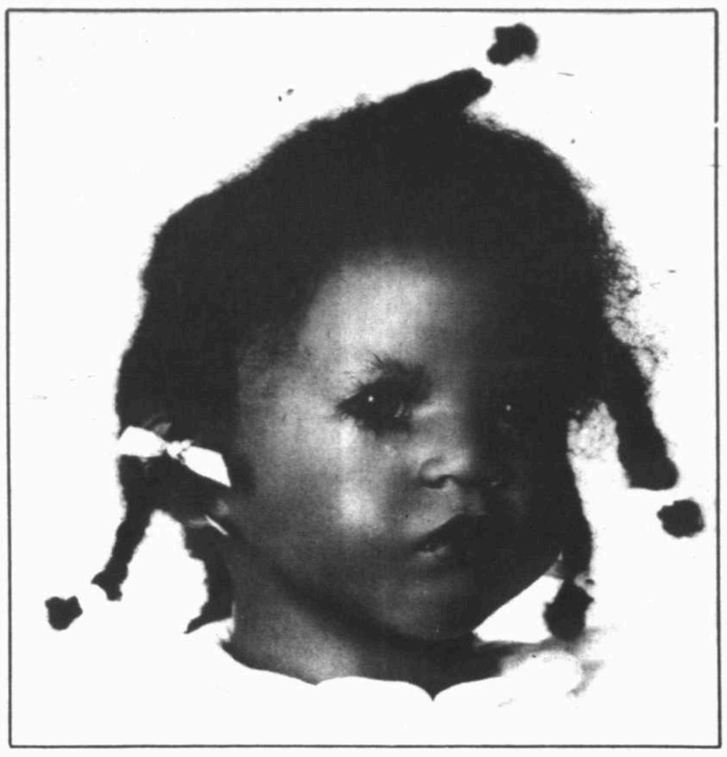
■ Two extraordinarily lifelike charmers from Mattel are Sanga and Pemba, 23-inch dolls representing African-American children, created by German toymaker Annette Himstedt. Sanga comes dressed in a checked cotton dress, goldtone earrings, and braided hair tied with taffeta bows. Pemba wars a short cotton jacket and coordinating pedal-pusher trousers. They're fairly expensive — about $600 each — but probably will have long-term collectible value.

■ Elizabeth's Castle Adventure is an elaborate pop-up fantasy castle in a book, which opens up three feet wide and two feet tall. It includes paper-doll princess, stallion and puppy, all featured in the story. It's $15.95 in the Current, Inc., catalog. For information and orders, call 1 (800) 525-7170.

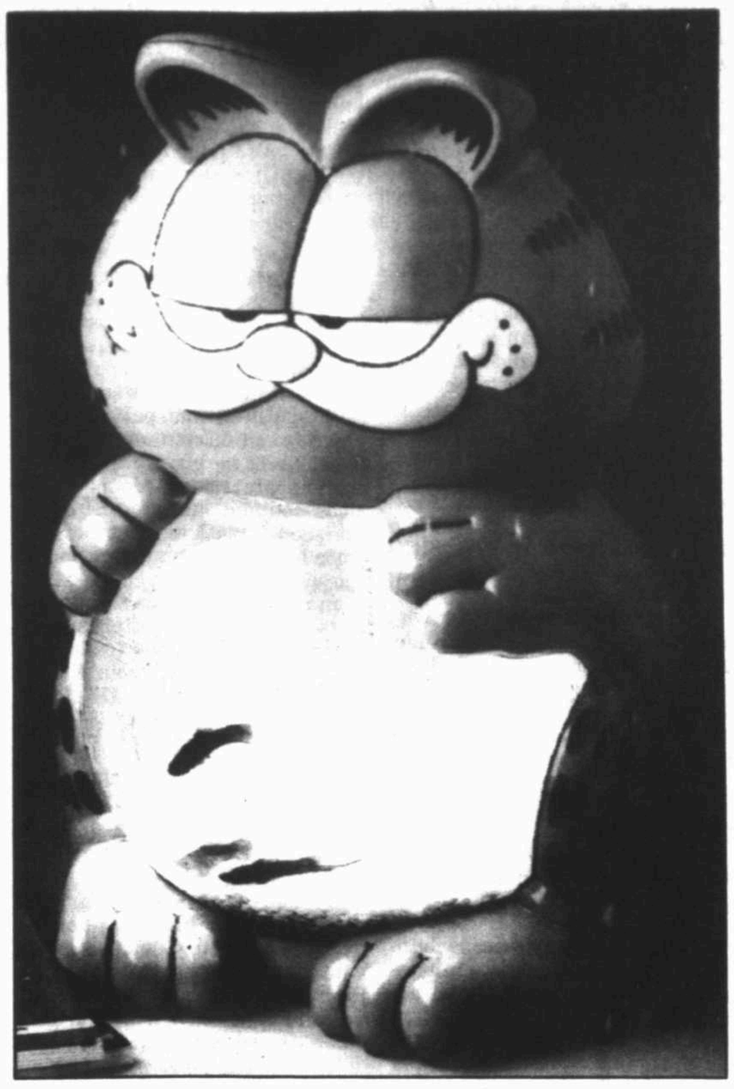
■ Little Critter Kaleidoscope, at Natural Wonders stores. This simple viewer opens at one end so you can put in your own discoveries like rocks, flower petals, and live insects (it has air holes) and look at them up close in fascinating patterns. $10.

■ Just when you thought you were all Kooshed out, here comes the SnowFlake Koosh Ball from OddzOn. This shimmery unmeltable snowball can be thrown, bounced, caught, or stuffed into a stocking. About $5.

■ A sight-gag a la Garfield is a desk-top aquarium which has the fish swimming about in the syndicated cat's tummy. The Garfield Aquarium (Hawkeye) has a two-gallon capacity, air pump, built-in lighting, and undergravel filtering system. It costs about $99.



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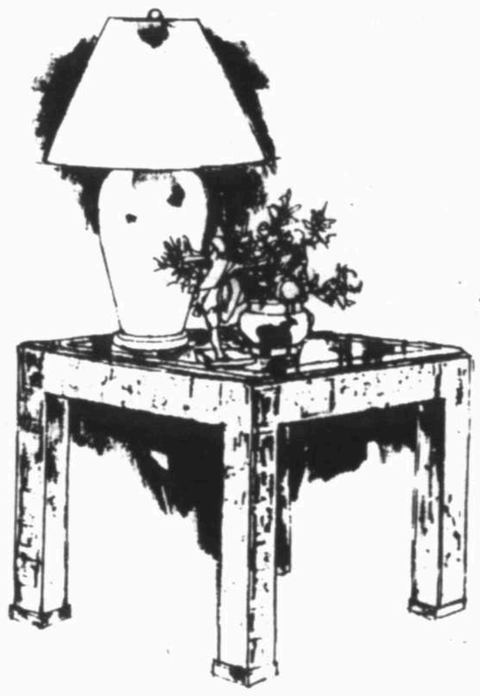


Christmas toys

Sanga, a specialty doll by German toymaker Annette Himstedt, above, looks like a real child. The cartoon cat Garfield, right, watches over his dream aquarium.

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Toys fulfill special interests

By Ruth Rouftberg
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

The toys advertised on television and in magazines — and prominently displayed in toy stores — are the ones designed to appeal to the largest number of people. In other words, average kids with average interests.

But suppose your gift list includes a child with narrowly focused interests, or one who seems already to have everything. Where can you find the just-right plaything that will earn you a warm and sincere thank-you?

For the between-stages baby who alternates between floor play and first tentative steps, the Fisher-Price Activity Walker has the amazing ability to grow as the child grows. Starting as a floor-based activity center, it converts to a walker that steadies the toddler's first steps, then becomes a play stroller for wheeling a doll or teddy bear.

Adult-operated safety locks maintain either the upright or flat position. Ages 6 to 36 months. About $30 from Fisher-Price.

Growing Child has reproduced an antique set of 64 wooden blocks called Blocks in a Box that could become an heirloom in your own family. The complete set has 248 alphabet letters, 64 numerals, eight mathematical symbols, and 64 pictures of birds and animals.

Two faces of each 1¾-inch block have embossed letters. For ages 1 year and older. Available for $79.95 plus $11 shipping from Growing Child, P.O. Box 1100, Lafayette, IN 47902. (800) 283-2627.

For the peripatetic preschooler who flits from blocks to trains to shape-fitting toys. Learning Circles Train Sets are a masterful combination of all three. Each set includes a circular play-frame grooved to accommodate either blocks, cylinders or slats, and interconnecting tracks with a train engineer.

Finely crafted of maple with primary color accents. By Rhyme & Reason Toys for ages 2 years and up, $85 for the three-part set or $35 for one multi-shape set, plus shipping from Growing Child (800) 927-7289.

Rock-star wannabe's will appreciate Pocket Songs — audiocassette sound-alike versions of popular bands and vocalists from which a youngster can remove the singing star's voice and substitute his or her own performance.

Lyrics book is included; cassette player with balance adjustment is required. A free catalog of thousands of songs and Broadway show tunes ($12.98 per cassette; $22.98 per CD) is available from Pocket Songs, (800) NOW SING (669-7464), 50 S. Buckhout St., Irvington, NY 10533.

For the young musician who doesn't like to practice in solitude, Music Minus One is a series of records and cassettes with a single instrumental or vocal part omitted. Classical music (symphonies, concertos and operas) to pop, jazz and country and western are available. Choose from 27 missing instruments and six omitted voice ranges. For a free catalog of more than 700 LP's and cassettes, call (800) NOW SING (669-7464).

Toys to Grow On has come up with a present that means business. Kids' Business is a three-drawer file filled with corporate stationery, checkbook, play money, clipboards, message pads, business signs, sales pads and a changeable date stamp. Ages 4 to 11. $29.95 plus $6.95 shipping from Toys to Grow On, (800) 542-8338.

"Let's put on a show!" Budding thespians get a little help in realizing their dramatic dreams with Let's Pretend Theater by Creativity for Kids. The kit contains posters, programs, tickets, audience cue cards, judge badges, signs, popcorn bags, a fake mustache and fun ideas for directing or starring in a show.

The Let's Pretend series also includes office, store, school, travel and restaurant kits. Ages 4 and older. About $18.

For fans of the Big Top, Do It Yourself Kids' Circus gives children two ways to put on the greatest show on earth. Using one side of the LP or cassette, they can accompany the ringmaster's narration and traditional circus music with a pantomime performance. Or they can direct their own personal circus by playing the instrumental-only side. Accompanying book contains narration, suggested props, activities and illustrations for eight circus acts: opening parade, clowns, prancing ponies, man on the flying trapeze, animal acts, acrobats, magician and marching band. Ages 4 to 8 years, $10.95 plus shipping from Kimbo Educational, P.O. Box 477, Long Branch, NJ 07740 (800) 6731-2187.

