



MONDAY MORNING

## Seasonal scenes

Second-graders in Murrayville, Ill. laugh as they watch a Christmas play. More merry holiday sights can be seen on today's Monday Morning page. /1B



SPORTS

## Season finale

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said following Sunday's season-ending 20-7 loss to New York that, "I don't know if I want to be the coach next year." /1C

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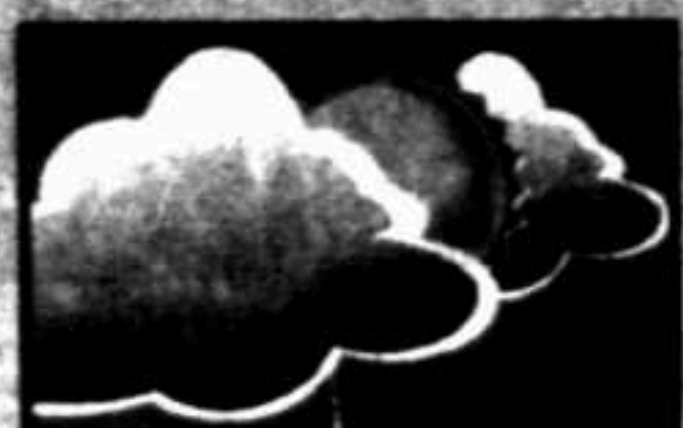
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## Cheer Fund

### Tank battery fire

A tank battery fire east of Midland in the Greenwood community area was ongoing at press time. The fire occurred at the intersection of CR 120 and CR 1090, according to officials with Midland County Sheriff's Department. No injuries were reported.

### Indonesia crash

MAKARTI JAYA, Indonesia — Divers who believed they had found a mostly intact piece of fuselage from a wrecked Singapore-owned jetliner found a pile of plane pieces on a murky riverbed instead, a rescue commander said Sunday. Hampered by swift currents and poor visibility, rescue crews earlier had said they found the bulk of the wreckage of the SilkAir Boeing 737, which crashed Friday.

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### JonBenet mystery

BOULDER, Colo. — Nearly a year ago — as carols echoed, and Christmas lights twinkled — a father carried the lifeless body of his beauty-queen daughter up the stairs, and onto the world stage. It was an immediate and global mystery: Who killed JonBenet Ramsey, the little blond girl with the dazzling smile? A year later, the mystery remains unsolved.

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# Military force still option against Iraq

Defense Secretary William Cohen appears on CBS' "Face the Nation" Sunday in Washington. The United States still might have to use military force to open suspected Iraqi weapons sites to U.N. inspectors and feels certain of Security Council support despite reluctance from veto-holders France, Russia and China, administration officials said Sunday.



AP Photo

By Jeannine Aversa  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States still might have to use military force to open suspected Iraqi weapons sites to U.N. inspectors and feels certain of Security Council support despite reluctance from veto-holders France, Russia and China, administration officials said Sunday.

Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said U.N. resolutions already in force would justify military action if necessary but added: "We don't want to reach that point."

And asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" about lessening enthusiasm in the United Nations even for continued sanctions against Iraq, Richardson said, "We believe we will have support within the Security Council" if force becomes necessary.

Russia, China and France refused to support the latest U.S. effort, a draft statement introduced Friday, to get Security Council condemnation of any further move by Iraq to keep U.N. arms inspectors from presidential palaces and other "sovereignty sites."

Also Friday, Iraqi officials escorted foreign reporters around some of President Saddam Hussein's palaces and vowed that U.N. inspectors will never enter them.

"That's completely unacceptable, and hopefully the Security Council will send a resounding signal that it's unacceptable," Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

The council meets again Monday. President Clinton wants to exhaust every diplomatic opportunity, Cohen said, but he is not foreclosing any option including U.S. retaliation on its own. Asked whether the United States was willing to go to war over the inspections, Cohen responded: "I think the president has said he's ruled nothing in or nothing out."

The U.N. inspectors are trying to determine whether Iraq has destroyed all its long-range missiles and chemical, biological and nuclear programs — the main condition for lifting crippling sanctions imposed on Baghdad in 1990 after Saddam sent his forces to occupy neighboring Kuwait.

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## Senior citizens volunteer to help potentially at-risk children in Midland

A Christmas open house last week highlighted the volunteer efforts of senior citizens who give of their time to work with potentially at-risk children in southeast Midland. With help from an adult tutor, the young children are given that little bit of extra attention needed to help them be successful.

The after-school program at the Southeast Community Senior Center is just one of 62 volunteer opportunities for seniors in the (RSVP) Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. RSVP is a program of Community and Senior Services of Midland.

The after-school program currently serves about 30 children in grades K through 6, said Pamela Gordon, volunteer coordinator for RSVP program. On any given day, six to eight retired or senior citizens work with their young friends on reading skills or other school work.

Teaching children to read is the major emphasis of the program. "The one thing we really want to focus on is reading," said Ms. Gordon. "We work closely with the local schools on individual problems." She said the program emphasizes literacy, character building, and self-esteem, as well as gang and substance abuse resistance.

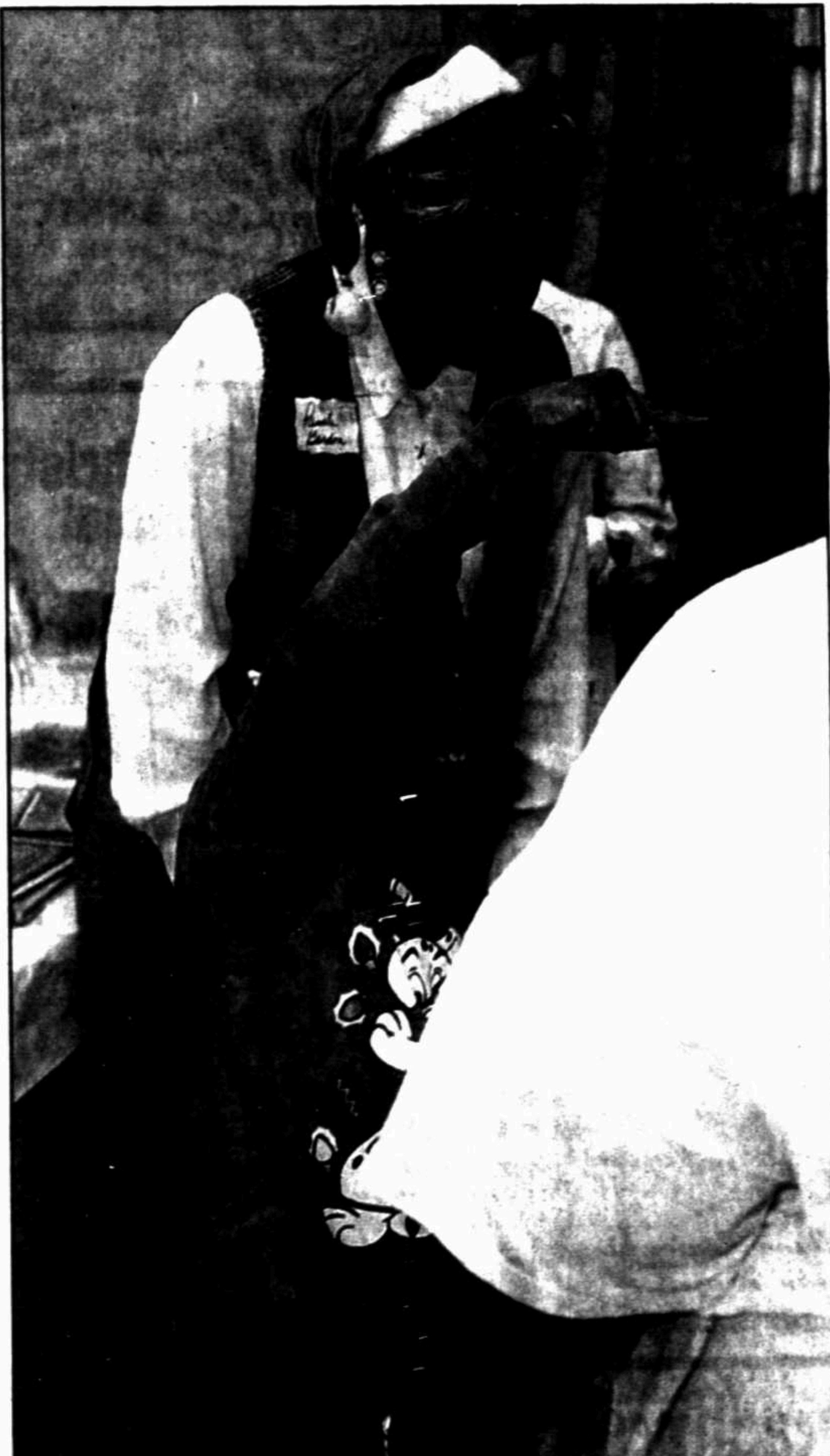
She added, "There are a lot of caring individuals working with these kids — the commitment is totally awesome."

Ms. Gordon noted that most of the children in the program are from single parent households or are being raised by grandparents. "The whole mission of the program is to help where the need is," she said.

One of the more rewarding aspects of the program is the mutually beneficial relationship that exists between the volunteers and the children.

Barbara Cooper, a volunteer in the program, sits in a library surrounded by first graders who are studying and coloring birds as part of the program. The drawings will be turned into

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Seven-year-old Desiree Keets is an enthusiastic participant in the after-school reading program.

Story by Alice Ashmore Photo by Brian Adamcik

## Former Navy cadet's letters may prove incriminating

■ Diane Zamora's correspondence with a former jailmate may implicate her role in the December 1995 killing of a 16-year-old.

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A former Navy midshipman pleaded for forgiveness in jailhouse letters, saying she and her boyfriend — both accused of killing a teenage girl — were "in love and not thinking straight."

On Sunday, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram printed portions of the letters that Diane Zamora exchanged with a former jailmate last year. Prosecutors told the newspaper that inmate David Cotto turned over the letters hoping for leniency in his unrelated case.

Ms. Zamora, 19, faces trial next month in the December 1995 killing of 16-year-old Adrienne Jones.

Ms. Zamora sent the letters to Cotto soon after she and Air Force Academy cadet David Graham — her former fiancé — were charged with murder. A trial date for Graham, 19, has not been set.

Prosecutors say Ms. Zamora ordered Graham to kill Miss Jones after Graham admitted having sex with the younger woman. Miss Jones was beaten with weights and shot to death.

"We were stupid but we're both so different now," Ms. Zamora wrote in her first letter to Cotto, dated Sept. 13, 1996. "Everyone out there thinks that we're horrible people without any respect for human life. If only they knew the truth."

"I pray that God gives us another chance at life," Ms. Zamora wrote. "We are not bad people. We were young, in love and not thinking straight."

John Lineberger, Ms. Zamora's attorney, said his client frequently exchanged

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## Highest-paid CEOs come from securities industry

NEW YORK (AP) — The soaring stock market helped line the pockets of bosses in the securities industry last year, a new survey of the highest-paid chief executives reports.

The average salary and bonus given to the best-paid CEOs at financial services firms was nearly \$2 million in 1996, according to the report being released Monday by The Conference Board.

Insurance CEOs were far behind in second place with an average payout of \$950,000. Telecommunications, which was the most generous industry in 1995, fell to third place at \$820,000, the business-sponsored study group said.

The study examined 1,445 companies in 13 industries and compared the compensation of the top five executives in each category. The most recent figures available were for 1996.

The totals of annual compensation do not include stock option grants, which are viewed as long-term incentives and can far exceed the total value of salary and bonus.

The average CEO compensation in the other categories was: \$765,000 for commercial banks, \$722,000 for communications, \$635,000 for manufacturing, \$600,000 for wholesale trade, \$557,000 for energy,

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## Clinton off to Bosnia with message of holiday cheer

By Sonya Ross  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton headed off to Bosnia on Sunday to spread holiday cheer — and carry the news that he wants U.S. troops to remain indefinitely as the region recovers from its devastating war.

Without commenting, the president left the White House by helicopter and flew to Andrews Air Force Base for the all-night journey to Sarajevo. He was joined by first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and their college-student daughter Chelsea, a huge hit with the GIs on her last visit in 1996.

While in Bosnia, the president planned to meet with Bosnia's joint presidency and deliver a speech in Sarajevo before flying to Tuzla to share a holiday meal with American soldiers posted in that northern Bosnia city. He returns to Washington early Tuesday.

Foggy weather Sunday night in Aviano, Italy, forced a small change in travel plans, White

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AP Photo

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# Indonesian officials say they did not find plane fuselage, after all

**MAKARTI JAYA, Indonesia (AP)** — Divers who believed they had found a mostly intact piece of fuselage from a wrecked Singapore-owned jetliner found a pile of plane pieces on a murky riverbed instead, a rescue commander said Sunday.

Hampered by swift currents and poor visibility, rescue crews earlier had said they found the bulk of the wreckage of the SilkAir Boeing 737, which crashed Friday.

Police believe all 104 people on Flight MI-185 died when it plunged into the Musi River on Sumatra island. The plane was heading from Jakarta to Singapore.

Police and navy teams, aided by local fishermen casting nets, have recovered human remains, luggage and passports. But hopes of finding most of the bodies intact are dimming as it appears much of the plane shattered, scattering debris and victims.

Divers who thought they were groping fuselage doors on the river bed were apparently mistaken.

"Yesterday we thought we had found a large piece of the plane intact and had hoped that the bodies were inside," said Brig. Gen. Ryamizard, deputy military commander in the district.

"But today, it turns out that it was in pieces that had begun to break loose," he said.

A platform with two cranes sat ready for hoisting wreckage from the river bed. But rescuers were reassessing their plans after realizing they had not located the fuselage.

Rescuers in speedboats pulled one body, a child, from the fast-flowing river, which has swollen to 500 yards due to monsoon rains. The body was so badly decomposed that neither gender nor identity could be determined.

A Singapore navy boat arrived to

help in the search, and sonar equipment was also on the way.

Officials hope to recover the plane's flight data and voice recorders, which could shed light on the cause of the crash.

Residents of Makarti Jaya, a village a half-mile from the crash site, said the plane exploded.

A military physician said witnesses told him that the plane may also have exploded after hitting the water, increasing the likelihood that it shattered into pieces.

The Sunday Times reported the plane was traveling at 31,000 feet when it asked Jakarta for permission to switch to Singapore air-traffic control. The paper said the plane received permission but Singapore air traffic controllers never heard from it.

It was not known whether the plane tried to make an emergency landing. It crashed 287 miles northwest of Jakarta, the Indone-

sian capital.

Indonesian President Suharto conveyed his condolences to victims' relatives and received a preliminary report from Transport Minister Haryanto Dhanutirto, who visited the site. Suharto was out of the public eye until recently, obeying doctors' orders to rest.

The airline said remains recovered so far have been taken to a morgue in a hospital in Palembang. SilkAir has flown several hundred relatives to the town.

SilkAir, a division of Singapore Airlines, said the plane was carrying seven crew members and 97 passengers, including 40 Singaporeans, 23 Indonesians, 10 Malaysians, five Americans, and 14 Europeans.

The airline said the plane's captain was a veteran who had logged 6,900 hours of flying time.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board sent an investi-

gating team to the crash site, as did Boeing, the airplane's manufacturer.

SilkAir said the plane was 10 months old and was the newest aircraft in its fleet.

The airline announced in May that it had ordered eight aircraft — three 124-seat A319s and five 150-seat A320s — from Airbus Indus-

try to replace its existing Boeing 737-300s and two Fokker 70s.

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## Relatives: Libyans should be tried for Lockerbie bombing

**EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP)** — Marking the ninth anniversary of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103, relatives of British victims launched a petition Sunday demanding that two Libyan suspects be tried in a neutral country.

Libya has refused to extradite the bombing suspects to either Britain or the United States, saying the men would not receive a fair trial. Libya has demanded that any trial be held in a neutral third country.

Britain and the United States have rejected Libya's demand. The British have cited practical difficulties, such as the need for legislation to allow a trial in a third country, and the unseemliness of the accused choosing where they

are to be tried.

In 1991, the two suspects — Libyan intelligence agents Abdel Basset al-Megrahi and Lamien Khalifa Fhimah — were indicted in Scotland and the United States for planting the bomb that blew up the airliner over the southwestern Scottish town of Lockerbie.

All 259 people on board and 11 others on the ground were killed, making it the worst terrorist attack in the United Kingdom.

The petition announced Sunday calls on Parliament and Foreign Secretary Robin Cook to offer the bombing suspects a trial in the Netherlands or another neutral country. The trial would be held under Scottish legal procedures, conducted by an international panel

of judges chaired by a Scottish judge.

Left-wing Labor lawmaker Tam Dalyell will present the petition to Parliament next year.

In Edinburgh on Sunday, a minute's silence in memory of the dead preceded a news conference held by the victims' relatives.

"Those who died are the losers in every way. They lost their future — and the average age of the people who died was 27," said Jean Berkley, who lost her son, Alastair.

Dr. Jim Swire, whose daughter Flora died in the crash, said the relatives had hoped Britain's new Labor government, which came to power in May, would change the government's position on a trial for the Libyans, "but we have heard exactly the same phrases coming over again."

"Unless the British government change their position, there is not going to be a trial. The Libyans are not going to come to this country for trial, they have said so repeatedly," Swire said.

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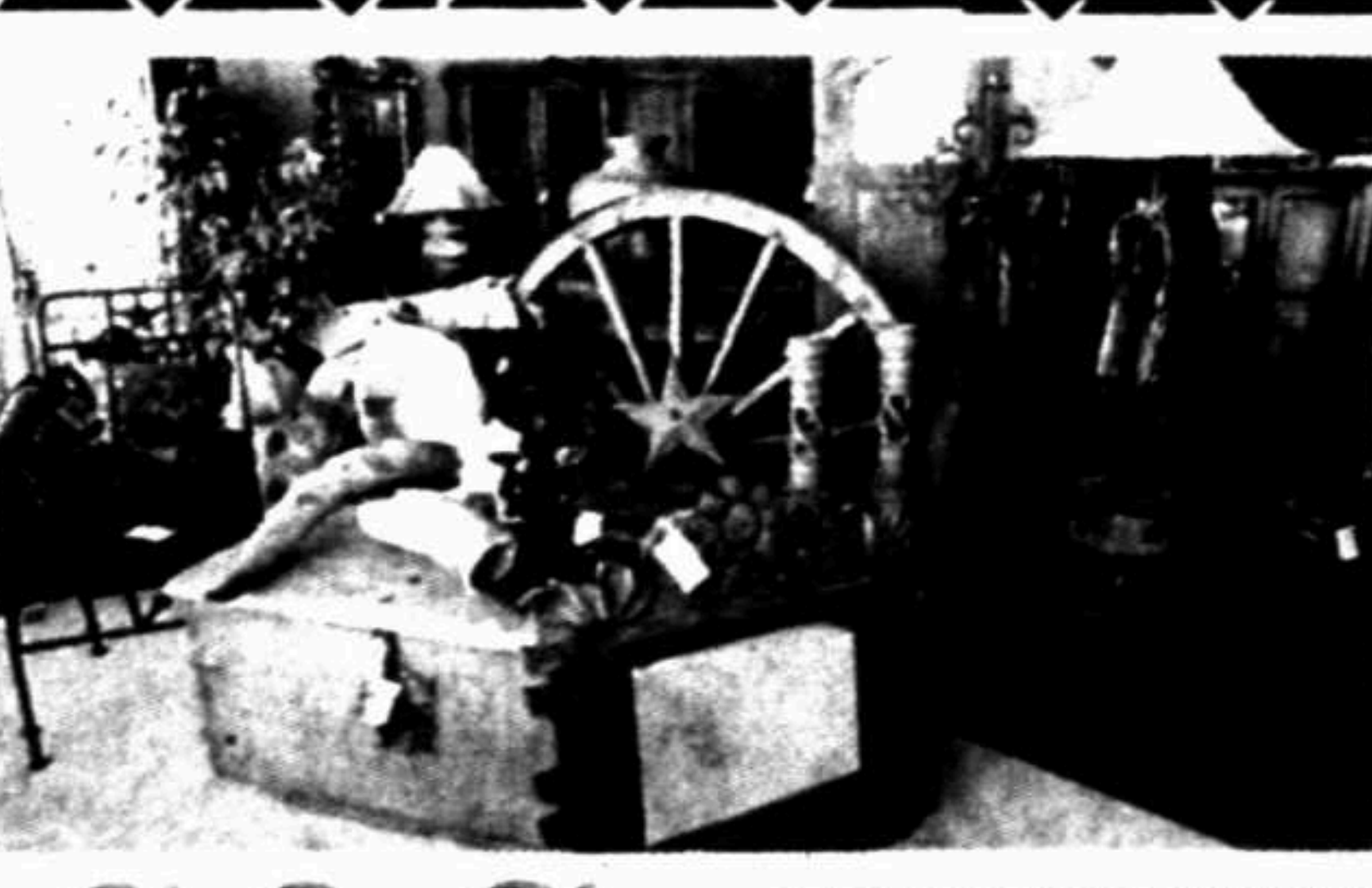
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## Neo-Nazis declare hangouts 'liberated zones'

FUERSTENWALDE, Germany (AP) — Handshake here, backslap there. The big-bellied proprietor plants himself near the door, ready to greet a stream of regulars sauntering into the Altstadt pub.

Outside, it's a typically miserable winter afternoon, dark and drizzling, but the wood-paneled bar is warm and cozy, soon packed with beer drinkers and card players, all with an eye on the TV soccer game. It's a welcoming scene — for a certain kind of person.

Everyone is white and German, and almost everyone has a neo-Nazi style: shaved heads, combat boots, black bomber jackets. One drinker has sculpted Hitler-like stubble on his upper lip.

No bouncer guards the door. No signs declare outsiders unwelcome. But the message is clear and known all over town. Foreigners, at least non-whites, and anyone else who doesn't fit in had better keep out.

"We haven't had any trouble with foreigners yet," says the owner, who refuses to give his name. "But they don't come here anyway, because the clientele is rather right-oriented."

