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Airport eyes user fee

■ Despite postponement of terminal construction project, city officials may impose passenger facility charge to fund airport improvements.

By Debbie Lincecum
Staff Writer

As its cash reserves shrink, Midland International Airport may need a user fee by late next year — despite the on-hold status of the new terminal project, officials said Wednesday.

"We have done a lot of capital improvement projects in the last several years," said Ken Day, director of airports. "Those are federally assisted, which means we pay a share. We have a lot more that are required of us, some of them required to maintain our (operating) certificate."

Airport revenues must match most Federal Aviation Administration grants by 10 percent or more. But cash reserves available for those matches, mainly tak-

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City won't return loan to general fund

By Debbie Lincecum
Staff Writer

Councilmen have agreed to leave intact a $1.6 million loan originally made to fund start-up costs for the airport terminal project.

The loan was authorized Sept. 10 as a transfer from the general fund to the airport fund and heralded as a bold step toward construction of a new terminal. Since that project was called to a halt recently in the face of opposition and lowered enplanements, officials say they won't use the money, but won't return the loan yet.

According to city legal advisers, returning the loan to the general fund would force cancellation of the engineering contract altogether, something councilmen say they aren't ready to do.

Please see **LOAN**/4A

THURSDAY NEWS WATCH

Woman murdered

CLEVELAND — Authorities on Wednesday charged a man with aggravated murder and kidnapping in the slaying of the wife of a local disc jockey. Amy Perkins, 32, formerly of Midland, was shot in the head, and her body was found wrapped only in a coat, said police Lt. Martin Flask. He said she might have been sexually assaulted./4A

Woman acquitted

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — A Midland woman was been acquitted of heroin trafficking because customs officers breached her civil rights and allowed her to be searched by a male doctor. Shelia Pearl Bryson, 29, of Midland, was arrested June 13 after 57 grams of heroin contained in a condom were discovered during a medical examination at Richmond General Hospital./4A

Rare Bible sold

LONDON — A New York dealer paid $1.94 million for an early German Bible on Wednesday, Christie's auctioneers said. The work, printed about 1460, is known as the 36-line Bible because it has 36 lines to a column in contrast to the earlier and more famous Gutenberg Bible, the first book printed in the West in 1455, which has 42 lines to a column. Only 15 copies of the 36-line Bible are known to exist, in contrast to about 50 copies of the Gutenberg Bible. All, except the one sold Wednesday to dealer H.P. Kraus, are in libraries and museums.

Willie's ads

DALLAS — Singer Willie Nelson will help Delta Air Lines' high-aiming advertising campaign get off the ground today. Nelson lends his voice and down-home notoriety to an ad blitz being billed as one of the largest Atlanta-based Delta has done in Texas. Airline officials hope Nelson's appeal will target Texas air passengers. Nelson has altered his "The Sunny Side of the Street" song to "The Easy Side of the Street,' a play on Delta's Easy Street one-terminal concept at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The first television ad is scheduled to air today during the Cowboys-Steelers football game. Radio and print ads will appear Monday.

Nelson

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A time to show thanks

Area residents are grateful for family, life, friends, ozone

Staff Report

Pick up the telephone some afternoon and start calling people, asking them what they are most thankful for during this holiday season, and you will get a variety of answers.

Many are predictable: family, friends and freedom.

But others go to the unusual. One respondent, for example, was thankful, "that we still have an ozone — or what's left of it."

Another was thankful for the coming

■ **Thanksgiving in the schools**/1BB

of winter.

Still another mentioned he was thankful to have a four-day weekend.

But everyone, it seems, is thankful for something.

"I'm thankful for life, friends, family, the job I have and for the free country I live in," said Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter.

Gary Hundley, pastor of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ, said, "I'm sure I'm thankful for the same thing everyone is thankful for — my family." Hundley said he is also thankful for his "church family" and the fact he is a Midlander.

"Well — I'm thankful for being born and raised in a country where we can come and go as we please," said Midland Police Officer Tony Roye. "But there is so much to be thankful for in this country. We have to remember that we are so blessed compared to the other people in the world."

It was a sentiment expressed by many.

Mayor Carroll Thomas, for example, said he is grateful for all the freedoms associated with living in the United States.

"Especially this year, when we've seen all the problems other countries are having, with civil war in Yugoslavia and the problems in Russia," Thomas said. "I'm thankful for this part of the country, for all it has to offer, to live and raise my family."

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

These two turkeys were among the lucky ones who survived the Thanksgiving season in good health. They are part of a group that lives behind the Richard Stovall residence on Mockingbird Lane.

These turkeys won't be gobbled up today

By Darren J. Waggoner
Staff Writer

A pack of six turkeys, who roam throughout a three-block area of Mockingbird Lane, are roosting comfortably today — secure that they have escaped another Thanksgiving with their necks intact.

Last spring, one rather fertile turkey hatched 13 babies in back of the Richard Stovall residence. The births continued a turkey tradition in the neighborhood that is at least 18 years old. But residents are mystified as to why they established ties on Mockingbird Lane.

"Well, they've been here since we moved here and that was 18 years ago," said Stovall. "We don't know where they came from or why they stay but we don't mind. It sort of brings the country living out here."

Please see **TURKEYS**/4A

Midland callers express thanks for faith, freedom

Cityline Community Pulse

Callers to the Reporter-Telegram's Cityline Community Pulse this week put traditional sentiments at the top of the list of things to be thankful for on this holiday — family, friends, faith, food and freedom.

In addition to general wishes of "thankful to be with my family," that several callers expressed, others were specifically thankful for individual family members.

For instance, Debbie Brewster said, "I am very thankful that I had my father for one more year and that he is with the Lord now."

"Adversities make one realize the blessings of life and I have so many things to be thankful for," said Frankie Thomas, who is looking forward to visits from her two sons and daughter and their families before the end of the year.

"I feel so richly blessed to be living in this wonderful country . . . especially in the last year since I learned I have cancer . . . but with God's answering prayers I'm doing much better," Mrs. Thomas said.

In addition to her family, Loretta Burton said she is thankful for "My health, my strength," adding that "We should pray for those who are homeless, who are sick and who are without families and loved ones this Thanksgiving."

Another caller was especially grateful to Midland, "I am most thankful for the warmth of the people, they are all so friendly, so supportive and encouraging . . . I wish to thank the people of Midland for making Midland a home away from home," said Caroline Quintana, who moved here a year ago from her native Philippines.

One caller summarized it this way: "I'm thankful for our freedoms — the freedom to worship God, to live in a free country, the freedom to be together with family and friends and enjoy the feast of thanksgiving. All the good things that we in America enjoy, they all come from God. Let us all be thankful this year."

Congress passes anti-crime, transportation bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress on Wednesday approved $95 billion to protect American depositors, scuttled an anti-crime measure and passed a giant transportation bill in a marathon session lawmakers hoped was their last of 1991.

During a "day" that extended 33 hours, weary lawmakers also endorsed spending up to $500 million to help Soviet officials dismantle 15,000 nuclear weapons and transport privately collected food and medicine within their disintegrating country this winter.

Prospects for a threatened December session faded. Democrats planned hearings for next week on a tax-cut measure, a plan that promised a year-end continuation of a tax "fairness" debate with President Bush.

The House adjourned at 7:02 p.m. and the Senate followed suit three minutes later, with congressional leaders foregoing the traditional telephone notification to the president.

"This is the land of the walking zombies," said Rep. Pat Roberts, R-Kansas, as lawmakers slogged through their final paces.

The $151 billion highway bill served as the economic-stimulus package for the year, a measure that officials said could create 4 million jobs over six years.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley said Congress had accomplished much, pointing to the highway bill and to legislation extending unemployment benefits. He called Congress' work "historic" because of its vote last winter to authorize the president to go to war in the Persian Gulf.

Others weren't so sure.

"This session was largely a waste of time," said Rep. Tim Penny, D-Minn. "We just were adrift."

And looking ahead to next year's policy battles, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "The American people deserve a government that responds to the need for jobs and economic opportunities."

In their final session, lawmakers:

■ Provided up to $25 billion to sustain the savings-and-loan bailout through March.

■ Approved legislation pumping about $70 billion into the fund that protects the nation's 110 million bank depositors.

■ Derailed a crime bill that Republicans had denounced as too soft on criminals.

■ Approved an agreement between the Bush administration and governors to resolve a dispute over the states' financing of Medicaid programs.

■ Extended a dozen special tax provisions benefiting investors, the poor, giant corporations and even victims of rare diseases.

Foley had challenged Bush on Tuesday to offer a tax plan to bolster the sagging economy. Foley said Congress was ready to return next month to decide between Republican and Democratic measures.

As Wednesday dragged on, the speaker and many others in the leadership backed away from that threat.

"There is no plan at this time" to call Congress back in December, Foley said late in the afternoon.

Aides to the speaker made it clear that the possibility was being left open to keep Bush guessing and to forestall further White House criticism of Congress' Democratic majority.

Asked if the tax fight had been defused for the moment, Foley said:

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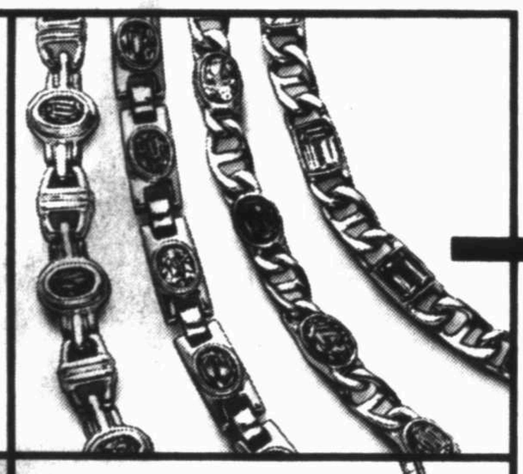

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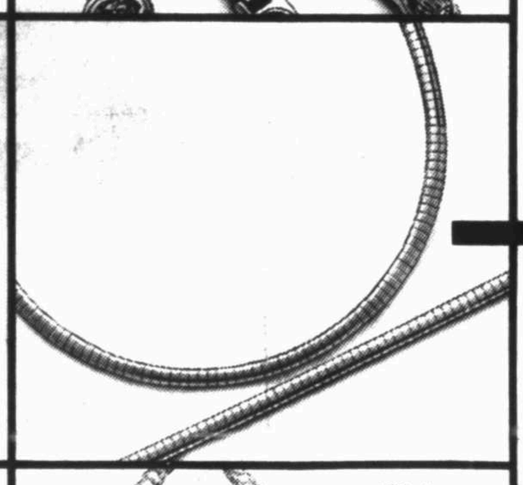

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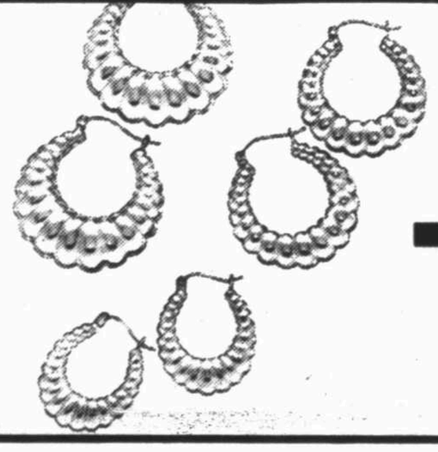

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BILLS: Congress passes $151 billion highway measure

(From 2A)

"I think so. ... I don't think we're going to hear very much about that" during the winter recess.

The issue had flared after Bush embraced an economic growth plan advanced by House Republican Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia and Democrats responded by calling hearings, beginning next week, to compare their tax plans with those of the GOP.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, his ire apparent, wryly called the Georgia congressman "the Gingrich who stole Christmas."

Democrats had been emboldened to challenge Bush by polls showing his popularity dropping and the American public increasingly worried about the economy. That, coupled with recent disarray at the White House, left worried Republican leaders scrambling to avoid a tax confrontation.

Senate Democratic Leader George Mitchell said Democrats would "welcome the opportunity to have a vigorous debate on tax policy with the administration."

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., announced that his tax-writing panel would hear Dec. 5 from Bush's budget director, Richard Darman; Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, and Michael Boskin, chairman of the president's Council of Economic Advisers.

The compromise highway bill won Senate approval on a 79-8 vote hours after the House passed it, 372-47. That sent the six-year authorization to the White House for Bush's signature.

The crime bill fell at the hands of a Republican filibuster in the Senate after the House approved it 205-203 earlier in the day. The legislation, which Bush had threatened to veto, would have imposed the death penalty for more than 50 federal crimes and require a five-day waiting period for buying a handgun.

Senate Democrats failed to win the 60 votes needed to shut off the filibuster. The vote was 49-38.

"The Republicans killed the crime bill; there is not a shot of getting a crime bill this year," said Sen. Joseph R. Biden Jr., D-Del. and the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Biden said it was also unlikely Congress could enact crime legislation next year because, he charged, Bush is more interested in a political issue than legislation.

"The obvious problem is that on what is on people's minds the most — the economy and health care — there has been very little done by either the White House or Congress," said Rep. Matt McHugh, D-N.Y.

The planned tax hearings promised to reopen the debate over tax fairness, which has proven a potent weapon for Democrats against Bush. Rostenkowski made it clear he intended to favorably compare his party's middle-income tax cut proposals against a GOP plan to cut capital gains taxes, which Democrats denounce as a boondoggle for the rich.

"We think if there's going to be some tax reduction, it ought to be focused on this hard-pressed middle-income group," Foley said.

Democrats claimed the GOP tax plan would finance a five-year, $23 billion giveaway to the rich by adding that amount to the federal deficit.

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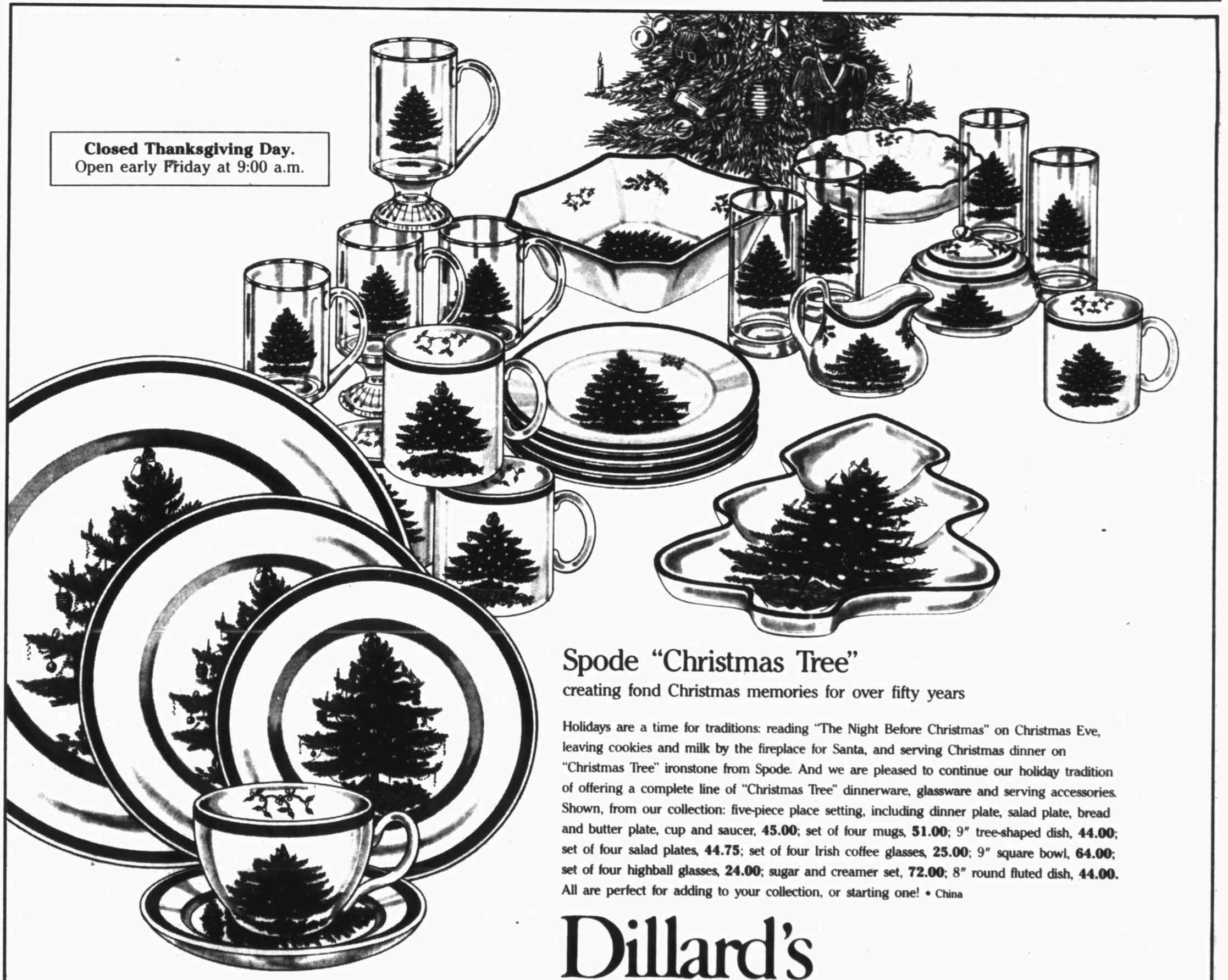

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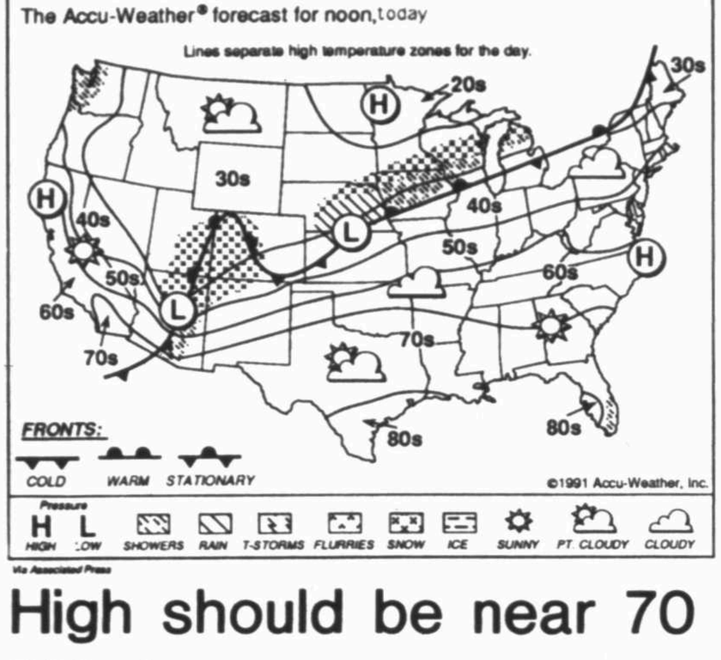

Via Associated Press

High should be near 70

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-70s and southwest winds at 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a low in the lower 50s, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Friday should be cloudy and colder with a 30 percent chance of light rain and a high near 60.

After an overnight low of 38, Wednesday's high reached 75 compared to the record high for that date of 85 set in 1945. The record low for that date is 16 set in 1976.

Midland statistics

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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High	75 degrees
Overnight Low	38 degrees
Sunset today	5:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:30 a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	0.00 inches
This month to date	0.71 inches
Year to date	21.23 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	62	6 a.m.	41
7 p.m.	55	7 a.m.	41
8 p.m.	52	8 a.m.	39
9 p.m.	51	9 a.m.	46
10 p.m.	48	10 a.m.	56
11 p.m.	45	11 a.m.	63
midnight	46	noon	67
1 a.m.	46	1 p.m.	73
2 a.m.	47	2 p.m.	74
3 a.m.	46	3 p.m.	75
4 a.m.	46	4 p.m.	74
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		6 p.m.	61

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Trees	33 H
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Weeds	11 L
Molds	1152 H
Dust	Moderate
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Austin	75	59	
Corpus Christi	81	58	
Dallas	70	55	
El Paso	71	31	
Fort Worth	71	55	
Galveston	66	62	.11
Houston	75	60	.07
Laredo	79	58	
Lubbock	74	32	
Marfa	73	22	
Presidio	77	34	
San Angelo	75	44	
San Antonio	76	60	
Wink	78	29	

County forecasts

Midland, Ector, Crane, Upton, Glasscock and Reagan: Thanksgiving Day, mostly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low in the lower 50s. Friday, cloudy and colder with a 30 percent chance of light rain. High near 60. Outlook for rest of Thanksgiving weekend., partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Lows in the mid 30s Saturday dipping into the 20s Sunday. Highs near 50 Saturday warming to the mid 50s Sunday.

Sterling, Tom Green, Irion and Coke: Thanksgiving Day, mostly cloudy. High in the mid 70s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph and gusty. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low in the mid 50s.

HOLIDAY: Midlanders thankful

(From 1A)

Lyn Miller, assistant to the city secretary, agreed.

"We are so lucky to have the freedom we do here, I am so thankful for that. I think everyone should stop for a moment and think about that every day, not just on Thanksgiving."

Maybe it is because of the changing trends in the world, but global concerns were also expressed by Midlanders.

The Rev. Paul Nichols, minister of Permian Church of Religious Science, probably summed it up best when he said, "I am thankful to be alive in the times we are living in — when there is a major shift happening in world events and world affairs."

He added he is also thankful for "today's communications which has made us aware of everyone around the globe. And I am especially thankful to be part of this paradigm shift when man is exploring God's universe."

Marla Simpson, an employee in the records section of the Midland County Sheriff's Department, had a wide-range of things to be thankful.

"I'm thankful for friends, the free country, that we still have an ozone — or for what's left of it, groups like Greenpeace that keep us aware and Van Morrison," she said.

"I'm thankful for being alive another year and that things have calmed down here at our job," said fellow record's section employee, Lori Perales.

Children drew praise, as well.

"I'm thankful for my family," said Aubrey Linne, a local entrepreneur. Linne has three children, one living in Midland, one in Arizona and one in Louisiana, all with families of their own.

"They're the main thing," Linne said. "That and my health."

Linda Burgess, a payroll clerk at the Midland Police Department, is thankful for her 11-year-old son. "He is one of the neatest kids I've ever met," said a proud Ms. Burgess.

Jane Vaughn, spokesperson for Permian Basin Mental Health and Mental Retardation, said, "On a personal level, I am thankful that my 22-year-old son — who is in the Navy — will be home for Thanksgiving for the first time in three years".

Professionally, she is thankful for "the community support that we get, in Midland County and in the city and for all of our volunteers."

Midland Community Theatre Director Don Bachmann agreed emphatically.

When asked what he was most thankful for, he summed it up in one word: "Volunteers."

The freedom to speak out on issues was mentioned by Alma Marshall, an administrator with Midland Independent School District and chairperson of FOCUS (Federation of Citizens United to Serve).

"I'm thankful for the fact that I live in a country today where we still have the freedom to express our opinion, no matter how unpopular it might be."

Jerry Jones, chairman of business studies division at Midland College, meanwhile, said he is "thankful for living in a country that allows us to have freedom(s)." In addition, Jones said he was thankful for his family, colleagues at the college and the community.

And, Courtney Kyser, field director for Camp Fire, gives her thanks for "having family and friends, to have the love and support and caring for other people."

Stella Luck, a secretary for the District Attorney's Office, said "I am thankful for the priviledge of being able to worship God. Also, I'm thankful for my husband and my family. And I'm thankful for our nation."

Dean Rucker, 318th District Court judge, said, "I am thankful for my wife and two kids and the happiness they give me. And I am thankful to work in such a fine job."

Price Robinson, personnel sergeant at the police department, is thankful for his health and his family.

"After all, if you didn't have that ..." He didn't have to complete sentence. It is understood.

A "spirit of cooperation" was cited by Rick Menchaca, assistant to the city manager.

"I'm thankful there's such a spirit of cooperation that seems to be developing here and all over the country," he said.

"It's been reflected in the Community Spirit Award — we've got so many entries for that," Menchaca said, referring to the award the city gives to one community each year with a sense of cooperation similar to that of Midland when Jessica McClure was rescued from the well. "Then there was the Unity Rally we had at Centennial Plaza. That reflected the spirit was alive and well, here in Midland also."

Another City Hall employee, George Logan, director of community services, said he is thankful for "the health and fitness of my family, the fact that we haven't had any debilitating injuries." Logan also said he was thankful for the onset of winter and the early freeze. "It will save the taxpayers some money, not mowing."

Still another city employee, Gary Saunders, traffic engineer, said simply, "I'm glad I'm an American."

Nancy Schraer, R.N., and a Hospice nurse, said her family and her job are things she is most grateful to have.

"I give chemotherapy for Dr. Snyder and Dr. Watkins during the week and am a Hospice nurse on weekends," she said. "I am especially thankful for my patients that I work with. Working with cancer patients is a real challenge, but very rewarding."

Charlotte Lewis, director of the Permian Basin Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, also discussed the ramifications of her job.

"I'm grateful for the small increments of improvement in Alzheimer's research," she said. "I am so thankful that social awareness about the disease is increasing due to the media. And I am especially thankful that I can be there for someone, and hold them until they stop crying (usually when they find out someone has been diagnosed with the disease)."

Likewise, Odessan Vance James, special projects coordinator for the Permian Basin AIDS coalition, mentioned a growing social conscience.

"I am thankful for the fact that people working together can make a difference," he said.

Elvia Hernandez, founding director of the Midland Hispanic Chamber, expressed gratitude for her association with the chamber and the people of Midland for their support. "However, I am most thankful to God for my health and my family, and that I have grandchildren in town."

"I am thankful for my family for freedom, and good health," said Quentin Burnett, superintendent of Greenwood Independent School District.

Michael DeVaughn, pastor of St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and a city council member, said he, too, feels most thankful for his family this year.

"I'm so thankful that my brother and sister can be here with my mother and me. This will be our first time to have Thanksgiving together in about seven years."

Pamela Howell, English instructor at Midland College, said, 'I'm thankful for my life, my friends and my rewarding job."

Then she paused and added, "And I'm thankful for my cat, Audrey Rose."

AIRPORT: City may impose user fee

(From 1A)

en from surplus bond funds and minor property sales during the last several years, are expected to be depleted by the end of the current fiscal year.

A Sept. 30 financial report shows about $1 million of working capital left in the fund, down by more than $750,000 from 1990. Day and Finance Director Troy Gifford both said this year's available funds are earmarked for projects already, while the list of needed improvements continues to grow.

Without working capital, the airport would be unable to fund runway improvements and additional safety measures required by the FAA, Day said.

The airport's tax-free operations, however, funded by landing fees, building rentals, fuel sales and other income, are not in financial trouble, officials said.

"The operating budget is balanced and will continue to be balanced," said Mike McGregor, deputy city manager.

"It should be able to keep day-to-day operations going without a major problem," said Gifford. But, he added, "without borrowing or finding new revenue sources, it won't be in a position to do improvements."

Although borrowing money is expected to take care of increasing maintenance costs, Day said administrators will ask the council in March to apply for an airport passenger facility charge (PFC) to support the airport. The charge, authorized by the FAA this summer, adds $1, $2 or $3 to airline ticket prices to be returned to airport coffers.

PFC money is not available for airport operations or maintenance, but can be used for expansion or improvements.

If the city can get FAA approval to use the charge, they could bank it and use the revenue to repay bond issues. Some councilmen said they would support the plan, and don't see any other option for funding airport work.

A PFC was originally targeted to fund about half the cost of a new terminal, a plan that failed to achieve broad citizen support and was subsequently delayed.

"I think the major problem there, was citizens were afraid that somehow, with the general state of the economy, they would end up financing the project with tax money," said At-large Councilman J.D. Faircloth. "I think that was the problem, not the PFC."

City leaders are proud of the facility's financial status of tax-free operations. It is touted as one of very few airports in the world that is self-supporting, and the council wants to keep it that way.

That's why they are expected to turn to airport users to find funding for improvements.

"We need to do some things out there, certainly," Faircloth said. "I think the PFC is an equitable way to do those things."

District 3 Councilman Buddy Sipes agrees, but says he wants to see a conservative list of what projects are really needed.

"I'm not comfortable with any figures I've seen so far," Sipes said. "People always want to do the ultimate, and it's not always called for."

At-large representative John Castro said the PFC would be best reserved for funding a new terminal, although its use for capital improvements may not be avoidable.

"If we're not going to do construction out there, I'm not sure I could support the PFC," he said. "I could see maybe a 50-cent or $1 charge, but that's as high as I'd want to go."

"I'm not sure I want to just go out there and find something to do, but on necessary things, I think that's the way to pay for them," said District 1 Councilman James Devenport.

Meanwhile, city officials continue to cite much-needed repairs at the current terminal facility — many of which will be needed whether the new terminal is built or not. McGregor said debt service payments are decreasing each year, and the airport could safely take on more debt to fund maintenance.

If the city files its application for a PFC by early March, with FAA approval, airline passengers could be paying the extra dollars by this time next year, officials said.

'Twelve Days' price tag up to $15,455.79

By Nick Jesdanun
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The five gold rings might be more of a bargain than last year, but the overall price tag for the slew of gifts in "The Twelve Days of Christmas" still rose slightly in 1991.

It would cost $15,455.79 to buy your "true love" everything on the list, from a partridge in a pear tree to 12 drummers drumming, according to J. Patrick Bradley, an economist who has been computing the cost since 1984.

This year's cost was up $224.07 from last year, a 1.47 percent increase. That's better that the government's Consumer Price Index, with rose 2.9 percent from 1990, said Bradley, chief economist at Provident National Bank.

Bradley said his Christmas Price Index avoided a bigger jump because gold prices dropped 31.3 percent and because the gifts do not include any spending on health care or housing, the biggest contributors to the nation's spiraling costs.

"This is certainly not an indicator of inflation," Bradley said. "But even in bad times, people can look at this and get a good laugh out of it."

Rising labor costs contributed the most to this year's price jump, even for the eight maids a-milking who get minimum wage for an hour, he said.

Here's the complete list, with prices:

- A partridge in a pear tree, $27.50, up 2 cents.
- Two turtle doves, $50, unchanged.
- Three French hens, $15, unchanged.
- Four calling birds, $280, unchanged.
- Five gold rings, $412.50, down from $600.
- Six geese a-laying, $150, unchanged.
- Seven swans a-swimming, $7,000, unchanged.
- Eight maids a-milking, $34, up from $30.40.
- Nine ladies dancing, $2,555.72, up from $2,417.90.
- Ten lords a-leaping, $2,839.69, up from $2,686.56.
- Eleven pipers piping, $1,003.86, up from $947.70.
- Twelve drummers drumming, $1,087.52, up from $1,026.68.

LOAN: Funds won't be transferred

(From 1A)

"We had talked about moving (the money) back," said At-large Councilmen J.D. Faircloth. "But this way, we have our contract, have our price set. I didn't want to go moving the money around."

He said leaving the loaned funds intact does not, in his opinion, signal support for a new terminal within the next few years. The council is expected to reconsider the terminal's future in February.

Deputy City Manager Mike McGregor said engineers are effectively on hold, awaiting a letter from the city to authorize any work on the project.

Buddy Sipes, district 3 councilman, said the choice was "cosmetic."

"There's no contract (work) going on, we were assured of that (Tuesday)," he said. "If the money starts being spent, I'd have a real problem. But at this point, I think it's fine where it is."

Ken Day, director of airports, said the loan money is not being spent. It is gathering 7.2 percent interest, while the airport is paying the general fund at an 8 percent interest rate. Although interest payments continue, no repayment of the principal has yet begun, a city financial adviser said.

Correction

The name of one of four men arrested for possession of marijuana by the Permian Basin Drug Task Force was incorrectly identified in Wednesday's newspaper. Daniel Bone was erroneously named. Bone had been arrested for violation of parole.

The correct name should have been Antonio Espino.

The Midland Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Midland woman acquitted of heroin trafficking charge

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — A Midland woman was been acquitted of heroin trafficking because customs officers breached her civil rights and allowed her to be searched by a male doctor.

Shelia Pearl Bryson, 29, of Midland, was arrested June 13 after 57 grams of heroin contained in a condom were discovered during a medical examination at Richmond General Hospital.

She was aboard a Japanese Airlines flight traveling from Bangkok to Mexico City on a stopover in Vancouver when she was interviewed by customs officers who were suspicious of her being among the few non-Asian passengers aboard the flight.

Her bags were examined and she was strip-searched at the airport but nothing was found, the court was told.

She was told to sign a consent form for a medical examination and was taken to hospital, where an X-ray showed nothing.

A male doctor then examined her and found the condom, which police said contained heroin with an estimated street value of $280,000.

However, Justice H. A. D. Oliver of the British Columbia Supreme Court ruled Friday that Canada Customs officers lacked reasonable and probable grounds to conduct a body search.

He said Ms. Bryson was not adequately informed of her right to legal counsel or of the powers customs officials had to search her.

He further found the Customs Act states that persons of the same sex must perform body searches.

Bryson's lawyer, David Tarnow, said the ruling should "improve the manner in which travelers are treated by customs officers."

Wife of former Midland disc jockey abducted, murdered

CLEVELAND (AP) — Authorities on Wednesday charged a man with aggravated murder and kidnapping in the slaying of the wife of a local disc jockey.

Amy Perkins, 32, formerly of Midland, was shot in the head, and her body was found wrapped only in a coat, said police Lt. Martin Flask. He said she might have been sexually assaulted.

Mrs. Perkins was the wife of Dave Perkins, the morning disc jockey at radio station WGAR. Perkins was a former disc jockey with KODM-FM in Odessa.

Wiley Davis, 32, of Cleveland Heights, was charged in the killing, said Detective Denise Reeves. He had been taken into custody Tuesday night for questioning. Arraignment was scheduled for Friday.

Police said Mrs. Perkins was abducted as she headed to work Tuesday about 8:15 a.m.

Davis worked at a business near where Mrs. Perkins was abducted.

Mrs. Perkins was due to leave her temporary secretary's job on Wednesday to prepare to move with her husband to their native Texas, where Perkins had bought a radio station with others in the Midland-Odessa area.

Perkins had been scheduled to remain at WGAR through mid-December, station spokeswoman Sanaa E. Julien said.

Ms. Julien said funeral services hadn't been completed but probably would be held in Texas. The station hopes to hold a memorial service, she said.

"It is with shock and great sorrow that the management and staff of WGAR and Nationwide Communications Inc., acknowledge the tragic death of Amy Perkins," the station said in a statement.

TURKEYS: Birds roam local street

(From 1A)

Mrs. Stovall agrees, "They're so cute. We just feed them wild bird seed and they roost out back. We really like them," she said.

Neighbor Lois Ackerstrom concurred. "They come over here, get on my swing and eat the cat's food," she said. "But I think it's funny. Sometimes they'll just sit there and talk to you — or gobble I guess."

But some of the neighbors aren't quite as receptive to the North American Thanksgiving treat.

"Some of the neighbors downright hate them because they mess all over their porches. They're always chasing them away," said Stovall. "But those birds aren't intimidated by anything. The neighbor dogs will come barking at them and they'll just stand and look."

Stovall isn't sure what happened to the seven missing turkeys but he says there have been six roosting at his place for several months.

"There were five for awhile but then another showed up. We've had six out here for several months," said Stovall. "We hope they'll hatch a lot more."

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Romans fed up with corruption

ROME (AP) — For many businessmen and women in the Eternal City, payoffs are as much a part of life as a thimbleful or two of espresso each morning. But now bureaucrats and politicians are finding that tradition is being tested: Romans are rebelling against corruption.

One wet and gloomy afternoon last week, hundreds of shops in Rome darkened their windows to protest pressure to pay bribes. Joining in were several of the most fashionable stores on Via Condotti and other streets near the Spanish Steps, such as Fendi and Laura Biagiotti.

The protest was in the "civic spirit, by people who don't normally protest," Biagiotti said.

"I've had the happy situation of never being in this situation — thanks to luck," said the designer, who was born in Rome. "But we can't help but be interested in the problems of others."

Fellow Romans are finally beginning "to take back their city ... A citizen should be able to go down a street and open a store without dealing with the rackets," said Biagiotti, known as the "queen of cashmere" for her luxurious knits.

Rome's anti-corruption crusade has other champions, including a city health official's wife who threw wads of what she said was her husband's "dirty" money off her balcony one night last summer and then called police. The husband denied taking payoffs; no charges were brought.

Equally celebrated was the case of the "bribe in the briefs" — a district councilman arrested with $17,000 in cash stuffed in his underwear. He was caught after a Roman, tired of trying honestly for four years to obtain a license to open a refreshment stand, told police the official had demanded a bribe.

And Romans are still chuckling over the transcript of a regional commissioner's bugged conversation that ended up in the newspaper La Repubblica. The commissioner, speaking with the owner of a cleaning company, wondered how the company ever got public contracts without paying kickbacks.

"Well, make a payment now, I'll worry about the rest," said the commissioner, who has since resigned.

Sometimes Romans have to rise above it all, like 44-year-old Gianpietro Caruso, who climbed to the top of the 188-foot-high Colosseum on Wednesday and staged a sit-in. He said he was unhappy because his request for a street vendor's license has been languishing for six years.

Romans aren't the first businessmen and women to challenge the system that gives precedence to those willing to pay wads of bribe money — the "mazzetta," literally, little bunch or bouquet.

A business group in Milan this spring began a hotline so people could anonymously report extortion attempts. This month it added a number for Rome. And Sicilian businessmen went one step further: they testified in court last month against Mafiosi charged with extortion. Three were convicted and jailed.

The Lombard League, an upstart party bent on freeing the northern region from what it sees as a corrupt central government, scored its latest local election victory this week after a campaign that appealed to anti-government sentiments.

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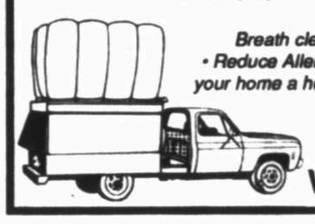

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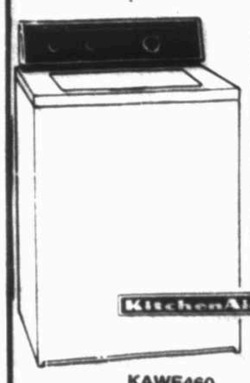

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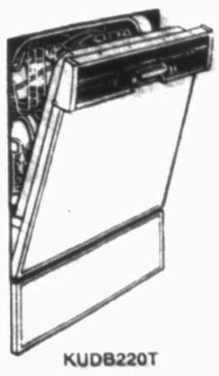

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U.N. council vows to send peace force

UNITED NATIONS (NYT) — The United Nations Security Council stepped up its efforts to end the fighting in Yugoslavia on Wednesday by pledging to send a peacekeeping force of up to 10,000 soldiers to reinforce the current fragile cease-fire if the warring Serbs and Croats show they really want peace.

In doing so, the council had to overcome the reservations of many of its third-world members who were worried about creating a precedent by intervening in what is essentially a civil war. Many of those countries, diplomats say, feared that the resolution today might encourage similar outside interferance in internal conflicts in the third world.

In the end, all 15 council members voted to adopt a resolution strongly urging Yugoslavia's warring parties to adhere to the cease-fire agreement they signed in Geneva on Saturday and promising that if they do so, the council will be ready to send a new U.N. peacekeeping force to help maintain peace, as all sides in the conflict have said they want it to.

The U.N. mediator, former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance, will return to Yugoslavia on Sunday to make a final assesment. He plans to report to the Council probably by the end of next week, saying whether the current cease fire — the 14th since the conflict began — is holding up well enough to justify dispatch of peacekeepers.

In Yugoslavia on Wednesday, sporadic fighting was reported in parts of eastern Croatia, but in general diplomats said it appeared that the cease-fire was still holding reasonably well.

Units of the national army besieged in their barracks inside Croatia were reported crossing over to the Serbian side peacefully, as the cease-fire plan requires, under the eye of European Community monitors.

Traditionally, the United Nations will send peacekeeping forces to a conflict area only after a cease-fire has been agreed and if all parties say they want the world organization to help insure it sticks.

In Spain, the U.N. secretary general, Javier Perez de Cuellar, warned that a Yugoslav peacekeeping operation might require up to 10,000 soldiers, making it one of the largest ever deployed, and could cost its members $200 million.

Currently the United Nations is owed $463 million by its members in unpaid contributions to its nine current peacekeeping operations, with the United States a total of $140 million in arrears.

Within the next few weeks, the council is expected to approve another major peacekeeping and election-monitoring operation, that one in Cambodia, that will probably add another billion dollars to the U.N. peacekeeping bill.

If a peacekeeping force is sent in, the U.N. officials say the forces will not be deployed in a straight line separating the two sides as they usually are, but in what they have referred to as "inkblots" around areas of strife, with the troops seeking to defuse ethnic tension between the rival communities.

That is because the United Nations sees such ethnically mixed areas as the most explosive parts of the country. Another factor is that the two sides could never agree which line the United Nations should hold, with the Croats wanting the force stationed along their traditional borders while the Serbs want the force stationed along the current battle lines, which would tend to defend the territory they have gained.

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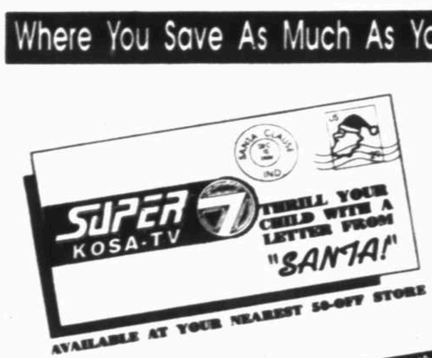

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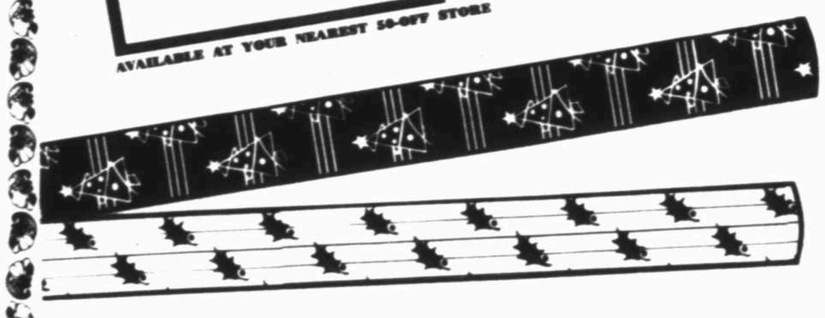
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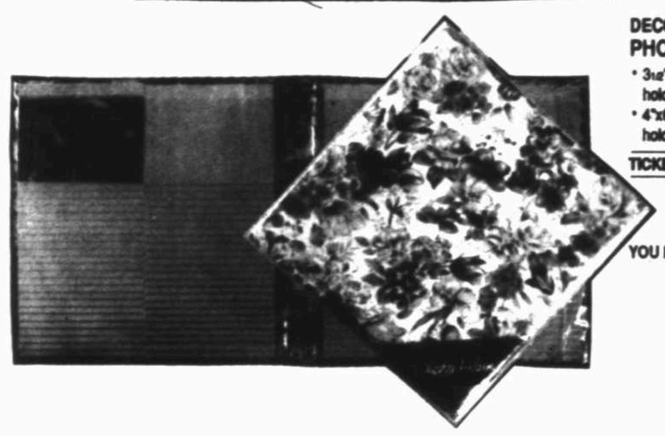
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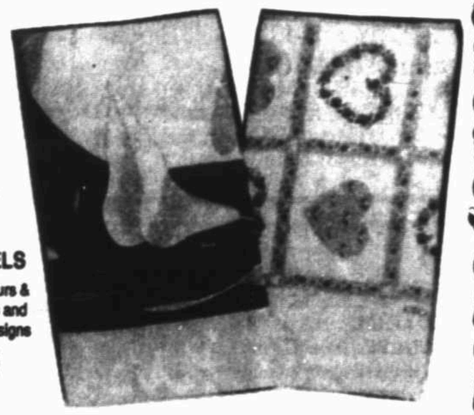
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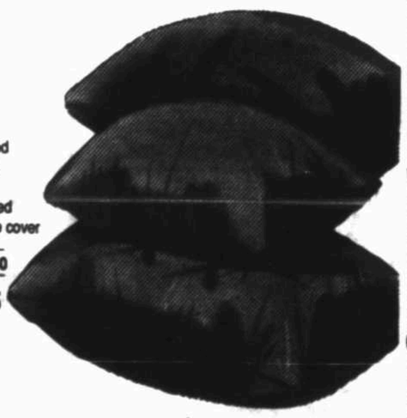
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Search for missing journalists, agony of loss continue

CHIPHOU, Cambodia (AP) — Twenty-one years ago, Dana Stone and Sean Flynn drove their motorcycles straight into a Communist ambush and were never seen again.

Along with countless combatants, these two American photographers joined more than 300 media collegues on the rolls of the dead or missing from Indochina's bloody conflicts.

Public attention has been focused on resolving the fates of missing servicemen and the agony of their surviving families. But proportionate to their numbers, journalists incurred more casualties than soldiers and likewise suffered postwar traumas and pain.

Now, there is a prospect that the fate of some of the 19 missing journalists will finally be known, and that journalist MIAs and casualties will be commemorated with a memorial.

Among them would be Stone and Flynn, seized in Cambodia just west of the Vietnam border while working for CBS News and Time magazine, respectively.

"This is the bamboo grove from where they staged the ambush. This bush was the point of capture," said British photographer and author Tim Page, walking along Cambodia's once-embattled Highway 1.

"There were six guys in the arresting squad, coming up with AK-47s. The first thing they made Sean and Dana do was take off their shoes. Then they marched them off."

Page, who was wounded five times during the Vietnam War, never forgot the son of actor Errol Flynn, with whom he shared wild times in Saigon and edge-of-death experiences on the battlefield.

Two years ago, Page, a practicing Buddhist, visited a cave in Vietnam where he and Flynn once meditated together and said he could feel his friend reaching out to him. Upon returning home in Britain, Page discovered a declassified U.S. intelligence report about the 1970 ambush.

Since then, he has led a quest to resolve the photographers' fates and a media effort to erect a monument to dead and missing journalists from the wars in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos.

With the cooperation of Cambodian authorities and villagers, Page last year was able to reconstruct most of what he believes happened to Stone and Flynn after they were taken by a North Vietnamese-Viet Cong reconnaissance unit.

The search ended in a remote field where Page found evidence the two were beaten to death by hoes from the Khmer Rouge who held them nearly a year. Three teeth and two pieces of bone were excavated at the likely execution site.

With the end of Cambodia's civil war and the return of official Western presence to Phnom Penh, hope has been rekindled that the cases of 17 other missing journalists can be resolved. They include American, Japanese, French, Australian, Swiss, Austrian and German nationals.

All are presumed dead though their remains have not been recovered.

Last month, U.S. military experts examined a site near Phnom Penh where five journalists from NBC News and CBS News were believed executed and buried in May 1970. Floodwaters prevented excavation, but the team is scheduled to return in January to dig for remains.

Page envisions a simple monument for journalists who did not return from conflicts between 1945 and the Communist victories of 1975. It would be along the Ben Hai River between north and south Vietnam, where Page planted a bodhi tree that symbolizes peace to Buddhists.

Initial research showed about 320 names would be inscribed on the monument, although data on Laos and Cambodia is still missing and incomplete on Vietnam.

U.S., Iran sign pact

WASHINGTON (NYT) — The United States and Iran have reached agreement on compensation of $278 million to Tehran for undelivered Iranian-owned, American-made military equipment dating from before the 1979 Islamic revolution, State Department officials said Wenesday.

The long-awaited agreement was signed on Tuesday at the special U.S.-Iran Claims Tribunal in The Hague. Under its terms, Washington will turn over a check for $260 million to the Iranian government.

A remaining $18 million will be paid to a special escrow account in The Hague that has fallen below the $500 million mandated by 1981 accords that resolved the 1979 seizure of the American Embassy in Tehran.

Administration officials denied Wednesday that the deal was linked to the fate of the three remaining American hostages in Lebanon. "This has nothing to do with the hostage releases," a State Department official said.

But the accord, which follows the release of the Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite and the American educator Thomas Sutherland by Iranian-backed groups in Lebanon last week, represents an important step toward resolving financial differences with Iran.

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Cambodian beating of Khmer Rouge threatens peace

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — The mob attack on Wednesday that bloodied Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan and drove him from the country seriously threatens Cambodia's fragile peace.

It also shows the hatred that remains for Pol Pot's revolutionary Communist group, which turned Cambodia's countryside into killing fields. Khieu Samphan is the right-hand man to Pol Pot, who has remained underground in recent years.

Under the treaty signed last month, U.N. peacekeepers are to disarm most of the forces of the government and three guerrilla groups — including the Khmer Rouge. But the Khmer Rouge's sudden departure could at best delay the crucial disarmament, and perhaps lead to a renewal in the nearly 13-year-old civil war.

Son Sann, leader of the rival Khmer People's National Liberation Front, called for the immediate deployment of U.N. troops to "save the peace plan."

"If you reject the Khmer Rouge we will have no peace and the Cambodian people will suffer again," he said.

The first meeting in Phnom Penh of the interim government formed after last month's truce was canceled following the violence, diplomats said. The Supreme National Council was to meet Dec. 4.

Khieu Samphan and military commander Son Sen represent the Khmer Rouge on the reconciliation body, which also includes members of the other factions.

The violence Wednesday began after the arrival from Thailand of Khieu Samphan, who was president during the Khmer Rouge's 1975-1978 reign of terror, in which hundreds of thousands of Cambodians were killed.

The attack on Khieu Samphan's two-story government villa took place despite appeals to the crowd by Premier Hun Sen.

"If we act like this, if people try to kill Khieu Samphan, we will destroy the Paris peace treaty," Hun Sen shouted through a loudspeaker. "We understand your feelings but please go home."

Screaming "Dog!" and "Murderer!" and throwing rocks, the demonstrators stormed past police and broke into the downtown villa.

The crowd tore down the fence, kicked in the front gate and surged into the compound. Nearly everything in the house was destroyed by sticks, axes or bare hands.

"Khieu Samphan's hands are dripping with Cambodian blood!" some shouted.

"He doesn't have the right to life! He killed my husband and son! I want his life in exchange for that of my child!" screamed 52-year-old Choen Sophy as she joined in the melee.

Police did little to stop the crowd from surging into the compound.

The mob broke into a second-floor bedroom and beat Khieu Samphan, who was lying on the floor wearing a steel helmet, with sticks and fists. He also was struck by a rock before the mob stopped.

Bleeding profusely from the head and chest, Khieu Samphan cowered against the wall of a bedroom as security officers prevented him from being strung up by communications wire tied to a ceiling fan. Khmer Rouge officials said later his injuries were not serious.

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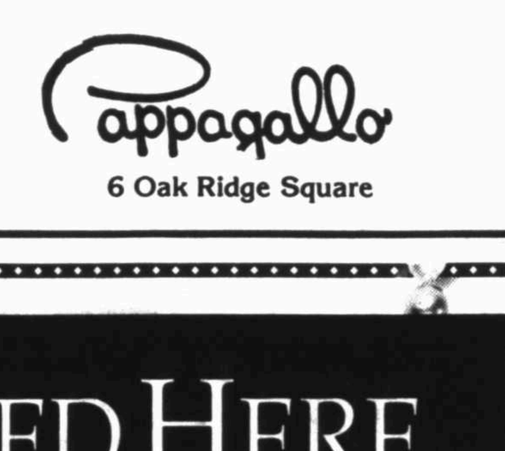

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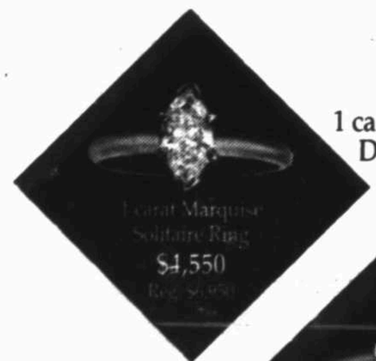

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Swaggart ministry lays off more employees

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart's ministry has dismissed more employees and his college continues to lose students in the wake of two scandals that linked Swaggart to prostitutes, ministry employees say.

Swaggart fell from grace in 1988 after a New Orleans-area prostitute said he paid her to pose nude for him. In October, Swaggart was found in a car with a prostitute during a traffic stop in Indio, Calif.

The ministry earlier put $3.2 million worth of television equipment on the market, along with two houses owned by the ministry — one of them a 14.9-acre estate listed for $1 million.

Swaggart also has been trying to sell a 127.5-acre tract of prime real which would net the ministries $15.2 million.

Four more professors at Jimmy Swaggart Bible College were fired Friday.

One professor, who asked not to be identified, confirmed the layoffs to the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate and said that fewer than 250 students were expected back at the college when the second semester begins in January.

The college had 1,451 students in the fall of 1987, but fell to about 370 this fall.

Ministry officials did not return calls inquiring about the cutbacks.

In October, laid-off college administrators reported the college was eliminating programs in music, physical education, secretarial science and communications, along with its basketball program.

Other employees estimated then that as many as 200 ministry workers had been laid off that week. That was from a staff of about 600. Another 80 reportedly were laid off on Nov. 15.

At its peak, the ministry employed more than 1,500 people.

Meanwhile, the ministry was informing listeners of its local radio station that it is selling off pianos that are no longer needed by the Bible college.

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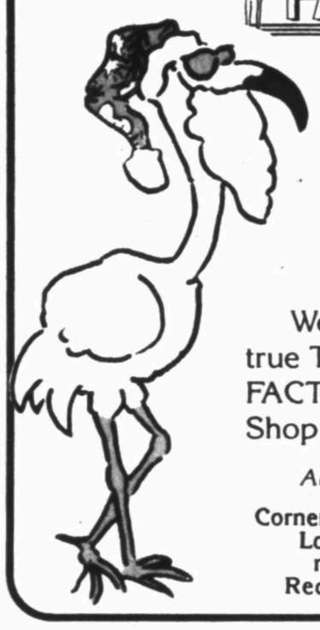
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Reasons to give thanks abound

As families prepare today to crowd around a festive table, laden with culinary delights, many doubtless are troubled by current events: recession dogs at the economy's faltering heels threatening even deeper financial worries for more Americans, many people are already unemployed and companies are facing even more layoffs. The outlook is grim.

In fact, many Americans may be wondering if there is anything for which to be thankful on this Thanksgiving Day. Yet the answer to that doubt lies all around us — if we will only see.

For all the problems those in this country face today, they are issues that largely can be remedied through hard work and creative ingenuity. American entrepreneurship has given this country boundless opportunities and will continue to do so in future years. Problems that lie in the political realm can be altered by exercising the precious right to vote — by choosing our political representatives. That is the American way and for more than two centuries it has proven effective. The point, of course, is that our problems are ones that can generally be controlled by us and not left to the whims of a distant tyrant.

In a larger sense, though, the celebration of thanksgiving transcends the devices of man to focus on the omnipotent power from which all good flows. The first thanksgiving celebrated in this country — at least from the standpoint of English settlers — did not involve feasting but rather centered on religious activities — giving thanks to God for safe passage to the New World. Later the celebrations were expanded to include the feasting long associated with fall festivals.

Yet the entire purpose was giving thanks to a power greater than mankind's for the bounty of the earth and the blessings of life. The early settlers of this country understood how important the recognition of that power was to them, and we should recognize how vital it is to us over 300 years after the first thanksgiving was celebrated in this country.

Today we should participate in giving thanks to God for the blessings bestowed upon us.

LETTERS

Sheriff's instruction helps Boy Scout troop

On behalf of the leadership of Boy Scout Troop 232, we extend our personal thanks to Sheriff Gary Painter for his investment of valued time and experience in our scouts' lives. His demonstration of seized illegal firearms and of correct firearms handling procedures served to reinforce to our scouts the awesome constitutional responsibility of firearm ownership.

It was his demonstration and dicussions that highlighted our two-month Texas Hunter Safety instruction that became successful under the certification of Al Chitwood.

Judged by the content of his discussion reported back, through the language of our boys, we can confirm that Gary Painter has given creditable instruction. For him to have maintained our troop's call in the lives of some of Midland's finest young men, we give our sincere appreciation.

Kyle B. Smith
Midland

Les Ballets Africains leaves lasting memory

On Nov. 20 our friends and family were among a privileged group: A spectacular entertainment delight presented by the Midland Black Chamber of Enterpreneurs, Inc. enriched each of our senses. Les Ballets Africains is a unique dance and cultural troupe.

Those lucky enough to see the exotic musical and colorful ensemble have a new lifelong memory.

Mrs. Jim Hall II
Midland

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 28, the 332nd day of 1991. There are 33 days left in the year. This is Thanksgiving.

Today's highlight in history:

On Nov. 28, 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston. The cause of the fire was never officially determined, though many blamed a busboy who had survived the blaze.

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1895, the first automobile race was held, over 52 miles of snowy roads from Chicago to Waukegan, Ill. The winner was James Franklin Duryea, who won two-thousand dollars from the Chicago Times-Herald.

In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of the British Parliament.

In 1922, Captain Cyril Turner of the Royal Air Force gave the first skywriting exhibition, over New York's Times Square. Turner spelled out, "Hello U.S.A. Call Vanderbilt 7200." Some 47,000 calls resulted.

In 1925, the Grand Ole Opry, in Nashville, made its radio debut on station W.S.M.

In 1943, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin met in Tehran to map out strategy during World War II.

JACK ANDERSON

Many in this nation can't give thanks

WASHINGTON — America means abundance. Our national holiday of celebration for the pilgrims' landing revolves around the dinner table, spilling over with food. Today, we give thanks for abundance. We're thankful for everything we deserve as citizens of the richest nation in the world.

Anderson

Yet, there is a pall hanging over this Thanksgiving. In many families that gather around the turkey today, the person doing the carving is unemployed. Setting out a full meal required a financial stretch, maybe even some ill-advised buying on credit to meet the demands of tradition.

Those who are employed will pause to think about rumors of layoffs and may even warn the children that Christmas will be simple this year. The newspaper, fat with Christmas ads, heralds tomorrow as the biggest shopping day of the year. Some will read the ads, pick up the phone and call extended family members to say this is the year to stop gift-giving.

Millions will give thanks that they have lived another day without serious accident or illness because they have no health insurance.

Some will give thanks for welfare, food stamps, a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter and the fact that David Duke can't get elected. Welfare gets no respect, especially in a recession coupled with a presidential election. Politicians like Duke, or even Ronald Reagan, strike a resounding chord when they criticize welfare. This, after all, is the country built on the backs of immigrants who came with nothing and asked for nothing except a fair shake. Today's stereotype of welfare recipients is gainfully unemployed layabouts who ask working stiffs to subsidize them so they can drive Cadillacs and pop out more babies.

The House Select Committee on Hunger says it isn't that simple. The average family of three needs $823.75 a month to eat, clothe itself and maintain shelter. But, according to the committee, the maximum welfare benefit in 36 states is less than half that. It doesn't pay for the gas in a Cadillac. There may not even be enough "discretionary income" for a bus ticket.

The typical welfare recipient is not an able-bodied man with a beer in one hand and a remote control in the other. It is a very old person, or a young child, or a woman who is the sole support of her family, not able to earn enough money to pay a baby sitter so she can go to work. Perhaps she is living with the consequences of past bad choices. Whatever the past, the present reality is that she needs help from a society that prides itself on its abundance.

Rep. Tony Hall, D-Ohio, chairman of the Select Committee on Hunger, has testified before Congress that "programs alone cannot lift poor people out of their conditions of poverty." The millions of tax dollars spent today on welfare programs simply get the recipients through until tomorrow. They do not make poor people into solvent people.

Too much of what Uncle Sam gives to the poor comes with strings attached that keep them poor. Hall notes the case of an Iowa woman on Aid to Families with Dependent Children. The AFDC rules say that anyone who has assets of more than $1,000 is dropped from the program. The Iowa woman figured she could work her way gradually out of welfare by starting her own at-home medical-billing business. But as soon as she bought a computer, she was dropped from AFDC before she could pay her own way because her computer was worth more than $1,000.

We don't recommend you spend today feeling guilty about what you have and sorry for those who don't have. This is a day for thanksgiving.

Jack Anderson's and Dale Van Atta's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.

GEORGE WILL

Cuomo comes across as silly smart man

WASHINGTON — On television last Sunday, Mario Cuomo was at his most Cuomoean.

Interviewer: "The Congress that you say is being inadequate is run by your party."

Cuomo: "Correct. No, it's run by a — it has a Democratic majority in both houses, yes."

Will

When he recently spelled out his economic policy he said our problems are "fundamental" so "change" must be, too. "Our entire society is threatened by a plague of poverty, drugs and violence. . . ." But what "fundamental" change does he propose for fixing the deficit that paralyzes government and debilitates the economy?

He would cut defense even more, and "look again at" reducing "non-means-tested spending," and toughen tax enforcement against "the wealthiest." If new taxes are needed, he would spare "the middle class" but "look to people making more than $200,000." (About 2 percent of families.)

Would he consider raising taxes on the middle class? He said on Sunday: "It depends on how you define middle class. . . . To me, middle class is people who aren't poor enough to be on welfare, not rich enough to be free of worry. So that's kind of flexible."

Interviewer: "$80,000 is a middle class family?"

Cuomo: "It depends — how many kids, what circumstances, do they have two children that need special equipment? So it would depend."

Sure would, if we were excluding only people "free of worry." Does the family live in a high-tax state like Cuomo's New York? Do the parents feel, as so many do in Cuomo's New York City, that they must pay for private education?

"I think," he said Sunday, "the key to my plan is that it is holistic. I told the Fortune 500 CEOs, think of it as holistic, but don't use that word, they'll think you smoke marijuana."