For the frequent flier (or car passenger), Hugg America is a USA-shaped pillow for nap-time snuggling. The 48 contiguous states are on one side: Alaska and Hawaii are on the back.

School-age children can plot their journey or just enjoy poring over the accurately detailed maps with all state names, capitals, major cities, waterways and national parks identified. Ages 3 years and older. Available at Neiman Marcus or by mail for $19.95 plus $3 shipping from XTC Products, 247 Rockingstone Ave., Larchmont, NY 10538; (800) 332-7840.

What does a paleontologist do? What kinds of beasts roamed the Earth more than 60 million years ago? If your child would like to know, Dinosaur Hunter's Kit, including the Dinosaur Hunter's Handbook, will help him or her find out.

A replica of an Apatosaurus (formerly called brontosaurus) buried in a book-sized slab of claylike rock gives your youngster the opportunity to excavate fossil bones by softening the clay in water and "discovering them," using the included spatula.

The bones then get glued and painted to be finally displayed in your child's room. Oneshot Quality Time for parent and child. Ages 5 and older. The kit, by Running Press, sells for $16.95 at book stores.

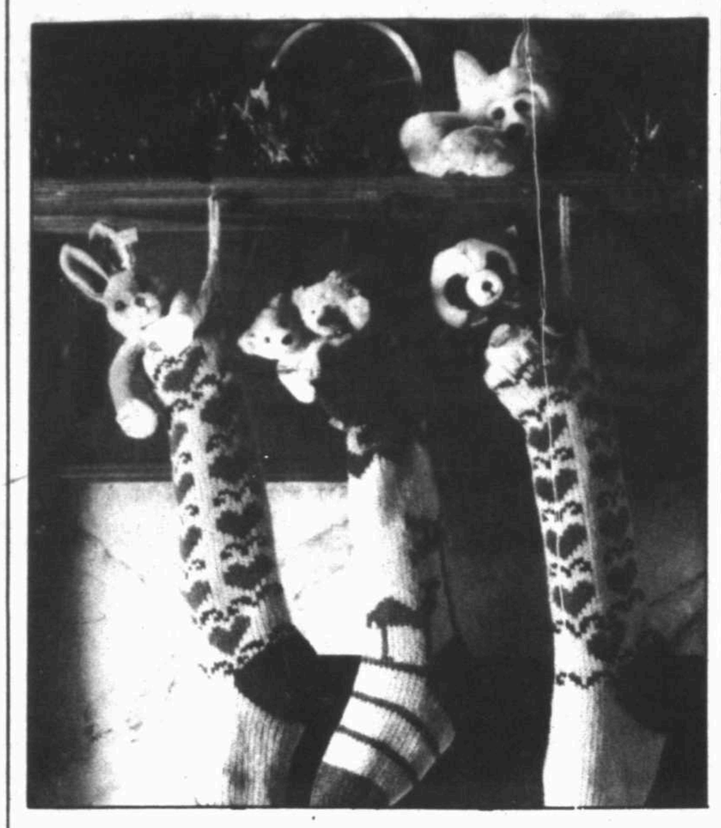
Junior Indiana Joneses can continue to bone up on paleontology with Dinosaur Fossil Kit. First, chip away the "rock" to uncover fossil fragments. Then reassemble the pieces into a realistic looking skeleton on a 9-by-12-inch plaque suitable for display.

Choose Stegosaurus or Tyrannosaurus. Ages 8 and older, $12.95 plus tax and $3.25 shipping from Discover Corner, Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley, CA 94720-0001; (415) 642-1016.

Laura Ashley, move over. The Fashion Designer Kit gives your child the tools to design her own clothing: three mannequin stencils, master clothing silhouettes, textured board for patterned fabric, accessory stickers for the finishing touches, plus drawing board, tools, paper and pencils.

Despite the amount of pre-designed material, there is still plenty of room for creativity. Ages 7 years and older. The Fashion Designer Kit by Crayola sells for about $17 in department stores.

And for you, who weathered the shopping season so gracefully, a packet of gold stars from the five-and-dime.



Cuddly animals

"'Twas the night before Christmas" and the stockings are filled with lovable Steiff animals, available in Midland at Teddys Interior Environments, 6815 Island Circle. The cuddly critters, are from left, Lulac, Petsy Miniature, Teddy Bear Miniature, Petsy Panda, and Fenny Dessert Fox.

Organization offers toy guide

Associated Press

Despite efforts to design safe toys, children still are injured by them — most often by falling on, tripping over, or being hit by toys, according to the Toy Manufacturers Association, an industry group.

The TMA urges parents to supervise the use of toys and be involved in the selection so they are appropriate to the children's ages.

The organization offers a free booklet, "The TMA Guide to Toys and Play," in both English and Spanish. Send a postcard with name, address and language preference to Toy Booklet, P.O. Box 866, Madison Square Station, New York, N.Y. 10159-0866, or call 1 (800) 851-9955.

'12 Days of Christmas' can become family tradition

Associated Press

Instead of packing the Christmas celebration into one day, revive the old tradition of observing the 12-day celebration from Dec. 25 to Jan. 6, advises a specialist in childhood education.

"Christmas is a season. It doesn't have to be over in a day," says Brigid Cortright, director of the Children's Education Center at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Doing everything at once puts too much pressure on parents, and the children can't appreciate a huge pile of gifts at once, she says.

Mrs. Cortright says she celebrated the 12 days of Christmas when her own children were small. "Every day, my husband and I made sure every child got something — nothing extravagant, but something — and we had a party on the Epiphany."

Don't give extravagant gifts like those described in "The Twelve Days of Christmas," but do pick favorite foods, mobiles, posters, postcards, stationery, prints, stickers, stamps, paints, small animal figures, colorful shoelaces or hair ribbons, she recommends.

She also points out that since Christmas is about giving, gifts from the children should be a part of the tradition. "Choosing a gift for a parent or sibling makes a child think about what other members do and enjoy. For children, focusing on other people can be a learning experience."

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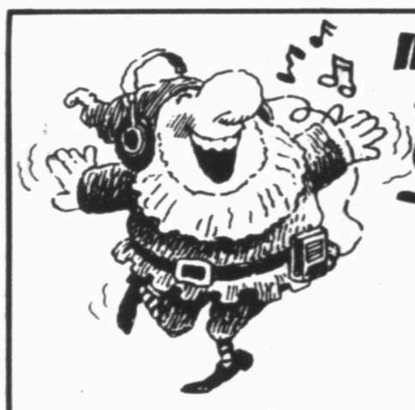
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Handmade presents may often be the best of all

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Handmade toys that may not have cost much can turn out to be the best of all to a child.

"Adults who received homemade gifts as a child from their mother or grandmother remember those presents distinctly as the most cherished of all," says Pamela Hastings, consumer education director for Singer Sewing Company.

Remember the card table clubhouse? Bean bags? And wouldn't it be clever to have a custom-made caddy for crayons, markers, papers and coloring books?

If you've forgotten how to make these, or never knew, here's how to put them together with a little bit of time and modest outlay:

Card Table Clubhouse

Materials needed to fit a standard 34-square-inch card table: Five yards of quilted fabric, six yards of double-fold bias tape, assorted fabric scraps or fabric paints.

Instructions: From quilted fabric, cut one 35-inch square for the roof, two 29-by-35-inch rectangles for the sides, and two 29-by-40-inch rectangles for the front and back. Cut out a 15-by-21-inch door opening in the center front panel of the house, saving the piece to be the door. Finish the raw edges of the door and opening with a serger or cover with double-fold bias tape. Center the door over the opening and stitch into place along the top.

Cut a 10-inch square window in the center back panel of the house. Finish edges of the window and lower edges of all pieces with serger or tape as you did for the door. The side pieces will be about 5 inches wider than the other sections; lap the edge of each side panel over the edges of the front and back sections by about 2 inches. Stitch together, starting at the top and going down only 3 or 4 inches, leaving the panels unattached to hang freely over the card table.

With right sides together, stitch the roof to the sides, front and back. Decorate as you like with fabric scraps and craft paint.

Bean Bag Toss

Materials: Sturdy fabric scraps from which you can cut one 6-by-12-inch rectangle for each bean bag, plus beans to fill them. Make half of the bags in one color, half in another color. (Make as many as you like.)

Instructions: Cut the 6-by-12-inch rectangle and fold in half, right sides together, to form a 6-inch square. Stitch a ½-inch seam around the open edges, leaving a 3-inch opening. Turn the bag right side out, fill loosely with beans and topstitch the opening by machine or sew by hand.

The game: Use cardboard boxes, coffee cans or mixing bowls as targets, awarding points for landing the bean bags into the containers. Or let the youngsters invent their own game-point system.

Coloring Book Caddy

Materials: A scrap of reversible quilted fabric at least 18 inches square, about a half-yard of ribbon.

Instructions: Cut the 18-inch square from the quilted fabric and divide the ribbon into two 9-inch lengths. Finish one edge of the fabric with a serger or extra-wide double-fold bias tape. Fold over 6 inches from the finished edge and stitch down the center of the panel to form the binding. Baste sides into place to form pockets. Finish edges with serger or bias tape. Stitch one end of a ribbon strip to each side of the bag, just above the pockets, to form a tie. Insert coloring books and crayons and close the bag with the ties.

Hastings also suggests making building blocks from fabric scraps and foam fillings — safe to toss around and washable as well. Or construct a "busy book" filled with tactile activities like snaps, Velcro, lace ties, buttons and buttonholes, etc.

Cloth Toy Patterns

Those bunnies have multiplied like, well, rabbits. The stuffed bunnies designed by Faye Wine for McCall's (3760) have come to life in unknown quantities from over a million patterns sold. Make an individual version for a child (perhaps making its clothes from scraps or castoffs of the child's wardrobe). Or sew up some snowmen or gingerbread men (McCall's 6157), also designed by Wine.

An elf can be created in 14- or 21-inch sizes, and the pattern (McCall's 6100) also has patterns for tree ornaments.

Youth can make tree ornaments

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Get into the holiday mood early by grabbing pencils, glue, glitter and wax paper and involving your kids in making their own tree ornaments or sun catchers.

You might want to pick a gloomy weekend morning when everyone's shut in the house because the weather's turned cold and stormy or an afternoon when the sun has disappeared early due to the shorter days.

This ornament idea comes from Kathlyn Carew, American Baby Magazine's crafts expert.