Right-wing strongholds like the Altstadt pub are a new target for German officials trying to rein in the neo-Nazi movement. Declaring such spots "liberated zones," right-wing extremists are intimidating people they don't like — foreigners, Jews, homosexuals, liberals — into staying away from bars, restaurants and perhaps whole neighborhoods.

Until recently, such spots were unofficial and their whereabouts spread by word of mouth. Now they have a name, and Internet sites devoted to their mission.

"Liberated Zones are microcosms of the community we all long for," says one site. "They are spheres of comfort, of warmth, of solidarity. They are homes for the homeless. Liberated Zones are marching spheres as well as spheres of retreat for the nationalists of Germany."

With no single headquarters or visible political party, Germany's neo-Nazi movement has become a network of underground individuals, making it harder to track and eliminate. Propaganda is posted in cyberspace, often on sites guarded by passwords. The support structure — the camaraderie —

develops at home, in the youth clubs and watering holes.

The Altstadt owner denies his bar is "liberated," despite its neo-Nazi atmosphere, but the entire town of Fuerstenwalde, 30 miles southeast of Berlin, is under police observation and government investigation against the development of such zones.

Alerted by a sociologist who tracks the neo-Nazi movement, the government started its probe into the zones in early December, just the latest alarm over extreme rightism. The government commissioner for foreigners, Cornelia Schmalz-Jacobsen, estimates six anti-foreigner and racist attacks happen in Germany every day, and the army is being investigated for neo-Nazism in its ranks.

Bernd Wagner, the sociologist who alerted the government, has identified more than 25 towns and cities with "liberated zones." All are in the former East Germany, which since reunification in 1990 has become a center of right-wing extremism. Unemployment, at a post-war high for Germans, is worst in the east. Disillusionment runs deep.

"You won't see anything out-

right," Wagner says. "It's more of a mood."

The mood in Fuerstenwalde is one of clear hostility toward foreigners — immigrants seen as stealing jobs from Germans and asylum-seekers perceived as sponging government funds. Of 35,000 residents, 900 are foreigners, many of them Africans, Iranians and Iraqis who live in asylum housing on the outskirts of town.

"If your hair is black and your skin is dark, you've got a problem. It's dangerous to walk the streets," says Ziad Kassem, frying sausages at his snack stand near the train station.

Kassem, a Lebanese, says neo-Nazis ransacked his stand last year, knocking over food and threatening a cook.

The atmosphere at bars like the Altstadt suggests a tolerance, if not encouragement, of right-wing hostility.

"I've got nothing against foreigners as long as they leave me alone," the owner says. "I can't stand it when they act so arrogantly."

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## Serbia tries — again — to choose a new president

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — In a vote marred by charges of fraud, a protégé of Yugoslav strongman Slobodan Milosevic appeared headed for victory Sunday in Serbia's presidential elections. But it was unclear if the turnout was high enough for a valid vote.

It was the fourth time in three months that Serbians tried to elect a successor to Milosevic. The clash again pitted his ally, Milan Milutinovic, against extreme nationalist Vojislav Seselj.

With about 80 percent of the vote counted, Milutinovic had 57 percent to 39 percent for Seselj, according to Milosevic's Socialist Party spokesman Ivica Dacic. The remaining 4 percent of the ballots were invalid.

The three earlier elections were ruled invalid because the turnout of eligible voters fell below 50 percent. If that happens again, it will force yet another vote to replace the autocratic Milosevic, who moved to the presidency of the Yugoslav federation in July because he was constitutionally barred from a new term. The federation is comprised of Serbia and small Montenegro.

Dacic said the elections were fair. He claimed that the turnout

was above 50 percent and that Milutinovic's lead "was so big that the tendency is sure to continue."

Seselj's spokesman, Dragan Todorovic, confirmed the results, but claimed turnout was just under 50 percent.

No official figures on either the turnout or vote totals were expected until Monday.

Todorovic also charged that Milosevic's neo-communists rigged the elections by stuffing ballot boxes with false ethnic Albanian votes in the troubled province of Kosovo. Officials of Kosovo's main ethnic Albanian party said there was a near-total boycott of

the election.

"That's the only way communists can win, by robbery," Todorovic said. He claimed at least 20 of Seselj's observers were arrested in Kosovo.

Seselj has promised swift, radical reforms, appealing to discontent as unemployment nears 50 percent and U.N. sanctions and mismanagement continue devastating the economy.

Seselj's Serb paramilitary forces fought and terrorized non-Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia during the wars there. Western officials have called Seselj a fascist, and his victory would widen the rift between Serbia and the interna-

tional community.

Milutinovic focused his campaign on Serbia's need to rejoin the world after years of war and economic isolation.

"I wish that the candidate of the left, Milan Milutinovic, finally wins," Milosevic said after casting his ballot in Belgrade's exclusive Dedinje district.

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# WEATHER

## Midland forecast

### 3-day forecast



**Today**  
Partly cloudy  
High 50  
Low 35

**Tuesday**  
Cloudy  
High 40  
Low 29

**Wednesday**  
Partly cloudy  
High 50  
Low 30

Today's forecast calls for increasing cloudiness with a less than 20 percent chance of afternoon showers. The high will be near 50 and winds will be from the east to southeast at 10 to 20 MPH and gusty. Tonight, rain is likely at 70 percent and the low will be the mid-30s. Tuesday there will be a chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow early in the day. Otherwise skies will be cloudy and the high will be near 40 degrees. Sunday's high was 57, compared with a record high 81 set in 1981. The low was 31, compared with a record low of 8 set in 1989.

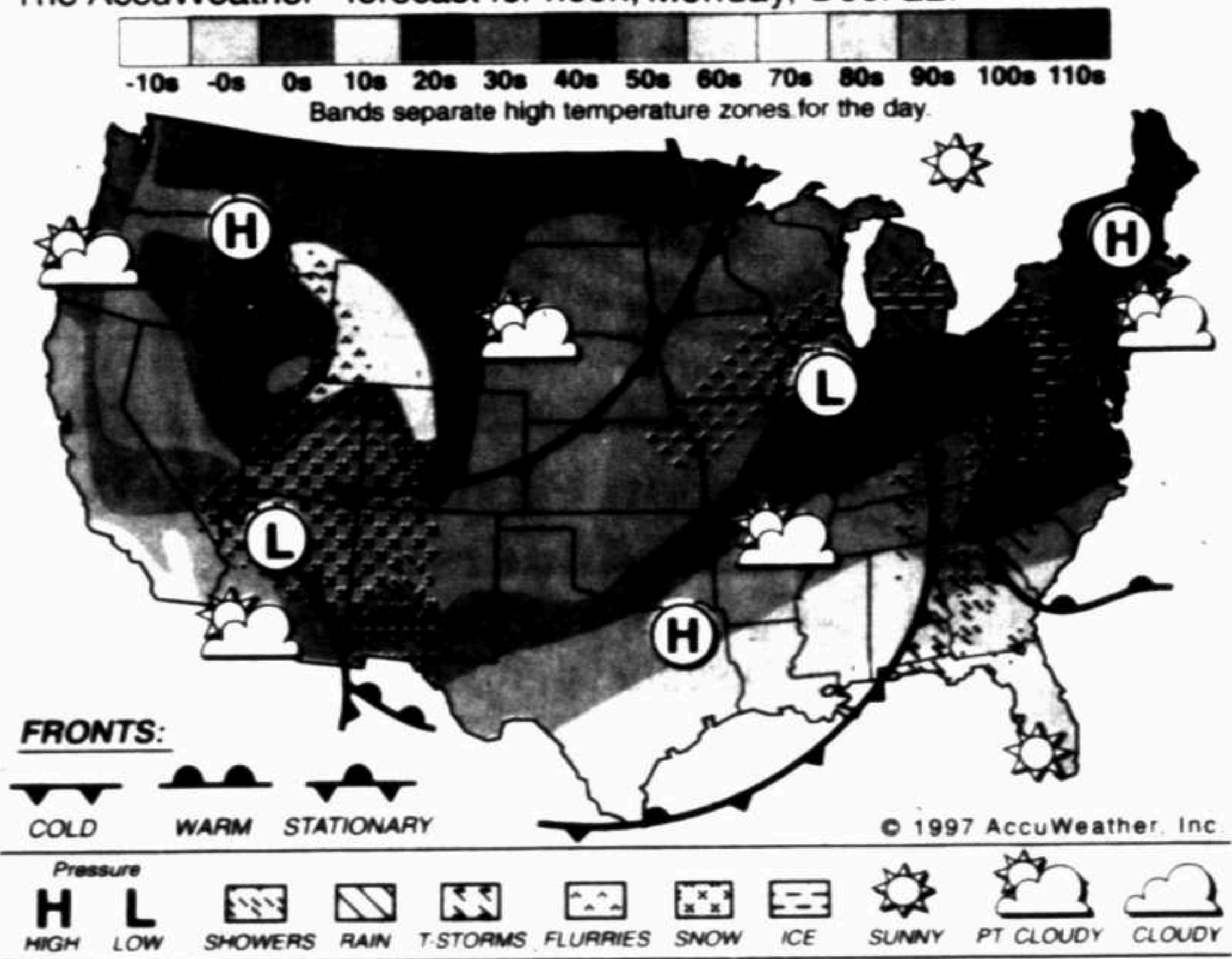
**Yesterday's precipitation**  
Rainfall Sunday ..... 0.00 in.  
Rainfall Saturday ..... 0.77 in.  
Total for month ..... 0.98 in.  
Total for year ..... 16.75 in.

**Yesterday's temperatures**  
High ..... 57  
Low ..... 31  
Normal high ..... 57  
Normal low ..... 30

Sunrise 7:46 a.m. Sunset 5:50 p.m.

## National forecast

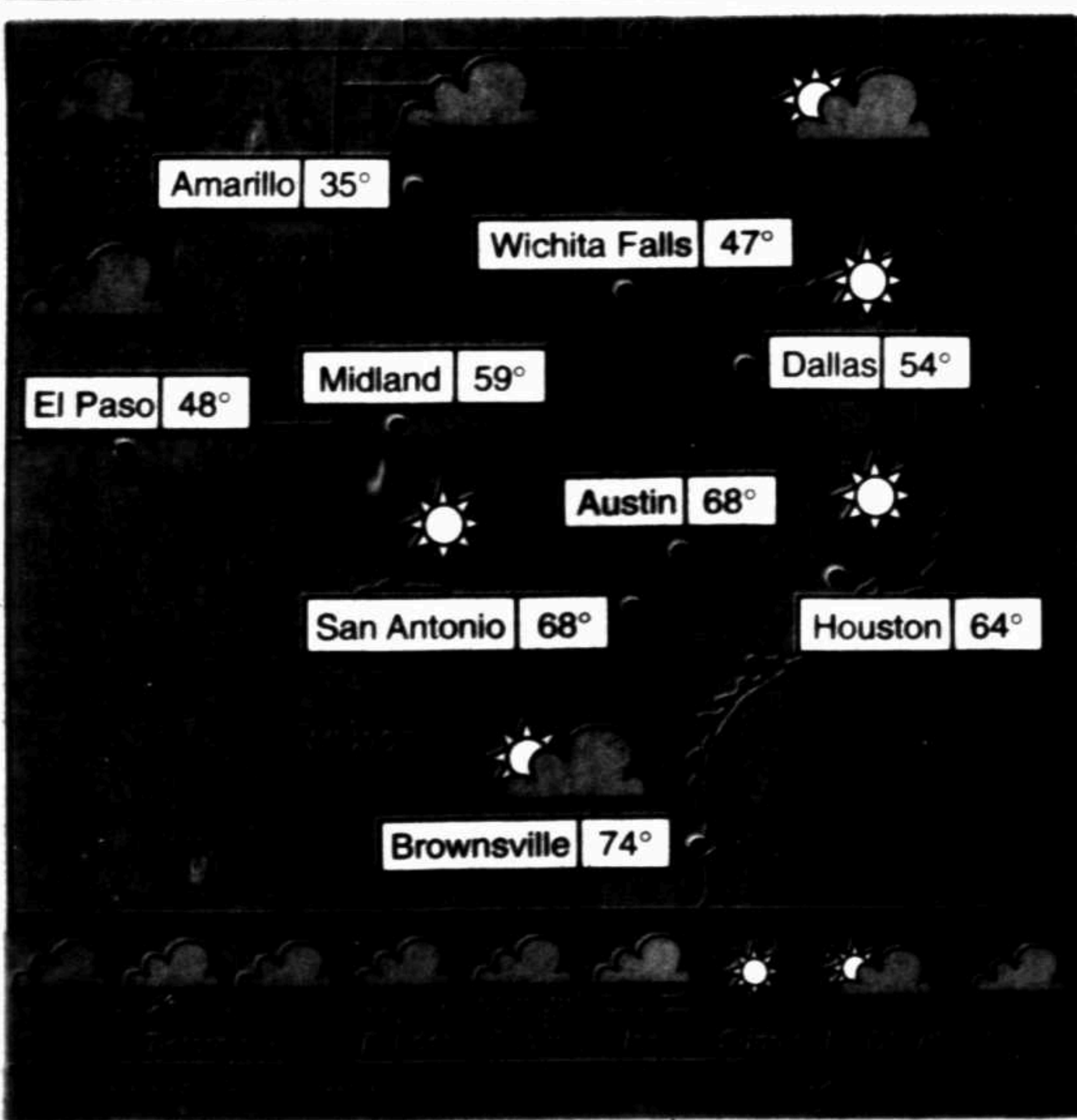
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## United States temperatures

| City                 | High | Low | Precip. | Wind | Clouds |
|----------------------|------|-----|---------|------|--------|
| Albuquerque          | 31   | 29  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Albany, N.Y.         | 38   | 29  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Baltimore            | 44   | 26  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Baton Rouge          | 73   | 57  | 3.63    | W    | C      |
| Bilings              | 38   | 21  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Birmingham           | 54   | 41  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Bismarck             | 31   | 15  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Boise                | 37   | 24  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Boston               | 33   | 21  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Bridgeport           | 35   | 28  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Charleston, S.C.     | 65   | 43  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Charleston, W. Va.   | 47   | 33  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Charlotte, N.C.      | 55   | 47  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Chattanooga          | 51   | 37  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Chattanooga          | 43   | 17  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Chicago              | 37   | 28  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Cincinnati           | 43   | 33  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Cleveland            | 36   | 31  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Colorado Springs     | 44   | 18  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Columbia, S.C.       | 62   | 39  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Columbia, Ga.        | 64   | 40  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Columbus, Ohio       | 40   | 34  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Concord, N.H.        | 29   | 14  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Dallas               | 54   | 29  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Duluth               | 31   | 15  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| El Paso              | 53   | 36  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| El Paso              | 44   | 20  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Erie                 | 41   | 30  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Eugene               | 47   | 33  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Evansville           | 44   | 30  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Fairbanks            | 24   | 14  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Fargo                | 32   | 24  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Flagstaff            | 32   | 31  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Fort Smith           | 33   | 27  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Fort Wayne           | 46   | 42  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Fresno               | 33   | 28  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Goodland             | 47   | 42  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Grand Junction       | 30   | 23  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Grand Rapids         | 30   | 29  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Great Falls          | 38   | 28  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Green Bay            | 35   | 13  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Greensboro, N.C.     | 49   | 36  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Harrisburg           | 44   | 29  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Hartford             | 44   | 23  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Havana               | 37   | 14  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Honolulu             | 84   | 70  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Janeau               | 38   | 29  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Kansas City          | 35   | 28  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Knoxville            | 52   | 33  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Lake Charles         | 67   | 50  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Lansing              | 31   | 28  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Las Vegas            | 50   | 34  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Louisville           | 45   | 36  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Madison              | 47   | 36  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Memphis              | 54   | 43  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Miami Beach          | 80   | 68  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Nashville            | 51   | 34  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| New Orleans          | 72   | 61  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| New York City        | 38   | 32  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Orlando              | 75   | 56  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Pasadena             | 43   | 32  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Peoria               | 35   | 30  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Pocatello            | 25   | 12  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Portland, Maine      | 33   | 14  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Portland, Ore.       | 47   | 34  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Rapid City           | 37   | 14  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Reno                 | 32   | 26  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| St. Louis            | 37   | 32  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| St. Thomas           | 88   | 88  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| St. Louis            | 32   | 24  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Savannah             | 68   | 36  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Seattle              | 43   | 37  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Shreveport           | 60   | 54  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Sioux City           | 29   | 15  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Sioux Falls          | 30   | 20  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| South Bend           | 30   | 29  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Spokane              | 30   | 29  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Tallahassee          | 74   | 42  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Tampa-St. Petersburg | 75   | 58  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Toledo               | 43   | 37  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Toledo               | 60   | 54  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Tucson               | 33   | 27  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Tulsa                | 44   | 37  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Tulsa                | 53   | 48  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Washington, D.C.     | 46   | 34  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| W. Palm Beach        | 80   | 61  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Wichita              | 34   | 30  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Wichita Falls        | 39   | 36  | 0.00    | W    | C      |

## State forecast



## Texas temperatures

| City                     | High | Low | Precip. | Wind | Clouds |
|--------------------------|------|-----|---------|------|--------|
| Abilene                  | 52   | 35  | 0.40    | W    | C      |
| Alamo                    | 72   | 46  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Amesbury                 | 32   | 28  | 0.42    | W    | C      |
| Arlington                | 56   | 41  | 1.82    | W    | C      |
| Austin                   | 68   | 42  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Austin Mueller           | 69   | 43  | 2.01    | W    | C      |
| Beaumont                 | 69   | 55  | 1.72    | W    | C      |
| Brownsville              | 71   | 52  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Burnet                   | 62   | 38  | 0.27    | W    | C      |
| Childress                | 39   | 32  | 0.98    | W    | C      |
| College Station          | 61   | 42  | 0.38    | W    | C      |
| Comstock                 | 63   | 46  | 1.90    | W    | C      |
| Corpus Christi           | 70   | 46  | 0.01    | W    | C      |
| Corpus Christi           | 57   | 42  | 1.51    | W    | C      |
| Cotulla                  | 70   | 40  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Dallas                   | 54   | 42  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Dallas                   | 56   | 42  | 1.52    | W    | C      |
| Denton                   | 54   | 40  | 0.92    | W    | C      |
| El Paso                  | 55   | 48  | 1.52    | W    | C      |
| Fort Stockton            | 59   | 29  | 0.01    | W    | C      |
| Fort Worth               | 53   | 39  | 1.50    | W    | C      |
| Galveston                | 67   | 51  | 0.98    | W    | C      |
| Hartford                 | 70   | 49  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Hondo                    | 71   | 38  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Houston Hobby            | 71   | 50  | 1.54    | W    | C      |
| Houston Intercontinental | 70   | 46  | 1.95    | W    | C      |
| Houston Intercontinental | 61   | 45  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Junction                 | 64   | 35  | 0.01    | W    | C      |
| Kingsville               | 70   | 45  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Laredo                   | 70   | 45  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Lubbock                  | 42   | 30  | 0.10    | W    | C      |
| Lubbock                  | 60   | 46  | 0.28    | W    | C      |
| Marfa                    | 52   | 30  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| McAllen                  | 70   | 50  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Midland                  | 59   | 40  | 0.01    | W    | C      |
| Midland                  | 64   | 49  | 0.02    | W    | C      |
| San Antonio              | 60   | 32  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| San Antonio              | 71   | 41  | 1.44    | W    | C      |
| Tarleton                 | 56   | 45  | 2.11    | W    | C      |
| Texasville, Ark.         | 56   | 45  | 0.00    | W    | C      |
| Victoria                 | 67   | 44  | 0.01    | W    | C      |
| Waco                     | 59   | 42  | 2.35    | W    | C      |
| Wichita Falls            | 39   | 36  | 0.00    | W    | C      |

# Workaday life goes on in Jesus' birthplace

By Laura King  
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Bethlehem has two faces, and both are on display at this time of year. One is a living Christmas tableau: Pilgrims from all over the world duck through the low stone doorway to the Church of the Nativity, built on the spot where tradition says Jesus was born, to pray in its candlelit recesses. Tour buses idle in Manger Square, carolers sing in the streets, and inflatable red Santas bob outside rows of souvenir shops.

But in the other Bethlehem — an economically struggling, mainly Muslim city of 50,000 people in the West Bank — Christmas will be just another day. In its stonecutting sheds and refugee camps, mosques and market streets, workaday life is little affected by the holiday hue and cry.

Holiday tourism is easily Bethlehem's largest source of revenue — about 5,000 visitors are expected on Christmas Eve and thousands more on Christmas Day — but the town's homegrown Christian character is rapidly eroding. Half a century ago, 80 percent of its Palestinian residents were Christian; now only about one-third are. At morning, noon and night, the wailing Muslim call to prayer mixes with the cracked-tone peeling of Bethlehem's church bells.

On an unpaved back street just off Manger Square, Palestinian shoppers picked their way around open manholes toward market stalls selling eggs and vegetables. At Rez Roab's shop, live chickens and turkeys clucked feebly in stacks of crates, and freshly plucked and cleaned birds hung from meat hooks.

"Well, we don't get tourists buying these," Roab said, gesturing with his cleaver. "We sell a little more to restaurants at this time of

year, but altogether, Christmas doesn't really make that much of a difference to me."

In the Aida refugee camp — one of three camps ringing Bethlehem — the mood was grim and sullen. Six weeks ago, one of the camp's children, 8-year-old Ali Jawarisha, was shot in the forehead with a rubber bullet as a group of boys threw stones at Israeli soldiers manning a post just up the hill from the camp.

Ali lingered for five days before being removed from life support. His funeral set off a daylong stone-throwing clash between camp residents and Israeli troops that left at least 16 people hurt.

"Christmas, not Christmas, our life is the same — hard, very hard," Hanan Elayan, 37, a Palestinian mother of 10, said as she leaned against the concrete wall of her home.

Since the death of Ali, whose family lives nearby, she worries constantly about her children getting hurt. "I tell them all the time not to go near the soldiers, but they don't listen," she said, squinting in the cold sunshine.

On Bethlehem's gritty industrial fringe, stonecutter Ali Ahmed Zeitun, 33, took a break from his labors, his eyelashes and eyebrows coated with white stone dust. Stacked in the yard outside were huge slabs of so-called Jerusalem stone, the characteristic yellow-pink limestone used for nearly all the city's buildings.