Cuomo sometimes seems like John Sununu, a silly smart man — intelligent but not intelligent enough to avoid flaunting the fact.

On Sunday Cuomo was asked about his suggestion (these are the interviewer's words) "that perhaps the way to deal with Saddam Hussein after the invasion was to give him a few islands."

Cuomo: "No, I never said that. Well, I know you people get annoyed when I tell you what you're saying is not accurate."

A second interviewer, a moment later: "But you suggested a territorial concession at that point."

Cuomo: "No, no, no."

Yes.

The Los Angeles Times of Nov. 21, 1990, quoted Cuomo saying in Los Angeles: "You could negotiate something that gets them out of Kuwait for the most part(emphasis added), leaves them maybe a little bit on the water, leaves them a little bit of the oil. . . . "

Last Sunday Cuomo said "There was only one reporter present." Yes, a good one — the Times' Ronald Brownstein, who taped Cuomo urging President Bush to "try to negotiate our way out" of a confrontation with Iraq.

Is the Cuomo drama bound for Broadway, which in politics means Pennsylvania Avenue? Not with the current script. Cuomo continues on the losing side of a monologue with himself, which is not easy to do but is less remarkable than this: He may go from being a fad to being a bore without an interval of being as interesting as he could be.

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ART BUCHWALD

French make today's 'grand fete' possible

When Columbus landed in America he came across a large piece of parchment nailed to a tree. Much to his disgust it was written in French. If valid, it meant that the French had discovered the New World before he did. He hid the paper in a pumpkin where it was recently found by a Boy Scout from Bayonne, N.J.

Buchwald

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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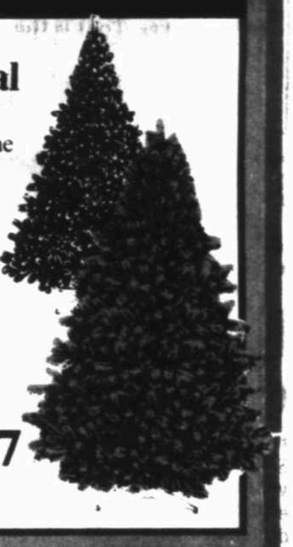

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U.S. rejects Israel's appeal to delay talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States turned down on Wednesday an appeal by Israel for a delay in Mideast peace talks and immediately afterward Syria and the Palestinians accepted the U.S. invitation.

The dramatic sequence of events left only Israel holding out against negotiations starting here next Wednesday. This could put pressure on Israel to drop its demand for a five-day delay.

It's unlikely that the talks could resume on Dec. 4 without Israel's participation, even though the State Department said it would go ahead with arrangements for the talks.

"The important thing is that we put this procedural wrangling aside," Margaret D. Tutwiler said.

Within hours after Israel made public its opposition to the Dec. 4 starting date, Syria and the Palestinians dropped their resistance to the U.S. proposal and the State Department announced their acceptances.

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"The Syrian government has informed us that they accept the United States-Soviet proposal of Washington, D.C., on Dec. 4 to continue bilateral talks," the department said.

An hour later, it issued an identical statement that the Palestinians had accepted as well.

Earlier, Ms. Tutwiler said at least one of the Arab participants was seeking a delay. Since Jordan and Lebanon had already accepted, this indicated Syria or the Palestinians wanted more time.

Responding to the requests for delay, and other conditions sought by the parties, Ms. Tutwiler asked: "If you start down that road, where will it all end?"

"We made the proposal in good faith," she said of the selection of Dec. 4 in Washington after Israel and the Arabs could not agree on how to resume the negotiations that were suspended in Madrid, Spain, on Nov. 4.

She said the Bush administration could not change the date on its own because Jordan and Lebanon had already accepted. And, Ms. Tutwiler said, none of the participants objected to Washington as the site.

"We will have the negotiation facilities ready and open on Dec. 4," the spokeswoman said. "They will be available on dates after Dec. 4."

Israel called for a delay until Dec. 9 and urged that the bargaining with the three Arab delegations — Syria, Lebanon and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian group — be spaced out.

Also, Israel said the talks in Washington should be brief and procedural, and that the negotiations then should be shifted to the Middle East.

Israel's ambassador, Zalman Shoval, speaking to reporters after a meeting at the State Department to explain his country's position, said Israel needed more time to prepare and was not trying to dictate anything.

Shoval complained that the Arabs had not dealt directly with Israel on a time and place for resuming the peace talks.

"It would have been so easy to pick up a phone," Shoval said. "If we are going to live in peace with one another, pick up the phone, saying Washington is or is not suitable."

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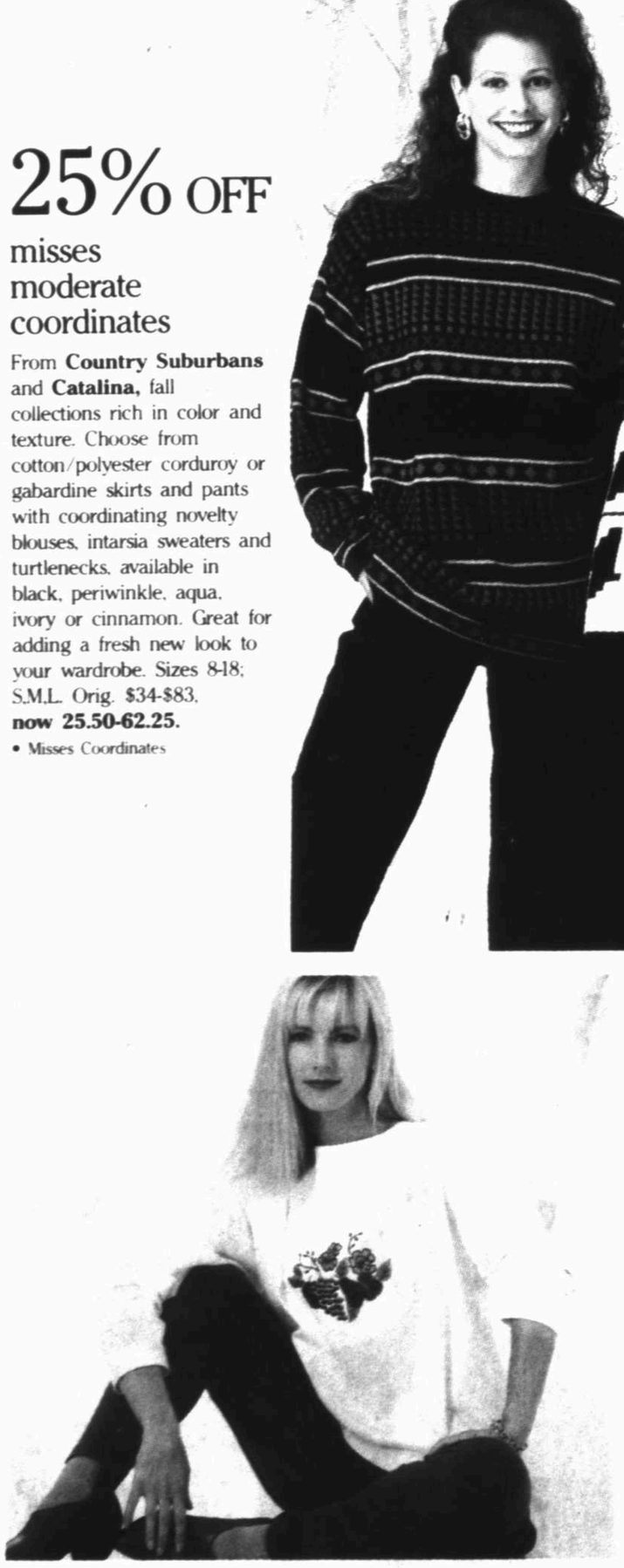

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Famous maker knits in mix-and-match solids and prints. Choose from comfortable cotton-blend tops, stirrup pants, sweaters and more, in winter white, black, purple and more. Sizes S,M,L. Orig. $30-$44, **now 22.50-33.00.** • Misses Updated Separates

25% OFF misses pants

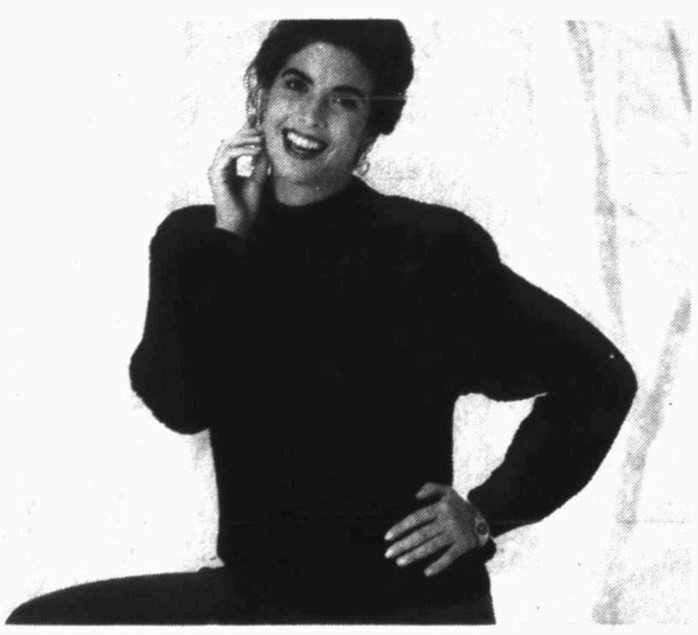
Famous maker double-pleated, belted pants of polyester/rayon gabardine, in a color selection to complement any wardrobe. Top them with your favorite blouses or sweaters for an instant wardrobe boost! Sizes 6-16. Orig. $36, **now 27.00.** • Misses Updated Separates

25% OFF misses updated separates

Famous maker dressing in essential fall colors. Pick your favorites from coordinating solid or print polyester blouses, skirts and more, in royal, red, green or ivory. Sizes 6-16 Orig. $38-$84, **now 28.50-63.00.** • Misses Updated Separates

25% OFF misses career blouses

Perk up your favorite skirts and pants with polyester or polyester-blend blouses in several popular styles. Choose from prints and solids in every color you need, from a variety of your favorite makers. Sizes 6-16. Orig. $30-$50, **now 22.50-37.50.** • Misses



25% OFF misses sweaters

Warm up your favorite blouse and skirt combinations with pullovers, cardigans or vests from **Westbound.** Choose from several styles and fabrics in a wide assortment of versatile colors. Sizes S,M,L. Orig. $22-$44, **now 16.50-33.00.** • Misses

25% OFF misses career pants

Mix and match your blazers and blouses with double- or triple-pleated pants from popular famous makers. Choose from several career-minded colors in easy-wearing polyester or polyester blends. Sizes 6-18. Orig. $36, **now 27.00.** • Misses

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$40 misses fleece robes

From several **famous makers,** warm fleece robes in zipper, gripper or wrap styles. Choose from pastels or mid-tones. Sizes S,M,L. • Misses Robes

25% OFF misses sleepwear

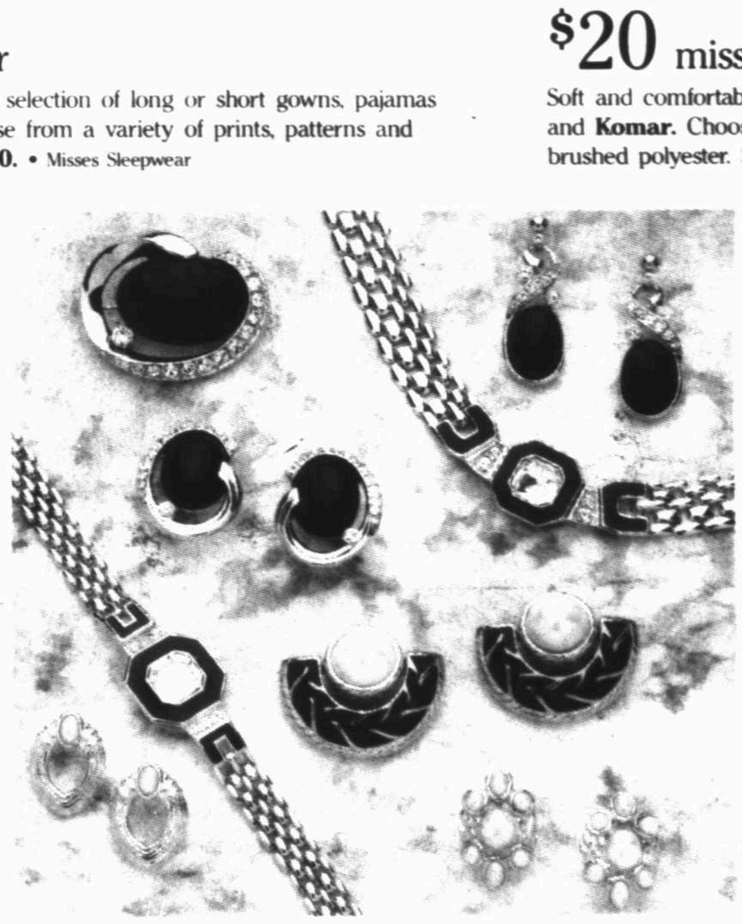
From **Miss Elaine, Vanity Fair** and **Valmode,** a selection of long or short gowns, pajamas and sleepshirts in assorted styles and fabrics. Choose from a variety of prints, patterns and colors. Sizes S,M,L. Orig. $22-$60, **now 16.50-45.00.** • Misses Sleepwear

$20 misses gowns

Soft and comfortable gowns from **Ilise Stevens** and **Komar.** Choose from soothing pastels in brushed polyester. Sizes S,M,L. • Misses Sleepwear

25% OFF women's handbags and small leathers

Selected styles include our **Perry Ellis America** "Diamond Logo" collection. Choose your favorites from our sale collection: satchels, top zips, organizers, French purses and more, in deep fall shades. Orig. $30-$200, **now 22.50-150.00.**
• Women's Accessories



50% OFF fashion jewelry

Choose from earrings, necklaces, bracelets and pins from **Trifari, Napier, Carol Dauplaise, Ellen Designs, Cezanne and others.** Selected designs include gold-tone tailored, jet and crystal looks, jet and pearl looks and fashion colors. Orig. $10-$150, **now 5.00-75.00.**
• Women's Accessories

25% OFF women's Dearfoam® slippers

Through Sun., Dec. 1, choose from assorted Dearfoam suede slippers in popular bootie or moccasin styles. Available in rose, natural, blue, brick or luggage. Sizes 6,7,8,9,10.
Reg. $20, **now 15.00.** • Women's Accessories

25% OFF scarves

From **Vera, Echo, Accessory Street and others,** assorted silk, polyester or rayon scarves. Choose from oblong or 32" square styles in a wide variety of versatile, beautiful colors.
Orig. $25-$38, **now 18.75-28.50.** • Women's Accessories

25% OFF women's Isotoner accessories

Through Sun., Dec. 1, choose from our entire collection of Isotoner gloves and slippers, in a wide assortment of colors and styles. Slippers, sizes S,M,L,XL; gloves, one size.
Reg. $20-$32, **now 15.00-24.00.** • Women's Accessories

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25% OFF men's suits and sportcoats

Build business looks with savings on selected **famous maker** suits and sportcoats. Wool and wool blends. Sizes 38-46R, 38-42S, 40-46L. Reg. $215-$475, **now 161.25-356.25.** • Men's Clothing

$20 men's dress shirts

Choose from a select assortment of **Arrow** regular-fit broadcloth solids and regular-fit oxford solids. 60% cotton/40% polyester. Sizes 15 (32-33) to 17½ (34-35). • Men's Furnishings

$15 men's Royal Club silk ties

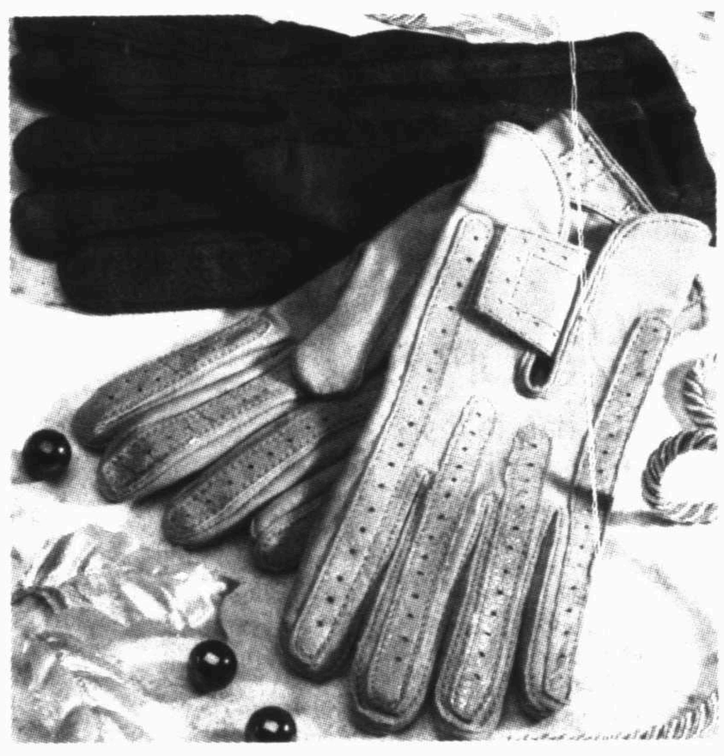
Ties are the perfect way to liven your favorite looks, and they make a practical and much appreciated gift! Save now on this super selection — all 100% silk. Assorted styles and colors. • Men's Furnishings

25% OFF men's Bostonian shoes

Choose from two versatile styles, both in burgundy and black. "Stuart," wingtip kiltie-tassle slip-on, or "Barron," five-eyelet wingtip. Don't miss these savings! Orig. $95, **now 71.25.** • Men's Shoes

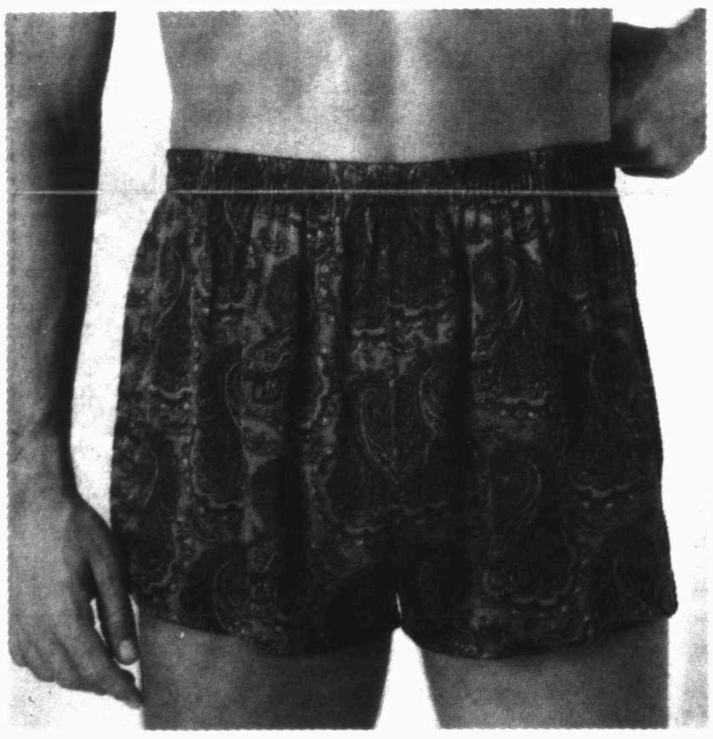
$25 men's Christian Dior small leathers

Choose from passcase, trifold and hipfold styles in full-grain leather with turned-edge construction. Or, for maximum organization and style, take a look at the pocket secretary, **$30.** • Men's Accessories



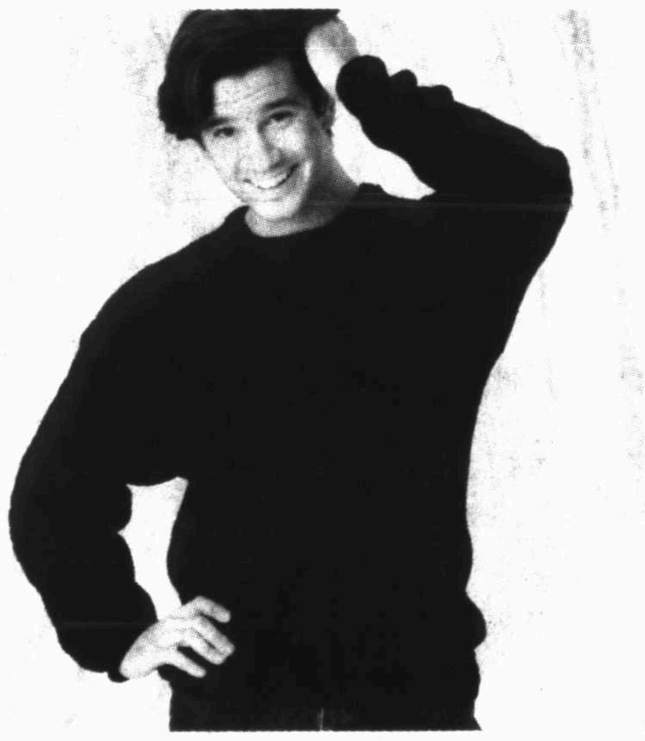
25% OFF men's Isotoner gloves

Through November 30! Act now and save on this ideal gift item. No glove outperforms Isotoner. Assorted sizes, styles and colors. Reg. $28-$44, **now 21.00-33.00.** • Men's Accessories



$28 men's silk boxers

Addiction® all-silk boxers in a variety of patterns. Get the same silk satisfaction in a solid color, **$24.** Either makes an exceptional gift for a special man. • Men's Furnishings



$22 young men's cable sweaters

Concrete builds this basic look around traditional styling. Features include crew neck, cable front and ramie/cotton fabric. Available in fashion colors: black, olive, royal, purple or red. • Young Men's

25% OFF young men's collections

Choose from printed or solid pants, woven tops in fashion prints and solid and printed tops. Assorted basic colors. Sizes S,M,L,XL, waists 29-36." Orig. $25-$47, **now 18.75-35.25.** • Young Men's

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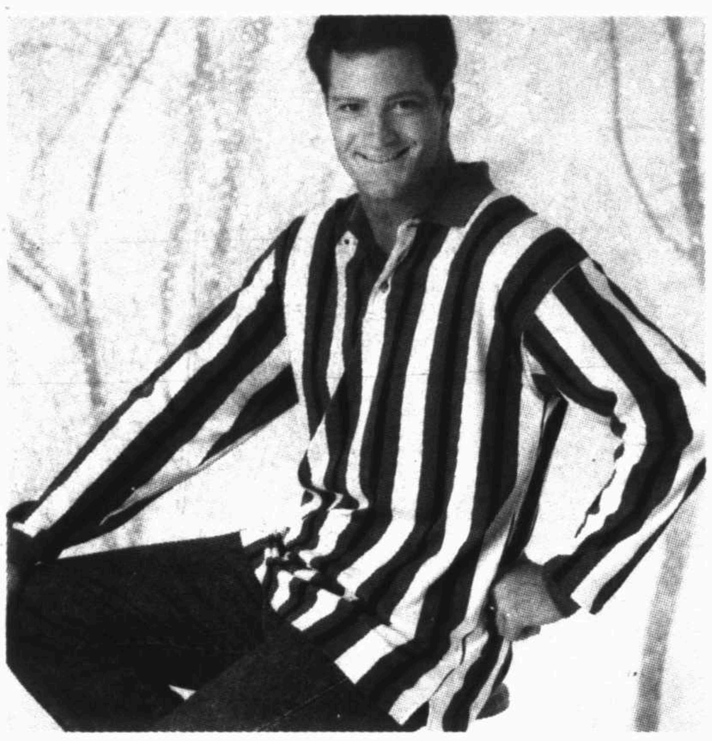

25% OFF men's sportshirts

Famous French designer knit and woven sportshirts add color and style. Available in stripes and paisley prints. 100% cotton, sizes M,L,XL. Orig. $40-$50, **now 30.00-37.50.** • Men's

25% OFF men's designer collections

Selected casual occasion styles for those of discerning taste. A solid gift idea for every well-dressed man. 100% cotton, sizes M,L,XL; waists 32-36." Orig. $48-$90, **now 36.00-67.50.** • Men's

25% OFF men's pleated twill pants

Our twill pant packs in the features: 100% combed cotton, functional watch pocket and extra-deep pockets. Available in khaki, olive, navy or charcoal grey. Orig. $35, **now 26.25.** • Men's

$28 men's traditional woven sportshirts

America's favorite traditional maker sportshirts make a superb gift in easy-care cotton-rich blends. Features include chest pocket and button-down collar. Available in assorted plaids. • Men's

$35 men's V-neck cotton sweaters

Christian Dior sweaters give a classic air. A versatile gift for fall's favorite layered looks. Available in navy, madder, verdigris, doe, peacock or slate, 100% cotton, 35.00. Vest, **30.00.** • Men's

$40 men's Colours sportshirts

Alexander Julian makes an unmistakable statement with every garment. Choose from this group of cotton-twill, long sleeve styles with button-down collar and double button-through pockets. • Men's

$12 young men's mocks and turtlenecks

Made in the U.S.A. of 100% preshrunk cotton, these colorful favorites make the perfect layering companion in ivory, black, red, olive, indigo, burgundy and more! • Young Men's

$20 men's Levi's 505 & 501 jeans

Choose from our selection of rinsed blue styles in the 501 and 505 cuts — both staples of the American man's wardrobe. Waist sizes 29-38," inseam 30-36" (even sizes). • Men's

$28 men's Levi's Dockers

The fit, comfort and attitude are unmistakable. Dockers make an ideal gift for the man who values comfort and quality. 100% garment-washed cotton twill. Assorted colors. Waist sizes 30-42." • Men's

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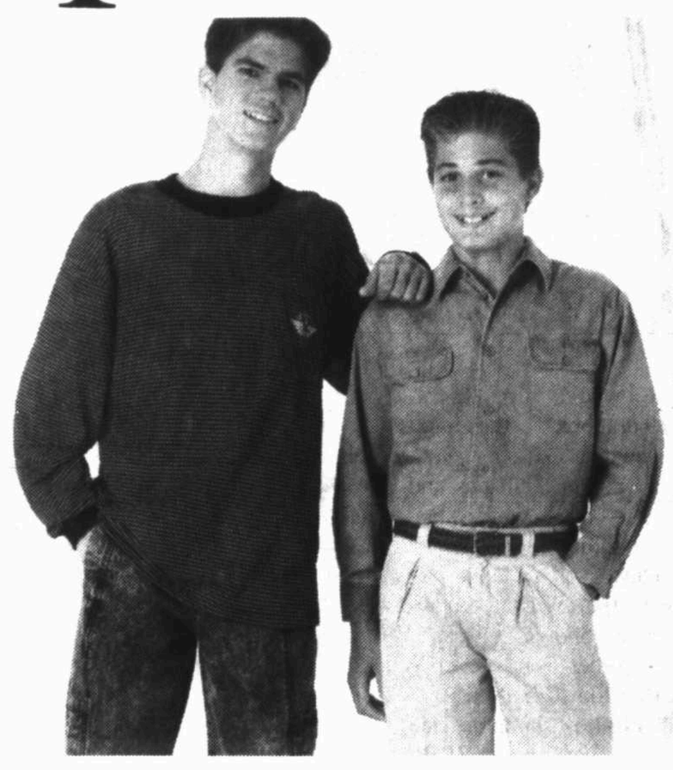
25% OFF girls & boys sweaters

Novelty crewnecks and cardigans from **Copper Key, Knitwaves, Class Club** and **Concrete.** Acrylic or cotton for girls 4-14 and boys 4-20. Orig. $20-$30, **now 15.00-22.50.** • Girls 4-14 • Boys 4-20

25% OFF girls & boys designer separates

For girls 7-14, **Esprit** skirts, skorts and tops in cotton-blend solids and prints, orig. $34-$48, **now 25.50-36.00.** For boys 8-20, **Polo** knit and woven cotton tops, orig. $36-$38, **now 27.00-28.50.** • Girls 7-14 • Boys 8-20



25% OFF boys Dockers & Levi's

For boys 8-20, Levi's Dockers knit and woven tops, twill and denim pants, plus Levi's fashion jeans, orig. $25-$30, **now 18.75-22.50.** For boys 8-14, Hardwear jeans, orig. $12, **now 9.00.** • Boys 8-20

$11 boys 8-20 fleece separates

Russell crewneck tops with set-in sleeves, banded waist and cuffs; drawstring pants with elastic waist and ankles. Six colors in cotton/polyester, each piece just $11! Sizes S,M,L,XL. • Boys 8-20

$20 girls 4-6X & boys 4-7 Joggles jog sets

Easy-care value-priced playwear in lots of fun appliqued designs. Brights and pastels in wash 'n' wear acrylic. Also available for newborns and infants, **16.00-20.00**; toddlers, **18.00**; and girls 7-14, **24.00.** • Children's

$99 boys 8-20 leather jackets

Traditional bomber styles with zip front, pieced sleeves and back, and double-entry side pockets. Plus, nylon lining, polyester filling, acrylic knit cuffs and waist. Sizes S,M,L,XL. • Boys 8-20

33% OFF juniors outerwear

Just when you need it — savings on some of our "coolest" jackets! Assorted fabrics and styles, with zip, snap or double-entry front. Sizes S,M,L. Orig. $62-$250, **now 41.54-167.50.** • Juniors

33% OFF juniors related separates

Don't miss out on this money-saving selection from some of your favorite **famous makers** — tops, pants, skirts and sweaters in lots of styles and colors. Sizes 3-13; S,M,L. Orig. $26-$76, **now 17.42-50.92.** • Juniors

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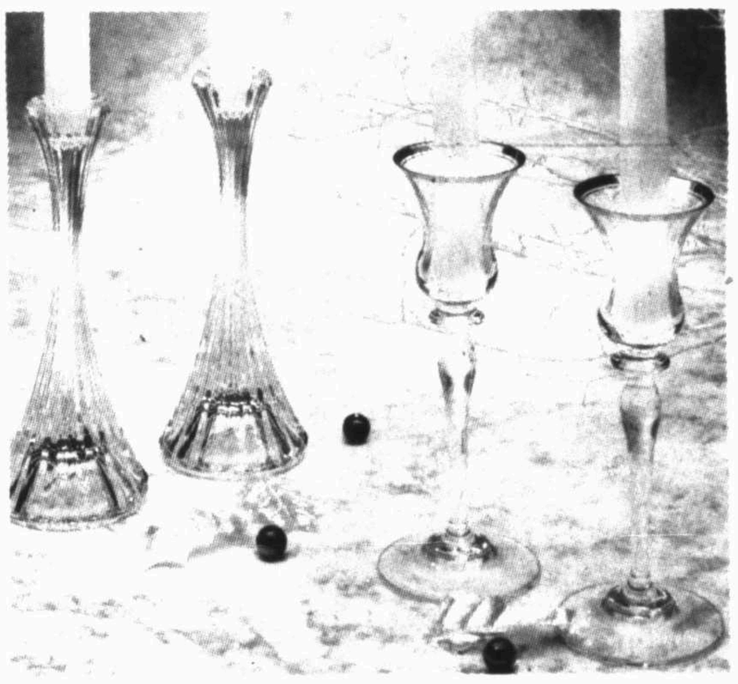
Hollowware, serveware and decorations for the mantel. Beautiful, sparkling lead crystal in all sorts of shapes and sizes — all at great value prices! Add some extra luster to your holidays, or someone else's, with the exquisite touch of crystal. Shown are just a few of the pieces from our collection. From top to bottom:
Noritake "Hampton Hall" oval bouquet vase, **26.00.**
Gorham "King Edward" biscuit barrel, **40.00.**
Gorham "Althea" 8" bowl, **35.00.**
• Crystal Hollowware

$10 EACH Mikasa crystal picture frames

Frames for your sweetheart, frames for your best friend. Frames for your parents, frames for your children. Great designs for framing — or giving to — all your "somebody specials." The "Montage" collection from Mikasa offers something for everyone's smile! Choose from heart, rectangular and oval shapes, each for the low everyday price of $10!
• Crystal Hollowware

25% OFF Bill Blass "Lace" sheets & comforters

From **Springmaid**, elegant eyelet lace bedroom sets in white, ivory, English rose or Wedgwood blue cotton/polyester. Colors vary by store.
Sheet sets with fitted sheet, flat sheet and pillowcase(s):
twin, orig. $30, **now 22.50**;
full, orig. $55, **now 41.25**;
queen, orig. $70, **now 52.50**;
king, orig. $80, **now 60.00.**
Comforter sets with comforter, bedskirt and sham(s):
twin, orig. $160, **now 120.00**;
full, orig. $245, **now 183.75**;
queen, orig. $260, **now 195.00**;
king, orig. $315, **now 236.25.**
Accessories, orig. $30-$135, **now 22.50-101.25.**
• Sheets & Comforters



$30 PAIR Mikasa candlesticks

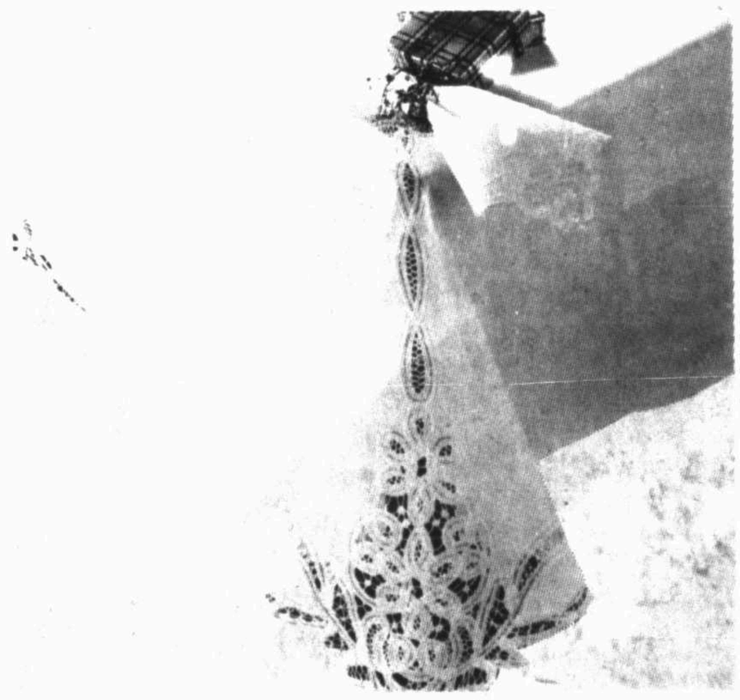
More decorating options in gorgeous lead crystal. Light up tables, shelves and more with Mikasa candlesticks, priced just $30 a pair! Shown from our collection, left to right: "Park Lane" and "Jamestown Platinum" patterns. • Crystal Hollowware

SKYWAY LUGGAGE BONUS:

Receive a matching tote bag ($50 value) as your bonus with any $200 "Barcelona Ballistic" luggage purchase.

Backed by a 5-year manufacturer's warranty, "Barcelona Ballistic" offers 2000 denier twisted ballistic nylon construction with non-rust military hardware, self-repairing nylon zippers, padlocks, leather handles, heavy webbing and straps, and removable shoulder straps.
Shown from our collection in emerald green, **75.00-160.00**: 26" pullman, **135.00**; garment bag, **145.00**; and expandable duffle, **90.00**. Bonus offer valid through December 21. • Luggage

BONUS TOTE BAG



$50 "Battenburg Lace" tablecloth sets

China Art graces your table with detailed cutwork and lace on hand-made white cotton, in $50 sets of tablecloth and napkins: 84" oblong/oval (8 napkins), 102" oblong/oval (10 napkins), 120" or 138" oblong (12 napkins). Also available: 66" round (6 napkins), **30.00.** • Table Linens

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Most merchandise in this section available in most of our stores.

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25% OFF women's suede dress shoes

Caressa suede pump with gathered vamp — truly texturally exciting, orig. $72, **now 54.00.**
Evan-Picone suede pump with stud detail — versatile and luxurious, orig. $88, **now 66.00.**
Bandolino suede flat with leather tip — a gracefully refined silhouette, orig. $78, **now 58.50.**
• Women's Shoes

25% OFF women's dress pumps

Calico "Pampa" with fashion detail and stacked heel, orig. $45, **now 33.75.**
Impo "Symphony" with elegant side detail and wedge heel, orig. $50, **now 37.50.**
Proxy "Sitio" with shirred toe detail and mid heel, orig. $66, **now 49.50.**
• Women's Shoes

25% OFF women's tailored casual shoes

Nine West "Beryl" sports classic shoe-boot design with side goring, orig. $58, **now 43.50.**
Nine West "Marnie" refines and defines the traditional lace-up oxford, orig. $55, **now 41.25.**
9 & Co. shoe-boot shows a single-strap silhouette with brassy buckle, orig. $45, **now 33.75.** • Women's Shoes

25% OFF women's casual shoes

Nine West "Gail" makes comfort points with moc design and vamp stitch, orig. $50, **now 37.50.**
Sumi "Victoria" focuses on fun with side detail and lace-up style, orig. $35, **now 26.25.**
Bandolino "Roma" takes the classic wedge and adds a tassel detail, orig. $64, **now 48.00.** • Women's Shoes

$25 women's Sam & Libby ballet flats

Colors tell the story! Choose from a large assortment including black, navy, ivory, red and gold in this versatile style — a perfect gift or holiday accessory for your favorite looks. • Women's Shoes

$30 women's Calico pumps

Calico "Pleasant" brings mid-heel styling to this basic black pump. All-leather uppers and quality construction make this a versatile addition to any wardrobe. • Women's Shoes

$42 women's Calico flats

Patent leather adds a holiday shine — an ideal gift or fancy feel for seasonal accessorizing. Finished with tasteful ornamentation and toe-bow detail. Black or navy. • Women's Shoes

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THURSDAY BUSINESS WATCH

SPOT MARKET
W.T. INTERMEDIATE
- Wednesday $21.35
- Previous Close $21.02
- One Year Ago $32.86

POSTED PRICE
- Today $20.00
- Previous Week $21.25
- One Year Ago $31.75

Prices rebound

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices rose Wednesday in a lackluster pre-Thanksgiving session that was enlivened only by a brief, false rumor of a Soviet coup.

West Texas Intermediate for delivery in January settled at $21.35 per barrel, up 33 cents, at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Local crude purchasers such as Scurlock Permian Corp., Texaco Trading and Transporation, Marathon and Phillips raised their posted price 25 cents to $20.

Prices advanced early in the morning when traders got rumors of a Soviet coup.

Oil prices eased, though they rose later in the day on technical trading. Some traders reduced their speculative positions going into the holiday, when financial markets in New York are closed.

Even though OPEC formally decided Wednesday to keep its wells flowing at capacity this winter, there was no noticeable impact in the oil market because the move had been widely anticipated.

Natural gas prices were mixed, with contracts for delivery in January settling at $2.105 per 1,000 cubic feet, up 3.9 cents.

Dollar rises

NEW YORK (AP) — The dollar's value rose against most key currencies Wednesday, strengthened at first by a false rumor of a second Soviet coup and boosted later from better-than-expected news about the American economy.

In Tokyo, the dollar rose 0.95 yen to a closing 129.25 yen.

In London, the British pound fell to $1.7665 from $1.7975 Tuesday.

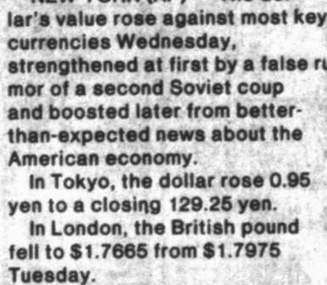
Other late dollar rates in New York compared with late Tuesday: 1.6155 German marks, up from 1.6115; 1.4270 Swiss Francs, up from 1.4265; 1.1369 Canadian dollars, up from 1.1363; 5.5165 French francs, up from 5.4055; and 1,218.25 Italian lire, up from 1,217.00.

Stocks fall

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market dropped to a three-month closing low Wednesday, uninspired by a few tentative signs of improvement in the pace of the economy.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 16.10 points to 2,900.04, its lowest close since it stood at 2,898.03 on Aug. 19 as news broke of the attempted coup in the Soviet Union.

Declining issues outnumbered advances by about 7 to 6 on the New York Stock Exchange.



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OPEC agrees to keep oil pumping

■ OPEC members agreed to keep crude flowing during the winter, but put off a decision on what to do this spring when demand falls.

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC ministers formally adopted a plan Wednesday to keep pumping oil at capacity this winter, but they avoided the tough question of what to do when demand falls in the spring.

That could be the first time since Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last year that the oil cartel will have to confront the thorny issue of how to cut back crude production, and by how much.

Some members of the 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries fear prices could plunge unless output is sharply reduced in the May-June quarter, when demand normally drops.

After several hours of private bargaining, the ministers agreed to meet Feb. 12 to assess the situation.

"It will be a very difficult meeting," Indonesian Oil Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita said in an interview. "Our main concern is to prevent a collapse of the market."

Some ministers said it was too early to decide about spring production because of uncertainties about economic growth in oil-consuming nations. Also, there are questions about the future production of Iraq and Kuwait.

Industry analysts say the ceiling of 23.65 million barrels of oil a day is near the cartel's capacity, because those two major producers have been on the sidelines since the Persian Gulf crisis. So far, OPEC has also been able to avoid the issue of what to do when Kuwait and Iraq get back in.

For now, some market analysts said the new agreement could keep oil prices steady at least into the new year, although others are predicting prices could continue a decline that began last month.

Others said prices could even rise if the weather turned colder than normal in the United States and other industrial countries or if the Soviet Union, the world's largest producer, experienced further problems with its oil industry. Soviet output has been falling because of mismanagement and outdated equipment.

Since the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990, which led to a United Nations boycott of Iraqi and Kuwaiti crude, the other OPEC states have been pumping as much oil as possible.

But the ministers already are deeply divided over how to allocate any future reductions.

Smaller producers would oppose any move to force an across-the-board cut on them. But the big producers would likely balk at taking most of the trims.

Some countries want Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter and producer of about a third of OPEC's daily output, to cut production during the spring. But the Saudis apparently want to maintain a big market share to help pay for the costs of the Gulf War.

After Iraq had occupied Kuwait, Saudi Arabia boosted production from about 5 million barrels a day to the current 8.5 million barrels.

Iraq's oil remains embargoed by U.N. sanctions. Kuwait, its industry badly damaged during the Persian Gulf War, has restored only limited production.

Before the crisis, Iraq pumped 3.1 million barrels a day, the same as Iran and second only to Saudi Arabia.

OPEC members are: Algeria, Ecuador, Gabon, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Venezuela.

Congress approves bank bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress gave final approval Wednesday to a $95 billion infusion into federal insurance for bank and savings institution depositors but denied President Bush dramatic financial system changes he sought.

The Senate approved the banking measure 68-15 and then adopted the S&L bill 44-33, sending them to Bush's desk. He has little choice but to sign them or risk leaving the government without the money to protect more than 100 million depositors.

Earlier, the House had approved the politically distasteful bills in procedures that did not require individual lawmakers' to record their votes. They were among the last obstacles standing between lawmakers and adjournment for the year.

The first would tighten banking regulation and expand the borrowing power of the nearly insolvent Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. by about $70 billion. The second would add up to $25 billion to the taxpayer cost of cleaning up bankrupt S&Ls.

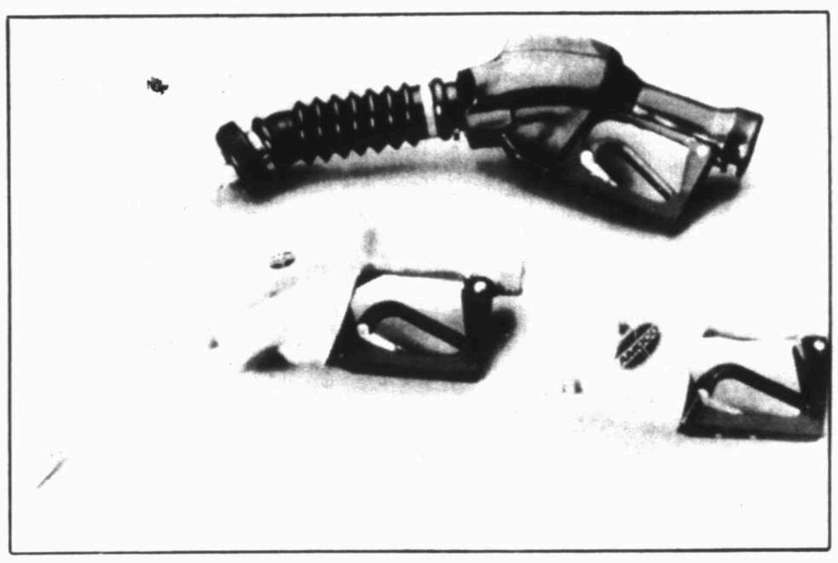
Before final of the banking bill passage, lawmakers made it clear that the root causes of the industry's decline and of more than 1,000 bank failures since 1985 had not been addressed.

"We will come back next year and we will try again to cure the patient, the banking system, of the awful disease that it has," said Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

A compromise drafted in a marathon House-Senate bargaining session lacks all of the dramatic changes in the financial system that Bush proposed in February. The last to go was repeal of a 64-year-old law preventing banks from establishing branches across state lines.

Earlier in the legislative process, Congress had abandoned administration proposals that would have allowed banks to enter the securities and insurance businesses and permitted commercial corporations to own banks.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady said he would recommend Bush sign the bill but he called it "a pale shadow of the fundamental reforms ... the nation's banking system so badly needs."



Fumes buster

The Amoco V-1 gasoline pump vapor recovery nozzle, center left, which caputres gasoline vapors through the perforations near the nozzle tip, provides easier refueling than the "elephant trunk" Stage II vapor recovery nozzle, top, and is nearly identical to a regular nozzle, bottom. The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to decide soon on how to capture gas fumes, which are a major contributor to smog.

AP Laserphoto

Spending takes dive in October

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans burdened by weak income growth cut back sharply on their spending in October, the government said Wednesday in a report some analysts called the most disturbing sign yet that the country could be headed for a double-dip recession.

A big decline in the number of Americans filing weekly unemployment claims and the first increase in orders to U.S. factories for durable goods since July did little to lift the gloom.

Economists focused instead on a Commerce Department report showing that Americans' personal consumption spending fell by 0.3 percent in October. It was the second decline in three months and the biggest setback since a 0.5 percent drop in April.

Because consumer spending accounts for two-thirds of total economic activity, economists called October's decline an extremely worrisome development.

"The report reads no income, no consumption. It is a disturbing and distressing statement on the state of the consumer," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "The lack of income and consumer pessimism because of a lack of jobs strongly suggests that the economy will decline in the fourth quarter."

Lawrence Hunter, chief economist of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said that "far from leading the economy out of the recession, consumers are leading us back into a second dip."

Economists attributed the spending cutback to growing concern about the future and the fact that continuing job layoffs have cut into income growth. Personal incomes rose just 0.2 percent in October, the poorest showing since July.

The government said that without a variety of special factors, including subsidy payments to farmers and restitution payments to Japanese-Americans, incomes would actually have dropped by 0.1 percent during the month.

The bad news on October spending followed a report Tuesday that consumer confidence has fallen to its lowest point since 1980, a bad omen for the economy during the all-important Christmas sales season.

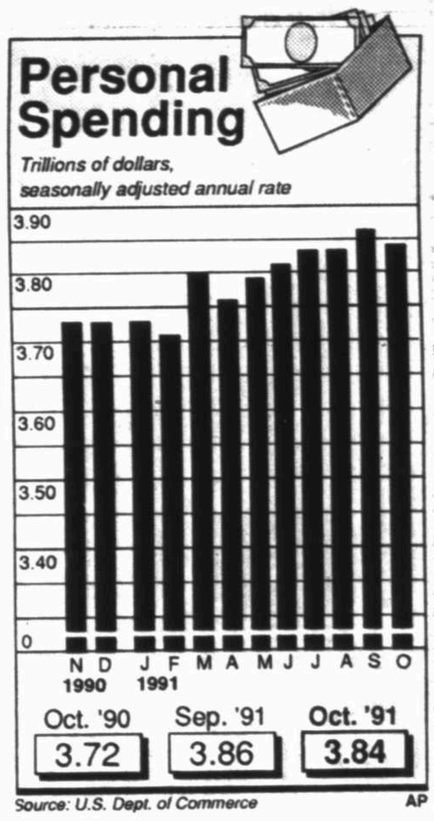
Among the details in Wednesday's economic reports:

■ Disposable, or after-tax incomes, edged up just 0.2 percent last month. With the drop in spending, Americans' savings rate — savings as a percentage of disposable income — rose to 4.4 percent. That was up from 4 percent in September and the highest level since January.

■ Orders for durable manufactured goods, items expected to last three or more years, climbed by 3 percent in October after back-to-back declines in August and September.

However, much of that increase reflected a huge pickup in military orders after a big decline in September. The civilian side of the economy remained lackluster with non-defense orders rising by a more modest 0.6 percent. With demand faltering, especially for big-ticket items such as cars, economists said they look for further declines in manufacturing orders in the months ahead.

■ New claims for unemployment benefits fell by 80,000 in the week ending Nov. 16. But the improvement came after three straight weekly increases and still left the average claims level far above where it was in the early summer.



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INVESTORS' GUIDE

Determining 'basis' if stock records are lost

By Bill Doyle

Q. I am trying to determine the "basis" — cost for tax purposes — of stock my mother has accumulated through an employee stock purchase plan since 1964. Her contributions fluctuated year to year. She never kept records. All dividends were reinvested. The stock has split four times.

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I tried to calculate this, based on the stock's price and dividend data and my mother's imprecise recollections, on a personal computer spreadsheet and I think I can get a reasonably close estimate. But I am not sure the Internal Revenue Service will accept it.

What would you suggest?

A. The natural first suggestion is for your mother to contact the personnel department or whtever other unit of her company that handles the stock purchase plan. All the information she needs might be on file there.

Her total basis is the sum of all contributions to the stock purchase plan, plus all her reinvested dividends. Divide that total by the number of shares she owns and you have her average basis per share.

She will need to know the basis only if she sells. Then, the difference between the basis and the sales proceeds will be a capital gain or a capital loss, which she will be required to report on Schedule D of her Form 1040 federal income tax return.

If she can't obtain the basis information from her employer, she will have to work it up somehow, such as you tried, using the market prices of that stock on or near the dates she made purchases.

She had better say a few prayers the IRS doesn't question her Schedule D and demand proof her basis numbers are accurate. The lesson behind all this — as often stressed in the column — is to save all confirmation slips and other records on the costs of all capital assets.

If your mother never sells the stock, she won't need to know the basis. When she joins the choir silent, her heirs will have a new basis — the market value of the shares on the date of her death, unless an alternate valuation date is used.

Q. In 1943, I purchased 50 shares of stock in the bank at which I was employed. Over the years, the number of shares I own increased because of stock splits and stock dividends.

I had a record of all these developments, but I cannot find same. I want to sell, but I cannot establish my basis. I called the bank and was referred to its New York transfer agent, which provided no help.

Is there some formula I can use to establish my basis when selling the stock?

A. Sure. It's an easy one. All you really need to know is that price you paid for the 50 shares you bought. That number was your basis on the 50 shares and remains the basis for the larger number of shares you now own.

The stock splits and stock dividends increased the number of shares you own but did not change your total basis. However, those splits and stock dividends did alter your basis per share — your total basis divided by the number of shares you now own.

Q. I bought 200 shares of stock in an electronics company on December 30, 1969. I want to sell, but I lost the receipt of how much I paid. Is there any way of finding this out?

A. There is, if that stock was listed on a stock exchange or was actively traded in the over-the-counter market on the date of your purchase.

Just visit a public library and go through microfilm records of newspaper stock tables for that date.

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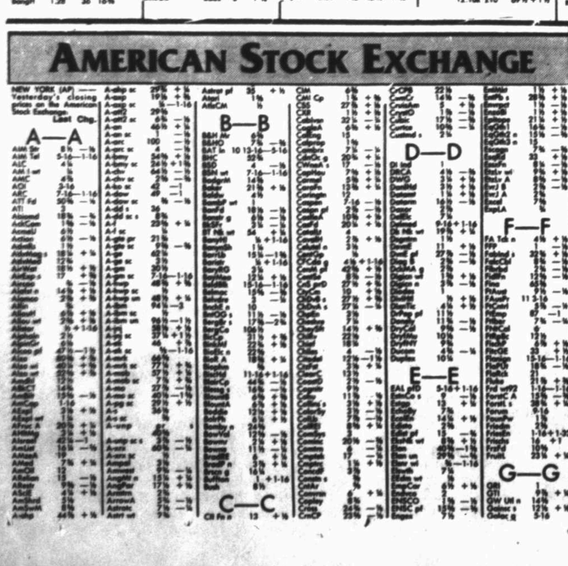

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Inco p	10.11	10.61	+.01
Muni p	10.29	10.80	—.01
AARP Invest:			
CaGr	29.60	N.L.	—.08
Gnin	15.85	N.L.	+.01
GNInc	26.68	N.L.	—.06
HQ Bd	15.79	N.L.	+.01
TxFBd	17.28	N.L.	—.01
ABT Funds:			
Emrg p	9.82	10.31	
FL TF	10.56	11.09	
GNIn p	9.79	10.27	
USTr p	12.43	13.05	+.10
AdmCa p	19.25	19.85	—.03
AEGON USA:			
CapApp	4.29	4.50	
HiYld	10.13	10.64	+.01
Gvnh	6.19	13.00	+.01
TaxEx	11.39	12.17	+.01
AFA Nat+	10.18	10.69	—.01
AFA Tele	15.09	15.82	—.01
AHA Funds:			
Balan	11.42	N.L.	—.01
Full	10.50	N.L.	—.01
Lim	10.51	N.L.	
AIM Funds:			
Chart p	8.17	8.65	—.03
Const p	13.54	13.00	+.01
CvYld p	11.84	12.43	—.03
HiYld p	9.30	9.76	
LtdMt p	10.12	10.30	
Summ	9.54		—.01
Wrldwp p	15.74	16.38	—.02
A M A Family:			
ChiGr p			
GlbGr p	21.43	22.50	—.24
Utilin p	19.50	20.47	—.15
USGv p			
AMEV Funds:			
AstAl p	13.39	14.02	+.02
CapAl p	16.36	17.39	+.01
CaAp p	15.80	16.79	+.01
Fidlr p	36.92	28.19	+.03
GvTR p	9.11	9.54	
Growth p	15.27	16.24	+.23
HiYld p	7.83	8.20	
TF Mnt	9.91	10.38	
TF Nat	10.24	10.72	—.01
TF NY	10.86	11.37	—.01
US Gvt	10.05	10.43	
AMF Funds:			
AdjMtg	10.01	10.46	
Cp Bd	9.63	N.L.	
MtUs	10.75	N.L.	
mtgSc	10.47	11.44	+.02
ASO Bd	10.90	11.41	
ASO Eq	11.88	12.44	—.03
Accmd	43.41	43.41	+.19
Atlanc	9.67	N.L.	—.04
Advest Advant:			
Govt p	8.77	8.77	+.02
Grwth p	8.89	9.30	+.01
HY Bd p	7.89	7.89	
Inco p	11.22	11.22	+.01
Spcl p	14.86	14.86	+.01
AlanSCo+	20.01	20.01	+.05
AlanGl+	16.88	16.88	+.04
Alliance Cap:			
Alban p	12.72	13.48	—.03
Balan p	12.37	13.09	—.03
Conse p	12.37	13.09	—.03
Count p	18.73	19.84	—.11
GlbSA p	9.87	10.46	—.07
Govt p	8.33	8.82	—.01
Grinc p	2.43	2.57	—.01
HiYld p	5.41	5.73	
IntlA p	14.30	15.13	—.24
IGrdT p	12.74	13.34	
IntlIn p	12.74	13.31	
Mastin p	11.65	12.23	—.02
Mtg p	9.01	9.46	
MtInc	1.98	1.98	
MtInO	9.84	N.L.	
NASA p	9.78	10.08	+.01
NASB t	9.78	9.78	+.01
NuCA p	9.49	10.05	+.01
MuNY p	9.28	9.72	
NtMu p	9.95	10.40	
NtSur p	8.83	9.34	—.18
QuanA p	19.62	20.76	—.07
ST	9.81	N.L.	
ST Mtg t	9.83	10.13	
Tech p	26.26	27.79	+.15
Vrtdm p	1.96	1.96	
AlpnCA	11.32	11.32	
Allstate Funds:			
Grdnc	10.62	11.06	
Grwth	14.02	14.60	—.01
Inco	10.66	11.10	
TF Inc	9.92	10.33	
Amer Advant:			
Balan	11.38	N.L.	—.02
Equity	11.57	N.L.	—.06
LtdTr	10.11	N.L.	—.01
Amer Capital:			
Comst	16.87	18.44	—.02
CpBd p	6.75	7.06	
EmGr p	20.22	21.45	+.04
Enrgy p	17.18	18.23	—.03
Eqinc p	4.55	4.83	
Exch	91.16		—.10
HiIgA p	19.91	20.53	
GlbOp	9.68	10.27	—.07
GvSc p	10.67	11.20	+.01
G+197	11.28	11.63	
Grinc p	11.72	12.44	—.01
HiYld p	14.36	15.21	—.01
HYTxE p	5.98	6.28	
Incm p	12.78	13.56	—.02
Pace p	10.79	11.45	
TxEI p	11.07	11.62	
AlbqNV	12.34	12.39	—.01
American Funds:			
A Bal p	11.57	12.28	—.01
A Bd p	12.39	13.15	—.01
AMutl p	20.30	21.54	—.04
Bond p	13.39	14.06	
CapWl p	15.85	16.66	—.01
Eqinc p	13.73	14.44	—.15
Fdmtl p	13.91	14.88	—.01
Govt p	13.73	14.44	
Grwth p	22.02	23.36	—.02
HiTr p	13.77	14.46	
Inco p	12.80	13.58	—.02
IntBd p	13.94	14.64	
IntSt p	16.32	17.32	+.01
MExc p	22.04	23.38	—.11
N Per p	11.66	12.37	—.1
SmCp p	17.78	18.86	—.02
TxEx p	11.36	11.93	
TMCA p	14.40	15.98	—.02
TEMd p	14.49	15.21	
TEVA p	14.92	15.66	—.01
Wsh p	14.92	15.66	—.01
A GthFd	7.73	8.45	—.01
A Incm	1.32	1.32	+.01
A Intnl	6.47	6.77	+.01
A Inv In	5.29	5.54	—.01
Amer Natnl Funds:			
Gnth	4.90	5.14	
Incm	21.99	23.06	
Trflex	15.37	16.62	+.01
Am Pension:			
Bond	10.82	11.27	—.01
Equity	11.77	12.26	—.01
Intbd	10.75	11.20	
A Alloc			
AM Gr Sp	12.45	12.45	—.01
Amercy T	8.50	8.76	+.01
Amstyl	12.59	N.L.	—.01
AmerSCo	10.24	10.24	—.01
Amstng	6.92	N.L.	—.01
Aquila Group:			
AZ TF	10.09	10.51	
CO TF	10.02	10.45	
CvFd p	11.04	11.50	
EV TF	10.23	10.68	
NY TF	10.17	10.60	
ArchCap	12.38	12.96	
ArchDv	10.13	10.61	
Atlas Group:			
CstTF	10.41	10.73	—.01
Gnbnc	12.19	12.57	
GvtSc	10.43	10.75	+.01
TF Bd	10.44	10.76	
BB&K	10.38	N.L.	—.01
BehavGr		N.L.	
Babson Group:			
Bond	1.60	N.L.	+
Enter	13.87	N.L.	
Grwth	11.03	N.L.	
Intl	12.31	N.L.	
Investr	9.57	N.L.	
TaxEx	8.99	N.L.	
UMB Sr	14.63	N.L.	
UMB S	11.31	N.L.	
Value	18.01	N.L.	
BancGrd p	16.31	17.32	+
BancCo p	19.48	20.67	+
Bancpk r	14.52	14.52	+
Bartlett Funds:			
Basic	12.54	N.L.	
Fixed	9.96	N.L.	
Vl Jnt	9.34	N.L.	
Bascm	19.71	21.21	+
Bsc Hld	32.39	N.L.	+
BehavGr	10.78	N.L.	
BehavEq	11.09	N.L.	
Bedtown Group:			
AdjGov	10.04	N.L.	
Cntfl	11.05	N.L.	
Cntfin	12.53	N.L.	
Cntfrl	8.88	N.L.	
CntTr	10.55	N.L.	
EqGro	10.44	N.L.	
GNMA	10.60	N.L.	
Goldin	12.24	N.L.	
IntGro	12.24	N.L.	
MTFI	10.49	N.L.	
MTFL	11.24	N.L.	
Sp1995	79.99	N.L.	
Sp2000	35.12	N.L.	
Sp2005	35.12	N.L.	
Sp2010	17.66	N.L.	
Sp2020	17.66	N.L.	
Value	10.62	N.L.	
Berger Group:			
100	11.10	N.L.	
101	8.35	N.L.	
Bernstein Fund:			
GvBd	13.08	N.L.	
IntDur	12.98	N.L.	
NtMu	12.97	N.L.	
CA Mu	12.97	N.L.	
NY Mu	13.06	N.L.	
NtTxMu	13.06	N.L.	
Blanchard Funds:			
Prsht p	9.88	10.38	
ST Gt	1.91	1.91	
ST Inv	9.88	10.38	
BdStkGr	18.53	N.L.	
Boston Co:			
AAlloc p	11.48	N.L.	
CshAg p	25.72	N.L.	