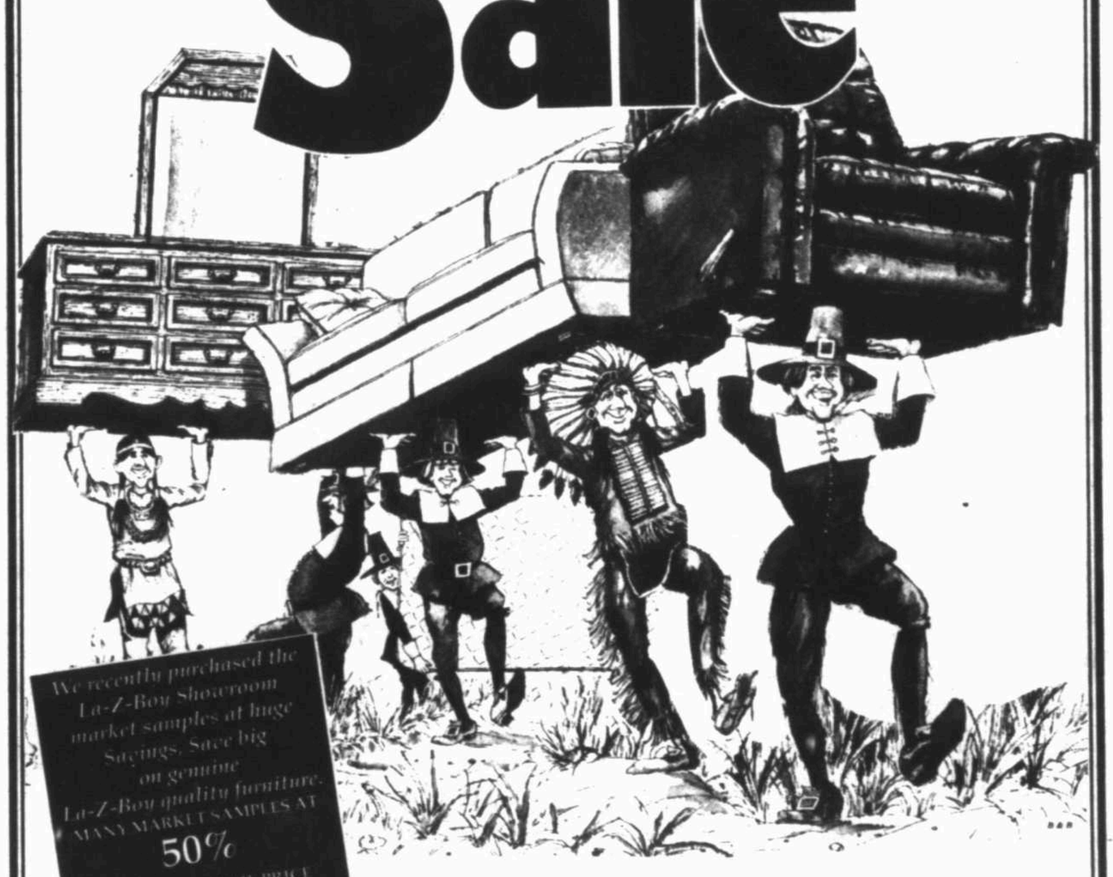
- Sketch an outline onto a sheet of wax paper. (The easiest and neatest way is to trace around a cookie cutter shaped like a star, bell, angel, reindeer or Santa Claus.)
- Follow the outline with glue, making an even ribbon all around the shape but don't squeeze the glue out too thickly.
- Scoop up a handful of glitter, and sprinkle over the glue shape. Make sure all the glue gets covered with glitter.
- You can add more lines and colors to your design, but wait a few hours for each application of glue and glitter to dry.
- When all the glue and glitter is firmly set and you're happy with your creation, cut out the shape, and poke or punch a small hole in the wax paper near the top.
- Run a string or narrow ribbon through the hole. Now your ornament is ready to be hung in the window or tied to a bough.

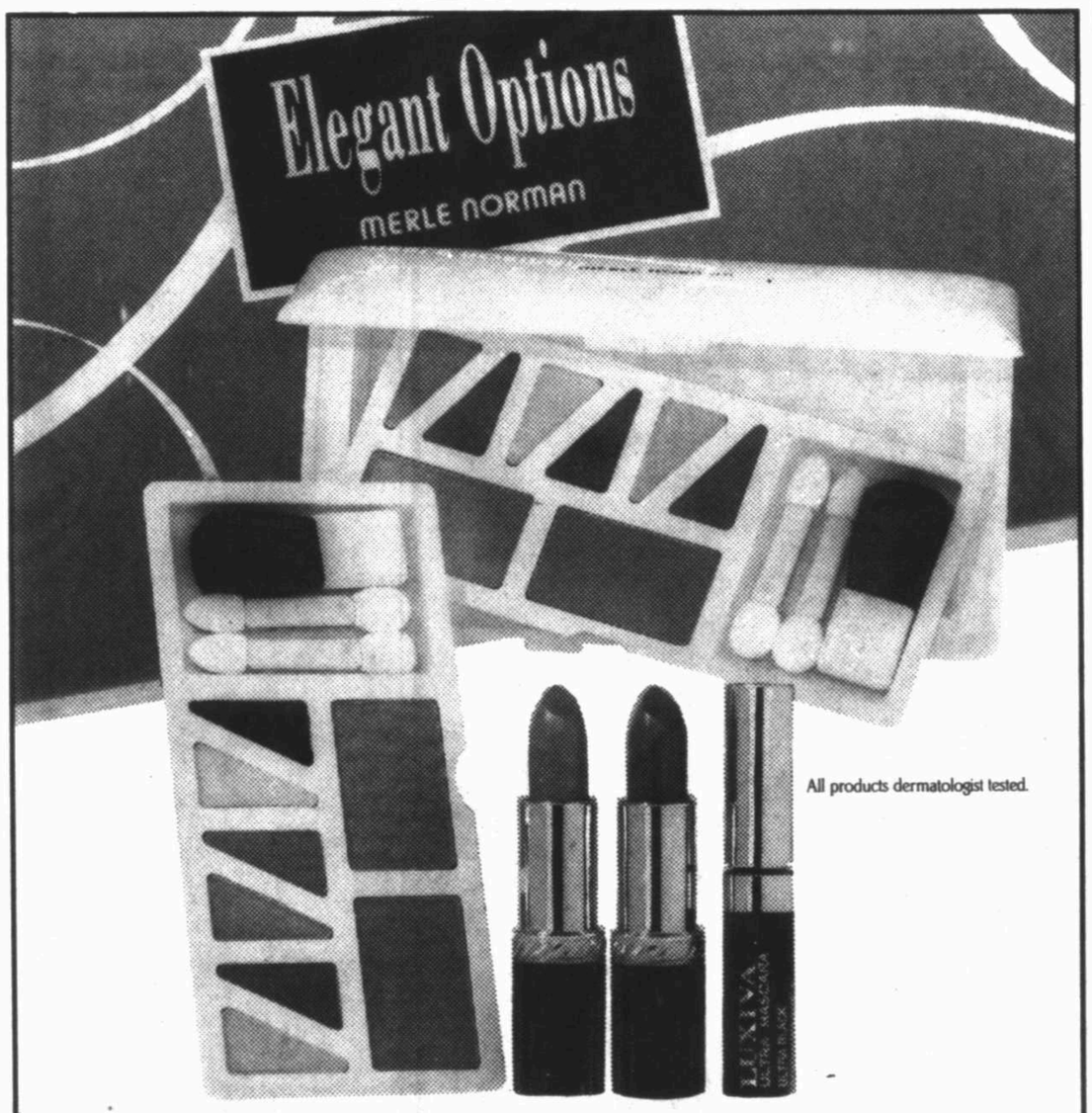

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Reflective gear would be welcome gift for runners

By James Raia
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Except for the ever-increasing price of shoes and costly race entry fees, running is inexpensive compared to such recreational pursuits as alpine skiing and golf. This is particularly good news if you're doing your holiday gift shopping on a limited budget.

In fact, specialty stores, national retail chains and mail-order discount warehouses offer many running gifts for less than $15.

Here are some suggestions.

Reflective gear

Runners are often stereotyped as obsessive and compulsive. These portrayals are arguable. However, there is one indisputable description of runners who train before dawn or after dusk and don't wear something reflective — foolish.

One solution is to buy running friends reflective clothing or accessories. It's also an inexpensive way to remind them that you'd like to have them stick around for a while.

Most specialty athletic stores offer a variety of reflective products. The Jog-A-Lite running vest (approximately $14) is one of the more popular items. It's lightweight, durable and available in unisex sizes small to extra large.

Most running and cycling retail stores also offer several styles of reflective wrist and ankle bracelets, adhesive strips and dots as well as neon shoelaces.

A 27-inch roll of reflective tape (about $4) can be cut and placed on shirts, shorts or shoes. Reflective adhesive dots (also about $4) are very visible when adhered to the heels of shoes, although some runners are more creative while applying the dots to strategic areas of clothing.

Identification tags

Runners don't often get lost, but that's not the reason for carrying identification while training or racing. In case of an emergency, an injured runner (and his or her special medical concerns) can quickly be identified from a bracelet, necklace or shoe tag.

Richcraft, a mail-order company in Kershaw, S.C., offers one of the most thoughtful and best stocking-stuffer bargains. For less than $6, the company will quickly mail back two stainless steel personalized identification tags. The 2-by-1-

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Travelers could always use maps

By Judy Wade
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

With one out of three Americans taking a trip more than 100 miles from home this year, it's a good bet there's a traveler or two on your holiday gift list.

One of my favorite gifts was given to me by a close friend who had been traveling for years. When she learned of my roving tendencies, she sent me a wall-size map of the world and a box of colored push pins. Since then I've tracked my travels with that map using a different color pin for each country.

Such maps are available from the Rand-McNally catalogue (800-333-0857) in a variety of sizes and price ranges. One of the most popular is a brightly colored 36-by-52-inch version made of Tyvek, a no-rip, water-resistant paper, which sells for about $25.

Do your traveling friends take photos on their trips? And are those photos languishing in untidy masses in a shoe box in the closet? Enlist an accomplice to get the photos, then mount them neatly in a beautiful album. Or, present your friends with an album and several rolls of film *before* they embark on a trip.

A set of four flip-up sleeve albums in a tidy slipcase holds 224 photos size 3½ by 5 inches and is available for about $27 from Figis, Inc., (715 341-1363). Be sure to sneak a peek at your friend's photos before deciding on the size of the album.

The quintessential hunting grounds for traveler gifts may be Magellan's (800-962-4943), publishers of a catalogue full of ever-changing ideas to make traveling safer, more pleasant and convenient.

Their holiday update offers a new nylon fabric document pouch which seasoned international travelers say is a welcome alternative to heavy leather passport cases. The $20 9-by-5-inch (folded) case has two zipper pockets for currency from several countries, an airline ticket pocket, Velcro coin pocket, slots for credit cards, passport pocket and loop for your belt.

Also from Magellan, you can get a nifty little razor for about $5 that weighs less than an ounce and looks like a lipstick, but when you twist the bottom a shaft emerges and a twin blade clicks into position, ready to use. It retracts into its tube when you're done shaving. Best of all it delivers a great shave (beards or legs)! Refill it with your favorite twin blade.