"Everything's the same for me, with my job, no matter what time of year," he said, rubbing his heavily calloused hands. "I'm glad to have work — lots of people here don't."

Zeitun will close his shop on Christmas Day, he said — not for holiday observances, but because huge traffic jams will make it too difficult to truck stone in or out of town.

This is Bethlehem's third Christ-

An unidentified youth prays Sunday after lighting candles at the Church of the Nativity, traditionally believed to be the birthplace of Jesus, in Bethlehem's Manger Square. Preparations to celebrate Christmas in this West Bank town are under way.



AP Photo



An Armenian monk walks between the pillars of the Church of the Nativity. Bethlehem is gearing up to celebrate Christmas, which is only four days away.

mas under Palestinian rule, and Christmas celebrations still take on a note of nationalistic pride.

In Manger Square, plastic banners bearing Palestinian flags and likenesses of Yasser Arafat flutter in the breeze.

Amid general gloom about the faltering Mideast peace process, Christians and Muslims alike were

glad of a chance to celebrate something. Elayan said she would try to take her children to the festivities in Manger Square, even though the family is Muslim.

"It's something nice for them, a way for them to enjoy themselves," she said. "They won't have that here."

# IRAQ: Inspectors suspect prohibited items do exist

(From 1A)

Like Cohen, Ambassador Richardson said the United States is continuing to pursue diplomatic channels to resolve the conflict, "but patience eventually is going to run out."

"And I believe that there will be a united international effort through the United Nations very soon that will send another unmis-

takable signal to Saddam Hussein that he can't continue this snubbing of the international community," he said.

The chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler, has said his inspectors "have evidence or reason to believe that prohibited items have been or do exist in places" designated off-limits.

"If Saddam Hussein moves ahead and blocks some further

inspections, I think that then tensions are going to rise dramatically," Richardson said.

In talking with Cohen, a CBS moderator wondered why Saddam should open his palaces to inspectors when the United States would never allow uninhibited searches of the White House or the State Department.

"We have one White House, one State Department. He has at least

80 so-called presidential palaces, many of which aren't palaces at all but simply Republican Guard facilities," Cohen replied.

"These are vast complexes, some of which are larger than the entire city of Washington, D.C. We're not talking about having his personal residence inspected."

# CADET: Zamora wrote she would rather die than spend life in prison

(From 1A)

letters with jail inmates, against his advice.

"I believe God is working this all out. ... I can't wait to see the miracle he works," she wrote. "I pray

for probation in this case."

Ms. Zamora wrote that she would rather be sentenced to die than remain in jail for the rest of her life.

"Believe it or not, that's an actual comfort to me because I know beyond a doubt that we would be

united in heaven," she wrote. "We are both Christians and God has forgiven us. Now, if only the rest of the nation would have as much mercy."

Cotto told the newspaper he started writing letters to Ms. Zamora in

jail and she wrote back. Prosecutor Mike Parrish said he refused to give Cotto leniency in exchange for Ms. Zamora's letters. The newspaper did not say what Cotto was charged with.

# PROGRAM: More volunteers needed to help children

(From 1A)

"bird books" for the children to take home. She keeps the peace and teaches a lesson in sharing crayons in the process.

Although she is serious about discipline, her love for the children shines through. "I love these kids. ... I really do. They are just darlings," said Mrs. Cooper. "I feel like that is my motivation — I feel like I am giving something back. I look at these kids and I wonder what they would be doing if we weren't here."

Connie Glover, executive director of Community and Senior Services, said that without the program the children "basically would be latch-key children."

Ruth Fields became a program volunteer last August after her retirement, coupled with a family tragedy, left her feeling depressed and at loose ends.

She tutors young people in spelling and reading. "I was told, 'You don't have to have any experience, you just have to love kids,'" she said. "I thought to myself — I can do this." At first she was only intending to volunteer a couple of hours a week, but she found herself becoming more involved than she anticipated. "I was given three kids who were having trouble in school, and I found myself falling in love with these kids."

She is particularly proud that one of her young charges recently earned a 100 grade on a spelling

test. She said she received a phone call from the girl's teacher who admitted to checking the spelling test twice because the result so amazed her.

"I would highly recommend this program to anyone who is lonely and needs something to do," said Mrs. Fields. "The love that is given back, to us it is the reward that tops anything."

She said her goal for the children she helps is for them to learn to love reading. "When they learn to read it opens up a whole new door for them," she added. "I will be here full time next semester because I realize the impact this has on children."

Ellen Smith, director of the Southeast Community Senior Cen-

ter, hopes the after-school program will continue to grow. "We need more volunteers," she said.

Mrs. Smith said it would be ideal to be able to provide a one-to-one ratio of volunteers to children, but she would be happy with a one-to-three ratio. Currently, there are about five children for every adult volunteer.

"It is a great program, I think we are really getting through to them," Ms. Gordon said. "I truly feel we are making a difference in all we do."

Persons interested in knowing more about the RSVP program may call Pamela Gordon at 689-6693.

# CEOs: Lowest paid top executives still received \$468,000

(From 1A)

\$545,000 for utilities, \$514,000 for transportation, \$481,000 for diversified services, and \$469,000 for retail trade.

The average construction firm CEO was at the bottom of the heap but still received \$468,000 in salary and bonus.

Although the compensation given to financial services CEOs was

more than double any other industry, it was up only a scant 0.1 percent from the previous year. CEO pay rose the most in diversified services, with an increase of 7.8 percent.



# IRS faces major technology projects, staff shortages next year

WASHINGTON (AP) — Computer geeks at the IRS had better stock up on a lot of colas, cookies and potato chips, because they can expect to put in marathon hours in the coming year as they deal with a technological triple whammy.

First, the so-called Year 2000 problem: At the Internal Revenue Service, that involves scouring 62 million lines of computer code to ensure computers don't crash at the next millennium. The estimated cost is \$900 million, second to the Defense Department as the costliest Year 2000 fix in government.

In addition, the IRS faces a huge job reprogramming its computers to reflect major tax code changes

from the 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act.

And the agency still must pick a private contractor for modernizing its far-flung computer system, perhaps history's biggest computer upgrade. Just one part of this 15-year project's first phase is expected to cost \$639 million.

With all this work ahead, the IRS faces the unwelcome headache of keeping its computer programmers from jumping ship to more lucrative jobs in private enterprise.

"The concern is as we go along we will run up against a logistic logjam of trying to convert so many pieces at once," said John Yost, IRS Year 2000 project direc-

tor. At the same time, Yost said he's concerned the IRS could "run out of people to do the job."

"One of our problems now is competing to hold on to the people that we have," said Yost. In the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, the IRS lost 8 percent to 9 percent of its computer programming staff, he said. That attrition rate may be comparable to private industry's but is 35 percent higher than the departure rate for computer specialists government-wide, according to the Office of Personnel Management.

The Year 2000 problem evolves from the programming of many old computers to recognize dates in two-digit formats — "97" would

represent 1997 — and the fear that if unrepaired, they will run awry after the stroke of midnight, Dec. 31, 1999. They would consider the year designated 2000 as 1900.

The Office of Management and Budget estimates a \$3.9 billion price tag to avert widespread government computer crashes from what's being called the "millennium crisis."

Demand for computer programmers with knowledge of the COBOL and other old computer languages is high, especially in the Washington area, said Michael Higgins, a specialist in Year 2000 issues.

The highest-salaried nonmanagerial computer worker makes

about \$71,000 annually after 20 years at the IRS, Higgins said, while some companies are paying \$85,000. "It's getting tighter and tighter with every day that passes," said Higgins, president and chief executive of Century Services Inc., Germantown, Md.

Higgins, whose firm worked on Year 2000 with major banks and corporations, said the IRS has moved too slowly. "There are only two years left, and they have one of the largest systems in the world," he said.

The size of the IRS' Year 2000 problem is enormous. The agency has to review 88,000 programs on 80 mainframe computers, debug a large telecommunications system and check such mundane items as

elevators and building security systems.

"I certainly don't think we're going to have extraordinary problems associated with the Year 2000," Yost said. "We are on top of the problem."

So far, the IRS has converted 2,000 programs.

A leading congressional expert on Year 2000, Rep. Steve Horn, R-Calif., expressed strong confidence in the IRS' assistant commissioner for technology, Arthur Gross, and other top management.

"They're a first-rate team," Horn said. "If any agency can do it, Gross will do it. He's got a proven track record. ... I look for good things from IRS."

## Deer eating into holiday green at Christmas tree farms

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP) — Holiday cheer is in short supply on some Christmas tree farms this year — Bambi and hordes of friends are chewing the yuletide greenery down to bare stubs.

A poor acorn crop this year has left West Virginia's plentiful deer herd hungry and invading tree farms for food.

Deer cause sporadic problems across the country for an industry that expects to sell 33 million trees this holiday season.

But they've gone beyond being a nuisance in West Virginia, where game officials estimated the deer population at 900,000 to 1 million

before the fall and winter hunting seasons.

Although damage estimates are unavailable, some growers in recent years have been forced to replant thousands of tender seedlings that became deer vittles.

The problem usually is worst late in the winter after deer have cleaned the forests out of acorns, hickory nuts and beech nuts.

This year, however, oak trees produced a meager crop of acorns, said Paul Johansen, assistant chief in charge of game management for the state Division of Natural Resources.

Other than repellent and fences,

there is little recourse for farmers other than to petition the state for permits to kill the deer. Even

then, there are so many hungry animals that the solution is only temporary.

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## Healthy Living

## Physician-patient teamwork important in good health care

"People today increasingly want to manage their own lives, including their health care," says Dr. James Humphreys, who practices gynecology in Midland. "My job should include educating and assisting them in the process of health maintenance."

Gone are the days of the paternalistic doctor who simply tells patients what to do. "Patients won't accept that now. There's so much access to information through magazines, books, television and the Internet, that there is no reason patients can't be more knowledgeable," Dr. Humphreys says patients with a chronic disorder often learn enough about their particular condition that their knowledge in that specific area may rival that of a physician. The doctor's job then is to help the patient understand how that knowledge fits in with their general health. Informed patients tend to pay more attention to their personal health and to more quickly recognize situations which need a doctor's attention.

Dr. Humphreys sees four main categories of physician responsibility in health surveillance.

1. Advice on how to maintain optimal health status. Hereditary factors influence the state of health, but there are usually ways to make the best of it, even if improvement is not possible;
2. Counseling on diet and exercise. Excessive calorie intake and too little exercise continue to be major health issues in this country;
3. Counseling about unhealthy lifestyles. Dr. Humphreys lists smoking, intemperance alcohol use and other substance abuse as some of the threats to good health; and
4. Surveillance for the onset of chronic disease such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes or cancer.

In all these areas, the physician acts as an advisor—the follow-through is entirely up to the individual. "There is no treatment available that relieves the patient of basic responsibilities to eat right, exercise and avoid unhealthy habits," Dr. Humphreys says. He lists cholesterol-reducing drugs as an example. These medications do help lower cholesterol in the bloodstream, but work much better when combined with lifestyle changes.

Health surveillance involves regular screening as patients age. The

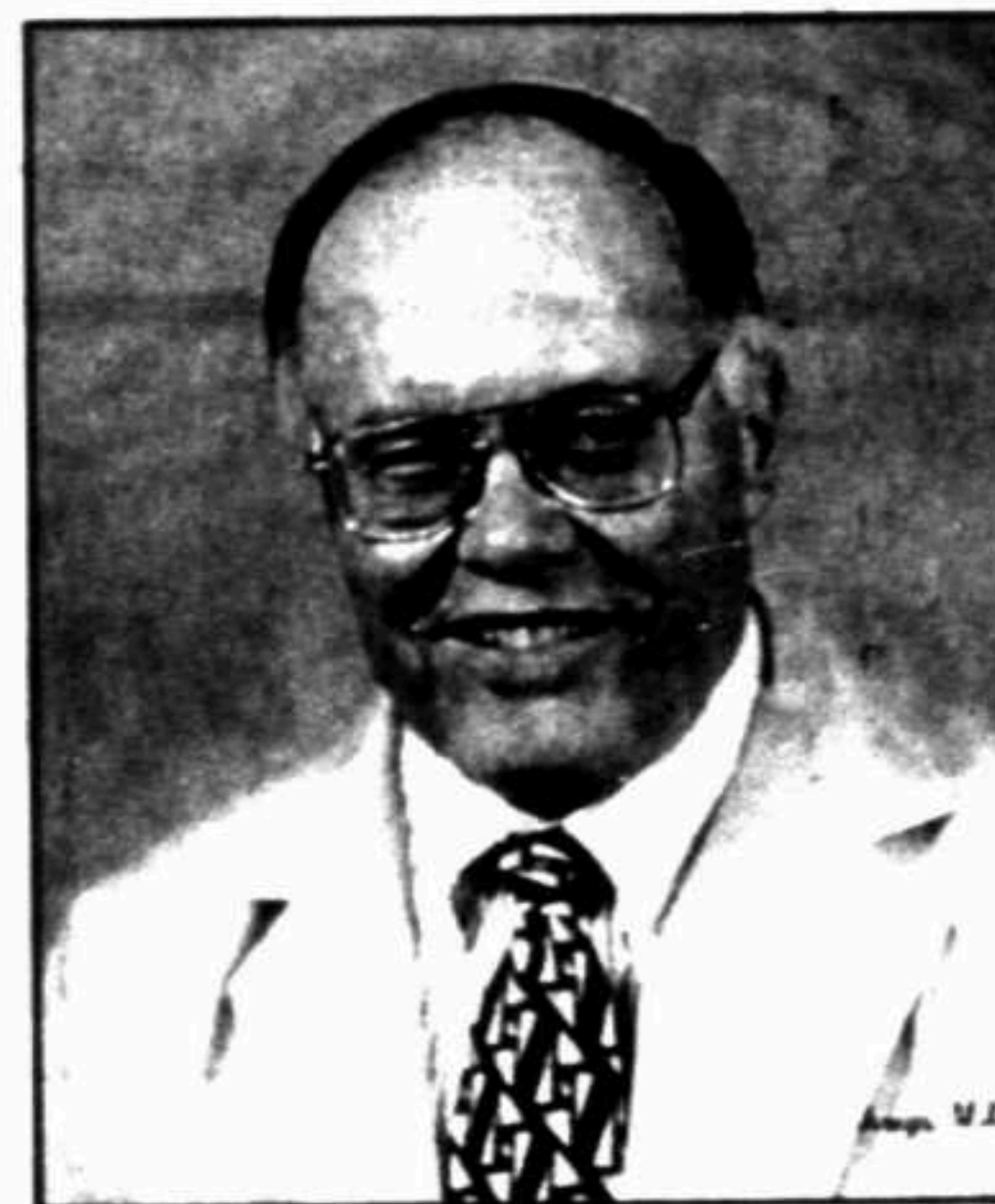
doctor lists mammograms, pap smears and breast self-examinations as particularly important for women. Screening for blood in the colon and colonoscopies continue to be important surveillance tools for patients of both sexes.

Normally, a mammogram is unnecessary before the age of 35, says Dr. Humphreys, because the risk of breast cancer before that age is small. "Breast self-examination is an important means of surveillance for detection of breast disease in that age group, as it is in all age groups. Screening mammography helps detect tumors too small to be detected by physical exam, not to characterize lumps already present."

Current recommendations for scheduled mammograms call for a baseline mammogram at about age 40, every two years until age fifty, then annually after that. "The incidence of breast cancer increases with age, especially after age 50," explains Dr. Humphreys.

Pap smears ordinarily are recommended annually, especially in younger patients. Patients who have had hysterectomies usually need pap smears only every three years, unless the hysterectomy was performed because of an abnormal pap smear.

Overall, an annual physical exam serves as a good preventive plan. The physician can schedule screening tests which may be due. Interval history supplied by the patient plus the physical examination can point the physician toward further evaluation as necessary. Regular



Dr. James Humphreys, who practices gynecology in Midland, says his job includes educating and assisting his patients in the process of health maintenance.

exams also establish a "track record" for the patient so that abnormalities which arise may be detected and dealt with more rapidly.

While all forms of preventive and curative medicine are important, Dr. Humphreys says, "Wellness is comprehensive—it is more than just the absence of disease. It involves spiritual and emotional well-being, too."

Gynecologist James Humphreys, MD., FACOG has been in Midland for 24 years, much of that time in private practice. He is currently associated with Family MedCenter. Call 684-7647 to make an appointment.

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## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!

One hundred years ago, a little 8-year-old girl named Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the New York Sun questioning the validity of claims by her friends that Santa Claus does not exist.

The reply in the form of an editorial written by Francis P. Church, published Sept. 21, 1897, became a classic of editorial writing.

Today, in celebration of the Christmas season, we reprint this letter and the editorial for the enjoyment of our readers. We believe you'll find Mr. Church's reply as illuminating today as it was 100 years ago.

"Dear Editor:  
 I am 8 years old.  
 "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon  
 115 W. 95th Street  
 New York City

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias."

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith, then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view — and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. "No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

JACK ANDERSON

## Report details mess at Commerce Department

In the federal government, there are mismanaged agencies. And then there's the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This holiday season, we'd like to extend a big Bronx cheer to this beleaguered Cabinet agency, which appeared to be on the verge of extinction when Republicans first took control of Congress in 1994.

The department was spared when GOP leaders couldn't find enough votes to eliminate the agency. Since then, Commerce has played host to hucksters like presidential fund-raiser John Huang and frequent traveler Joan Parrott-Fonseca, the head of the Minority Business Development Agency whose globe-trotting we chronicled in this space.

Even before President Clinton took office, Commerce was well-known as a depository of political hacks and hangers-on who were owed a favor by someone higher up. In recent years that reputation has only been enhanced as the agency seemingly finds itself caught up in a different mess every week, usually of its own making.

Perhaps that explains why the department's semi-annual report to Congress makes such interesting reading. The report, issued by the agency's Office of Inspector General at the request of Congress, is a compendium of the dilemmas and disasters to befall the agency over the last six months.

Every cabinet agency has an inspector general's office, internal watchdogs who are responsible for rooting out fraud and waste within their department.

But no IG office is busier than the one at Commerce, which is responsible for a host of smaller agencies with wildly varying missions.

Under the patchwork Commerce umbrella are such disparate entities as the National Weather Service, the International Trade Administration, the Census Bureau and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, just to name a few.

Our associate Aaron Karp reviewed this year's report, which, as usual, contained several notable lowlights:

— Commerce has been trying for years to develop a new accounting system to coordinate and improve the muddled finances of its various agencies.

When the Commerce Administrative Management System was first proposed in 1992, officials thought it would cost \$41 million to develop and implement. That cost has now more than doubled, and most agencies are still years away from getting their hands on the new system.

— Department investigators also want to know why the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration continues to maintain a costly fleet of boats that it doesn't need.

The boats are used to collect marine data, which is one of the agency's main tasks. But auditors claim the government would save millions of dollars by selling the boats and contracting with private companies for such data.

Don't expect NOAA to jump into action, however. Investigators have been carping for years about their expensive fleet, to no avail.

— At Commerce's Patent and Trademark Office, auditors identified some of the same problems we've written about here in the last year.

Even though the PTO doesn't cost the government

a dime — it's funded entirely by the inventors who apply for patents — Congress has slashed the agency's budget by a total of about \$150 million in 1997 and 1998. The savings were then deposited in the Treasury, which in essence means inventors were slapped with a hidden tax increase in the name of deficit reduction.

As we warned, this has created a backlog that's kept the average patent applicant waiting 20 months or longer for approval, or longer than it's been in nine years.

**TALKING TRADE** — The U.S. trade deficit with Asian countries continues to grow. But America is making headway in at least one area: drug trafficking.

For the better part of the decade, heroin use in this country has been growing steadily, even as the use of other illicit drugs has declined or remained steady. And much of that heroin, traditionally, came from the rich poppy fields of southeast Asia's "Golden Triangle."

But according to intelligence reports, the heroin trade is now almost completely dominated by Colombians. In the last year, authorities report virtually no seizures of Chinese heroin — even though China dominated the market just a few years ago.

Don't attribute this to some outpouring of ethics and goodwill on China's part. Since America's use of cocaine began leveling off in the late 1980s, Colombian cartel leaders have made a concerted effort to add heroin to the list of illegal drugs that they smuggle into the United States. Now they've finally succeeded, to the chagrin of China's drug lords — and to the detriment of all those who are hooked on that deadly drug.

Jack Anderson and Jan Moller's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate, Inc.

CHARLEY REESE

## False beliefs of ruling class can ruin America

Civilizations rise or fall on the basis of the beliefs of the ruling class. Nothing mysterious about that. Belief always precedes action. The success or failure of an action depends most often on whether the belief on which it is based is true or false.

People, for example, who try to beat a train do so in the belief that they can get across the tracks before the train arrives. If their belief is correct, they live; if it is incorrect, they die. And so it is with nation-states and empires.

The ruling class of America, that mix of political, corporate, academic and financial people who occupy positions of power (one academic estimates there are only 7,000 such positions in the public and private sectors combined), holds a number of false beliefs. Unless these beliefs are corrected, the United States is finished.

So, if we value our future, we would do well to examine the beliefs that underlie American policy — domestic, foreign and economic — that are pointing us toward disaster, pain, suffering and general misery.

One of these false beliefs is that numbers don't matter, so therefore immigration can be virtually unlimited. False. The difference between a prosperous China and a poor China is about 700 million people. Continued population growth will degrade the environment, the economy and the ability to enjoy life.

A second false belief is that diversity or multiculturalism is good. No, it's not. It is a breeder of perpetual conflict. There's no nation on earth with a diverse, multicultural population that is politically stable, democratic and prosperous.

The false belief that diversity and multiculturalism is good is based, somewhat paradoxically, on another false belief: that there exists a universal man, or as they would say today, a universal person. This is the belief that human beings are all basically the same and therefore, with a little social tinkering, can be persuaded to live peacefully and happily together.

This is not so. It never has been so and it never will be so. Humans are tribal, and tribes compete for territory and resources. The more world population increases, the more intense the competition will become.