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Name	Div.	Sales	Last	Chg.
Amoc		943	11¼	
AtlasG		970	5 1-16	+3-16
Atlas		80	16¾	+
Atlas pfC		30	14¼	+
Atlas pfD	.48	344	5¼	+
Atlas pfE		2323	38	+
Atlas pfF		624	15¾	+
Atlas pfG		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfH		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfI		20	15¾	+
Atlas pfJ		781	15¾	+
Atlas pfK		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfL		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfM		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfN		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfO		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfP		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfQ		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfR		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfS		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfT		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfU		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfV		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfW		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfX		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfY		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfZ		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfAA		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfBB		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfCC		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfDD		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfEE		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfFF		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfGG		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfHH		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfII		1	15¾	+
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Atlas pfPP		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfQQ		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfRR		1	15¾	+
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Atlas pfTT		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfUU		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfVV		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfWW		1	15¾	+
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Atlas pfOOO		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfPPP		1	15¾	+
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Atlas pfRRR		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfSSS		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfTTT		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfUUU		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfVVV		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfWWW		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfXXX		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfYYY		1	15¾	+
Atlas pfZZZ		1	15¾	+

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Chart p	8.17	8.65	—.03
Const p	11.34	12.00	+.01
CvYld p	11.84	12.43	—.03
HiYld p	5.30	5.56	
LimM p	10.12	10.30	
Summ	9.54		—.01
Weing p	15.48	16.38	—.02
A M A Family:			
ClsGr p		N.L.	
GlbGr p	21.43	22.50	—.24
Glbln px	19.50	20.47	—.15
USGv p		N.L.	
AMEV Funds:			
AstAl p	13.39	14.02	+.02
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Grwth p	25.47	26.74	+.23
HiYld p	7.83	8.20	
TF MN	9.91	10.38	
TF Nat	10.24	10.72	—.01
TF NY	10.86	11.37	—.01
US Gvt	9.98	10.45	
AMF Funds:			
AdjMtg	10.01	N.L.	
Cp Bd	9.63	N.L.	
IntlLiq	10.75	N.L.	
MtgSc	11.28	N.L.	+.02
ASO Bd	10.90	11.41	
ASO Eq	11.88	12.44	—.03
AcornF	43.41	43.41	+.19
Afuture	9.67	N.L.	—.06
Advest Advant:			
Govt p	8.77	8.77	+.02
Gwth p	15.56	15.56	—.01
HY Bd p	7.89	7.89	
Inco p	11.22	11.22	+.01
Spcl p	14.86	14.86	+.01
AlgrSCp t	20.01	20.01	+.05
AlgerG t	16.89	16.89	+.05
Alliance Cap:			
Alian p	6.12	6.48	—.03
Balan p	12.37	13.09	—.03
Canad p	5.47	5.79	—.06
Count p	18.75	19.84	—.11
GlbSA p	9.87	10.44	—.07
Govt p	8.33	8.75	
GrInc p	2.43	2.57	—.01
HiYld p	5.41	5.68	
IntlA p	14.30	15.13	—.24
ICalT p	12.74	13.34	
InsMu p	9.85	10.31	
Mcnin p	11.65	12.23	—.02
Mortg p	9.01	9.46	
MNIn t	1.98	1.98	
MtHiG	9.84	9.94	
MMSA p	9.78	10.08	+.01
MMSB t	9.78	9.78	+.01
MuCA p	9.95	10.42	+.01
MuNY p	9.28	9.72	
NtlMu p	9.93	10.40	
NEur p	8.83	9.34	—.18
QuarA p	19.62	20.76	—.07
ST Mlo p	9.83	10.13	
ST Mlb t	9.83	9.83	
Tech p	26.26	27.79	+.15
WIdIn p	1.96	1.96	
AlgonCA	8.87	9.22	
Altura Funds:			
GvInt	10.62	11.06	
Grwth	14.02	14.60	—.01
Inco	10.66	11.10	
TF Inc	9.92	10.33	
Amer AAdvant:			
Balan	11.38	N.L.	—.02
Equity	11.57	N.L.	—.06
LtdTr	10.11	N.L.	+.01
Amer Capital:			
Cmath	16.87	18.44	—.02
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Eqlnc p	4.55	4.83	
Exch	91.16		—.10
FMgA p	12.99	13.53	
GlEqA p	9.68	10.27	—.07
GvSc p	10.67	11.20	+.01
GvT97	11.28	11.63	
GrInc p	11.72	12.44	—.02
Harbr p	14.34	15.21	—.01
HiYld p	5.98	6.28	
MunB p	9.68	10.16	
Pace p	12.78	13.56	—.02
TEHY p	10.79	11.33	
TxE I p	11.07	11.62	
AExpEV	12.34	12.39	—.03
American Funds:			
A Bal p	11.57	12.28	—.03
Amcp p	11.94	12.67	—.03
AMutl p	20.30	21.54	—.06
Bond p	13.39	14.06	
CapIB p	28.38	30.11	—.15
CapW p	15.85	16.64	—.05
Expac p	32.10	34.06	—.49
FdInv p	15.91	16.88	—.09
Govt p	13.75	14.44	
Grwth p	22.02	23.36	—.07
HI Tr p	13.77	14.46	
Inco p	12.80	13.58	—.02
IntBd p	13.94	14.64	
ICA p	16.33	17.33	—.11
NEco p	22.04	23.38	—.19
N Per p	11.66	12.37	—.16
SmCp p	17.78	18.86	—.04
TxEx p	11.36	11.93	
TECA p	14.65	15.38	
TEMd p	14.49	15.21	
TEVA p	14.92	15.66	—.01
Wsh p	14.94	15.85	—.07
A GthFd	7.73	8.45	—.01
A Hertg	1.32	N.L.	+.03
A Invst	6.47	6.77	+.03
A Inv In	5.29	5.54	—.03
Amer Natl Funds:			
Grth	4.70	5.14	
Inco	21.99	24.03	—.05
Trillion	15.37	16.62	+.03
Am Perform:			
Bond	10.82	11.27	—.01
Equity	11.77	12.26	—.02
IntBd	10.73	11.18	
A AlBInc			
API Gr fp	12.45	12.45	—.01
Amway f	8.50	8.76	+.02
Analyt	12.59	N.L.	—.04
AnchrCo	24.55	24.55	—.03
Amstng	6.92	N.L.	—.04
Aquila Funds:			
AZ TF	10.09	10.51	
CO TF	10.03	10.45	
HI TF	11.04	11.50	
KY TF	10.25	10.68	
OR TF	10.17	10.59	
ArchCap	12.38	12.96	—.04
ArchDiv	10.13	10.61	—.01
Atlas Funds:			
CalTF	10.41	10.73	—.01
GroInc	12.19	12.57	—.02
GvtSc	10.43	10.75	+.01
TF Bd	10.34	10.66	
B&K	10.38	N.L.	—.02
BakerGv		N.L.	
Babson Group:			
Bond	1.60	N.L.	+.01
Enterp	12.87	N.L.	
Grwth	11.03	N.L.	—.05
Intl	12.31	N.L.	—.19
Shadow	9.57	N.L.	—.01
TaxFr	8.99	N.L.	
UMB St	14.63	N.L.	—.02
UMB B	11.31	N.L.	
Value	18.81	N.L.	—.13
BairdBl p	16.51	17.52	+.01
BairdCo p	19.48	20.67	+.08
Baronk r	14.22	14.22	—.04
Bartlett Funds:			
BasVl	12.54	N.L.	—.05
Fixedl	9.96	N.L.	
Vl Intl	9.24	N.L.	—.11
Bascom	21.71	21.71	+.01
Bear Hill	32.39	N.L.	+.04
BellAtBd	10.78	N.L.	
BellAtEq	11.09	N.L.	—.06
Benham Group:			
AdjGov	10.09	N.L.	—.01
CalTL	11.05	N.L.	—.01
CalTin	9.53	N.L.	—.01
CalTH	8.88	N.L.	
CalTFI	10.55	N.L.	—.01
EqGro	10.44	N.L.	—.02
GNMA	10.60	N.L.	+.01
GoldIn	8.39	N.L.	—.01
IncGro	12.24	N.L.	—.02
NITFI	10.49	N.L.	
NITFL	11.24	N.L.	—.01
Tg1995	79.99	N.L.	+.06
Tg2000	53.57	N.L.	—.09
Tg2005	35.12	N.L.	—.13
Tg2010	24.55	N.L.	—.06
Tg2015	17.64	N.L.	—.07
Tg2020	11.65	N.L.	—.06
TNote	10.62	N.L.	
Berger Group:			
100	11.15	N.L.	+.02
101	8.33	N.L.	+.01
Bernstein Fds:			
GvSh	13.08	N.L.	
ShtDur	12.98	N.L.	
IntDur	13.31	N.L.	
CA Mu	12.97	N.L.	
DivMu	13.05	N.L.	
NYMu	13.06	N.L.	
Blanchard Funds:			
PrcM p	6.09	6.09	
ST GI	1.91	1.91	
StrGr p	9.88	9.88	—.05
BdEndw	18.53	N.L.	—.01
Boston Co:			
AAlloc p	14.48	N.L.	—.07
CaAp p	25.72	N.L.	—.14
Intl	11.14	N.L.	—.21
IntGv p	12.52	N.L.	
MgdI p	11.23	N.L.	
SpGth p	15.84	N.L.	—.15
Bmdyw	18.16	N.L.	+.05
Bruce	86.13	N.L.	+.24
Bull & Bear Gp:			
CaGr p	6.56	N.L.	
Eqlnc p	12.34	N.L.	—.03
FNCI p	16.00	N.L.	—.13
Gold p	12.55	N.L.	—.04
HiYld p	8.27	N.L.	+.02
SpEq p	17.51	N.L.	+.02
TxFr p	17.66	N.L.	—.01
USGv p	14.34	N.L.	+.02
Burnham	20.66	21.75	—.01
CGM Funds:			
CapDv	30.91	N.L.	—.03
Mutl	26.24	N.L.	—.23
Calmos	11.72	N.L.	—.01
CalMun			p
	8.69	8.69	
CalTrst	11.96	N.L.	
CalUS	9.90	N.L.	—.01
Calvert Group:			
Ariel	27.39	28.76	—.04
ArielA	17.64	18.52	—.04
Capitl p	20.66	21.69	—.04
Inco	16.69	17.52	
Social p	27.47	28.84	—.02
SocBd	16.30	17.07	
SocEq	18.29	19.20	—.01
TxF St	10.64	10.86	+.01
TxF Lg	13.82	16.61	
TxF VT	15.37	16.14	
US Gov	15.35	16.12	+.02
CapitolEq	10.03	N.L.	—.05
CapitolFI	10.52	N.L.	—.01
Capstone Group:			
CshFr	9.29	9.75	—.05
Fd SW	15.72	16.50	+.06
GvInc	4.80	4.80	
MedRs	17.18	18.04	—.10
PBHG	9.13	9.59	+.07
Ray El	6.50	6.82	—.02
Trend	12.93	13.57	—.05
CarilCa	12.37	13.02	—.01
Carneg Cappielo:			
EmGr p	11.91	12.47	—.01
Grow p	18.45	19.32	—.13
TRetn p	11.75	12.30	+.05
Carnegie Funds:			
Govt p	9.34	9.78	
TEGthG	9.34	9.78	—.01
TENHi	9.79	10.25	
Cardnl			
CrdnlGv			
Cnt Shs	19.78	N.L.	—.05
ChartBC	11.88	11.88	+.02
Chester	111.73	N.L.	—.38
CIGNA Funds:			
Agrsv p	16.94	17.83	+.01
GvSc p	10.19	10.73	
Grth p	14.81	15.59	—.01
HiYld p	8.96	9.43	—.01
Inco p	7.80	8.21	
MunB p	7.92	8.34	—.01
Util p	13.96	14.69	+.15
Value p	17.87	18.81	+.01
Citibank IRA-CIT:			
Balan f	2.58	N.L.	
Equit f	2.87	N.L.	
Incom f	2.32	N.L.	
ShtTr f	1.85	N.L.	
Clipper	46.49	46.49	—.16
Colonial Funds:			
AGold p	15.74	16.70	—.01
CalTE	7.15	7.51	
CpCsh p	45.75	46.68	+.12
Fund p	20.13	21.36	—.07
GvSec p	10.76	11.30	—.01
Gwth p	12.86	13.64	—.02
HiYld p	5.91	6.20	
Incom p	6.32	6.64	
IntEq p	15.92	16.89	—.09
MATx	7.33	7.70	
MI TE	6.66	6.99	
MN TE	6.97	7.32	
NY TE	6.86	7.20	
OhTE	7.00	7.35	
Smlln p	11.46	12.16	—.04
Strtln	7.04	7.39	
TXIns p	7.88	8.27	
TxEx p	13.18	13.84	—.01
US	Gv		p
	7.03	7.38	
US Id p	18.50	19.63	—.06
Colonial VIP:			
DvRat t	11.17	11.17	—.03
FdSec t	9.95	9.95	
Gwth t	11.54	11.54	—.04
Hilnc t	8.99	8.99	+.01
HYMu t	9.66	9.66	
IntMd t	10.10	10.10	—.04
Columbia Funds:			
Fixed	13.41	N.L.	+.01
Govt	8.79	N.L.	+.01
Grth	26.19	N.L.	—.02
Muni	12.04	N.L.	
Spcl	47.29	N.L.	+.17
Common Sense:			
Govt	11.48	12.31	
Grwth	14.85	16.23	—.02
GrInc	14.24	15.56	—.01
MunB	12.79	13.43	—.01
CwthBl	2.08	2.25	—.01
Compass Capital:			
Eqlnc	11.52	N.L.	—.04
FxdIn	10.44	N.L.	
Grwth	11.75	N.L.	—.07
Shint	10.45	N.L.	
Composite Group:			
BdStk p	11.02	11.48	—.03
Gwth p	11.52	12.00	—.06
InFd p	8.78	9.15	+.01
NW50 p	25.80	27.02	+.08
TxEx p	7.36	7.67	—.01
USGv p	10.53	10.97	
ComPtSr	9.70	10.16	—.06
Conn Mutual:			
Govt	11.10	11.56	+.01
Grwth	14.32	15.27	—.03
TotRet	13.93	14.66	—.02
Copley	15.83	N.L.	+.09
CorEqin	18.78	N.L.	—.06
CtryCo	17.00	17.53	—.01
Cowen p	11.40	11.98	—.02
CownOp			p
	14.67	15.42	+.02
CmbldG	11.34	11.34	—.02
DR Euro	7.06	N.L.	—.14
Dean Witter:			
AmVl t	19.38	19.38	+.02
CalTF t	12.31	12.31	
CapGr t	13.48	13.48	—.02
Convt t	8.49	8.49	—.02
DevGr t	13.28	13.28	+.03
DivGr t	24.91	24.91	—.07
Eqlnc t	8.87	8.87	—.03
Euro t	9.07	9.07	—.16
GlbI t	9.62	9.62	—.01
GlPus t	9.46	9.46	
HiYld	6.27	6.63	—.01
Intmd t	9.72	9.72	
MuCA t	9.98	10.40	—.01
NYTF t	11.51	11.51	—.01
NtRts t	10.24	10.24	—.07
PacGr t	11.60	11.60	—.09
PrcM t	8.55	8.55	—.04
Premr p	9.95	10.36	
SearT p	11.66	11.66	—.01
AdTx p	8.09	8.09	
Mngd t	10.60	10.60	—.06
ST US p	10.17	10.17	+.01
Strat t	12.88	12.88	—.05
TaxEx	11.47	11.95	—.01
USGvt t	9.39	9.39	
Util f	12.50	12.50	+.06
ValAd t	14.69	14.69	—.04
WWIn	8.99	8.99	—.02
WldW t	15.03	15.03	—.12
Delaware Group:			
Dectrl	15.85	17.32	—.07
Decfl p	12.81	13.45	—.05
Delaw	17.90	19.20	—.02
Delcp p	21.18	22.24	+.14
Delchl	6.50	6.97	
Dlchll p	6.50	6.82	
Gvt II p	8.92	9.36	
Invl	10.05	10.36	
Inv II p	10.05	N.L.	
TxFPo	8.06	8.46	—.01
TxIns	10.99	11.56	—.01
TxFU	11.64	12.22	
Trend	10.67	11.20	+.04
Value	15.29	16.05	+.04
Dimensional Fds:			
US Sml	6.30	N.L.	
Japan	25.61	N.L.	—.47
UKIng	21.68	N.L.	—.38
Cont	14.36	N.L.	—.27
Fixd	103.21	N.L.	+.02
GlBd	104.57	N.L.	+.04
Govt	112.28	N.L.	+.06
IntGv	109.96	N.L.	
Dodge&Cox:			
Balan	38.32	N.L.	—.11
Inco	11.37	N.L.	
Stock	42.41	N.L.	—.18
Dreyfus:			
A Bond	14.30	N.L.	—.01
CalTx	14.83	N.L.	
CapV p	13.07	13.69	
CvSec	8.32	N.L.	
Dreyf	12.26	N.L.	—.06
GNMA p	15.08	N.L.	
GthCp	11.95	N.L.	+.03
Index	15.93	N.L.	—.06
InsMu p	18.09	N.L.	
Interm	13.82	N.L.	
Levge	17.52	18.35	—.07
Mas Tx	15.96	N.L.	—.01
NJ Mun	12.88	N.L.	—.01
NwLd p	32.23	N.L.	—.03
NY Tax	15.19	N.L.	—.01
NYTE p	17.01	N.L.	
NYIn p	11.11	N.L.	
Peapln	13.63	N.L.	—.05
ShInT	12.98	N.L.	
ShtGv	11.70	N.L.	+.01
StrAg p	32.09	33.08	+.07
Strinc p	13.53	14.17	
Strlnv p	21.29	22.29	
StrW p	29.79	30.71	—.01
Tax Ex	12.73	N.L.	
Third C	7.92	N.L.	—.02
USG Bd	13.75	N.L.	—.02
USG In	12.83	N.L.	
Dreyfus General:			
GnAg p	26.87	N.L.	—.05
GnCA	12.93	N.L.	
GMBd	14.53	N.L.	—.01
GNY p	19.17	N.L.	—.01
Dreyfus Premier:			
CAMu			p
	12.52	13.11	
CTMu p	11.43	11.97	
FLMu p	14.21	14.88	+.01
Gnma p	14.95	15.65	+.01
MDM p	12.34	12.92	
MiMu p	14.65	15.34	
MAM p	11.28	11.81	
MNM p	14.53	15.21	
NYM p	13.56	14.20	
OHMu			p
	12.22	12.80	
PAMu p	15.57	16.30	
TX Mu	19.72	20.65	
MuBd p	13.57	14.21	
DupKyn	7.03	N.L.	
Intlnc p	10.36	10.52	
IntlTr p	10.38	10.87	—.07
MMun p	10.29	10.77	—.01
QuIG p	11.82	12.38	—.02
Tailin p	10.51	11.01	—.02
TRTs p	10.37	10.86	—.01
Flagship Group:			
AATE p	10.17	10.62	—.01
AZTE p	9.91	10.34	—.01
CpCsh p	29.93	N.L.	—.01
CTTE p	9.92	10.35	—.01
FLTE p	9.99	10.43	—.01
GATE p	10.03	10.47	
KYTE p	10.30	10.75	
LATE p	10.14	10.58	—.01
UTE p	10.19	10.45	
MITE p	10.91	11.39	—.01
MOTE p	10.15	10.59	
NCTE p	9.82	10.25	—.01
OHTE p	10.87	11.35	
PATE p	9.72	10.15	
TxTE p	10.46	10.92	—.01
VATE p	10.09	10.53	—.01
GldRs p	15.73	N.L.	—.01
Flex Funds:			
Bond p	18.99	N.L.	—.02
Grth p	11.25	N.L.	—.04
Muir Ip	5.77	N.L.	
Fortress Invst:			
Adjlt t	9.99	10.09	
GISI r	9.57	9.57	
HiQal t	14.33	14.47	—.06
Munin t	10.38	10.38	+.01
TP US r	10.28	10.38	
Util r	11.40	11.52	+.07
44 WIEq	6.03	6.03	—.02
44Wall	2.36	2.36	—.01
FormBd	10.51	10.92	+.01
ForumSt	9.67	10.05	—.09
Founders Group:			
BlueC p	7.58	N.L.	+.01
Discv	15.99	N.L.	+.03
Frntr p	22.75	N.L.	+.09
GovSc	10.34	N.L.	
Gwth p	10.66	N.L.	+.01
Inco p	8.13	N.L.	+.02
Spcl	7.25	N.L.	—.02
WldGr	12.82	N.L.	—.07
Franklin Group:			
AGE	2.58	2.69	
AdjUS	10.01	10.43	+.02
AL TF	10.95	11.41	
AZ TF	10.76	11.21	
Calns	11.39	11.86	
CalTF	7.06	7.35	
CO TF	10.93	11.39	
CT TF	10.46	10.90	
CvtSc	9.81	10.22	+.02
DNTC	17.26	17.98	—.01
Equity	7.19	7.49	—.03
FedTx	11.59	12.07	
FL TF	10.98	11.44	+.01
GA TF	11.12	11.58	
GlOpl	9.31	9.70	—.06
Gold	12.86	13.40	—.03
Grwth	26.60	27.71	—.07
HY TF	10.52	10.96	
Incom	2.09	2.18	+.01
InsTF	11.58	12.06	+.01
LA TF	10.86	11.31	
MD TF	10.53	10.97	
MaTF	10.94	11.40	
MI Tax	11.33	11.80	+.01
MNIns	11.60	12.08	
MO TF	10.97	11.43	
NJTF	11.10	11.56	
NY Tax	11.27	11.74	
NC TF	11.04	11.50	
Ohiol	11.48	11.96	
ORTF	10.96	11.42	+.01
PaTF	9.78	10.19	+.01
Prnclp	4.65	4.84	—.03
PR TF	11.09	11.55	
SI Gov	10.46	10.62	+.01
SpEq	11.74	12.23	—.01
TA Gov	10.59	11.03	+.01
TxAMY	7.96	8.29	—.01
TX TF	10.95	11.41	
OH Mun	10.32	N.L.	
Quest	10.08	N.L.	—.04
TF Inc	10.49	N.L.	
Heritage Funds:			
CapApp p	12.52	13.04	—.02
Divinc p	10.45	10.89	
IncGr p	9.85	10.26	—.01
GMark	10.03	N.L.	—.03
Inr Man	19.32	N.L.	—.07
IndCap	11.39	11.98	—.02
Summer	18.57	N.L.	—.05
Huntingtn Fds:			
CPI	48.37	49.87	—.41
Globl	14.21	14.54	+.01
Hard	13.62	13.95	—.06
Hilnc	13.05	13.35	—.01
IAI Funds:			
Blnd	10.56	N.L.	
IntFd t	10.96	N.L.	+.05
Regn p	21.59	N.L.	+.06
Reserv	10.30	N.L.	
Stock	14.53	N.L.	+.02
Value	9.60	N.L.	—.03
IDS Group:			
BluCp p	5.67	5.97	—.01
Bond p	4.83	5.09	
Cal p	5.04	5.31	
Discv p	10.17	10.70	+.03
DEI p	5.90	6.22	—.02
Equit p	10.19	10.73	—.02
Estt p	3.85	4.05	—.01
Fdln p	5.22	5.50	
GlBd p	5.61	5.91	—.06
GlaGr p	4.97	5.23	—.06
Gwth p	18.47	19.44	—.02
HiYd p	4.55	4.79	
Insr p	5.15	5.42	
Intl p	8.45	8.89	—.14
MgdR p	11.08	11.66	+.03
Mass p	5.06	5.33	
Mich p	5.14	5.41	
Minn p	5.09	5.36	—.01
Mutl p	11.82	12.45	—.03
NY p	4.98	5.24	—.01
NwD p	12.31	12.96	
Ohio p	5.12	5.38	
PrmW p	5.68	5.97	—.02
Prop p	5.46	5.75	—.02
Select p	8.99	9.39	
Stock p	19.32	20.34	—.04
StrAg t	14.99	14.99	+.01
StrInc t	5.30	5.30	—.06
Strlnc t	5.89	5.89	
StrST t	1.03	1.03	
StrWG t	4.38	4.38	—.07
TE Bd p	3.92	4.13	—.01
Utilln p	6.07	6.39	+.01
ISI Trst	10.37	10.85	—.01
IDEX Group:			
Idex	17.98	19.65	+.02
Idx II p	16.13	17.07	+.02
Idex 3	17.96	19.63	+.02
Totlnc	8.69	9.34	
Independence Cap:			
CapGr	11.17	11.85	
Hilnc	8.79	9.33	
QualSt	11.62	12.33	—.04
US Gvt	10.38	11.01	
Inv Resh	5.81	6.23	
Istel p	13.01	13.01	—.01
Ivy Funds:			
Gwth	16.85	N.L.	—.08
GthInc	9.35	N.L.	—.02
Intl	19.39	N.L.	—.27
JP Grth	16.42	17.38	—.01
JP Inco	9.38	9.93	
JW Gast	2.03	2.17	
Janus Fund:			
Flxinc	8.96	N.L.	
Fund	17.68	N.L.	—.08
Grinc	11.80	N.L.	
Midln	10.12	N.L.	—.06
Liberty Family:			
Am Ldr	13.40	14.03	—.05
Cmdn p	9.30	9.74	—.04
FTInf	14.60	15.29	—.02
HiInBd	10.16	10.64	
Tx Fre	10.96	11.48	—.01
US Gvt	8.68	9.09	
UtilFd	10.97	11.49	+.07
LindDiv	22.94	N.L.	+.02
Lindner	18.23	N.L.	—.04
Lord Abbett:			
Affilfd p	9.42	10.10	—.02
BdDeb			p
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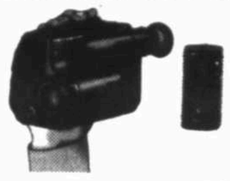

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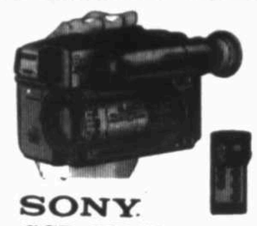

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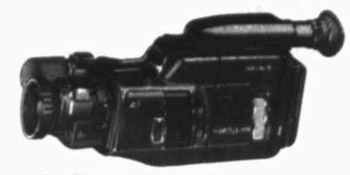

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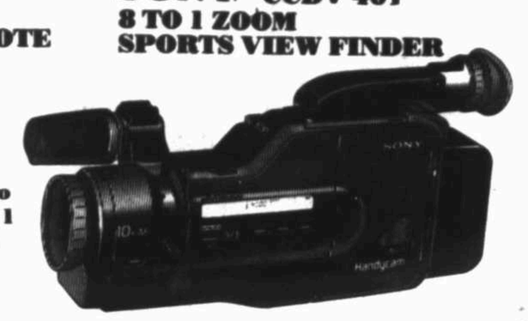

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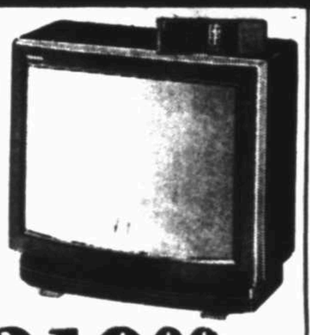

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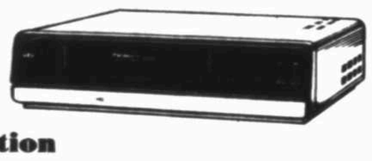

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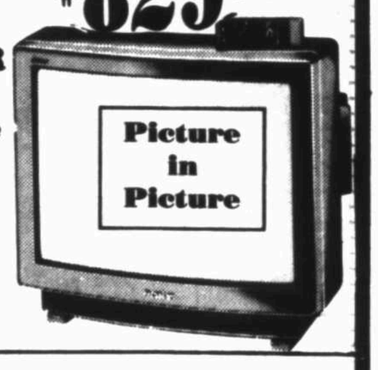

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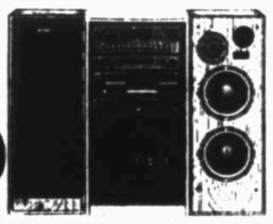

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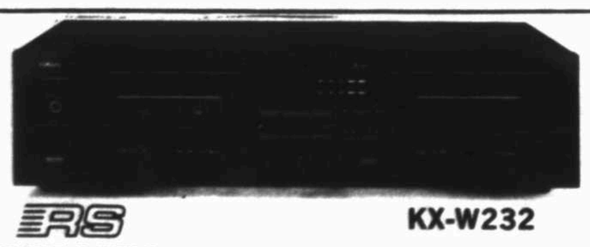

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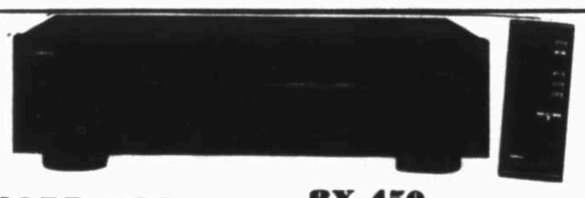

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Young "feasters" (left to right) Jashe Fuller, Kirsten Hocker and Roxanna Rubio, sample venison, yams, johnny cakes and applesauce. The kindergarteners, garbed in Pilgrim and Indian dress, are all from Pease Elementary School. They made the applesauce and johnny cakes in the classroom.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Gloria Lovato, 6, — a first grader at Bonham Elementary School — strikes a pensive pose in Pilgrim garb.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian students — sitting in the hallways — partake of their annual Thanksgiving feast.

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Trinity School first grade teacher Lorine Kuhn assists Jessica Santorelli in cutting up apples to make applesauce.

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Aftan Branch, 6, thumbs through a pop-up book she made of the Mayflower's journey to America. She is a first grader at Greenwood Elementary School.

Sharing *in the* Bounty

Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

Trinity School student Jennifer Pieta carefully carries a measuring cup full of milk. The milk was poured into a pumpkin pie in teacher Christy Cartwright's class.

Story by Myra Lee Salcedo

Husking corn, mashing apples for applesauce, and tasting venison for the first time were just a few experiences area schoolchildren had as they got into the mood for "Turkey Day."

No matter which school they attended, students celebrated common themes involving the colonizing of Early America, and the first Thanksgiving.

Kindergarteners at Pease Elementary School — garbed as Pilgrims and Indians — reenacted the famous holiday celebrated in Massachussetts. Then they sat down to a feast of traditional holdiay fare.

Some youngsters, after sampling

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DEATHS

Sue Sharp

Sue Katherine Puckhaber Sharp of Dallas, formerly of Midland, died Sunday in Dallas.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Sparkman/Hillcrest Chapel on Northwest Highway in Dallas with Joe Nix and Hugh Rucker officiating. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 8, 1932, in Wilmington, Del., to Edward and Rachel Puckhaber. They moved to Dallas in 1933. She attended Parks Cities schools and graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1954.

She taught school in Midland and Corpus Christi prior to meeting her husband, Everett Sharp. They were married on Dec. 13, 1958, at her parents' home in Dallas.

She had been a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority, the Assistance League of Houston and the Assistance League of Dallas. She had been a longtime member of the Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Edward Sharp of Houston; and one daughter, Katherine Clement of Dallas.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Walter Krug II

Graveside services for Walter Wolfgang Krug II of Midland were Wednesday at Resthaven Memorial Park. Services were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Scott Wemple, Mike Worley, John Mapp, John Kelly, Terry Gant and Frank Pannell.

Honorary pallbearers were Francisco Saenz, James Kelly, Jim Rupple and Robert Mapp.

Krug died Monday afternoon near Stanton.

He was born Aug. 14, 1954, in Odessa and was reared and educated in Midland. He graduated from Lee High School in 1973. He attended Odessa College and the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Following graduation, he rejoined Wallen Production Co., where he had worked with his family since his youth. He was a production superintendent.

He was a member of the YMCA, where he had been a former board member.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Krug in 1986.

Survivors include his father, Walter Krug of Midland; and a sister, Jade Krug of Midland.

The family requests memorials be directed to the YMCA.

Joyce Shackelford

Services for Joyce Dean Shackelford of Midland have been set for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Ellis Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Shackelford died Wednesday at her residence.

She was born Nov. 23, 1929, in Gomez and was reared and educated in Lubbock. She met Travis Shackelford in Robstown, and they were married Jan. 17, 1949, in Jourdanton. The family lived in several oilfield communities, moving to Andrews in 1958 and to Midland in 1967.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Dan Shackelford of Midland; one brother, Doyle D. Jones of Midland; one daughter, Sharlene Swindall of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

Aubrey Smith

Graveside services for Aubrey T. Smith of Midland have been set for 11 a.m. Friday at the Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado with Ellis Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Smith died Monday at his residence.

BOUNTY: Students dine on traditional fare

Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Susan Stasney, Neel Patel and Laura Jones shuck ears of corn as part of Trinity's Thanksgiving Day Feast activities.

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venison, said they "liked turkey better." Other items they dined on included yams, johnnycakes and applesauce, all prepared in the classroom.

Trinity School pupils in Patti MacDonald's first grade class tried their hand at shucking corn for the first time.

Students gingerly peeled back the layers of husk and dropped them on paper towels.

"As you pull back the shuck you will see little strings of corn silk," Ms. MacDonald said. "We want to get as much silk as we can off because that's the part which gets stuck between your teeth."

"The next part is the cob," one youngster volunteered.

Next door to Ms. MacDonald's class, pupils in Christy Cartwright's class rolled dough and measured out ingredients to make pumpkin pies.

The tantalizing smell of baking pumpkin bread wafted from Lorine Kuhn's first grade class as her young charges diligently sliced apples for homemade applesauce.

Midland Christian School students dined while sitting cross-legged in hallways for their annual luncheon feast.

Indian pow-wows and bead-stringing were a couple of activities youngsters at Bonham Elementary School participated in during their day-long Thanksgiving festival.

While pupils all across Midland County gave thought to what they were thankful for and praise for their country forged by early settlers, many also voiced the sentiments of one excited pupil at Trinity School. Immediately after pouring a mixture of raw pumpkin, milk and spices into an uncooked pie shell, he asked, "When do we eat?"

LOCAL/AREA REPORTS

Federal court finds four guilty

Staff Report

Four people on trial in federal court on crack cocaine charges were found guilty and a fifth acquitted late Tuesday, federal officials said.

Fredrick Branch, Andre Thompson, Kevin Joe Hill and Gloria Sherman were found guilty of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute over 50 grams of cocaine and possession with intent to distribute the drug.

Branch was also found guilty of possession of a firearm to facilitate a drug transaction. And Thompson was found guilty of using a communication device, a telephone, to facilitate a drug transaction.

Sentencing has been scheduled for Jan. 14 by U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton. The minimum mandatory sentence for the drug charges is 10 years imprisonment.

A fifth person, Arthur Duson, was acquitted of all counts against him.

Those on trial and a sixth man were arrested in August when lawmen seized about 15 ounces of crack cocaine, a .45-caliber handgun and $1,500 in cash following a two-month investigation, officials said.

The sixth person, Jimmy Sherman, who pleaded guilty to drug-related charges, testified for the prosecution on Monday.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jan Hartung said Sherman gave in-depth testimony on the workings of such a drug operation.

Lawmen reported that those arrested were allegedly involved in bringing crack from Fort Worth to Midland for resale.

Sherman was sentenced to four years in prison on Tuesday.

Man robs 7-Eleven

ODESSA — A 7-Eleven store at 1000 N. Grant St. was robbed at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday of an undetermined amount of cash.

The suspect is described as a white male, about 30-years-old. He was wearing blue jeans, a blue jacket, a black ski mask, a black belt and was carrying a black knife sheath.

Police said the man approached the clerk and said "money." The clerk handed him an unknown amount of cash, and the man fled on foot.

Midland College student wins annual poetry contest

Staff Report

Karen Roth repeated as Grand Award winner of the Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Contest. Her selection as winner of the Grand Award plaque and $500 cash was announced Wednesday during a ceremony at Midland College's Chaparral Hall.

Ms. Roth, a student at Midland College and at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, won the fourth annual poetry contest for "Heartbreakers' Bar."

Second place plaque and $200 cash went to Patricia R. Peek for "In This Ground." She had been a previous honoree, winning third place in the 1989 contest.

Winner of the third place plaque and $100 cash was Carol Bradshaw for "In West Texas ... The Grasslands of the Edwards Plateau, High Plains, and the TransPecos."

Dr. David Daniel, president of Midland College, made presentations to the winners.

The plaques and cash awards have been donated by Stanley Levitt of Midland in memory of his wife, Hilda Simmons Levitt, who took creative writing courses at Midland College prior to her death.

Following tradition, award recipients read their winning entries. At this year's awards ceremony, previous winners also read their winning entries or, if unable to attend, have them read by faculty.

Committee members for the contest included: Dr. Larry Griffin, Communications Division Chair and Committee Chair; Rebecca T. Watson, coordinator; Billy Feeler and Dr. Glenda Lindsey-Hicks. All committee members teach creative writing.

Judges for the 1991 contest were Greg Glazner and Jon Davis. Both are faculty members at the College of Santa Fe (New Mexico), where Glazner is Coordinator of Creative Writing, and Davis is Professor of Creative Writing at the Institute of American Indian Arts. Both have had collections of their poetry published.

Davis' honors include a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, the Peter Lavan Younger Poets Award and residence at the Providence Township Fine Arts Center.

Glazner, who is this year's recipient of the Walt Whitman Award, received the 1984 Bess Hotchkin Award from Poetry magazine. He taught at Midland College in 1984.

Previous award winners include: Alice King Greenwood and Karen Bingham Pape, 1988; J. G. Butts, Priscilla Franke and Patricia Peek, 1989; and Karen Roth, Sergio Mendoza and Price Cowden, 1990.

The contest is open to current students at Midland College as well as those who have taken courses at MC within the previous year.

Big Spring police officers find dead man near railroad tracks

Staff Report

BIG SPRING — A 45-year-old man was found dead Tuesday in a concrete bin located near the railroad tracks at 300 W. 1st Street in Big Spring, police said. His name is not being released pending notification of next of kin.

An autopsy conducted at a Lubbock hospital revealed the man died of blunt, forced trauma to the head and upper torso, police said.

There are no suspects in the case.

Big Spring police are continuing the investigation.

AT WIT'S END

Young couples will be thankful when today is through

By Erma Bombeck

Bombeck

This column is about a group of people who will never have the time to read it today.

They are young couples involved in a tug-of-war over where to spend Thanksgiving dinner — with his family or her family.

It never comes up at the wedding. The bride's parents assume that come the first Thanksgiving of her married life, their little girl will not be deprived of the family tradition of getting together over turkey. There is no doubt in the minds of the bridegroom's parents that since her family ran the whole show at the wedding, they wouldn't be selfish enough to claim them on holidays.

It's not unusual to have a couple drive to Sacramento for breakfast with the bridegroom's daddy and stepmother, then move on down to San Diego for brunch with the bride's 87-year-old grandmother before boarding a plane for Santa Fe for a Thanksgiving dinner with the bridegroom's mother. In the late afternoon, they fly to Dallas for a late supper with the bride's parents before flying home to Burbank.

Some parents say, "It doesn't matter. Do what you have to do." Other parents will bargain. "If you come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas, his family can have you for Bastille Day and Boxing Day in Canada."

After several years of playing musical chairs at Thanksgiving some couples face up to their only options: have a family of their own where it becomes too cumbersome and expensive to travel.

Surviving the family holidays is just another chuckhole in the corduroy road of marriage. When my husband and our kids moved to Arizona, my parents in Ohio celebrated Thanksgiving alone. Well, almost. My dad set up a camera, pushed the timer, and photographed the two of them looking like their puppy had just died.

I guess the only thing worse than eating three or four Thanksgiving dinners is if neither side of the family wants you.

Erma Bombeck's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Church hosts holiday dinner

Staff Report

The Lee Street Church of Christ will host its second annual Thanksgiving dinner for the needy and homeless today.

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Former Boy Scout gets award late

By Suzanne Ziegler
Associated Press writer

HUTCHINSON, Minn. — The Boy Scouts taught Ross Heilman the skills he used to save a fellow teen-ager's life but it refused to honor him because his troop couldn't pay its dues during the Great Depression.

Heilman, now 75, finally got his Boy Scout Medal of Honor in a ceremony Tuesday — 59 years after he earned it.

The gold medal with a red ribbon goes to a Scout who has "demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save life at considerable risk to self."

Heilman remains modest about the event after all this time.

"I don't think it was such a hero job. I was happy I could do it, glad I was there," Heilman said.

Heilman was 16 years old in July 1932 when, after working all day on his uncle's farm, he went with friends to cool off in a water-filled gravel pit.

"I was the only one who could swim," Heilman recalled. "I was on the other side of the pit about 100 yards when one guy stepped off the drop-off."

Right away, 19-year-old Kenneth Foster was in trouble.

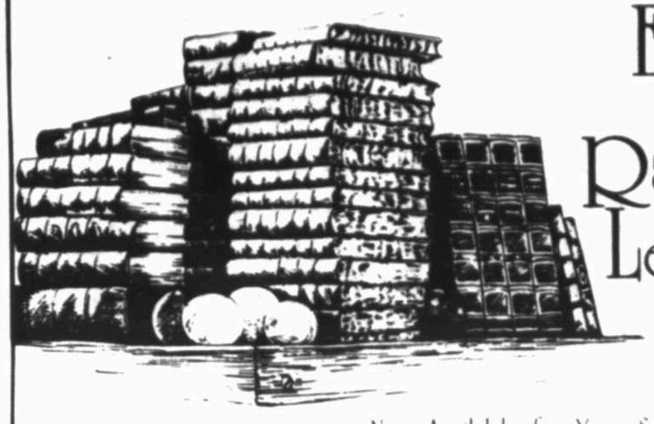
"They started hollering for help and I didn't pay much attention, you know, I thought they were joking," Heilman recalled.

When Heilman realized it was no joke, Foster was several feet underwater. Heilman grabbed him and towed his older pal to shore, where he used life-saving techniques he learned in the Scouts.

"Because of the Depression, in '32 our Scout troop didn't have enough money to belong," Heilman said. "We were broke."

The two men lost touch, but the effort to laud the rescue was revived last year after Heilman's son Ross saw his father's clippings about the rescue and contacted the Boy Scouts of America.

The organization agreed to the belated award.



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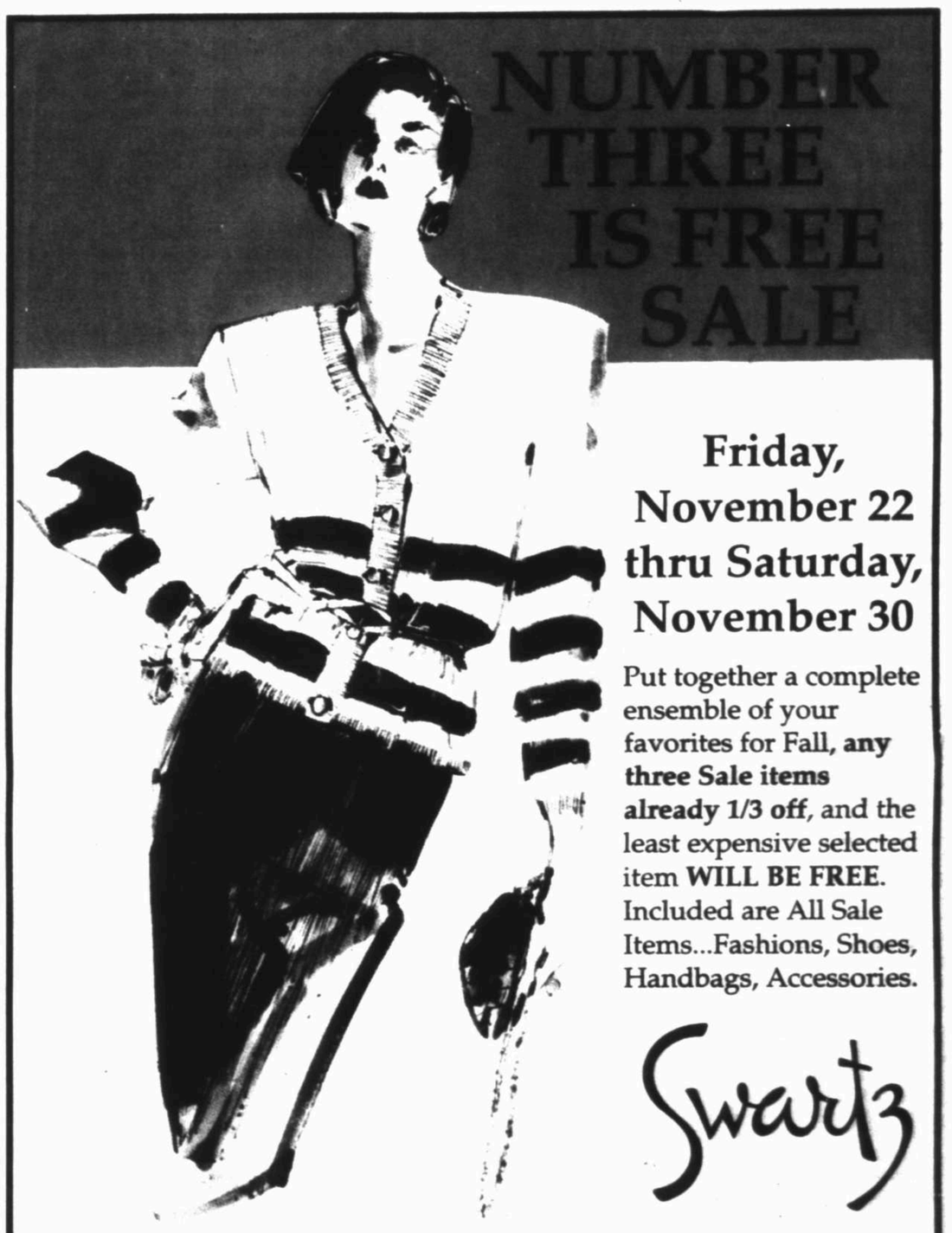

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Officials seize animals left on farm

AZLE (AP) — Authorities seized hundreds of starving animals Wednesday from the farm of a man they believe is responsible for dumping up to 500 carcasses in a rural area north of Fort Worth.

Officials from the Parker County Sheriff's Department and the Humane Society of North Texas took more than 200 goats, sheep, chicken, ducks and quail from the Parker County farm.

The animals will be stored at a Parker County ranch and at the humane society's shelter, said Paul Giles, shelter manager.

The animals appeared to have been underfed, Giles said.

"My impression from the information is that the man buys these animals, tries to sell at them at weekend trade days, and if he doesn't sell them he takes them back to the property but doesn't buy any food," Giles said.

Sheriff's officials said they plan to serve the farm's owner with a warrant charging him with animal neglect or cruelty.

On Nov. 21, authorities found up to 500 carcasses dumped along two rural roads about five miles northwest of Azle. Whiteman said the cause of death has not been determined.

Some of the animals appeared to have been dead six months to a year. Also, the sex organs of some of the animals had been removed.

A veterinarian will examine the seized animals, Giles said. After the man is charged, a judge will conduct a hearing to determine whether neglect or cruelty has been committed.

If the farmer is convicted, Giles said, the animals would be released to the humane society or sold at public auction.

Giles had to think back to a case in Joshua in the late 1970s — one in which the humane society seized 200 neglected dogs from a kennel — to find a case that compares to this one.

"When you see something like this, your first impression is that this is a cult thing. I'm glad it wasn't that, but I'm sorry the animals had to suffer the way they suffered."

Police, officials say Bexar County dumps prison parolees in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The streets of Houston may be serving as a dumping ground for prison parolees from Bexar County, adding to an already dangerous crime situation in the state's largest city, Harris County authorities said.

"We have heard these stories for the past several months," Harris County Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen said. "But we have never been able to catch the vans to see it."

Klevenhagen said Tuesday he believes a private Bexar County facility that contracts with the state to house parole violators has been transporting parolees to Houston. He did not reveal its name.

Bexar County Sheriff Harlon Copeland said he was not aware of any parolees being dropped in Houston, but there are none from his jail. He said his jail has no control over where parolees go.

Houston Police Lt. Paul Dugger said the issue was a topic of discussion Monday at a meeting of Midtown Crackdown, a new crime-fighting civics group.

Dugger said parolees reportedly are brought by bus to downtown Houston every Monday. More recently they have been met there by police and told to return to Bexar County.

Dugger said the practice has been videotaped by the police.

"If they have a tape, I want to see it," Copeland said. "How can you dump a parolee somewhere? If we got a resident from Bexar County that's paroled in Webb County, that's where he goes. My citizens would be tickled to death if I could do something like that."

Klevenhagen said he could not confirm or deny whether the practice exists but said his deputies are assigned to look out for Bexar County vans.

Shots injure first-grader on school bus

HOUSTON (AP) — An Aldine first-grader was hospitalized for treatment of a head wound Wednesday after shots were fired at the school bus he was riding home, officials said.

The 6-year-old suffered a gash behind his right ear and physicians initially believed he was struck just with glass. But he was flown by LifeFlight helicopter later to Hermann Hospital where doctors were trying to determine whether a mass that appeared on an X-ray was metal and glass fragments or a bullet, said Eric Fritz, a hospital spokesman.

The boy and about 24 other students from Dunn Elementary School had been released early at 12:15 p.m. for the Thanksgiving holidays. They were on their way home when shots were fired from behind some bushes about 10 minutes from the school, said Judy Williams, spokeswoman for Aldine Independent School District.

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Judge accepts revised state House redistricting plan

EDINBURG (AP) — U.S. Justice Department officials will be getting two new, and different redistricting plans for the state House — one approved by a state district judge, and the other adopted by a legislative committee.

On Wednesday, State District Judge Mario E. Ramirez of Edinburg accepted a House redistricting plan that was drawn by minority rights groups trying to increase minority representation in the 150-member chamber.

Despite the victory for the minority plaintiffs, Ramirez's decision was essentially set aside, for the time being at least, as the state appealed the ruling to both the Corpus Christi appeals court and the Texas Supreme Court.

In the meantime, Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said he was sending the Justice Department a revised redistricting plan that was adopted by the House Redistricting Committee late Tuesday.

That new plan is opposed by Republicans and the minority plaintiffs in the lawsuit before Ramirez.

"Pretty much the ball is now in the court of the Department of Justice," Morales said.

Two weeks ago, the Justice Department rejected the initial House plan, saying the Democratic-dominated Legislature did not treat minorities fairly under the Voting Rights Act.

The Justice Department cited specific instances in El Paso County, South Texas and Dallas County where the plan discriminated against Hispanics. The new Redistricting Committee plan addresses those concerns, Morales said.

But he said it is "not as strong as we would like" because it was not adopted by the full Legislature, or even a majority of the House.

After the Justice Department had rejected the first House plan, Morales asked Gov. Ann Richards to call a special session of the Legislature, but she refused.

Medicaid bill saves Texas $1.6 billion

DALLAS (AP) — Compromise Medicaid legislation reached in Congress Wednesday will spare $1.6 billion in health care assistance for Texans over the next two years, Sen. Lloyd Bentsen said.

A Bush administration plan to wipe out certain techniques states used to obtain federal Medicaid matching funds was substantially changed by Congress, largely at the pleading of the nation's governors.

Bentsen said the administration's plan would have caused "draconian" cuts in the care 4 million Texans receive.

"The legislation doesn't do everything I would have liked but when it comes to health care and state finances in Texas, it is far better than the alternative that was staring us in the face," said Bentsen, the Texas Democrat who chairs the Senate Finance Committee.

The Health Care Financing Administration in September introduced rules to limit the taxes and donations states use to boost their qualification for federal matching funds.

State officials estimated Texas would lose up to $1.2 billion from its $6.3 billion Medicaid budget if the rules took effect as planned Jan. 1.

Gov. Ann Richards testified to the Finance Committee Nov. 19 that HCFA had lost sight of who would end up paying the difference.

"It gets so easy to get within this (Capital) Beltway and suddenly start thinking about them and us — them being the states," Richards said. "As if our taxpayers were different."

The White House and National Governors' Association forged a compromise last week.

The State

Attorney general targets funeral homes in probe

DALLAS (AP) — A spokesman for the Texas attorney general confirmed Wednesday that eight funeral homes are under investigation for allegedly swindling thousands of dollars from a state fund for crime victims.

Ron Dusek would not identify seven of the attorney general's targets. But he acknowledged that Golden Gate Funeral Home of Dallas was among eight funeral homes the office is investigating.

Dusek told the Dallas Times Herald in a copyright story Wednesday that the allegations include filing funeral-service reimbursement claims for fictitious homicide victims; offering families kickbacks from the fund in exchange for business; and filing reimbursement claims when the family's burial insurance already covers funeral costs.

The Texas crime victims compensation program provides financial assistance to innocent victims of violent crime. Victims or their families apply to the fund for compensation of funeral bills, lost wages, medical and counseling fees or child care expenses.

Last year, $1.57 million was disbursed statewide for funeral expenses of homicide victims. The victim's family is allowed to claim up to $3,000 for a funeral.

Documents obtained by the newspaper show that the crime victims fund paid $43,824 for funerals at Golden Gate between March 1990 and March 1991, the most recent figures available.

The money covered 15 funerals at an average cost of $2,922 — well above the $1,200 typical service Golden Gate co-owner John Beckwith Sr. said he conducts.

Beckwith and his son deny any wrongdoing and say the victims compensation fund owes them at least $45,000 for funeral services already performed.

Christmas tree farms list numbers on state hotline

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans who want to cut their own Christmas trees can call a special hotline to find the tree farm nearest them.

The Texas Department of Agriculture is offering a Christmas tree hotline from Friday through Dec. 15, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. The number is 1-800-252-2997.

Callers will be sent a special guide that lists farms by county and gives information about each farm. The guide also indicates which farms sell live trees for replanting.

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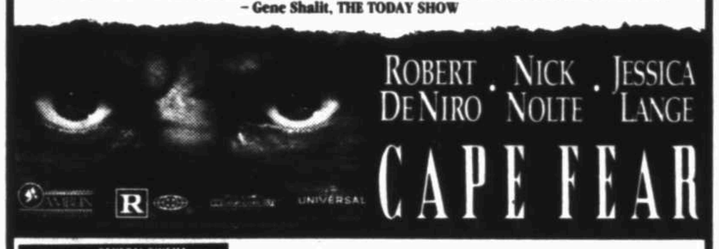
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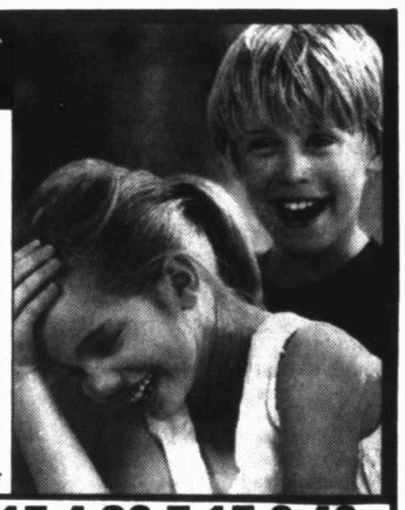
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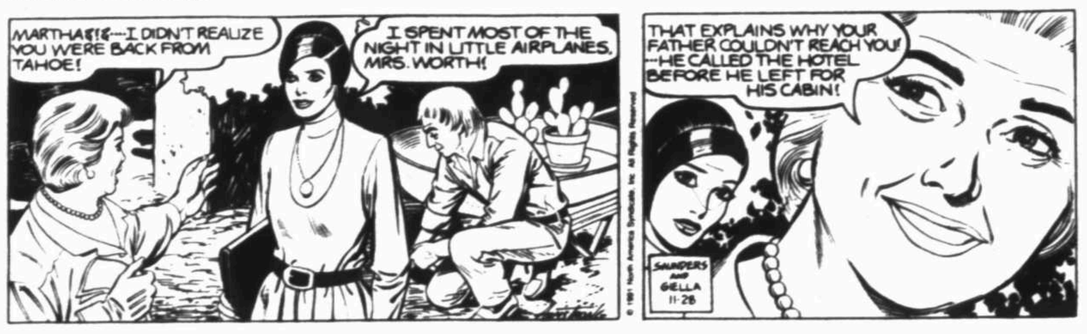

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By Jeane Dixon

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1991

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Make the most of your innovative ideas. Give free rein to your creative talents! Your views on romance are colored by something that happened years ago. A trust fund could grow faster than anticipated, beginning next spring. Seek legal advice if unsure of your rights. An arrangement that once worked well will no longer suit your needs by late fall. Move with the times.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Being with your loved ones in an intimate setting brings back many memories. Divide the cooking chores so everyone shares the work and cost. A relative could act on impulse.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A tiny or large gathering of friends and family makes this a happy, memorable day. Extend a warm welcome to any newcomers. An engagement could be announced this weekend! Share the joy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Avoid talking shop at a purely social gathering. Otherwise, people will think you have a one-track mind. Be careful not to dampen a young person's enthusiasm. Good food helps bridge the generation gap.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Go ahead and indulge in turkey with all the trimmings! Dieters can take small portions. An older relative shares a family secret. The pieces of a puzzle begin to fall into place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): If entertaining family and friends today, your work is cut out for you. Welcome any offers of assistance. Protect a relative's or neighbor's confidences.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A quiet Thanksgiving may suit you best this year. Be careful if you must drive on this busy holiday. Join forces with others to achieve common goals. Teamwork pays off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get an early start if cooking for a big crowd. A close relative or friend will give you a hand. A great day for romance-minded singles! Dress up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Wear something special and others will tell you how wonderful you look! Nostalgia prevails. A visitor from a foreign land inspires everyone to tell stories.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do not let a diet spoil your fun today. Have some turkey but skip the more fattening trimmings. An old flame could re-enter the picture! Take things slow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A perfect day to relax and forget all thoughts of business. A telephone call from an absent loved one brightens your outlook. Go easy at the dinner table. Exercise is favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Banish all thoughts of work as you gather with loving friends and family. Recalling past Thanksgiving gatherings makes you grateful for what you have. Patch up your differences with an older relative.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Listen politely to relatives whose opinions may not agree with your own. Just being with your loved ones means a lot now. A young child adds to the magic of the day.

TODAY'S CHILDREN are subtly persistent, reliable and trustworthy. Wise beyond their years, these Sagittarians can succeed in the toughest professions. Razzle-dazzle means nothing to them — they treasure family, tradition and simple comforts. It is almost impossible to change these children's minds about something! They stick to their guns even if it means losing friends. Wise parents should teach the art of making intelligent concessions.

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♡ 9 2
◇ A K 9 7 3
♣ A J 10 6

WEST
♠ 10 9 6 3
♡ A Q 8 5 3
◇ 10 2
♣ 5 4

EAST
♠ J 8 4
♡ 10 7 4
◇ Q J 6 5
♣ Q 9 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q 7 2
♡ K J 6
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The bidding:

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1 ♠	Pass	1 ◇	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♡	Pass
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Opening lead: Five of ♡

'Tis the season for giving, and if partner's bidding and play haven't been up to snuff lately, you could do a lot worse than stuff his stocking with Ron Klinger's *Guide to Better Bridge* (Houghton Miflin's Master Bridge Series, 192 pp, paperback, $10.95. Available from The Bridge World, 39 W. 94th St., New York, N.Y. 10025). Klinger, an Australian internationalist, is an accomplished teacher, and the book contains hundreds of interesting problems. Many, like this one, feature both bidding and play.

When South rebids one spade, North has no clear-cut action—in modern bidding methods a jump to three clubs would not be forcing. The bid of two hearts is "fourth-suit forcing." It says nothing about the heart suit—responder is simply asking for a further description of partner's holding. With a heart stopper, South bids no trump and North goes on to game.

After a heart opening lead, won by the jack, declarer can count eight tricks. The obvious place to find the game-going trick is in clubs. (If you even thought about tackling diamonds, buy an extra copy of the book for yourself!) As a matter of fact, you can set up an extra club trick even if the finesse loses.

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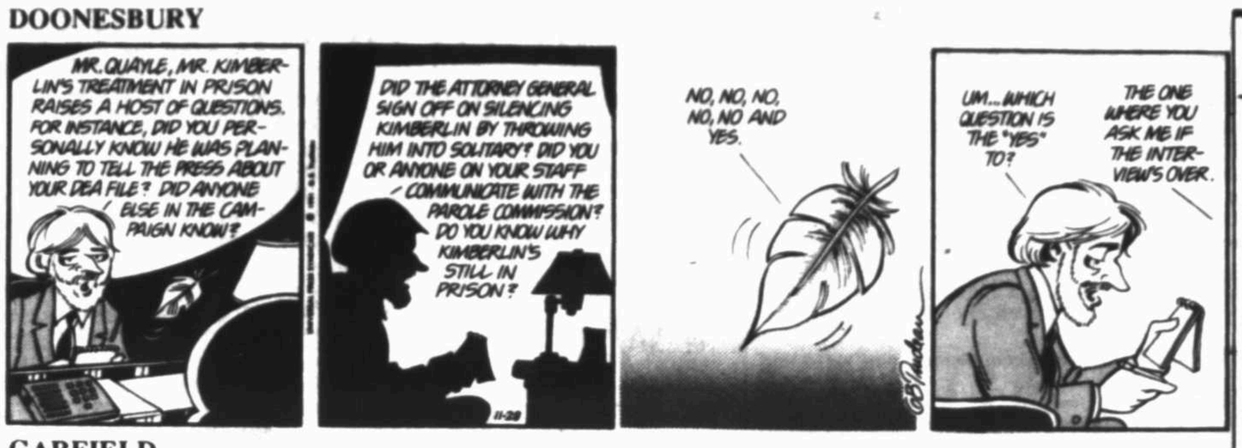

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"Did the pilgrims play football before dinner, too, Daddy?"