If your traveling friends say they've tried and tried to pick up phrases in a foreign language but haven't come close to wrapping their tongues around slippery unfamiliar words and phrases, Language/30 may be the answer.

These tapes are based on the famous U.S. military speed-up language-learning method developed for government personnel preparing for overseas duty. They emphasize conversationally useful words and phrases that even the linguistically impaired say are easy to pick up with a minimum of study.

In addition to the usual languages, Czech, Russian and Vietnamese are offered on the two-tape sets. From Signals (800-669-9696), a catalogue for fans and friends of public television, for about $15.

Pets often need special care when traveling by car or by air. A perky red insulated Pet-On-The-Go bag from Lillian Vernon (804-430-5555), decorated with paw-prints, contains a 32-oz. water jug, two 4½-inch bowls, and a food container with a snap-on lid. The 6½-by-7-inch bag zips closes on three sides, slings over your shoulder with a sturdy strap, and sells for about $15.

In addition to safety regulations and the in-flight magazine, airlines routinely stuff seat pockets with their own catalogues, full of travel-oriented ideas. One of the best, the neck pillow, has been around forever in various permutations, and now is even better. Continental Airlines' Sky Mall catalogue (800-424-6255) has an inflatable version (about $15) you can pull from your purse or briefcase to support your head so you can sleep and arrive refreshed.

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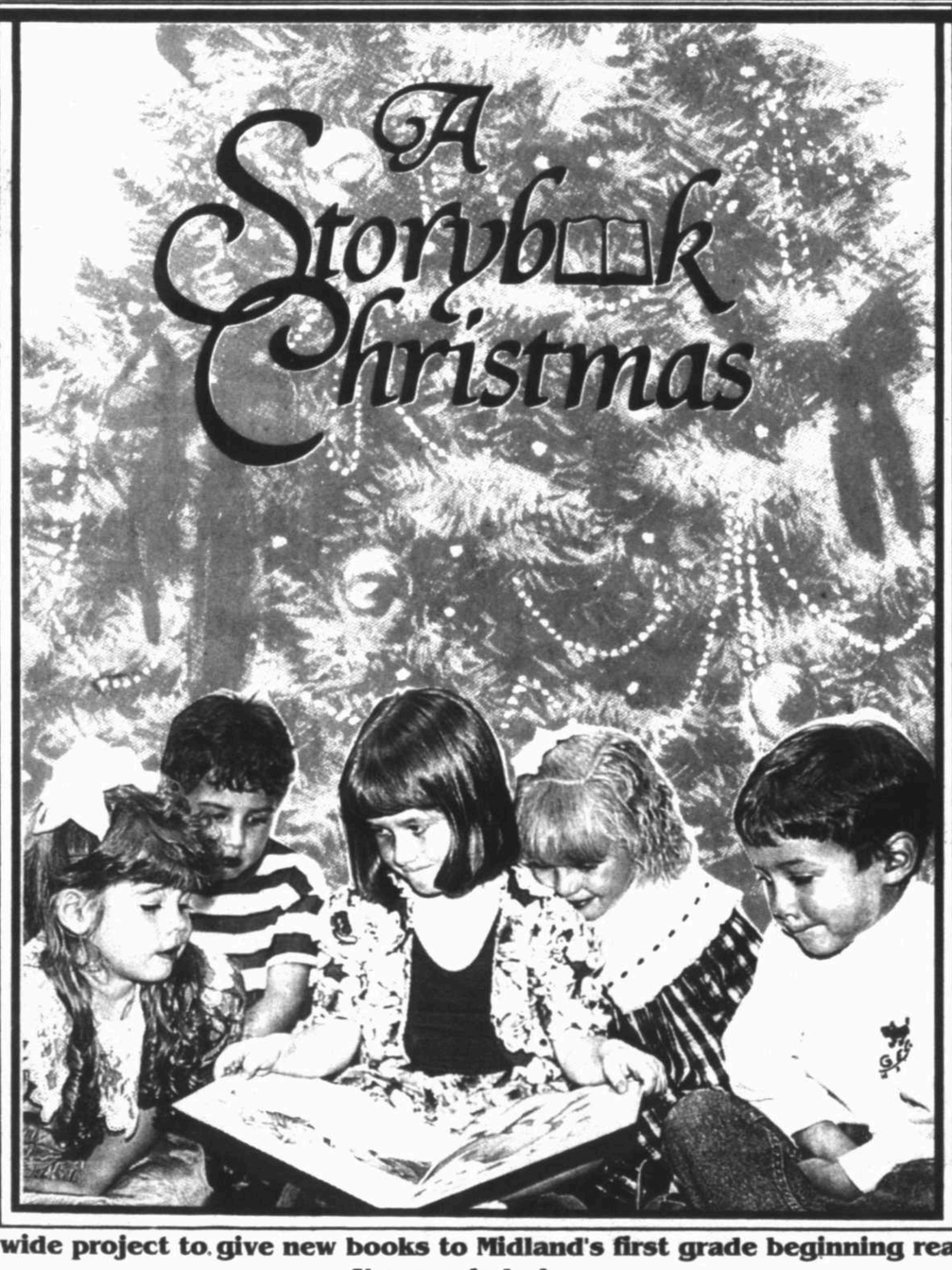


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RUNNERS: Socks, water bottles are other gift ideas

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inch tags are available as a necklace or with two looplets to attach to shoelaces. A third variety, which attaches to the wrist with a Velcro band, is priced at $5.95 per unit.

Prices include six embossed lines of up to 16 spaces per line, ideal for name, address, phone number, allergy information, pulse rate, driver's license number and so forth. Free medical alert emblems are available upon request.

Clothing accessories

Unless you happen to enjoy the fine art of darning, running socks provide runners with a never-ending battle. Fact is, most running socks don't wear well.

Most discount chains, which buy in large quantities, offer good bargains, though, with $7.99-$8.99 as standard price for six pairs of cotton half socks. But there are also other sock options, including multicolored, thermal and polypropylene.

Red Tag Sports, a mail-order outlet in San Diego, Calif., offers several good deals, including three pairs of polypropylene half socks at $6.95 and three pairs of heavier Burlington half socks at $9.95

In addition to socks, most retail and mail-order companies have a full supply of cotton, polypropylene and reflective hats and gloves. Mail order consumers should also remember that most companies charge for shipping.

Paraphernalia

Much like skiers or golfers, runners like to own their sport's newest paraphernalia. But just like other athletes, runners don't often think to purchase some of the more practical items for themselves.

Water bottles, for instance, are a thoughtful gift. Styles and prices vary considerably, but one convenient and efficient brand is Hanteens.

The compact bottles are actually square, hold 14 ounces of liquid and feature flip-top caps and easy access hand grips. Particularly popular among ultra-marathon runners, Rainbow Racing System, a mail-order company in Spokane, Wash., sells Hanteens for $7.95 a pair.

Another useful gift for runners is a running log. Runner's World Magazine offers a comprehensive soft-cover log for $7.95. It includes daily categories such as date, mileage, intensity, time involved, heart rate and a total weekly mileage section. The Runner's World log also include straining and exercise tips, performance charts and sports medical advice.

Finally, for the runner who seemingly has everything, consider a runner's wallet. One brand, Freestyle Wallet, retails for $2.95. It attaches easily to running shoes and is secured with a Velcro strap. The money pouch is large enough to carry identification and currency.

The Freestyle Wallet will also carry coins in case your running friend wants to call you or a cab for a ride home after a weary run.

TRAVELERS: Garment bag stows under plane seat

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with your head flopping first on one shoulder then the other as you try to doze, you know these pillows are essential. A set, with a back pillow and sleep mask with earplugs, is about $34.

An upscale version of the fanny pack, those waist-belted depositories for everything you can't stuff in your pockets or carry in your hands, appears in Sundance (800-422-2770), a catalogue full of ideas from the general store on Robert Redford's Sundance ranch. The roomy, classy, leather pack, about $60, has two snap pockets and one large, zip compartment big enough for sunglasses, film and a billfold. The soft, full-grain natural cowhide is lined with cotton twill, and is especially durable, which gives an added degree of security when traveling in questionable areas.

With airline luggage theft regularly in the headlines, more travelers are opting to pack lightly and carry their bag aboard with them. Hammacher Schlemmer (800-543-3366) has come up with a garment bag which packs like the traditional style, but folds in thirds to a convenient 15-by-21-by-8½-inch carry-on size. It stows easily under an airline seat or in an overhead compartment.

The water-resistant nylon bag (about $180) holds three suits and includes a toiletry compartment, two shoe storage pouches, removable laundry pouch, three large storage pockets and a business organizer compartment.

Not inspired yet? Spend an hour in any shopping mall with the words "travel" and "compact" stuck firmly in your mind and you'll be amazed how many items fit the bill for the travel-minded on your list. And the next time you head to an airport to pickup Aunt Sue for her annual visit, go early and hit the airport shops for a good browse.

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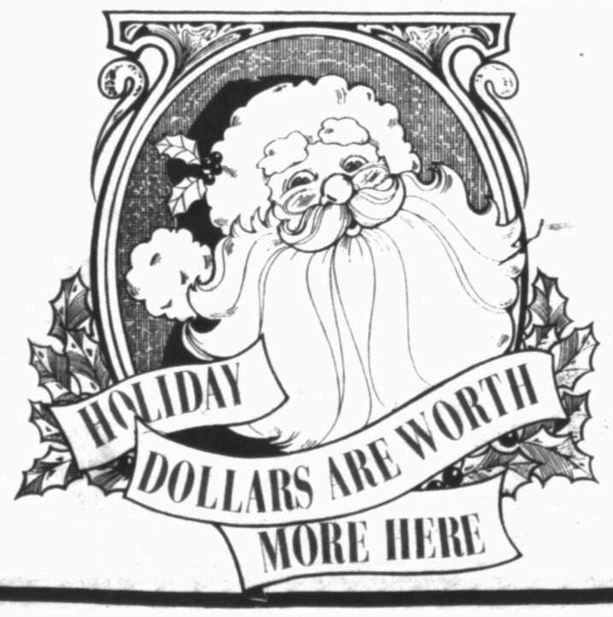


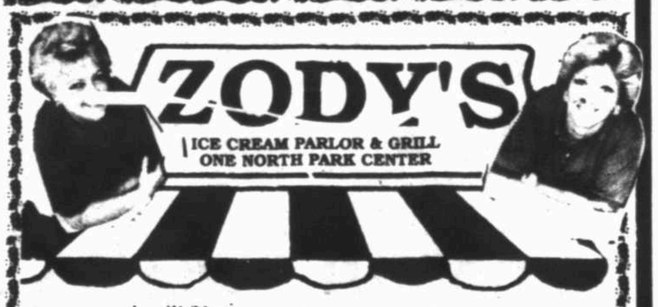
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Party season has arrived

By Kelly DeGarmo
N.Y. Times News Service

'Tis the season to take a quick inventory of your after-five party clothes. Now that the holidays are upon us, you never know when a spur-of-the-moment invitation requiring dressy attire may cross your path.