America is already experiencing an undeclared race war. It is an interesting commentary on people's ability to delude themselves that we now think it is normal to have armed police posted in public schools. Just 30 years ago that idea would have struck Americans as absurd.

Still another false belief is that unlimited economic growth is possible. It isn't. Resources are finite. The carrying capacity of any given piece of ground is limited. If that were not so, archaeologists wouldn't have anything to do.

The world is a graveyard of once powerful and prosperous nations and empires. Unequal distribution of wealth, of resources, of opportunity, is always has been and always will be a fact of life.

European-derived people seem to have lost the will to survive. Biologist Garrett Hardin has said, "The politicizing of universalism by Western elites and their legal and social institutions... has deluded many European-derived people into believing that it is immoral to survive as a distinct group. As a result they can find no reason to resist the Third World flood inundating the West."

I believe we are now at the point where the ruling class will have to be replaced or we will proceed into the gloomy and dismal future where their false beliefs and bad actions are taking us.

I don't know if Americans will commit national suicide or decide to resuscitate themselves. It will depend on how many Americans can stand to look reality in its stern and unfriendly face.

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RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

## Evangeline and Dolores del Rio

ST. MARTINSVILLE, LA. — The statue of Evangeline over the grave in a courtyard behind St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church looks a lot like the late Mexican actress Dolores Del Rio. There's a reason.

After playing Evangeline in a 1929 movie, the actress gave the money for the statue so they cast it in her image.

What's a romantic legend without a few inconsistencies? The woman buried under the statue, Emmeline Labiche, probably wasn't the real-life Evangeline anyhow. How do I know? Because evidently there wasn't a real-life Evangeline.

It's a long story — even longer than Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem — but serious Academics like Carl Brasseaux have debunked the myth of Evangeline. He calls it "fakelore." The legend wasn't made famous by Longfellow; it was made up by Longfellow. And over the years it evolved to bayou country.

Saying so, of course, upsets a lot of people in this passionate, moss-draped land. They not only depend on the legend to draw tourists; many believe it heart and soul.

I love the story and this town. There's the gravesite with Dolores behind one of the prettiest churches you ever saw. And there's an Evangeline Oak and a Gabriel's Oak — a virtual literary forest.

Boasting a romantic legend like this one, it's no wonder Louisiana thinks it needs two kinds of mar-

riages: standard and industrial-strength. If you have to wander a continent looking for your groom, you want the marriage to last.

Under Louisiana state law, couples can apply for something called a "covenant license," a marriage contract that requires premarital counseling and makes divorce more difficult.

The law is brand-new and it's not clear yet what effect, if any, it will have on happily-ever-afters in the Land of Evangeline. Critics say it's just a Catholic ploy in a Catholic state to thwart divorce.

The Saturday after Thanksgiving in a famous Cajun dance hall called Mulate's, an attractive, retirement-age couple took to the dance floor before the band cranked up fiddle and accordion. The bridegroom, whom I'd call Gabriel, wore a Sunday suit and a cowboy hat. His Evangeline wore white.

I suspect theirs was a standard contract. Past a certain age, forever isn't that long.

The Evangeline myth is accepted with varying degrees of reverence. According to Brasseaux, Evangeline means a lot more to white-collar Cajuns than blue-collar ones.

"An egalitarian people, blue-collar Cajuns have traditionally tried to topple anyone and anything placed on a pedestal," he writes.

To support that thesis, Brasseaux quotes a popular ditty by local musician Alex Broussard:

"Gabriel was my godfather  
 Evangeline was my godmother  
 Gabriel wasn't handsome  
 Evangeline didn't look any better"  
 A bit of nonsense, of course, since Evangeline is a dead ringer for Dolores Del Rio.

Rheta Grimsley Johnson's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 1997. There are nine days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, the Germans demanded the surrender of American troops at Bastogne, Belgium. Brigadier Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied: "Nuts!"

On this date:  
 In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies under the

command of Ezek Hopkins.

In 1807, Congress passed the Embargo Act, designed to force peace between Britain and France by cutting off all trade with Europe.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln from Georgia, saying, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of

treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. (Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.)

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Roosevelt.

In 1977, three dozen people were killed when a 250-foot-high grain elevator at the Continental Grain Co. plant in Westwego, La., exploded.

## A year

By Jennifer Moller  
 Associated Press

Boulder, Colo. — A year ago — as Christmas lights glowed on his beauty-queen stairs, and onto the

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# A year later: Justice for JonBenet, or will mystery go unsolved?

By Jennifer Meers  
Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — Nearly a year ago — as carols echoed, and Christmas lights twinkled — a father carried the lifeless body of his beauty-queen daughter up the stairs, and onto the world stage.

It was an immediate and global mystery: Who killed JonBenet Ramsey, the little blond girl with the dazzling smile?

A year later, the mystery remains unsolved.

There have been no arrests. And while there is a new lead investigator and there are signs the investigation is active and ongoing, there remain more questions than answers in the 6-year-old's death.

Will there be justice for JonBenet? Or will missteps in the early hours — police failing to secure the crime scene and allowing the father to find the body — prove to be the case's undoing?

"This may be one of those cases where the American public may have to be satisfied with the fact that there may never be a trial," said Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz.

Early moves, when police thought they were dealing with a kidnapping rather than a homicide, likely will "come back to haunt them," said Gregg McCrary, a former FBI criminal profiler who now works with the Threat Assessment Group of Newport Beach, Calif.

Family friends wandered in and out of the house after Patsy Ramsey reported finding a ransom note demanding \$118,000 for her daughter early on Dec. 26. John

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— Harvard Law School professor Alan Dershowitz

Ramsey searched the house about eight hours later — at the request of police. He found her, strangled and beaten, in the basement.

"There is no doubt that the defense — say hypothetically if the parents are charged, or one of them, or both — the defense is going to have a field day with all the things that went on in that initial period: the lack of control of the crime scene and all of that," McCrary said.

Boulder Police Chief Tom Kobay, who plans to retire at the end of 1998, admitted mistakes were made. But the police commander he put in charge of the case in October isn't dwelling on the past.

"I haven't gone back and tried to use hindsight and 20-20 vision and analyze why and how everything was done," Cmdr. Mark Beckner said at a news conference in November. "I took what was on the plate and my focus has been forward. ... This is what we have today, how do we get to where we want to be tomorrow."

There are dozens of tasks Beckner still wants completed, including new interviews with the Ramseys and their 10-year-old son, Burke. He says the Ramseys, labeled the focus of the investigation in April, "remain under an umbrella of suspicion." Burke, he said, is being treated as a witness.

Beckner said he is confident an

arrest will be made, and indicated there is still evidence to be collected.

There are reports police believe a stun gun may have been used to subdue JonBenet and are asking neighbors whether they own a two-pronged Taser-like weapon. Some neighbors said they are being interviewed by police for the first time.

Officials would not comment on the prospect of a stun gun, although Newsweek reported in this week's edition that top prosecution officials have confirmed they believe a stun gun was used.

"Any evidence they get now, a year later, is going to be relatively stale. It's not going to be case-cracking evidence," argues Robert Hardaway, a law professor at the University of Denver and co-author of the Colorado Evidence Manual. "It's just their justification for not acting."

Hardaway believes the case should be presented to a grand jury or at a preliminary hearing, options District Attorney Alex Hunter is considering.

McCrary suspects authorities are tying up loose ends in an effort to negate any possible defense strategies. Officials investigated child molesters who lived near the Ramseys; a kn + expert recently analyzed knots used to tie the garrote around JonBenet's neck and

the rope around her right wrist.

"They are probably out there doing all of those things now so that later in court they can't be accused of not having explored these different options," he said.

Every turn in the investigation has been grist for a public that has been obsessed with the case, hooked by videos and pictures of a glittering JonBenet dressed in pageant costumes.

The Ramseys made public statements — rarely. Conflict emerged between the district attorney's office and police, along with disension within the police department. There were accusations that prosecutors and Ramsey lawyers were too friendly and too closely connected.

A New York lawyer took legal action against Hunter, claiming evidence exists to prove Mrs. Ramsey wrote the ransom note. Hunter has moved to dismiss that case.

Leaders in Boulder say they still have faith JonBenet's murderer will be brought to justice.

"It has certainly got to affect us," said Bob Greenlee, a former city councilman who took over as mayor in November. "But we have faith and confidence in our police department."

As for the Ramseys, they will mark Christmas one day, and the anniversary of their daughter's death the next.

"They can't ignore it this time of year," said Diane Barnett Lough, who grew up with Mrs. Ramsey in Parkersburg, W. Va. "I know the family is strongly together and I am so relieved after talking to Patsy each time."

"They still seem to be very optimistic that there are several leads and that this person will be caught. The worst thing that can happen is they don't ever find who did it."

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## McCaughey septuplets won't spend first Christmas at home

CARLISLE, Iowa (AP) — Twenty-two-month-old Mikayla will be the only McCaughey child opening Christmas presents under the tree this year. Come next December, seven brothers and sisters should be tearing through wrapping paper with her.

The world's only living set of septuplets — born a month ago to Bobbi and Kenny McCaughey — are thriving in the hospital and are expected to be released late next month.

Mikayla and her mom and dad plan to spend a quiet Christmas morning with Kenny's parents — Val and Kenneth McCaughey — and Christmas afternoon with Bobbi's parents — Peggy and Bob Hepworth.

"It's the first time our family will get together (for Christmas) because everybody had been living in different places," said Barbara Paddock, Mrs. McCaughey's sister.

The Hepworth clan and the couple will gather to open presents and eat a Christmas dinner. Bob Hepworth, an ordained Baptist minister, will read the Christmas story from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The proud grandfather says Kenneth, Alexis, Natalie, Kelsey, Brandon, Nathan and Joel will get Christmas Day visitors, "but it's going to be mainly a fairly quiet day for them."

Since the children's birth, the McCaugheys have been trying to return normalcy to their lives. They've hired an agent to handle the countless inquiries from the media, corporations and well-wishers.

They've granted few interviews, the latest with "America's Family Coaches" — a syndicated weekly religious show originating in Des Moines.

"We're focusing more on our private (life) than the public," McCaughey said on Saturday's show. "We understand what our status is, but we really didn't ask for it. It was kind of given."

At Missionary Baptist Church, friends of the family want to help out with the babies and help the family feel comfortable.

"The key thing is, they've been at the center of all this attention," Rev. Robert Brown, pastor of Missionary Baptist Church. "They don't want anything special. They're just a family with eight children. Our role is to try to make them feel comfortable."

McCaughey, a billing clerk at a car dealership, has gone back to

work. Mrs. McCaughey's swollen feet have returned to normal and she can wear her old shoes again. She's at home taking care of Mikayla, nearly 2, and preparing for the babies' homecoming. Seven bassinets line one of the couple's two bedrooms.

Architects are working on designing a new house that'll be built with donated material and labor next year, a stone's throw away from the McCaugheys' modest house.

Each day, the couple visits the hospital, where Mrs. McCaughey leaves breast milk for the babies and both parents hold and feed the children.

A church committee is sorting donations that keep pouring in and will help the couple reply to the hundreds of notes, cards, letters and gifts.

"They realize their lives won't be normal," Brown said. "I think the reality of all that will hit home when the babies come home. It'll redefine normalcy for them."

Despite their unique family, the McCaugheys insist that they want the children treated like normal

kids. "When we bring these kids home... this isn't going to be a sideshow and I don't want a mob of people standing out in front of the house," McCaughey said. "You might as well stay at home and you can watch the TVs. It's just that we're a family... no matter how many kids we have."

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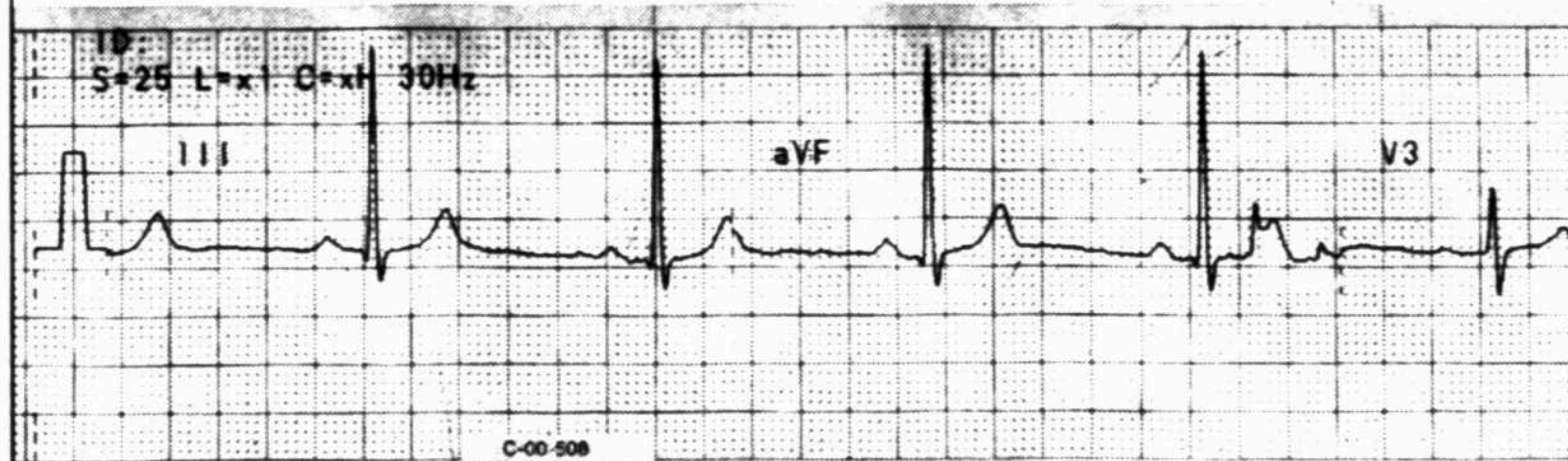
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# Weather proves deadly for some motorists

DALLAS (AP) — Eight people have died as weekend storms doused North, West and Central Texas with as much as a half-foot of rain and snow, flooding streets and rivers while causing airline delays and cancellations.

In Killeen, flash floods were responsible for at least four weather-related traffic fatalities and forced the evacuation of dozens of homes along Nolan Creek.

Law enforcement agencies also reported scores of high-water rescues. Creeks and rivers across wide sections of Central, North and East Texas were at or above flood stage Sunday.

Killeen police discovered the bodies of two Harker Heights teen-agers on Saturday after their vehicle was swept from a bridge by raging waters, according to a prepared statement.

The victims, whose identities were withheld pending notification of next of kin, were pronounced dead at the scene at 10 p.m. Saturday. Autopsies were ordered.

Earlier Saturday, Walter Fisher, 50, and his wife, Sherrie Fisher, 43, both of Killeen, were struck by a vehicle while walking near Business Highway 190, Nolanville Police Officer Rodney Speers said.

Fisher, a student at Texas A&M University, was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Garland Potvin. Mrs. Fisher was taken to Darnall Army Community Hospital, where she later died.

The driver of the vehicle was not cited, with police saying rainy weather played a role in the deaths.

Harker Heights Emergency Medical Services Director Leon Charpentier said late Saturday that the city's EMS personnel had been involved in more than 40 life-saving rescues during the evening.

The rains forced the closings of roads throughout Central Texas.

In the Texas Panhandle, six inches of snow fell. Some flights were canceled at Amarillo International Airport.

Four inches of rain fell in parts of the Dallas-Fort Worth area Saturday, with slick roads blamed for hundreds of wrecks.

Irving resident Porfirio Sanchez, 36, and his daughter, Keren, 6, were killed when their car slid on a rain-slickened road and hit a pickup truck at 7:23 a.m., police said. The truck had stopped on the shoulder.

Sanchez's wife, Iris Sanchez, 25, was in critical condition at Parkland hospital Saturday evening, hospital officials said. Daughter Crystal, 5, was in stable condition at a local hospital, Ms. Garza said.

"They are from a good Christian home; everybody is very torn up," said Ms. Garza, 19. "This is just not something you could expect, especially not before the holidays."

Another crash killed Cesar Adan Garcia, 37, and his wife, Silvia Patricia Gamboa, 26, of Garland. The couple's car hydroplaned after driving through a large puddle of water, crossed a median and struck a pickup truck at 1:04 p.m., police said.

The couple's 2-year-old son and the truck's driver and passenger were not seriously injured, Garland police said.

The wrecks were among 258 major collisions reported by Dallas police between midnight Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday. The department recorded 400 minor collisions.

In Dallas, the heavy rain also forced flight delays for holiday travelers.

Al Becker, spokesman for Fort Worth-based American Airlines, said delays from the lightning-packed storms ran from about 30 minutes to an hour. No flights were canceled.

## DEAR ABBY

### Woman is old-fashioned about respect for elders

DEAR ABBY: I am a 26-year-old married mother-to-be. Lately, I have been increasingly frustrated with children calling adults by their first name. I am not talking about adults to whom the children are closely related; I am talking about neighbors, friends, parents, etc.



Van Buren

I was always taught to respect my elders and to refer to them as "Mr.," "Mrs.," or "Miss" unless invited to do otherwise. It is not the children's fault — it is the adults who allow them to do this.

I plan on raising my children to follow this rule of thumb: If you're not sure what a person prefers to be called, ASK! How do I get around this without sounding like a stick-in-the-mud? — OLD-FASHIONED IN READING, PA.

DEAR OLD-FASHIONED: You are correct in your statement that your dilemma is caused by the thoughtlessness on the part of the parents, who should ask you, before the introductions are made, how you would like the children to address you.

Deal with this by making your wishes known in a friendly way. When a parent introduces you as "Nancy," say with a smile, "When Jimmy and Janie are 21, they may call me Nancy. But for now, I'd prefer to be called Mrs. Smith." And then direct a friendly comment (or question) to the child.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing this letter to warn parents how easily kids can get into things when you least expect it. My niece (I'll call her Karen) and her 1-year-old

daughter, "Kimberly," were at home. Karen was in the kitchen and Kimberly was in the bedroom.

Karen became concerned because she couldn't hear what Kimberly was doing. When she checked on her, Karen found that the child had gotten hold of her purse and had the strap wrapped around her neck. Kimberly's lips were turning blue and she was very pale. Karen unwrapped the purse strap from around the child's neck and attended to her. Karen was terrified, but thankful that she had checked on Kimberly when she did.

It's amazing, Abby. My niece and her husband had baby-proofed the electrical outlets, kitchen and bathroom cabinets, and even put doorknob covers on doors they didn't want Kimberly to open. Now, after that frightening afternoon, Karen also makes sure she puts her purse, diaper bag or anything else with straps out of reach. — AN AUNT IN DENVER WHO CARES

DEAR AUNT WHO CARES: Thank you for the warning. I'm sharing it with my readers, along with the reminder that drapery cords and those for venetian blinds can also be very dangerous for toddlers and small children, and should be kept out of reach of tiny hands.

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## Officers help needy families on their beats

DALLAS (AP) — Police officers are helping Santa Claus make the rounds in this year.

The Dallas Police Department's Santa Cops donate gifts and solicit help from corporations, small companies and individuals to provide for poor families, said Senior Cpl. Deanna Stratman, who helped organize the effort.

She said officers submit names of families they run into while working their beats.

On Saturday, the warehouse at the department's Property Division was crammed with boxes of goodies for about 500 families. They were all delivered before the day's end.

"The biggest thing that officers get out of this program is that when we go to someone's door, it's to deliver bad news," said Senior Cpl. Stratman.

"This lets us come on a positive note. It's nice to be able to give good news."

Recipient Jeanette Malcolm is raising five grandchildren, and said she knew the Lord would provide somehow.

"I knew God would make a way," she said later. "I told my daughter, who's sick with sickle cell, that the good Lord was going to bless us. I never overlook the blessings of the Lord."

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## HUMOR ON THE SIDE

### Assorted observations

I think there's one thing that separates us from animals. We aren't afraid of vacuum cleaners.

—Jeff Stilson

I worry that the person who thought up Muzak may be thinking up something else.

—Lily Tomlin

Some women hold up dresses that are so ugly and they always say the same thing: "This looks much better on." On what? On fire?

—Rita Rudner

I think that's how Chicago got started. A bunch of people in New York said, "Gee, I'm enjoying the crime and the poverty, but it just isn't cold enough. Let's go west."

—Richard Jeni

### Lessons learned

I've learned that you can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

—Age 6

I've learned that motel mattresses are better on the side away from the phone.

—Age 50

### Ad bloopers

Coors put its slogan, "Turn it loose," into Spanish, where it was read as "Suffer from diarrhea."

An American T-shirt maker in Miami printed shirts for the Spanish market which promoted the Pope's visit. Instead of "I saw the Pope" (el Papa), the shirts read "I saw the potato" (la papa).

Pepsi's "Come alive with the Pepsi Generation" translated into "Pepsi brings your ancestors back from the grave," in Chinese.

### Wrong!

These are actual one-liners that students wrote in exams:

Men are mammals and women are femammals.

Proteins are composed of a mean old acid.

Involuntary muscles are not as willing as voluntary ones.

Some people say we descended from apes.

A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.

Germinate: To become a naturalized German.

Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives.

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### Patience and its rewards

Some time ago a friend of mine punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper.

Money was tight, and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put it under their Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found that the box was empty.

He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside of it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you Daddy."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and again begged her forgiveness.

My friend told me that he kept that gold box by his bed for years.

Whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as parents has been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children. No more precious possession could anyone hold...

—Author unknown

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR  
JIMMY PATTERSON

### Christmas hams

## During holidays, radio operators standing by

By Theresa Gage  
Associated Press

ASHDOWN, Ark. — Abram L. Winters will change your perception of Christmas hams.

Winters is a ham radio operator with the Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS), which sponsors Operation Holidays. He will be sending messages to relatives and friends of service men and women around the world this holiday season as a courtesy to those with loved ones in faraway places.

People interested in sending a holiday greeting may give Winters their loved one's name and address and he will forward a message through the proper radio channels.

Winters has been communicating by radio, or being a "ham," for about 45 years, starting when he was in the Air Force as a pilot and in air intelligence.