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"DID YOU HEAR THAT, GEORGE? THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU GET TOO FAT TO FLY SOUTH FOR THE WINTER."

PEOPLE

Schwarzkopf narrates new 'Lincoln Portrait' recording

TAMPA, Fla. — **H. Norman Schwarzkopf** — retired four-star general, Gulf War hero, and now recording star of classical music.

That's right, classical music.

The Operation Desert Storm commander recently served as narrator for a new recording by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra of Aaron Copland's "A Lincoln Portrait," which will be released Feb. 11, the day before Lincoln's birthday.

Schwarzkopf, 57, recorded the narration in late October in a Clearwater studio, accompanied by Leonard Slatkin, music director of the St. Louis Symphony. The orchestra recorded the music a month earlier for RCA Victor Red Seal.

"Schwarzkopf did a fantastic job," RCA spokeswoman Marilyn Egol said Tuesday. "He was a natural. He was very well-prepared and we're thrilled with it."

"A Lincoln Portrait" was composed in 1942 and includes narrative from Lincoln's letters, speeches and parts of the Gettysburg Address. Nearly a dozen recordings are available with such narrators as **Henry Fonda**, **Charlton Heston** and **Gregory Peck**.

This time, RCA didn't want just another actor.

"The composer requested a speaker with sincerity of manner, not of acting ability," Egol said. "This is why everyone here thought Schwarzkopf would be so perfect. He's a wonderful speaker, and he's also a big fan of classical music."

The compact disc is titled "American Portraits."

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JACKSON, Miss. — Charity-minded **Garth Brooks** fans donated more than 10,000 cans of food in hopes of winning tickets to the country star's Dec. 6 concert here.

The fans, who were asked to donate 10 cans of food each, lined up Tuesday at a grocery store to hand in their food and draw envelopes. Ten envelopes held a pair of concert tickets.

Brooks

The food goes to Community Stewpot Inc., which serves free meals to the hungry and homeless.

Marilyn Dale, 35, and her sister, Kay Sanford, 30, both of Jackson, drew the first winning envelope.

Brooks' hits include "If Tomorrow Never Comes," and "Friends in Low Places." He was named entertainer of the year in 1991 by both the Academy of Country Music Awards and by the County Music Association in Nashville.

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LONDON — Freed Beirut hostage **John McCarthy** celebrated his first birthday since his release with lunch Wednesday at Buckingham Palace in the company of **Queen Elizabeth II**.

McCarthy

McCarthy was released Aug. 8 after more than five years in captivity in Beirut, when his birthdays were marked at best with dry crackers from his guards.

On Wednesday, the television journalist marked his 35th birthday in more sumptuous style, as a guest at one the private lunches that the queen and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, give each year to meet people from all walks of life.

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GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass. — Folksinger **Arlo Guthrie** has gotten permission to move his office into the former home of **Alice Brock**, the restaurant owner he made famous in song 20 years ago.

Town selectmen unanimously approved a zoning change Tuesday that would allow Guthrie to move his offices from the nearby town of Washington to the converted church where Brock lived in the 1960s.

Guthrie's anti-war ballad "Alice's Restaurant" told of the Thanksgiving Day 1965 arrest for littering that kept him out of the military draft.

The town zoning board endorsed the zoning change last week after Guthrie promised there would be no re-enactments of a party scene from the movie "Alice's Restaurant" shot at the former church.

"No motorcycles in and out the front door" said zoning board member George T. Beebe.

"We gotta remember that the movie was a movie," said the 44-year-old Guthrie.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A suspect in the shooting of **Liberace's** lover was arrested Wednesday on charges of attempted murder and armed robbery, authorities said.

A week after he was shot, **Scott Thorson** remained in critical condition in a Jacksonville hospital. Police asked that his location not be disclosed. Thorson was shot three times, at least once in the chest.

The suspect, Melvin Jerome Owen, 25, has a felony record dating from 1987 and ranging from a forgery arrest to convictions for possession and sale of crack cocaine, said Sgt. Gus Carlson, a spokesman for the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Witnesses identified Owen as the man they saw running from a Howard Johnson motel after the Nov. 20 shooting, police said.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

THURSDAY PRIME TIME — November 28, 1991 — For complete information check movie listings.

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KMID	2	3	News 111	Wheel of Fortune	Pros & Cons 1751		FBI: Untold Stories	American Detective	PrimeTime Live 7935		News 22751	Cheers 48799	Entertainment 9428	Nightline 67409
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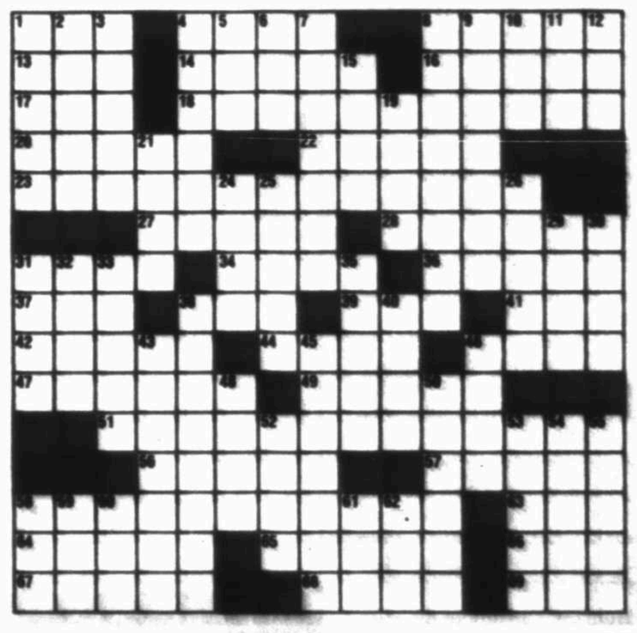

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Scruffy Rio Grande turkeys meet plump Eastern neighbors

By Casey Miller
Associated Press writer

DALLAS — Some plump Eastern neighbors are moving in on Texas' scruffy, durable Rio Grande wild turkeys.

Actually, the Eastern birds are distant relatives who almost disappeared from the Lone Star State at the turn of the century. They're now moving back in, with the help of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

"We're about halfway through restocking Eastern turkeys in all or parts of 60 counties in east and southeast Texas," said Bill Brownlee of TP&W.

About 2,000 Eastern turkeys from as far away as Florida and Wisconsin have been shipped in to repopulate East and South Texas. The breed, a victim of decreasing wooded habitat and increased hunting, almost disappeared around 1900, Brownlee said.

By 1945, there were only an estimated 100,000 wild turkeys left in Texas, the vast majority of them Rio Grandes.

Brownlee said the poultry repopulation project began in 1987, and he expects it to be completed by 1995, eventually expanding the Eastern turkey population to 100,000 birds.

The state already boasts 400,000 Rio Grande turkeys spread over about 121,000 square miles in Central Texas. There are only about 3,000 Eastern turkeys in the state, Brownlee said.

"There are more wild birds in Texas. Texas turkeys are in good shape," said Charlie Ramsey, a wildlife specialist with Texas A&M University. "This year we had a good production year; we had a wet year so we have a high population."

The smaller Rio Grande turkeys prefer the drier environment of Central Texas, whereas their Eastern relatives thrive in a moist habitat from the Piney Woods region east to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Rio Grande averages 16 to 18 pounds, and the Eastern weighs 20 to 24 pounds.

"I doubt that you put the (wild) birds on the table and you'd know the difference, but the difference between a wild bird and a domestic would be rather obvious," Ramsey said. "The domestic birds are raised to be eaten."

He said domestic turkeys have a big breast and have difficulty supporting themselves because of their body weight.

"It's the difference between a distance runner and a fat old man," he said.

Texas ranks ninth among the 50 states in domestic turkey production, churning out 166 million pounds of meat a year in an industry worth $7.14 million — about 3 percent of total U.S. turkey dollars, said Katie Dickie of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

The state's 8.9 million domestic birds increasingly are being used in such processed turkey products as ham, salami, pastrami and weiners, said James Denton of Texas A&M's poultry science department.

U.S. per capita consumption has climbed from 8.1 pounds in 1970 to 19 pounds in 1991, and Denton thinks the trend will continue.

"One of the things that we have seen, as the industry developed, more consumption year-round," Denton said. "As we moved into ham, weiners, salami, pastrami, that expansion has occurred in the other three quarters of the year."

Turkey is a bit leaner than chicken, and the traditional holiday baked bird only amounts to about 10 percent of total consumption.

American Heart Association recommends turkey and chicken as part of its guidelines to cut the fat in American diets.

Ramsey hopes the wild turkey repopulation project can make up for man's mistakes.

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Vegetarians embrace different holiday menu

By Hector F. Garza-Trejo
Associated Press writer

BROWNSVILLE — If the adage "you are what you eat" is true, then Dr. Justo Cisneros will not be a turkey on Thanksgiving.

Cisneros has no plans whatsoever to indulge in the gobbling of the coming holiday's feast with a traditional meal.

"A traditional Thanksgiving dinner includes turkey, ham and, frequently, other types of meats," Cisneros said. "And I don't eat meat.

Cisneros, a vegetarian for about 15 months, changed his diet for health reasons. He thought he also could serve as a good example for his patients to lead healthier lives.

"At first I thought only about all the healthy advantages of cutting down my intake of beef, meats and other animal products," he said. "But later I realized that it also helped encourage some of my patients to do it."

Before doing away with his meat-eating habits last year, Cisneros had been tempted to change his diet several times. Examining his family's medical history and seeing what a sloppy diet of too much meat and saturated fats did to his father eventually turned him on.

"There is a history of heart problems and other diet-related conditions in my family. My father has had two heart operations," Cisneros said. "It was obvious that I ran the risk of suffering something like that so I decided to do something about it ... some preventive medicine."

The American Heart Association links a high incidence of heart disease, high-blood pressure, strokes, angina and other cardiovascular disorders to poor diet habits and lack of exercise, among other things. Similarly, the American Cancer Society professes that a diet rich in fibers and low in sodium and saturated fats are likely to reduce the incidence of colon, breast, throat and many other kinds of cancer in any ethnic group.

"Every day more and more studies reaffirm the importance of a healthy diet," Cisneros said. "And every day, more and more diseases are linked to poor eating habits."

Cisneros said cardiovascular conditions generally have to do with excessive intake of fats like those found in meats and some seafood.

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Amnesia victim will reunite with family

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston man with amnesia for the last eight months after suffering a severe head injury that left him partially paralyzed in Florida was being reunited with his family Wednesday.

"It's like getting him a Christmas present," said Catherine Thompson, a spokeswoman for Polk General Hospital, operator of a nursing home where Francisco "Pancho" Garcia, 31, has been for months.

"He cries all the time about his family and how he's lost and here all alone," Ms. Thompson said. "It'll be the best Christmas present he could ever get."

Garcia could barely remember his name after suffering a severe blow to the head in March, doctors said. Physicians in Haines City, Fla., believe he may have been wounded for 24 to 48 hours before he was arrested on a public intoxication charge on March 16. Police later noticed the injury and sent him to a series of hospitals.

Garcia told authorities he was assaulted at a bar in Haines City by a man named "Chico," but since Garcia had no identification, police originally thought he was Chico.

Garcia eventually underwent neurosurgery at Winter Haven Hospital to remove a blood clot on the brain. Since then, he has been disoriented and confused, partially paralyzed on the right side, with slurred speech.

He remembered only fragments of his past life. He knew he was from Houston and worked in an auto repair shop. He knew names of a girlfriend, two children, two cousins and a landlord.

The Houston Chronicle on Tuesday helped Garcia track down family members, who were surprised to hear of him.

"We had completely lost contact," said Juan Garcia, his cousin and former employer.

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U.S., Britain demand return of Libyan agents

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States and Britain demanded on Wednesday that Libya turn over two agents indicted in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am flight 103. The two countries also asked for compensation and for the names of accomplices.

The joint statement did not specify a deadline for compliance nor mention specific sanctions if Libya rejects the requests. In the past, the Bush administration has said that military action was among options being considered.

"We are thinking in terms of weeks, not months.' said a British official in London, speaking on condition of anonymity. State Department spokeswoman Margaret D. Tutwiler, asked about the possibility of an armed attack on Libya, said, "We never discuss military options."

In the economic area, possible sanctions include cutting air links with Libya and then an international oil embargo. But officials acknowledge that obtaining United Nations approval for an oil embargo would be difficult.

The statement called on Libya to allow full access to witnesses, documents and material evidence, including timers that could be used in bombing devices.

In Beirut, Libyan Prime Minister Abu Zayd Umar Durdah accused the United States of engaging in "a kind of terrorism" which Libya would confront by "any means we find suitable." Libya has denied any involvement in the disaster.

Durdah and a number of other Libyan officials have been traveling to Arab capitals to rally diplomatic support against U.S. and British allegations that Libya was behind the bombing of the Pan Am flight over Scotland in December 1988. The attack claimed the lives of all 259 aboard the plane as well as 11 others on the ground.

U.S. and Scottish authorities issued indictments Nov. 14 for Lamen Khalifa Fhimah and Abdel-Basset Ali Al-Megrahi, identified as Libyan intelligence agents working with Libyan officials.

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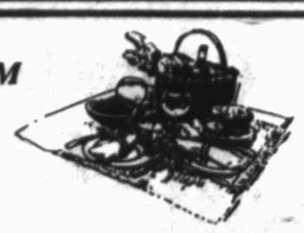

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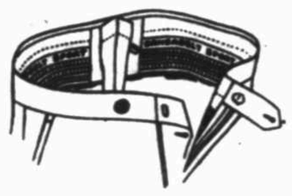

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Military spouses alone for another holiday

JACKSONVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Marines from Camp Lejeune and Army soldiers from Fort Bragg are getting used to spending holidays overseas. Two years ago it was Panama, last year it was the Persian Gulf, and now they're off to Cuba to help Haitian refugees.

Hundreds of spouses and children have been left behind to fend for themselves through another Thanksgiving.

Maj. William Poggi of the 2nd Force Service Support Group at Camp Lejeune left behind a wife, a 10-year-old son and a mother he hadn't seen in a year.

"You know how the Marine Corps is, but wives don't feel that way when they leave," Mary, his wife of 12 years, said Wednesday. "I thought I was realistic, but I still cry when he leaves."

Poggi's mother, who hasn't seen her son since he left for Saudi Arabia before last Christmas, flew in from California five hours after he left for the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"She really needed to see him. She was hurt because she was so worried when he was in Saudi," Mrs. Poggi said. "She needed to see him because she's alone during the holidays. This is her only son."

But support came from an unexpected source.

"When my husband left this time, my 10-year-old son, Billy, said, 'Don't worry Mom, it's not like he's going to war.' And that's true," Mrs. Poggi said.

Matt Hardiman, executive director of the Jacksonville USO for Camp Lejeune, takes pride in easing the shock of families who suddenly are left to spend the holiday alone.

"We're baking pies right now, and I got turkeys being baked all over town," Hardiman said as he prepared a Thanksgiving feast for about 700 dependents of servicemen in Cuba, as well as for servicemen and retirees still at the base.

Hardiman hopes his 29 turkeys, 35 pumpkin pies, 15 cakes, 31 apple pies and acres of stuffing will ease the pain for people whose spouses have been taken away at Thanksgiving and Christmas for efforts in Panama in 1989, the Persian Gulf last year and now Cuba.

"Put yourself in their position, and think how it would affect you if you were a woman here," Hardiman said. "You'd say, 'Here I am alone at Thanksgiving, he left in a hurry.' It would shake you up a bit."

Although Hardiman and others spoke in terms of women being left at home, at least one woman, Army Capt. Sabrina Sanfillipo, commander of the 65th Military Police Co. at Fort Bragg, was sent to Guantanamo.

Members of several units from Fort Bragg left for Guantanamo on Tuesday. Marine Brig. Gen. George H. Walls Jr. from Camp Lejeune will command a joint task force to plan emergency humanitarian assistance of the Haitian refugees whose rickety boats have been stopped at sea.

Judge swaps 'Turkeys for Tickets'

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Municipal Judge Tom Fiorina said his "Turkeys for Tickets" provided more food this year than in any of the previous six years he has discounted parking tickets for those bringing in food for the needy.

Fiorina's courtroom was swamped with a tide of turkeys, canned goods and other food donated by 500 people seeking a break on delinquent parking tickets.

"There's enough food here for everyone in Santa Fe to have a good Thanksgiving dinner," Fiorina said Tuesday as he surveyed the results of his seventh "Turkeys for Tickets" tradeoff.

A man who owed about $200 on parking tickets brought in 23 turkeys, Fiorina's secretary Molly Mares said.

"This is the biggest food gathering ever," Fiorina said.

The food was distributed among several charities, including the Salvation Army, the St. John's Soup Kitchen and Open Hands.

Court administrators said more than 500 parking violators participated. Fiorina said he required most to pay 10 percent of their fines. Some were allowed to pay 5 percent.

Court personnel said almost $3,500 in fines was collected Tuesday. If that sum represented 10 percent, then $346,500, or 90 percent, was not collected.

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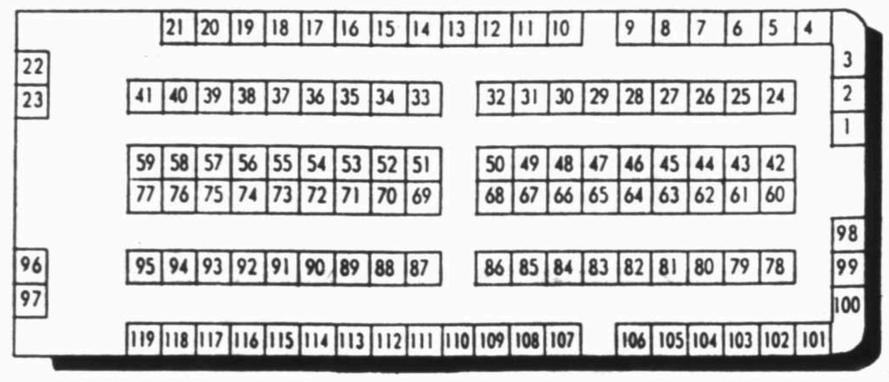

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LIFESTYLE & FASHION

Topping it off

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Even if you're not a hat person, now's the time to wear one. It's a question of style, not warmth. The one that you want is either an authentic Basque beret or a version of a biker's cap with a pliable crown and a small stiff visor. Both add just the right snap, with a casual but jaunty touch.

Arnold Hatters Inc., a men's hat shop at 620 Eighth Avenue, between 40th and 41st Streets, in Manhattan, has long been a favorite shopping spot for such raffish gentlemen as rap stars, boxers and disk jockeys. Recently, though, it has also been discovered by female fashion designers and editors. (Don't be fooled by the big sign outside that says Knox Hats. According to store lore, it was put up 60 years ago and no one has had time to change it since.)

Arnold Hatters carries Kangol's Anglo-Basque berets, including extra-large ones that are perfect for pulling over full coiffures and snuggling down over one ear. The visor cap, in black leather or various shades of wool, has just the right amount of trim: a small braided cord strung above the brim.

For something a tad more done-up, a hat by Maggie Vall is a cross between a beret and a cap. The rather full crown is bright yellow wool, and the visor is black velvet.

The Oriental Pagoda dress — made of matte jersey exclusively by Pierre Cardin — can be worn in four lengths, for early day into the night, by adjusting the tired hoop skirts that falls from the hips.

'Color Fantasy '91' arrives

Staff Report

The 33rd annual Sepia Fashion Revue, featuring the Vogue-Esquire models of Chicago, will be presented 8 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Midland High School Auditorium. The show is being sponsored by the Midland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to benefit the organization's scholarship fund.

Sepia Fashion Revue is a traveling fashion show that each year helps sponsoring organizations raise funds for their local charitable projects.

The group will make over 70 major stops nationwide. Each show features approximately 175 fashion creations from some of the top fashion houses in America and Europe. Some of the dramatic looks are by designers such as Bill Blass, Oscar de la Renta, Bob Mackie and Victor Costa.

The two hour, fast-paced production features male and female models displaying the latest in fashions, from day wear to evening wear.

The 1991-92 presentation will reflect the current mood of American and European designers.

According to the Revue, designers have gone mad with color again this season featuring blacks and neutrals, as well as hues of vivid reds, oranges, royal purples and blues, and greens. For that reason, the theme for this year's show is "Color Fantasy '91."

In style, you will see legs, legs and more legs as the bold short looks continue to hold the fashion spotlight.

Every collection this season has a leading color combination, and the season's message is fit and flare. That trend will be seen throughout this year's showings, with more structured silhouettes. Nipped waists with short, but ladylike lengths will be strong, as well as body-clinging dresses in molding fabrics such as spandex; wool jersey and cashmere will be spotlighted throughout the show.

Pants are returning to the fashion scene strongly.

Leather, fur and feathers will play an important role in this years fashion creations. Each ensemble in the show will feature accessories of knock-out jewelery, hats, gloves and scarves.

Tickets are $12.50 pre-sale and $15 at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 682-5557.

This two piece ensemble features six bold, gold buttons that offer a military influence. The matching dress and coat are in green and black plaid, wool cashmere by Richard Brown of Chicago.

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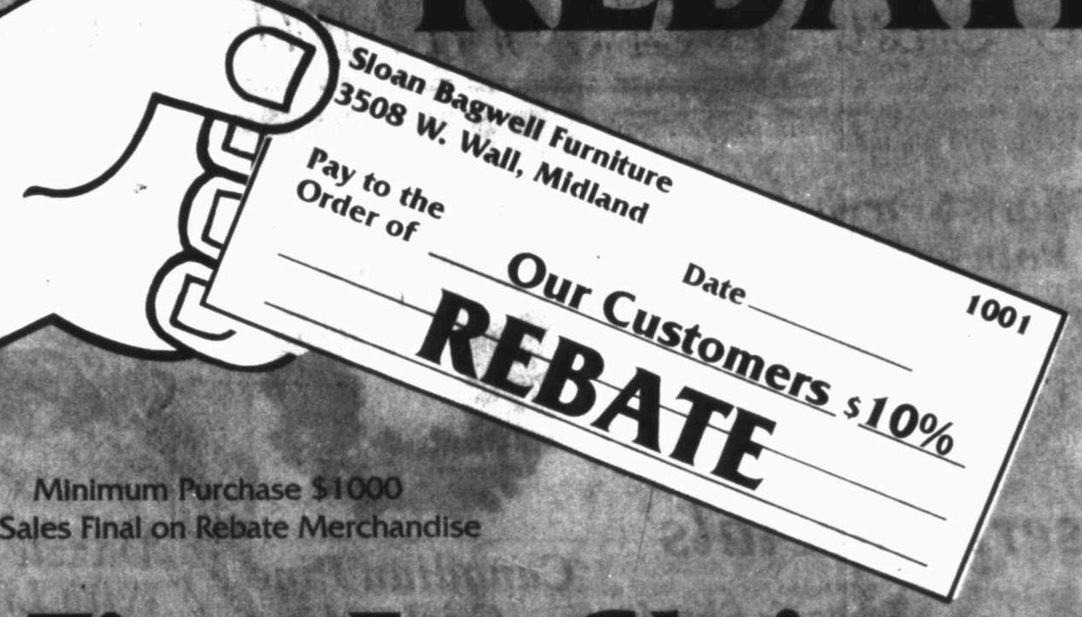

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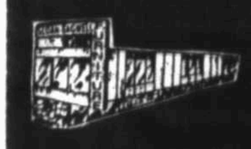

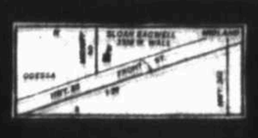

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DEAR ABBY

Woman ready for first move in dating game

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am a 35-year-old single (by choice) woman, and after 20 years of dating, I have come to the conclusion that my mother was wrong when she said, "A lady never calls a gentleman — she waits for him to call her." Too many times I've had a man ask for my phone number, then I'd wait impatiently for him to call me. Sometimes he'd call, yet there were times when he never followed through. Then I'd agonize over what I might have done wrong.

Van Buren

When a woman meets a man she'd like to see again, and he takes her number, why shouldn't she feel free to take his, too, so if he doesn't call her, she can call him?

I recently met a very attractive man and we seemed to hit it off very well, but instead of his taking my number and saying the usual "I'll call you," he gave me his number and asked me to call him. Perfect! I had the option either to call him or not — it was all up to me. I liked that.

Don't get me wrong; I'm not on a power trip. I still like doors opened for me, but I prefer to do the calling.

I'd like to hear the opinions of men on this. — DON'T CALL ME, I'LL CALL YOU

DEAR DON'T: Many women are the aggressors, and they do not apologize for it — nor should they. Relationships should be based upon honesty — and there is nothing wrong with saying, "I find you very attractive, and I'd like to see you again." It doesn't matter who makes the first call. Women are people, and people should not play games.

Gentlemen?

DEAR ABBY: When I read the story about the sister-in-law who allows her dog to eat off the same plates as humans, I thought of my mother. Buying a special dish for the dog will not work. My mother has several dogs and cats, and they have their own feeding dishes. After dinner, however, they are allowed to finish the leftovers from her regular plates.

Once when we were visiting, she went one step further. She prepared a tuna casserole, and during our meal, one of the cats jumped up onto the table. My mother took the serving spoon from the casserole, tapped the cat on the nose, then turned to my husband and asked if he wanted seconds. He declined. — KANSAS CITY

DEAR READERS: This morning, I received the following note from Jack Hill, a valued friend and employee who has been in my mail room since Year One. I thought it was so cute, I would like to share it. It read:

DEAR ABBY: To remind you that I will be on vacation for one week beginning Monday.

For your information, I am not going anywhere; it will be a "Honey Do" vacation: "Honey, do this — Honey, do that." — JACK

DEAR READERS: Your chuckle for today: When George Jessel took Lena Horne to a famous restaurant, the doorman asked, "Who made your reservations?"

Jessel replied, "Abraham Lincoln."

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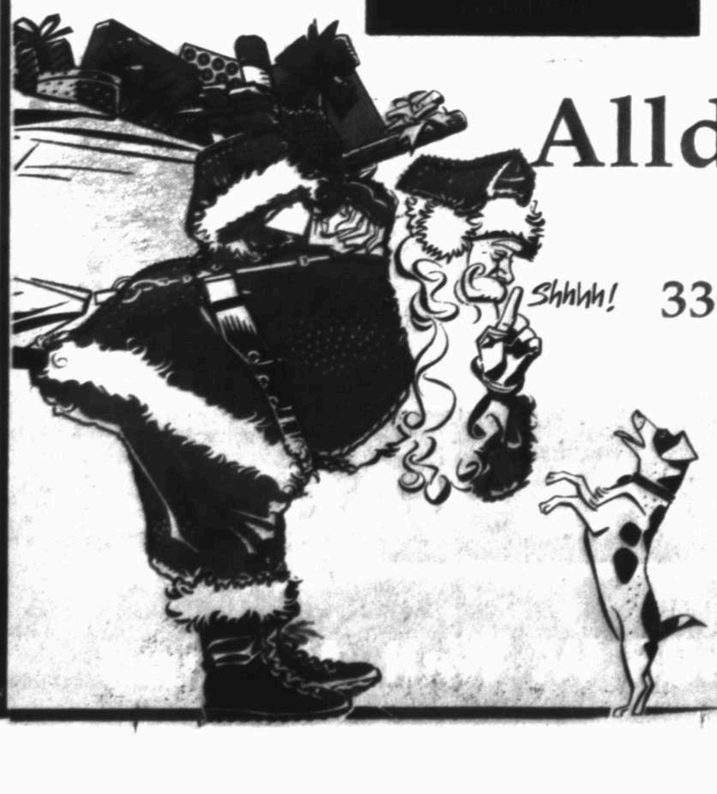

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Old foes to meet again

Cowboys six point favorites in Turkey Day battle with Steelers

Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys and Pittsburgh Steelers aren't where they used to be in the NFL hierarchy.

They both are hustling for wild card playoff scraps, not playing in Super Bowls against each other like they used to.

Their meeting at 3 p.m. Thanksgiving Day in Texas Stadium will feature two quarterbacks who weren't even starters when the season began.

The 5-7 Steelers rest their hopes on Neil O'Donnell, a second-year player out of Maryland, who has started six games since Bubby Brister suffered a knee injury.

■ **Pittsburgh Steelers at Dallas Cowboys, 3 p.m., NBC (Ch. 9).**

The 7-5 Cowboys counter with Steve Beuerlein, who hasn't started an NFL game since 1989. Troy Aikman has a knee injury and could be lost for the season.

"Beuerlein has been in the league for years and I know he'll do fine," O'Donnell said. "It's not like the Cowboys have some rookie out of college going for them. I think I'm getting into the flow of things. I know one thing, the Dallas defense sure looks good. Their linebackers fly all over the place."

Beuerlein was hampered with a sprained left ankle but said he would play.

"This is the chance I've been looking for," said the former Los Angeles Raiders signal caller. "Forget the ankle. I've dealt with pain before."

Both teams come off upset victories. Dallas knocked Washington from the unbeaten ranks with a 24-21 victory in which they lost Aikman, while Pittsburgh stunned Houston 26-14.

"I think the team has a lot of confidence in me because I have a lot of confidence in myself," Beuerlein said.

The Cowboys were six-point favorites based, in part, on the short work week, which forces Pittsburgh to travel.

Dallas is 15-7-1 on Thanksgiving Day. Pittsburgh has played on the holiday just once, losing 45-3 to Detroit in 1983.

Pittsburgh leads the overall series 13-11, including victories in Super Bowls X

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THURSDAY

SPORTS WATCH

TV Sports

(Subject to Change)

NFL FOOTBALL — Chicago Bears at Detroit Lions, 11:30 a.m., CBS.

Pittsburgh Steelers at Dallas Cowboys, 3 p.m., NBC.

(Both games broadcast on KCRS (550 AM).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — Penn State at Pittsburgh, 10 a.m., ABC.

Texas at Texas A&M, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

NBA — Dallas Mavericks 113, Indiana Pacers 106

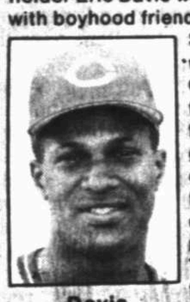
San Antonio Spurs 106, New Jersey Nets 100.

Sports Today

JUCO BASKETBALL — Midland College Chaparral vs. Lamar (Colo.) College, 4:30 p.m., Odessa College Thanksgiving Classic.

Davis traded

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Outfielder Eric Davis was reunited with boyhood friend Darryl Strawberry when the Cincinnati Reds traded Davis to the Los Angeles Dodgers as part of a four player deal that sent right-hander Tim Belcher to the Reds.



Davis

The Reds also got reliever John Wetteland and sent reliever Kip Gross to the Dodgers.

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Chicken suit

CHICAGO (AP) — A cheerleader for the Chicago Bulls has filed a lawsuit against The Famous Chicken, charging the feathered character injured her while interfering with a dance routine last January.

Kimberly A. Smith, a dancer for the LuvaBulls, filed suit Tuesday in Cook County Circuit Court against Ted Giannoulas, the man in the chicken suit. The suit claims the character, formerly known as the San Diego Chicken, broke Ms. Smith's jaw and elbow when he tackled her and rolled on her at a Bulls game Jan. 11.

The lawsuit seeks $1 million in damages from Giannoulas, claiming Ms. Smith's injuries have prevented her from performing since the incident.

Golf goes union

The possibility of a delay in the start of the 1992 PGA Tour arose Wednesday when field staff officials of the tour formed a union.

"Any time there are collective bargaining negotiations, there is the possibility of a work stoppage," attorney Richie Phillips said in Philadelphia.

Phillips, who also heads the major league baseball umpires union, now is chief of the newly formed Professional Association of Golf Officials. The union was certified Wednesday by the National Labor Relations Board in Philadelphia.

Phillips said the organization represents 20 field staff officials from the regular PGA Tour, the Senior PGA Tour and the Ben Hogan Tour.

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Garden City, Rankin face first, eighth ranked teams

By Joe Wyatt
Staff Writer

Some very good football teams will be left along the Class A roadside this weekend as regional playoff games — which will trim the remaining 16-team field to eight — are played out across the state.

And nowhere will more power be forced from the playoff field than in Regions I and II where a pair of head-on collisions between Top 10 teams highlight this week's action.

CLASS A PLAYOFFS

Top-ranked Valley Mills meets fifth-ranked Garden City at 2 p.m. Friday in Abilene's Shotwell Stadium in a Region II affair. The winner of that game will advance to the quarterfinals and a meeting with the winner of the clash between No. 2 Rotan and Crawford.

And No. 4 Rankin takes on eighth-ranked Wheeler at 7:30 p.m. in a Region I showdown at Lubbock's Lowrey Field which will eliminate another one of the state's best teams. The survivor there goes on to play the winner between Memphis and O'Donnell in the quarters.

Please see **AREA**/7C

MCS aims to wrestle title away from EPJC

By Joe Wyatt
Staff Writer

The Midland Christian Mustangs set out Friday to compose a fresh verse for an old song when they collide head-on with long-time nemesis El Paso Jesus Chapel.

It will be a battle between two notoriously high-scoring football teams when the Mustangs and the Chargers take the field in Fort Hancock with the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools title riding on the outcome.

The six-man championship tilt is slated for 7 p.m. (MST).

The Mustangs (11-1) are all too familiar with the Chargers (10-2). Jesus Chapel — 71-11 since 1985 — is 3-1 against MCS. And that includes a 58-34 decision over MCS in last year's TAPPS playoff finale.

But MCS head coach Homer Jackson says the Mustangs' depth and experience could go a long way in upending the defending champs.

"Jesus Chapel was 12-0 last year, but they lost 10 seniors

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FRONT ROW SEAT

Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram

The Midland Lee secondary has been a key playoff factor for the Rebels this year with 20 interceptions. They are from left, Jake Krautsch, Mike Brackens, Rod Strambler and Henry Stewart.

LEE'S BOUNTIFUL HAUL

■ As Midland Lee enters Week 3 of the Class 5A playoffs, make no mistake about it: The Rebel secondary and it's carload of interceptions has had a big impact on the team's success.

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

The Midland Lee defensive secondary: Are these guys Robin Hood's merry men of Sherwood or the thieves of Baghdad?

One thing is for sure, they rob from the haves and give to the have-nots.

A major reason Midland Lee is still alive in the region round of 16 in the Class 5A Small School football playoffs is daylight robbery. The Lee secondary has hauled in six interceptions in two playoff games.

For the season, these ball hawking troops have produced 20 interceptions in 12 games, an average of 1.7 picks per game.

Interceptions for the year include: Mike Brackens, 7 (three against El Paso Andress last week); Jake Krautsch, 5; Henry Stewart, 4 (two against San Angelo and two in the playoffs against Amarillo Palo Duro); Rod Strambler, 1; Donovan Bushman, 1 (against Palo Duro); and Nathan Lambert,

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Ladies and gentlemen, 'The Eric' goes to ...

It has become old hat for sports types to sit down at their blank computer screens and throw together a column for all they are thankful for on this bountiful holiday. It's even become passe at this point to mention just how old hat it is to write a column of the sort you now have in front of you.

Patterson

Far be it from me to be unoriginal. Instead of being thankful, lets hand out some turkey awards to those deserving:

■ To Eric Dickerson, for which the award should be named. "The Eric", we could call it, for lack of a better name. Mr. Dickerson has done nothing but whine and moan since he's been in Indianapolis. It's time he puts up *and* shuts up.

■ Herschel Walker, running back, Minnesota. To a lesser degree, Mr. Walker has also done nothing but complain but he's done it ever since he's been in the league.

■ An Eric Award should go to Ray Handley, head coach the New York Giants. Mr. Handley walked out of his press conference earlier this week because an innocent reporter pressed the issue of a quarterback controversy in the Apple, now that Dave Hostetler has some broken bones in his back. Mr. Handley's one-upsmanship with the media has made it so much easier to appreciate Mike Ditka and his calm reportoire with the press. Even Sam Wyche looks like an angel ... no, on second thought, I retract that.

■ Oliver Miller, post man for the Arkansas Razorbacks (those beacons of good behavior, shining in the night). Oliver deserves an "Eric" as well. Never mistake Oliver as someone who will one day grace the cover of GQ or American Male or Ebony. He may, however, make it on Jock Strap Illustrated. When Miller's uniform shorts slipped down during a game Monday at the Maui Classic, it was typical of just how sloppy college basketball players have become in their attire.

■ A big ol' "Eric" to the University Interscholastic League. In their unending effort to control as many lives as humanly possible, the UIL issued a dictum last month requesting that all media please refer to Class 5A Big School playoff teams as "Division I" and Small School playoffs teams as "Division II." Another fine example of how the UIL carefully thinks out everything. Try telling Permian, Lee or Arlington Lamar they are Division II, while something called Pharr-San Juan-Alamo is Division I.

OK, enough negative stuff. There *are* some things for which to be thankful:

■ To Jimmy Johnson and the Cowboy coaching staff for almost single-handedly reigniting the rivalry between the Cowboys and Washington Redskins last Sunday.

■ To Steve Beuerlein for not being Steve Walsh.

■ To Steve Green for his amusing post-game quotes at Chaparral Center following MC games.

■ To KNFM's Keith Montgomery, for also picking the Cowboys to beat Washington last week. Somebody else had to. It would've been lonely picking them had they lost.

■ To Martin Lattibeaudiere, Midland Lee's junior guard, who stands a good chance of being one of the most memorable basketball players ever to come through Midland schools.

■ And to Johnny McDowell, former post man at Howard who's lighting it up this year at UT-Arlington. McDowell, in his second game with the Movin' Mavs, dropped in 34 points as the school broke its all-time scoring record.

Jimmy Patterson is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Aggies liken game to 'Super Bowl'

Win today would give A&M first perfect SWC mark since '56

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — The No. 10 Texas Aggies are going to the Cotton Bowl as the host against No. 3 Florida State, but they won't admit it until after Thursday's regular season finale against arch-rival Texas.

"The Texas game will be like a Super Bowl for us," A&M cornerback Kevin Smith said. "Our goal now is to go into the Cotton Bowl game ranked as high as possible."

The Aggies (9-1, 7-0) clinched their 16th SWC title Saturday with a 65-6 victory over Southern Methodist, but they politely declined to accept the Cotton Bowl bid until after their Thanksgiving Day showdown.

The Aggies jumped from No. 12 to No. 10 following Saturday's victory.

Kickoff is at 6:35 p.m. at Kyle Field where the Aggies haven't lost since 1984. A victory over the Longhorns (5-5, 4-3) would give A&M its first unblemished SWC record since 1956.

■ Texas Longhorns at Texas A&M Aggies, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (Cable Channel 12).

Texas, the defending champion, sputtered offensively Saturday in a 21-11 loss to Baylor. Texas' problems won't deter the Aggies from their task, coach R.C. Slocum said.

"We've got plenty of motivation for this game without bowls and rankings," Slocum said. "Anytime these two teams play there is momentum. It goes back to 1894."

A&M quarterback Bucky Richardson, who led A&M to 35-10 victory over Notre Dame in 1988 Cotton Bowl as a freshman, has been a key to the Aggie success this season.

"I know Florida State is going to be tough, but we will not be intimidated," Richardson said. "It won't be like Miami did to Texas last year, I can assure you that."

After compiling a 10-1 season last year, the Longhorns were demolished by Miami 46-3 in the Cotton Bowl.

Texas was scoreless against Baylor until 6:57 remained in the game on a 28-yard field goal by Craig Dickey. Their only touchdown came on Peter Gardere's one-yard touchdown pass to Darrick Duke with 46 seconds to play.

The late spurt allowed Texas to extend its consecutive scoring streak to 129 straight games, a SWC record.

But it was another off-day for the offense and a frustrating game for the defense.

Texas coach David McWilliams says he addresses the offensive letdown in team meetings.

"I don't try to go in and say there's nothing to that," McWilliams said.

"They know, I address it, I don't run from it. But we haven't had a lack of effort. The defensive guys know that. They can look out on the field and know the offense is playing hard."

The Aggies have the No. 1-ranked defensive unit in the nation, allowing only 228 yards a game. They lead the SWC with a club-record 51 sacks for a minus-362 yards.

Texas' defense ranks No. 4 nationally and the Longhorns have needed stout defense to prop up the offense, which has not scored in the first quarter in its last 13 games.

Texas Tech (5-5, 4-3) beat Copper Bowl bound Baylor Saturday and will close out the season against Houston (4-6, 3-4) in the Astrodome at 2 p.m. Saturday, and Southern Methodist plays its finale against Tulsa.

Cougars give No. 6 Tar Heels a scare

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Hubert Davis scored 14 of his 29 points in the final 10:17 Wednesday night as No. 6 North Carolina rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit and beat Houston 68-65.

The Tar Heels (2-0) did not score in the first 6:15 and had just one basket in the final 3:38 of the first half as the Cougars (1-1) took a 42-27 halftime lead behind Sam Mack's 21 first-half points.

North Carolina outscored Houston 11-2 to start the second half and Davis' 3-pointer with 6:16 left gave North Carolina its first lead of the game at 59-58.

Mack, who scored 32 points, got two free throws and a basket for a 62-60 Houston lead, but four consecutive free throws by Davis gave North Carolina the lead for good.

Houston took a 15-2 lead before the Tar Heels started a first-half rally.

No. 18 Georgia Tech 120
Texas 107

NEW YORK — Georgia Tech showed it can get along just fine in the post-Kenny Anderson era as the 18th-ranked Yellow Jackets ran past Texas in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

Georgia Tech (3-0) will meet the winner of the game between No. 11 Oklahoma State and No. 24 Pittsburgh in Friday night's championship game.

The three starters who returned to Georgia Tech following the departure of Anderson to the NBA before his junior season each had at least 25 points. They key contributors on the boards or in transition as the Yellow Jackets sprinted by a team known for its uptempo offense.

Malcolm Mackey had 28 points and eight rebounds, Matt Geiger had 25 points and 13 rebounds and Jon Barry had 25 points.

No. 9 LSU 96
Middle Tennessee St. 65

BATON ROUGE, La. — Shaquille O'Neal scored eight points in an 18-2 run in the first half as ninth-ranked Louisiana State beat Middle Tennessee State.

LSU (2-0) led 12-8 when the run started and 30-10 when it ended with 8:02 to go in the first half.

The Blue Raiders (2-1) closed to 31-19 with 6:13 to go in the opening half on consecutive baskets by Robert Taylor, but LSU went back out in front 44-27 at intermission.

Minnesota 69
No. 25 Arizona St. 37

LAHAINA, Hawaii — Minnesota used a stifling zone defense to defeat undermanned No. 25 Arizona State 69-37 Wednesday to claim fifth place at the Maui Invitational.

Arizona State's point total was the lowest in tournament history.

No. 11 Oklahoma St. 74
No. 24 Pittsburgh 63

NEW YORK — Byron Houston scored 34 points and No. 11 Oklahoma State held No. 24 Pittsburgh scoreless for 7½ minutes in the second half Wednesday night on the way to a 74-63 victory in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT.

In Friday night's championship game, the Cowboys (4-0) will play No. 18 Georgia Tech (3-0), which beat Texas 120-107.

No. 16 Alabama 105
Tennessee Tech 85

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — James Robinson scored 27 points, including 21 in the second half, and Latrell Sprewell scored 26 as No. 16 Alabama beat Tennessee Tech in the Crimson Tide's 800th home game.

Alabama (2-0) led 48-41 at halftime. Robinson scored Alabama's first 10 points in the second half

REBELS: Injuries, moves have depleted secondary

(From 1C)

2 (now a defensive end).

"There is no question that these kids have helped keep me out of trouble this year," says Lee secondary coach Jesse Benavidez. "When teams throw on you, you can only look to the secondary for the problem.

"I think our success this season is due in large part to playing against a top-notch throwing team like San Angelo. We've had eight interceptions in our last three games. So, we're coming on since the San Angelo game.

"We do a lot of drills to help them, but these kids break to the ball extremely well. They know they have to break or burn."

Only Krautsch and Stewart have been starters from the start of the season. Brackens and Strambler now appear to be fixtures.

A first game injury to Michael Lambert forced brother Nathan Lambert into the starting lineup at cornerback. But an injury to defensive end Bret McNeill forced Nathan to switch to defensive end, moving Strambler into the lineup.

Chris Connally has also seen action in the secondary, but is now used mostly as a linebacker and defensive end. Junior John Robinson has also seen a lot of action in the secondary.

"A lot of people on our team think these guys are crazy. During the year, when we got through running after practice, these guys would stay out and run some more. That should tell you something about them," Benavidez said.

Krautsch led the team in interceptions most of the season until Brackens took over that lead after the Andress game.

"I had to give these guys a chance at the ball," says Krautsch. "It seems like we have someone different each week to come in and do the job, but so far, someone has done the job."

"Krautsch plays the run better than anyone we have, that's why he is at the corner position," Benavidez said. "He's a really solid player."

Brackens' stock went up after the Andress game with 134 yards in return yardage on his three interceptions, including a 92-yard return for a touchdown, a play that broke the back of Andress. His teammates now greet him as "Hero."

"Brackens, you might say, is the mind of the secondary," Benavidez says. "He always knows what's going on and he's always talking back there.

"We came into the season looking at Stewart for leadership qualities, but I think Brackens might talk even more than Stewart. It's really nice to have those two back there."

Brackens said, "I don't think anyone has dominated us with the pass, but coach Ben really works us on run support, too."

Stewart says that the secondary unit is tight.

"We're probably the closest of all the players on defense," Stewart said. "I know this year has been a lot more fun than last year. We never fight or argue, but we do a lot of joking around. Everyone can take it."

"Stewart came to us as a running back when he transferred from Hobbs as a sophomore and he has been a key player for us. There is no telling what he can do."

Strambler, the junior, is the baby, so to speak, in the secondary, but he's just happy to be playing.

"I was a halfback last year, but the coaches asked me if I wanted to play in the secondary and I said, yes. I would rather be playing than not. I'm a junior, but the seniors keep me pumped up. They're always helping me out," Strambler said.

The secondary depth has been depleted through the year with injuries and personnel movement, but Benavidez likes this group.

"Connelly and Lambert have really contributed to this team. They have had to play other positions, but they could step right back in to the secondary if we had to," Benavidez said. "Robinson is only a junior. Bushman is a senior and he has done a great job for us."

As Saturday's 7 p.m. region date with Sherman in Wichita Falls approaches, the Lee secondary is pumping steam. It seems like this unit has arrived — about the same time as "Crunch Time."

Tech finally wins in Albuquerque

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — Will Flemons scored 13 points and Texas Tech made the most of three free throws in the final five minutes to take a 58-56 win Wednesday over New Mexico, the Red Raiders first win in Albuquerque in 31 years.

Texas Tech, which had lost seven straight to New Mexico in the off-and-on series, is 2-1. New Mexico also is 2-1.

Flemons hit two free throws with 45 seconds left and Lamont Dale added a single free throw with four seconds left to hold off New Mexico, which nearly erased a seven-point deficit in the final five minutes despite hitting just 6 of 27 shots (22 percent) in the second half.

Texas Tech got its final field goal, a layup by Dale with 5:48 left for a 55-48 lead. New Mexico cut the deficit to 55-53 on a free throw by Steve Logan, a layup by J.J. Griego and a pair of free throws by Willie Banks, who led the Lobos with 13 points.

Texas Tech wiped out a 37-27 New Mexico halftime lead by outscoring the Lobos 13-3.

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Tulsa at SMU	Tulsa	Tulsa	Tulsa	Tulsa	Tulsa	Tulsa (5-0)
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Oklahoma at Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska (5-0)
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NY Giants at Cincinnati	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants	NY Giants (5-0)
Philadelphia at Houston	Houston	Philadelphia	Houston	Houston	Houston	Houston (4-1)

Midland Lee falls to Snyder

Staff Report

SNYDER — The Midland Lee Rebels suffered their first loss of the basketball season here Tuesday night with a 59-50 loss to the Class 4A Snyder Tigers.

The Tigers outscored Lee by a 20-11 margin in the first quarter and maintained that margin through most of the game. Lee cut the margin to seven points at the end of the third quarter.

Junior Martin Lattibeaudiere led Lee with 20 points.

Lee, now 2-1 on the year, will host Big Spring at 3 p.m. Friday.

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Indnplis	1	11	0	.083	116	275
Central						
Houston	9	3	0	.750	312	194
Cleveland	5	7	0	.417	231	247
Pittsburgh	5	7	0	.417	242	273
Cincinnati	1	11	0	.083	184	350
West						
LA Raiders	8	4	0	.667	241	208
Denver	8	4	0	.667	226	192
Kansas City	7	5	0	.583	242	180
Seattle	6	6	0	.500	212	183
San Diego	3	9	0	.250	196	266

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
x-Wshngtn	11	1	0	.917	382	163
Philadelphia	7	5	0	.583	216	177
Dallas	7	5	0	.583	243	246
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	202	197
Phoenix	4	9	0	.308	160	273
Central						
Chicago	9	3	0	.750	225	168
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	251	236
Minnesota	6	7	0	.462	248	241
Green Bay	3	9	0	.250	185	223
Tampa Bay	2	10	0	.167	144	276
West						
NOrleans	9	3	0	.750	249	147
Atlanta	7	5	0	.583	242	249
SFrancisco	6	6	0	.500	251	165
LA Rams	3	9	0	.250	191	289

x-clinched playoff berth.

Sunday's Games

New England 16, Buffalo 13
Dallas 24, Washington 21
Detroit 34, Minnesota 14
Pittsburgh 26, Houston 14
Green Bay 14, Indianapolis 10
Cleveland 20, Kansas City 15
Los Angeles Raiders 38, Cincinnati 14
New York Giants 21, Tampa Bay 14
Miami 16, Chicago 13, OT
Philadelphia 34, Phoenix 14
Seattle 13, Denver 10
New York Jets 24, San Diego 3
Atlanta 23, New Orleans 20, OT

Monday's Game

San Francisco 33, Los Angeles Rams 10

Thursday's Games

Chicago at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 1

Cleveland at Indianapolis, noon.
Green Bay at Atlanta, noon.
New York Jets at Buffalo, noon.
Tampa Bay at Miami, noon.
Kansas City at Seattle, 3 p.m.
New England at Denver, 3 p.m.
New Orleans at San Francisco, 3 p.m.
New York Giants at Cincinnati, 3 p.m.
Washington at Los Angeles Rams, 3 p.m.
Los Angeles Raiders at San Diego, 7 p.m.

OPEN DATE: Phoenix, Minnesota

Monday, Dec. 2

Philadelphia at Houston, 8 p.m.

Late Boxes

Texas Tech 58 New Mexico 56

TEXAS TECH (2-1)

Collins 0-0 0-0 0, Hughes 1-2 0-1 2, Moore 6-10 0-0 12, Austin 0-0 0-0 0, Bailey 4-11 0-1 10, L. Dale 3-8 2-5 8, Ashley 3-7 2-4 10, B. Dale 0-0 3-4 3, Flemons 4-9 5-6 13. Totals 21-48 12-21 58.

NEW MEXICO (2-1)

Logan 3-12 3-4 11, Williams 4-11 1-4 11, McGee 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 1-1 0-0 2, LaMar 0-2 0-0 0, Banks 5-10 2-2 13, Jaxon 4-5 0-2 8, Griego 1-4 0-0 2, Hayden 0-1 0-0 0, McCrary 4-8 1-1 9. Totals 22-54 7-13 56.

Halftime—New Mexico 37, Texas Tech 27. 3-points goals—Texas Tech 4-9 (Ashley 2-4, Bailey 2-5). New Mexico 5-15 (Williams 2-5, Logan 2-8, Banks 1-1, Griego 0-1). Fouled Out—Jaxon. Rebounds—Texas Tech 34 (Bailey 6, Ashley 6), New Mexico 33 (McCrary 7). Assists—Texas Tech 14 (Moore 6), New Mexico 12 (Banks 4). Total fouls—Texas Tech 15, New Mexico 19. Tecnicals—New Mexico, Jaxon. A—16,118.

Okla. St. 74, Pitt 63

PITTSBURGH (2-1)

Jordan 2-5 2-3 7, McNeal 5-10 0-1 10, Morningstar 7-14 1-3 15, Miller 4-9 4-4 14, Shareef 1-6 0-0 2, Antigua 0-4 0-0 0, McCullough 2-6 0-2 4, Gant 1-3 1-1 3, Mobley 2-5 4-7 8, Brush 0-0 0-0 0, Glover 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-64 12-21 63.

OKLAHOMA ST. (4-0)

Houston 12-21 5-7 34, Williams 1-5 2-2 4, Reeves 2-5 3-4 7, Alexander 3-6 1-2 8, Sutton 3-6 2-2 8, Davis 3-4 1-2 7, Hatcher 1-2 2-2 4, Brown 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-52 16-21 74.

Halftime—Oklahoma St. 34, Pittsburgh 30. 3-Point goals—Pittsburgh 3-14 (Miller 2-6, Jordan 1-1, McNeal 0-1, Shareef 0-2, Antigua 0-2, McCullough 0-2), Oklahoma St. 6-11 (Houston 5-6, Alexander 1-2, Williams 0-1, Sutton 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Pittsburgh 37 (Morningstar 9), Oklahoma St. 35 (Houston 15). Assists—Pittsburgh 17 (Miller 6), Oklahoma St. 22 (Alexander, Sutton 6). Total fouls—Pittsburgh 20, Oklahoma St. 17. A—7,241.

Big Apple NIT

All Times CST

Semifinals

Wednesday, Nov. 27

Georgia Tech 120, Texas 107
Oklahoma St. 74, Pittsburgh 63

Championship

Friday, Nov. 29

Georgia Tech vs. Oklahoma St., 6:30 p.m.

Third Place

Texas vs. Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.

NBA Roundup

Standings

All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	9	5	.643	—
New York	8	5	.615	½
Miami	7	6	.538	1½
Philadelphia	7	7	.500	2
Orlando	6	7	.417	3
Washington	5	9	.357	4
New Jersey	2	11	.154	6½
Central Division				
Chicago	11	2	.846	—
Cleveland	8	5	.615	3
Atlanta	7	7	.500	4½
Detroit	7	8	.467	5
Milwaukee	6	9	.400	6
Indiana	5	10	.333	7
Charlotte	4	11	.267	8

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	9	3	.750	—
San Antonio	8	3	.727	½
Utah	8	6	.571	2
Dallas	6	7	.462	3½
Denver	5	8	.385	4½
Minnesota	3	9	.250	6
Pacific Division				
LA Lakers	10	3	.769	—
Golden State	9	4	.692	1
Portland	9	5	.643	1½
Seattle	8	5	.615	2
LA Clippers	6	9	.400	5
Phoenix	6	9	.400	5
Sacramento	5	10	.333	6

Wednesday's Games

LA Lakers 89, Miami 87
Cleveland 107, Philadelphia 97
Detroit 100, Atlanta 91
Boston 101, Orlando 92
Minnesota 101, Denver 92
Dallas 113, Indiana 106
San Antonio 108, New Jersey 100
Utah 113, Charlotte 107
Phoenix 141, Sacramento 100

Thursday's Games

No games scheduled

Boxes

Cavs 107, Sixers 97

PHILADELPHIA (97)

Gilliam 8-12 2-3 18, Anderson 12-21 0-0 26, Shackleford 2-3 1-1 5, Hawkins 10-22 1-1 21, Dawkins 3-13 4-5 11, Bol 0-1 0-0 0, B. Oliver 2-6 1-2 5, Ja.Williams 3-11 6-6 12, Mayes 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 40-93 15-18 97.

CLEVELAND (107)

Nance 6-10 6-6 18, Bennett 0-4 0-0 0, Daugherty 14-21 3-4 31, Ehlo 2-8 1-2 5, Price 5-8 1-1 12, Brandon 3-7 0-0 6, Jo.Williams 3-7 6-6 12, Mayes 4-9 2-2 12, Battie 5-9 1-1 11, Ferry 0-3 0-0 0, Kerr 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 42-87 20-24 107.

Philadelphia	24	26	26	21— 97
Cleveland	30	26	21	30—107

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 2-3 (Anderson 1-1, Dawkins 1-1, Bol 0-1), Cleveland 3-8 (James 2-5, Price 1-1, Ehlo 0-1, Battie 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 48 (Gilliam 13), Cleveland 57 (Daugherty 9). Assists—Philadelphia 26 (Gilliam, Dawkins 6), Cleveland 36 (Price 12). Total fouls—Philadelphia 23, Cleveland 15. A—13,737.

Pistons 100, Hawks 91

ATLANTA (91)

Wilkins 8-21 2-3 22, Willis 10-16 3-6 23, Koncak 4-11 0-0 8, Augmon 0-3 0-2 0, Robinson 7-12 0-0 17, Volkov 2-2 0-0 4, Rasmussen 2-7 0-0 4, Graham 1-3 0-0 2, Cheeks 5-8 1-3 11. Totals 39-82 6-14 91.

DETROIT (100)

Aguirre 11-20 4-5 27, Rodman 4-8 0-0 8, Bedford 3-8 0-0 6, Dumars 4-10 0-0 8, I.Thomas 8-16 4-5 21, Laimbeer 7-10 0-0 14, Walker 2-4 0-0 4, Woolridge 4-11 2-3 10, Salley 0-0 2-4 2. Totals 43-87 12-17 100.

Atlanta	24	25	28	14— 91
Detroit	26	16	33	25—100

3-Point goals—Atlanta 7-15 (Wilkins 4-7, Robinson 3-5, Willis 0-1, Koncak 0-1, Rasmussen 0-1), Detroit 2-5 (I.Thomas 1-1, Aguirre 1-3, Walker 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 43 (Willis 15), Detroit 57 (Rodman 12). Assists—Atlanta 30 (Robinson 8), Detroit 32 (I.Thomas 13). Total fouls—Atlanta 20, Detroit 14. Technicals—Atlanta illegal defense, I.Thomas. Flagrant fouls—Willis. A—21,454.

Lakers 89, Heat 87

LA LAKERS (89)

Perkins 2-7 6-6 10, Worthy 9-21 4-5 22, Campbell 1-2 0-0 2, Scott 10-17 3-3 23, Threatt 2-5 0-0 4, Haley 3-5 0-0 6, Green 6-10 5-10 17, Teagle 2-6 1-3 5, T.Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Owens 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-76 19-27 89.

MIAMI (87)

Burton 4-9 2-2 10, Long 5-10 4-4 15, Seikaly 8-15 1-1 17, Rice 6-9 0-0 14, S.Smith 1-4 0-0 2, Coles 5-7 3-4 13, Edwards 7-16 2-2 16, Kessler 0-1 0-0 0, Askins 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 36-72 12-13 87.

LA Lakers	21	21	20	27—89
Miami	27	24	16	20—87

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 0-6 (Perkins 0-1, Scott 0-1, Green 0-1, Teagle 0-1, Worthy 0-2), Miami 3-7 (Rice 2-4, Long 1-1, Coles 0-1, Edwards 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 43 (Perkins, Green 6), Miami 43 (Seikaly 11). Assists—Los Angeles 18 (Worthy 5), Miami 22 (Coles 9). Total fouls—Los Angeles 18, Miami 22. A—15,008.

Celtics 101, Magic 92

ORLANDO (92)

Anderson 5-15 3-3 14, Catledge 1-5 0-0 2, Kite 5-8 1-2 11, Scott 8-22 7-8 21, Skiles 2-11 0-0 6, Turner 3-7 0-0 6, Smith 3-11 3-4 9, Acres 2-2 0-1 4, Reynolds 0-6 3-4 3, Williams 4-8 2-2 10, Vincent 2-5 2-2 6. Totals 33-100 21-26 92.

BOSTON (101)

Bird 13-25 3-4 32, Gamble 4-10 0-0 14, Parish 6-7 4-4 16, Bagley 3-5 2-2 8, Lewis 6-14 2-6 18, Green 0-1 0-0 0, Kleine 1-4 0-0 2, Fox 5-11 1-2 11, Pinckney 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-77 18-24 101.

Orlando	23	22	14	33— 92
Boston	32	16	26	27—101

3-Point goals—Orlando 5-16 (Skiles 2-4, Scott 2-7, Anderson 1-3, Reynolds 0-2), Boston 3-9 (Bird 3-8, Fox 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 66 (Kite 12), Boston 49 (Bird 11). Assists—Orlando 15 (Scott, Skiles 6), Boston 23 (Bird, Bagley, Green 5). Total fouls—Orlando 20, Boston 21. A—14,890.

Spurs 106, Nets 100

NEW JERSEY (100)

Mills 2-9 4-6 8, Morris 6-14 1-1 15, Bowie 9-24 5-6 24, Petrovic 13-23 2-5 32, Blaylock 4-16 2-4 10, K.Anderson 1-6 3-4 5, Dudley 2-7 0-0 4, Addison 1-3 0-0 2, Lee 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-102 17-26 100.

SAN ANTONIO (108)

Elliott 6-13 8-10 20, Cummings 4-9 0-0 8, Robinson 13-19 5-9 31, Sutton 0-3 0-0 0, W.Anderson 6-13 0-0 10, Johnson 0-2 0-0 0, Carr 5-11 0-1 10, Garrick 6-9 1-2 13, Green 3-3 2-2 8, Buechler 0-0 0-0 0, Pressey 2-5 2-2 6. Totals 44-87 18-26 108.