One of the smartest and easiest ways to dress for evening is with separates — and there are plenty of sensational ones to choose from this winter. From black stretch velvet jeans and long, slim sequined skirts to brocade vests and sheer chiffon blouses, the options are as lovely as they are plentiful.

What evening separates offer that party dresses don't is versatility. A few good pieces combined with stunning accessories can be mixed and matched to create many different looks.

"Any time you can get multiple uses out of one garment, the better off you are," said Pam Smith, a retail consultant in Fort Worth.

Not only do you save money by getting more mileage out of a single garment, you save time too. Changing clothes becomes easier, particularly when the function occurs immediately after work and dashing home isn't a possibility.

A black business suit, for instance, can be dressed up instantly by replacing a go-to-work silk blouse with a lace bustier, trading out button-style earrings for some spangly models and ditching the briefcase for a small beaded evening bag. Or cinch the jacket with a metallic bronze belt and add matching bronze shoes.

Inexpensive extras, such as fishnet stockings or jeweled button covers, also create an evening mood. When accessorizing, just remember the buzz phrase of the '90s: Less is more. If in doubt, shed one of the items.

Even if you have to rush off to a party immediately after work, don't fall into the trap of wearing a too-dressy outfit to work to save time. It's a common tendency, but Smith cautions against this.

"You have to be careful not getting too glitzy in the daytime," she warns. However, you can take a slim, well-tailored black gabardine skirt or a pair of white wool pants and create a knockout outfit for a dinner date with the simple addition of a dressy white organdy blouse or stunning gold Lurex sweater.

Mixing wool with contrasting fabrics such as silk, velvet or sequins is perfectly acceptable. Just be sure the contrast is noticeable.

"My general rule for mixing fabrics is that if they are too much the same and look like they're supposed to match but don't, then it doesn't work," Smith advises.

If possible, invest the greatest portion of your budget in seasonless fabrications that can be worn year-round, such as sequins, satin, lace and silk. Velvet items, unless very bare, look too heavy during the spring and summer months the warmer states.

In the area of color, black naturally dominates. "Black has an expensive look about it," says Jim McCauley, owner of Mary McCauley stores in Fort Worth. Versatile and slimming, black is ready to go almost anywhere. But it can be overpowering, and unless the accessories are magnificent, black can get lost among all the men's dark suits.

To stand out from the crowd, add a bold hue such as royal blue, emerald green or ruby red. Or be different and opt for a foundation of navy or ivory rather than black.

When shopping for evening separates, don't forget the lingerie department, where you will find many glamorous bra tops and camisoles that double beautifully as after-five wear.

Red is right for holiday styles

By Linda Gillan Griffin
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — Making merry for the holidays is much easier in 1992. For starters, the hottest fashion color this year is red, always a winner for celebrations.

And — more good news — not all the holiday clothes this season have cocktail and black-tie orientations. Plenty can go from breakfast with Santa to New Year's Eve.

Red dresses will make the biggest splash in evening wear, however — long sheaths with spaghetti straps, no straps or one-shoulder styles. Most of these dresses are slit high up the leg or in back so the illusion is that of a long dress as revealing as a miniskirt.

While there are plenty of chiffons in the red category, short and long, there are nice crepes and short styles, too, that can go more places than the strictly formal chiffon.

Because not all holiday occasions are extra-dressy ones, why not look for reds in knits, sweaters and wool suits, too? A red blouse gives a holiday translation to an all-black suit, and even red plaids add celebratory charm.

Second choice for evenings this winter is that old standby, all black, which benefits from the sparkle of rhinestones and pearls. Tuxedo looks, black velvets and even black cashmere sweaters can be decorated for big evenings.

Winter whites can look even more festive than black around the holidays and are certainly better choices for wear into spring. This year white can team with golden Lurex or pearls or intarsia designs.

Don't scrimp on those all-important casual holiday clothes. Bright velour tops and slacks or leggings come in festive fuchsias, blues, turquoise and purple now. And holiday sweaters — beaded, sequined or intarsia designs — will last through many holidays to come.

And don't forget the men in holiday dressing plans. If the man in your life is the ultra-conservative type, try coaxing him into a pair of bright red socks. For the more adventurous, there are tasteful St. Nicholas ties, suspenders and socks, as well as studs and cuff links in Christmas motifs.

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By Erma Bombeck

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It's Thanksgiving. You can eat over the sink, under the sink, scrape bowls with your fingers, eat between meals, load dip onto crackers that collapse under the weight, rip the fatty skin off the bottom of the roaster and eat it, or have a dressing sandwich at midnight. Say Hallelujah.

You can sample three kinds of pies and say, "I'm just tasting." Then you're allowed to load up your plate with more mashed potatoes and gravy to "get the sweet taste out of my mouth."

I don't want to be around people at Thanksgiving who put a piece of pumpkin pie in my face and add, "The topping isn't real whipped cream." Why not? Spare me the woman who serves a plate of naked vegetables with yogurt on the side.

There is no place on this day for disciples of bran and oats to spread their message of nutrition. I don't want to hear that kind of talk on a religious holiday. If God had meant for us to fast on Thanksgiving, he would never have created 30-pound turkeys.

In a show of respect for this holiday, gyms are closed, support group meetings are canceled, and exercise bicycles, Stairmasters and NordicTracks are draped and out of sight.

If we didn't have Thanksgiving, someone would have to invent it. People can live just so long on a sugarless, saltless, butterless diet, and then they turn mean. That's why the holiday is such an important one. Families sit around in their elastic waistbands and are kind to one another. The tension and irritability of abstinence from between-meal snacking gives way to love and caring.

Children have their no-guilt holiday at Halloween, where they stay up late, talk to strangers, and scarf down pillowcases and bags filled with cavity-causing sugar that bounces them off the walls for a week.

Today I have mine. Pardon me for talking with food in my mouth.

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Some fashions just plain weird

By Linda Gillan Griffin
Hearst News Service

NEW YORK — Only in the wacky world of high fashion can a person arrive at a gathering to find each chair contains a vial of perfume and three yellow capsules.

Knowing the theme was "Valley of the Dolls" — remember the drug-riddled movie from a couple of decades ago? — I had high hopes for those capsules. As it turned out, however, they were placebos. Sugar pills.

Heck, I was hoping they were Excedrin.

Excedrin is what a person needs when fashion suddenly dictates that sheer dresses will be worn with nothing more than a pair of matching thong panties. When the height of chic moves from showing the cleavage of your breasts to showing the cleavage of your buttocks. When displaying your belly button becomes more important than displaying your legs. And when the average length of a sweater falls to 6 inches, the size of a bandeau, while dresses graze the ankles.

Among the other strange sightings at the recent spring '93 women's wear showings here were a bevy of bright hippie tunics and bell-bottoms from Randolph Duke, like a Technicolor commune. And at Nicole Miller's show, a bold dinosaur print that galumphed across the designer's daywear. I was especially intrigued by the idea of a stegosaurus lumbering across the seat of my swimsuit. And how about those white feather hot pants at Isaac Mizrahi?

At least in Mizrahi's show, his models' underwear was more interesting than the plain old thongs we'd seen all week. He furnished his models with lacey white bras and snippets of panties. They needed them, too, since the finale included completely transparent chiffon jumpsuits and all-over crystal beaded pajamas.

Someone brought a young kid to that show, too, seating him so near the runway that if a model's earring had fallen off, he could have fielded it. At least he was young when he arrived. By the time he left, he was probably well past puberty and had fallen in love half a dozen times.

But nudity and near nudity are every day and every night in high fashion. And nudity is nothing compared to the rubber snakes that accessorized outfits at Betsey Johnson. I'm still puzzled as to exactly how a person should describe such antics. Should I take a straightforward approach?

"At Betsey Johnson, a black-and-gray get-up was punched up by the addition of a diamondback rattler at the neckline."

Or should I follow traditional fashion speak?

"At Betsey Johnson's kicky show, which opened with the designer twirling a baton and turning a flip, an ensemble of noir and stone jacket, lacey black corset and the tiniest of trousers was highlighted with the to-die-for graphic attraction of a stretchy, rubberized diamondback rattlesnake at the throat."

But back to this trend of absolute sheerness. It's difficult to keep the mind from wandering when what appears to be — and sometimes is — the completely nude body of a model in a dress no thicker than a veil wobbling down the runway in a pair of platform shoes. I figure I can see parts of the models' bodies they've never seen.

Retailers tell me they believe the sheer clothes will indeed be worn, probably with matching or nude bodystockings and opaque tights. But when's the last time you tried to match maroon? Or even putty, stone or cocoa?

Of course, I realize not everyone has the same lack of appreciation for nudity and S&M fashions as I do. After one show, four of us shared a cab to dinner, discussing designer duds, in particular those of one Italian designer whose constant offerings include voluptuous women in big hair, high heels and leather straps with heavy metal fasteners. Clothing we routinely refer to as bondage wear, and when fashion editors get going, it's easy to forget the cab driver is there.

It's raining and suddenly he slams on the brakes to avoid a car that has stopped in front of him. Sitting in front, I give a little scream, grab the dash and pump the brake pedal which, natch, is not on my side of the cab. The cab comes to a smooth and perfect stop, and I begin apologizing for what I'd done.

"Never mind that," the cab driver blurts out. "Let's just get back to the bondage."

Delicate spring fashions worn with boots

By Carrie Donovan
N.Y. Times News Service

Designers in Paris and New York favored finishing off their decidedly flimsy spring fashions with some sort of boot. The avant-garde chose "grunge" combat-style versions, unlaced to flop about the ankles as models strode aggressively about the runway.

Meanwhile, viewers of the recent spring showings were already ankle deep in boots. There were the "go for it" wearers in sturdy stolen-from-men or army-issue boots or those who wore snow-country boot gear — ankle-high boots with thick soles and heels of treaded rubber. And then there were those, like Vogue's editor in chief, Anna Wintour, who chose ankle-high booties with pointy toes balanced on thin sexy heels.

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By Abigail Van

DEAR ABBY: the military and berg, Germany. umn in the Stars and Stripes newspaper. A few months ago, you had a letter about a 16-year-old boy who was a bed-wetter. His doctor prescribed DDAVP and it cured the boy of bed-wettin changed his life

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DEAR ABBY

DDAVP is 'miracle cure' for bed wetting

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband is in the military and we live in Heidelberg, Germany. I read your column in the Stars and Stripes newspaper. A few months ago, you had a letter about a 16-year-old boy who was a bed-wetter. His doctor prescribed DDAVP and it cured the boy of bed-wetting, which really changed his life.



Van Buren

Well, my daughter who is 19 years old still wets the bed in spite of alarms, diapers, restricting fluids, waking her up and walking her to the bathroom. We tried everything the doctors suggested, but nothing helped.