A retired minister, Winters spent his life after the

**'Sometimes, you get a message from a guy to a girlfriend and I have to say 'I love you' or 'I can't live without you' to a complete stranger on the phone.'**

— Abram Winters,  
ham radio operator

military ministering at churches that could not afford to pay for his services. Now he enjoys bringing people together during the holidays to combat the isolation of being apart from friends and family.

"I do this all year round, but we really emphasize it on the holidays when people feel lonely. I'm antici-

pating that a lot of people take advantage of this service," Winters said.

Winters said his radio equipment has put him in touch with people around the world, not to mention outer space.

Ham radio operators are able to contact satellites and space shuttles.

Winters has chatted with astronaut Michael Foale on the space station MIR, to name just one. Did MIR's well-publicized glitches cause any problems in the conversation?

"No, I didn't notice anything. It didn't seem to affect the radio," Winters said.

Winters also helped save a group of people marooned on a burning ship in the Gulf of Mexico in the 1960s. He picked up their SOS on his radio and

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### Scenes from the Season

Clockwise from top: Murrayville (Ill.) Grade School second-graders laugh as they watch a Christmas play. Lindsey Harvey, 14 months old, gives Santa a long look before becoming somewhat comfortable with him at the Jacksonville Mall Wednesday in Jacksonville, N.C. Lindsey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Harvey of Salter Path, N.C.

Maria Molina sheds a few tears after receiving a stuffed animal at "Christmas Under the Bridge," Monday, in San Antonio. Gifts of clothing, blankets, and food were distributed under the bridge, at Commerce and Pecos La Trinidad, to the homeless.

Bob Nikolas, a school crossing guard, sports his Santa attire Friday as he guides students across the street from O.M. Tiffany School in Aberdeen, S.D.

Despite the rainy weather, Santa Claus, a.k.a. Dan Long, strolls through the grounds at Lincoln Elementary School, Thurs., in Ventura, Calif.



### JIMMY PATTERSON

## Just hear that ring, jing, jinglin': Santas phone home

Pour yourself a cup of coffee, have a seat. This may take awhile.

When we first heard the idea, we thought it was great. Be at home, we were told, Wednesday at 6. Santa will be calling the house.

Good idea. The thought of The Boy answering the phone and having a few minutes of idle chit chat with The Man would make, for a memorable night.

But after hearing the news of the call, things became a little bit complicated, as they so often do. After thinking that we only needed to arrange for a phone call for The Boy, his big sister, now 8, suddenly sprung on us last week that a classmate no longer believed in Santa, but that, by golly, she sure did.

Problem.  
How can Jolly old St. Nick call the house and talk to The Boy but leave out his big sister? The Boy may not care much, but it would eat all over his big sister.



Patterson

A few phone calls were made. Unfortunately, a representative from the Fort Worth charity in charge of such phone calls from the North Pole said that their schedule was firm and they would be unable to call a second time Wednesday night.

So, Harold and Betty, the kids' grandparents, in charge of everything from a suburban Dallas living room, made a few more phone calls and, Voila!, an emergency fill-in Santa was procured to make the second call.

So now we've got two Santas, making two phone calls at approximately the same time Wednesday night. Only problem, as I saw it, was that the two Santas had no clue the other one was making a call.

I had nightmares it might happen this way: The phone rings. The second Santa calls first, asking not for The Boy, but for The Boy's 8-year-old big sister. Big sister gets on the phone and has a couple minutes of pleasant exchange with The Man. In the middle of the phone call comes a beeping noise on the phone. And then we hear this:

"Santa, can you hold the line a minute? I've got another call comin' in here," our daughter tells St.

Nick. Competently trained by her older sister, our 8-year-old has become quite accomplished at working call waiting.

"Hello?" our daughter says after she put The Man from The Pole on hold.

Unfortunately, holding on the other line was Santa No. 2.

"Santa? Is that you? Santa, how can you be calling now? I've already got you on the other line? Hey mom ... I've got Santa on both lines. I was talking to him and he somehow dialed and asked for The Boy. Either Santa Claus is as magical as they say he is or one of these guys is a fake. Mom, I'm weirdin' out here."

At this point, Mrs. P and I are at a total loss as to how to explain this little situation.

Fortunately, as I said, I only had nightmares it would happen that way. It actually did not happen that way. In reality, it was much worse.

We still had two Santas slated to call at relatively the same time. The Santa who called for The Boy did

Please see PATTERSON/2B



DAVE BARRY

# Mr. Language Person answers questions on assorted phenomena

Once again our glands are swollen with pride as we present "Ask Mister Language Person," the column that answers your common questions about grammar, punctuation and sheep diseases. Mister Language Person is the only authority who has been formally recognized by the American Association of English Teachers On Medication. ("Hey!" were their exact words. "It's YOU!")



Barry

So without farther adieu, let us turn to our first question, which comes from a reader who has just returned from a trip to England.

Q. I have just returned from a trip to England, and...

A. We KNOW that. Get to the point! You're wasting space!

Q. OK, sorry. Anyway, I have just returned from a trip to England, and I noticed that the English put an extra "u" in certain words, such as "rumour," "humour" and "The

Rouling Stones." Also they call some things by totally different names, such as "lift" when they mean "elevator," "bonnet" when they mean "lorry," and "twit" when they mean "former Vice President Quayle." My question is, don't they have any dentists over there?

A. Apparently not.

Q. Please explain the correct usage of the word "neither."

A. Grammatically, "neither" is used to begin sentences with compound subjects that are closely related and wear at least a size 24, as in: "Neither Esther nor Bernice have passed up many Ding Dongs, if you catch my drift." It may also be used at the end of a carnivorous injunction, as in: "And don't touch them weasels, neither."

Q. My husband and I recently received a note containing this sentence: "Give us the money, or you seen the last of you're child." I say that the correct wording should be "you have done seen the last of you're child," but my husband, Warren, insists it should be "you have been done seeing the last of you're child." This has become a real bone of contention, to the point where Warren refuses to come out of the utility shed. What do you think?

A. We think that an excellent name

for a band would be: "The Bones of Contention."

Q. I have noticed that newspapers often state that they have obtained information from "informed sources." Who are these sources?

A. We cannot tell you.

Q. Why not?

A. Because the Evil Wizard will turn them back into snakes.

Q. As an employee of the Internal Revenue Service, I have been tasked with the paradigm of making our income tax forms more "user friendly" for the average American citizen, who according to our research has the IQ of a sugar beet. I am currently working on this sentence from the form 1040 instructions: "A taxpayer who dies prior to the fourth trimester of the previous non-exempt year must, within 10 fiscal days of kicking the bucket, file Form 94-82348-RIP, which has not been available since the Eisenhower administration." How can I make this sentence less confusing?

A. According to the Association of Professional Tax Professionals, a much clearer wording would be: "... which has not been available since the Eisenhower administration (1952-60)."

Q. When should I say "phenomena,"

and when should I say "phenomenon"?

A. "Phenomena" is what grammarians refer to as a "subcutaneous invective," which is a word used to describe skin disorders, as in "Bob has a weird phenomena on his neck shaped like Ted Koppel." Whereas "phenomenon" is used to describe a backup singer in the 1957 musical group "Duane Furlong and the Phenomenons."

Q. What was their big hit?

A. "You Are the Carburetor of My Heart."

Q. What is the most fascinating newspaper photograph caption you have ever seen?

A. That would be the caption to a 1994 photograph from the Billings, Mont., Gazette, sent in by alert reader David Martin. The photo, which accompanies a very serious story on efforts to end the civil war in Angola, shows some bikini-clad women on a beach, looking at a man who is holding a monkey. The caption states, in its entirety: "An Angolan carries his pet monkey Sunday on a beach in Angola as leaders of the country sign a new peace agreement."

Q. Can you please reprint the top two headlines from the cover of the October, 1996, issue of Reader's Digest?

A. Certainly:

FIRM UP YOUR BOTTOM

You Can Raise Your Child's IQ

Q. In Publication No. 51 of the U.S.

Postal Service, which was sent in by

alert reader Oljan Repic, how is the

term "Special Handling" defined?

A. It is defined as "a service that is

optional except when mailing honey-

bees to Canada."

TODAY'S BUSINESS WRITING TIP:

In writing proposals to prospective

clients, be sure to clearly state the ben-

efits they will receive.

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RIGHT: "I have photographs of you

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## Happy Holidays, dad ... how do you like my tattoo?

By Clay Thompson  
N.Y. Times News Service

My daughter is home from college for Christmas.

She is my freshman; the fruit of my loins; my innocent; my sweet, kind, funny child; my firstborn. She has a tat-

too.

She has a tattoo the size of a %&! Rand McNally road map.

On her back.

No, you may not see it.

Take me now, Lord. It would be the kind thing to do.

She showed it to her mother and me the evening she got home, wisely waiting until it was too late at night to find a dermatologist to laser it off her.

She seemed rather proud of it. Her mother later called it "an act of quiet, controlled defiance." I don't know.

It's on her back, just above the butt I diapered and powdered, below the ribs I tickled, bordered on either side by the hands I held.

Actually it is not the size of a Rand McNally road map. It

just looks like that at first. It's more the size of a Rand McNally inset map of, say, downtown Omaha.

As deliberate acts of mutilation go, I guess it's rather attractive — a nice geometric pattern she designed herself.

She assured us she got it at a reputable tattoo parlor,

although it is hard for me to use "reputable," "tattoo" and "parlor" in sequence. But she is a wise and careful child, so I'm sure it was a safe place.

She's 19. She can make her own choices. And it's not like she killed someone or joined a cult or voted Republican.

What's a father to do? Raise them up, send them off, hope for the best. The psalmist tells me God has searched her out and knows her, knows her sitting down and rising up. That puts him one up on me.

The more I think about it, the less it bothers me. It's right there in the small of her back, just where you would put your hand to give someone a soft, guiding push from the nest.

## Christmas in the south: A legacy of tales, traditions

By Marta Aldrich  
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Don't let your fireplace fire go out on Christmas morning or evil spirits will come.

Don't wash and press a garment before giving it for a Christmas present. That will wash out the good luck and press in the bad luck.

For good health, eat apples as the clock strikes midnight on Christmas Eve.

And for goodness sake, never fix your roof between Christmas and New Year's or the holes will come back!

In the South, Christmas traditions range from whimsical superstitions to time-tested rituals of trimming trees, toasting with eggnog and decorating with poinsettias.

In fact, Christmas celebrations would be much different if not for the South's contributions, historian and author Randall Bedwell says.

"Christmas seems to have caught on in the Southern states first. We know the Spanish observed the holiday here, and so did settlers in Jamestown, Virginia," said Bedwell, of Nashville.

In 1831, Louisiana and Arkansas were the first states to make Christmas a legal holiday. Alabama followed in 1836.

The North was slower to accept the celebration because of the

puritanical influences of its early settlers, Bedwell said.

"They saw it as being too Catholic. They shunned any kind of ceremonial Christmas and called it pagan mockery," he said.

The South was more open and adaptable to European traditions and influences," he said.

Christmas initially was celebrated more as a social than religious occasion in the South. However,

two European tales that took early root in the region honor the birth of Jesus.

One says animals drop to their knees every Christmas Eve and turn their heads toward Bethlehem. The other says that on Christmas Eve bees hum Christmas carols recounting the birth.

Bedwell is researching the holiday for an upcoming book, "Christmas in the South: Stories and Tales of Yuletides Past."

He became interested while researching another book, "General Lee and Santa Claus." That story is about Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee meeting Santa on the battlefield. It has been passed down through many Southern families.

Bedwell, a native Southerner, had read about the story but never heard it himself. An article about him and his work in "Southern Living" mentioned the story and prompted people to contact him with their versions.

Bedwell interviewed dozens of

people, and pored over old letters, diaries and biographies to learn more. In the course of his research, he gleaned tidbits about Christmas in the Old South, including cherished recipes, legends, traditions and superstitions.

The tradition of a Christmas Day hunting expedition by father and son is believed to have begun in England and caught on quickly in the South, he said.

"I can't begin to emphasize how important the Christmas Day hunt was. It was a rite of passage between father and son and was carried on for years and years. Many Southern families continue it today," Bedwell said.

Christmas trees of pine or cedar were decorated with sugared fruits, popcorn strings and candles.

"That's a Southern tradition that I can't track anywhere else," he said.

Another is the practice of giving children oranges, nuts and even coconuts. The coconut shells were decorated and used as ornaments.

Eggnog was considered essential for a proper Southern Christmas. The most daring recipe comes from Virginia. Called "George Washington eggnog," it includes brandy, whiskey, sherry and Jamaican rum.

Christmas in the territory of Texas included spiced chicken and meat dishes. The Christmas poinsettia was imported there from Mexico.

In West Virginia and Virginia, the holiday included a ritual hog-killing.

And in Florida, a military post was named Fort Christmas in 1835. Today, it is the Town of Christmas and thousands of holiday cards and letters to Santa arrive each Christmas season.

Papa Noel, France's version of St. Nicholas, first appeared in New Orleans in the early 1800s. He wore red and spoke French.

The pivotal year for Santa was 1862, when Harper's Weekly illustrator Thomas Nast drew the Jolly Old Elf as he is seen today.

Soon after, President Abraham Lincoln recruited Nast to illustrate Santa with Union troops as propaganda during the Civil War. "It had a demoralizing effect on Southern soldiers," Bedwell said.

The story of "General Lee and Santa Claus" sought to boost morale in the South.

It centers around three Southern girls who write to Lee and ask why Santa did not visit them during the Civil War. Lee wrote back that he met Santa once at the battle lines and asked him to exchange the children's toys for medical supplies for his soldiers.

"It's the message of sacrifice, forgiveness and reconciliation ... that is part of the fabric of the South today — about the importance of family and values," Bedwell said.

## Puppy survives ride in washing machine

GLADEWATER (AP) — A tenacious puppy that survived a washing machine cycle was later named Lazarus for the Bible character who rose from the dead.

Elaine Crawford of Gladewater thought she killed one of eight puppies born this week to Ashley, a Husky-Shepherd mix.

Ms. Crawford on Tuesday put the puppies' blanket in the washing machine, not knowing one was still wrapped inside.

When she took the blanket out, she discovered a stiff puppy that

wasn't breathing.

"I got sick, I thought, 'oh no, I killed this little puppy' and it was cold and wet and I knew it was gone," Ms. Crawford said.

She wrapped the animal in a plastic bag, knotted it and put it into a box for burial later.

But Ashley found the box and got the pup out.

A few hours later, Ms. Crawford discovered the empty box. The animal that she thought was dead was safe, breathing and back with the other pups.

The reserve Santa, however, did not call at the pre-appointed time.

Big sister was not real thrilled about being left out. Or forgotten, as I'm sure her 8-year-old mind was telling her.

Plan B was put into swift action.

More calls were made. A distant second-uncle thrice removed in Muskogee was

phoned. He would make the call, but not until 8:45 because he was busy celebrating a grandchild's birthday. Fine. A little late, but it would work.

Any person interested in sending a message to their loved ones in the military, overseas or stateside, may contact Winters at (870) 898-5046.

## HAMS: Winters a fan of radio medium

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was able to direct the Coast Guard to the location of the ship.

Winters said he receives many messages from people over the radio eager to have him communicate the greeting to their relatives or friends over the phone.

He's had his share of strange requests.

"One of the strangest was a message going out from a woman in America to a man in Antarctica. She was wanting a divorce. It was kind of bizarre that she would take advantage of the fact that he couldn't do anything about it from there," Winters said.

There are some happy stories.

"Sometimes, you get a mes-

## PATTERSON: Santa calling once is difficult to explain, twice is even worse

(From 1B)

call as scheduled. The Boy and The Man had their conversation. The Boy asked permission to pet the reindeer and said "yeah" about 73 times before hanging up.

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In the meantime, the phone rang at 8:30. It was the original reserve Santa Claus. The distant second-uncle in Muskogee would not be needed. Big sister was resting easier.

We ourselves were relieved. She beamed as she told us how Santa somehow knew that she played soccer and loved hockey and how she passed her 8s and was the best speller in her class last year. The smile was priceless. The memories would last forever. Or at least for the next several seconds.

About that time, our 11-year-old teenager walked through the family room. As the phone rang, she screamed she would get it (which she doesn't need to say anymore since she's the only one who ever gets any calls anyway.)

"Yeah, she's here, hold on. For you," our 11-year-old teenager said, motioning to her

sister.

"Hello? ... Santa? ... Is that you?"

Mrs. P and I could only look at each other in horror. We had forgotten to call our distant second-uncle thrice removed in Muskogee to cancel his debut as The Man.

We sat and listened as our 8-year-old again rattled off her list of wants. She patiently talked soccer, hockey, spelling and 8s. Then hung up.

Mrs. P and I swallowed hard. I felt the sudden urge to stutter and stammer uncontrollably.

But our 8-year-old plopped down on the couch, rolled her eyes and said, "Sheesh!"

"Wh-wh-wh-what is it dear?" I asked.

"I sure hope Santa remembers how to get to our house," she said. "His memory's gettin' a little shaky."

Jimmy Patterson is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram. He can be reached via email at jpatterson@basinlink.com. Additional columns are available every Friday on the Internet, at www.parent-time.com.

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## OBITUARIES

## James Roberts

Services for James Roberts, 74, of Andrews will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, December 23, 1997, in the James Roberts Civic Center. Officiating will be Dr. H.A. Hanks and Walter Buckle, publisher of Lamesa Press Reporter. Burial will follow in the Andrews Old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home.

Mr. Roberts died Saturday, December 20, 1997, in St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston after a brief illness.

He graduated from Andrews High School in 1941, and attended

Texas Tech and was drafted into the Army during WWII. He was wounded and captured by the Germans at Anzio in Italy and was a prisoner of war for one year and a week. He was in an Army hospital in El Paso, after a year of surgery, he returned to Andrews. He married Marie Holman on April 18, 1946, in Andrews. He attended Baylor University, graduating in 1950, and returned to Andrews as the editor of the Andrews County News. In February, 1960, Roberts Publishing Company was formed as a corporation with James and his father. Roberts Publishing Company owns papers in Andrews, Azle, Brownfield, Cop-

peras Cove, Gatesville, Grandbury, Hereford, Lamesa, Quanah, Seminole, Springtown, Snyder and Vernon along with separate printing plants in Lamesa and Vernon. Mr. Roberts had served as president of the local Lions Club, deputy district governor and president for two terms of the Chamber of Commerce. He served as president for 12 years of the Permian Basin Railroad Company in trying unsuccessfully to bring a shoreline railroad into existence between Seagraves and Odessa. He was named Andrews Outstanding Citizen in 1963. His column, Drifting Sands, appeared on the front page of every edition of the Andrews

County News for the past 47 years and was a consistent first place winner at statewide press meetings. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Andrews.

Survivors include wife, Marie, of Andrews; sons, Phillip Roberts of Waco and Randall Roberts of Andrews; a brother, Wesley Roberts of Austin; and grandchildren, Blake, Brittanica and Karley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles W. Roberts in 1962; his mother, Lena Roberts in 1972; brothers, Charles W. Roberts, Jr., in 1968, and Harold Roberts in 1964; and two sisters, Mary Ruth Ingram in 1989 and Louise Duffey in 1994.

## POLICE REPORTS

## Midland Police Department

## Saturday

**Aggravated Assault:** Richard Rodriguez reported that he was shot in the leg by persons in a passing vehicle at 2 a.m. in the 800 block of East Gist.

**Burglary of a Vehicle:** Ron Wilcox, 3814 W. Kansas, reported at 7:10 a.m. that two zipper bags of various hand tools were taken from an unlocked vehicle.

**Criminal Mischief:** A vehicle window was shattered at 606 W. Missouri, it was reported at 11:30 p.m.

**Criminal Mischief:** Margaret

Hendrix reported an act of criminal mischief at 1401 Princeton at 10:54 a.m.

**Theft:** Shoplifting was reported at Mervyn's, 3001 N. Loop 250 North at 2:20 p.m.

**Theft:** Three suspects were cited at Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff, at 9:41 p.m.

**Theft:** Shoplifting was reported at 340 N. Midland Drive at 10:12 p.m.

**Sunday**  
**Criminal Mischief/Attempted Burglary of a Vehicle:** Criminal mischief was reported at 3000 W. Illinois at 4:36 a.m.

## DEATH NOTICES

## Jewell Ballew

Jewell Ballew died Saturday, Dec. 20, at a Midland hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born May 14, 1941, in Arkansas.

She moved to Midland in 1950. She worked as a caregiver for Terrace West Nursing Home and also took care of her grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Leon Ballew of Midland; four daughters, Vicki Miller of Clovis, N.M., Shari Salama, Joni Hooten and Patti Ballew, all of Midland; a brother, Ray Savage of San Luis, Colo.; and 11 grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be directed to American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Hwy, Ste. 111, Midland 79703 or The American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26566 Austin 78755-0566.

## Elizabeth Mobley

ANDREWS—Elizabeth Mobley died Sunday, Dec. 21, at her residence in Andrews.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, in McNett Funeral Home Chapel with Elder Gayle McCoy officiating. Burial will be in Andrews Old Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews.

She was born July 19, 1915, in Floydada.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Andrews Primitive Baptist Church.

She is survived by three sons, Aubrey Mobley of Granite Shoals, Charles Mobley of Bayfield, Colo., and Jimmy Mobley of Kermit; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be directed to Family Hospice of Odessa an American Cancer Society.

## Leonard Hill

Leonard Hill, 49, of Midland died Saturday, Dec. 20, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

## Fred Lewis

Fred Lewis, 91, of Midland, died Saturday, Dec. 20, at a local hospital. Services are pending with Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

## James Qualia

James L. Qualia, brother of Midlander Frank Qualia, died Thursday, Dec. 18, in Lubbock. Burial

will be in Del Rio on Tuesday, Dec. 23.

## Winona Pyeatt

Winona Pyeatt died Friday, Dec. 19, at her Midland residence. Services are to be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, in Resthaven Memo-

rial Park with Don Mitchell officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born May 27, 1910, in San Saba.

She moved to Midland in 1945. She was a member of Rebecca and of N. "A" and Tennessee Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by

her husband, Harold Pyeatt in 1986, and by five brothers.