New Jersey	23	23	32	22—100
San Antonio	29	16	27	34—106

3-Point goals—New Jersey 7-13 (Petrovic 4-6, Morris 2-3, Bowie 1-2, Blaylock 0-1, Addison 0-1), San Antonio 0-2 (Elliott 0-1, Pressey 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 54 (Bowie 10), San Antonio 70 (Robinson 15). Assists—New Jersey 25 (Blaylock 6), San Antonio 25 (W.Anderson 7). Total fouls—New Jersey 25, San Antonio 25. Technical—New Jersey coach Fitch. A—16,057.

Timberwolves 101 Nuggets 92

DENVER (92)

Anderson 4-10 2-4 10, Williams 5-13 0-0 11, Mutombo 9-22 5-8 23, Macon 0-2 0-0 0, Garland 8-15 2-2 19, Jackson 2-6 0-0 4, Davis 4-16 5-5 13, Wolf 1-4 0-0 2, Liberty 2-5 0-0 4, K.Brooks 1-2 0-0 2, Cook 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 38-98 14-19 92.

MINNESOTA (101)

Glass 9-15 4-5 22, Mitchell 8-12 6-6 22, Spencer 0-1 5-6 5, Richardson 3-9 1-2 7, West 4-7 8-8 16, Breuer 1-4 1-4 3, Bailey 3-11 5-6 11, Campbell 5-9 2-2 12, S.Brooks 0-1 1-2 1, Murphy 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 34-70 33-41 101.

Denver	16	23	23	30— 92
Minnesota	28	21	26	26—101

3-Point goals—Denver 2-5 (Garland 1-1, Williams 1-2, Davis 0-1, Liberty 0-1), Minnesota 0-3 (Glass 0-1, Richardson 0-1, Campbell 0-1). Fouled out—Macon. Rebounds—Denver 57 (Mutombo 17), Minnesota 52 (Glass 10). Assists—Denver 16 (Garland 8), Minnesota 22 (Richardson 9). Total fouls—Denver 25, Minnesota 16. Technical—Richardson. A—19,006.

Mavs 113, Pacers 106

INDIANA (106)

Thompson 4-9 3-3 11, Person 5-16 2-4 14, Smits 10-18 0-1 20, M.Williams 7-16 13-13 27, Miller 5-13 4-6 14, Fleming 5-9 2-2 12, D.Davis 2-4 2-4 6, K.Williams 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-86 26-33 106.

DALLAS (113)

McCray 7-13 5-7 20, T.Davis 2-8 1-2 5, Donaldson 4-6 3-4 11, Harper 6-16 3-4 16, Blackman 4-12 7-7 16, Lever 5-13 3-6 13, H.Williams 8-13 1-4 17, Smith 4-8 1-2 9, B.Davis 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 43-94 24-36 113.

Indiana	29	29	30	18—106
Dallas	41	24	23	25—113

3-Point goals—Indiana 2-6 (Person 2-4, Miller 0-1), Dallas 3-7 (Blackman 1-1, McCray 1-2, Harper 1-3, B.Davis 0-1). Fouled out—Person, M.Williams. Rebounds—Indiana 56 (Smits 10), Dallas 61 (H.Williams 9). Assists—Indiana 18 (M.Williams 7), Dallas 21 (Lever 6). Total fouls—Indiana 29, Dallas 26. A—14,713.

Suns 141, Kings 100

SACRAMENTO (100)

Bonner 6-11 1-1 13, Simmons 0-4 1-2 1, Tisdale 5-12 2-2 12, Richmond 6-15 0-0 13, Webb 0-5 2-2 2, Causwell 1-7 5-5 7, Lee 4-8 1-1 13, Chilcutt 5-9 0-0 10, Hopson 5-9 7-8 17, Brown 4-8 2-4 10, Jepsen 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-87 21-25 100.

PHOENIX (141)

Chambers 6-11 4-6 16, Perry 10-15 5-6 25, Lang 2-3 0-0 4, Hornacek 8-13 4-4 20, Johnson 9-16 4-4 22, Majerle 5-10 4-4 14, Nealy 3-8 2-2 9, West 5-8 2-2 12, Knight 3-7 1-2 7, Mustaf 2-2 0-0 4, Ceballos 2-3 4-4 8. Totals 55-94 30-34 141.

Sacramento	16	25	24	35—100
Phoenix	30	41	39	31—141

3-Point goals—Sacramento 5-10 (Lee 4-7, Richmond 1-3), Phoenix 1-4 (Nealy 1-2, Hornacek 0-1, Knight 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 31 (Bonner 9), Phoenix 48 (Nealy 9). Assists—Sacramento 16 (Lee, Simmons 5), Phoenix 36 (Johnson 13). Total fouls—Sacramento 28, Phoenix 23. Technicals—Richmond, Sacramento coach Motta, Phoenix coach Fitzsimmons. A—14,496.

College Boxes

Ga. Tech 120, UT 107

TEXAS (2-1)

Cambridge 10-20 2-2 23, Williams 9-25 1-1 19, Burditt 1-2 0-0 2, Rencher 5-9 5-6 17, Tyler 8-13 2-3 19, Garner 0-0 0-1 0, Sgova 1-1 0-0 2, Houston 1-4 1-4 3, Richardson 6-13 5-6 18, Watson 2-6 0-0 4, Lockridge 0-0 0-0 0, Penders 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-93 16-23 107.

GEORGIA TECH (3-0)

Forrest 1-7 1-3 3, Mackey 12-19 4-4 28, Geiger 9-10 7-9 25, Berry 8-14 7-8 25, Best 5-7 6-9 17, Hill 2-3 1-5 5, Newbill 3-5 0-3 6, Vinson 3-4 1-2 10, Harlicka 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-69 27-43 120.

Halftime—Georgia Tech 56, Texas 47. 3-Point goals—Texas 5-18 (Rencher 2-2, Cambridge 1-3, Richardson 1-3, Tyler 1-4, Watson 0-2, Williams 0-4), Georgia Tech 7-9 (Vinson 3-3, Berry 2-4, Best 1-1, Hill 1-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas 43 (Cambridge 12), Georgia Tech 47 (Geiger 13). Assists—Texas 22 (Tyler 7), Georgia Tech 18 (Berry 6). Total fouls—Texas 28, Georgia Tech 20. A—NA.

UNC 68, Houston 65

NORTH CAROLINA (2-0)

Sullivan 3-6 0-0 6, Lynch 4-11 1-2 9, Wenstrom 0-2 0-0 0, Pheips 0-6 2-3 2, Davis 9-20 7-9 29, Montross 5-6 2-3 12, Rodl 0-0 0-1 0, Reese 3-4 2-2 8, Salvadori 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 25-57 14-20 68.

HOUSTON (1-1)

Upchurch 1-6 4-5 6, Fernandes 3-6 4-4 11, Outlaw 4-6 2-4 10, Daniels 1-7 0-0 3, Diaz 0-8 0-0 0, Mack 11-16 5-6 32, Evans 1-4 0-0 3, Drain 0-2 0-0 0, Lillie 0-1 0-0 0, Carrasco 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-58 15-19 65.

Halftime—Houston 42, North Carolina 27. 3-Point goals—North Carolina 4-14 (Davis 4-12, Pheips 0-1, Reese 0-1), Houston 8-25 (Mack 5-8, Evans 1-2, Fernandes 1-2, Daniels 1-5, Upchurch 0-1, Drain 0-1, Lillie 0-1, Diaz 0-5). Fouled out—Mogtross. Rebounds—North Carolina 45 (Montross 10), Houston 35 (Outlaw 11). Assists—North Carolina 18 (Pheips 7), Houston 15 (Evans 4). Total fouls—North Carolina 20, Houston 18. A—9,860.

LSU 96 Midd. Tenn. 65

MIDDLE TENN. (2-1)

Vance 2-4 1-2 5, Hammonds 8-17 0-0 16, Taylor 5-15 3-4 14, Kidd 3-10 0-4 6, Christian 4-11 3-4 11, Buck 0-1 0-0 0, Davis 0-2 0-0 0, Corder 3-3 2-3 8, Clifton 0-5 0-0 0, R.Clark 1-2 1-1 3, Johnson 1-4 0-1 2. Totals 27-74 10-19 65.

LSU (2-0)

Boudreaux 4-5 0-0 8, Singleton 5-7 2-2 12, O'Neal 9-16 4-10 22, Pugh 1-1 0-0 2, Williamson 2-7 0-0 5, Brandon 7-10 4-4 18, Anderson 0-0 0-0 0, Hansen 2-3 0-0 6, Picou 1-1 2-2 4, Ceasar 2-5 2-3 6, Marshall 2-4 2-2 7, Mascia 0-0 0-0 0, Hammink 3-7 0-0 6. Totals 38-66 16-23 96.

Halftime—LSU 44, Middle Tenn. 27. 3-Point goals—Middle Tenn. 1-13 (Taylor 1-6, Davis 0-1, Hammonds 0-2, Clifton 0-2), LSU 4-11 (Hansen 2-3, Marshall 1-3, Williamson 1-4, Ceasar 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Middle Tenn. 36 (Kidd 7), LSU 47 (O'Neal 13). Assists—Middle Tenn. 10 (Christian 6), LSU 20 (Williamson 4). Total fouls—Middle Tenn. 15, LSU 17. A—11,045.

Minnesota 69 Ariz. St. 37

ARIZONA STATE (1-3)

Ronaldson 1-9 0-0 3, Bennett 2-9 2-2 6, Neal 0-7 3-4 15, Anderson 0-12 1-2 1, Collins 3-8 0-0 6, Dale 1-4 0-0 2, Vercher 0-3 0-0 0, Kolyszko 1-2 0-0 3, Conlisk 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 15-55 6-8 37.

MINNESOTA (3-1)

Jackson 3-8 0-0 6, Carter 4-7 2-4 10, Martin 5-8 0-0 10, McDonald 3-7 0-0 6, Lenard 2-8 1-1 6, Wolf 1-2 0-0 3, Tubbs 3-8 2-2 8, Orr 2-2 0-0 4, Roe 1-2 0-1 2, Walton 2-4 2-2 6, Kolander 2-3 0-0 4, Nzigamasabo 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 30-66 7-10 69.

Halftime—Minnesota 27, Arizona St. 15. 3-Point goals—Arizona St. 1-14 (Kolyszko 1-1, Vercher 0-1, Bennett 0-1, Collins 0-3, Anderson 0-8), Minnesota 2-8 (Lenard 1-1, Wolf 1-2, Tubbs 0-2, McDonald 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Arizona St. 30 (Neal 6), Minnesota 39 (Walton 9). Assists—Arizona St. 6 (Anderson, Collins 2), Minnesota 15 (Jackson, Orr 4). Total fouls—Arizona St. 11, Minnesota 8. A—NA.

Rice 93 Chaminade 86

RICE (3-2)

Andrews 7-10 3-4 17, Maag 8-14 0-0 20, Rourke 2-6 2-2 6, Hardy 6-6 1-2 14, Holmes 3-9 0-0 7, Moore 4-11 3-4 12, Scott 5-15 5-7 15, Peakes 0-1 2-2 2, Glaze 0-0 0-1 0. Totals 35-72 16-22 93.

CHAMINADE (1-3)

Skinner 1-4 0-1 2, Robinson 0-3 2-4 2, James 4-6 1-1 9, Gilmore 8-15 9-10 30, Johnson 3-10 0-0 6, Harden 2-3 1-2 7, Jube 0-1 0-0 0, Houck 2-8 0-0 4, Bradley 4-4 0-0 8, Chaney 0-0 1-2 1, Lurry 0-0 0-0 0, Alig 5-6 7-10 17. Totals 29-80 21-30 86.

Halftime—Rice 48, Chaminade 37. 3-Point goals—Rice 7-14 (Maag 4-8, Hardy 1-1, Moore 1-1, Holmes 1-5, Peakes 0-1), Chaminade 7-15 (Gilmore 5-8, Harden 2-3, Robinson 0-1, Johnson 0-1, Skinner 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Rice 39 (Scott 12), Chaminade 35 (Robinson 10). Assists—Rice 14 (Hardy, Holmes 3), Chaminade 15 (Gilmore 6). Total fouls—Rice 23, Chaminade 22. A—2,300.

Midland Bowling

Bowling results from the week of Nov. 18, as provided by the Midland Bowling Association:

CACTUS LANES

High Sky Ladies: Beuty Sprague 208; Lynda Clark 206; Kelly Gleghorn 207; Chris Montgomery 232; Tammy Windham 236—609; Pam Sanchez 209.

Keglers (Men): Scott Pope 248—678; Ken Maisel 232—622; Ken Robey 234—675; Burt Evans 211—604; Bill Morgan 210; Rob Moore 208; Ed Stewart 214; J.R. Tipton 204; Dennis Samsel 209—606; Mike White 245-624; Wayne Patterson 206; David Conrady 226; Loren Guess 215; Burt Evans 213; Lance Pomeroy 214.

Keglers (Women): JoAnn Jackson 221; Lynda Clark 217; Nancy Wilson 207; Sandy Crenshaw 223; Rhonda Shelton 216; Debi Smith 212; Carla Smith 203; Norma Hill 210; Jean Broughton 201.

Petroleum American: Scott Pope 279-225—708; 256-254—723; Burt Griggs 218—612; Don Clark 247—600; Phillip Alldredge 237—632; Dennis Samsel 247—664; 246-247—707; Harold Woods 233—643; Butch Woods 216; Roman Harper 256; Danny Cornelison 200; Don Clark 247; Jerry Tilley 222; Norris Wallin 202; Mike Hunt 224; Wendell Smith 216; Ray Weisner 216; Lee Pittman 213; Ray Nicholas 214; Salty Hull 256; M. Clark 225; Jimmy Oden 216; Jesse Rodriguez 210; Robert Moore 201; Bill Thorsen 203; Mike Boyer 214; Johnny Lane 215; Billy Sullivan 206; Dennis Montgomery 221.

Petroleum Mixed (Men): Scott Pope 279—739; Russell Hight 212; Dayton Berry 207; Dean Berry 201.

Petroleum Mixed (Women): Karen Hensley 256; Carlynn Berry 204; Kayle Swanner 206.

DELLWOOD LANES

City Classic: Tammy Windham 203; Sandy Crenshaw 202; Vicky Ochoa 201; Kelly Gleghorn 212; Edith Hood 181 (136 avg.); Lorraine Barton 189 (136 avg.); Connie Mermis 213—603; Rhondy Barker 205; Frances Gronow 200; Carol Miles 213; Ute Gibson 190 (137 avg.); Diane White 179 (138 avg.); Joyce Smead 186 (136 avg.); Barbara Russell 196 (137 avg.); Frances Penick 183 (135 avg.); Dusty Howard 182 (115 avg.) Karen Jordan 201.

Texaco Instruments (Men): Doug Shelton 211; Mike Terrell 204.

Chaps meet Lamar in opener of Odessa Classic

Staff Report

After playing five of their last six games on the road in Arizona and South Texas, going to Odessa doesn't sound too bad. Neighboring Odessa College is where the Midland College Chaparrals will spend much of the Thanksgiving weekend. The Chaps are one of the entrants in the Whataburger Odessa College Classic Thursday through Saturday.

While the Chaps returned from Pasadena with a victory over perennial powerhouse San Jacinto College, they can't afford to rest on their laurels. They draw Lamar (Colo.) Community College for a 4:30 p.m. game on Thursday. Lamar holds a victory this season over South Plains College.

It doesn't get much easier on Friday when the Chaps play the 8 p.m. feature game against former NJCAA champion Connors State, which features 7-1 David Dean.

The Chaps finish the weekend at 2:45 p.m. Saturday against Ranger Junior College, a team they defeated Nov. 19 at Chaparral Center.

MC coach Steve Green and his Chaps have compiled a 7-2 record thus far, but it's been with line-ups being held together with tape and pride.

"We've had people hurt all season, so we almost have to wait until game

time to see who will be able to play," Green said.

Freshman point guard Shawn Morris has a bone chip floating around on the top of his foot, which makes for painful playing. Surgery is planned for later in December.

Freshman Bruce Patterson has been playing well, but missed the San Jacinto game Saturday because of a sore back.

Morris, Kelon Haynie, Danny Pearson, and Terrance Rone, all freshmen, have been working the outside for the Chaps.

Chris McKinney, a sophomore guard, has been provided the bulk of the scoring, as has Ari Rodriques, the 6-9 freshman who has drawn rave reviews in the middle.

But when Rodriques is out, the Chaps go to Morris Conley, a 6-4 freshman, who is a toughie inside.

Charles Gentry, a sophomore transfer who missed the Arizona trip, was a major force at Pasadena battling inside and hitting a nifty 11-of-12 free throws against San Jacinto.

Fabian Mina, another sophomore transfer, has been the leading rebounder in several games.

Charles Sanders, the only sophomore returnee, also has been playing well in spots.

After this weekend, the Chaps draw a deep breath, then have a critical game on Saturday, Dec. 7. The Chaps will be facing the New Mexico Military Institute Broncos in Roswell that night. It will be the Chaps' conference opener, matching them against the team directed by former MC head coach Reggie Franklin.

The conference opens play on Thursday, Dec. 5, but the Chaps drew the open date to start the first and second halves of the conference schedule.

The NMMI contest is the final game for the fall portion of the schedule.

The Chaps resume action on Jan. 3-4 with a doubleheader at Chap Center featuring MC, Odessa College, Seward College of Kansas and Paris Junior College.

MC women dominate tennis rankings

Midland College dominated the 1991-92 pre-season women's individual and team tennis rankings, which were announced this week by the Volvo Tennis Collegiate Rankings.

The rankings were compiled by members of the Intercollegiate Tennis Coaches Association.

The Midland College Chaparrals topped the list of 15 teams, eight of which were from Texas. They also had the top three singles players and five of the top six.

In doubles, the MC duos were listed first, second, and ninth.

"This is about what we had expected after our showing at the Rolex ITCA National Junior College and Small College Tournaments last month," said MC coach Joe Williams.

Since the Chaparral women have won the past two National Junior College Athletic Association titles and are undefeated in team competition the past two seasons, they are considered the cream of the crop.

Following are the final pre-season team rankings for 1991-92:
1. Midland College; 2. Cooke Co., Gainesville, Tex; 3. Palm Beach, Lake Worth, Florida; 4. Anderson (SC); 5. Tyler; 6. Broward (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.); 7. Odessa; 8. McLennan (Waco); 9. Peace (Raleigh, NC); 10. Florida Community College (Jacksonville, Fla.); 11. Temple; 12. Indian River (Ft. Pierce, Fla.); 13. San Jacinto; 14. Spartanburg (SC) Methodist; 15. Paris.

Singles rankings include:
1. Seiko Ichioka (MC); 2. Myriam Berthe (MC); 3. Lucie Ludvigova (MC); 4. Gabrielle Villiger (Anderson, SC); 5. Boba Tzvetkova (MC) 6. Adriana Isaza (MC).

Other singles rankings include: 13. Caroline Reynolds, MC; 17. Laura Worley, OC; 18. Elizabeth Ameel, from Midland High, Tyler; 21. Kelly Hay, OC; and 26. Toni Yates, OC, formerly of MC.

Among the doubles rankings are:
1. Isaza-Tzvetkova (MC); 2. Berthe-Ludvigova (MC); 9. Ichioka-Reynolds (MC); 13. Worley-Burdick (OC); 17. Hay-Stephenson (OC); 20. Yates-Capuano (OC).

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Football...

Midland Lee Booster Club meeting is Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lee Activity Center to review the region playoff game against Sherman...

Basketball...

The **Lee Basketball Booster Club** will meet Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. in Lee Youth Center. Parents may pick up players' yard signs at that time...

Persons interested in officiating junior high and high school basketball this season should contact the **Permian Basin Chapter of the Basketball Officials Association** by calling Richard Candelaria, 685-1897, or Dee Carter, 697-1372...

Tennis...

The **Midland Women's Tennis Association** will present its Fall League Awards Luncheon 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 5 at Venezia Restaurant. Cost is $10. Players may also take this opportunity to pay dues for the spring session, which begins Feb. 3, 1992. For more information, call 699-0543 or 687-5010...

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Running...

The Fourth Annual **Jingle Bell Jog**, sponsored by the Permian Basin Road Runners, is slated for Saturday, Dec. 7, beginning at 3500 W. Golf Course Rd. Participants may enter the 4K or 6K races, or they can join in either of the fitness walks. The fee for the fun runs — in which no official times will be kept — is $10 per entrant or $25 for a family before Dec. 6. After Dec. 6 the fees are $12 and 30. The first 100 entrants will receive T-shirts, and awards will be presented for the best costumed runners (no Santa Clauses please). Call Sue or Francis Johns at 520-7400 to enter...

Bowling...

Dellwood Lanes will conduct a doubles tournament Dec. 7-8, with an estimated prize fund of $1,500. The 90-percent handicap event costs $20 per person, and high scratch scores will be automatically seeded in the semis. Rounds will be at 3 p.m. and 11 p.m. Saturday and at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday. Saturday's late round and Sunday's early round are auto-squads. Call Cory at 697-7871 to sign up or get more information...

Divac has surgery, is out 6-8 weeks

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Vlade Divac, the 7-foot-1 Los Angeles Lakers center, underwent surgery Wednesday for a herniated disc in his lower back and will be sidelined a minimum of six-to-eight weeks.

The surgery was performed by Dr. William Dillin of the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic at Centinela Hospital Medical Center and lasted about two hours, the Lakers said, adding that it went well and Divac will begin rehabilitation in approximately two weeks.

Divac has had back spasms for about two weeks, and attempted to play with a brace. But he did not accompany the team on its current seven-game Eastern road trip.

Divac, a 23-year-old star of the Yugoslavian national team, is in his third season with the Lakers. He has been sharing playing-time this season with second-year center Elden Campbell.

So far this season, Divac averaged 8.3 points, 8.0 rebounds and two blocked shots. He is also the team-leader in field goal percentage at .519.

A first-round draft choice of the Lakers in 1989, Divac averaged 8.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game as a rookie in the 1989-90 season and 11.2 points and 8.0 rebounds in the 1990-91 campaign.

After a slow start this season, Divac played a growing role as the Lakers won eight consecutive games.

Eric Davis traded to Dodgers for Belcher

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Cincinnati Reds traded outfielder Eric Davis to the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday night as part of a four-player deal that sent right-hander Tim Belcher to the Reds.

The trade reunites Davis with boyhood friend Darryl Strawberry in the Dodgers' outfield and solidifies the Reds' starting rotation. Cincinnati also got reliever John Wetteland and sent reliever Kip Gross to the Dodgers.

Davis, 29, played in only 89 games last season, hitting .235 with 11 home runs and 33 RBIs.

He has been plagued with injuries throughout his career. He fell out of favor with Reds manager Lou Piniella when he decided to sit out most of the second half of the season because of what Davis called chronic fatigue resulting from his kidney injury in the 1990 World Series.

Since the end of the season, the Reds have rebuilt their starting rotation, acquiring Greg Swindell from the Cleveland Indians and Belcher, 30, who was 10-9 with a 2.62 ERA last season.

"I believe this brings to our ballclub one of the outstanding talents in the game today," Dodgers general manager Fred Claire said. "When you acquire a talent such as Eric Davis, you also have to give up talent, and we did that in Belcher and Wetteland."

Davis will be paid $3.1 million in 1991, the final season of a three-year, $9.3 million contract. Claire said Davis will play left field and Kal Daniels may be moved to first base. Earlier in the day, Eddie Murray left the Dodgers and signed a $7.5 million, two-year free agent contract with the New York Mets.

"Eric Davis has as much talent as anybody in the game today and I think that talent will flourish at Dodger Stadium," Claire said. "I've asked Kal his thoughts about playing first base, what his feeling would be about that. He said he had worked out a little at first base, he was not opposed to that. Not to say that's what will happen, we're a long way from opening day."

Davis had his best year in 1987, when he hit .293 with 37 homers and 100 RBIs. He hit .273 with 26 homers and 93 RBIs in 1988, .281 with 34 homers and 101 RBIs in 1989, and .260 with 24 homers and 86 RBIs in 1990.

He lacerated a kidney while trying to make a diving catch in Game 4 of the 1990 World Series, another in a long line of injuries in Davis' career. He's never played more than 135 games in a big-league season.

"I think one of the key questions is the question of health," Claire said.

Claire said Dodgers team physician Dr. Frank Jobe has talked to the Cincinnati club doctor.

Murray signs with NY Mets

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eddie Murray became the first free agent to sign this offseason, agreeing today with the New York Mets on a $7.5 million, two-year contract.

The first baseman, who played with Los Angeles for three seasons, had his deal finalized by his agent, Ron Shapiro, and Mets general manager Al Harazin.

The Dodgers said they offered Murray a one-year deal, but the Mets offer was much better.

"It was just time to move on," Murray said. "I was no longer in their plans, I think."

Los Angeles wanted him back, but only for one year.

"We're not hiding that length of contract is important to us," Dodgers general manager Fred Claire said Tuesday. "We certainly haven't cut off any communications, but I can't say we've had a lot of dialogue."

Murray, who will be 36 next season, batted .260 in 1991 with 19 homers and 96 RBIs. He has 398 career homers, 25th on the all-time list.

He earned $2.8 million in 1991, the final season of a five-year, $13.5 million contract that included $2.7 million deferred without interest.

"I never thought it would come to this," Murray said "I knew I definitely wanted to play (in Los Angeles) longer than that."

Shapiro said Murray left Los Angeles on good terms.

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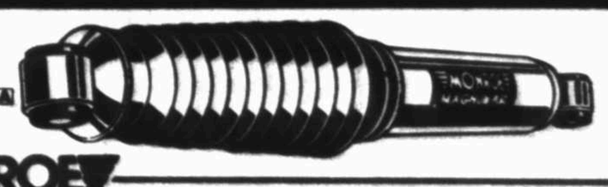

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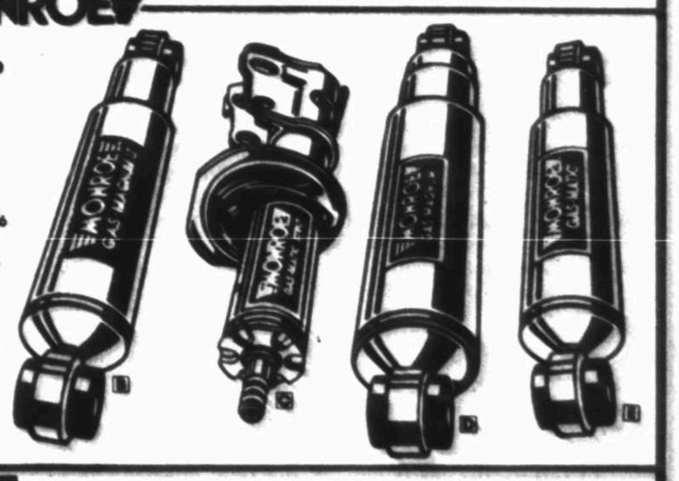

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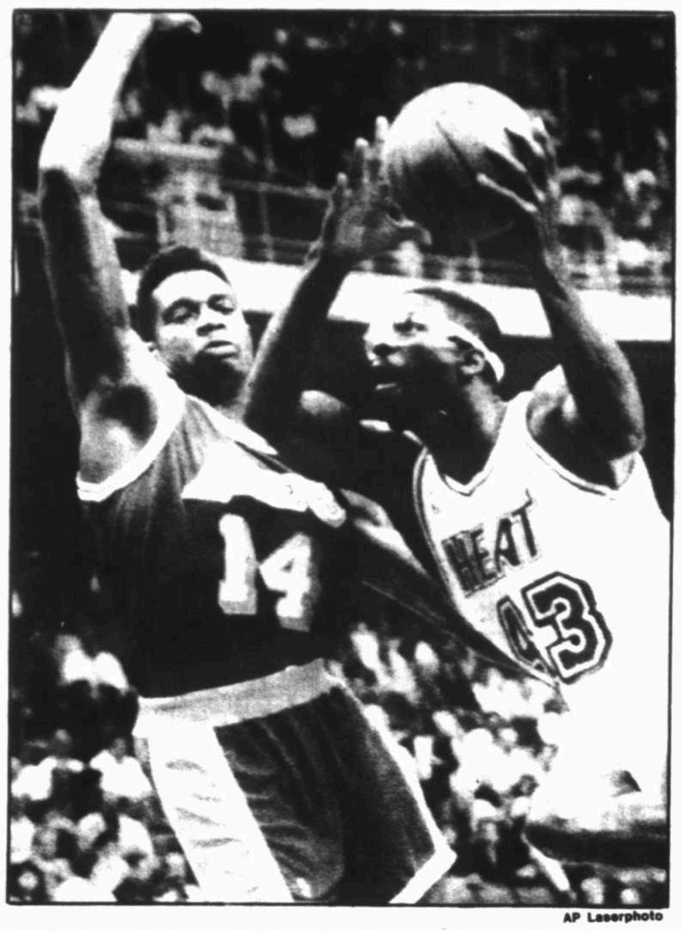

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LA's Sam Perkins, left, defends as Miami's Grant Long heads for the basket.

Lakers win ninth straight

Associated Press

MIAMI — Sedale Threatt hit a 17-footer as time expired, giving the Los Angeles Lakers an 89-87 victory over Miami for their ninth consecutive win.

The Heat nearly forced an overtime by scoring twice in a 4.4-second span to tie the game at 87 with 8.6 seconds left. Bimbo Coles hit a layup, and then Grant Long stole the ball from Byron Scott near the Miami basket and scored.

Threatt's shot from the right of the key over Coles hit the lip of rim, bounced high above the hoop and fell through. Threatt finished with four points.

The Lakers last lost on Nov. 8, the day after guard Magic Johnson announced his retirement after testing positive for HIV.

Los Angeles' lineup suffered two more blows Wednesday.

Starting center Vlade Divac underwent surgery to repair a herniated disk Wednesday and will be sidelined at least six weeks. His replacement, Elden Campbell, sprained his ankle in the first half and did not return to the game. It was not immediately known how long Campbell will be out of action.

NBA Roundup

Pistons 100, Hawks 91

DETROIT — Isiah Thomas scored 15 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter Wednesday night, lifting the Detroit Pistons to a 100-91 victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

The Hawks led 87-79 with 8:10 to play before Thomas scored nine straight points, including a 3-pointer that gave the Pistons a 88-87 lead with 6:07 remaining.

The game was tied 90-90 with 1:59 left when Thomas was fouled by Kevin Willis while driving the lane. Willis was called for a flagrant foul and Thomas for a technical for retaliating.

Celtics 101, Magic 92

BOSTON — Boston took sole possession of the Atlantic Division lead as Larry Bird scored 10 of his season-high 32 points in a third-quarter rally that carried the Celtics to a victory over the Orlando Magic.

The Celtics (9-5) won their fourth straight game and broke a first-place tie with New York. The Magic's losing streak reached four games as it was held under 100 points for the seventh time in 12 games.

Trailing 48-40, the Magic outscored Boston 14-3 in the last 1:10 of the second quarter and the first 3:03 of the third. They ended the run with a 3-pointer by Scott Skiles that gave them a 54-51 lead.

Cavaliers 107, 76ers 97

RICHFIELD, Ohio — Brad Daugherty scored 31 points for the second straight night and Cleveland blocked 17 shots as the Cavaliers beat the Philadelphia 76ers to remain unbeaten at home.

Cleveland won its fourth consecutive game overall and its second in two nights against the 76ers. The Cavs are 6-0 at home.

Philadelphia, which has lost four in a row, was without Charles Barkley, who dressed but did not play because of sore ribs.

Mavericks 113, Pacers 106

DALLAS — Rodney McCray scored 20 points, including a decisive 20-foot jumper with 53 seconds left, sending the Dallas Mavericks to a victory over the Indiana Pacers.

McCray's shot gave the Mavericks a 108-103 lead, sealing their fifth victory in their last six starts.

Dallas used a pair of baskets by Herb Williams and Fat Lever's free throw to pull away from a 98-98 tie and take a 103-99 lead with 4:02 to play.

Timberwolves 101, Nuggets 92

MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Mitchell and Gerald Glass scored 22 points each as the Minnesota Timberwolves won their second straight game after a 1-9 start, defeating the Denver Nuggets.

The Timberwolves have beaten Houston and the Nuggets in successive home games while the Nuggets, who got 23 points and 17 rebounds from Dikembe Mutombo, lost for the fifth time in six games. The defeat was the Nuggets' 25th straight away from home.

Jazz 113, Hornets 107

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 31 points and Jeff Malone had eight of his 26 during a decisive 16-5 run in the fourth quarter, leading the Utah Jazz over the Charlotte Hornets.

The Hornets led 102-97 with 6:09 left in the game, but from that point the Jazz were in control. Tyrone Corbin, acquired this week from Minnesota, hit a basket with 5:49 left to start the spurt, and Karl Malone's basket with 5:10 remaining brought Utah within one.

Spurs 106, Nets 100

SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson scored 31 points and grabbed 15 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs broke a two-game losing streak with a sloppy victory over the slumping New Jersey Nets.

The Spurs, who led 46-45 at halftime, improved to 7-0 at home and beat the Nets for the 12th straight time at HemisFair Arena. The Nets have lost four straight.

Drazen Petrovic, who led all scorers with 32 points, scored 17 in the third period, including seven straight as the Nets went up 75-70 with 18 seconds left. After Paul Pressey hit two free throws, Petrovic added a 3-pointer at the buzzer for a 78-72 New Jersey lead heading into the final quarter.

Suns 141, Kings 100

PHOENIX — Tim Perry, in just his third start of the season, scored a career-high 25 points as Phoenix turned around a 15-point loss to Sacramento a day earlier with a rout of the Kings.

Kevin Johnson had 22 points and 13 assists and Jeff Hornacek 20 points for the Suns, who lost 104-89 at Sacramento on Tuesday night.

GAME: Steelers hold slight series edge

(From 1C)

and XIII. The last time the two teams played, Pittsburgh won 24-21 in 1988.

Pittsburgh coach Chuck Noll said the Dallas series isn't that special to him anymore.

"Those Super Bowls were so long ago I don't remember who we played," Noll said. "This is a big game to us because we have to win to stay alive. This game is like the playoffs for us."

Noll isn't thrilled with the quick turnaround game.

"It's a short week but we have to play the game that's scheduled," Noll said.

Johnson said he likes the Cowboys tradition of hosting the Thanksgiving Day game.

"I thoroughly enjoyed it a year ago," Johnson said of the Cowboys 27-17 upset of the Redskins. "I like having the game."

Dallas running back Emmitt Smith said he can understand why the Cowboys enjoy hosting the game. He calls it "the edge."

"It's a little edge because the other team has to travel," Smith said. "I'm glad we don't have to go on the road. You really don't get time to heal from the previous Sunday, but it's harder on the other team."

Cowboys-Steelers

A look at the Dallas Cowboy-Pittsburgh Steeler matchup for Thursday of Week 14 in the National Football League (all times Central; records in parentheses):

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LAST GAME — Steelers intercepted Warren Moon five times and upset AFC Central-leading Oilers 26-14. Cowboys became first team to beat Redskins this season, 24-21, despite loss of QB Troy Aikman to injury.

STEELERS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 17), PASS (No. 11), OVERALL (No. 17)

Totaled 294 yards, and made 16 first downs and 10 of 19 third-down conversions. Neil O'Donnell completed only 12 of 29 throws for 155 yards with TD and interception. Barry Foster rushed for 60 yards on 16 carries and Merril Hoge had 54 yards on 13 carries. Rookie TE Adrian Cooper and WR Louis Lipps each had three receptions and WR Dwight Stone caught 43-yard TD pass.

COWBOYS OFFENSE — RUSH (No. 16), PASS (No. 7), OVERALL (No. 6)

Netted 399 yards, 23 first downs and 2 of 3 fourth down attempts. Emmitt Smith rushed for 132 yards on 34 carries with 32-yard TD and is second in NFC with 1,107 yards and 1,324 scrimmage yards. Aikman hit 13 of 20 passes for 204 yards with TD and interception. Steve Beuerlein rallied team with 7 of 12 passing for 109 yards and eventual winning score. WR Michael Irvin caught nine passes for 130 yards and 24-yard score and leads NFC with 65 catches for NFL-leading 1,004 yards. Rookie WR Alvin Harper had four catches for 101 yards with 34-yard TD catch.

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AREA: Rankin faces tough defense against Wheeler

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■ The Garden City Bearkats' (10-1) regional meeting with Valley Mills (11-0) is a rematch of last year's quarterfinal game in which the Eagles dropped Coach Sam Scott's Bearkats 51-8. But this game gives the District 9-A runner-up 'Kats — who began the season as the state's top-ranked team — more than a chance at revenge for last year. It gives them a unique opportunity to knock off the current No. 1 squad — the one which replaced the Bearkats atop the Associated Press poll back in late October.

"It is a unique situation, and we're happy to be where we are. We'll be playing our third Top 5 team of the year when we play Valley Mills," said Scott, whose charges edged Rankin 22-21, fell to intra-district rival Rotan 27-13 and now face undefeated Vally Mills in their 1991 Top 10 spree.

And with the likelihood of a game against No. 2 Rotan looming in the quarterfinal round, Region II stacks up as the toughest Class A territory in Texas.

"According to the polls, this has to be the most difficult Region," Scott said. "What we have to do is get mentally ready to play. That's something that we haven't done the last couple of weeks."

In last week's area playoff round the Bearkats fell behind Eden 18-8 after three quarters, but rebounded with 18 fourth-quarter points to capture the trophy, 26-18.

"It's nice to know that you can come from behind, but you can't put yourself in that position against good teams and expect to keep winning," Scott said. "That's why our number-one objective right now is mental preparation.

Scott said Vally Mills runs multiple offenses, including run-and-shoot and no-huddle variations out of wishbone and single-back formations.

Garden City will counter with last year's top Class A running back, James Soles. Soles, who only played in seven games this season because of multiple injuries, topped the Class A charts with 2,174 yards in 1990. He has 897 yards on 133 carries so far this season.

■ The Rankin Red Devils (10-1) and the Wheeler Mustangs (11-1) may have had to scramble for a playoff site, but not for victories. Each team comes into regional action on track to repeat as a state quarter-finalist.

The game was originally scheduled to be played in Abilene, but the high demand for central playoff locations squeezed them out of Shotwell and into Lowrey.

Wheeler, the District 1-A runnerup, suffered its only loss of the year to 1-A champion Memphis, 26-21. The Mustangs breezed past Motley County 50-0 in last week's area playoff round.

Rankin's only defeat came at the hands of then No. 1 ranked Garden City, 22-21. The District 8-A champion Red Devils overcame a slow start last week, but exploded for 29 fourth-quarter points and captured the area trophy with a 36-7 victory over Sudan.

"We started out a little bit sluggish last week, and maybe it was because we were open the week before," Rankin coach Troy Kennedy said. "It could also have been due to our fear of the unknown.

"We had never played Sudan before and we hurt ourselves with a couple of fumbles early."

A bit more of the unknown looms ahead for Rankin as the Mustangs utilize an eight-man defensive front that Kennedy says his Red Devils have not run against in the past.

"We've had to prepare for a defense that our kids have not seen before," Kenney said. "And what also concerns us is that Wheeler keeps the ball on the ground with a real power-type offense.

"It's a conservative offense, but they have big people up front with speed in the backfield. We can't let them bang on us all night and put together big drives."

MCS: Heated rivalry has formed with EPJC

(From 1C)

from that team and that's an awful lot to lose from a six-man team," Jackson said. "We've got a lot more experience and depth than they do, and I'm hoping that will be one of the keys that gives us the edge."

In fact, both teams are so used to ending games early via six-man football's 45-point rule, that a full, four-quarter game could very well be what brings the MCS depth to the forefront.

Both the Mustangs and the Chargers breezed through the TAPPS playoffs to get to the finals. While MCS dusted Christway 54-8 in last week's semifinals, Jesus Chapel walloped Allan Academy 45-0. The Mustangs, winners of seven straight games, have not had to go the distance in that span. The Chargers have also won seven straight games, and their offense is led by Sal Portillo, who had 1,195 yards rushing and 23 TDs in the regular season.

"They (Chargers) have a good team and for the past three or four years we've been going at Jesus Chapel. We know each other pretty well," said MCS senior Jay Dallas, who led the Mustangs' ground attack with 643 yards rushing in regular-season play. Dallas also has six fumble recoveries to date.

"But this year our defense has been very strong and our offense has been able to back up the defense," Dallas said. "Our strong point is going to be the experience and maturity of the team.

The MCS defense is especially deep, including more than one potential starter at both end spots, at linebacker and at safety. And Coach Jackson can insert as many as three players at nose guard.

"Beating Jesus Chapel is mostly mental because we have the talent to win the game," said running back Drew Akins, whose 14 rushing TDs lead the team.

"Since they've beaten us three times and we've only beaten them once, it makes it special for the seniors because it's our last chance."

For MCS to be successful the Mustangs will have to curtail the efforts of Jesus Chapel's senior quarterback, Chris Eskew, who passed for 939 yards and 14 TDs in the regular season.

"If we get down by a few points we're going to have to be cool-headed about it and not start making stupid mistakes," Akins said.

What began as an occasional meeting between two far-distant schools has turned into a somewhat heated rivalry, and that fact is not lost on MCS's Don Gilbreath, who left the program at Midland Lee to join the Mustangs for his senior season.

"It's the kind of a big rivalry like when I was at Lee and we played (Odessa) Permian," said Gilbreath, who racked up 420 yards rushing before the playoffs. "Six-man football is more wide open and it takes a lot of play execution, hard work and determination to make it work.

"It will take the whole team, and we'll need to execute our plays to perfection. But I think everybody is starting to realize that we seniors are just going to have to take control of this game," he said.

And if they do, the Mustangs will take control of the TAPPS crown they just missed winning a year ago.

Judge rejects Tyson dismissal

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A judge denied on Wednesday defense attorneys' motions seeking dismissal of rape and related charges against boxer Mike Tyson.

During a 50-minute hearing, Marion Superior Court Judge Patricia J. Gifford denied five defense motions, four dealing with the status of charges against Tyson and a fifth seeking assignment of a new judge for the case.

The rulings left in place the four-count indictment against Tyson, the former heavyweight champion who faces trial Jan. 27.

Tyson, 25, is charged with rape, two counts of criminal deviate conduct and one count of confinement for the alleged assault on an 18-year-old Miss Black America beauty pageant contestant.

Public feels Magic 'paying the price'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — More Americans think Magic Johnson is paying the price for sexual promiscuity in contracting the AIDS virus than believe he was an "unfortunate victim of chance," a Los Angeles Times poll says.

Of the 1,709 adult polled nationwide, 51 percent agreed with the statement that Johnson "should have known better and now he is paying the price," according to the survey published in Thursday's editions of the Times.

Another 39 percent said they felt that the 32-year-old former star of the Los Angeles Lakers "is an unfortunate victim of chance."

Johnson retired from professional basketball Nov. 7 when he said he tested positive for the AIDS virus, an announcement that a remarkably high percentage of those surveyed — 99 percent — had heard or read something about.

Johnson has since stated that he became infected with HIV through heterosexual promiscuity.

Fifty-six percent of men polled favored the safer-sex message, while 53 percent of women opted for abstinence.

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50 Legal Notices

Price Construction, Inc. of Big Spring, Texas is soliciting subcontractor bids from Disadvantaged Business Enterprises for the following airports: Alpine - Casparis Municipal Airport FAA AIP Project No. 3-48-0004-02, Terry County Airport FAA AIP Project No. 3-48-0030-01, and Big Spring McMahon - Wrinkle Airpark FAA AIP Project No. 3-48-0306-04. Subcontractors submitting bids should be able to provide acceptable documentation of their qualifications as a D.B.E. under state and federal regulations.

Proposals must be received no later than 5 p.m. December 5, 1991 to be considered. To submit subcontract bids contact George Keesee %Price Construction, Inc. P.O. Box 1029, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 (915) 267-1691 fax - (915) 267-1694.

Plans and specifications for the Alpine Airport can be viewed or obtained from G.S.W. & Associates 1030 Andrews Hwy., suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701, for the Terry County Airport Oller Engineering Inc. 7806 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, Texas 79423, and for the Big Spring McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc. 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas, 79412.

110 Lodge Notices

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1,000 Upland at Cuthbert. NO Stated meeting Dec. 7th, 1991; Due to Grand Lodge Meeting, same day in Waco.
Doyle Eades, W.M.
Bob Ellwood, Secy.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
Stated meeting Dec. 10th, 7:30 pm
Open Meeting at 8:00 pm for kids visit w/Santa & Refreshments
Gary D. Anderson, W.M.,
Ron Yeager Sec.

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Elliott Yell, President,
Bill Strickland, Secretary.

110 Lodge Notices

Midland Masonic Lodge 623, AF & AM
Regular Stated meeting 2nd & 4th Thursday 7:30 pm.
Robert G. Kiker, W.M.
H. B. Walker, Jr. Sec.

115 Announcements

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November 28, 1989
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I wanted to stay with all of you,
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Life on Earth was OK, I guess,
but here in Heaven there's only Love, no tears, and no stress.
Just do the best with this life you have
When you think of me, please, don't be sad.
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AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

Prepared by Advertising Services

Mercury reinvents the big Grand Marquis

Bob Plunkett

Now's the time to erase any mental image you may have retained in respect to Mercury's venerable Grand Marquis — except for the fact that it's big, seats up to six adults in comfort and receives power from the rear axle like all cars used to do.

Everything else was left behind, save the nameplates as grand marquis has been radically restyled for 1992.

It certainly needed a fresh look and contemporary components. After all, last year's edition was essentially the same as a 1979 Grand Marquis.

Considered by some as arrested development from an earlier era, the big Mercury did have its loyal following.

These fans were, in general, an older set, comfortable in their means and convinced in their way that Detroit could not build new cars they way they did in those good old days.

Well, the new Grand Marquis somehow manages to straddle the line separating those has-been cars of yesterday and the slick things of tomorrow.

It does so by combining the classic concepts of the old version — power to the rear axle, big dimensions and plush comforts for a reasonable price — with modern mechanical systems and the latest in safety and comfort.

Then all has been encased in some stunningly sculpted sheetmetal that presents smoothly rounded corners, a wind-swept profile and a rear section that vaguely resembles another classic sedan, Jaguar.

A sloped nose with accent grille, sharply sloped windshield and flush-mount side windows that curve upward into the roofline, plus wide body side moldings to accent horizontal thrust: These are some of the elements that combine in a new, fresh styling statement.

It looks simple but elegant, contemporary yet quite traditional. The old grand Marquis drove like a lumbering limo — point it in a straight line and pray you will not find a sharp curve ahead.

The new model, by contrast, virtually begs to be put through some demanding tests. It hugs the curves aggressively, hunkers over the flats with firm stability and leaps to speed from even the slightest accelerator signal.

The sleek, all-new 1992 Mercury Grand Marquis

Fast Facts

1992 Mercury Grand Marquis

- **Description:** full-size luxury sedan
- **Model Options:** GS, LS
- **Wheelbase:** 114.4 inches
- **Overall length:** 212.4 inches
- **Engine size:** SOHC 4.6-L V8 SEFI
- **Transmission/speeds:** Auto/4
- **Rear/front drive:** rear
- **Steering:** power recirculating ball
- **Braking:** power 4-wheel discs, optional anti-lock feature
- **Driver's-side airbag:** yes
- **EPA mileage estimate city/hwy.:** 18/25 mpg

Even a driver's-oriented fanatic like me can have fun with Grand Marquis, but so too will more sedate souls who prefer to glide along in insulated comfort.

Thus, it appears quite able to satisfy the traditional market as well as those newcomers whose eyes often wander toward pricy European touring sedans.

That's why Grand Marquis may be the most important new mercury product since sable's debut five years ago.

Something similar is happening at Ford stores with the new crown Victoria, which is essentially the same car except for some modifications to front and rear, and the level of equipment provided as standard features.

Mercury has divided the new grand Marquis into two trim levels which have been labeled GS and LS.

Both share the same engine and transmission, and both come with safety features like a driver's-side airbag and optional anti-lock brake system.

About the only differences, in fact, have to do with a few extra luxury fittings for top-of-the-line LS.

Power for both comes from an impressive 4.6-liter Ford V8, the same plant that propels the bigger Lincoln Town Car,

It features overhead cam format, sequential multi-port electronic fuel injection and a horsepower rating of 190.

Select optional Trailer Tow II or Performance and Handling Package, and the engine gets a slight horsepower boost to 210 in order to manage the additional stress.

This power package is guaranteed to impress.

Despite the Mercury's substantial weight (more than 3,700 pounds), it zips to speed, even from a standing start.

Translating power to action is the task of a smooth Ford-built 4-speed automatic transmission with 100 percent lockup in the fourth overdrive gear.

Operate it from the stalk shifter mounted to the steering column — talk about conventional and traditional, it's not often you'll find a column shifter any more.

Grand Marquis utilizes and independent front suspension with trailong joints, anti-dive control geometry, coil springs and gas pressurized shocks with stabilizer bar.

This produces a ride quality that is at the same time active but smooth, insulated to a degree yet still in touch with the feel of the road.

Steering is quick and direct, while brakes are fast-acting, feel tight, refined and — the surprise — rather European in a no-nonsense fashion of of operation.

Of course, the interior of Grand Marquis has been packed with comfort fittings, beginning with cushy seats which offer ample head, leg and shoulder room, even for three adults abreast in the rear seat.

Twin seats that may function as a bench are provided on the GS edition, and the driver's seat has 6-way power controls as an option.

Interestingly, the knobs for power seat controls, which are graphically depicted in the shape of the seat's profile, were borrowed from none other than Mercedes Benz.

Power everything is aboard — even on GS — as are easy-read analog instruments along with a group of preferred equipment packaged as an option at money-saving prices.

The Trailer Tow II package musters a 5,000-lb. capacity, while the Performance and Handling Package adds twin exhausts, the anti-lock brake system with traction control, plus suspenion upgrades and cast aluminum wheels.

Dress it to the hilt and you might never suspect this hunky performer wears the Grand Marquis badge.

Hottest seller in the U.S. light truck market is the Ford Explorer.

A leader in its field: 1992 Ford Explorer

The Ford Explorer is one of the most successful new-vehicle introductions the North American light truck market has ever experienced.

Introduced in March 1990 as a 1991 model, the Explorer quickly became number one in sales in the highly competitive compact utility vehicle market.

Four Wheeler Magazine named the four-door Explorer 4x4 "Four Wheeler of the Year" in 1990 and selected the two-door 4x4 model for the same honor in 1991.

In the first eight months of the 1991 model year, Ford Explorer's best-in-segment sales of 157,528 accounted for 30.9 percent of the North American compact utility vehicle market which includes 18 competing entries.

"We hit the target with the Explorer," said Ross H. Roberts, Ford vice president and Ford Division general manager. "Its success can be attributed primarily to the fact that the Explorer provides a unique blend of versatility, truck toughness, 'car-like' comforts and conveniences, exceptional roominess and attractive, contemporary styling that today's light truck buyers demand — especially those crossing over from the automobile market."

The 1992 Ford Explorer features a host of improvements, most of them to enhance vehicle appearance, and add even more comfort and convenience. Major exterior refinements include new privacy glass on four-door models, new Eddie Bauer color-accented cast aluminum wheels, luxury cast aluminum wheels on XLT models and rear wiper/washer/defroster on Sport and XLT models.

Interior improvements include six-way power-operated bucket seats (standard on Eddie Bauer models, optional on Sport and XLT models), new Eddie Bauer cloth seat trim, dual front cupholders added to the floor console and optional one-touch power windows.

Powered by a 160-horsepower 4.0-liter electronically fuel injected V-6 engine, the Ford Explorer has the muscle to tow up to 5,600 pounds when properly equipped, and four-door models can carry up to six passengers or provide more than 80 cubic feet of hauling space. The 4.0 liter engine can be teamed with a standard five-speed manual overdrive or an optional four-speed automatic overdrive transmission.

Other key Explorer standard features are body-on-frame construction, rear anti-lock brakes, 19-gallon fuel tank, gas-pressurized shock absorbers, front and rear stabilizer bars, trailer tow rear step bumper and transfer case skid plates on 4x4 models.

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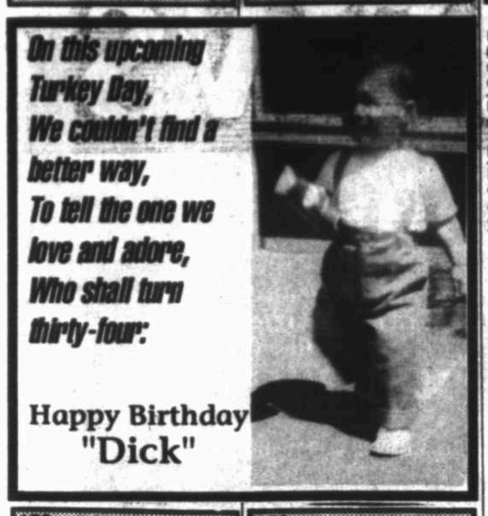

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Midland, Tx 79702

312 Professional Help Wanted

DIETARY SUPERVISOR needs for a pleasant nursing care facility in Midland. Needs to be certified, enjoy working with the elderly, knowledgeable about menus, meal preparation, meal serving. Also needs the ability to supervise a staff of 10. Needs some clinical knowledge. Hours are flexible, but must be available for all meal servings. Salary negotiable. Come in to Courtyard Care Center at 3203 Sage or call Creida at 683-5403 for an appointment.

MATURE AND DEPENDABLE individual with computer experience to handle all aspects of inventory maintenance for a clothing store. Send resume to BOX K- 05 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

GEO-TECH: Must demonstrate strong computer and communication skills. Salary DOE. Reply in confidence to: BOX K-07, c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

311 Medical Help Wanted

PETROPLEX ACIDIZING, INC.
Experienced Acidizing Equipment Operator, 54 hours guaranteed, uniforms provided. Drug test required.
For further information
Call 563-1299
Monday - Friday, 8-5

WEST TEXAS OPPORTUNITIES, Inc.
is taking applications for a Caseworker Supervisor. Applicants must have a Master's Degree in social work plus 2 yr social work experience 1 of which was in Child Protective Services or Child Care Facilities Licensing: OR a bachelor's degree plus 4 year experience in social work, 3 years of which was in Child Protective or Child Care Facilities Licensing: OR 3 yr. experience as licensing worker III or child protective services specialist II. Service area is Ector Co. and surrounding area. For information, contact WTO,I at (806) 872-8354. WTO,I is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

WANTED
Oil and Gas accountant
Minimum 5 years experience. CPA preferred.
Send resume to:
Send replies to BOX K-10 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650,
Midland, Texas 79702.

SURVEYOR
Two RPLS's needed for a small West Texas and East Texas Office. Full time, benefited positions. Send resume in confidence to:
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or fax to:
(512) 358-6485
I look forward to your call today.
Thank you

316 Clerical Help Wanted

V.I.P. TEMPORARIES. Call for Temp. or permanent jobs available now! No Fees. 686-9722.

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TEMP TIME 687-1545

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Needs experienced office workers NOW!!!
Call 684-0527.

Christmas is on the way
Call Workload Inc. TODAY!
570-0510.

PERSON TO FILE insurance accounts and collections for medical office. Excellent benefits including paid vacation, health insurance, profit sharing. Please send resumes to BOX K-08 The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

NEEDED CHURCH SECRETARY- bookkeeping skills, some computer skills, full time. Call 684-5308.

320 Sales Help Wanted

SALES PERSON NEEDED at "Midland's Best Furniture Store" CARTER'S (according to 1991 Market survey). Applicants should have sales experience, furniture sale preferably. 682-2843 or apply at 501 E. Illinois.

SALES Person needed. Must work well with public and have working knowledge of construction equipment. Salary DOE. Send replies to BOX K-09 c/o The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O Box 1650, Midland, Texas 79702.

NEW CAR SALES
If your tired of your present Employment, not making $2,000 to $3,000 a month, have a neat appearance and outgoing personality.
Contact Al Cardinal or Mike Basham at
Village Lincoln Mercury
3915 W. Wall

SALES PERSON
Growing telecommunications company seeking highly motivated aggressive sales person with degree or 3 years outside sales experience. Base plus commission.
Send resume to:
3525 Andrews Highway, #118,
Midland, TX 79703
Attn: Personnel Director

HELP Needed Immediately for Christmas Rush! Sales experience and transportation required. Earn $175-$400 part time or $600-$800 full time. Report to Worldbook Exhibit in Midland Park Mall.

330 Situations Wanted

CHRISTIAN non-smoking couple seeks live-in position with elderly or handicap. Certified nurses aide. Call 683-1304.

341 Child Care Providers

REGISTERED CHILD Care in my home for ages 2 and up. Open until 11 pm. 694-6575.

CHILD CARE. A Home registered with the Texas Department of Human Services is not licensed, inspected, or otherwise regulated by the Department.

WILL BABYSIT in my home, any hours. Experienced. Lunches provided. Call 682-4235.

QUALITY DAY CARE Provided for your children in my home. Monday - Friday 6 am - 6 pm. All snacks and meals provided. Call 697-8337 or come by 3501 Thomas.

YOUNG CHRISTIAN mother has opening for one child in morning kindergarten and one child after school at Bush Elementary. 520-2713.

RAINBOW CHRISTIAN DAY CARE 1009 W. Missouri. Age 2 weeks thru 12 years. 6:30 AM to 7:30 PM. 683-5161.

LOVING MOTHER of two boys, would like to keep two or three children in her home during the week. Ages newborn to school age. 697-8613.

350 Business Opportunities

REAL ESTATE OPPORTUNITY. Get your real estate license quickly. Short state accredited courses. Day, weekend, evenings, Southwest College, 683-4555.

WESTERN Schools is offering classes to obtain/ update your real estate license; locally owned, 682-4045.

HARD CASH EVERY WEEK
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Call George
1-800-788-2416

EASY WORK! Excellent Pay! Taking Snapshots. Send self-addressed stamped envelope to: M. Kent, 1414 N. DOTSY, Odessa, Tx 79763.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION
Midway Daycare Center
Big Spring Texas Midway road between FM 700 and Moss Lake Road, Saturday 10 a.m. Nov. 30 jungle gym, teeter tooter, hobby horse, swing set, Little Tyke toys, riding toys, sleeping mats, battery powered car, play pen, potty chairs, crib, small tables, small folding metal chairs, two microwaves, dorm refrigerator, sofa and chair, two exercise bikes, old kitchen cabinet with sifter, office desk and chairs, bar stools, pots and pans, display cases, pickup tool box, yard tools, playhous appx. 10 x 12, Ford Tractor 8N, 1959 Chevrolet parts only, 16' enclosed trailer tandem axel, lots of other merchandise.
Spring City Auction
Big Spring Texas
Robert Pruitt
TXS 7759
915-263-1831

400 Auctions

AUCTION, December 7th, Bank repos, UTPB surplus vehicles, glass company equip., more. Call for brochure. Balog and Balog, 561-5133. Mike Balog, TXL9170.

FOR AUCTIONS, Contact- Auction Action Midland II 310 W. Illinois Suite 213, Midland, Texas. 915-682-1004

AUCTION. Sunday, December 15, 1991, 2 pm, Midland Hilton Ballroom. 117 W. Wall. Call for details, Auction conducted by Auction Action Midland II. Phone 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, Auctioneer. Tx License #6250.

405 Garage/Yard Sales

★★★★★★★★★★★★★
The ★ star on garage sale ads means the address and day of the sale will appear in our Garage Sale Directory which runs each Friday. To get your sale listed in the Garage Sale Directory, simply call your garage sale ad in by 4 p.m. Tuesday.
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The Texas Bedding Law requires all second hand bedding to be sanitized by a licensed germicidal treatment operator and properly labeled before being offered for sale.

ABANDONED MERCHANDISE. Pawn shop overstock - Appliances, TV's, auto parts, mag wheels, tires, clothes, miscellaneous. Alamo Auction Barn. 110 W. Shandon at Big Spring Street. 9 to 5 Tuesday - Saturday, 12-4 Sunday.

★QUILTS GARAGE SALE- sale of new quilts only. Friday November 29, and Saturday November 30- 8 to 5. 9020 Dublin, Odessa.

1962 CHEVY Pickup was $6,800/ $5,300. 1959 was $4,800/ $3,900. 1967 Pontiac good work car $650. Living, dining, bedroom furniture. All appliances. Guaranteed. 570-4851.

★BASEBALL, football, basketball cards. Buy, sell, trade. Also TV, books, clothes, miscellaneous. Friday and Saturday, 9 - 5. 3207 Stutz Drive (in alley).

★1605 W. PINE- Friday noon- all day Saturday - clothing, lots of miscellaneous items.

MOVING: Pipe, gates, tires, Kenmore washer, lawn mowers, metal posts, rotortiller, tires. Misc. 684-7295.

HUGE INDIAN JEWELRY SHOW at Sue's Mini-Mart, 1804 Rankin Hwy. Friday & Saturday.

1 DAY ONLY! MOVING SALE! 605 STOREYFRIDAY, NOV. 29 WR Dallas Pine table/ chairs, $825. Pine cabinet, $450. Antique sofa/ chair, $675. Pine table, $425. Cameras, $100 each. Designer womens clothes, size 8-10. Vende Ropa Y Muebles
Serious inquires
686-7874

NEW INDOOR TRADE CENTER in Midland now accepting dealers for booth rentals. Special rates to charitable organizations. 1303 W. Industrial. 570-4408 daily 12 - 6.

★4312 PARKDALE- Handmade Christmas decorations just in time to get ready for THE BIG DAY- plus lots of other nice things. Sale starts 7 - 5. Friday, Saturday, Sunday.