After reading about DDAVP, I immediately made an appointment with the doctor — telling his nurse on the phone about what I had read in your column. By the time my daughter and I saw the doctor, he had already done some research into DDAVP, and what he explained to us was amazing!

He said that DDAVP is a hormone that everyone has in his or her body. At night, after a person goes to sleep, this hormone kicks in and makes the kidneys absorb more fluid. In my daughter's case, her body wasn't producing the hormone at a higher level at night — hers just stayed the same all day and all night. (Therefore, she wet at night.) She also happens to be a deep sleeper.

Before giving her this medication, the doctor ran several tests on her to make sure there was nothing physically wrong with her. All her tests turned out normal.

Abby, she has been on DDAVP for two months, and since the first night she took it, she has had a dry bed! There are virtually no side effects, except that since the medication is administered through the nose (she uses a nasal spray) her nose gets slightly irritated. This hasn't bothered my daughter at all.

She will probably need to use DDAVP all her life, but when I think of how uncomfortable her life was — plus the endless washing of bed clothes and night clothes — I cannot tell you how happy we have been since we read your article. I wish we had known about it years ago. No one knows what a bed-wetter goes through. My daughter missed camping trips, sleeping over at friends' houses, etc. I am amazed that bed-wetting is such a hush-hush problem.

I know there are worse things in this world that kids have to endure while growing up, but I want people to know that there is help out there. Thank you from my daughter and me — from the bottom of our hearts. — "B" IN HEIDELBERG

DEAR B: I appreciate your writing. Bed-wetters of all ages would feel far less embarrassed if they knew how many "closet" bed-wetters there are; they number in the millions. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: I know that a person can have his name changed legally if he wants to, but is it possible to change his birth date?

I am 11 years old and my birthday is Dec. 25, and ever since I can remember, whenever I got birthday presents, I was told, "And this is also your Christmas present."

Abby, I don't think that's fair. Is there a way I can change my birthday to sometime in June or July? — CHEATED IN MEMPHIS

DEAR CHEATED: Not officially. Your date of birth is on your birth certificate, which is part of your permanent record. However, if you want to celebrate your birthday on the Fourth of July, nobody can stop you.

P.S. Queen Elizabeth II's birthday is in April, but she celebrates it in June when the weather is better in London.

DEAR ABBY: Whatever happened to soft, easy-listening music for shoppers? I am so tired of loud, obnoxious rock music that I just turn and leave half the places I enter.

I can't believe that most people want to hear such racket while they are shopping.

Please don't publish my name. I work in a place where I am constantly asking someone to please turn down the music. — FED UP

DEAR FED UP: Businesses that feature "loud, obnoxious music" (although what's obnoxious to some may be upbeat and cheerful to others) either cater to a younger clientele, or rely on a quick turnover. The customers boogie in and break dance out. You know you're getting old when the Golden Oldies make you feel like dancing.

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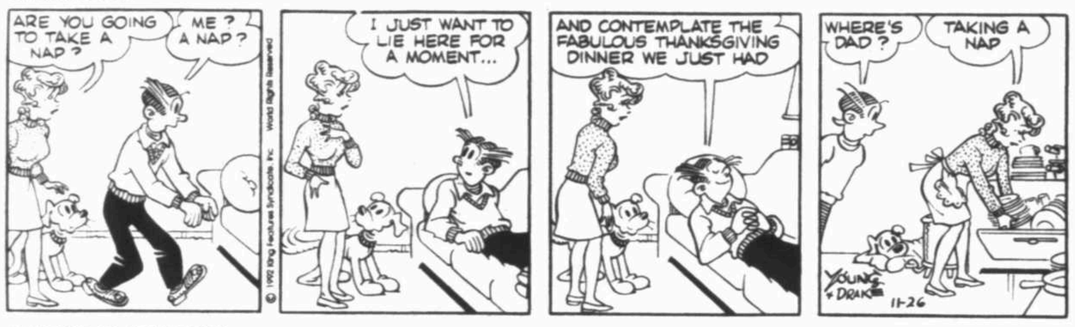
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YOUR HOROSCOPE

By Jeane Dixon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1992

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Impressive gains are possible in both romance and finances. You have begun to realize that one long-lasting partnership can be more rewarding than a series of hasty alliances. Righting a wrong early in 1993 wins you widespread praise. Do not let a desire for the approval of others interfere with your effort to discover your true talents. Rapid career progress is likely next summer. Romance deepens. Travel for business or pleasure in late fall of 1993.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actor Robert Goulet, cartoonist Charles Schulz, tennis star Wendy Turnbull, impressionist Rich Little.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Happiness prevails when you get together with good friends. Share the holiday cooking chores by letting others bring part of the feast. Singles could discover potential love partners.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sharing this holiday with your loved ones puts you in touch with your feelings. Invite someone who would otherwise be alone to join you. Enjoy your dinner without complaint; diet tomorrow!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be patient if your loved ones' different enthusiasms come into conflict. Let those who want to watch football do so. Consideration is the key to a lasting romantic relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Friends have some interesting ideas for entertainment today. You may decide to take a short journey. Look out for the holiday traffic. Romance blossoms in an atmosphere of peace and contentment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your giving nature is obvious. You are able to help other people solve their problems. A calm discussion leads to words of wisdom. Visit someone confined to a hospital or nursing home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Being at peace with those you love means everything this Thanksgiving. Let bygones be bygones. Romance is blissful. Luck and happiness are your companions this afternoon and evening.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The price of love can be high. If you pay it — showing tolerance, patience and genuine concern despite loved one's weaknesses — romance will last.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Diplomacy is vital when the family gathers for the first time in a long while. Brush aside any questions you do not care to answer, and keep your temper in check.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Too much emphasis on doing things "the traditional way" could make you feel chained. The person of your dreams seeks you out. Go somewhere interesting together.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone you love wants to be with you, far from group festivities. Getting things off your chest will pave the way for blissful romance. Limit money spent on entertainment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Whatever you decide to do this Thanksgiving, do it with a loving heart! In time, you will come to terms with a family member's health problem or fall from grace. Show tolerance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your affectionate manner helps a troubled family member or friend relax. Let go of past disappointments and focus on what you hope to achieve. A quiet celebration brings deep contentment.

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Here's another intriguing hand in the safety-play category. How would you declare four spades at rubber bridge? At duplicate?

With nine plus tricks in hand, it would have been pusillanimous indeed for South to rebid anything less than four spades. West led the top of the heart sequence, dealing declarer a potentially mortal blow by attacking the only entry to the dummy. Assume you make the reasonable play of ducking the first trick (defenders have been known to err by shifting) and West continues a heart. What next at rubber bridge?

Win the heart and lead a trump. When East follows, you can guarantee the contract by inserting the ten. As the cards lie, West shows out and you draw trumps, conceding only a trick in each minor in addition to the heart — making four-odd.

What if the spade finesse loses? You can win any return, draw the outstanding trump, force out the ace of diamonds and return to dummy by overtaking the four of trumps with the five to take a club discard on the high diamond. That also brings in 10 tricks.

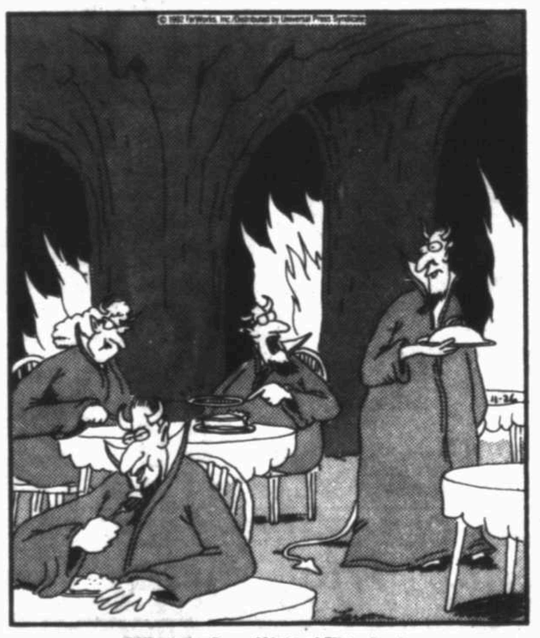
Is the safety play right at duplicate pairs? The chance of finding East with all three missing trumps is about 11 percent. To give up an overtrick to protect against such a low-percenatge holding cannot be the right tactic in a pair event. After winning the ace of hearts, continue by leading a trump to the king. This is one of those hands where you are going to go down, but you'll be in good company.

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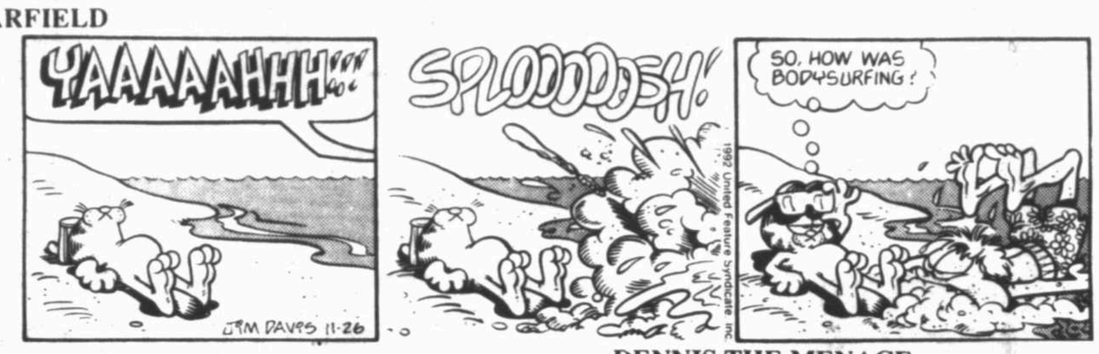
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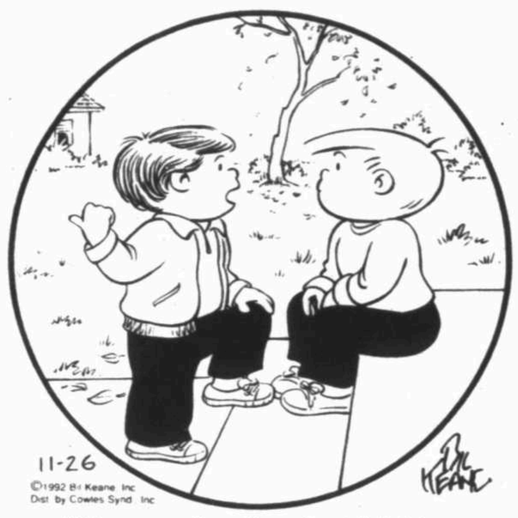
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PEOPLE

Will Clinton's wardrobe be a new fashion statement?

"This is no saint who's just dropped out of the sky," says **Carolyn Staley**, a childhood friend of **Bill Clinton**'s. "In some ways, he's just an average guy. The American people are going to be able to identify with that."