Survivors include her son, Sam Pyeatt of Midland; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three nieces and two nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 3389, Midland 79702.

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### HEALTH BRIEFING

#### Doctors cautioned

American Heart Association officials this month warned doctors to use caution in prescribing Meridia, a recently approved diet drug related to Redux and fen/phen (Pondium), which recently were withdrawn from the market.

"Although early trials of the drug showed it to be modestly effective, the drug raises concerns because in some individuals it elevates blood pressure," says Dr. Robert H. Eckel, vice chairman of the association's nutrition committee and professor of medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center.

Meridia, or sibutramine, acts similarly to Redux and Pondium, which were taken off market at the FDA's request after fen/phen use was linked to heart valve abnormalities and reports that Redux used alone could cause pulmonary hypertension.

Although Meridia's maker, Knoll Pharmaceutical, provided evidence that the drug does not cause heart valve defects, "patients and physicians should carefully weigh the benefits versus the risks of using this new medication," said the heart association official. "It is especially important that this drug be considered only for people for whom obesity poses a health risk."

#### Data 'bewildering'

Scientists say they have deciphered almost the entire genetic blueprint, or genome, of the bacterium that causes Lyme disease, but instead of finding familiar components, they found "a bewildering array" of genes never before seen.

The Lyme organism is known as *Borrelia burgdorferi*, and its blueprint is the first to be deciphered of a parasite that infects both vertebrates and invertebrates, according to a report in the current issue of the journal *Nature*.

The scientists who accomplished the task, from the Institute for Genomic Research in Rockville, Md., MedImmune, Inc., in Gaithersburg, Md., and the University of Utah, said the organism's single chromosome contains 853 genes. They also found 430 additional genes on 11 DNA structures called plasmids, and said that most of the 430 genes "have no known biological function."

Writing in a separate commentary, biologists Alan G. Barbour and Wolfram R. Zuckert of the University of California in Irvine said that deciphering the *B. burgdorferi* genome "has opened doors for investigation and closed just as many" because of its mystifying traits. But the information gained may enable scientists to grow the organism in the laboratory.

Lyme disease, which causes arthritis-like symptoms that can persist for many years, is transmitted by ticks. The disease was named for the town in Connecticut where a clustering of cases occurred in the mid-1970s. *Borrelia burgdorferi* was isolated in the 1980s and determined to be a new member of a group of bacteria called spirochetes.

#### Gene identified

Researchers have discovered a gene that predisposes individuals to developing allergies, but they emphasize that too many genes are involved in allergies to say that this finding alone will speed new treatments.

The gene was found by analyzing DNA of patients with severe allergic dermatitis at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. These patients had high levels of an immune system component, IgE, that's involved in the body's overreaction to substances such as pollen and dust.

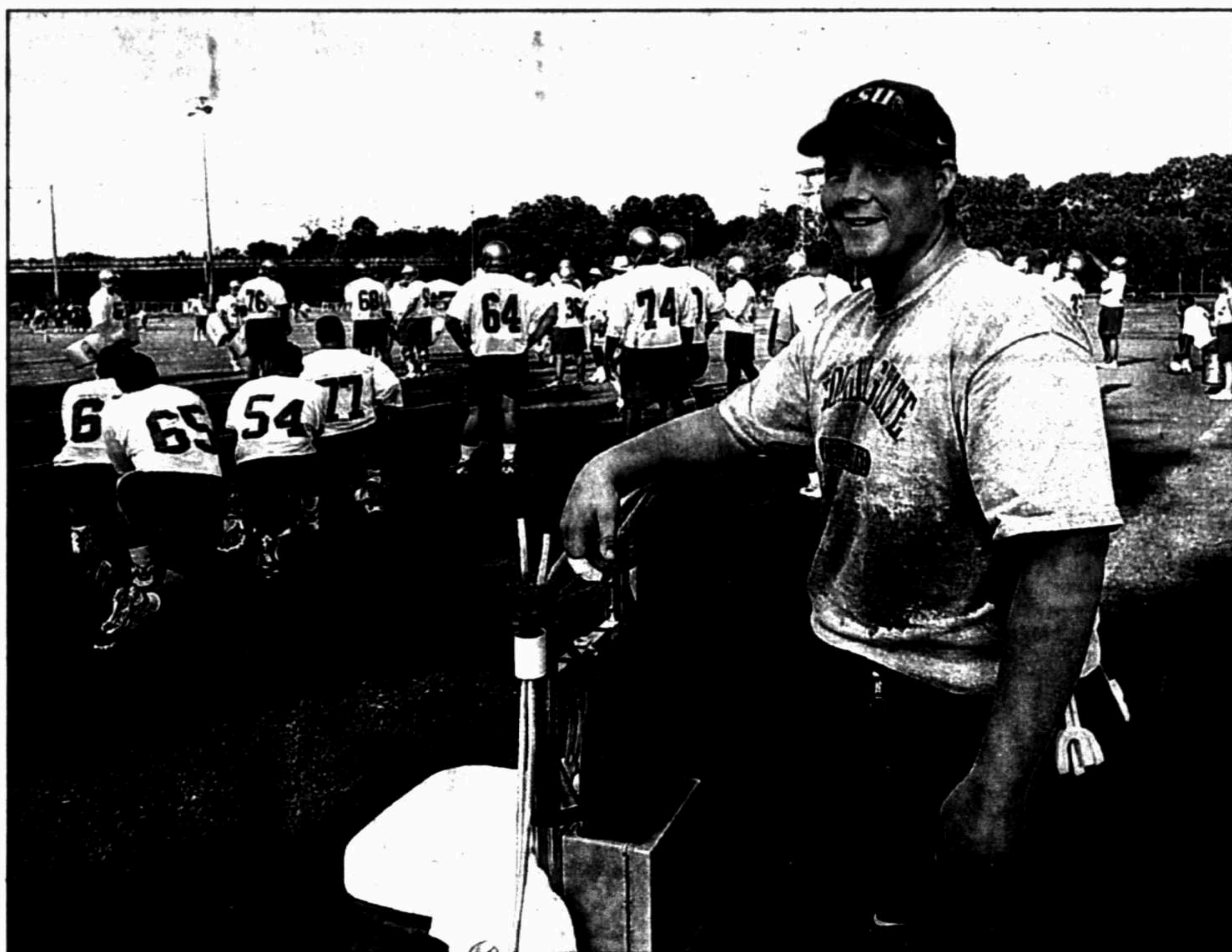
The gene the researchers cloned is part of a signaling pathway between cells that, when it's turned on, causes the production of IgE. The mutant gene leads to overactivity in the signaling pathway, and consequently to too much IgE production. The researchers said the mutant gene, known as the R576 allele of interleukin-4 receptor alpha, is inherited in the same way that many common traits are. They added that it may contribute to a variety of allergic diseases — in combination with other genes.

#### Holiday headaches

How is a headache like a gift? Most Americans expect to get one this holiday season. Eight in 10 say they get headaches regularly, and the holidays can make matters worse. In fact, 16 percent say they expect to have more headaches during the holidays, while 74 percent figure that they will experience the same amount, according to a national telephone survey of 1,012 adults published in the December issue of *Prevention* magazine. Leading causes are: Getting everything done, sticking to a budget, buying gifts, dealing with kids, family get-togethers, holiday travel, overeating, Christmas muzak.

Most, 79 percent, go to the medicine cabinet for relief, and they may be risking even more pain because more than 67 percent don't know that their medication — not Xmas muzak — could make their headaches worse.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram News Services and "Med Notes" by Richard Seltzer



Florida State University student trainer Daniel Huffman, shown in Tallahassee, Fla., in a 1997 file photo, gave up his dream of playing college football when he donated a kidney to his grandmother. Coach Bobby Bowden met Huffman, heard his story and made sure he got a chance to be a trainer for the team.

## Grandson donates kidney to save grandmother's life

By Jackie Hallifax

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — To Daniel Huffman, the choice was easy. He gave up a kidney and his dream of playing college football so his grandmother could live.

"I love my grandmother to death and I knew this was just what I wanted to do," Huffman said recently. "It was just as much for me as it was for her because I didn't want to lose my grandmother."

His sacrifice landed Huffman, 18, at the home of his favorite college team — the Florida State Seminoles — with a full scholarship as a student trainer. It's also thrust him in the national spotlight — he's appeared on Oprah and in *People* magazine. A TV movie is in the works.

Most important, the grandmother who helped raise him is thriving.

More than a year after the kidney transplant, Shirlee Allison, 62, said she feels fantastic.

And Huffman said he feels blessed at the way things have turned out — even though he sometimes misses playing football.

"Every now and then when I hear the pads popping, there's always this wish to be out there," he said from his home in Rossville, Ill.

Huffman, who stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 240 pounds, said he doesn't know if he was good enough to play college ball. But even if he was, there was no choice between his grandmother's life and the game.

Born in Jacksonville, Fla., Huffman was raised in the small town of Rossville, a couple of hours south of Chicago, by his father and paternal grandparents. He has lived with his grandparents for the last six years.

As a junior in high school two years ago, Huffman drove his grandmother to dialysis three times a week. Her kidneys were failing because of her diabetes.

An honor student, Huffman did some independent research. He talked to his grandmother's nurses. He talked to a surgeon. Then he talked to his grandmother.

Mrs. Allison's condition was deteriorating and Huffman told her it was ridiculous to wait for a kidney donation from someone else when he was young and healthy.

"I told him 'No! If you do that, you can't ever play football again,'" Mrs. Allison said. "He said 'I know that.'"

Football was all Huffman thought about since he was little, according to his grandmother. In high school, he was co-captain of his team and a star tackle.

"He just lived, breathed and slept football," Mrs. Allison said.

Huffman, who is also interested in literature and writing, was determined he was going to give his grandmother a kidney.

"He just steamrolled right over me," she said. "He was just going to do it and that was all there was to it. Once he gets something in his mind, that's it."

Mrs. Allison felt better the minute she woke up from the surgery in July 1996.

"When Daniel saw me for the first time, I was laughing and joking and everything," Mrs. Allison said. "He said right then, 'Grandma, I know I did right.'"

Six months after the transplant, Huffman and his grandparents traveled to



Daniel Huffman, 18, stands with his grandmother, Shirlee Allison, in Rossville, Ill. Huffman donated a kidney to his grandmother after both of her kidneys failed in 1996 due to her diabetes. The surgery kept Huffman from participating in football during his senior year of high school. It also brought him national attention and a full scholarship to Florida State University as an athletic trainer.

Orlando where he was honored by Disney World and ESPN.

Bobby Bowden, coach of Huffman's favorite team, sat just in front of the Allison and their grandson, waiting to accept an award as coach of the year.

Bowden heard the story of Huffman's kidney donation when the teen-ager was honored.

"It was so exciting, the fact of what he had done," Bowden said. "It captivated the crowd. It put things in perspective."

Huffman was thrilled to actually talk to Bowden later. Bowden was also impressed.

"We get excited about football losses and wins and it's really nothing compared to something like this," Bowden said.

The coach came back to Florida State, where he suggested that the school find a scholarship for Huffman as

a student trainer.

Huffman said when he heard about the scholarship he was dumbfounded.

He's had to do a lot of talking since then. He has had a number of interviews, including one by a German television crew. He also appeared on NBC's "Today" show on Thanksgiving day.

On top of that, Huffman has an agent who has worked out a TV movie deal.

"When all this attention first happened, I was not for it," Mrs. Allison said. "But he said, 'Grandma, think how much good we can do.'"

Once again, he was right.

The family has received letters from people who said they never thought about signing organ donor cards until they learned of what Huffman did.

Huffman said his life has turned out like he never dreamed.

"I wake up every morning — it's kind of like looking at somebody else's life."

### Meningitis is still serious health concern

By Dr. Geoffrey D. Chazen  
Associated Press

Although research scientists are beginning to plumb the mysteries of bacterial meningitis, which involves an inflammation of the membranes that sheathe the brain and spinal cord, the disease remains a serious medical concern.

In the United States, an estimated 3,000 cases will be reported this year, with a fatality rate of 15 percent to 20 percent. Before the onset of antibiotics, however, 50 percent to 85 percent of cases ended in death.

Many species of bacteria can cause meningitis, but three account for most cases — meningococcus, the type responsible for most epidemics — *Hemophilus influenzae* Type B and *Streptococcus pneumoniae* (pneumococcus).

*Hemophilus influenzae* meningitis, at one time, occurred most often among children in the first 5 to 6 years of life. But a vaccine introduced in 1990 has reduced the incidence of this disease in children under 5 by 87 percent, contributing to a 55 percent drop in overall cases. Although the cases in toddlers have been reduced by vaccinating children, adult cases remain an important problem.

Outside the U.S., meningococcal meningitis is a far more common disease, particularly in poor nations lacking adequate health facilities and where crowding is endemic.

Prognosis for the meningococcal strain of meningitis is good and complications are rare if the disease is diagnosed early and the infecting organism responds to antibiotic treatment. The prognosis generally is poorer, however, for elderly people and infants.

Major signs of meningococcal disease are fever, headache, chills, malaise, and stiff neck. Other symptoms might include irregular heartbeat, irritability, extreme sensitivity to light, double vision, delirium, deep stupor and coma. In adults, the disease may be accompanied by a rash. In an infant, an unexplained fever, frequent vomiting, irritability, and convulsions may be signs of infection and immediate medical evaluation should be sought.

For both children and adults who show symptoms of meningitis, immediate hospitalization and medical evaluation is imperative. The only certain way to establish the diagnosis of bacterial meningitis is for a physician to perform a spinal tap which shows typical cerebrospinal fluid findings. A culture of the spinal fluid and sensitivity tests will usually identify the infecting organism. The patient will be given antibiotic therapy intravenously for two weeks, and other medications as needed.

The *Hemophilus influenzae* Type B vaccine is now routinely given to American children as a prevention during their first year, but outbreaks still occur. A vaccine for *Streptococcus pneumoniae* is given only to patients considered at high risk.

Typically, health departments try to determine who may have been exposed to someone with meningococcal disease, especially the patient's family and friends. Close contacts usually will be given an oral antibiotic to reduce the risk of transmission.

In some cases, authorities have administered antibiotics to entire classes, schools and day-care centers to prevent outbreaks.

Dr. Geoffrey D. Chazen is a Clinical Professor of Medicine at New York University School of Medicine.

### Study shows risk of smoking for diabetics

Hearst News Service

SAN ANTONIO — A study of adult diabetics in Italy found that smokers had double the risk of premature death than nonsmoking diabetics. Researchers at Mario Negri Institute of Pharmacological Research in Bergamo, Italy, examined medical and death records of 3,385 patients with adult-onset (Type 2) diabetes during an 18-month period ending June 31. The annual death rate among smokers was 1.3 percent, compared to 0.6 percent for the nonsmokers.

"It was an enormous difference," said Dr. Giuseppe Remuzzi, one of the researchers. The results were presented at American Society of Nephrology's 30th annual meeting in San Antonio.

Smoking was the strongest predictor of both overall death, as well as death from cardiovascular disease. The study found 53.5 percent of those who died were smokers who had smoked an average of 17.5 years. Smoking was defined as one or more cigarettes or cigars a day.

In another study, researchers at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine found that access by blacks to heart disease treatment improved dramatically after they developed end-stage kidney disease. Before developing kidney disease, black patients were three times less likely to receive coronary care, including cardiac catheterization, balloon angioplasty or coronary bypass surgery, than whites with kidney disease.

That gap improved to 1.4 times less likely after they developed end-stage kidney disease, which is covered by Medicare regardless of age.

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## SPORTS BRIEFING

### TV Sports

**NBA** — Dallas Mavericks at New York Knicks, 6:30 p.m., FSS.  
**FIGURE SKATING** — Holiday Festival on Ice, at Salt Lake City, 7:05 p.m., TBS.  
**NFL** — New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins, 8 p.m., ABC.  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL** — Pete Newell Classic, San Francisco vs. Indiana, at Berkeley, Calif., 9 p.m., FSS.

### Texas Scores

**NFL** — New York Giants 20, Dallas Cowboys 7.  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL** — Men, Texas A&M 105, Maryland Eastern Shore 60.  
Centenary 58, Rice 52.  
UTEP 60, Alcorn St. 55.

### LSU accident

**MANSFIELD, La.** — Two LSU football players were injured in a car crash early Sunday when the driver fell asleep and the car veered off the highway and hit a tree, state police said.

Melvin Hill, a senior fullback, received severe lacerations to his face and upper body. Samuel Scott, a walk-on, broke a leg.  
"Without a doubt, the only reason they're both alive is because they were wearing their seat belts," said Lt. Mike Edmonson, adding there was no evidence alcohol was involved.

The accident happened just after 5 a.m. in Mansfield, home to both Hill and Scott. The players were treated at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.

Hill, who was driving, told troopers he fell asleep at the wheel. He was cited for careless operation.

"He lost control of the vehicle in a curve," Edmonson said. "There was no indication of braking. It just went right out of the curve and hit a tree dead-on."

LSU plays Notre Dame in the Independence Bowl on Saturday. The team reports to Shreveport on Tuesday, and it is not known whether Hill will be able to play.

### Jockey found dead

**HARRISBURG** — A horse racing jockey was found stabbed to death early Sunday, just hours after he won a race at Penn National Race Course, race officials said.

Juan Vives, 32, was found dead in the woods near his house, said Fred Lipkin, director of publicity at the racetrack.

Police believe Vives returned home from the Grantville, Pa., raceway Saturday night to find burglars breaking into his car then chased them into the woods, Lipkin said. Search helicopters found the body.

State police in Harrisburg have not commented. No suspects have been identified.

Vives, a native of Savannah, Cuba, has raced thoroughbreds under trainer Stephen Mick the past four years and raced at Penn National since 1990. He won on the first race Saturday night.

Vives, whose brother Lazaro also is a jockey, had been ranked among the top 10 jockeys at the racetrack since his arrival, Lipkin said.

"For several years he's won more than 100 races every year. That's a credit in itself," Lipkin said.

### 'Husker suspended

**LINCOLN, Neb.** — Nebraska reserve defensive tackle Brandon Drum has been suspended from the team following a racially charged fight at a local bar.

Drum was ticketed early Friday for third-degree misdemeanor assault after the white athlete reportedly head-butted a black patron of Guiltars and Cadillac bar. He also allegedly uttered racial slurs during what witnesses said was an unprovoked attack.

Drum, 21, is set to appear in Lancaster County Court on Jan. 15. NU Athletic Director Bill Byrne said he was prohibited by law from commenting on the length or reasons for Drum's suspension.

But he said that Drum, a red-shirt sophomore from Columbus, apparently violated team rules against consumption of alcohol and inappropriate remarks and actions against another person.



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# Buffaloes loaded for next year

By Lee Passmore  
Sports Writer

**IRVING** — Numbers tell the story of how dominant the Stanton Buffaloes were in winning the state Class 2A football championship. A perfect 16-0 record, an average margin of victory of almost 36 points per game and 60 consecutive quarters without so much as even being tied with their opponents are figures which give the Buffs a place in the history books.

Saturday night Stanton took care of business against Rogers, overcoming its only deficit all season on its way to a 33-7 victory which gave the Buffaloes the state championship on a rainy night at Texas Stadium. It was a once in a lifetime event, to be sure.

Or was it? A look at the Stanton roster reveals another key number which, unlike the team's other impressive statistics, will carry over into next season. The Buffs will return 16 juniors from this year's team to next season's squad, plus one sophomore who saw time late in the season, running back Adrian Hernandez.

Of those returners, four were named All-District 6-2A on both offense and defense. While realignment could place Stanton in a different district next year — a not so secret hope of coach Mark Cotton and his troops — there is little doubt that wherever the Buffs end up they'll again have to be taken seriously by everybody.

"We've got a good nucleus coming back," said Cotton after the game while Stanton coaches and players were preparing to leave Texas Stadium and celebrate their accomplishments. Yet, Cotton sounded a cautionary note.

"Even if everybody came back next season there wouldn't be any guarantees," Cotton added.

It certainly will be hard for the team to be as dominant as it was this season, even if it is able to repeat. Stanton was only in trouble once all season, when it had to stop a late two-point conversion attempt to beat Lockney 21-20 in the state quarterfinals. It took 16 games for an opponent to take a lead on the Buffs, and they almost erased it as soon as it happened against Rogers.

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Stanton's Jody Louder (44) and Kyle Herm (3) sit on the sidelines to talk after one of their wins this season. Both Louder and Herm will be back next year for the Buffaloes.

# Home for the Holidays

■ Cowboys' horror-story-of-a-season comes to a close Sunday with a 20-7 loss to the New York Giants.

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

**IRVING** — The Dallas Cowboys have missed the NFL playoffs for the first time since 1990 and there could be massive changes in the off-season.

The Cowboys' worst year since 1989 came to a merciful conclusion Sunday as the New York Giants recorded the NFC East's first unbeaten season.

Dallas, winner of five consecutive NFC East titles, crashed to 6-10 with the 20-7 loss, placing Barry Switzer's job in jeopardy.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he will decide in late January or February about Switzer's future. Offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese said he expects to be fired.

"I'm not sure I want to come back," a disgusted Switzer said. "I don't want to make emotional decisions. I'm not making that decision with the emotion of today's game influencing me."

There was confusion over whether Jones and Switzer have ever discussed Switzer taking on the role of team consultant.

"I told Jerry after the game he ought to get rid of the whole damn bunch of us," Switzer said. "Jerry will make the decision and we'll talk about that in the future. This is not the time or place to talk about it."



Dallas Cowboys' head coach Barry Switzer walks off the field after losing 20-7 to the New York Giants in Irving Sunday. It remains to be seen if Switzer will return to coach the Cowboys next year.



New York Giants running back Tiki Barber (21) stretches to pass Dallas Cowboys defender Tony Tolbert during the first quarter in Irving's Texas Stadium on Sunday. The Giants won 20-7 to hand the Cowboys their worst record since 1990 at 6-10.

Asked about a consultant's role, Switzer said, "Jerry and I discussed that. When? I didn't mark the calendar."

Jones said it didn't happen.

"Barry and I have never had a conversation about him not being the coach of this team," Jones said.

Switzer, 45-26 in his four NFL seasons, said he told the team this season was his fault.