405 Garage/Yard Sales

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2609 LOCKHEED
Friday Noon to 4:00
Saturday 8:00 - 4:00
Women's clothing sizes 10 to 14, woman's shoes 7 to 8, maternity clothes, men's shirts medium, toys, crib sets, exercise bike, lamps, paintings, and more.
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★2002 WESTERN. Lots of brand new items for Christmas gifts, some used. Saturday 9:00 to 3:00.

GIANT SALE- over 1000 pairs of new children's and ladies shoes as low as 75¢ a pair, new socks 4 pairs for a $1.00, toys, novelty's, jewelry, sunglasses- $2.00, new clothes, pottery, brass, tricycles and bicycles, party favors, crafts, electronics and too many other items to list. Rainbow Trade Center 1503 W. Industrial. Midland. 570-4408. Friday and Sundays 12- 6 Saturday 10- 6.

2827 GODDARD PLACE. Friday only 8:30 to 12:30. Toys, Simmons Baby Bed, more toys, Clothing.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

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Touch Tronic 2001 Computer Sewing Machine does everything. SOLD new $1,495 NOW $295.
SEE AT YOUR SINGER STORE
20A VILLAGE CIRCLE
(Village Shopping Center)
M/C Visa, American Express & Discover Card

BARGAINS on rebuilt vacuum cleaners. Repair all brands. Free Estimates. Rankin Hwy. Flea Market. Sat. & Sun. 550-7000.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL; 20% off on all concrete, birdbaths, pots, stepping stones, benches, etc. Mitchell's Precast 3100 W. Front. 694-5701.

55 GALLON AQUARIUM with accessories. $200 - White wicker vanity $75. Call 689-7665.

WANT TO BUY Oriental Wood Carvings. Also any marble or stone sculpture, especially figure and head. Daves Trading Post, 697-2488.

LADIES, BEAUTIFUL diamond and platinum cluster fashion ring. Over 4 carats. Appraised at $9,500 only $4,700. 366-9322.

MINK STOLE $100 - Blue Fox $100 - Leather jackets $25 each. 357 Magnum pistol. Call 689-8366.

MUST SACRIFICE- new B160 XL Crate Base amplifier stack. Two 15" speaker cabinets $625 and Fender Jazz special, pearl white also new with hard shell case. $455 firm. 697-8720 leave message.

HEAVY CARVED WALNUT antique dining room table, A pair of hanging Stubbin lamps, venetian hanging lamps. Call 682-2071.

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1991 Ford Crown Victoria LX $12,795	1991 Nissan Stanza GXE - $12,995
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1991 Ford Tempo GL $7995	1991 Olds Cutlass Supreme $12,995
1991 Pontiac Sunbird LE $9595	1991 Chevy Lumina Euro $12,995
1991 Ford Escort GT $9395	1991 Chevy Corsica LT $10,795
1991 Dodge Spirit $8595	1991 Mercury Topaz $8,795
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National Car Sales
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WANT UNUSUAL Gifts? Call Dennis, 682-3808.

SELLING Steel Shelves. Call Dennis, 682-3808.

SABINO- group elephants, 8" Madame Alexander dolls, Cybis figurines. Call 683-2600, after 5 694-3140.

CHILD'S Playhouse 4'x8', new $225. Doghouse new, $30, Book case $30, Porch swing $30. 563-0452.

FOUR Spaces in the Garden of Inspiration, at Resthaven Memorial Park, choice location, near road. Call 806-872-6264, day or 806-872-2276

ANTIQUE DRUM Table. Fair condition. $100. Call 694-0151 or 689-8249.

BELL and Howell complete sound movie system, excellent condition $75 firm. Please call 697-8376 anytime.

OAK Lumber 74 linear feet 2 x 12's $40. Call 699-1796.

CARIBBEAN Cruise for 2, 7 nights, with air $549. 713-975-6215

CHRISTMAS Gift investment, quality 4½ carat, brilliant cut diamond, Tiffany mount, certified appraisal. Appointment Buddy's 697-5709.

2 CAR SEATS, oval coffee table, Colonial style sofa - dark green with orange design. 683-7704.

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Auto, air, program car
$179.00 Mo.
Sale Price $9400, Plus T.T.&L., $500 down, 12.75% APR, 60 mos. WAC.

1991 CHEVY S-10 PICKUP
4 cyl., auto, air, cruise, tilt, program car
$199.93 Mo.
Sale Price $9500, Plus T.T.&L., 13% APR, 60 mos. WAC.

1991 PLYMOUTH ACCLAIM
4 cyl., auto, air, cruise, tilt, program car
$199.93 Mo.
Sale Price $9250, Plus T.T.&L., $500 down, 13.25% APR, 60 mos. WAC.

NEW 1992 VOYAGER
7 Passenger, 2.5 liter, white with red interior, power and air. Stk. #92006
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1991 PONTIAC SUNBIRD LE
4 Dr., sedan, program car, auto, air
$167.44 Mo.
Sale Price $7850, Plus T.T.&L., $500 down, 13.25% APR, 60 mos WAC.

1991 PONTIAC SUNBIRD CONVERTIBLE
White, tan interior, blk top, low miles, all power
$226.41 Mo.
Sale Price $10,400, Plus T.T.&L $500 down, 13.25% APR, 60 mos WAC.

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EMERALD TERRACE
FAIRMONT
GARDEN COURT
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Midland Apartments At A Glance!

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

RENT A SPACE. Approximately 30 spaces for any and everything you have to sell or trade. Card dealers welcome. For more information, 267-9644 or 263-1765, Big Spring.

NINTENDO GAME BOY: Like new. Originial equipment and packing plus 3 games and more. $120 or best offer. 520-2104.

CHINESE Area rug 9 x 12, 100% wool, beige and blue in traditional oriental design, excellent condition. $900. Call 687-2308.

MINK jacket, (autumn haze), size 12, worn twice. Blue Fox coat, size 12, beautiful. 689-3913.

NATIVITY - Stained glass framed- 16 x 24, $150. Other pieces available. Prices $25 to $90. 682-8189.

MISSES Name brand wool suits, Jacket size 14, skirts size 11-12. Call 697-3038.

CHILDREN'S Jungle gym set with 9 accessories. Lots of fun for the whole family. Only $1,100. Can be built before Christmas. 686-1904.

125,000 BTU Furnace. $175. - Bear Compound Bow. $60. - Deerheart space heater $100. Call 686-0853.

FOR SALE- kitchen cabinets and sun garden window. Call 682-4968 after 4:30 pm.

GREENTREE VOTING STOCK membership for sale. Golf, tennis and swimming priviledges. $5,000 value for $1,500 plus $1,000 transfer fee. Call 683-4229, leave message.

SANTA Claus will appear at your next party or gathering! For information call Ronnie, 687-1640.

MARLIN 22 Semi-automatic Rifle, $85. Commodore 128 Computer with monitor, disk drive, printer, software and mouse, $350. Canon T70 SLR Camera and accessories, $350. CZ1 Keyboard, 61 key velosity, sensitive with midi. $300. All prices negotiable. 697-7402, ask for Don.

OFFICE Furniture, all types and styles, new and used, desks, U desk units, secretarials, chairs, 2 to 5 drawer files, all steel lateral files, wire map racks & cabinets, and much more. Call The Paper Clip Office Supply, 682-5251 or come by 1201 S. Big Spring.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED: OLD GUITARS and amplifiers any condition. Local collector. 682-3929 leave message.

DON'T THROW AWAY that non-working portable color T.V. or VCR it might be worth money! 697-1558 or 699-1454.

TOP DOLLAR paid for your Southwest Airlines Company Club Awards. Call 687-5039.

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420 Good Things To Eat

FRESH Fish Hawled from Louisiana. Catfish, Buffalo, and Drum. 560-5339. Free home delivery.

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ORDER YOUR Christmas Gingebread houses now. Call or leave message 697-8341.

GARDENDALE- Pecans processing, custom shelling, pecan sales. Electric nut cracker- Holiday shipping. We also buy pecans. FM 554 in Gardendale 366-9793.

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430 Household Goods

USED WASHERS & DRYERS - Sell, Buy, Trade. 30 Day Guarantee. 694-5350, after 5 682-7529.

SIDE BY SIDE Refrigerator/ Freezer. Coppertone color. Works. $350. Call 684-6666 or 684-3800.

THE AUCTION IS OVER and MITCHELL'S NEW & USED IS OPEN for business. Buy & Sell used building supplies, used clothing,furniture and appliances. Mitchell's New & Used 3100 W. Front 694-5701.

WE need good used furniture. We pay extra. Call D & K New and Used for estimate. 4404 W. Illinois. 697-4847.

NEED TO Sell Gold Velvet couch, chair & table. Older Ethan Allen. Good shape, clean, $300. 688-3314.

TWIN BEDDINGS for sale $50. water bed with 6 under drawers, super single heater- $100. Call 687-3831.

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COUCH and loveseat. Pink, grey/ off white. - (3) Rattan barstools. All very good shape. 694-1859, after 10 AM.

Table with 4 chairs, 2 rose colored love seats, one is a hide-a-bed, heavy wrought iron enameled day bed with brand new mattress. 520-0426.

430 Household Goods

SECTIONAL sofa, quilted gold peacock, $200; dinette (walnut tone), 4 apricot upholstered chairs, $125. Good condition. 694-0258.

FOR SALE: GE 22½ cubic foot refrigerator freezer, 2½ years old, paid $989 will take $425. Call 689-7212.

FOR SALE: Mauve colored couch, $100; antique complete double bed, $250. Call 689-0981.

New 3 piece living room suites start at $299. New pit groups, 4 - 5 drawer chest of drawers, bedroom and dinette sets, new bedding all sizes. Used dinette and living room sets, electric ranges, refrigerators, dressers, bar with 2 stools. Bedding starts at $39/ set.
JOHN'S FURNITURE
600 E. Florida 683-7872

KENMORE refrigerator, 3 years old, almond color. $350. Call 686-5943, 697-5073.

MOVING MUST SELL- 7 ½ foot Colorado Spruce artificial Christmas tree. Like new $100. Antique wicker settee with designer upholstery circa 1910 $225, Antique wicker rocker cira 1910 $125. Wicker chase lounge $75. All in excellent condition. Negotiable. 683-1526.

FOR SALE Country blue, queen size sleeper sofa, $300. - Country blue recliner/ rocker $125. - End tables $30. - Queen size bed, 3 months old $125. - Six drawer dresser/ mirror $60. Call 686-9912.

WHITE General Electric Refrigerator, works good, $70. Call 686-1949.

WATERBED, complete with drawers, heater, new $350 waveless bedding, dark wood with brass hinges, $200. 694-6324.

TEAL AND Rasberry, 3 cushion sofam $300. Call 687-6032 or 694-1872.

440 Firewood

DJ ENTERPRISES- ¼ cord $45. ½ cord $75. Seasoned mesquite- delivered and stacked. Call 686-0787.

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505 Livestock and Poultry

PALOMINO Mare, 13 years old, barrels/ pole trained. $1,500. 684-6666 or 684-3800, ask for Susan.

8 STALL Horse barn including 2 bedroom apartment facility for lease. 15 miles N. of Midland on Hwy. 158. All bills paid! Call 561-8324.

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GOOD used office furniture. Excellent condition. Office Interiors, Inc., 3105 W. Industrial. 682-8080.

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510 Office Supplies

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We Move, buy, sell, and rent portable buildings.
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1981 LUFKIN 160-200-74, 400 tank battery. Call 683-3033.

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603 Roomate Wanted

PERSON WANTED to share 3 bedroom, 2 bath house in country with spa, fireplace, $250 month-half the bills. 561-8457.

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605 Apartments Furnished

4406 PRINCETON small one bedroom house. Utilities, cable paid. Acre yard trees. Quiet. Private. Responsible adult. No pets. 694-4768.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

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SPACIOUS: one, two & three bedrooms which start at $205 monthly.
WESTPARK APARTMENTS.
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620 Houses Furnished

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UPDATED WESTSIDE HOME: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, lots of storage, beautiful interior, playhouse, close to elementary $675 plus deposit. Lee High School District. Call 697-7609.

THREE bedroom, 1¾ bath, skylight, fireplace, two car garage. Claydesta area. Call 699-7716.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath duplex, ½ month free, deposit. See or call manager at 208 A. Mitchell, 684-9016 or 687-4198.

CLEAN BRICK HOME, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double garage with opener. Fireplace, fenced yard. 906 S. Benhwood. More information- call 697-1250.

3 BEDROOM, 1 car garage, refrigerated air, fenced, no pets. Close to school. 4306 Roosevelt. $500 monthly + $300 deposit.

SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 fireplaces, 3 garages, beautiful pool. Pauline Turney, Realtor. 694-7987.

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SMALL 2 bedroom house and garage on West Washington. Hardwood floors, vented heat, no pets please. Call 682-0605.

4707 WILSHIRE. Three bedroom, two bath, 1 car garage, all appliances. Owner pays water. $525 monthly, $500 deposit. Call 694-0317.

4808-A W. CUTHBERT. Brick duplex, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, washer and dryer, refrigerator, range and oven, dishwasher and disposal, private yard, storage, covered parking, central heat and air, $275 plus $150 deposit. 686-7932.

4405 PLEASANT. Three bedroom, two bath, new carpet, paint. $525 monthly, $300 deposit. Pet deposit, $300. 689-0388.

625 Houses Unfurnished

TWO bedroom house, one bath, garage, washer connections. No refrigerator or stove. $350 monthly. 2706 Mariana. 699-6258, evenings.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, garage. Fireplace, no refrigerator. Anson Jones area. $550, $250 deposit. 550-6412.

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DUPLEX FOR LEASE
3 Bedroom, 2 baths, fireplace, 2 car garage, 1,600 sq. ft. Close to mall. 3302 Moss. $600? month.
Available December 1
697-4306
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DUPLEX FOR RENT 2 bedroom, 1 bath, comes with appliances. $225 per month. Near Scharbauer and Big Spring St., Please call Linda 687-0053.

DUPLEX. Large, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, dining room, fireplace, garage, fenced yard, next to Bush elementary. Available November 30. $600 per month. 697-7097.

SPACIOUS attractive 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage home. Nice size backyard. $595 per month, $300 deposit. 6 months or 1 year lease. 512 Parkwood. Near E. Loop 250, off Graceland. Contact Cindy Brown or Tammy Edwards with Realty Unlimited, 520-7719 or 561-9002.

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BEAUTIFUL 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, loaded with amenities. Close to Midland Christian School. Underwood Real Estate. 682-9378.

Several nice homes. $275 - $1200 monthly. Call Jeannie Printz, agent, 699-5636.

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HISTORICAL DISTRICT. Charming and clean, 3 bedrooms plus study/ family room/ bedroom, 2 baths, living room with fireplace and hardwood floors, formal dining room, country kitchen, large fenced back yard with fort, covered patio. 1 year lease, deposit required. No pets. 683-9462.

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NICE 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, newer home, Northgate area. Central heat/ air, fireplace, double garage, corner lot. Available today. Pets okay. $600 per month, $275 deposit. 561-9540.

3 BEDROOM, 2 living areas, 1 ½ bath, 1 car garage, central air and heat, $300 deposit, $450 per month. Available January 1. Call 685-0069.

2110 MISSOURI - Spacious, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, small office. Living room, dining area, large rooms. Detached double car garage, fenced. No pets. Hospital/ Village area (across from West Elementary School). 694-0124.

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687-0595 699-4434 res

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NEW ROSE CARPET, designer mirrors, nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath, $475 monthly. 697-0911, 4406 Humble.

ON GREEN TREE GOLF COURSE
Large 2 bedroom, 2 bath, (2500 sq.ft.) Townhouse. Excellent condition, separate dining room, shutters, 3 car garage. $1,100 monthly plus $500 security deposit. 3301 Green Tree Blvd.
Office 694-2534
evenings and weekends 694-9345

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WESTSIDE, 3 bedrooms, kitchen, living, carpet, gravity heater. No pets! $150 deposit, $280 monthly. 684-0010.

$275. 2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, stove, refrigerator. No Pets. $150 Deposit. 911 W. Kentucky. 699-2569.

103 S. DEWBERRY- nice, clean, 3 bedroom, 1¾ bath on westside, central heat and air, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, fenced backyard, nice trees, fresh paint, $475 monthly, $250 deposit. 520-6515.

1 BEDROOM, fenced yard, all utilities paid, $195. Also - 2 bedroom, $245, includes utilities except electric. 684-5632.

635 Condos and Townhouses Furnished

SPACIOUS EXECUTIVE Condo overlooking pool and palms. Beautifully furnished. Near Clay-Desta. $550, bills paid. 699-4461.

640 Condos and Townhouses Unfurnished

ELEGANT 2 story townhouse, lease/lease purchase option, $1,050 per month. No pets. Realtors Welcome. 684-7008.

300 THOMAS. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, complete with appliances, fireplace, 2 car garage, $500 monthly. Call 687-3213 for more information.

AFFORDABLE, GRACIOUS LIVING: 2 bedroom, 1 ½ bath Town Houses start at $330. WESTPARK APARTMENTS 687-4514.

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655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, appliances furnished, fenced yard, $275/ month, $100/ deposit. 687-6328.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

COUNTRY NICE private 2 bedroom, carpeted, appliances. Greenwood school. Quiet neighborhood. Good water. Fenced. 684-7549.

CLEAN 2 bedroom, fenced, semi-furnished, Greenwood School, bus pickup. Off 158-1140 South. 682-2586, 683-7608.

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660 Mobile Home Spaces For Rent

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Move-in special
AIRLINE MOBILE HOME PARK
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LARGE Lot rural, but not isolated. $75. Call 686-1955 after 6:00 pm.

665 Business Property/Offices

FOR LEASE- 9250 sf. Office and shop/ warehouse building. Large fenced yard. Easy access to Hwy 80, Interstate and Loop. Shop area has 6 bays, overhead crane, large air compressor. 3000 sf. Very nice office space. 684-9711.

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OFFICE SPACES. Northland Shopping Center. Call 699-1208.

YOGURT and snack shop, most equipment provided, good location. Call 699-1208.

TWO ROOM Office, 3106 North Big Spring. Pull up parking. $225 monthly. Call 686-2008.

ONE room office, $70. Midland Executive Center. Contact Beverly Vaughan. 686-2008.

LOOK! LOOK! 2111 W. Texas, 900'; 2107 W. Texas 450'; bills paid, ample parking, near hospital, Midland Medical Building. 682-0602.

670 Warehouse and Storage Rental

FOR SALE or lease 3,200 sq. ft. metal warehouse and office with 1 acre fenced yard. 3602 E. Hwy. 158, Midland. Call office hours 683-0951.

OFFICE and warehouse combination. 1200 - 2000 - 4000 - 4800 - 7000 - 8600 square feet. Some with fenced yards. 683-6927.

TWO 5,000 sq. ft. metal warehouse buildings, 1 mile west of Air Terminal on Hwy. 80. $400 monthly. Also, two 1,200 sq. ft. metal warehouse buildings, $200 monthly. Call 683-0951.

★ CRESCENT STORAGE ★
10 x 20s, 10 x 12s & 10 x 10s
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RUIDOSO/ Alto home. 3 bedroom, 3 bath, $95 night, $100 deposit. Maximum sleeping 6. 697-2688.

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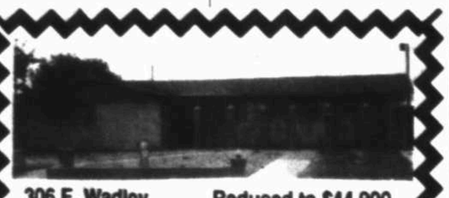
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Gifts from the oven

By Susan Costner
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

From the moment I first stood on a footstool to survey the kitchen counter where my mother was mixing her luscious toll-house batter, I have been an outright cookie maniac.

I was given my first book of cookie recipes at age 7, and now, some 30 years later, with two children of my own, I still go weak in the knees when I sink my teeth in to a chocolate chip cookie fresh from the oven.

But then again, that's a little like saying that spring follows winter, for how many people do you know, especially very young people, who don't like cookies? Holiday time, in particular — the one time of year when we feel a little less guilty about indulging in sweets — brings out the cookie lover in all of us. The smell of gingersnaps baking in the oven, or the sight of snickerdoodles piled on a plate in the kitchen, inevitably evokes the cozy familial spirit of the holiday season.

Rather than just baking for themselves, families with young children can turn the holiday tradition into a social occasion by having a full-fledged cookie exchange party, where adults and kids get-together to trade cookies that they've made at home.

Your children will have the satisfaction of giving a gift that they've made themselves, and you'll amass a collection of cookies to have on hand during the year's heaviest entertaining season.

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Cookie baking is the perfect opportunity for kids to get their feet wet (and their hands sticky) in the kitchen, making food that's particularly fun and easy to prepare.

COOKIE BAKING is also a perfect opportunity for kids to get their feet wet (and their hands sticky) in the kitchen, making food that's particularly fun and easy to prepare.

The following recipes for an international assortment of cookies involve a variety of activities that make baking almost a form of play. Your children will even become fortunate-tellers as they write out predictions to slip into the Chinese fortune cookies.

Each person you invite to the exchange needs to bring the following items: Enough cookies for each person coming to the party to take home two or three, along with a copy of the recipe for each guest (3-by-5-inch index cards are perfect); an empty container large enough to hold three to five dozen cookies; plastic bags to separate cookies by type so the flavors won't mingle; and crumpled wax paper to fill in the spaces of the container so that delicate cookies won't roll around or be crushed.

At the party, give each child the opportunity to go to the table where the cookies are assembled, describe his or her particular recipe — where it comes from, or how it was made — and select several cookies from each batch.

You can store most of the cookies you bring home from the party for up to two months in the freezer (not that you'll be able to resist them that long). But since they thaw quickly, you can bring them out on the spur of the moment when friends drop by unexpectedly over the holidays.

At room temperature, the cookies will stay fresh for about a week if packed in an airtight container and separated into layers with sheets of waxed paper. (If the cookies are soft, place an apple slice anywhere in the container to keep them moist.)

Biscotti Dipped in Chocolate

(Makes 2½ dozen)
8 ounces shelled hazelnuts, almonds or walnuts
½ cup (1 stick) butter
½ cup sugar
2 eggs
½ teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
Chocolate dip:
½ pound semisweet or milk chocolate, coarsely grated or broken into pieces

Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Spread the nuts on a baking sheet and toast them in the oven for 15 minutes. Remove the nuts from the oven. (If you're using hazelnuts, wrap them while still warm, in a clean dish towel. Let steam for 1 to 2 minutes. Rub the nuts together vigorously in the towel to remove as much of the skins as possible). Coarsely chop, leaving some nuts whole.

Increase oven temperature to 350 degrees. Cream the butter and sugar together until fluffy. Lightly beat the eggs with the vanilla, add to the butter and sugar, and mix well. In a separate bowl, sift the flour and baking powder. Add the nuts and coat well with the flour mixture. Gradually add the flour mixture to the butter mixture until well blended.

With lightly floured hands, form the dough into two logs, each about 10 by 3 inches. Place the logs on a buttered baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until the dough is set and lightly colored. Do not over bake.

Remove the baking sheet and reduce the oven temperature to 275 degrees. With a sharp knife, slice the logs on the diagonal into half-inch-thick pieces; you should get approximately 15 cookies per log.

Place the cookies cut-side down on the baking sheet. Toast in the oven for 10 minutes on each side, or until light golden in color and slightly dry.

For the chocolate dip: Melt the chocolate in a double boiler or in a small pan placed inside a larger one that contains hot, but not boiling, water. Make sure that no water gets into the pan holding the chocolate. As soon as the chocolate is melted, uncover and stir until smooth.

Dip both sides of one end — or the entire flat surface of side — of each cookie in the melted chocolate. Cook on a baking sheet lined with waxed paper.

Peppernuts

(Makes 4 dozen)
1½ cups honey
¼ cup (½ stick) butter
1 egg
4 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon ground cloves
½ ground allspice
½ teaspoon grated or ground nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground cardamom
½ teaspoon finely crushed aniseed
1 teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
Colored candy sprinkles
Sugar glaze:
3 tablespoons warm milk
2 tablespoons honey
1 teaspoon anise extract or vanilla extract
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large, heavy saucepan, heat the honey and butter until the honey is thin and the butter has melted (be careful not to boil the mixture). Cool to lukewarm. Add the egg and beat until well mixed.

In a large bowl, sift the flour with the baking powder, spices and pepper. Add the dry mixture, a little at a time, to the honey mixture until well blended. Chill the dough in the refrigerator for 30 minutes, or until it can be handled easily.

Gather the dough into a ball and roll it out on a lightly floured surface to a thickness of about half an inch. You can cut the dough into any shape you want: I like to use cookie cutters in the shapes of stars, hearts and diamonds.

Place the cookies on a lightly oiled baking sheet and bake for about 15 minutes, or until barely firm to the touch. They will be light brown around the edges. Transfer to a wire rack and cool completely before glazing.

For the sugar glaze:

Combine the milk, honey and anise or vanilla extract in a medium-size mixing bowl. Gradually add the sugar, beating well after each addition.

Using your fingers, dip each cookie into the glaze to coat all sides. Hold the dipped cookie over the mixing bowl to let any excess glaze drip back in. Return to the wire rack, and drizzle each cookie with candy sprinkles.

Allow the cookies to dry completely before serving.

Double Chocolate Fudge Sandwich Cookies

(Makes 2½ dozen)
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
4 ounces milk chocolate, broken into 1-inch pieces
6 ounces unsweetened chocolate, broken into 1-inch pieces
1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened to room temperature
1 cup granulated sugar
1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
Suggested filling: Your favorite jam, peanut butter, Nutella (an Italian chocolate-hazelnut spread), softened ice cream or vanilla filling (recipe follows).
Vanilla filling:
2 tablespoons cream cheese, softened to room temperature
1½ cups confectioner's sugar sifted
1 tablespoon milk
1 teaspoon vanilla or your favorite, extract (try mint, orange or almond)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. Sift together the flour and baking soda and set aside.

Melt both the chocolates with the butter in the top of a double boiler over medium-high heat. Uncover, remove from the heat and blend well. Stir in the sugar, eggs and vanilla until the mixture is smooth and shiny.

Transfer the chocolate mixture to a large bowl, and gradually add the sifted ingredients, stirring just until the flour is absorbed. Wrap the dough in aluminum, foil or waxed paper, and chill in the refrigerator for at least 15 minutes.

Form the dough into two or three balls and placed whatever dough you're not planning to use right away in the refrigerator. Lightly dust a smooth surface, such as a countertop or a cutting board, with flour.

With a lightly floured rolling pin, roll out the dough to a thickness of half an inch. Using a 3-inch fluted cookie cutter dipped in flour (shake off any excess), cut the

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Holiday open house allows expanded guest list

By Dale Koppel
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

So many people to invite, so little space, so little time. It's the plight of most people who think about entertaining.

Around the holiday season, it can only get worse.

Holidays are a time to share the spirit with relatives, neighbors, friends and co-workers. The potential guest list is endless, but the space in your home is not. How are you going to fit everyone in?

One answer is: Have an open house and invite a larger number of people over a longer period of time.

"Four hours is fine," says party planner Jody Boyajian of In Any Event in Natick, Mass. In fact, she thinks that if the party lasts more than four hours, "There'll be a few people here, a few people there, and you'll feel as though you're holding a private dinner party — all day long."

Of course, the experts point out, the length of time should correspond to the number of people you're inviting and the size of your space for entertaining.

Boyajian notes that hosts often leave the time too open-ended. "The invitation might read, 'Begins at 2 p.m.' You might be thinking that it will end at 6, but if you don't make that clear on the invitation right from the start, I guarantee there'll be guests in your living room at 8."

The other way that people leave the party too open-ended is by not requiring guests to RSVP. It's more difficult to plan the right amount of food, beverages and seating without responses.

One advantage of an open house is that it provides a chance to bring people together from various parts of your life.

Those comings and goings do present their own problems, however. How do you gauge how many people will come when? Boyajian says that most people won't arrive during the first hour, and most people don't stay more than a couple of hours.

"As the house or apartment gets crowded, guests who have been there for awhile subconsciously know to leave," she says.

An open house also makes it more likely that a guest can accept your invitation. "If you're talking about the second week in December," says Boston caterer Susan Butterworth, "Your guests are bound to have more than one invitation. If you have an open house, it gives guests a lot more flexibility. They can come for just a few minutes, or stay the whole time."

If you time it properly, you might even be able to attend someone else's party as a guest that same day. Boyajian encourages people to come up with "clever time slots."

An open house dessert party is one of her favorites. "It can be held on a Friday or Sunday night, or even on a weeknight, from 7 to 10 p.m.," says Boyajian, who also likes it because the food part of it is so simple. "You might make a cake or two and some cookies, but most of the desserts will be from shops."

she adds. Special candies such as chocolate-dipped fruits also add to the spirit and can be separated from the dessert buffet.

The time you hold your open house will determine in part what types of food and beverages you serve. Often this translates into cost savings.

"An open house doesn't mean open bar," says Butterworth, but she encourages people who are going to serve alcoholic beverages to buy them from a store that takes back unopened bottles.

Nevertheless, Butterworth says, "it is very acceptable to serve no

the most economical way to hire a catering service."

For the past several years, Somerville, Mass., resident David Van Kosta has been holding a holiday open house without the assistance of a caterer. Once, he says, he made a big mistake by telling guests that they could bring food for the buffet table.

"All the people who said that they were going to bring desserts brought something else," Kosta recalls. Others got so caught up in the holiday madness that they forgot to bring anything. Kosta learned his lesson. It's his food on the buffet table now, with room in case someone does show up with something to eat.

Kosta likes the informality of the buffet table. "If I were going to have a very elegant open house, I'd hire people in tuxedos to pass around the food, but it's really not necessary."

"Spreading everything out on a buffet table is easier than thinking about servers passing food around on trays," says Jeff Groper, owner of Chicken City, a catering firm in Newton, Mass. "The easiest approach to take is serving cold foods. Then you can really be a guest at your own party."

Because the cost of cold foods is lower than that of hot foods, Groper claims that you can have more quantity and more variety.

Butterworth agrees. "It's better to err on the side of too much" food, she says, and recommends that party-givers serve food that they will enjoy as leftovers.

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Consider a holiday open house with a dessert theme — a wide variety of cookies, cakes and fruits and beverages.

The serving is also easy, and for many, says Boyajian, "it can very comfortably eliminate alcoholic beverages. Coffee, a nice assortment of teas, and some hot mulled cider does just fine." Boyajian recommends planning on two desserts per guest.

"Rich desserts should be balanced with fruits and cheeses,"

liquor at all, or wine only, or a lightly spiked eggnog."

According to Butterworth, "If someone is planning an open house and is thinking about having it catered, the caterer will probably prepare the food in advance and deliver it. There's no need for a caterer to be present, or for there to be a large staff. It's

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COOKIES: Tradition of holiday baking can become party

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cookies as close together as possible.

If you like, cut a half-inch hole in the center of half of the cookies (I use the metal tip of a pastry tube for this), being careful to stay away from the edges so the cookies won't fall apart when they bake. Gather up the remaining scraps of dough into a ball, and repeat the entire process until all the dough is used up.

Place the cookie halves on a ungreased cookie sheet and bake them for 10 to 12 minutes. Let stand on the cookie sheet for at least 2 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

For the vanilla filling:

In a medium mixing bowl, blend all the ingredients until smooth. Add more milk if necessary to get the desired spreading consistency.

To assemble the cookies, spread about half a teaspoon of the desired filling on the cookie halves that don't have holes. Cover with the other cookie halves, and press together gently. If you're using ice cream, freeze the filled cookies on a baking sheet for at least 1 hour before serving. Dust lightly with sifted confectioners's sugar.

Mexican Christmas Cookies
(Makes 2½ dozen)
1 cup (2 sticks) butter
¾ cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon vanilla
2½ cups flour
1 cup lightly toasted walnut pieces
Confectioners' sugar for dusting

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. In a large mixing bowl, cream the butter, sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy. Add the flour in two additions, beating until well mixed. Add the nuts and beat again. Chill dough until easy to handle.

With lightly floured hands, pinch off small amounts of the dough and roll into walnut-size balls. Place on an ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until barely brown.

While cookies are still warm, roll in confectioners' sugar. Place on a rack to cool.

Fortune Cookies
(Makes 3 dozen)
3 egg whites
¾ cup sugar
Pinch of salt
½ cup (12 stick) butter, melted
¾ cup sifted flour
2 teaspoons pure almond extract

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Cut three dozen strips of white paper ¼-inch wide and 1½ inches long. Type or write the fortunes on each paper and fold in half. Set aside.

Beat egg whites until light and frothy, and gradually beat in the sugar and salt until completely dissolved. Stir in the melted butter, flour and almond extract, and beat until thoroughly blended. (Mixture will eventually be the consistency of cake batter.)

Drop the batter by the tea spoon, about 3 inches apart, onto a standard-sized buttered baking sheet. The cookies need lots of room to spread, so you probably won't be able to get more than nine to a sheet.

Bake for 8 to 10 minutes, until the edges of the cookie are golden brown. Working very quickly, remove one cookie at a time from the baking sheet with a thin-edged spatula.

Hold each cookie in the palm of your hand and place a folded fortune in the center. Fold the cookie in half. Drape the folded cookie over the handle of a wooden spoon.

Fold the corners around the spoon to meet, and gently press together. Slide the cookie off the spoon and place on a baking sheet to cool. Repeat the entire process with remaining cookies.

Note: If the cookies become too brittle to fold as you work, return them to the oven for a minute to soften. But be careful not to get distracted and let the cookies burn.

Caterer can make party perfect

By Judy Wade
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

When Karen Baker began considering caterers for a recent party she and her husband were giving, she ran into snags she wasn't expecting.

"I wanted to use some of my own heirloom silver, and my grandmother's Depression glass. Because florals are a focus of our home's decor, I wanted wildflowers on the serving trays," she recalls.

The first caterer she contacted said that under no circumstances would he work with her trays and glassware, no matter how wonderful Baker thought they were, because "what the client thinks is wonderful often really isn't wonderful at all."

Meatballs, mini hot dogs and cheese cubes were about all the second caterer was prepared to offer. When Baker suggested something a little more interesting she told, "That's what we do. Take it or leave it."

And the third caterer sounded great, was willing to work with Baker's heirloom-and-flowers theme, but was out of her range price-wise.

So what's a party-giver to do?

As Baker discovered, choosing a caterer requires finding a source for the food you want to serve, presented beautifully, at a price within your budget. By following a few simple hints you can minimize chaos and be assured of ending up with the event you have in mind. After all, it's your party. You should have it your way.

Start as early as possible. Prime holiday times such as Christmas book up quickly, especially for very large parties.

A good place to begin is with parties you've been to. If you liked the food and the presentation, get the caterer's name from the hostess.

Recommendations from friends whose taste you trust also are reliable. Then interview over the phone, requesting sample menus and prices.

Ask to see a caterer's book displaying his work. And if he hasn't come personally recommended, be sure to check references.

Perhaps the stickiest wicket is the subject of money. Don't be shy about bringing up this all-important point. Actually, the caterer probably will bring it up first. He can't begin to give you appropriate menu suggestions if he doesn't know how much you're prepared to spend. Don't be concerned that the amount you have in mind isn't enough. If all it will get you is peanuts and popcorn, the caterer will tell you. Look at it from his point of view. He wants to do your party. He wants to impress your friends. So he'll make it the best peanuts and popcorn he can muster up.

But chances are, whatever the amount you have in mind, a truly creative caterer will have suggestions as to what you can serve within your budget.

For big extravaganzas it's perfectly proper for you to request a tasting. Professional caterers will be happy to invite you to their places of business, or may come to your home with a sampling of their fare so that you can make an informed decision.

Find out if the catering company has insurance. If one of your guests damages expensive bridgework on an errant plum pit, who's liable?

Inquire about what's included. Be sure there's a clear understanding of who brings what. Will your caterer supply tables, chairs, cups and glasses, or is it up to you to be sure there's plenty of seating and utensils? What about flowers and centerpieces? Request an itemized menu and list of services in writing before you plunk down a deposit.

The caterer will know how much help he needs to adequately staff the sort of party you'll be giving. Don't try to skimp here by offering your 15-year-old as kitchen help or hors d'oeuvre server. The caterer is a professional and he needs other professionals to assure results you want.

What is the cost for the kitchen and floor staff? Rates in various parts of the country range from $10 to $18 per hour for servers and

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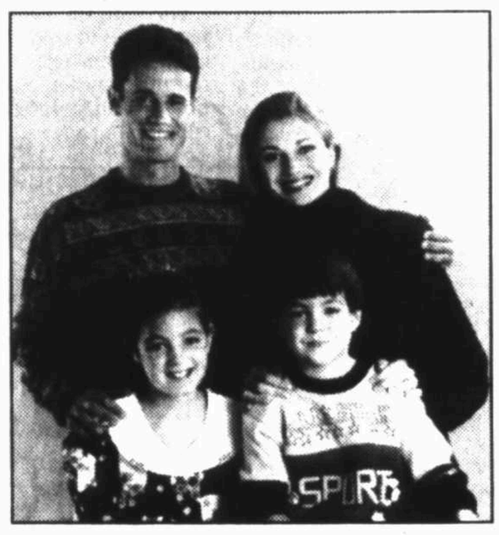

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Stuffing: Unassuming mound next to the yams

By Jane and Michael Stern
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

At holiday dinners, everyone, from 80-year-old Uncle Ned to 10-year-old Sally, is a stuffing chauvinist. We all assume that the stuffing we grew up eating — the one our mothers and grandmothers served, and the one we serve and our children will serve — is the only one that deserves to accompany the hallowed holiday bird.

For some people, nothing but a mix of corn bread and sausage can fill this place of honor; for others, it wouldn't be the holiday without chestnuts and the taste of sage.

Many insist on the luscious, moist texture you get by cooking stuffing inside the bird, while others demand that it be crispy and rugged from baking in the oven in its own separate pan. For a lot of folks, any deviation from the basic bread stuffing is considered downright sacrilegious.

But why all the fuss about — well, let's call it what it is — a side dish? Despite the Victorians' attempt to give it class by dubbing it "dressing" (they thought "stuffing" uncouth), this bready filler has none of the glamour of a beautifully roasted bird, nor the seasonal smack of cranberry relish, nor the thrill of warm pumpkin pie a la mode.

It's simply an unassuming mound on the plate, a kind of herbed cushion nestled up against the candied yams or tucked beneath the turkey slices, ready to be doused with giblet gravy.

BUT IN fact, the humility of stuffing is probably why we like it so much. Because it isn't flashy and doesn't vie for attention, it acts as a vehicle for everything else on the plate — an excuse to mop up that gravy, cranberry sauce and other stray holiday delicacies. There's also something uniquely satisfying about the simple combination of butter and carbohydrates (just think of noodles and butter, oatmeal and butter, buttered toast).

As stuffing aficionados, we've combed America's restaurants and homes to find outstanding examples of this regionally accented dish. Far be it for us to try to tempt you away from your own established traditions, but if you should ever find yourself in the mood to try something different, you may want to consider making one of these "other" stuffings.

Or better yet, make one alongside your family favorite, and you're sure to please everyone at the table. Die-hard traditionalists will feel right at home, adventurous eaters can savor something new and true stuffing lovers will enjoy the ultimate in happiness — two different versions of their favorite food at a single meal.

Nut and Spud Stuffing
(Serves 8)

We don't know who invented this recipe — we don't even know what family apparently enjoyed it for years. We came across it in an old country cookbook that we found in an antique shop in New England.

The recipe was written in pencil on a worn sheet of notebook paper, stained with gravy, that fell out of the book as we were browsing through it. At the top of the paper someone had written, in a child's scrawl, "Yum, good!"

We brought the book, tried the recipe and agreed.

1½ cups walnut meats, chopped
4 cups fine cracker crumbs
2 teaspoons dried sage
½ teaspoon thyme
1 egg, beaten
½ cup cream
4 cups warm mashed potatoes
1 teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper

In a large bowl, combine the nuts, cracker crumbs, sage and thyme. Beat the egg into the cream and stir into the warm mashed potatoes. Add salt and pepper to the potato mixture, and combine with the nut mixture. Cook inside the bird (will stuff a 14-pound turkey).

The Family Dressing
(Serves 6 to 8)

Russell Adams, a father of two from Valparaiso, Ind., comes from a long line of turkey lovers. His grandmother, Bess Thrun, began farming turkeys back in 1937 and eventually opened a diner specializing in turkey dinners.

Russ has pictures of himself as a young boy, perched on the kitchen counter, watching her make this rich, Heartland dressing. And don't call it stuffing, Russ warns, because it's always cooked outside the bird.

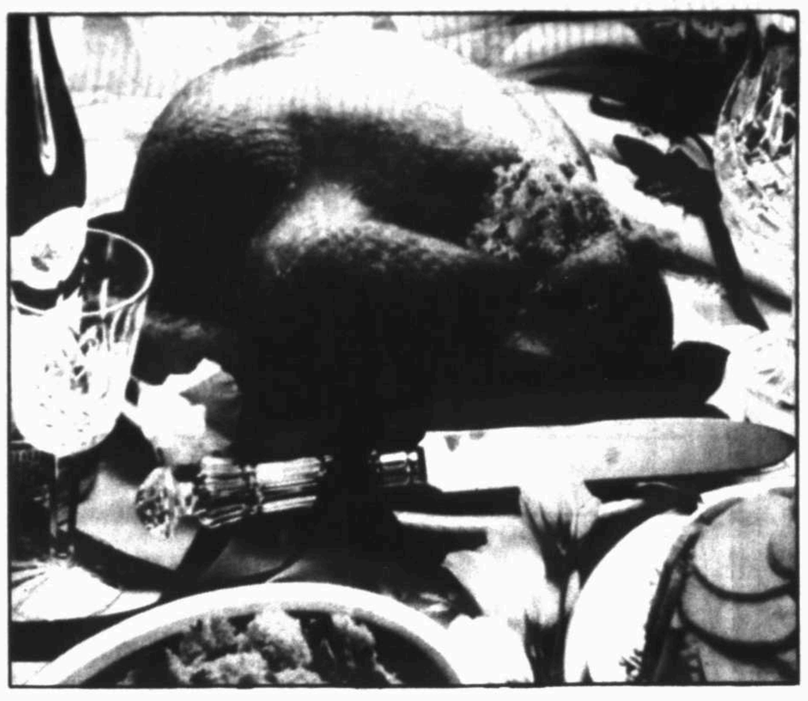
1-pound loaf of day-old whole-wheat bread, coarsely torn
1 pound white raisins
1 pound pecans, coarsely chopped
1 cup melted butter
Turkey or chicken broth

Heat the oven to 250 degrees, and butter a large shallow casserole dish. Gently toss the bread, raisins, pecans and melted butter. Add only enough broth to barely moisten.

Bake uncovered in the casserole for 30 minutes, or until heated through and slightly toasted on top.

New Orleans Oyster Dressing
(Serves 6)

Eddie Baquet got this recipe from his mother-in-law, who got it from her great-grandmother, so it's been in the family for over 150 years. A father of five, a grandfather of seven, and a great-grandfather of one, Eddie has been making — and eating — this dressing all his life. Since it doesn't cook inside the bird, you can eat this



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Creole delight as a meal by itself all year round.

1 pound cooked spicy sausage, crumbled
1½ pints fresh oysters, drained and chopped
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 rib celery, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
½ green pepper, chopped
1½ teaspoons oregano
1 tablespoon thyme
2 cups crumbled stale French bread
1 egg, well beaten
2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
Salt and black pepper to taste

In a large bowl, thoroughly combine all the ingredients. Grease a heavy, 4-quart saucepan or cast-iron skillet and cook dressing over medium heat for 20 minutes, stirring frequently, and adding butter or oil if necessary to prevent sticking.

Boardinghouse Corn Bread Stuffing
(Serves 6 to 8)

Sitting down to dinner at Fred and Nattilie Morgan's boardinghouse in Mendenhall, Miss., makes just about every day feel like a holiday.

Guests share tables like one big, happy family, and dig into bowls full of food, one of which frequently contains this Dixie classic — corn bread stuffing. The Morgans also served this stuffing to their own three children, who ate it up like candy.

4 teaspoons margarine
2 cup finely diced celery
½ cup diced onion
½ cup diced green pepper
4 cups crumbled corn bread
2 cups crumbled biscuit or toast crumbs
2 teaspoons dried sage
3 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
2 to 4 cups turkey or chicken broth
Salt and pepper

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a two- or three-quart casserole dish. In a large, heavy skillet, melt the margarine over medium heat. Saute the celery, onion and green pepper until tender.

Mix corn bread, biscuit or toast crumbs, and sage, and stir into the skillet. Add the chopped eggs. Pour in two or more cups of broth, depending on how moist you like your dressing. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Spoon the stuffing into the casserole. For moist stuffing, cover and bake 40 minutes. For crusty stuffing, bake covered for 20 minutes, then uncovered for the remaining 20 minutes.

Peacemaker Herb and Fruit Stuffing
(Serves 4 to 6)

We became especially aware of stuffing's many incarnations after we were married and began planning our first holiday dinner. Both sides of the family had been invited, and we realized that we had entered into wedlock with two entirely different ideas of what stuffing should be.

Michael, being from the Midwest, was accustomed to a multi-ethnic mixture of corn bread and dried fruit, stuffed with nuts and laced with brandy. Jane, on the other hand, expected a dour Yankee medley of little more than bread and herbs.

We considered making both kinds but decided that that would be avoiding the issue: If we wanted to find true nuptial bliss, we'd have to make a single stuffing that we could henceforth and forever call our own.

We compromised and devised the following recipe. Everyone was shocked at first, but as soon as they calmed down and took a few bites, our hybrid creation — "the Peacemaker" — was declared a success.

Giblets from turkey or chicken
8 tablespoons butter
¾ cup chopped onion
1/2 cup chopped celery
1 clove garlic, finely minced
2 cups packaged stuffing mix
2 cup crumbled day-old corn bread
1 teaspoon salt
½ tablespoon ground sage
½ tablespoon ground rosemary
½ cup finely diced apple
½ cup finely diced dried apricots
½ cup chopped pecans
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
3 tablespoons brandy
3 tablespoons dry vermouth

Cover giblets with water in a small saucepan, and simmer until tender. Reserve the broth, dice the giblets, and set aside.

In a small frying pan, melt the butter and saute the onion briefly. Add the celery and garlic, and cook until the onion is limp.

Place the other ingredients in a large bowl. Add the onion mixture and gently blend. Stir in the giblets. If the mixture seems dry, add a bit of the reserved giblet stock, but don't let the stuffing get soupy.

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees. Stuff a cleaned turkey, or place the mixture in a large, shallow, greased baking dish, and cover with aluminum foil.

Roast until the turkey is done, or for the pan stuffing, bake one hour or until cooked through. If you like a crusty top, uncover the stuffing for the last 20 minutes of baking.

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■ A blue and white china bowl packed with walnut-honey cookies, berry preserves, honey, and English breakfast tea, also from Crabtree & Evelyn.

■ Chocolate truffles from Lindt. A collection of gourmet truffles, dark chocolate thins and a truffle bar trio are packaged in a miniature wood and brass sleigh.

■ Chocolate kisses and hugs (the hugs are little chocolate bears) are among the features in Hershey's holiday catalog. There also are chocolate-covered pretzels, chocolate in the shapes of computers, and a checkers game you play with kisses called Choc-ers.

■ A giant fortune cookie, filled with a personalized message and dipped in white or dark chocolate, from Chin Chin restaurants in California. You can write your own "fortune" message, or choose one of Chin Chin's greetings.

■ The 12 Days of Christmas are marked in a sampler from Harry & David — a pear, apple, almonds, hickory and cheddar cheeses, baked goods, nut-chocolate and hard candies, and other goodies, each packed in a dozen decorative boxes. The company has its usual selection of fruit, cheese and meat gifts, including Fruit-of-the-Month.

■ For caviar lovers, an insulated picnic bag from Petrossian, with sevruga caviar, duck foie gras, gherkins, and French toast clement, packaged with Frette linen napkins and black horn cutlery.

■ The annual Christmas blend from Seattle's Starbucks Coffee Company. A combination of Latin American coffees blended with Indonesian varietals for a flavor reminiscent of spices and nuts, it can be ordered with or without matching mugs.

■ A theme basket of wines and gifts custom-prepared by your local wine shop. The Wine Information and News Exchange, an industry group, suggests picking different wines from one maker and adding appropriate food or theme gifts. For example, a selection of Italian wines could be packed with pastas, olive oil, sun-dried tomatoes and other edibles into a basket from Italy.

■ A bottle of Jack Daniels Tennessee whiskey, packed in a holiday tin box with an old-fashioned distiller's thermometer.

■ A beer sampler from around the world, packaged by Guinness, with brews from England, Ireland, Canada, Mexico and Czechoslovakia.

■ And if you or your recipient prefers bourbon, sip while you peruse the "Jim Beam Holly Jolly Juggling Guide," a booklet of advice, much of it tongue-in-cheek, on getting through the holidays.

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Festive drinks add cheer to holiday gatherings

By Christine Olson
and Susan Costner
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Time was when carolers of all ages would stroll the snow-laced cobblestones of English villages, moving from house to house singing of good tidings and cheer. At each door, listeners would give thanks for the fellowship and familiar melodies by sharing a warming drink of wassail, a blend of hot, spiced ale and baked apples brewing on the hearth of many a home during the holidays.

Though no longer associated with caroling, the tradition of the wassail bowl has survived the centuries: Whether it's for a holiday party, or for the friend dropping by with fresh-baked greetings, a festive punch is just the thing to toast the season.

By serving a special drink with holiday meals, you'll find that family and friends gather around the punch bowl well before the turkey is out of the oven. And although the clinking of glasses is traditionally associated with wine and other spirits, festive nonalcoholic drinks also allow the kids to raise their cups with a hearty cry of "Cheers!" After all, on special occasions they, too, deserve a break from standard fare.

What follows, then, are a half-dozen variations on the theme of family-friendly, toast-inspiring wassail. With "fast and festive" as the prevailing motif, rest assured that none will require much preparation, especially if you have a little elf or two around who can help with washing or peeling the fruit or stirring a mixture.

Almond Meringue Milk

(Makes about 1½ quarts; eight 6-ounce servings)

1 quart whole milk
1½ cups sugar
1 piece lemon peel
1 cup blanched almonds, finely chopped
1 3-inch cinnamon stick
½ cup heavy cream
Ground cinnamon for dusting

Place the milk in a saucepan with 1 cup of the sugar, lemon peel, almonds and cinnamon stick. Simmer for five minutes, then let the milk cool.

When the milk has completely cooled, strain it into a bowl and thoroughly chill until almost frozen.

Beat the heavy cream until soft peaks form, then beat in the rest of the sugar little by little. Fold the whipped cream into the milk mixture. Return the bowl to the refrigerator and chill.

To serve, fill mugs or glasses and dust with ground cinnamon.

Christmas Elf Punch

(Makes about 2½ quarts; 13 6-ounce servings.)

1 quart white grape juice
Juice of 3 oranges, strained
1 cup cold black tea
1 cup sugar
1 20-ounce can of diced pineapple, drained, or ¼ fresh pineapple, diced
1 lemon, sliced and seeded
1 banana, sliced
12 frozen strawberries
Small block of ice.
1 quart club soda

In a large bowl, combine the grape juice, orange juice, tea and sugar. Stir well, then add the pieces of pineapple, lemon, banana and the strawberries.

Place a small block of ice in a punch bowl and pour the mixture over it. (You can buy the block of ice at the supermarket or trim a waxed milk carton to the appropriate size, fill it with water, add small pieces of fruit if you like, and freeze.)

Let the juice stand for 30 minutes, then add the soda and more ice if needed.

Apple Ale

(Makes about two quarts; 10 6-ounce servings.)

6 apples, peeled, cored and chopped
½ cup brown sugar
½ teaspoon grated nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger
1 cup apple juice or apple cider
5 cups ginger ale
Small block of ice

In a saucepan, cook the apples with the brown sugar, nutmeg, ginger and apple cider, uncovered, over low heat until just soft, about 5 to 8 minutes. Cool.

Put the apple mixture in a punch bowl, add the ginger ale and stir well. Float a block of ice in the punch.

Cherry Bishop

(Makes about 2 quarts; 10 6-ounce servings.)

1 lemon
6 whole cloves
1 3-inch cinnamon stick
12 whole allspice
1-inch piece of fresh ginger
1 cup water
½ cup sugar
2 quarts cherry juice, bottled or frozen

Using a skewer, make six incisions in the peel of the lemon, and stick the cloves into the holes. Roast the lemon under the broiler, turning often until it softens and begins to darken, about 10 minutes.

Put the cinnamon stick, allspice and ginger into a saucepan with the water and sugar; let the mixture boil until it reduces by half.

Add the cherry juice and the roasted lemon to the reduced sugar syrup. Stir well and let stand over very low heat for 10 minutes. Serve warm.

Berry Berry Slush

(Makes about 2½ quarts; 13 6-ounce servings.)

2 cups frozen raspberries
2 cups frozen blackberries
2 cups frozen strawberries
3 limes
¼ cup grenadine
2 cups club soda
2 cups ginger ale
3 cups crushed ice
Vanilla ice cream

In a food processor or blender, puree the frozen fruit. Put the fruit into a large punch bowl or pitcher. Thinly slice two of the limes and add them to the fruit; add the juice of the third lime and stir.

Add the grenadine, club soda, ginger ale, and ice. Just before serving add several scoops of ice cream so that they float on the surface of the punch.

Citrus Refresher

(Makes about 1½ to 2 quarts; 10 6-ounce servings.)

1 cup green grapes
1 cup fresh or thawed, frozen strawberries, rinsed and hulled
1 cup coconut milk, canned or fresh
1 20-ounce can of pineapple chunks in their own juice, or ¼ fresh pineapple, diced
1 fresh mango, peeled and pitted
1 banana, peeled
Zest and juice of 1 lime
1 cup crushed ice

Alternate grapes and whole strawberries on skewers, and freeze. In a blender or food processor, puree the remaining ingredients in the order listed.

Serve immediately in tall glasses, garnished with the skewers of frozen grapes and strawberries.

Garnishes and toppings soup up soups

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Need something to spruce up your holiday soup?

Holiday Appetizers Magazine suggests several soup toppers you can arrange in festive bowls for your guests to sample as they slurp their way through this nutritious, but often uninspired-looking dish.

Give them a chance to create their own masterpiece by garnishing their soup with any of the following: flavored popcorn, croutons, shredded spinach leaves, crumbled bacon, sliced green onion, chopped tomato, shredded cheese.

Or put a dollop of sour cream or yogurt on thick soups and gently swirl them with a spoon or knife to create pretty patterns.

Holiday Appetizers also recommends serving soup at the proper temperature. Serve soup in chilled or heated bowls. Run hot water over the bowls for a few minutes if you need heated bowls; chill bowls in the refrigerator if the soup is cold.

CATER: Check out caterers, experts say

(From 3D)

kitchen help, usually with a five-hour minimum. Check around to see what the going rate is in your area, then be sure it's included in the total figure the caterer quotes to you.

Will you be billed overtime if happy guests linger and the party runs half an hour longer than you'd anticipated? If so, how much?

Once a date, menu and price have been agreed on, it's customary for a client to give the caterer a deposit. But if you have to cancel, what happens? Will you forfeit all of the deposit? Be sure to ask.

Perhaps the best advice of all comes from caterers themselves.

Ron Whitney, the caterer whom Karen Baker finally settled on for her heirloom-and-flowers party, is the owner of Keep Out Of The Kitchen in North Hollywood, Calif. He stresses communication.

"Obviously you have something in mind. What is it? I'm happy to give direction, but the event should reflect your personality and your ideas which I can then expand on. On the other hand, if decisions make you crazy, let me know and let me run with it," recommends Whitney.

Regarding the budget stumbling block, Whitney advises that you never tell a caterer you have no budget in mind.

"This implies that the sky's the limit, and when I come back to you with menus and prices and you tell me I'm too expensive, I know that you really did have a budget in mind. Had I known what it was, I could have worked within it," he says.

Another reason it is essential to state a budget figure up front is so that you know you're comparing apples and apples as you shop caterers.

Says Whitney, "If one caterer is preparing a sample menu based on what he thinks is a $500 budget, and the other is working with a $1,000 figure in mind, of course you'll get drastically different proposals."

Other cautions from the industry itself include checking that a caterer is licensed, and that he has a track record. It's unsettling to book a caterer in July for a Christmas party, to find out in November that he's no longer around.

Bottom-line wisdom dispensed by successful hosts and caterers boils down to this: Know whom you're dealing with. Verify credentials. Communicate honestly. Arrive at a meeting of the minds. Then sit back and let the caterer create the party of your dreams.

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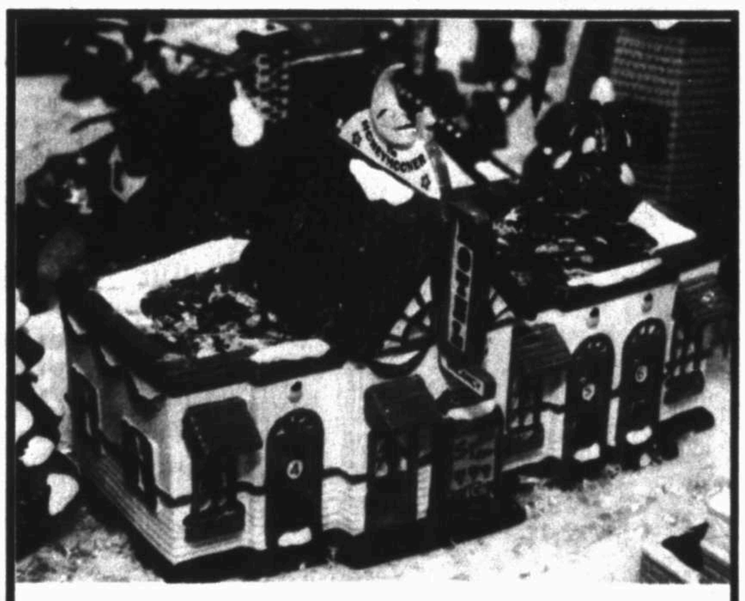

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Successful parties built on family traditions

By Dale Koppel
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In this season of mistletoe and holiday parties, it makes sense to turn to the experts for guidance. Here are some answers from a few professional entertainers,

■ What will make my Christmas or Hanukkah party a success?

"Tradition," says Martha Stewart, author of numerous books on entertaining. "The most successful holiday party is one that carries over a special tradition from year to year."

Do you always invite friends in to decorate the tree? Maybe you stir up a great eggnog. But Stewart warns against growing static. "There should always be something that surprises your guests."

"There's nothing wrong with having a theme," she continues. "Like a potluck Hanukkah buffet where everyone brings something their grandmother used to make." But don't get too bossy. "I'd certainly never tell my guest to come dressed up like The Three Wise Men."

■ How can I make my home look more festive?

"Add on to what you already have," says Daniel MacDougall, assistant visual manager for Bloomingdales Home Furnishings Store in Chestnut Hill, Mass. "If you have a plain runner for your buffet table, buy some gold tassels and sew them on."

"I use lots of candles at my holiday parties, and I mean lots of candles, but I always try to do something with my candlesticks. I take strings of garland and twist them around the base of candlesticks. Then I buy peacock feathers for 50 cents each and cut them up and arrange them in the garlands," he says.

■ How do I decide who to invite to my holiday party?

"My annual Christmas holiday party is a black-tie affair," says Elizabeth Coolidge, a well-organized Boston hostess, "so I always invite people who like to dress up. Then I make sure that each guest on my list knows at least two other guests. And I try to invite people who others will enjoy talking to."

■ What sort or food should I serve?

"A host or hostess can come up with a superb menu that can be prepared easily and in advance," says world-renowned chef Julia Child.

"I'd recommend a hearty beef stew served with noodles and a green salad. And there's nothing wrong with meatloaf. It's simple and fulsome. People are awfully tired of pastas, don't you think?

"The mistake people make, especially when giving holiday parties, is trying to be too fancy. Unless you have nothing else to do but cook, you'll just wear yourself out."

■ What should I do about music?

"I want there to be breaks for conversation and the exchanging of good wishes," says James Issacs, the host of jazz and contemporary music programs on WBUR in Boston. "If I'm going to entertain for four hours, I don't want four hours of music. My formula is 20 minutes on, 20 minutes off.

"While people are eating, the music should be instrumental and soft vocals, like Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat King Cole. You don't want to be playing Phil Spector's Christmas album because that creates a wall of sound. There's nothing subtle about it. It's for dancing later, much later.

"When pushed, I can name my favorite Christmas tunes. They have to be a great mix: some pretty songs, some danceable tunes, some lyrics with a social conscience, some humor. All it really takes are two 90-minute tapes so the host doesn't have to keep changing records."

■ How do I organize my rooms?

"When you think about your space," says Ellen Kaplan Sulkin, president of Can Do, Inc. in Weston, Mass., a special events planning service, "keep these tips in mind:

"Situate the bar within eyesight of people coming in, but far enough away from the entrance so that people are automatically drawn into the party.

"If you're going to have food on your dining room table, make sure that you move the dining room chairs. "If you don't have enough room for a bar or enough flat surfaces for food, put the bartender(s) in the kitchen and hire extra servers to take drink orders and to pass around hors d'oeuvres on trays."

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What makes a holiday party a success? Tradition, say the experts. Tradition can be as dramatic as this crown roast of pork stuffed with walnut dressing, surrounded by fresh fruits and holiday greens.

■ What about wines and flowers?

"Wine served with a holiday dinner should be a light Bordeaux or a white Chardonnay," says Huib Geerlings, co-founder of Geerlings and Wade, Personal Wine Brokers in Canton, Mass. "As a cocktail, a white Sauvignon or Cotedu-Rhone would be best.