Clinton

The plain truth about the president-elect, according to a Los Angeles Times profile that appeared this week, is that he's a lousy dresser.

Oh, he was able to fool some of the people at his first post-election news conference. Clinton was decked out for the occasion, says the Times, in a **Giorgio Armani** suit that was selected by consultants he had turned to during the campaign. Last summer, when the candidate went on the **Arsenio Hall** show to play the saxophone, the oh-so-happening tie he wore was chosen by Hall's wardrobe people.

At the beginning of the campaign, Clinton was accused of "startling New Hampshire voters last winter with jarring floral neck wear," and accessories may be a particular weak spot.

"These days," says the Times, "observers try to fathom the fashion statement Clinton has in mind when he wears a pair of white nylon gloves on his morning jog through the mild Little Rock weather."

Staley says it doesn't matter. "Fashion has never been Bill's trademark. He's like a lot of people: He just doesn't care that much."

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Ann Chubb's new book, "Royal Fashion and Beauty Secrets" (Villard), must have been written before **Prince Charles** and **Princess Diana** decided to floss in separate bathrooms.



Princess Diana

Nonetheless, a close look at the book, which purports to be "an intimate look at how Princess Diana achieves her radiance, style and grace," provides hints as to the state of the royal marriage.

In the section on shoes, for example, the volume notes that Diana once was in the habit of buying all her shoes at the **Charles Jourdan** store in London, where she would be whisked to an upstairs room to try on shoes and look at handbags in private.

"She has fabulous feet," said **John Gairdner**, a former manager of the store who often attended to the princess. "It's a very intimate and personal thing, fitting feet."

Diana had been partial to "an elegant pump with a little shaped heel that looked higher than it actually was," says the book, because even without heels, the truth is that she is an inch taller than Charles.

Nowadays, however, it's on with the spikes and off with the shrimp.

The book says it gently: "Now that she is much more self-confident, she sees her 5-feet-10 1/2 inches as a fashion bonus and will happily wear much higher heels, such as those from Manolo Blahnik in Old Church Street, Chelsea, where celebrities like **Bianca Jagger** and **Paloma Picasso** shop for shoes."

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An Architectural Digest piece about the Connecticut estate of actor **Richard Widmark** reveals that he is nuts about mowing, and mows not only his 40 acres, but also those of his neighbors, **Rose** and **William Styron** and **Carol** and **Walter Matthau**.

When he was a kid, explains Widmark, who is most noted for his portrayals of movie villains, he always wanted to be a farmer.

Mowing is "very satisfying, satisfyingly ... neat," he says. "It's about being Swedish and wanting everything to be neat and under control."

When his foot was nearly severed in a tractor accident a few years ago, says Widmark, "the question I asked the doctors was not 'Will I ever act again?' but 'Will I ever mow again?' "

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The man of the hour is called Joe, JOE, J.O.E., any old joe. According to Interview magazine, which keeps track of trends for those of us whose bedtimes come before the clubs open, "These days it looks like everyone just wants to be a regular Joe. ... Extraordinary Joes are popping up all over the place."

A few of the trendiest modern Joes:

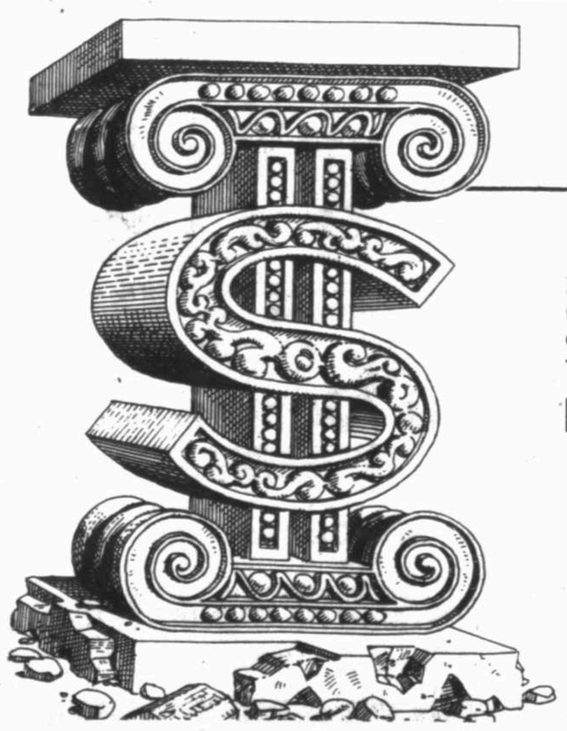
- Ugly Kid **Joe** is the name of a rock and roll band whose new album is "America's Least Wanted."
- Designer **Joseph Abboud**'s new sportswear line is called Just One Earth, or **J.O.E.**
- **Joe McKenna**'s new photography magazine, where "photographers can have a bit of fun and a bit of freedom to do things that they couldn't do for other magazines," is called **Joe's**.
- A soon-to-be-released movie about a woman of the old West who lived her life as a man is called "The Ballad of Little **Jo**."
- A super-size 12-inch **G.I. Joe** toy was created, says G.I. Joe spokesman **Wayne Charness**, to fight "the evil terrorist group C.O.B.R.A.," which is plotting to take over the world.

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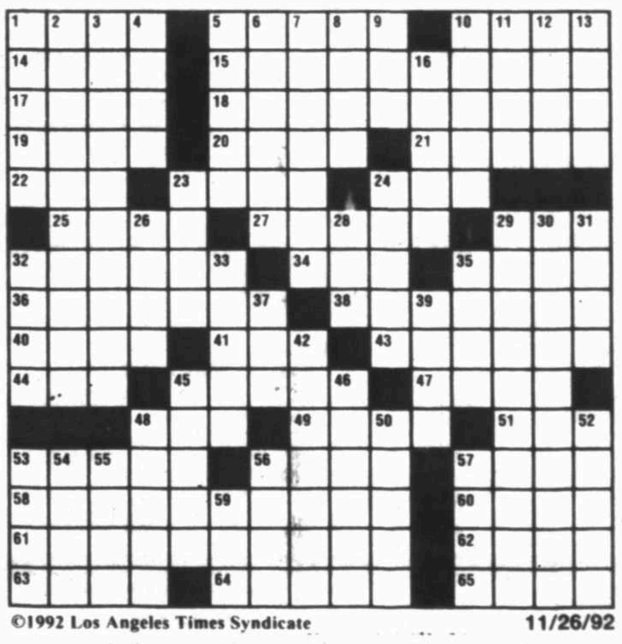
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Many Americans depend on soup kitchens for Thanksgiving dinner

By Arlene Levinson
Associated Press Writer

It's not official like a government statistic, but you don't need an economist to see that what might be called the Hunger Pain Rate is rising across America.

Food pantries and soup kitchens from Hawaii to Florida are prepared to set many more places at Thanksgiving tables for entire families.

"You see, here's the thing," said Rev. Hezekiah Stewart, head of the Watershed Human and Community Development Agency in Little Rock, Ark. "There are a lot of people out here with jobs who also need assistance. They're living right at the poverty line."

As Little Rock goes this Thanksgiving Day, so goes much of the nation, where an estimated 30 million people now go hungry on a daily basis.

"We are seeing an increase in the number of families coming into our dining rooms," said Laura Knox, spokeswoman for St. Vincent de Paul in Phoenix, which expects more than 4,000 people Thursday.

"In the past, it mostly was the individual male," said Ms. Knox. "The environment in our dining halls have really changed with all these kids."

The Census Bureau reported that poverty reached a 27-year high in 1991 while household incomes fell. Requests for emergency food aid increased 26 percent in major American cities last year, according to the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

The estimate of more than 30 million Americans going hungry came from the Tufts University Center on Hunger, Poverty and Nutrition.

A line began forming before 6 a.m. Monday at the Northwest Harvest's food bank in downtown Seattle. By the time it opened at 9 a.m., several hundred people were waiting. Each received a turkey hindquarter and small sack of rice. They also could take noodles, navy beans, bread, onions, potatoes, cabbage and canned goods.

Salvation Army major Chris Buchanan in San Francisco, where three dining rooms plan to serve 5,000 people, observed with alarm "the absolute panic of people expecting to be in serious trouble." Some people are already asking about Christmas meals.

On Hawaii's hurricane-ravaged Kauai Island, the Salvation Army, hotels and the county will be host of a Thanksgiving Day meal, with free toys for children.

"There's a stigma about asking for help," said Bill Carey, director of the Missoula Food Bank in Montana. "There's a frontier spirit here. Sometimes people will come and ask for a friend or a family member: 'Can we have some food to take?' because they won't come in."

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Bushes have little use for press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Relations between President Bush and the news media, cooling over the past year, have become downright frosty since the election.

Biting comments from Barbara Bush continue to crop up. White House coverage pools fail to materialize. There's almost no contact with the president himself.

Administration officials say the news media showed favoritism in its coverage of the presidential campaign, treating Bush more harshly than Bill Clinton. It's a view the president apparently shares.

In the final weeks of the campaign, he implored voters again and again, "Annoy The Media: Reelect Bush." He was trying to win votes by taking advantage of the news media's low standing with many people. But there seemed to be a personal edge, too.

"He feels aggrieved, genuinely aggrieved," said Marion Just, a fellow at the Joan Shorenstein Barone Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Last week, Bush responded angrily to the suggestion that the 1992 political campaign was harsher than any other this century.

"The gloves came off and we went at it hard and that's the way I like it, the way it ought to be, and if The Washington Post doesn't like it, too damn bad," he said.

During the 11-week transition, which Bush has described as too long, the shift in news coverage has moved from Washington to Little Rock, Ark., home of President-elect Clinton.

"The press who used to sit on his porch is now sitting on somebody else's porch," Ms. Just said.

Complaints by the news media about their relationship with Bush are likely to garner little sympathy from the general public.

But early in his administration, Bush courted members of the White House press corps, inviting them to play horseshoes, taking them along on jogs and chatting with them on Air Force One.

That diminished this year, though Bush still communicated with other reporters during the campaign, conducting interviews with local television stations and appearing on national talk shows.

Bush's normal practice was to take a pool of reporters with him on his official trips and informal excursions. It's mostly for news coverage and always a protective measure in the event something happens to the president.

The first lady used to hold special lunch interviews for various news organizations every six months or so early in the administration, and the great popularity she enjoyed was partly a result of a favorable portrayal from the news media.

During the campaign, Mrs. Bush conducted frequent interviews with local media as she worked to get her husband re-elected.

Recent studies by media watch groups, including those with a conservative bent and others with a liberal leaning, have concluded that the president's rivals received more positive coverage than Bush did.