"I'm personally responsible," Switzer said. "It starts with the head coach on down. It was an ugly performance."

Quarterback Troy Aikman said changes must be made.

"We're better than 6-10," Aikman said.

"This didn't happen overnight. This has been happening over a couple of years and it all caught up to us. Some things need to be addressed."

Like a coaching change?

"I have no idea what's going to happen and it's not for me to decide," Aikman said. "Jerry will make decisions on the best interest of this organization."

Defensive back Bill Bates, who might not be back next year, said, "I've been through the rough times and the good times. Finishing the year like this makes you enjoy the good times."

Added wide receiver Anthony Miller: "It's difficult to win when the passing game doesn't work and then the running game doesn't work. I definitely want to be back next year. Especially since we've had such a bad season."

Herschel Walker said he wanted to come back.

"I don't want to run like a rat off a sinking ship," Walker said. "We had so much talent and we did so little."

The Giants, completing a worst-to-

first transition under rookie coach Jim Fassel, go into the playoffs with a 10-5-1 record and will be at home Saturday for a wild-card game.

"When we started the season we had high hopes, but there weren't a lot of other people who did, and rightly so," Fassel said. "But to come in here and play a game that was supposed to be meaningless and keep fighting showed a lot of character. To go undefeated in the division, we couldn't ask for anything more."

New York was 7-0-1 in the NFC East, the only blemish a 7-7 tie with the Washington Redskins. Dallas missed the playoffs for the first time since 1990.

Dallas, which clinched a top 10 draft pick, gave an inept offensive display once again, while the Giants methodically picked the defense apart.

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## NFL ROUNDUP

### Lions, Vikings, Dolphins, Pats make playoffs

Associated Press

The Detroit Lions and Minnesota Vikings made the playoffs Sunday and the Lions, thanks greatly to Barry Sanders, put in Miami and New England. Sanders ran for 164 yards in the second half to get his 2,000 yards for the season, the third player to do it.

And the Washington Redskins and New York Jets were left on the outside looking in, in part because of two questionable play calls by Jets coaches that led to interceptions, plus a questionable call by the officials on the second.

After Minnesota beat Indianapolis 39-28 to clinch one NFC wild-card spot, the Lions beat the Jets 13-10 to get the second, knocking out both the Redskins and the Jets. That means four of the NFC's six playoff teams are from the Central, the first time four have qualified from one division.

That set up these matchups for next weekend's wild-card round:

—On Saturday, Minnesota (9-7) is at the New York Giants (10-5-1) and Jacksonville (11-5) is at Denver (12-4) in a replay of last year's huge playoff upset by the Jaguars.

—On Sunday, it will be the loser of Monday night's New England-Miami game at the winner, followed by Detroit (9-7) at Tampa Bay (10-6).



San Diego Chargers running back Gary Brown is dragged down from behind by Denver Broncos defensive tackles Mike Lodish and Trevor Pryce (93).

But this week was dramatic enough, headed by the Lions-Jets game at the Silverdome.

The Lions knew Washington had beaten Philadelphia 35-32 and they needed to

win to make the playoffs; the Jets already knew they needed a victory to make it. There was also the subplot of

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### Knicks' Patrick Ewing to miss rest of season

By Chris Sheridan  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK** — Patrick Ewing will miss the rest of the season following wrist surgery early Sunday, a colossal blow to the New York Knicks in their bid to ascend to the top of the NBA.

Ewing, the foundation of the Knicks and in his 13th season with the team, fell on his shooting wrist during Saturday night's game at Milwaukee and was sprawled on the court in agony.

He had surgery shortly after 4 a.m. EST Sunday after being taken to a Manhattan hospital following the Knicks' arrival from Milwaukee.

"It's a football or motor vehicle type of injury. He fell with tremendous force onto his wrist," Knicks team physician Norman Scott said Sunday during a conference call.

The star center dislocated one of eight bones in his wrist and tore several ligaments. His right wrist will be in a cast for two months before he begins rehabilitation.

There is no chance of Ewing returning for the playoffs, Scott and general manager Ernie Grunfeld said. Nor are there assurances he will be fully healed by next



Ewing

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**By Jaime Aron**  
AP Sports Writer

Now, following a 10-6 season that ended with a playoff loss to

"I'll sit down with Jerry and we'll talk about it," said Switzer, 61. "We'll let you know what we decide. But I'm not making that

"I'm not looking through rose-colored glasses at the challenges to be done. We've got a lot of work ahead."

**By Darrin Scheid**  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Galbraith said. "We have talent. Whether our problems were induced by coaches or induced by the players, I don't know. I do know that I'm glad I'm not the one who has to make those decisions."

Shante Carver would not say if he would return after one of his best seasons. Carver finished the season with a team-leading six sacks, and he had three tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

He also understands who makes those decisions.

"Finishing the year like this makes you enjoy the good times even better and appreciate them more," Bates said. "If they want me back, there's no question about it because I love playing football. It's still fun. But it's not up to me."

(From 1C)

Stanton will carry the label of a champion for at least the next year. It won't need to be mentioned in every preseason publication

The two teams could have met in the quarterfinals of the playoffs, but Iraan lost in the area round. The Braves played Stanton closer than anybody did in the regular season and looked like the Buffs' stiffest competition until Lock-

The Buffaloes will also lose three seniors in the offensive line in tackles Kason Anderson and James Taylor and center Josh Carson, all of whom were all-district selections. But perhaps the Stanton program has reached the point where it doesn't have to rebuild, just reload. Either way, everybody knows about the Buffs.

"We'll be a marked target, no doubt about it," Cotton said. "But I'll be glad to be that target."

(From 1C)

"This is a huge relief," said Cunningham, who will be the fifth quarterback to start a playoff game under Green. "We were able to go out and do what we needed to do to get into the playoffs."

NFC East, became the first team to go unbeaten in the division by beating Dallas 20-7. That guaranteed the Cowboys' first 10-loss season since 1989.

**Bengals 16, Ravens 14**

But the win was made superfluous by Detroit's victory.

### Seahawks 38, 49ers 9

Dallas, three-time Super Bowl winner in this decade, is 16-16 in the regular season since beating Pittsburgh in Dallas, this mean .500. Double digit wins, a Dallas sweep, undefeated, it all means a lot."

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| First downs        | 17      | 11      |
| Rushes-yard        | 44-147  | 21-79   |
| Passing            | 136     | 105     |
| Punt Returns       | 2-23    | 5-75    |
| Kickoff Returns    | 0-0     | 3-70    |
| Interceptions Ret. | 1-0     | 0-0     |
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## EASTERN CONFERENCE

## Atlantic Division

| W            | L  | Pct | GB      |
|--------------|----|-----|---------|
| Orlando      | 16 | 8   | 115 1/2 |
| New York     | 15 | 11  | 57 1/2  |
| New Jersey   | 13 | 13  | 54 1/2  |
| Boston       | 12 | 14  | 50 1/2  |
| Washington   | 13 | 14  | 48 1/2  |
| Philadelphia | 6  | 18  | 25 1/2  |

## Central Division

| W         | L  | Pct | GB     |
|-----------|----|-----|--------|
| Atlanta   | 17 | 8   | 73 1/2 |
| Indiana   | 17 | 8   | 68 1/2 |
| Chicago   | 16 | 9   | 64 1/2 |
| Cleveland | 16 | 9   | 64 1/2 |
| Charlotte | 15 | 9   | 62 1/2 |
| Milwaukee | 12 | 13  | 48 1/2 |
| Detroit   | 12 | 13  | 48 1/2 |
| Toronto   | 3  | 23  | 15 1/2 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

## Midwest Division

| W           | L  | Pct | GB     |
|-------------|----|-----|--------|
| Houston     | 14 | 8   | 63 1/2 |
| San Antonio | 15 | 10  | 60 1/2 |
| Utah        | 15 | 10  | 60 1/2 |
| Minnesota   | 11 | 13  | 45 1/2 |
| Vancouver   | 10 | 17  | 30 1/2 |
| Dallas      | 12 | 12  | 30 1/2 |
| Seattle     | 2  | 22  | 8 1/2  |

## Pacific Division

| W             | L  | Pct | GB     |
|---------------|----|-----|--------|
| L.A. Lakers   | 20 | 6   | 76 1/2 |
| Phoenix       | 15 | 8   | 62 1/2 |
| Portland      | 14 | 10  | 58 1/2 |
| Sacramento    | 9  | 17  | 34 1/2 |
| Golden State  | 5  | 18  | 27 1/2 |
| L.A. Clippers | 5  | 22  | 16 1/2 |

## Sunday's Games

| W         | L   | Pct | GB  |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|
| Cleveland | 106 | 106 | 106 |
| Boston    | 99  | 99  | 99  |
| Vancouver | 88  | 88  | 88  |

## Monday's Games

**Monday's Games**  
Dallas at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

## Cavaliers 106, Jazz 101

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## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| W            | L  | Pct | GB     |
|--------------|----|-----|--------|
| New England  | 12 | 13  | 48 1/2 |
| Atlanta      | 11 | 13  | 45 1/2 |
| Philadelphia | 11 | 13  | 45 1/2 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

| W          | L  | Pct | GB     |
|------------|----|-----|--------|
| Portland   | 13 | 10  | 55 1/2 |
| Long Beach | 13 | 10  | 55 1/2 |
| San Jose   | 13 | 10  | 55 1/2 |
| Colorado   | 11 | 14  | 40 1/2 |
| Seattle    | 8  | 19  | 24 1/2 |

## Sunday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 70 | 70  | 70 |
| Portland   | 65 | 65  | 65 |
| Long Beach | 60 | 60  | 60 |

## Monday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 65 | 65  | 65 |
| Portland   | 60 | 60  | 60 |
| Long Beach | 55 | 55  | 55 |

## Tuesday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 60 | 60  | 60 |
| Portland   | 55 | 55  | 55 |
| Long Beach | 50 | 50  | 50 |

## Wednesday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 55 | 55  | 55 |
| Portland   | 50 | 50  | 50 |
| Long Beach | 45 | 45  | 45 |

## Thursday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 50 | 50  | 50 |
| Portland   | 45 | 45  | 45 |
| Long Beach | 40 | 40  | 40 |

## Friday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 45 | 45  | 45 |
| Portland   | 40 | 40  | 40 |
| Long Beach | 35 | 35  | 35 |

## Saturday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 40 | 40  | 40 |
| Portland   | 35 | 35  | 35 |
| Long Beach | 30 | 30  | 30 |

## Sunday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 35 | 35  | 35 |
| Portland   | 30 | 30  | 30 |
| Long Beach | 25 | 25  | 25 |

## Monday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 30 | 30  | 30 |
| Portland   | 25 | 25  | 25 |
| Long Beach | 20 | 20  | 20 |

## Tuesday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 25 | 25  | 25 |
| Portland   | 20 | 20  | 20 |
| Long Beach | 15 | 15  | 15 |

## Wednesday's Games

| W          | L  | Pct | GB |
|------------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta    | 20 | 20  | 20 |
| Portland   | 15 | 15  | 15 |
| Long Beach | 10 | 10  | 10 |

## Thursday's Games

| W        | L  | Pct | GB |
|----------|----|-----|----|
| Atlanta  | 15 | 15  | 15 |
| Portland | 10 | 10  | 10 |



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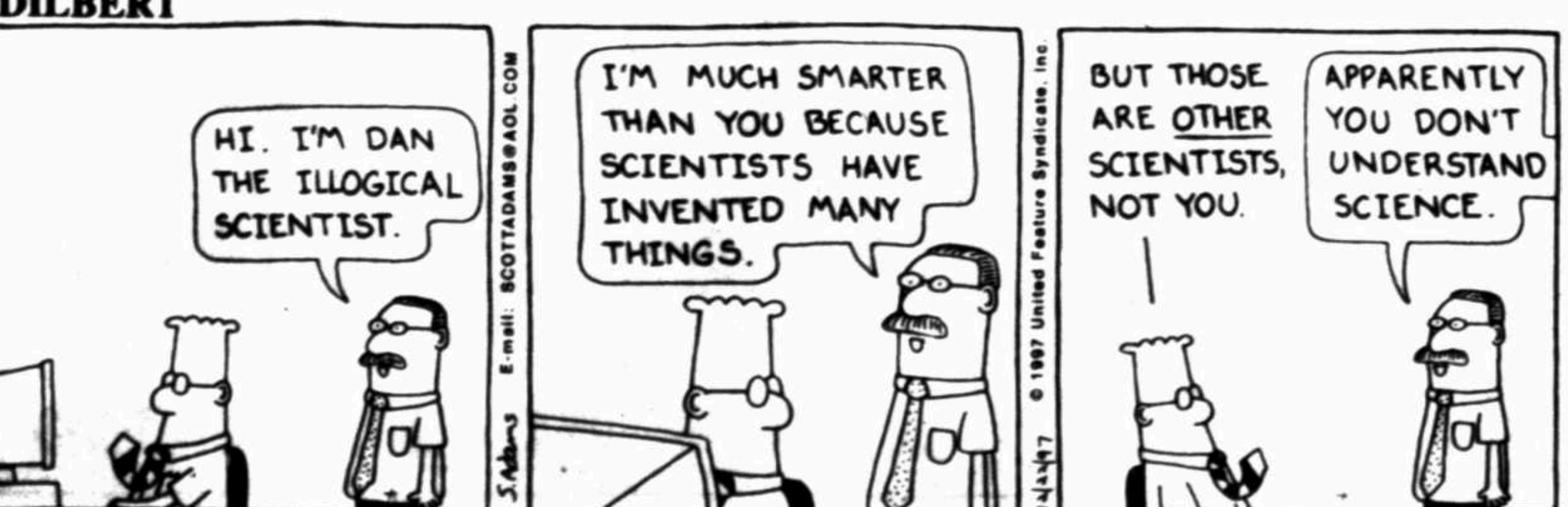
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Defert to another, and let them call the shots. In the long run, be more direct about what you want. Friends chip in and help you. You get what you want because of your ability to verbalize. Pressure is intense; there is a lot going on. You could be inordinately tired. Tonight: Early to bed.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* The ability to pace yourself is critical and important to your success. Bosses and those in charge make requests that simply cannot be refused. The issue is that you have limited energy presently; honor that in your scheduling. Tonight: Early to bed is your only option!  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Let your imagination come out in your dealings today. This is part of your charm, and others are most responsive. Your mind-set turns to those at a distance. Think before leaping, and you will be happier with the net results. A friend is contrary. Tonight: Make magic.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Sometimes, even you might grumble about the holidays. You have pushed hard to get errands done, even though another makes more requests. You might be overwhelmed by a family member, and what they want. Ask an associate to assist. Tonight: Clear up last-minute details.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You have the ability to bypass problems and make what you want happen. Others come to you for leadership and direction. Let your loving ways come out with a relative at a distance or a change in plans. Partners are happy and full of dynamic energy. Tonight: Hip, hip hooray — the party begins now!  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your more possessive side emerges. Learn through your ability to access information. A partner or a money source seems to dry up at the last minute. Trust your ability to make up the difference. You have tremendous resources and ingenuity. Tonight: Finish up purchases.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You're A-OK, though it is quite apparent that a grumpy person is on a tear. Maintain humor, be a tease and ever-playful. A flirtation is building and love seems to be in the air. Take time with a loved one and express your caring in a meaningful manner. Tonight: Your twinkle draws others.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Take a back seat right now. You are normally an endless source of energy, but even you get tired. Listen to your instincts with a co-worker, and what needs to be completed this week. Take stock, though right now your focus is well placed at home. Tonight: Be a couch potato.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You are already in the mood to bring others together for the festivities. Hopefully, work is under control, and you can let go. A discussion with a child or loved one is needed. Your animated style warms the cockles of another's heart. Be open to feedback. Tonight: Go for what you want.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You are in the limelight, others recognize your leadership characteristics and bend to your will. You might need to put out last-minute extraordinary effort with work or getting the holiday celebrations pulled together. You are tired and need time for you. Tonight: Be a star.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your mind is on those at a distance. Your nature is to reach out for several different people at once. Another might be tough on you, testing and questioning. Don't stand on ceremony about calls, gifts, etc. Remember, there could easily be an error. Tonight: Go caroling.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might have a last-minute trauma about what you haven't done or what you couldn't. Let go of it, lie low and flow. At times, you can be too demanding on yourself. Share some of your feelings with a trusted friend or advisor; you need feedback. Tonight: Last-minute chores with a favorite person!

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Q. 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
 ♠K8 ♥AK108762 ♦9 ♣K93

The bidding has proceeded:  
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
 1♣ 3♠ ?  
 What do you bid now?  
 A - East's preempt has robbed you of the room to investigate the possibilities. North probably has some hearts on this auction, so take a calculated gamble by jumping to four no trump, ace-asking. Play in six hearts as long as North shows at least two.

Q. 2 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
 ♠7 ♥A ♣KQJ943 ♠AQ1076

The bidding has proceeded:  
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
 1♣ 2♠ 2♣ Pass  
 3♣ Pass 3♠ Pass  
 ?  
 What do you bid now?  
 A - Since North's bidding shows a strong hand with a self-sufficient spade suit, a grand slam beckons. Despite the temptation to launch into Blackwood, just complete the description of your hand by bidding four clubs now, thereby painting a picture of a holding with at least 10 cards in the minor suits.

Q. 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
 ♠A ♥9854 ♦Q96 ♠AK1098

The bidding has proceeded:  
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
 1♣ Pass 2♠ Pass  
 3♠ Pass 7  
 What do you bid now?  
 A - There is no really good bid available. Bear in mind, however, that you have responded at the two-level and partner has shown a strong hand with at least a good six-card suit. Since your singleton ace is adequate support, we would simply raise to four spades and let partner do the driving.  
 Q. 4 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠J764 ♥5 ♦AQ9763 ♣K6

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ  
 The bidding has proceeded:  
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
 2♣ Pass 1♠ 1♥  
 2♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
 ?  
 What action do you take?  
 A - Suddenly your hand has become a rich source of tricks. If partner should happen to have a heart stopper, three no trump should be a viable game. The way to find out is to cue-bid three hearts. With a heart stopper, you would have bid the no-trump game yourself, so the cue-bid obviously asks partner for that control.

Q. 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
 ♠54 ♥63 ♦K7 ♣KQ98764

The bidding has proceeded:  
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH  
 1♠ Dbl 3♠ ?  
 What action do you take?

A - If you are among those who believe that, because you have seven clubs, West must have opened with a three-card fragment, you could be heading for 1100 territory. This hand is not fitting well. Get out while the getting is good. Pass.

Q. 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:  
 ♠J1087 ♥KJ ♦AQ986 ♣98

The bidding has proceeded:  
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST  
 1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass  
 4♠ Pass 4♦ Pass  
 4♥ Pass ?  
 What do you bid now?  
 A - Partner initiated a cue-bidding sequence, and you have no reason to be ashamed of your holding. Continue to show your controls. Bid five hearts. That promises second-round heart control while denying a second-round control in either clubs or diamonds.

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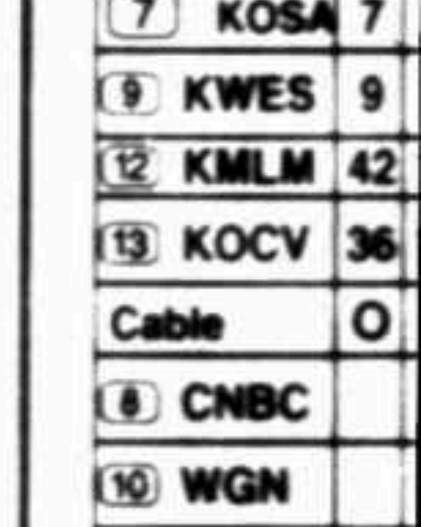
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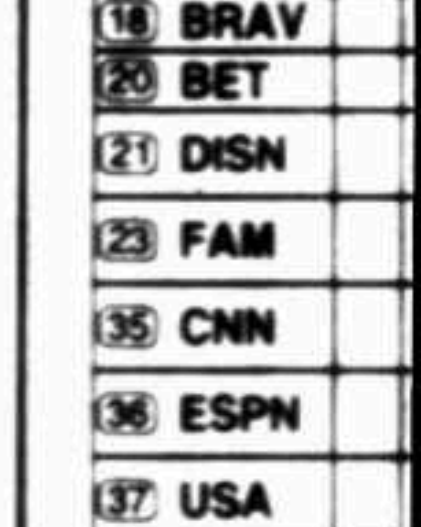
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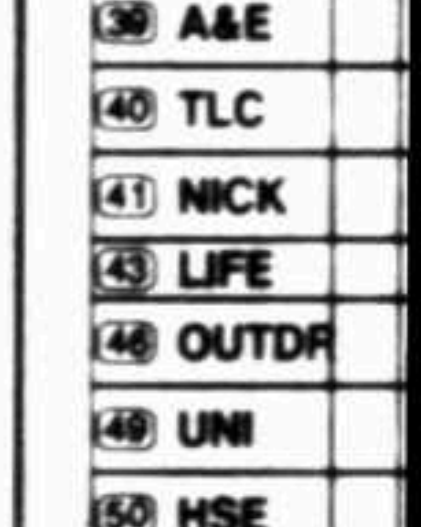
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# Olympic competitors skate dry EWING: New York suffers huge blow

By Colleen Barry  
Associated Press Writer

MUNICH, Germany — The next time the world figure skating champions compete, the stakes will be gold.

An Olympic dry run for figure skating's elite, the Champions Series Final over the weekend provided at least a status report, if not a preview, of the real thing.

Tara Lipinski's edge is back. Elvis Stojko is most vulnerable when his quad fails. Pairs Mandy Woetzel and Ingo Steuer can't seem to avoid injuries. And ice dancers Oksana Grishuk and Evgeny Platov don't reserve their audacity for the arena.

Each of these world champions faced only the best of the batch during two days of competition — a distilled version of the games. But medal contenders in each event sat out with injuries that should be long mended by the time the games are held.

Nagano will be another patch of ice.

Figure skating's youngest women's world champion, Lipinski skated two perfectly executed programs: A sparkling short that showcases her graceful spirals and spins inspired by the animated story of an orphan who's really the daughter of royalty, and a difficult long program packed with seven clean triples.