"An especially festive and easy-to-prepare holiday drink is a kir Royale made by pouring cranberry juice over champagne. I recommend Pierre Peters. For $16 a bottle, you're getting a $25 champagne."

"Use juniper, bayberry and blue spruce for your scent," says floral architect Anthony DePari, a West Coast transplant who opened Beverly Hills Flowers of Boston 10 years ago.

■ What should I do about dinner table conversation?

"Make sure that there aren't tall flowers blocking the view of people sitting across from each other," says Laurie Schloff, senior communications consultant at The Speech Company in Brookline, Mass., whose specialty is helping people become more competent and confident in their professional and social communication skills.

"Your role as host or hostess is that of conversation facilitator. Your obligation is to set the tone, not the topic. Focus on your seating arrangements. They should be well thought out. This means deciding in advance who should sit next to whom, and whenever possible, providing round tables that seat four to six people.

"Sometimes, hosts and hostesses think that they're the ones who are responsible for people having a good time. I say, 'Live and let live,' especially at the dinner table. Be there. Create the ambience, but always remember, assuming that you have mature adults at your party, each guest has his or her own way of interacting."

■ Should my children be seen and not heard, or not seen at all?

"Absolutely neither," says Judith Rey, an authority on juvenile etiquette who teaches etiquette courses for children at the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

"Children should definitely be seen for a portion of the party, as long as they're dressed appropriately, and heard, as long as they're speaking properly, and not 'only when spoken to.' Your children should be taught how to go up to guests and introduce themselves. An example: Hello, I'm Priscilla, the youngest of the Aldridges.'

"And, if a child is sitting down when an adult enters the room, that child should automatically stand up. You know, although children may know proper etiquette, it is usually not 'automatic.' You need to go over and practice what's expected of your children prior to the party.

"And be sure that each of your children has a function. Depending on the age of the child, it can be passing out hors d'oeuvres, hanging up coats or setting the table."

■ Should guests bring the host a gift?

"You should always bring a gift to a holiday party," says Rebekah Grossman, Personal Shopper for Martini-Carl.

"The best gift is one that reflects the receiver's lifestyle, has something special about it and might not be something that he or she would normally buy. It could be a special food, or a book that has just been published. If it's a piece of clothing, the color should be one that you know your host or hostess is particularly fond of.

"The best gift is one that reflects a little creativity and a lot of thought. My favorite way to do this is by buying a wicker basket and filling it with little items that I know the person will enjoy. I've just been invited to a holiday party given by a friend who loves to garden. I'm going to fill a basket with a book on gardening, some wildflower seeds and a few miniature gardening tools."

Pates don't have to be forbidden fruit

By Susan E. Goodman
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Traditional pates may be delicious, but they are forbidden fruit to people who are trying to cut down on the calories and fats found in their typical ingredients.

One way to keep this dish on your menu is to explore some garden varieties: vegetable pates. Their combination of colors and flavors are beautiful, delicate and perfect as a first course or entree.

Any of the recipes below can be prepared the day before serving.

Although we have already reduced the normal salt content in all of the recipes, you can cut it a little more, perhaps by a third, and add lemon juice to taste.

Garden Vegetable Pate

2 cups farmer cheese
6 ounces radishes, chopped
2 small sweet red peppers, chopped
1 cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 bunch watercress, stems removed
½ cup black olives, pitted
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon dill weed
¾ teaspoon basil
½ teaspoon lemon rind
½ teaspoon cayenne pepper

Blend all the ingredients in a food processor. If using a blender, process in 2 or 3 batches.

Line a loaf pan with three layers of rinsed and squeezed cheesecloth, leaving enough overhang to fold over the top. Pour in the mixture carefully. Bang the pan on the counter to remove air bubbles. Fold the remaining cheesecloth over the pate.

Cover it with a double layer of foil. Then weigh down the pate with a 2-pound weight.

Chill for six hours or overnight. Remove the weight and the foil and unfold the cheesecloth.

Unmold by placing a plate on top of the pan and then inverting. Discard the cheesecloth, and wipe up any excess liquid.

Mushroom Pate

1 pound mushrooms, chopped
⅓ cup celery, chopped
¼ cup parsley, minced
⅓ cup shallots, minced
4 tablespoons butter, melted
2 eggs, lightly beaten
½ cup farmer cheese
¾ cup toasted, ground almonds
¼ teaspoon basil, crushed
¼ teaspoon oregano, crushed
½ teaspoon dill weed
1 teaspoon salt
Dash of cayenne pepper

Combine the mushrooms, celery and parsley and grind them using a blender or the fine blade of a food mill.

Saute the shallots in 1 tablespoon of the butter until soft.

Combine the mushroom mixture and the shallots in a mixing bowl. Add the remaining ingredients. Stir until thoroughly blended.

Butter a medium-sized loaf pan. Line it with waxed paper, leaving a large enough edge to fold over the top. Butter the waxed paper as well. Spoon in the mixture. Smooth the surface, then fold the ends of the paper over the top.

Bake for 1½ hours in a 400-degree preheated oven. Let the pate cool in the pan until it is easy to handle. Then carefully remove it from the pan and peel away the paper. Chill or serve at room temperature.

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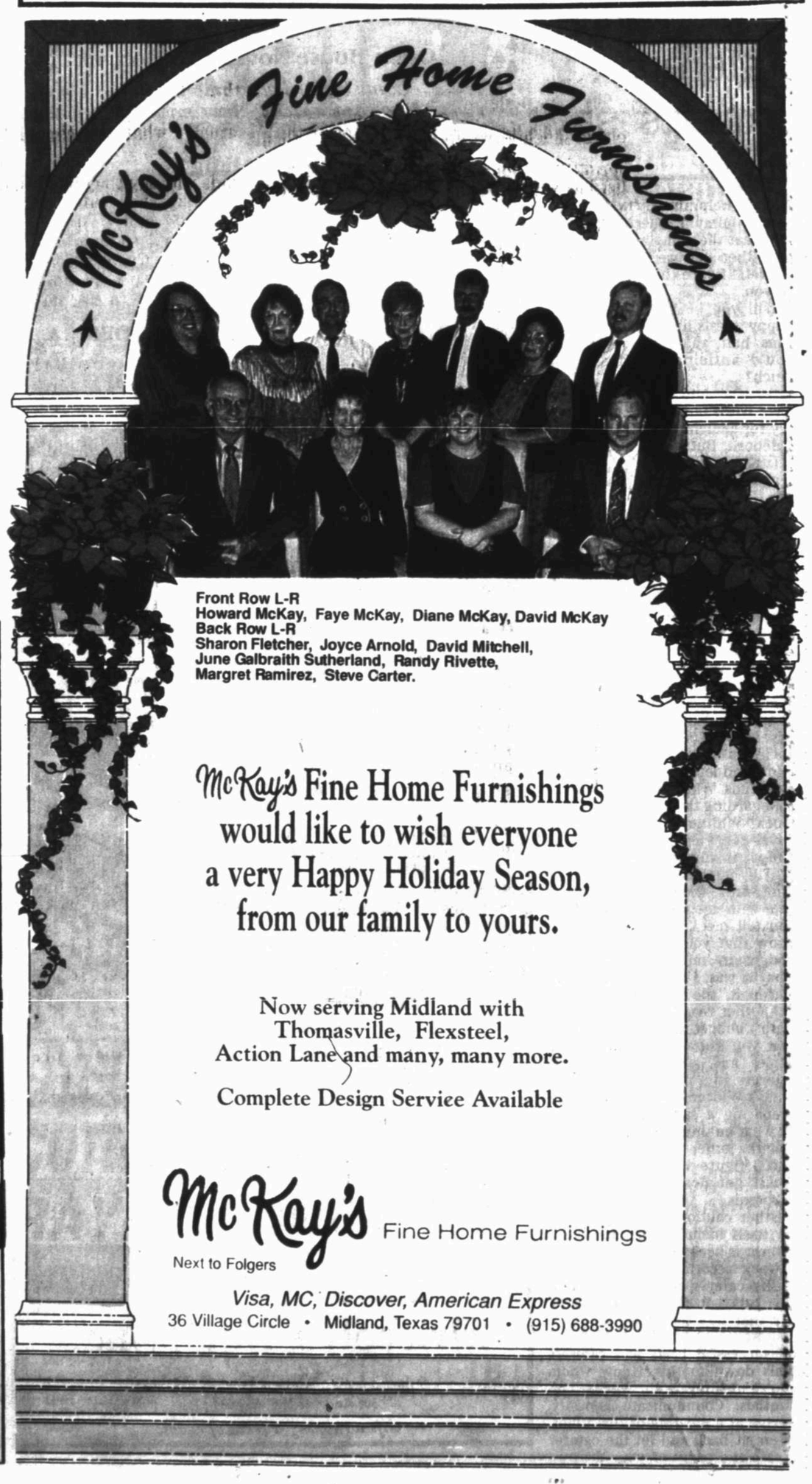

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Trying to find just the right Christmas gift for your child or grandchild isn't always an easy task. One toy that has not only survived but has thrived for hundreds of years is that sturdy, tactile favorite, the basic set of blocks.

Classic presents

By Ann Hinga Klein
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Your grandchildren are hatching faster than springtime robins, and your holiday gift list has you in a flap. How do you find the right gifts for all of them?

This grandparents' guide to giving offers shopping tips and ideas for inexpensive presents from your heart and your heritage.

Tips on toys

With the holidays fast approaching, chances are good you'll end up in the toy store with all the other grandparents, bouncing the basketballs, discussing the dolls and racing the remote-control cars.

To make the most of your toy-buying trips, consider the advice of John Rosemond, a family psychologist, writer and father. In his book, "John Rosemond's Six-Point Plan for Raising Happy, Healthy Kids" (1989, Andrews and McMeel, $8.95), Rosemond says a good toy embodies the following qualities:

- It is safe and durable.
- It presents a wide range of creative possibilities. It's capable of being many things as defined by a child's imagination.
- It can be taken apart and put together in various ways.
- It is age appropriate. (Most manufacturers list age ranges on the boxes.)

Rosemond praises classic toys in production before 1955, such as blocks, electric trains, dolls and marbles. "I noticed that my children had the most sustained interest in the same toys I played with as a kid, such as Lincoln Logs and Tinkertoys," he says.

A look at books

Many grandparents enjoy passing along their love of reading by giving books as gifts.

"Books are meaningful to me. I like to give good hardbound books," notes Louise Bates Ames, co-author of a series of books on child development, co-founder of the Gesell Institute of Human Development in New Haven, Conn., and great-grandmother.

Barbara Koskamp, a grandmother who teaches reading at an elementary school in Worthington, Minn., agrees that books make great gifts. "Children learn so much from the wording of books that they can't get any other way," she says.

Ask a children's librarian or a bookstore clerk for help finding books in the right age ranges, or consult a book on children's literature.

One good source is the "New York Times Parents' Guide to the Best Books for Children," by Eden Ross Lipson (1988, Times Books, $12.95). It has summaries of nearly 3,000 books for children and young adults, with an index by age range.

The truth about clothes

Teen-agers often say clothes are their favorite present. At the same time, they can describe all sorts of unpopular clothing gifts scrunched at the backs of their drawers. To spend your clothing gift dollars wisely, ask your grandchildren, not your children, exactly what you should buy.

Press for specifics. For example, some of the same kids who say they like bright colors will, when asked, also say they hate purple.

Brand names are important to teen-agers. Don't waste your time searching for bargains that look just like the brand-name clothes your grandchildren want. If you don't like the prices, give your grandkids money to use on clothes they like.

Creative supplies

"Once you show children what can be done with a box, some tape, a few sheets of construction paper and a pair of scissors, there'll be no stopping them," says Rosemond.

For a gift to stimulate young minds, decorate a box and fill it with tape, glue, paper, felt-tipped markers, paint and pipe cleaners. Sketchbooks full of drawing paper also make good presents.

Gifts you can't buy

Some of your grandchildren's most treasured gifts can't be bought in stores. Grandparents from across the nation shared some of their clever gift ideas below.

Arlene and George Muyskens of Des Moines use mementos from their past to make Christmas tree ornaments for their children and grandkids. George's baby shoes, old alphabet blocks and even buildings from a family train set are among the treasures that bedeck their children's trees.

Max and Connie Boersma of Grand Rapids, Mich., gave Max's old leather football helmet to their eldest grandson Bryan, when he was 4. "Bryan wore that thing and thought it was so wonderful — he even wore it to bed," says Connie.

Beloved old books can become gifts. Gene Wavrin, of Kalispell, Mont., has given his Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn books to his grandchildren, adding his own messages next to the original dates and signatures penned inside the covers.

Children enjoy receiving handmade toys and furniture. Poring over plans for trucks and planes, Muyskens recently reminisced about the toys his father made for him: "He'd be working in the basement on something, and I just couldn't wait to see what it was. My dream is to make a bunch of wooden toys for my grandkids."

Your grandchildren treasure time spent with you. "They'll remember that a whole lot longer than a gift," says Rosemond, noting that kids love to hear stories about their parents as children. Even teen-agers interviewed said family gatherings featuring Grandma's ethnic foods are a highlight of their holidays.

Gene Wavrin packs his clarinet and saxophone when he visits one grandson, a 12-year-old budding musician. They share tips, sheet music and time simply spent making music together.

Toy blocks build youths' imaginations

By Thomas Armstrong
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

The shelves of today's toy emporiums are piled to the ceiling with the latest electronic gadgetry for kids — from battery-driven stuffed animals that walk on leashes to computer games capable of carrying on a conversation. But for Christmas, parents don't have to look to the latest fad to unearth playthings that capture and stimulate their child's imagination.

One toy that has not only survived, but has thrived, for hundreds of years is that sturdy, tactile favorite, the basic set of wooden blocks.

Consider, for example, the experience of preschoolers Doug and Mike. On a recent morning, these two 4-year-olds spent more than an hour placing one block after another in stacks that formed the four walls of a huge, roofless building they called their "city."

"Don't do it that high," cautioned Doug, who seemed to be the builder in charge. "Do it up to here," he said, stretching his arm out to the top of the highest wall of the wooden structure they were constructing.

For all the effort and thought that went into their project, Doug and Mike could have been architects at work on a mock-up for a new subdivision or an urban mall.

Familiar not flashy, simple not snazzy, blocks are a nourishing mainstay of childhood — the cornflakes of the toy universe. They also have the ability to jump-start a child's imagination.

Albert Einstein played with wooden blocks as a child; so did architect Frank Lloyd Wright, who attributed his interest in design in part to childhood experiences with wooden cubes and spheres.

Of course, not every young child who plays with blocks will grow up to become another nuclear scientist or world-renowned architect. But he *will* discover natural abilities within himself as he stacks, balances, counts, measures, and arranges them according to his own impulses.

Simple Beginnings

Although children have been playing with scraps of wood for thousands of years, only in the last three centuries have sets of blocks emerged as a uniquely child-oriented plaything.

Seventeenth-century English philosopher John Locke suggested using alphabet blocks to teach

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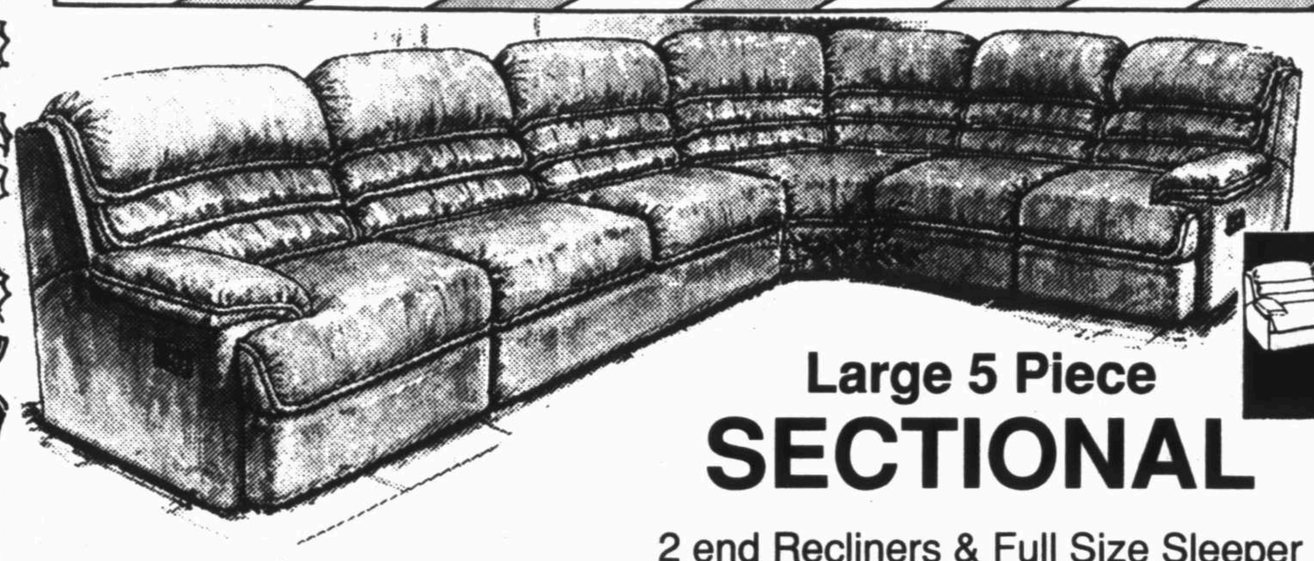

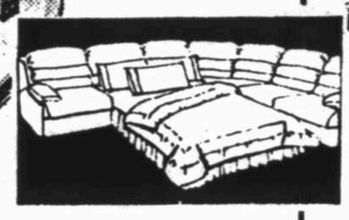

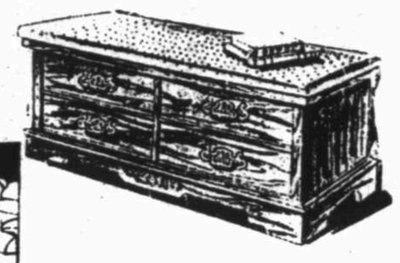

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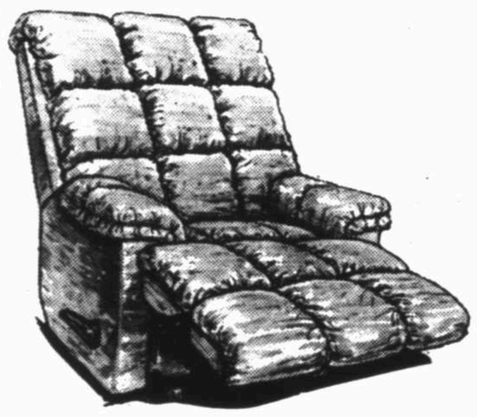

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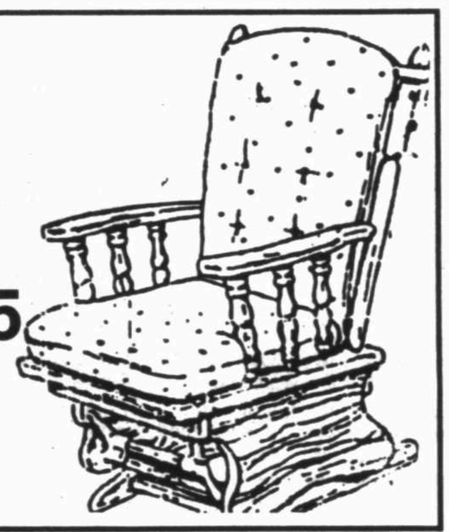

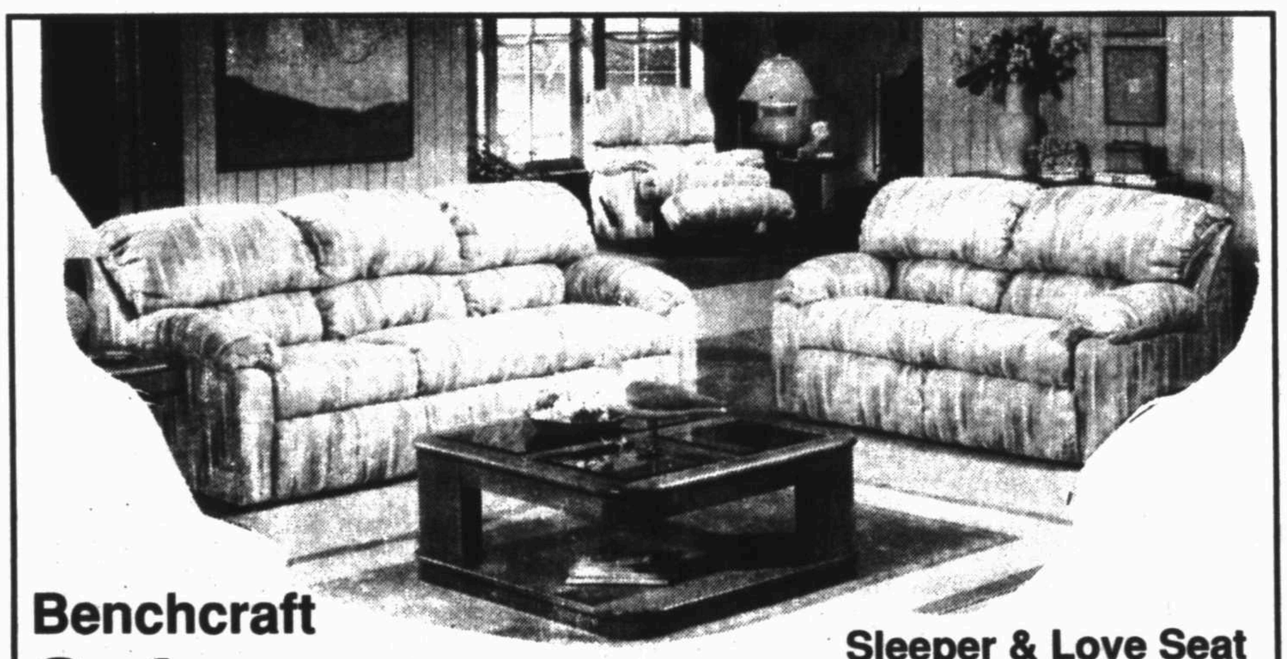

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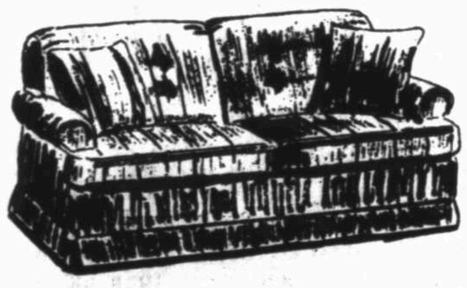

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Ecologically minded gifts fun, educational

By Pauline C. Bartel
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"We don't inherit the earth from our ancestors," the Pennsylvania Dutch say. "We borrow it from our children."

For the holidays this year, give your kids a gift that will last for generations — a respect for nature and the desire to treat the Earth kindly. To get you started, here's a list of ecologically minded items that are fun, educational and available through mail order.

■ The Flower Press from Hearth Song lets your kids save fragile spring flowers, delicate summer ferns and colorful autumn leaves. The press consists of two plywood boards, cardboard and blotting paper, wing nuts and bolts. ($12.95).

■ Solar Graphics Print Kit allows kids to create imaginative nature prints. Arrange flowers and leaves on the special paper, place in the sun, then rinse with water for instant artwork. The kit is available through the National Wildlife Federation. ($10; 30-sheet refill, $7.50)

■ 150 Solar Experiments is a kit available through Real Goods Trading Corp., which teaches kids how to build solar-powered devices from radios to burglar alarms ($39).

■ Night Sky Star Stencil lets you create a planetarium in your child's room. The stars are hidden in daylight, but at night the ceiling shines with more than 350 accurately positioned stars. Choose the winter sky or summer sky — both are 8-by-7½ feet — available through Real Goods Trading Corp. ($25)

■ Bushnell Environmental Scientist Kit turns your kids into ecological detectives. This portable lab helps children learn about air, water, toxins and pollutants in the home, back yard and neighborhood. Available through the National Wildlife Federation, the kit has an illustrated guide and suggestions for becoming part of the pollution solution. ($49.95)

■ Hugg-A-Planet is a squeezable replica of Mother Earth color-coded to show areas of dense vegetation and population. It's OK to give Mother a hug because she's printed with nontoxic inks and filled with safe fiber material. A 12-inch size ($19.95) and a 6-inch size ($11.95) are available through Save Energy Company.

■ The Earth Flag, available through Save Energy Company, shows our magnificent home planet alone in the vastness of space. The 2-feet-by-3-feet cotton flag has a canvas leader and brass grommets. ($19.75)

■ Citizen-Of-The-World T-Shirt depicts the nations of the world surrounded by the words "Citizen of the World" in nine languages: English, Russian, Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, Italian, French, German, Danish. The 100 percent premium white cotton shirt comes in small, medium or large sizes and is available through Save Energy Company. ($14.95)

■ World Wildlife Fund Kid's Animal Gloves are adorably adorned with a friendly animal on each fingertip. The colorful, knitted acrylic gloves fit ages 3 through 6 and are machine washable. ($10)

■ Dragonfly Optiscope gives a dragonfly eye's view of the world. The birch laminate, brass and glass viewer repeats images 215 times, turning ordinary objects into startling patterns. The optiscope is available through Hearth Song. ($10.95)

■ Modeling Beeswax can be softened and shaped into animals, flowers or people. Available through Hearth Song in sets of six colors ($6.25) or 12 colors ($10.75).

■ Bubble Whale is a bathtub toy made of solid wood and rubbed with a non-toxic, water resistant blue stain and oil finish. Tiny bubbles stream out of the blow hole because of a hollow space in the whale's belly that traps air. The whale provides much tub-time fun and is available through Hearth Song. ($12.50)

■ Reusable Lunchbag features a green and turquoise background, a distinctive Earth logo and a handy Velcro closure. Made of washable nylon, the bag is available through Real Goods Trading Corp. ($7). A percentage of the proceeds is donated to Friends of the Earth.

■ The Green Game helps kids learn about the delicate balance of nature. Two or more players circle the board with playing pieces while answering questions and collecting endangered species cards. The game includes a brightly colored board, playing pieces, rule sheet and cards with 3,000 questions related to the environment. Made of recycled materials, the game is available through World Wide Games. ($34.95)

■ Wild Animals IQ Games gives up to four players the chance to learn about wild animals by answering quiz questions. The game, which includes 36 colorful quiz cards and scorekeeper, is available through National Wildlife Federation. ($8.95)

■ Pollution Solution is a game that challenges two or more players to save a fictional town from ecological destruction. Players use solution cards or their own ideas to confront specific pollution problems. The game is available through Earth Care Paper Inc. ($20)

■ Water's Edge, a puzzle with 1,000 interlocking pieces, reveals the majestic sealife below the ocean's surface. The puzzle is available through World Wide Games ($14.95).

■ Tree of Life Jigsaw Puzzle is a menagerie of favorite animals gathered together in a gigantic tree. Printed on recycled paper, the puzzle contains 1,000 pieces and is available through World Wildlife Fund. ($6.95)

■ "A Is For Animals" is a pop-up alphabet book with delightful animal surprises on each of the 14 pages. The hardbound book has thick pages and features 26 full-color, pop-up illustrations. Ideal for beginning readers, the book is available through World Wildlife Fund. ($14.95)

■ "The Kids' Environment Book — What's Awry and Why" discusses in clear, positive language environmental concerns about air, water, forests, farming, the costs of industry, nuclear energy, alternative energy, electric vehicles and other topics. The 184-paged book has wonderful illustrations and is available through Real Goods Trading Corp. ($14)

■ "Ecology Action Workbook and Dictionary" presents kids with positive activities to help save the Earth. The book has 21 pages and is available through Real Goods Trading Corp. ($4)

■ "Paper By Kids" details the history of paper, the papermaking process and paper recycling. Through both simple and sophisticated techniques, kids have the opportunity to make real paper. The 115-paged hardcover book is available through Seventh Generation. ($12.95)

■ "50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save The Earth" presents practical suggestions and fun projects that show kids how they can make a difference in the struggle for a better environment. The book is packed with information and is available through Earth Care Paper Inc. ($6.95)

■ World Wildlife Fund Baby Animals Calendar has 16 months of captivating critters. The calendar features full-color photographs and large date squares for lots of notations. ($9.95)

■ The Earth-Based Magazine For Kids is a 10-issue-per-year periodical containing articles, games and interviews that teach kids how to make the world cleaner and healthier. The magazine is available through Earth Care Paper Inc. ($14)

Contact the following companies and organizations for catalogs and ordering information:

■ Save Energy Company: A Planetary Store, 2410 Harrison St., San Francisco, Ca. 94110 800-326-2120

■ World Wildlife Fund, P.O. Box 224, Peru, Ind. 46970 800-833-1600

■ Real Goods Trading Corp., 966 Mazzoni St., Ukiah, Calif. 95482 800-762-7325

■ Earth Care Paper, Inc. P.O. Box 7070, Madison, Wi. 53707-7070 608-277-2900

■ National Wildlife Federation, 1400 16th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036-2266 800-432-6569

■ World Wide Games, Colchester, Conn., 06415 800-243-9232

■ Hearth Song, Mogowan Drive and Farmers Lane, Santa Rosa, Calif. 95405 800-325-2502

Santa Claus often elicits tearful response

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

He's big, he's happy, he's colorful, so why do so many visits to Santa Claus bring out the tears and tantrums?

Santa may be big and jolly, says a New York pediatrics specialist, but he can also come across as scary and intimidating. The loud "ho-ho-ho's," flowing white beard and outrageous red costume is totally outside most children's experiences. Many react with fear and tears with children under 3 especially vulnerable.

Joseph Abularrage, M.D., chief of pediatrics at New York Infirmary-Beekman Hospital in New York City, cautions parents not to push or cajole a child into doing anything he or she doesn't feel comfortable about. A visit to Santa can be just walking past him at the mall, waving and smiling. The traditional sitting on Santa's lap for a photo is not every child's cup of tea.

Parents can prepare their children ahead of time by introducing Santa in books and pictures. Reading about Santa is an opportunity to review his good qualities before the first one-on-one meeting.

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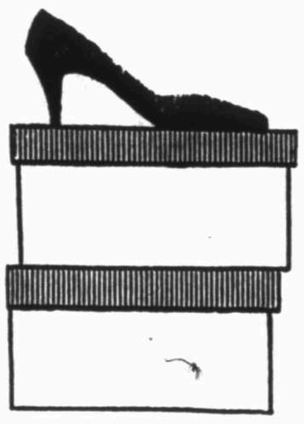

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Toys and the environment

Manufacturers more environmentally aware

By Ruth B. Roufberg
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"Why do you make so many toys of plastic?"

"Why do you pack them in unnecessarily large boxes?"

"Don't you have any concern for the environment?"

These were just a few of the questions asked of toy manufacturers at a press conference last year sponsored by the Toy Manufacturers of America.

The replies indicated that the toy industry, indeed, is aware of environmental issues. Wood vs. plastic is a moot point: take your pick between forest depletion and toxic fumes. But representatives of some companies said they try to limit packaging to the minimum necessary to protect the toys within. Others noted their use of recycled materials for boxes, as well as board-game components.

In addition, manufacturers of games dealing with the ecology often contribute part of their profits to wilderness and wildlife organizations (check packages for details).

Environmental awareness began with the smaller manufacturers but has spread throughout the toy industry.

The industry's concern for the environment is most evident in the subject matter of the toys themselves.

Parents, too, can show their commitment to environmental issues through their toy-buying choices. It may not be as dramatic an effort as recycling or planting a tree, but even small actions add up with impact.

If you are going to buy a jigsaw puzzle, lotto game, coloring book or picture-matching card game, why not select one that depicts endangered species or rain forests? When you buy a board game, why not choose a theme that will expand your child's awareness of nature, animals and ecology?

Children absorb messages about important issues more readily through play than through abstract talk.

Consider the game **Harvest Time**, for instance. Each player has one garden to look after and to harvest before winter. The game is structured in such a way that children gradually come to realize they cannot win by obstructing the other players.

The key to winning is cooperation. Each must help the other so all can complete the harvest before winter. For two to four players, ages 4 to 7. Animal Town Game Company, $17.

Here are other toys and games that can help make Earth Day last all year:

Recycling Truck could add variety to your child's fleet of vehicles. Bins empty into a manual dumper in back, and a booklet explains basic recycling and conservation principles. Nearly 11 inches long, it has a plastic body and rubber wheels. For ages 3 and up. Discovery Toys. $23.

Colorful Kingdom is a game of matching animals to their habitats. Individual game cards, showing either one habitat (ocean, forest, jungle, desert) or one animal, are spread out face down in the middle of the game board.

The very same pictures form the path around the edge of the game board. When a player lands on a picture of one category, he then tries to locate the companion card of the other category. If he succeeds, he keeps it. If not, he replaces it but tries to remember the card in case he needs it later.

A royalty from each game is contributed to animal and environmental groups. For two to four children ages 4 to 8. Family Games. $15.

My Green Alphabet is a pricey but elegant cotton wall hanging with a pocket for each letter of the alphabet. Within each pocket is a little cushion with an environmentally appropriate picture starting with that letter on one side and printing on the other.

In the "H" pocket, for example, is a picture of two children — the back says: "H is for Human. We are all human animals. We live on the Earth together. We must take care of the Earth and look after each other."

A percentage of all sales goes to Friends of the Earth. For ages 3 to 6. European Toy Collection, about $70.

Save the Forest is an ecology game whose board incorporates four separate jigsaw puzzle scenes of forest animals and plants, as well as a trash-littered path through the forest.

The twofold object of the game is to place puzzle pieces that correctly complete the scenes and also to remove as many litter cards as possible to keep the forest tidy. For two to four players, ages 5 and up. Battat, about $15.

Vanishing Wild is one of a variety of animal rummy games consisting of 32 cards (four in each of eight "families"). The monkey family, for example, includes orangutan, gibbon, wanderoo and macaque. Each card shows a color photo, as well as habitat map and the animal's length, weight and life span.

Other game titles in the series include **Exotic Birds, Endangered Species, Underseas World** and **Hidden Kingdom** (insects and other small creatures). No age specified, but these would be appropriate for children ages 5 and older. Safari, Ltd., $3 per set.

Don't Bug Me is a gardening game in which farmers race to grow their veggies and chase away hungry bugs that try to eat the crops. The game board is particularly attractive and uncluttered, and the playing pieces are male and female farmer figures.

For two to four players ages 8 to adult (according to the manufacturer, but with adult help, younger children would enjoy it, too). Backos Games, about $16.

Pollution Solution is played on a "township" game-board grid where individual sections have a 50-50 chance of being either clean or polluted.

The goal is to prevent or reverse the spread of pollution by applying corrective countermeasures. Two-sided cards for each section grid show pollution causes on one side, solutions on the reverse. For one to six players, ages 10 and up. Aristoplay, about $20.

Endangered is an adventure game in which players undertake a world trek to save endangered animals from extinction. For each of 24 animals, there is a pamphlet explaining the reasons for the endangered status and the remedies. The play consists of securing equipment and overcoming obstacles to assure these animals a safer future. For two to eight players, ages 12 to adult. Family Games, about $30.

Shopping Guide

- Animal Town Game Company, P.O. Box 485, Healdsburg, CA 95448, (800) 445-8642. The company publishes a catalogue of toys, non-competitive games, books and tapes about nature and the environment.
- Aristoplay games are sold in specialty toy stores and mail-order catalogues. For additional information, call the company at (800) 634-7738.
- Backos Games are sold in specialty toy stores. For additional information, call the distributor, Select Creations, (414) 545-2301.
- Battat games are sold in specialty stores or can be ordered directly from The Developing Child, 19956 Ventura Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91364, (800) 426-4777.
- Discovery Toys, look in the white pages of the phone book, or call 800-426-4777.
- European Toy Collection toys are sold in specialty toy stores. For additional information, call the company at (219) 763-3234.
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- Safari games are sold at museum stores, zoos, educational shops and specialty toy stores. For additional information, call (800) 554-5414.

Board games teach children more than how to have fun

By Ruth B. Roufberg
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Board games are more than just a pleasant way of passing time. They also provide an environment in which children learn to take turns, follow rules, play fairly and neither gloat in victory nor pout in defeat.

Children absorb such lessons far better through their own play experiences than from adult lectures.

The gameboard is a make-believe world where children can safely make bold or adventurous moves that might be too scary for them in real life. Games can smooth the way to new friendships, too; a newcomer can fit in with any group of children who know the same games.

Games also enable children to practice skills and acquire new knowledge. Countless children have learned subtraction by making Monopoly change, improved their spelling with Scrabble and sharpened reasoning skills with Clue.

One of the things children like best about a board game is the opportunity it affords to play with parents.

So, if you've decided on giving a board game for Christmas, the first step in selecting it is to consider the interests and abilities of your children.

2-Year-Olds

Although most 2-year-olds can't sit still or concentrate long enough to play a game, they can enjoy brief sessions of simple pictures or color matching with domino and lotto type games.

Lotto games are available everywhere. You could even buy two sets of pictures and make your own.

But if your child's education is one of your priorities, do look at the magnificent photos in My First Lotto (Ravensburger). The playing boards each show six pictures in a single category, such as food, clothing, household tools, etc., and the images are utterly realistic and familiar to children. They'll squeal with delight to see the unexpected picture of toilet paper in the personal hygiene group.

Many variations of play make this a great game for every child's toy shelf. (About $15 at specialty toy stores.)

Preschoolers

Children from 3 to 5 have a longer attention span, can play cooperatively and can follow a simple plan of action so that games based on memory, matching, following a path or collecting tokens become appropriate.

They still cannot formulate strategies, though, so stick to games based on luck.

Our Town (Aristoplay) has a write-on/wipe-off gameboard that can be personalized with the name of your town, school and local landmarks.

Two levels of play allow prereaders to learn about their neighborhood, and older children to incorporate their own

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Youth's holiday can be happy despite divorce

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Children whose parents are divorced can be happy at holiday time, says a Purdue University psychologist.

"If the parents aren't fighting and are actively involved with the kids, the children are apt to be happy even though both parents aren't there," says Kathryn Black, associate professor of psychological sciences.

Parental conflict, not the divorce itself, causes problems for children, she says. And avoiding conflict can be especially tough during that time of year.

Each parent must make a concession, she says, with children spending Thanksgiving with one parent and Christmas or Hanukkah with the other. Furthermore, each parent should make sure the children have money to buy a gift for the other. "This will show the children that their parents get along well enough to still want good things to happen to each other," Black says.

Children often see advantages to the situation, she adds. "Many kids like getting two Thanksgivings and Christmases, and they get more gifts. Also, some children get to travel if their parents live far apart, and they often look forward to that."

The custodial parent often feels inadequate at the holidays, she says, because it may not be possible to do everything that's been done in the past or that the children expect. Her advice: "Dump expectations. Find something new to do. And if your kids are with their other parent, get out and be with people."

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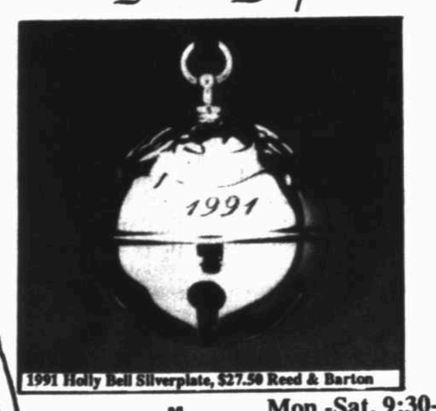

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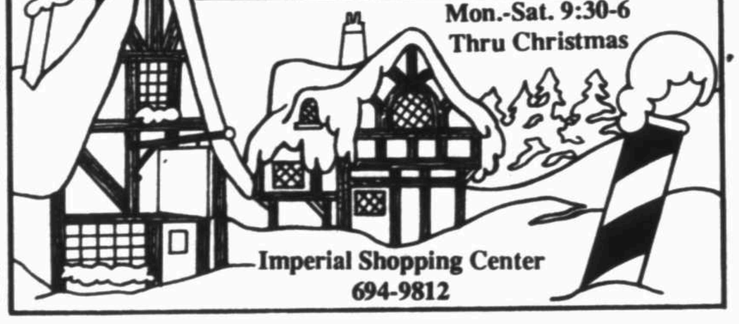
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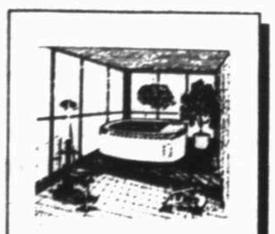
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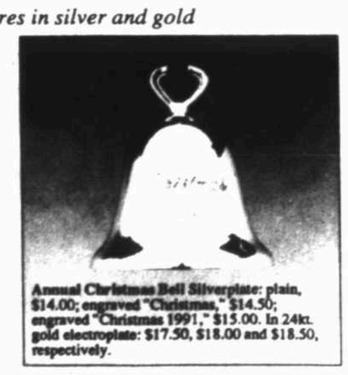
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Santa's bag still filled with dolls, cars

Associated Press

Here come the new toys for the 1991 holidays. Let the play begin:

DOLLS. An emphasis on dolls of color or of varied nationality this season will give black or ethnic children a greater variety of dolls and toys to identify with. These toys may broaden the world of white children, too.

The cool Hip Hop Kids, for example, represent black, white and Hispanic youngsters in trendy dress, each carrying a different message, such as staying in school and away from drugs.

They are marketed by Olmec, a firm started by former financial editor Yla Eason after she discovered her son didn't have a black super-hero toy for inspiration. Her company was the first to mass-produce dolls and action figures with black and Hispanic characteristics, and now it markets eight lines of ethnically correct toys.

Other doll lines offered in varied ethnic and color variations include the Puffalump Kids from Fisher-Price and My Very Soft Baby from Playskool, all with soft bodies and vinyl faces. The Cabbage Patch Kids from Hasbro continue to be available in a variety of colors and characteristics. New versions include My Own Baby, who coos and giggles when "mother" is near and cries when she's not. Baby Face from Galoob comes in 10 variations, each with a different facial expression.

Tyco's Little Oopsie Daisy doll — which crawls, falls down, and cries — comes in both black and white versions, as do the company's miniature Quints sets.

And if your child is a fan of Steve Urkel of television's "Family Matters," a doll version of the character played by Jaleel White may be a hit. This toy from Hasbro talks smart, saying "Got any cheese," "No sweat, my pet," and other Urkel-like utterings.

Hispanic, Caucasian, Oriental and Afro-American soft-body dolls make up the America's Kids Dolls collection, available through the J.C. Penney Christmas catalog. Each comes with two outfits — American dress and a costume typical of the doll's heritage.

International dolls also appear in the Neiman Marcus catalog, with all-fabric kids from the United States, Africa, China, Mexico, and Russia. Each has a tag introducing the owner to basic phrases in the language of origin and facts about how children live in that country. Sales of these dolls benefit UNICEF.

From Sweden comes Nordic competition for Barbie — Petra. This doll, made in Mora, a small rural town northwest of Stockholm, is a leggy Scandinavian with long blonde hair and blue eyes. Lerum Toy Co., which markets the doll, says Petra's wardrobe is interchangeable with Barbie's.

So too, are the clothes of dolls patterned after another icon, Miss America. This line from Kenner includes five "finalists" of different hair and complexion colors, not to mention different goals in life, detailed on the packages. Blair, Devon, Justine, Raquel, and Tonya are destined for careers in athletics, the arts, science, politics and medicine.

Meanwhile, Barbie herself is still going strong, along with her coterie, which includes Teresa, a Hispanic doll, and Christie, a black doll. Barbie's best friend, Midge, is a bride this year and is the star of one of the most elaborate sets marketed by Mattel — with the groom, Alan, and Barbie and Ken serving as bridesmaid and best man. The group is completed with Kelly, the flower girl, and Todd, the ring bearer.

WHEELS. The Big Three in Detroit have some pint-sized competition from Power Wheels by Kransco, a line of battery-powered children's cars that range from classy Porsches to Jeeps. Some of these are big and powerful enough for two children to ride in, and there's a buyer's guide to help consumers choose models and features for the right age groups. The company maintains a network of service centers around the country.

A monster truck called The Claw comes from Kenner, expanding its wheels to reveal rotary claws when it meets an obstacle like a log or rocks. This all-terrain model is battery powered and rolls with reaction traction at high speed over almost anything in its way.

For pre-schoolers, there is the wide-wheeled 1-2-3 Bike from Playskool, with trainers that can be adjusted or removed as the child masters balancing on two wheels. At the earliest stage, the training wheels are positioned in an outboard position for maximum stability. Next, they can be turned in toward the bike for the intermediate stage, then finally removed.

Traditional model cars, trucks and dumpers still fascinate youngsters. The Sound Machine Water Cannon from Nylint is an authentic copy of a real fire truck, with authentic fire engine sounds. Nylint's Wallbangers are powered racing cars that emit screeching sounds of collisions, including crumpling metal and glass, when they are bumped or jarred.

Model train maker Lionel this year has launched a large-scale line about twice the size of other models and rugged enough for use outdoors. Two featured models are the North Pole Railroad, with Santa at the controls, and the Walt Disney World 20th Anniversary Train Set, copies of the ones that run at the Disney World resort. Serious train hobbyists can look to a reissue of the Madison Cars, early model classics.

Model enthusiasts can find plenty of fun with the Matchbox collection, this year featuring a selection of Indy-style racing cars, race transporters and support vehicles with the official Indy 500 logo. If your child prefers his own logo, it can be produced with Graffic Traffic, a custom car design kit with undecorated white diecast vehicles. There are non-toxicsp markers and stick-on decals to complete the design.

SOFT SPOTS AND CHARACTERS. A new personality on the scene is Murduck, the Original Scrubba Ducky, a bath-time bird who talks. He has seven battery-powered phrases, including "You quack me up." This fellow, who looks like your Uncle Moe, comes dressed in a bathrobe but also can be outfitted as a fire duck, baseball player, train engineer and other roles. From V-Tech.

The Vermont Teddy Bear Co. promises an old-fashioned teddy bear from an old-fashioned teddy bear company that does nothing but make dozens of different kinds of personality-laden ursine characters. The company guarantees the toys for the life of the bear, which means the owners can send them back for repairs when needed. These bears are available only direct from the company, and a "bear counselor" on the other end of 1 (800) 829-2327 will help you make your pick.

A comforting friend for someone who's a little afraid of the dark is Gloworm from Playskool. A squeeze of the tummy of this soft toy lights up its face.

The Care Bears from Kenner are your basic soft stuffed toys, but socially aware. They come in bright colors and tummy patches with upbeat messages about environmental themes.

A plush pet that's almost like the real thing is the Purr-Fect Cat from Takara. This plush toy meows, purrs and wags her tail when she's talked to, petted, or chucked under the chin. The cat is available in white Persian, gray and black calico, or marmalade breeds.

The Show Time Kids, soft, huggable versions of New Kids on the Block characters, have hip outfits and hairdos. From Hasbro.

Big Bird shows up as a fuzzy soft character who tells stories, in a version by Tyco. Cassettes are played on a built-in deck, and the Bird moves his eyes and beak in synchronization with the words.

The Sesame Street star and his cohorts also are interpreted by Playskool in soft toys in assorted sizes. The cast includes Bert and Ernie and the Cookie Monster.

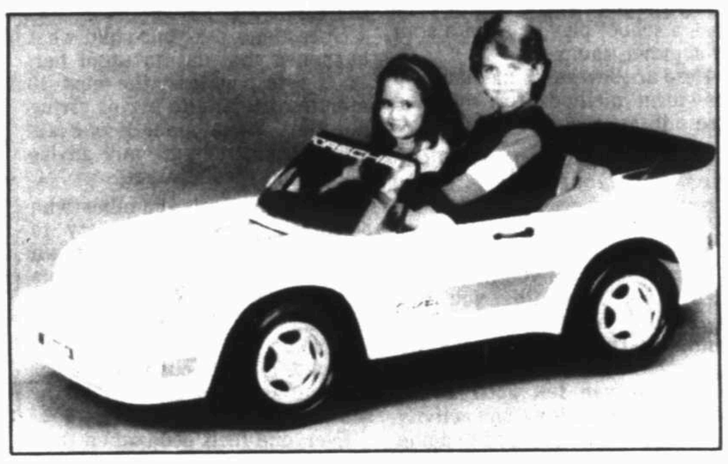
Lamb Chop, a TV star 25 years ago, is recreated as a curly plush hand puppet and is available from Avon, the cosmetics merchandiser. Decked out in a red stocking cap for the holidays, it's based on the character originally created by entertainer Shari Lewis and recently reintroduced to viewers on the Public Broadcasting Service.

ACTION! What? Your kids can't get enough of the turtles? Playmates Toys has 95 new figures and accessories to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle line, making a grand total of 165 overall. Some of the new ones have sports themes, such as T.D. Tossin' Leo, Grand Slammin' Raph, Shell Slammin' Mike and Slam Dunkin' Don. Others range from Rock 'N Roll Turtles to Wyrm, a planetarian worm who protects the world from trashy offenders.

Also from Playmates are the Toxic Crusaders, including Toxie, said to be hideously ugly and funny, too. Their job is to teach youngsters about environmental pollution.

The Bronze Bombers from Olmec are patterned after the U.S. 369th all-black infantry of World Wars I and II. There are Good Guys and Bad Guys in the line, and each figure comes with a personnel card from the Bombers' troop file.

Muscling in on the action toy game are World Wrestling Federation figures from Hasbro, depicting members of the Demolition, Rockers, and Bushwhackers tag teams. Also from Hasbro is Bucky O'Hare, a fearless, intergalactic rabbit.



A sampling from Santa's bag, above, might include, counter-clockwise from bottom left, Bucky O'Hare action figure, Lamb Chop hand puppet, Lego space ship, Cabbage Patch doll, Barbie and friends, Liu (a Chinese doll) and Wallbanger action car. It's never too soon to own a car, toymakers believe. This Porsche by Power Wheels, left, is battery-powered and has room for two children up to 8 years old.

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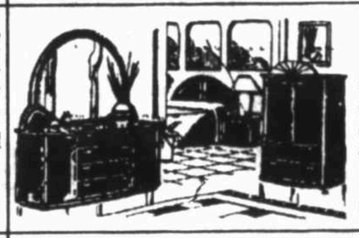

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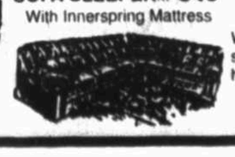

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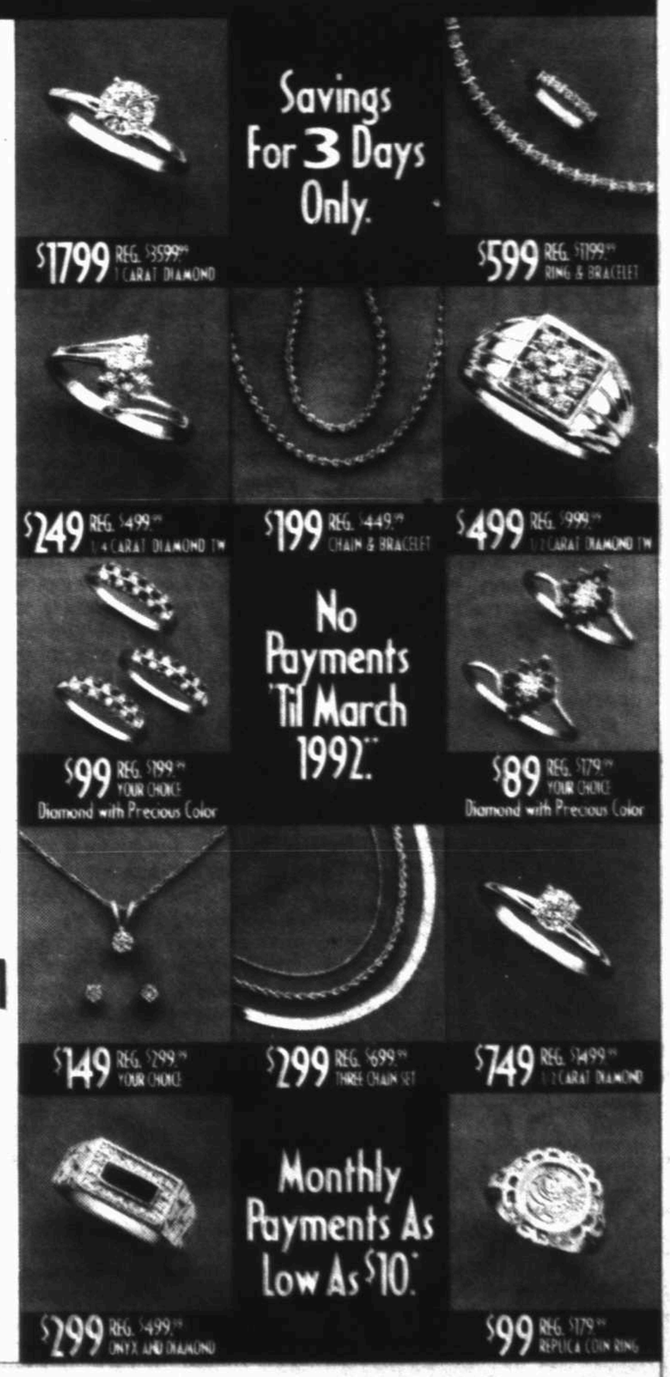

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Expectations could lead to stressful holiday

By Edwin Kiester
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

It's Christmas morning. The tree, lights and brightly packaged gifts all render a picture of Christmas Perfect. On cue, the 5-year-old star of this classic early morning ritual rushes into the room as family members watch expectantly. The little girl carefully unwraps stuffed animals, new clothes, and — the big-ticket item — an elaborate dollhouse.

"Don't you just love it? Isn't it beautiful?" gush the grown-ups, hoping to elicit an enthusiastic response. Instead, the child bursts into tears and runs from the room. What happened?

Chances are good that the Grinch who stole Christmas in this scene was stress.

"Children tend to have such high hopes around the holidays, and since their expectations can't all be realized, the season can be incredibly stressful for them," says clinical psychologist Antoinette Saunders, founder of the Capable Kid Organization in Evanston, Ill., which teaches parents and children skills for minimizing stress and building self-esteem.

Between the general excitement of the season and the sheer variety of activities going on among families who celebrate Christmas — from school parties to decorating to traveling to gift exchanges — "kids just get overstimulated," Saunders explains.

When so many demands are placed on a child (or anyone else), the resulting stress triggers an immediate physical reaction: Adrenaline gets pumped into the system, the heartbeat quickens, breathing becomes more rapid, the stomach and intestines stop digesting and the blood pressure rises.

These physical changes are usually harmless, but when they occur too often or go on too long, they begin to deplete the body's energy levels and can take a great toll on a person's physical and emotional health.

Since children aren't as adept at conserving their energy or planning their lives in order to keep stress at a minimum, parents must do this for them.

Luckily, the signs of too much stress in children are fairly easy to read. Kids who feel stressed typically act moody, throw more temper tantrums, whine or cling a lot, and often complain of their inability to sleep or of frequent headaches and stomachaches, whether genuine or feigned.

You can best relieve your child's stress or head off future problems by taking occasional stock of what she might be experiencing from week to week. With practice, you should be able to anticipate — and prepare for — stressful times ahead, whether they're brought on by the holidays, a visiting relative, a school play or even a stint at summer camp.

Here are several immediate and long-term methods for relieving stress in your child's life:

■ A Goodnight Formula. Whenever your youngster is going through an especially tough time, turn the usual goodnight kiss into a goodwill exchange.

"First, the two of you should tell each other something you like about one another," suggests Saunders. Then you can each discuss something you did together today that you felt good about; next, mention at least one activity each of you looks forward to doing together tomorrow.

"This step is especially important, since kids who are feeling stressed tend to dread the future," Saunders explains. "It reminds them to accent the positive." Then end the session with heartfelt hugs and kisses.

■ The Overall Ease-Up. Periodically purge your child's daily, weekly or monthly schedule of those activities that could cause too much pressure or confer too much responsibility.

This may mean canceling a Saturday dance class or reassigning a household chore. Also, reconsider nap schedules and set aside time every day for unstructured play.

■ A Quick Fix. If a child is "acting out" in a way that demands more immediate attention, Saunders advises parents to use an approach she calls "closing the door and opening your heart."

First, turn off every possible distraction in the house: the television, radio, phone and stove. Also, try to occupy other children in another room, but if it's simpler to leave the house, you can go sit in the car.

Once alone, ask your child what happened that day to upset her. Then spend at least the next 10 minutes listening to her or giving her time to respond. If she answers, avoid offering any advice unless specifically asked.

■ Holiday Hints. Families who celebrate Christmas can try to minimize stress by toning down the hype surrounding the whole gift-giving tradition. Don't encourage a lot of talk about the presents your child will get. Instead, try to generate more discussion on what she will want to give or do for someone else.

Everyone feels good when they know they are helping someone, and this season provides the perfect opportunity for kids to experience altruism firsthand: There are always soup kitchens to volunteer for, homeless shelters to donate clothes to, and neighboring children who might enjoy a surprise gift from a stranger.

Parents can also help circumvent holiday stress by making sure kids eat right and get plenty of rest. Since friends, neighbors and relatives are bound to drop off their share of sugar-laden treats, you can counter this by stocking up on nutritional snacks such as nuts and dried fruits.

To ensure that your child has a good appetite for the more nutritious holiday fare, try to limit her refined sugar consumption to one or two sweets a day.

In an age of too much pressure and too little time, even young children can feel as if they're carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders.

It's up to parents as the children's main source of comfort and guidance to find the right stress-proofing tactics to lighten their load.

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Parents should decorate with safety

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Holidays for toddlers are times of wonder and discovery, but too often fearless tots trot up to the brink of disaster.

If you're not used to having toddlers around, you might want to take time out before the holiday rush and "kid-proof" your home by placing breakable and dangerous objects out of reach. If the toddlers in question are members of the immediate family, it's still good to look at holiday decorations with eye toward safety.

■ Consider buying a smaller tree that you can display on a tabletop. Full-size trees are so tempting to climb, hang on and, in the process, pull over.

■ If the tree is at floor level, surround it with a child-proof gate approved by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. An alternative is to place the tree in a sturdy playpen after removing the padding at the bottom of the playpen.

■ Use tree ornaments that are unbreakable, nontoxic and flame resistant. Avoid using artificial snow as decoration or having your tree flocked. These substances are poisonous.

■ Wire hooks used to attach ornaments to tree branches can be swallowed or find themselves in little fists and eyes. Try using ribbon or string to tie ornaments to trees.

■ Keep lighted candles well out of a toddler's reach. Keep fireplaces covered by screens.

■ Twinkling tree lights act as a magnet to small children, and each year many tots end up in the hospital with burns in their mouths from chewing on light cords.

Advanced toys may not be safe

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Giving a child a more "advanced" toy may be tempting, but is it a good idea?

"Parents are often tempted to give children advanced toys either because they believe the child is ready, or they hope the toy will serve as a challenge," says Mary Ellen Fise of the Consumer Federation of America. "If more age labels were accompanied by information on potential safety hazards, however, this practice might be reduced."

The National Safe Kids Campaign offers the following list.

■ Do not purchase toys with small, removeable parts for children under age 3.

■ Check tape recorders and battery-operated toys regularly for loose or exposed wires.

■ Electrical plug-in toys are not recommended for children under 8.

■ Do not give toys with sharp points and edges to children under 8.

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extras. (Ages 4 and up, about $20 at specialty toy stores.)

Tell-A-Story (Ravensburger) is a memory and story-telling game in which children make up a story based on picture cards. (Ages 4-8 years, about $15 in specialty toy stores. A version with more ethnically diverse characters is sold by Discovery Toys for $12.98.)

Other Criteria

After age, give preference to:

■ Games that are your own personal favorites (so you will enjoy playing them with your child).

■ Classic games that all children should know because they are part of the common culture of childhood.

■ Games related to the child's particular interest. Aristoplay produces games about history, geography, anatomy, dinosaurs and mythology. Intempo games deal with art and music. (Inquiries may be made to Aristoplay at (800) 634-7738, and to Intempo at (800) 328-8697.)

As you consider individual games, you may want to ask yourself:

■ Does the game conform to my family's values?

For many years Candyland was considered the epitome of a good first game because of its simple rules, no reading required and an outcome that depends purely on luck. But you should know its main subject: junk food.

Similarly, Electronic Mall Madness or Heartthrob may reinforce sex stereotypes and Careers for Girls might lead young ladies to think that their vocational options are different from a boy's.

■ How is the game played? The rules, or at least a picture of the gameboard and a summary of the play, should be on the box. If you don't immediately understand how it is played, it may be too complicated for your child.

■ How universal is the game? Will your child have to teach everyone he wants to play with? Or would the children have more fun playing a game they already know?

■ Is the game format appropriate?

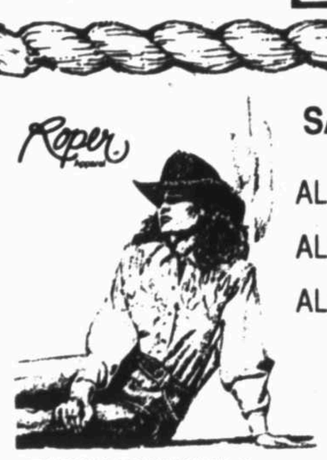
Does one really need equipment for playing battleship or tic-tac-toe, or could they just as well remain pencil-and-paper games?

■ Will the game intrigue and simulate your child's imagination?

■ Does it add a new kind of play to balance the game collection, or is it too similar to the games he already has?

■ How is the game packaged? Does it look inviting to play? Is it easy to carry, store, and set up? Is it durable?