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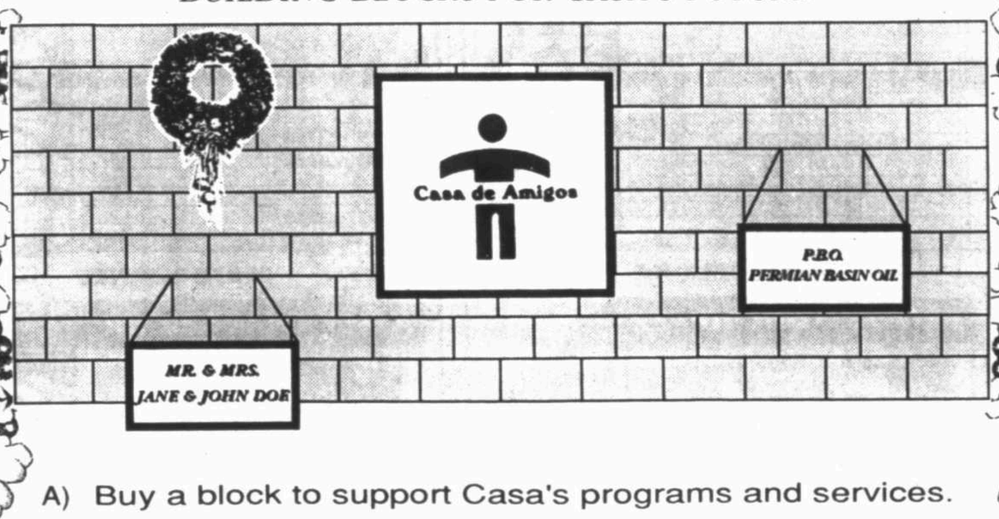
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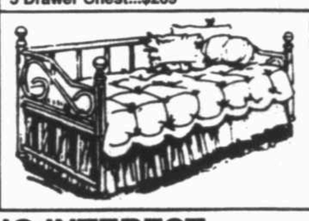
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Guardian Angels' chief admits staging crimes for publicity

By David Gonzalez
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The Guardian Angels' founder and leader, Curtis Sliwa, has admitted that six of his group's early crime-fighting exploits were actually faked, and former and present associates contend that even more of the group's activities were publicity stunts.

Rather than riding the subways to protect the public, the associates said, Sliwa and his wife, Lisa, run a group that has become little more than a security force for a block of midtown restaurants, its membership and activities greatly exaggerated, its patrols — in their trademark red berets and T-shirts — converging only on highly publicized situations.

Sliwa said in an article in The New York Post on Tuesday that he manufactured six stunts, including a report of the rescue of a mugging victim substantiated by a group member displaying bruises he had actually got falling down on the subway after dropping off his girlfriend.

In another, a group member picked off a scab so it looked like he had been injured in a fight.

Sliwa said he was coming forward now because he felt "unworthy" of the outpouring of support after he was shot in an as-yet-unsolved attack earlier this year. He maintained that attack was genuine.

But a number of former and current members of the patrol group, including two of its cofounders, said Sliwa had yet to admit all. They spoke of their disillusionment and told of additional incidents.

Tony Mao, a co-founder of the group, said he drenched himself in gasoline some dozen years ago and claimed it had happened when he pounced on two men who were planning to attack a token-booth clerk. The incident, he said, was planned by Sliwa who enlisted two other Angels to pose as the thwarted bad guys to capitalize on a similar real-life attack.

Mao's account was confirmed by Arnaldo Salinas, a co-founder who now serves as the group's coordinator.

"We believed the lie," said Mao, who left the group in late 1980 and now works as a guard in a city hospital. "We told the stories so much we convinced ourselves."

Another former close associate of Sliwa's, William Diaz, said he was told to delay handing over a member wanted for questioning in the sexual assault of a child earlier this year. Diaz said he stalled for about a week because Sliwa needed to find a replacement for the member, who ran the group's West 46th Street Headquarters.

Ultimately, Diaz said anger and outrage led him to bring the suspect to the police, where he was arrested and has since pleaded guilty to the assault.

"If I had listened to Curtis, it would have been two weeks before I turned him in," said Diaz.

Sliwa disputed aspects of his associates' accounts, saying they were disgruntled former members who were involved, in some cases, in personal disputes with other members of the group. He insisted that his group,

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Comics await new cast at White House

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Lame duck George Bush can look forward to getting the last laugh.

That comes Jan. 20, when Bill Clinton succeeds him as comedy's Chief Goat.

The more, the merrier, say TV's late night comics, as they await the new president and his accompanying administration.

"There's a whole new cast of characters," a pleased Jay Leno said. "When Republicans are in office, it's all greed. With Democrats, the vices are sex and alcohol. It'll be fun."

But other comics had mixed feelings over the passing of the torch.

Longtime "Late Night With David Letterman" writer Gerard Mulligan has "a little trepidation," although he agreed it's time for a change.

"We were in a rut with Dan Quayle," Mulligan said.

"I think the Clintons and the Gores have some humorous potential," he said, "and we've got high hopes for Tipper Gore. I'm no historian, but if I'm not mistaken she's the first vice president's wife named Tipper since the Coolidge administration."

Al Franken, longtime writer-player on "Saturday Night Live" as well as the Comedy Central cable channel, has mixed feelings about the Clinton presidency.

"As an American citizen, I'm thrilled," Franken said, "but as a comedy writer, I'm distraught."

"Usually when you're making fun of someone, it's because they're doing something wrong," he said. "Part of me hopes Clinton isn't funny at all."

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—Jay Leno
talk show host

"I'm especially going to miss Ross Perot," said Terry Turner, a fellow "Saturday Night Live" writer, "although I'm sure he'll show up again, maybe as the center square on 'Hollywood Squares.' He was a great gift to all of us in this business."

Whether the Clinton administration will prove to be such a comedic windfall as the Perot-Stockdale ticket, or even the Bush White House, remains to be seen.

But "Late Night" head writer Rob Burnett cited "a few natural laws — bodies in motion tend to stay in motion, the penguin is the mortal enemy of the leopard seal, and politicians screw up. So we're not too worried."

Until they can seize on a laugh-provoking goof at the Clintons', comedy writers are in somewhat of a holding pattern — and tripping over each other's gags.

On NBC's "Late Night" last Thursday, for instance, Letterman announced the Bush administration's largest allocation of funds to the black community: White House spokesman "Marlin Fitzwater spent eight bucks to go see 'Malcolm X.' "

Similarly, in his monologue on Friday's "Tonight Show," Leno announced that the 25 cents Clinton had given to a homeless man during a walking tour of Washington "doesn't seem like much, but then you realize it's more than double the aid the homeless got during the Reagan-Bush years."

None of the late shows could resist Clinton's visit with Bush last week.

In a "Saturday Night Live" sketch, Clinton (played by Phil Hartman) consoled Bush (Dana Carvey) as he bawled in the Oval Office, "I'm a one-termer."

"Feel the pain," cooed "Clinton" with sensitivity-training finesse.

Meanwhile, according to Leno, when Bush gave Clinton a White House tour, the president-elect "wanted to know which steps creak when you come in late at night."

Letterman concurred that the Bush-Clinton meeting went well, with the chief executive dispensing wisdom in the form of a "Late Night" Top 10 list that included the tip that French President "Francois Mitterrand hates to be called 'Frankie.' "

"While that was going on," Letterman added, "Dan Quayle and Al Gore were in the Rose Garden, playing on the swings."

But it remains undetermined just how many more jokes about Clinton's burger appetite or Gore's wooden posture the audience will laugh at. And soon-to-be-first-cat Socks may have fewer than nine lives as a punchline.

"I had a joke about the cat this week," said Leno. "You saw the shot of the photographers luring Socks with catnip? The joke goes, 'According to Clinton, Socks smelled the catnip, but he didn't inhale.'

"I decided not to use it."

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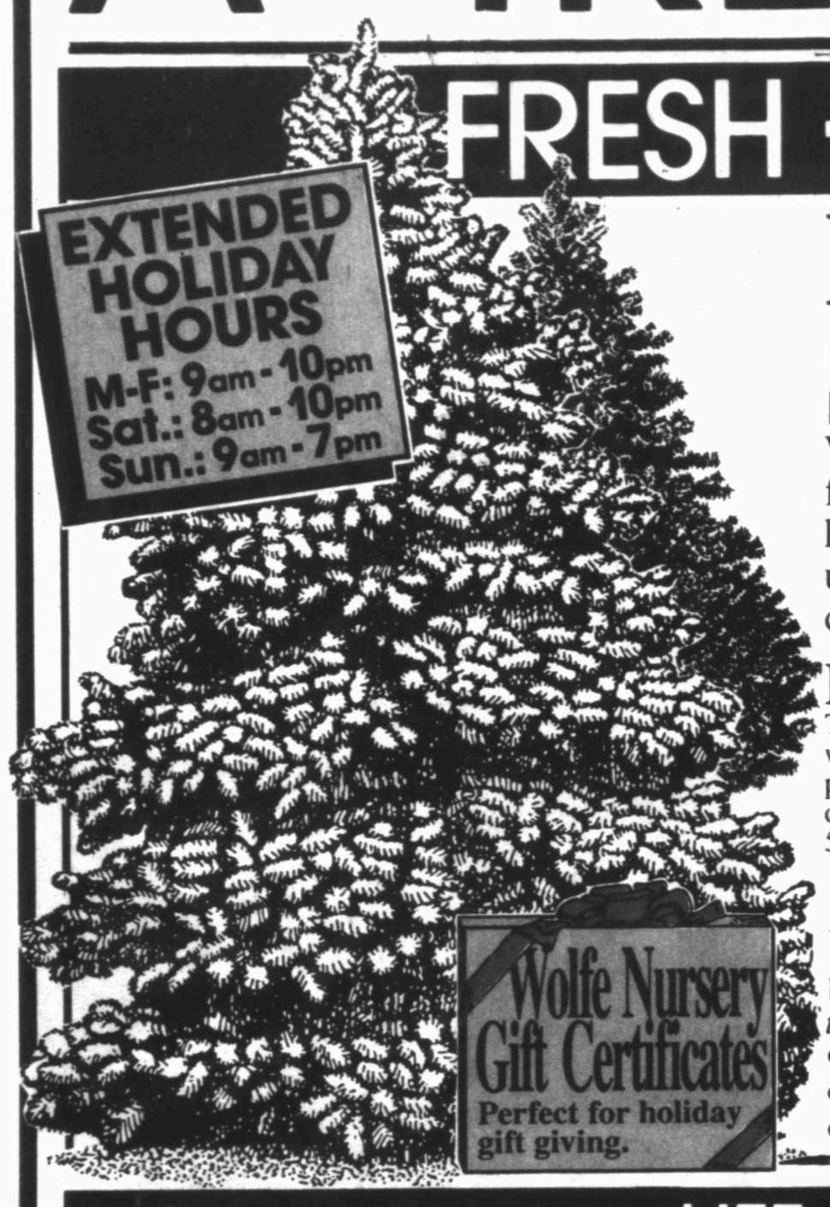
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