Lipinski's victory — her first this season — can be measured by her marks: 5.8s and 5.9s for both technical and artistic presentation in the long.

She beat two flawless and elegant performances by Germany's Tanja Szewczenko — who hit seven clean triples in a stunning comeback from a career-threatening virus — and Russia's Elena Butyrskaya. But Lipinski will have to hold her edge against American Michelle Kwan — out with a stress fracture — at the Olympics.

Confused by low technical marks earlier this season blamed on a tendency to switch edges on the jump, Lipinski apparently has corrected the problem to the judge's satisfaction, though her boot still wobbled on takeoff this weekend.



Canada's Elvis Stojko is airborne while performing his free program at the Champions Series figure skating finals in Munich, Germany. He came in second after finishing once.

"I knew I had to do everything," Lipinski said. "Actually doing it gives me a lot of confidence."

The quad may not yet make the men's Olympian champion. But without it, athletic skaters like Stojko may be at a disadvantage.

During Saturday's free skate, Stojko fell on his quad, and finished second to Russia's Ilya Kulik, who landed two hands down on the quad himself, but didn't get ruffled as he often had. With a balletic program, Kulik hit eight clean triples — matching Stojko's performance but earning higher artistic marks: five 5.9s.

Stojko, who has packed his Olympic programs with quick step-work to shake the perception his programs lack expression, said he'd use the results to improve for Nagano.

"It's just another stepping stone on the way to the Olympics," Stojko said.

The only competitor to land the quad cleanly was Russian Alexei Yagudin, who entered the long program in last place. American Todd Eldredge, quad shy, finished third without it, hitting seven triples in his best long program

this season.

Pairs world champions Woetzel-Steuer can't seem to shake a run of bad luck with injuries.

Skating their world championship-winning programs for a second season, sheer repetition has so far compensated for lost practice time after Steuer's knee surgeries during the summer.

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season. Ewing will remain in Beth Israel Hospital for at least two days, and now the Knicks must attempt to regroup without their most durable and indispensable player.

"He's determined to come back. That's the best word I can use — determined," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "I've seen it happen before to other teams — it happened last year to the Spurs and David Robinson — and it's devastating."

Ewing, attempting to dunk an alley-oop pass from Charlie Ward with 24.9 left in the second quarter, was fouled by Andrew Lang and broke his fall with his arms before landing on his tailbone. Grimacing and writing in pain, he was stretched on the court for several minutes.

Ewing went to the foul line after regaining his composure, but all he could do was cradle the ball and shoot it with his left hand. He missed both attempts.

The Knicks went on to lose 98-78, dropping their record to 15-11 and leaving them in eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Grunfeld said he doubted the Knicks could acquire anyone to

take the place of Ewing, an 11-time All-Star who signed a \$68 million, four-year contract extension last summer.

"We'll have to look around, but we have a lot of competent players on our roster. There's no one of Patrick's caliber, but I have confidence," Grunfeld said. "We have a lot of depth and we expect to be a competitive club despite this. It's not going to be up to one player. We have several guys who can play center and everyone's going to have to take up some of the slack."

Van Gundy said the team would take things game by game, using either Chris Dudley or Buck Williams at center depending on the opponent, and pointed out that eight of New York's next 10 games are at home.

"After those 10 games, we'll evaluate where we'll go from there," Van Gundy said. "I'm not trying to hide what we'll do because I really don't know yet."

Van Gundy followed Ewing to the hospital in the middle of the night and stayed there while Drs. Susan Craig Scott and Charles Melone performed the two-hour operation.

Dr. Susan Craig Scott, Norman Scott's wife, said the dislocated bone — the lunate bone — was put

back in place and the torn ligaments were stitched. Norman Scott said there was no guarantee Ewing would be fully recovered by the start of next season, although "it's all guesswork right now."

He is the seventh prominent player to be injured this season following Penny Hardaway of Orlando (knee), Alonzo Mourning of Miami (knee), Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston (knee), Shaquille O'Neal of the Los Angeles Lakers (abdomen), Scottie Pippen of Chicago (foot) and John Stockton of Utah (knee).

Ewing had missed only 20 games over the last 10 seasons, including four last season because of a strained left groin.

He missed 32 games in 1985-86, his rookie season, because of arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, and the final 17 games of the following season because of a sprained left knee.

The Knicks' leading scorer and rebounder, he entered Saturday night's game averaging 21.1 points and 10.2 rebounds.

"It's killing me," Ewing, wearing a splint, said after he game. "There was so much pain. Pain in my wrist. Pain in my back. I've hurt it before, but never like this."

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CLEVELAND had 24 points and the Cleveland Cavaliers won 106-100.

Kemp played stretch after getting by Karl Malone on a rebound early in the third quarter. Malone's elbow hit Kemp's face, and the forward fell to the court.

No foul was called, but Kemp returned to the court minutes later.

Three rookies scored for Cleveland, scored 23 points, 16 from the free guard Brevin Knight.

## Ric Ute

By Greg Beach

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Jazz want to know what the Utah Jazz want to know.

"This team is not a team," said Jazz coach Jerry Sloan. "It's just a bunch of individuals."

History, the coaching peers of Sloan, says, "The Jazz have been a team since 1967."

Utes were ranked 16th in the week's Associated Press poll.

"We've had a good team," Sloan says. "We've had a good team."

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# Kemp's 24 helps Cavs over Jazz

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Shawn Kemp had 24 points and 11 rebounds as the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Utah Jazz 106-101 Sunday night.

Kemp played well down the stretch after getting knocked down by Karl Malone during a battle for a rebound early in the fourth quarter. Malone's elbow hit Kemp in the face, and the Cleveland forward fell to the court in pain.

No foul was called, and Kemp returned to the game about three minutes later.

Three rookies had strong games for Cleveland. Derek Anderson scored 23 points, including 16-for-16 from the free throw line. Point guard Brevin Knight had 15 points

and seven assists, while Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Malone led Utah with 24 point and 13 rebounds.

**Celtics 99, Clippers 77**  
BOSTON — Antoine Walker scored 23 points, including a key 3-pointer at the end of the third quarter, as the Boston Celtics beat the Los Angeles Clippers.

Walker's 3-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer gave Boston a 66-64 lead and triggered a 32-10 run that broke the game open. The Clippers scored only 13 points in the final quarter.

Walker also grabbed 15 rebounds, but shot only 8-of-25 from the field.

## NBA Roundup

Dana Barros scored 17 points for Boston, which reached .500 (12-12) for the first time since Dec. 22, 1995, when it had the same record.

**Grizzlies 88, Trail Blazers 86**  
VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 9 of his 28 points in the fourth quarter Sunday night as the Vancouver Grizzlies rallied for an 88-86 win over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Abdur-Rahim, who went 2-for-10 from the field in the first half, took the ball inside at every opportunity in the fourth quarter as Portland's big men got into foul trouble.

He finished 9-of-20 from the floor and added 14 rebounds.

Trailing 68-62 after three quarters, the Grizzlies came back to end a three-game losing streak.

Isaiah Rider had 19 points and Arvydas Sabonis 18 points for Portland, which made just 6-of-22 shots from the field in the final period.

Rookie guard Antonio Daniels had 14 points and eight assists for Vancouver and Blue Edwards came off the bench to add 15 points.

Rasheed Wallace had 14 points and Brian Grant 12 with nine rebounds before being ejected in the fourth quarter after being given a double-technical foul.

# Rick Majerus leads Runnin' Utes to best start in 30 years

By Greg Beacham  
Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY — If you want to know why the Utah Utes are 10-0, don't ask their coach.

"This team is playing better than it's capable of," Rick Majerus says. "We're just not a very good team yet."

History, the media and his coaching peers disagree with him. Majerus has led Utah to its best start since 1967, and the Runnin' Utes were ranked No. 7 in this past week's Associated Press poll.

"We've had a good start, but we've had a good schedule, too," Majerus sighs. "And the polls, I can't begin to tell you what's wrong with them."

In truth, the Utes owe their start to a fairly weak slate of opponents and the rapid maturation of a young and talented team. Even Majerus is forced to admit that Utah appears ready to contend for its fourth straight Western Athletic Conference title.

"We are playing very well," he says. "We're taking steps toward becoming a good team."

And that's as close as the Utes will get to a compliment from Majerus, who has been his team's harshest critic in each of his nine seasons at Utah. The big man has never been big on empty praise.

But he has never started a season with nine wins, and he has never had such a good chance to enter

WAC play undefeated. Having defeated Oregon State (6-2) in Portland, Ore., on Saturday night, only 1-7 Wisconsin-Milwaukee remains on the pre-conference schedule.

The Utes have gone 24-1 since a loss in New Mexico's Pit on Feb. 1. That game and a 72-59 loss to Kentucky in the regional finals of the NCAA tournament, are Utah's only losses in 1997.

"We've won a lot of games for a long time," says point guard Andre Miller. "We've got tradition."

Still, this was not a team that many expected to begin the season with such a flourish. This was supposed to be the year after, the year Majerus struggled to cope with the departure of Keith Van Horn.

"It's no secret how much Keith meant to this program, both as a player and as a person," Majerus says. "When he left, this team didn't have an identity. I think we're starting to get our identity now."

There are only two seniors and one junior on Majerus's roster, and he worries about the fanfare that an undefeated start is bound to bring.

But the Utes don't play like a young team. Faced with a full week on the road in early December, they responded with wins over Providence in the Great Eight tournament and over Wake

Forest on the Demon Deacons' home court.

"I think we knew this season would be tough without Keith here," center Michael Doleac says. "That's probably one of the reasons we've been more focused early in the year."

The 6-foot-11 Doleac's emergence as the Utes' go-to guy has been a large factor in their success. A senior at just 20 years old, Doleac is showing signs of skill and maturity to match his NBA body.

"We've never had to count on Michael to score," Majerus says. "This year, he's a senior and a leader of this team, and I think you'll see that in his play as the season goes on."

Doleac scored a career-high 30 points in last week's 71-55 victory over Utah State. He is second on the team with 15.0 points per game despite missing two games with a sprained ankle, and he leads the WAC in free-throw percentage (.917).

Perhaps the biggest surprise is Utah's leading scorer, Sophomore Hanno Mottola has rebounded from a freshman campaign filled with equal parts promise and error to post 15.3 points per game after scoring just 6.4 last season.

Mottola has caught opposing teams off-guard with his smooth offensive game. Majerus was worried about the Finnish player's determination, but Mottola's 6.1

rebounds per game have been encouraging.

"Hanno has a real wealth of talent," Majerus says. "I thought he would be an offensive factor this year, and so far that's been the case."

Majerus calls junior Andre Miller "the heart and soul" of the team. A non-qualifier because of academic difficulties in his first year at Utah, Miller had his fourth year of eligibility restored this summer under a new NCAA rule for being on course to graduate.

On the court, Miller has benefited from Majerus's decision to allow him more offensive freedom. He is third on the team in scoring with 14.6 points per game and is shooting 56 percent from the field. He also leads the team in minutes per game and has an assist-to-turnover ratio of nearly 2-to-1.

The Ute mix is rounded out by several of those hard-working, what-they-do-doesn't-show-up-in-the-box-score players that Majerus loves. Rhodes Scholarship candidate Drew Hansen, forward Alex Jensen and guard David Jackson all play roles in the coach's scheme.

"The last thing these guys need is to start thinking we're something we're not," he said after Utah dispatched Arizona Pacific 78-58 on Dec. 12. "In a way, a start like this hurts a young team. Things come too easy."

# A&M Aggies beat up on Maryland school

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Chris Clayton scored 23 points, including seven 3-pointers, as Texas A&M routed Maryland-Eastern Shore 105-60 on Sunday.

The Aggies (6-3) led from start to finish while shooting 59 percent. Texas A&M led 50-33 at halftime and 80-44 with 10:52 remaining.

Maryland-Eastern Shore (2-5) hit only 19 of 85 field-goal attempts (22 percent) and was outrebounded 59-49. The Aggies also stifled the Hawks with 11 blocked shots — five by Calvin Davis — and 11 steals.

Davis also had 16 points for A&M, while Shanne Jones added 15 points and Larry Thompson had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Clayton

was 7-of-11 from 3-point range. Elmer Harrison had 14 points for the Hawks. Crythen Langhorne and Joel Hoover each had 12.

**Centenary 58, Rice 52**  
HOUSTON — Ronnie McCollum scored 17 points, including a 3-pointer that triggered a key 9-0 run in Centenary's 58-52 victory over Rice on Sunday.

Rice (2-9) led 31-23 at the half before McCollum's 3-pointer to start the second half. The Gents' 9-0 run gave them a 32-32 lead with 15:20 to go.

The Owls' Robert Johnson hit a 3-pointer seconds later to give Rice a momentary lead, but Centenary (2-10) responded with a 6-0 run and never trailed again.

Herbert Lang joined McCollum

## Texas Roundup

in double figures for the Gents with 13 points, including 11 in the second half.

Johnson led Rice with 17 points, while Jarvis Kelley Sanni added 15 and Derek Michaelis 12.

**Texas-El Paso 60, Alcorn State 55**

EL PASO, Texas — Sharif Farjardo had 18 points and 14 rebounds Sunday, leading Texas-El Paso in a 60-55 victory over Alcorn State.

UTEP (7-1) trailed by up to 10 points early in the game but used a pressure defense to pull within 28-25 at half time.

The game was tied 32-32 at the

17:49 mark, when Farjardo hit two free throws, a jumper and a layup to put the Miners in command at 38-32. Alcorn (5-5) never led after that.

Farjardo led the UTEP effort in the second half with 12 of his 18 points.

Alcorn State stayed close because of 18 missed UTEP free throws but was hindered by 18 turnovers.

William Smith scored 11 points and B.J. Wade 10 for the Miners. Ronnie Jackson and Reuben Stiff led Alcorn State with 11 points each.

The victory, UTEP's fifth in a row, was the 698th career win for coach Don Haskins.

# Sales scores 46 in UConn victory

Associated Press

No. 3 Connecticut 94, No. 12 Stanford 78

LAKELAND, Fla. — Nykesha Sales rewrote the record book to keep No. 3 Connecticut undefeated and give struggling No. 12 Stanford its fourth loss.

Sales set a Big East Conference record with 46 points to lead the Huskies to a 94-78 victory against Stanford Sunday in the Honda Elite 4 Holiday Classic.

Sales, whose previous high was 28 points, was 18 of 27 from the floor including six of seven from 3-point range. Her scoring effort also set a school record.

"It was our first big test and it was a big win," said Sales, who dazzled the 4,000 fans with an array of shots off drives and long-range jumpers. "For us to step up the way we did, says something about our team."

Rita Williams finished with 14 points and a team-high six assists while Amy Duran had 11 points for the Huskies (10-0).

Heather Owens had 21 points for Stanford (2-4).

Despite Sales' performance, the Cardinal led by as much as 11 points early and was up 44-42 at the half. Stanford led 62-58 when the Huskies went on a 9-2 run that was capped by Amy Duran's 3-pointer at 10:12 left to put Connecticut 67-64.

Stanford closed within 76-70 with 5:05 left but a 16-0 Huskies run put the game out of reach.

The Cardinal committed 30 turnovers and Connecticut made 16 steals.

"You're not going to win any games when you throw the ball away 30 times," Stanford coach Tara Vanderveer. "Their quickness gave us a lot of problems."

## Top 25 Women

"They got deflections, they got steals and they knew they couldn't let us go inside."

**No. 8 Vanderbilt 60, Iowa 54**  
LAKELAND, Fla. — Senior forward Na'Sheema Hillmon scored 17 points Sunday night to lead No. 8 Vanderbilt to a 60-54 win over Iowa in the Honda Elite 4 Holiday Classic.

Nettie Respondek and freshman Ashley Smith each added 11 points for Vanderbilt (7-1).

Tangela Smith had 15 points and Amy Herrig had 13 to lead Iowa (3-6).

Trailing 30-22 at halftime, Iowa closed within seven points four times in the second half, the last at 37-30 on Tangela Smith's jumper with 14:39 left. But Candice Storey's basket at 10:58 gave Vanderbilt a 13-point lead and helped put the game away.

**No. 14 Washington 95, No. 20 N. Carolina St. 88**

SEATTLE — Jamie Redd and Malinda Lynch each hit 3-pointers in the final two minutes to put No. 14 Washington ahead for good in a 95-88 victory over No. 20 North Carolina State in Sunday's championship game of the Husky Classic.

Washington made a school-record 13 3-pointers, including six by Redd, who tied the school record for the second time this season.

Redd scored 27 points for Washington (8-0), while Amber Hall scored 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Summer Erb scored 22 points for North Carolina State (10-1, 1-0 ACC). Chastity Melvin added 20 and Kenyatta Williams 14.

The loss broke North Carolina State's school-record tying streak

of 10 straight wins at the start of season.

**No. 22 SW Missouri St. 68, Florida St. 57**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Freshman guard Jackie Stiles had 24 points and eight rebounds to lead No. 22 Southwest Missouri State to a 68-57 win over Florida State on Sunday.

Southwest Missouri State (8-0) also got 12 points from senior forward Lisa Davies and 10 from junior guard Jamie Bartlett.

Freshman forward Brooke Wyckoff had 17 points and 10 rebounds to lead Florida State (4-7).

**No. 15 Florida 70, No. 25 Alabama 62**

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tamera Stocks scored 17 points to lead No. 15 Florida to a 70-62 win over No. 25 Alabama 70-62 on Sunday.

Tiffany Travis added 11 points for the Gators (6-3, 1-0 SEC).

Dominique Canty had 20 points for the Crimson Tide (6-4, 0-1) and Leah Goss and Tausha Mills each added 13 apiece.

Stocks and Muriel Page sparked a 13-7 run in the last five minutes for the Gators. Stocks scored five points in the spurt and Page, held in check for most of the game, had four of her eight points in the span.

Florida (6-3, 1-0) led just 32-31 at the half as Page — the Gators leading scorer — was held scoreless after getting into foul trouble.

Foul trouble also plagued Stocks, who after scoring 12 points in the first half, had to sit out the first six minutes of the second half.

During that span, Alabama went on a 14-6 run to take a 45-38 lead.

**Utah 73, No. 24 Arkansas 64**  
FORT WORTH — Julie Krommenhoek scored 33 points, including six 3-pointers, and spearhead-

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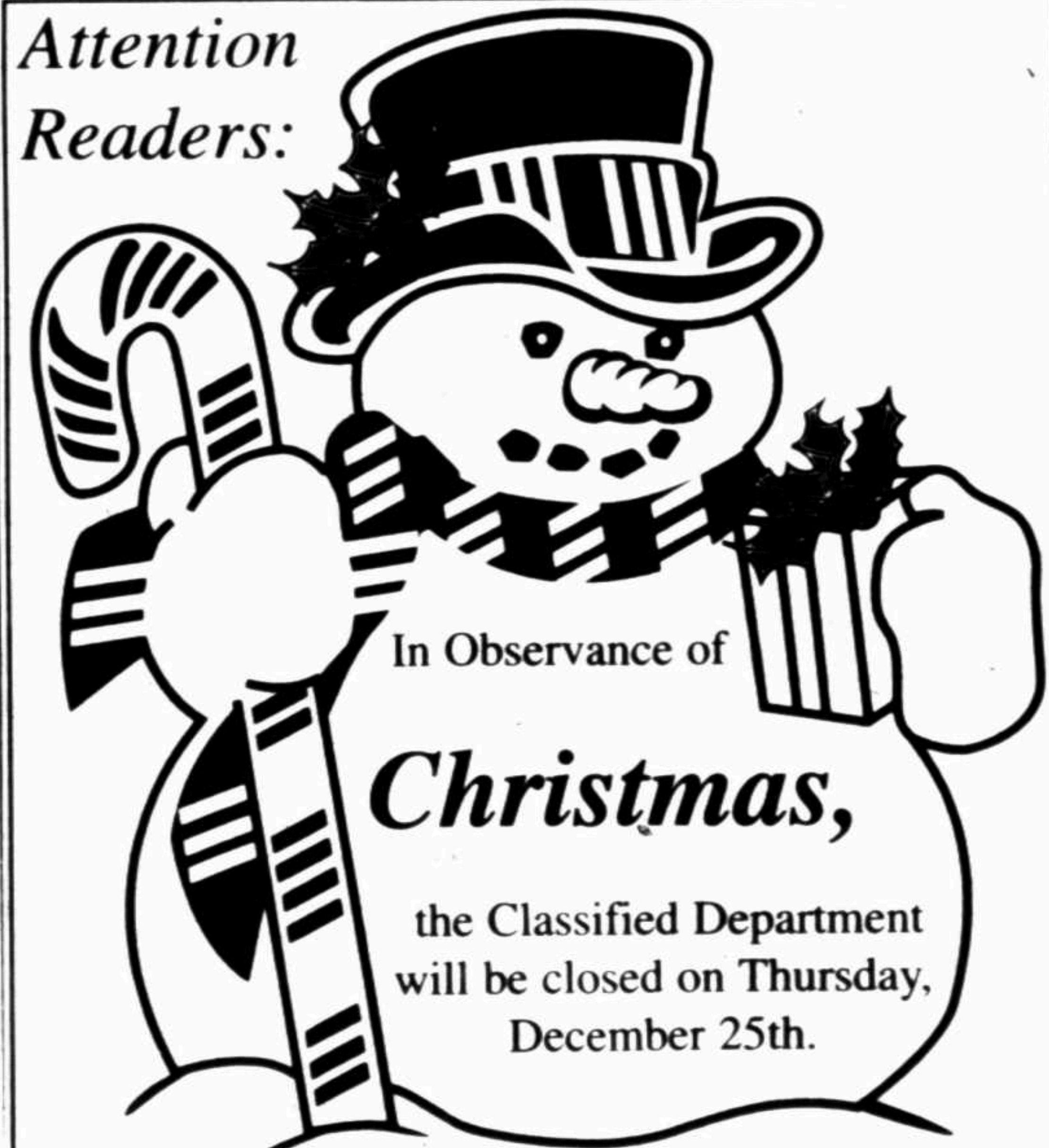
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