■ Especially important: Are you willing to spend the necessary time to be sure your child can play the game with enjoyment?



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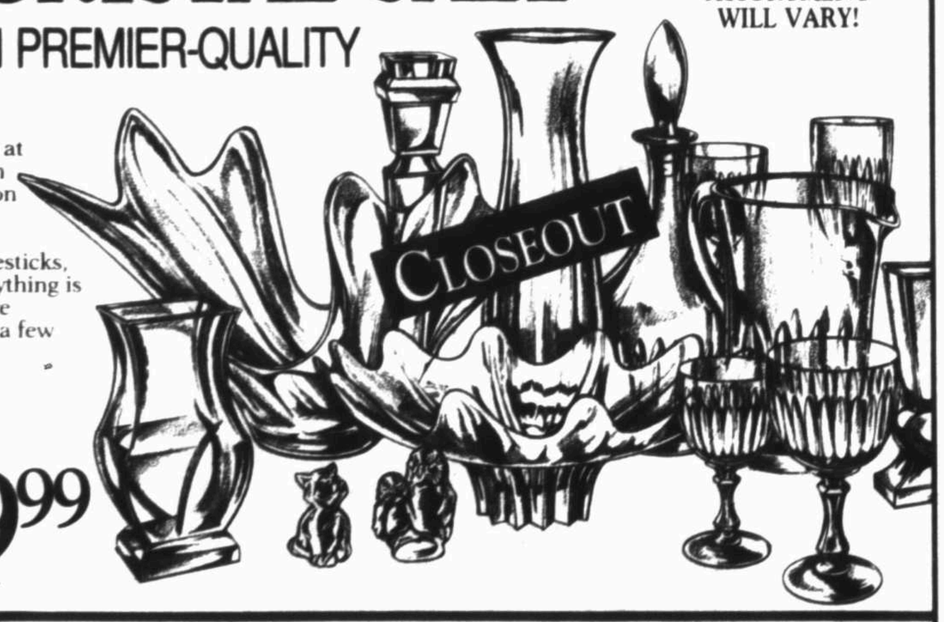

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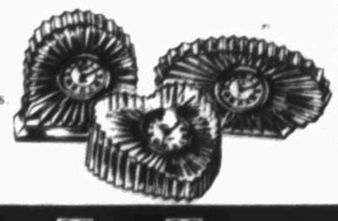

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By Ruth B. Roufberg
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Selecting the right Christmas toy for a child with a physical disability can be a challenge.

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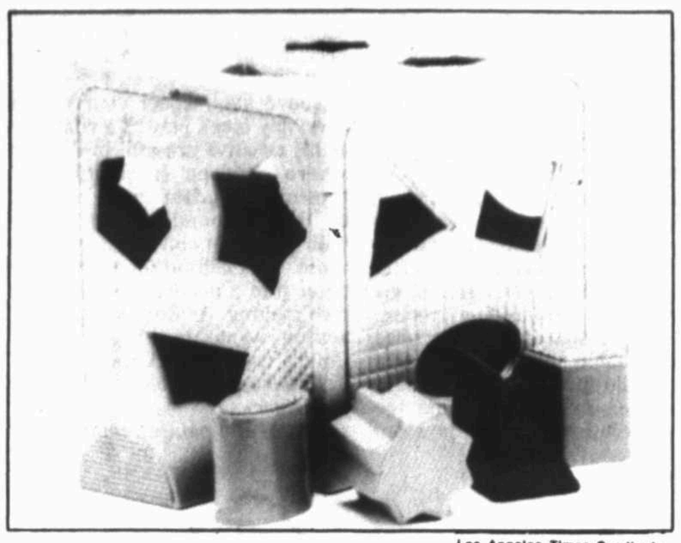

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Manufacturers produce toys for children with disabilities

Associated Press

Youngsters with disabilities shouldn't be deprived of playthings to develop creative and social skills, say several entrepreneurs who have started companies to produced toys specially suited for them.

When R. J. Cooper of Dana Point, Calif., started adapting existing children's cars with switches or joysticks for disabled children, he realized that he had found something that could become a low-cost alternative to electric wheelchairs. His CooperCars are built with safeguards so an adult can prevent the child from banging into things.

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Toys that operate with the blink of an eye, a touch, a sip, a puff or any other slight gesture have been adapted by Dr. Steven Kanor of Hastings on Hudson, N.Y. His company, Toys for Special Children, adapts conventional toys that can be used by children who may not be able to do much more than breathe. Kanor, a biomedical engineer, thinks that once a child learns to operate a switch to make a toy work, the play possibilities are endless.

And Anthony Palumbo, known as Dr. Silly, is creator of the Puppet Therapy Institute of West Barnstable, Mass., which operates a mobile play center called the Sillyumphbus program. This traveling theater in a bus lets as many as 10 disabled children take part in puppet play that addresses the child's specific therapeutic goals.

For more information
R. J. Cooper & Associates, (714) 240-1912
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Some children will find these books under tree.

Associated Press

Just in time for holiday treats, "My First Baking Book" by Helen Drew (Alfred A. Knopf) shows youngsters how to make their own. Ingredients are pictured, and utensils, measuring cups and other kitchen tools are represented with line drawings. The procedures are shown step-by-step, with large-type instructions.

Represented are favorites like chocolate brownies and peanut butter cookies, along with cakes and other sweets in the shapes of dinosaurs, ghosts, animals, stars and moons, and a holiday wreath. There also are recipes for Eccles cakes, scones, and shortbread. Young cooks learn how to mix, measure and decorate with frosting, candies, and marzipan.

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"The Snow Country Prince" by Daisaku Ikeda (Alfred A. Knopf), a Japanese allegorical folk tale about caring for living things, has been translated into English by Geraldine McCaughrean. Brian Wildsmith's watercolors picture a winter sea and shore landscape setting for the fantastic swans of the story.

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"Six by Seuss: A Treasury of Dr. Seuss Classics" (Random House) recalls Theodor Geisel's best stories for aficionados and introduces them to younger readers. Included are the first Dr. Suess story, "And to Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street," and the holiday classic,"How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"

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"Paula Koala, the Queen of the Breeze,
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Like Daddy and Mummy
And sticks to the gummy gum trees," is from "Two-Legged, Four-Legged, No-Legged Rhymes," by J. Patrick Lewis, with illustrations by Pamela Paparone (Alfred A. Knopf).

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More adventures of the redoubtable elephant in "Babar's Family Album" (Random House) with new stories by Laurent de Brunhoff, including one about a visit to a foreign planet by space ship and another a ghost story, complete with a dark, forbidding castle inhabited by ravens, bats, and an elephantine spirit.

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Some fabulous American characters of history and legend are celebrated in "American Tall Tales" by Mary Pope Osborne (Alfred A. Knopf). The author re-tells traditional tall stories about fabulous characters like Paul Bunyan and Pecos Bill as well as those involving real characters like Davy Crockett and Johnny Appleseed.

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For fabulous creatures that are real, find out about "Chameleons: Dragons in the Trees" by James Martin (Crown). Art Wolfe's photographs capture the varied forms of this small, elusive animal.

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Pop-up illustrations of the world's best-known natural wonders — the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, the caves of France and Spain, the harbor at Rio de Janiero, the Paricutin Volcano in Mexico, the Grand Canyon in North America, Victoria Falls in Africa, and Mount Everest in Asia — make up "The Seven Natural Wonders of the World" by Celia King (Chronicle Books). Each illustration is accompanied by background text.

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Written for adults but suitable for older children is "The African Elephant: Twilight in Eden," by Roger L. DiSilvestro (Wiley-National Audubon Society), covering the history and day-to-day life of this animal and the efforts to save it from extinction. Photographs are by Page Chichester.

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"Dinosaur!" by David Norman (Prentice Hall) looks at the ancient creatures that ruled the earth in the Mesozoic period, about 165 million years ago. The book was created as a companion to the Arts & Entertainment Network series of the same name. Norman, a British paleontologist, is recognized as a leading expert on dinosaurs and served as consultant for the television series.

Several books have theme of Christmas

Associated Press

New books with Christmas themes include:

■ "The Grandma Moses Night Before Christmas" (Random House) pairs the naive paintings of Grandma Moses (Anna Mary Robertson Moses) with the famous poem, " 'Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Clement C. Moore.

■ "The Good Little Christmas Tree" by Ursula Moray Williams with illstrations by Gillian Tyler (Alfred A. Knopf) is a 1943 English holiday story being published for the first time in the United States. The old-world settings and characters include St. Nicholas shown as the European Father Christmas rather than as the American Santa Claus.

■ Traditional verses, songs and stories about the holiday are charmingly illustrated by Kay Chorao in "Baby's Christmas Treasury" (Random House).

■ The Big Bird, the Cookie Monster and other familiar denizens of one of television's best-known addresses are featured in "Christmas Eve on Sesame Street" (Random House/Children's Television Workshop).

■ Anyone with a weakness for teddy bears will go for "On the Way to Christmas" by Tanya Shpakow (Alfred A. Knopf).

■ "The Berenstain Bears' Christmas Tree" by Stan and Jan Berenstain (Random House) comes with a companion cassette.

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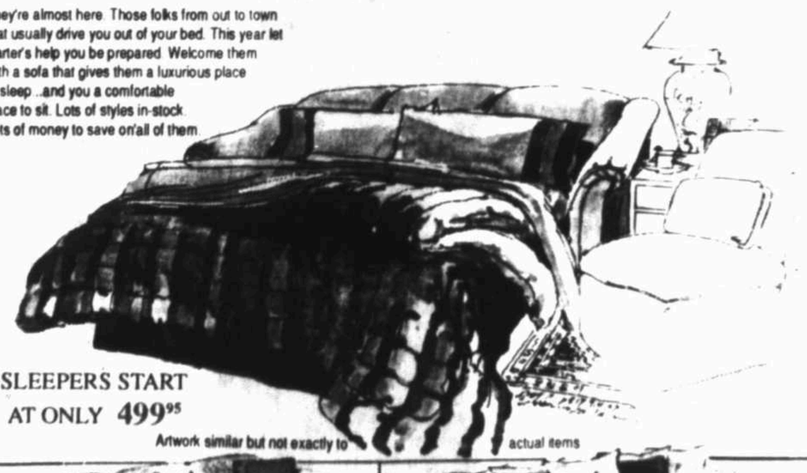

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BLOCKS: Wooden toys popular since 1800s

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children to read. Early in the 19th century, German educator Friedrich Froebel, the founder of the modern kindergarten movement, developed a series of wooden geometric shapes — cubes, spheres and cylinders — that resemble today's blocks. He believed they could help children understand symmetry, classification, counting and other areas of knowledge.

By the middle of the 19th century, wooden blocks had become popular toys. And in 1914, New York educator Caroline Pratt developed the type of wooden blocks found in so many of today's homes and kindergarten classrooms.

These "unit blocks" are based on a standard block about the size of a small brick; variations include squares, triangles, doublongs (twice as long as unit blocks), quadlongs (four times as long), columns, Roman and Gothic arches and half-arches, curves, X-shapes, and ramps.

Some toy stores sell a smaller version of these sets, called "table blocks," for use in homes and schools where space is at a premium.

Pratt's attitude toward these toys was far different from those earlier educators'. Her blocks were not meant to teach counting or the alphabet; they were to be used for free play — as a means of stimulating a child's inner creative life.

"I wanted to see children re-create on their own level the life about them, in which they were too little to be participants, in which they were always spectators," she wrote.

Therein lies the beauty of blocks. They can become race cars, animals, trees, loaves of bread and thousands of other things — from tall, intricate structures to abstract patterns and designs.

In the middle of a project, children often use a block in a totally different way. Caroline Pratt knew blocks were simply pieces of wood until infused with the life of the child who played with them.

Building Skills

By offering children blocks for imaginary play, parents and teachers fuel a variety of abilities. Kids learn mathematics as they create geometric patterns and compare the numerical relationships between blocks.

For example, Doug counted aloud the number of blocks he needed to make another wall the same height as the one he'd built earlier.

Children also test hypotheses as they build — an important element of understanding science. Four-year-old Billy, for instance, spent an entire morning rolling marbles of different sizes down a ramp made of blocks. At a very intuitive level, he was learning about gravity and inertia — basic physics principles — as he varied the incline of the ramp and thus, the speed of the marbles.

Even verbal skills get a workout during block play. When a child describes to a playmate or an adult what he is doing, he exercises basic language concepts. "It needs to be this long...," he might explain or "This piece goes *outside*, not *inside* the castle." And while children often work on their structures alone, block play also lends itself to group play: Kids learn give-and-take as they share blocks, collaborate on projects, bump into each others' structures, and invite friends to visit their castles, homes and villages.

Block Basics

To start your child playing with blocks at home, you'll need to provide a basic collection. Harriet K. Cuffaro, a member of the graduate faculty at Bank Street College of Education in New York and an expert on block play, suggests that parents offer their 3-year-olds a few of the simpler shapes, including unit blocks, squares and column blocks.

As your child gets older, add blocks of more varied dimensions, such as arches, half-circles and triangles. A good starter set might cost anywhere from $48 to $200 depending on the number and quality of blocks in the collection.

For children ages 2 and under, large foam or plastic blocks are safer and more appropriate, since kids this age lack the fine motor control required for building with wooden blocks.

It's helpful to provide a variety of imaginative accessories — pebbles, shells, and plastic animal and human figures — that children can use to enrich their block play.

Along with providing the blocks themselves and some creative props, there are other ways to ensure that children get the most out of playing with blocks:

■ Allow ample space for block play so that your child can build horizontally as well as vertically. (You may need to cover a carpeted area with a large piece of plywood, thick cardboard, or firm plastic.) Try not to interrupt him, so that he can become fully absorbed in his building projects. It's also important to provide accessible storage (such as a plastic laundry basket), which allows him to pull out his blocks when the mood strikes.

Even though your child will be introduced to math, science, art and language by playing with blocks, don't use them as a way to teach specific skills, and avoid pressuring him to follow your suggestions.

If your child asks for help, it's fine to give it, but encourage him to do as much as possible on his own. Remember that children learn form blocks by doing the manipulating themselves and by spontaneously solving the problems they encounter.

■ Expose your child to many different types of life experiences that he can use to enrich his block play. A child who has never seen a ranch or farm, for instance, is unlikely to incorporate barns, stables, corals or feeding troughs into his block-building scenes.

When 5-year-old Carol built a structure that included an "elevator," she complained that the elevator didn't work very well. So her parents took her for a ride on a real elevator in one of the older buildings in town, where she could see the operation of the cables through an open grill.

■ Keep rules for block play to a minimum. It is enough to teach children not to throw blocks, to respect other people's structures, and to put the blocks away after using them. However, don't let the rules inhibit the building process.

In some instances you may need to be flexible about insisting that your child put away his blocks when he's finished: Keeping the structure up for several days can reinforce his self-esteem if he's especially proud of what he has built.

Above all, respect your child's everyday block play as a vital part of his creative growth. In a world where children frequently feel pressured to adapt to the demand of those around them, playing with blocks enables kids to leave those cares behind for a while and enter into a magical land of their own making. As Robert Louis Stevenson wrote in his classic "A Child's Garden of Verses":

"What are you able to build with your blocks
Castles and palaces, temples and docks?
Rain may keep falling and others go roam,
but I can be happy and building at home.
Let the sofa be mountains, the carpet be sea
There I'll establish a city for me."

Children reproduce a microcosm of their inner and outer worlds when they build with simple wooden blocks. Although firm to the grip, they are flexible to the mind, and provide a solid way for kids to connect with the joyful spirit of play inside their secret selves.

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Gnome, beer customs of Nordic Christmas

By Doug Mellgren
Associated Press writer

OSLO, Norway — When Scandinavians first saw pictures of Santa Claus more than a century ago, it didn't dawn on them that St. Nick might be a big, jolly old fellow.

Most assumed he was tiny, like their own gnome, the *tomte*, who seems to have been around since the Vikings' pagan midwinter celebration. It was called *Jul*, which is now the word for Christmas.

Families often leave a bowl of rice pudding on their doorsteps Christmas Eve. Tradition has it that a tomte deprived of his expected Yuletide treat will punish the household.

Midwinter daylight is so scarce that modern Scandinavians, like the Vikings, look forward to a break in "the dark time," says Olav Boe, a Norwegian folklore expert.

"In essence, a modern Nordic Yule is the same as the Jul celebrated by the Vikings: A family event with food, beer and good companionship," says Boe, a professor emeritus of the University of Oslo.

Nordic countries abound in snow, reindeer and evergreen trees, symbols the world associates with Christmas.

REINDEER HAVE long been a favorite wintertime feast dish among Lapp herders. But as Christmas trappings, the tiny deer, decorated trees, Santa and greeting cards are relative newcomers to Norway, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland.

Some Nordic customs, like gift-giving, stem from the Vikings' Jul and have endured a millennium of Christianity.

The Vikings brewed a strong Jul beer to toast their god Odin. The brew, still called Jul beer, remains popular at Christmas, partly because the Catholic Church — seeking converts 1,000 years ago — encouraged its use in toasting Jesus, Boe says.

Wheat sheaves — called Julenek — left outside for the birds at Christmas may be a leftover from the Viking custom of making Jul offerings to the gods, according to some history texts.

Norway's first German-inspired Christmas tree arrived around 1820. After townspeople carried it through Oslo, then called Christiania, they weren't sure what do with it. So they set it on fire, says Boe.

American-inspired cards and advertisements featuring reindeer have failed to make Christmas celebrities out of most of the 1 million reindeer which roam Lapland, the northernmost part of Scandinavia.

If anything, 'tis the season to be nervous for Rudolph's Nordic kin.

THEY FACE hungry herders or tourists demanding sleigh rides, reindeer skins and antlers.

"Of course, we eat reindeer for Christmas," says Jan Amundsen, a herder in Norway's Lapland.

"It's got to be reindeer. It's the best meat," agrees Juhani Magga, a Lapp herder in northern Finland.

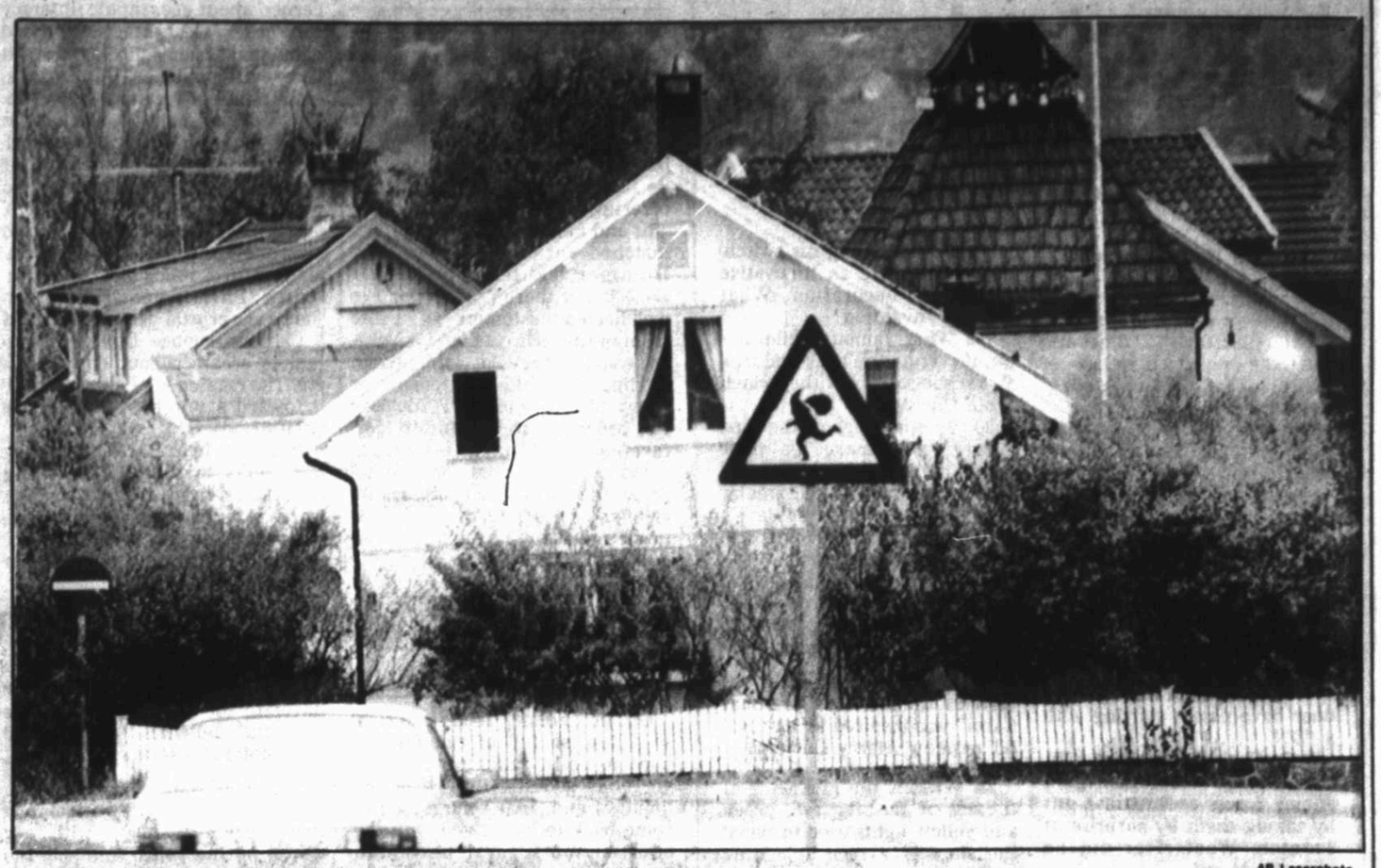
Christmas dinner, served Dec. 24 before families open presents, is based on strong regional traditions, some from Viking times. Outside Lapland, favorites include lamb, ham and fish, including lutefisk — cod turned gelatinous with lye.

Santa Claus figures often share tables with traditional decorations: Candles, wreaths, and the tomte.

"St. Nick is the one you see in the street, but you still see more (decorations) of the old Christmas gnome," Boe says.

The traditional tomte, in rough work clothes, a red hat and demanding Christmas gifts, has little in common with the amiable white-bearded man who hands out presents to children, says Agneta Lilja, a folklore researcher at Sweden's Uppsala University.

THE TOMTE supposedly has an old man's face, a child's body, and watches over the farm.



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A road sign in Drobak, Norway, cautions mortorists to watch for Santa Claus, allegedly busy making the rounds of his "home town." Nordic countries seriously argue about which one is the home of the legendary figure.

When Scandinavians claim to see tomte, it is usually at dawn or dusk. "They say they see him pottering around in the stable, or just moving about in buildings," says Lilja.

Santa came to be accepted as a strange tomte.

But until the early 20th century, most Lapp herders preferred their ancient winter beliefs, often involving witches and supernatural reindeer.

Lapps now embrace Santa. The old fellow attracts around 400,000 tourists a year to Rovaniemi, the capital of Finnish Lapland, where he and his reindeer are on duty year-round.

The growing Santa Claus industry has the Nordic countries squabbling, even at intergovernmental meetings, over which is the real home of St. Nick.

All the countries get letters to Santa, but most — about 500,000 a year — are mailed to Finland.

GREENLAND, A Danish protectorate, opened a permanent Santa's Workshop in Nuuk, the capital.

This year, Drobak, Norway, erected a "Santa Crossing" warning sign on the highway outside town. It shows Santa's plump silhouette, pack over his back, scampering across the road.

The Finns call him Joulupukki, the Christmas Goat, recalling the pre-Christian days when Jul celebrants wore goat horns. The ancient Yule Goat, also called the Julebukk, still appears in other Nordic celebrations.

In Norway, masked children depicting the Julebukk go house to house singing carols and expecting treats. "It is as close as we come to Halloween," says Boe.

Another pagan belief was that Lussi, a demon woman with fiery hair, wandered the earth on the night between Dec. 12 and 13. That was the longest night of the year before the calendar was changed.

Children were especially careful on Lussi night, because evil Lussi would know if they were naughty and might come down the chimney after them. Adults also were afraid, Boe says.

WHEN CHRISTIANITY came to Sweden, Dec. 13 became Lucia Day, a Roman Catholic tribute to St. Lucia, martyred in Sicily in 304 A.D.

Now golden-haired girls wearing crowns of candles parade through offices, schools and streets, singing the Neapolitan song, "Santa Lucia," and Swedes wear glitter in their hair to brighten up the midwinter darkness.

"It is dark and cold and windy. You can hear all kinds of strange sounds, like the trees rustling. It could lead you to believe that supernatural beings were afoot," Boe says.

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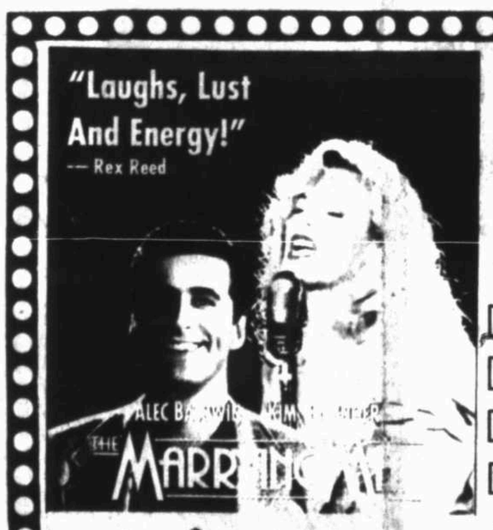

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Quiz tests knowledge of holiday

By Susan E. Goodman
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

So you've seen Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" 50 times and can sing all seven verses of "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen."

But just because you know how to make fruitcake and manage to get your shopping done by the 24th every year doesn't mean you are a Christmas expert. Here's a holiday gift to you, a quiz that will really test your knowledge of the season.

1. What is the most popular main course for America's Christmas dinner?

2. How many of Santa's reindeer have names starting with a "D?"

3. On Christmas night of 1776, Gen. George Washington gave enemy forces a Christmas gift by taking them by surprise at Trenton. What river did he cross to do so?

4. What Christmas character has been portrayed by such noted celebrities as Lionel Barrymore, Alastair Sim, Laurence Olivier, Fredic March, Albert Finney and Mr. Magoo?

5. What are sugarplums?

6. According to the Gospel, what sort of building was Jesus born in?

7. What does the French creche, the Spanish nacimiento, the German krippe and the Italian presepio all have in common?

8. Name two of the three top-selling popular Christmas songs of all time.

9. What Christmas ballet has music composed by Peter Tchaikovsky?

10. Due to Puritan influence, Christmas was outlawed in New England until the middle of which century?

11. Who were Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar?

12. What woman, who was born on Christmas Day in 1818, founded the Red Cross?

13. In the film "Miracle on 34th Street," which New York department store hires Kris Kringle to play Santa Claus?

14. What famous Christmas song doesn't even mention the holiday or anything about its celebration?

15. In Mexico, Christmas color is provided by the red of the plant they call "Flower of the Holy Night." What do we call this plant?

16. What gifts were given on the 11th day, in the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas?"

17. According to Sir Thomas Malory, what legendary character pulled a sword out of a stone to become the King of Britain on Christmas Day?

18. In 1895, New England telephone employee Ralph E. Morris was inspired by his switchboard to create an innovative Christmas decoration. What was his invention?

19. What famous children's author wrote the book and television special, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"?

20. By speeding up the tape recording to make his voice sound high and squeaky, David Seville produced the popular song, "Christmas, Don't Be Late." What animal trio supposedly sang on this recording?

21. Which president set up the first Christmas tree on the White House lawn in the early 1920s?

22. Which character of Charles Dickins' "A Christmas Carol" was inspired by his invalid nephew, Harry Burnett?

23. What is the nickname of the set of flashing red, green and yellow lights used to signal the start of a race at a drag strip?

24. What's the first line of the famous poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," by Clement Clarke Moore?

25. What is the first name of the girl who wrote the following letter in 1897? "Dear Editor — I am 8 years old. some of my little friends say there is not Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Answers

1. Turkey
2. Three (Dasher, Dancer and Donder)
3. The Delaware River
4. Ebenezer Scrooge
5. Round or oval candies made of very rich fruit preserves or cream feelings, often covered with chocolate.
6. It really doesn't say.
7. They are all manger scenes.
8. In order of popularity: "White Christmas," "Rudolph and Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town."
9. "The Nutcracker"
10. The 19th Century
11. The Magi
12. Clara Barton
13. Macy's
14. "Jingle Bells"
15. Poinsettia
16. Eleven pipers piping
17. Arthur
18. Strings of electric lights
19. Dr. Seuss
20. Alvin and the Chipmunks
21. Warren G. Harding
22. Tiny Tim
23. A Christmas tree
24. " 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house."
25. Virginia

Catalogs make shopping easy

Associated Press

Pull up your chair next to the telephone and get ready to polish off your holiday shopping without leaving the house. Here are some highlights from the catalogs:

■ **Neiman Marcus.** This Dallas institution has long been noted for its flair and sense of publicity in offering exotic or unattainable "his and her" gifts. This year's is a matched set of all-terrain LTV Hummer vehicles, each for $50,000, but there's plenty for less well-heeled customers to choose from in the 1991 catalog. Like ebony wood chopsticks, trimmed in sterling and gold electroplate, or finely beaded sneakers. You also can order an architecturally correct lemonade stand, a safari, a personal totem pole, or a lithograph of a painting by Ruby the elephant, to benefit the Conservation Fund at the Phoenix Zoo. Call 1 (800) 825-8000.

■ **Rand McNally.** Parents concerned about geographic illiteracy can order Geagrafacts, a board game that teaches the basics about interesting places, landmarks, countries and natural wonders. The holiday catalog also shows world globes in transparent acrylic or fabric, or used as designs for jewelry, umbrellas, T-shirts and paperweights. Call 1 (800) 234-0679.

■ **J.C. Penney** is into world awareness, too, and its holiday catalog features items like the Smithsonian Environmental Test Kit. There are crystal growing sets and a Capsela Science Discovery System to create robots, cars, boats, etc. The catalog is $4, used as credit toward a purchase. Call 1 (800) 222-6161.

■ **The CARE Package** catalog has items made in developing countries where the organization works. Among them are terra cotta bowls from the Peruvian highlands, hand-carved angels from Honduras, moisturizing soap from South American rainforests, and silver jewelry from Thailand. Many of the items in the catalog (the organization's first) are handmade. For a copy, call (212) 686-3110.

■ Yankee ingenuity and crafts are featured in the **Best of Vermont** catalog. These include Shaker furniture reproductions, Veronese vases from the Tunbridge Glassworks, handmade quilts, sweaters, toys, Vermont cheeses and syrups, canoes, ski holidays, and even riding horses from the Danville Morgan Horse Farm. The catalog is $5.95, with part donated to the Vermont Natural Resources Council. Call 1 (800) 388-3766.

■ **Lillian Vernon's** catalog is full of things you didn't know you needed until you see them — like sturdy plastic bags with holiday designs to wrap bulky things like trikes, sleds, dollhouses, etc., or a vinyl private skating rink to freeze up in the back yard. Call (914) 633-6300.

■ **The Real Goods Trading Corporation** aims its products at environmentally aware consumers, and the holiday catalog offers gifts like a recyclers kit, a solar starter package, and an Earth Monkey, a plush toy that turns inside out to change from a monkey to an earth globe. Call 1 (800) 762-7325.

Money Magazine recommends ordering from catalogs of museum shops. The November issue says that many of these stores offer exceptional value for money because museum curators work closely with artisans to ensure quality. The catalogs may offer higher-end goods than the shops themselves. The best catalogs with the most extensive offerings, the magazine says, come from the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Smithsonian, and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Holiday feasting doesn't have to add pounds

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Oh, that holiday food — so rich, so filling, so full of calories. It's hard to resist sampling all those gorgeous goodies. But when the holidays end, that splurging may come back to haunt you with the addition of several unwanted pounds.

There is hope, however, for all who splurge during the holidays. Karen Bird, a registered dietitian at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., has some tips to navigate the flood waters of the rich and delicious for you and your holiday guests.

■ If you want your cake and want to eat it too, try angel-food cake, which is made with egg whites but no yolks. And skip the icing. Decorate the cake with fruit. Harvest breads that include zucchini, carrots, pumpkin, nuts and fruits are another good bet.

■ Choose the traditional turkey over other meats as the centerpiece for holiday meals; remove the skin before you eat it.

■ When sauteing meats, substitute a seasoned stock for butter; use low-fat margarine instead of butter.

■ Serve water- or juice-packed fruits instead of fruits in heavy syrup.

■ Substitute skim milk for whole milk in recipes.

■ Avoid organ meats such as liver or brains; they're high in calories and loaded with cholesterol.

■ Select part-skim mozzarella or ricotta cheese instead of other, richer cheeses. Low-fat cottage cheese is another good choice.

■ Forget the rich sauces; use herbs and low-calorie seasonings and dressings instead.

Bird cautions to always be on the lookout for the "terrible Cs": candy, cheesecake, cookies, cupcakes, cream pies and custard. Try instead nonfat frozen yogurt, fruit sorbet, ice milk, and bran muffins.

Salmonella hazard with turkey

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

To make sure your turkey wins the hearts and stomachs of all who eat it, be sure to prepare your holiday bird using healthy techniques.

Salmonella is a real hazard in poultry, including turkey. The bacteria thrives between temperatures of 40 and 140 degrees; holiday meals eaten buffet-style are very susceptible.

But the experts at the Regional Poison Control Center at the University of Wisconsin in Madison say not to worry. The rules for properly preparing turkey are simple.

■ Don't stuff the bird the night before you cook it. The interior cavity can be a prime breeding ground for harmful activity. The more often you have the turkey out of the refrigerator during preparation, the more likely salmonella will spread.

■ Once the bird is cooked and served, make sure it is promptly — no longer than an hour — refrigerated after it has cooled.

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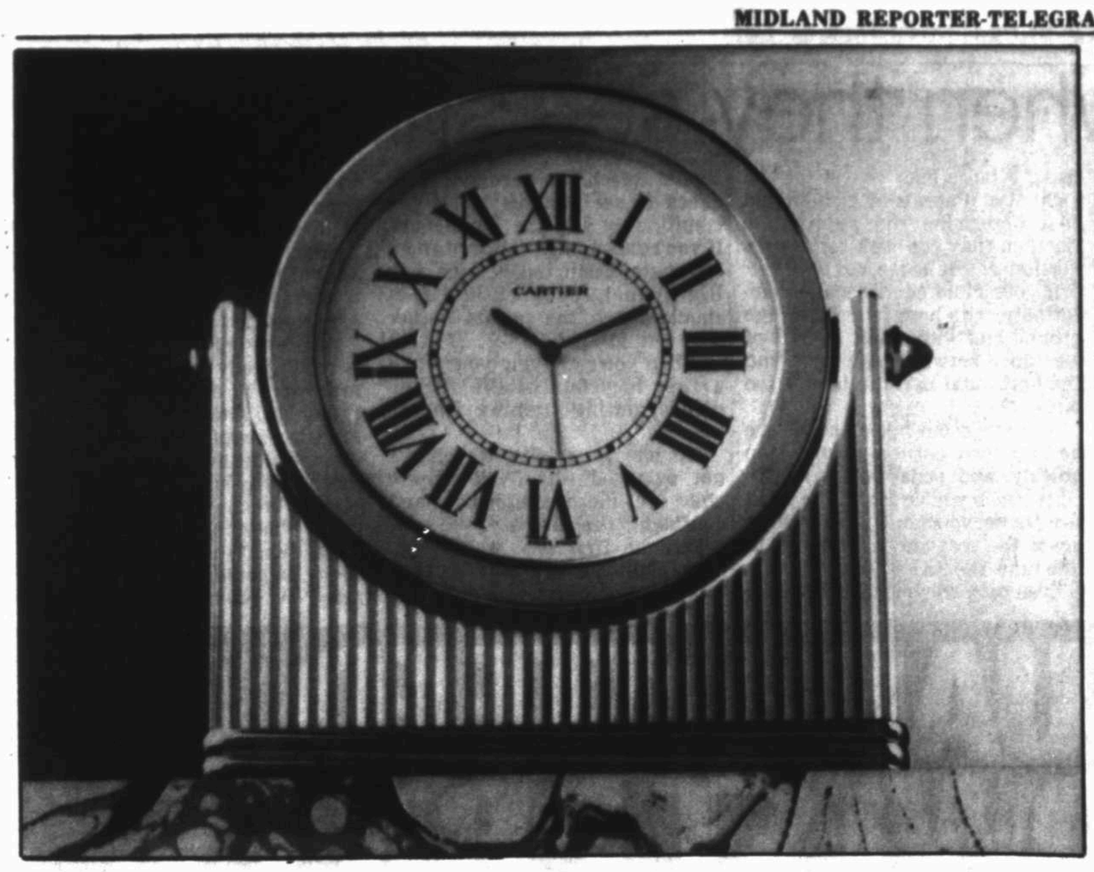

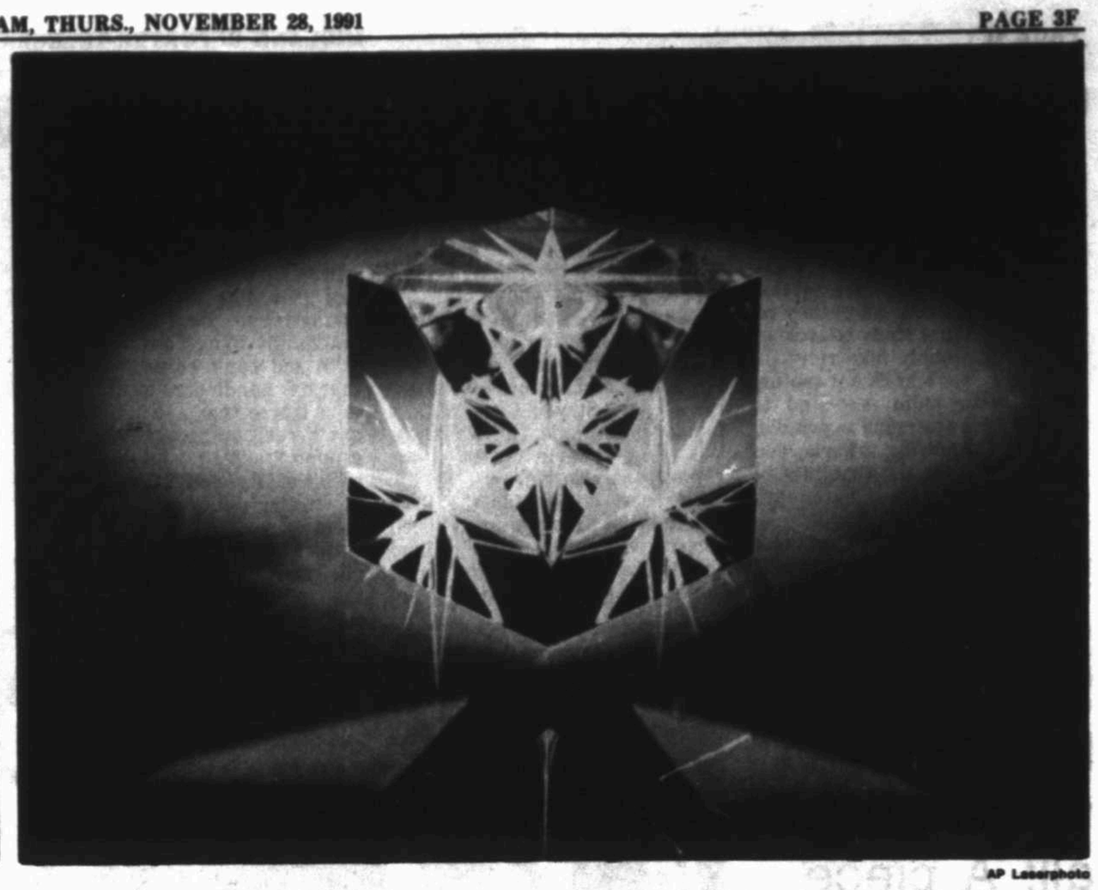

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A sleek classic desk clock from Cartier, left, has a swivel base and is studded with sapphire cabochons. The Moravian Star, symbol of hospitality among Czech-Americans, right, is interpreted in brilliant-cut crystal by Robert Cassetti for Steuben.

There's a gift for everyone on your Christmas list

Associated Press

The dilemma of what to get Uncle Charlie or your mother or your best friend can be solved by looking at the thousands of items merchants are hoping you'll buy. But if you haven't time, or your imagination is at low ebb, consider some of these:

■ A classic Art Deco personal desk clock from the Cartier Vendome gift collection, set on swivel base with sapphire cabochons. Available at Cartier boutiques.

■ The Moravian Star, a brilliant crystal cube interpretation of the Czech-American hospitality symbol, designed by Robert Cassetti for Steuben.

■ A talking, digital Mickey Mouse Talking Time Wristwatch from Sounds Fun, Inc. Through voice simulation and micro-motor technology, a sculpted Mickey moves his mouth to announce the time when his hands are pressed. The watch can be used as an alarm clock.

■ An electronic crossword puzzle solver with over 250,000 words and phrases from Merriam-Webster's Crossword Puzzle Dictionary, from Franklin. The puzzle addict can type in the letters already done and a question mark for the missing ones, and the gadget will come up with the answer. It weighs less than 2 ounces.

■ A cosmetics organizer box that looks a bit like a tackle or tool box, from Sassaby. It's deep enough to hold hairdryers and is fitted with swivel and lift-out trays and a mirror. Boxes come in several sizes and in metallic colors.

■ A guitar from Washburn, ranging from an easy-play beginner's model to the classical instrument.

■ Stuffits, cedar-filled shoe liners to sweeten up your sneakers. At J.C. Penney.

■ Crayola color classics for adults, in a special collector's tin. These include the colors that Binney & Smith "retired" last year. The company says protests from adults led them to make a limited edition of the old colors — raw umber, maize, orange-yellow, green-blue, orange-red, violet-blue, lemon-yellow and blue-gray.

■ The trusty Swiss Army Knife, interpreted in sterling silver. Two versions — smooth or crosshatch finish — have four implements and five functions in a 2¼-inch body. These include a small blade, nail file with screwdriver tip, scissors, and key ring.

■ Continuous autofocusing binoculars to keep track of moving objects, from Minolta. These work even in very low light and are especially useful for nature study and outdoor sports.

■ The 50th Anniversary Citizen Kane Limited Collector's Edition from Turner Home Entertainment includes a video of a recently remastered print of Orson Welles' famous 1941 movie, along with a second video containing a documentary about the film and a print of the movie's original trailer. The set also includes a book, "Citizen Kane: The Fiftieth Anniversary Album," by Harlan Lebo; publicity stills and releases; a copy of an original manuscript, a theater-size anniversary poster, and a color print of the film's original poster. The recipient of this gift furnishes his own popcorn. Available through Feb. 28.

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Pumpkin can be used for treats besides pie

Associated Press

The pumpkin doesn't always have to go into a pie. Here are recipes from Libby's for two no-cook quick pumpkin treats:

Holiday Almond Treats

2½ cups crushed vanilla wafers
1¾ cups toasted ground almonds, divided
½ cup sifted powdered sugar
½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup pumpkin pie mix
⅓ cup almond liqueur or apple juice

In medium bowl, blend vanilla wafer crumbs, 1 cup ground almonds, powdered sugar, and cinnamon. Stir in pumpkin pie mix and almond liqueur. Form into 1-inch balls. Roll in remaining ¾ cup ground almonds. Refrigerate. Makes 4 dozen.

Chocolate Pumpkin Truffles

2½ cup crush vanilla wafers
1 cup toasted ground almonds
¾ cup sifted powdered sugar, divided
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 cup (6 ounces) chocolate pieces, melted
½ cup solid pack pumpkin
⅓ cup coffee liqueur or apple juice

In medium bowl, combine vanilla wafer crumbs, ground almonds, ½ cup powdered sugar, and cinnamon. Blend in melted chocolate, pumpkin, and coffee liqueur. Form into 1-inch balls. Refrigerate. Dust with remaining ¼ cup powdered sugar just before serving. Makes 4 dozen.

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Children's faces light up when they see shiny bikes

By Susan Mernit
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Learning to ride a bike is one of childhood's most exhilarating memories. Who doesn't recall that Christmas morning when they received their first shiny tricycle or that initial wobbly bike ride?

As long as a bike is not too unwieldy, your child is bound to thrill to riding as much as you did. Using the following criteria, you can ensure that his first bike is easy to control, safe and appropriate for his age.

There are miniature bicycles that will fit children as young as 3, yet few experts recommend them.

Generally speaking, children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years can handle low-slung plastic tricycles: children between 2 and 5 can manage regular trikes, and kids between 4 and 7 may be ready to ride two-wheeled bikes for the first time.

When it comes to picking a two-wheeler, you'll need to determine how coordinated your child is.

"Some 4-year-olds are large enough to ride but too uncoordinated, and they are not able to remember much about bike safety rules," says Steven Giles, M.D., a family practitioner in Waukesha Wis., and an avid cyclist whose young sons also ride.

The best choice for the first-time biker is a simple, single-speed bicycle with pedal brakes. Hand brakes are too difficult for young riders to squeeze, and speed gears can be too complicated.

Rule number one: Buy a bike that fits your child now. It may be tempting to choose a model that's a little too large, so that your child can grow into it. But allowing a youngster to ride a too-big bike is potentially dangerous.

"A kid can't control a bicycle that has handlebars too far apart, or a frame that's so tall his feet can't rest comfortably on the ground," explains John Williams, editor of Bicycle Forum, a cyclists' newsletter published in Missoula, Mont.

Bike dealer Larry Loiselle, chairman of the National Bicycle Dealer's Association, recommends using a boy's bike to test for the right size. (Parents of girls should first determine the appropriate fit, then they can look for a girl's version of the same size.)

If your child cannot stand comfortably, with both feet flat on the ground and with about an inch of clearance between his crotch and the horizontal bar, the bike is too big.

As he tries out bikes, make sure he can turn corners easily, stop quickly, and pedal without difficulty. Once you've found the right size frame, you can always raise or lower the seat and handlebars to fine-tune the fit.

Even on a tricycle, a child's feet should reach the ground. Also check to see that his hands can comfortably grip the handlebars. If you're shopping for one of those low-slung plastic trikes, such as a Big Wheel, your child's feet should reach the pedals, rather than the ground.

When you're buying your child a first bicycle, Loiselle recommends getting training wheels, too.

"As long as training wheels are not overused, they will help a child feel more comfortable and confident," he says.

For the first few weeks that your child has the bicycle, take him out to a flat surface and help him ride. Gradually raise the training wheels as he develops skill at balancing. Provided he practices frequently enough, you should be able to remove the training wheels in a month or so, says Loiselle.

But even before your youngster is really ready to roll on his own, make sure he always wears a safety helmet. Although costly, a helmet can significantly reduce his chances of head injuries, and that's worth just about any price.

For a brochure on bicycle safety called "Safe Kids Are No Accident," send $1 to the National Safe Kids Campaign, 111 Michigan Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20010.

For the man who has it all: A piece of the U.S.

Associated Press

You might give a tree or a piece of the country this year.

What about a tulip poplar grown from the seeds of a tree that shaded George Washington's home at Mount Vernon? Or an Edgar Allan Poe hackberry, or a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. laurel oak?

For $30, you can give or acquire a seedling and support a tree-planting and educational program, Famous and Historic Trees, sponsored by the American Forestry Association. The program already has a "tree bank" of over 1,500 trees from all over the country, each with some historical background.

"Trees are the answer to so many of our environmental problems. We ought to plant every square inch of vacant urban property with trees," says Jeff Meyer, director of the program. "I'm not talking about how pretty it would look — pretty is a side benefit. I'm talking about the health of people who are breathing the air."

Or you could own part of the country — an inch at a time — for $10, in a program called Deed to the United States. A quarter of the proceeds will go to support the Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Commission.

Owners can't build, live on or enclose their inches, but they can visit, and they're not liable for taxes or maintenance. The sale by the American Acres Marketing Corporation has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Law.

Each deed is individually numbered and registered in the owner's name and comes with a booklet describing the location and facts about the states. Deeds also can be ordered with embossed names in a presentation folder ($29.95) or mounted on a walnut-finish plaque ($49.95).

Famous and Historic Trees, The American Forestry Association, 1 (800) 677-0727.
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Real Christmas trees often harbor pests

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — You might get a little more than holiday cheer when you bring a real tree into your house for Christmas. Aphids, for example.

"Many Christmas tree insect pests are rather quiescent outdoors, but when the trees are brought into a warm home environment, they become more active and bothersome," says Tim Paine, entomologist at the University of California, Riverside.

Paine advises shaking the tree and hosing it off before bringing it indoors. Many choose-and-cut lots selling trees have mechanical shakers to remove insects, dead needles and dust. But if the lot you choose doesn't, or if you've cut the tree yourself, knock the end of the tree on the ground a couple of times, he says. Then wash it off before taking it inside.

Locally cut trees kept in water will stay fresh and fire-safe from Thanksgiving into January, adds Charles Jancic, owner of Pinery Tree Farms in Escondido, Calif. Jancic is a member of the California Christmas Tree Growers Association, which cooperated with Paine in his research on Christmas tree pests.

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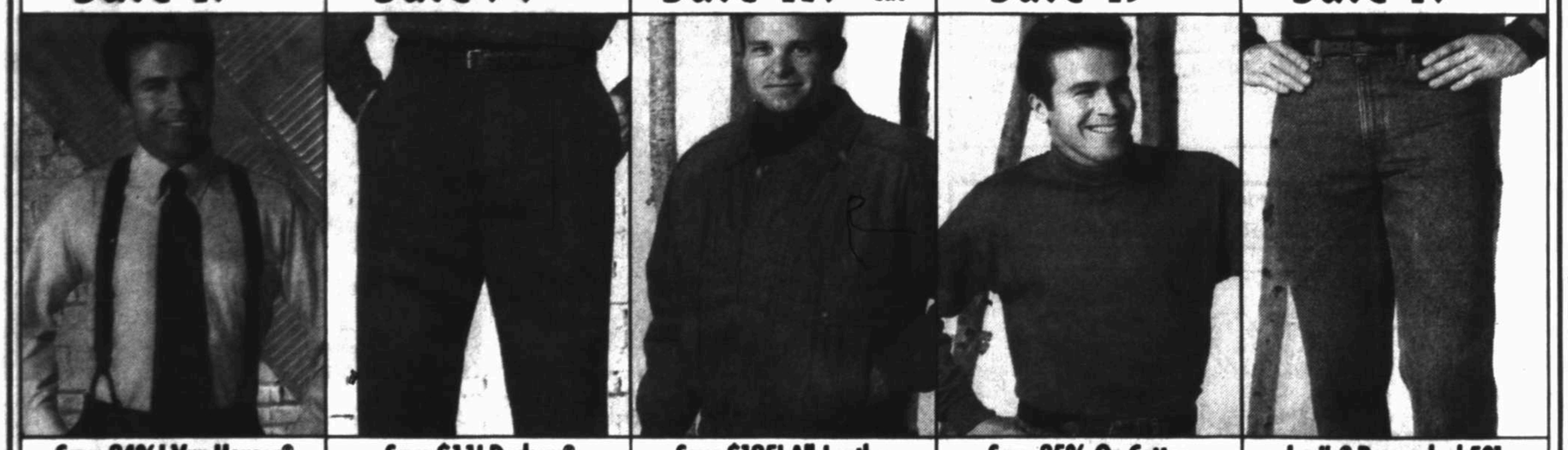

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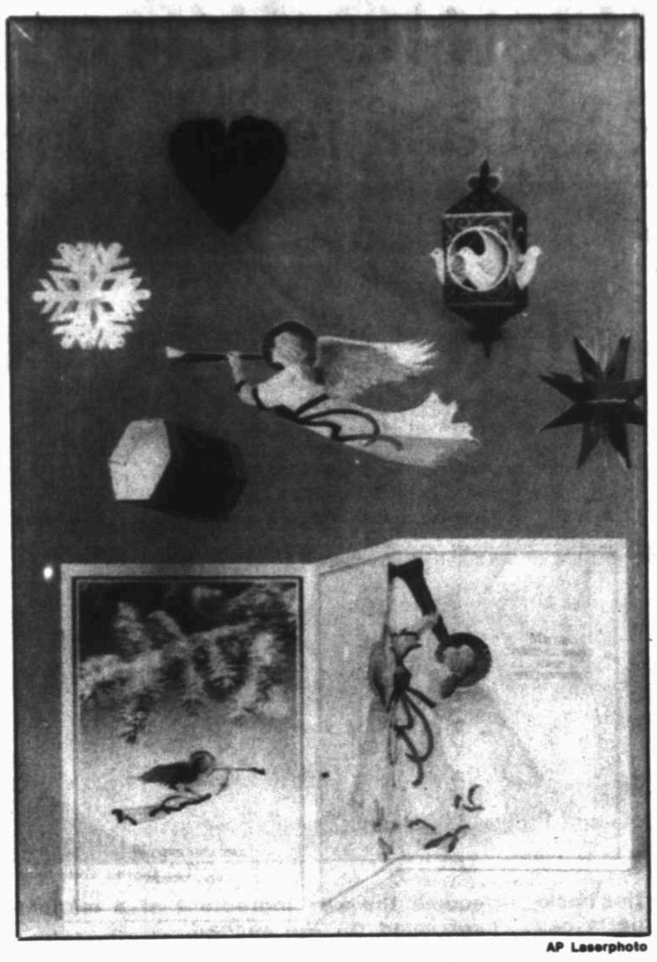

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A Christmas card printed with a die-cut ornament makes it a gift as well as a greeting.

Cards can be customized

Associated Press

If you don't want to send holiday messages off the shelf, you could make your own. Or take advantage of services that will make greeting cards memorable or personal.

A computer might help. One-of-a-kind custom cards can be dreamed up and produced through CreataCard from Custom Expressions, which has set up operations in a number of stores around the country. The sender can write his or her own message and draw on a computer bank for high quality artwork and printing for the final presentation.

Or how about a card that's also a beautiful ornament? Cards designed by Michael Patterson of Neenah, Wis., whose Unforgettable Christmas Card Series incorporate die-cut traditional ornaments — drummer boy's drum, renaissance angel, Victorian angel, Christmas star, crystal snowflake, and a heart — that can be assembled and hung on a tree by the recipient. The giver makes a record so a different ornament can be sent the next year.

For ordering information:
CreataCard, (818) 972-1400
Michael Patterson, Unforgettable Christmas Cards, (414) 722-2161.

Berries good to look at, not to eat

OXFORD, Ohio (AP) — They're pretty to look at, but don't eat the berries from holiday mistletoe and holly decorations.

Whitish mistletoe berries have toxic substances that can produce gastric distress and drastically reduce blood pressure to the point of cardiovascular collapse, according to Dr. Will H. Blackwell, a botanist at Miami University.

And while holly leaves and berries are not seriously toxic, he says, berries of some species may contain irritants that cause digestive problems, including diarrhea, if consumed in quantity.

Blackwell, author of "Poisonous and Medicinal Plants" (Prentice Hall), says mistletoe should be considered potentially dangerous, especially if children are around.

According to plant historians, the tradition of kissing under a sprig of mistletoe probably comes from the old Scandinavian legend about Balder, the god of peace, who was killed by a mistletoe-poisoned arrow. Other gods and goddesses brought him back to life and decreed that everyone who passed under a sprig of mistletoe should receive a kiss to symbolize love, not hate.

The use of holly at Christmas probably grew out of the Roman Saturnalia, a winter festival, Blackwell says. The Romans sent boughs of evergreens and other gifts to friends.

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A Christmas tree and wreath, top, are decorated with a whole den of teddy bears. Father Christmas, above, can be made with a patchwork cloak, as shown here, or festive fabrics such as velvet or brocade. The soft-stuffed doll is from McCall's pattern 5580.

Some of the most special gifts are made by the giver

Associated Press

For some of people, making their own gifts and decorations is the most satisfying part of celebrating the holidays.

Even things made from standard patterns and instructions take on unique characteristics with your choice of materials and details.

"There's just something inherently special about an item made by one's own hands," says Pamela Hastings, director of consumer education for Singer Sewing Company.

Some possible projects:

■ There's a Father Christmas figure pattern you could sew using scraps taken from old clothing or other sources. This McCall's pattern (5580) includes the 21-inch figure and four variations of hooded coats and gowns. Patchwork, velvet, tapestry, or brocade with faux fur trim are some of the different ways to interpret the pattern, which includes a gift sack to fill with miniature candies and toys.

■ McCall's also has a quick decorating package (5512) that includes a stuffed Santa star, three-dimensional tree, and a country heart wreath. Another pattern (5511) includes country Christmas decorations and mob-cap dolls done up in calico patchwork; ornaments include a cinnamon stick holder, fabric ball, heart applique square and miniature stocking on a hanger.

■ Or, Singer suggests you could deliver a gift in a personalized gift bag made of fabric with holiday greetings stitched in machine block letters or decorative stitches. This can be reused as a tote or lingerie bag later, depending on size.

Instructions: Cut a rectangle or square of fabric to desired size. Stitch on the greeting first, when the piece is flat and easy to work with. Then fold in half lengthwise, right sides together, and serge or stitch two open sides. Turn bag right-side out, then fold raw edge ½ inch around opening and press. Turn under another 2 inches, press and stitch along lower edge, leav-

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Drinkware delicious gift idea

Associated Press

Festive coordinated trays and drinkware in the modern Scandinavian style, designed by Katja of Sweden for Stotter, are reusable acrylic special occasion pieces. Designs include abstracts inspired by the Northern Lights — Arctic Lights, Constellation, Galaxy and Borealis — or whimsical Christmas designs — Dance of the Trees, Reindeers Day Off, and the Little Tree That Could.

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For more formal entertaining, Waterford Crystal has introduced a new, less expensive line of handmade crystal called Marquis. The patterns are streamlined neoclassics in basic shapes with design variations. The Palladia shape comes in Allaire, Arcadia, and Claria cuts, for example. Calais shape is cut in Provence, Laurent, and Merano designs, and the Saxony shape is cut in Chelsea, Avalon and Hanover. This crystal is made throughout Europe under the supervision of the Irish company.

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For appliances to conjure up those holiday treats, look at these from Black & Decker: The Sweet Hearts Wafflebaker that cooks up four heart-shaped waffles; the compact HandyMixer Cordless Beater that can mix a drink at the table; the Thermal Carafe Coffeemaker with timer that can brew on schedule and keep coffee warm for hours; and the Handy Pop'n Serve, a hot-air popper that makes and keeps popcorn in its own serving bowl.

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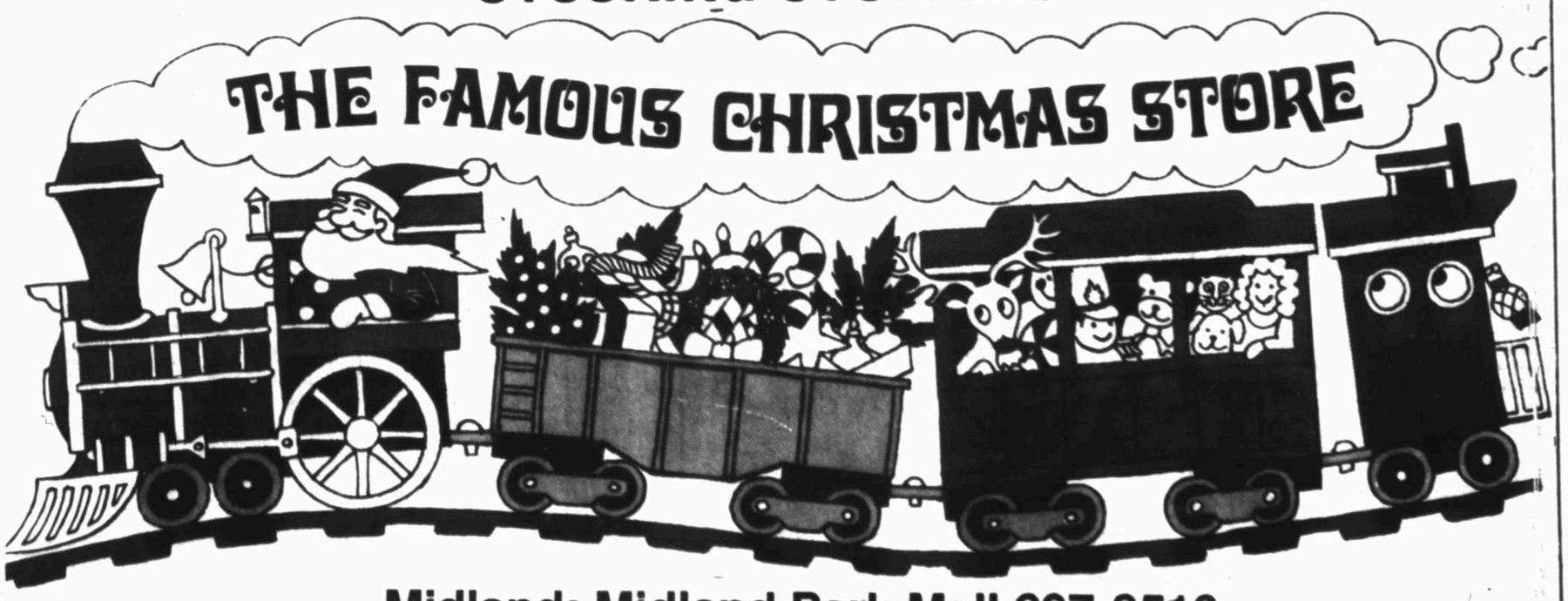

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Give two parties for double the fun

Menus and decorations can be linked with back-to-back fetes

By Susan E. Goodman
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

The holidays cry out, "Give a party." And, you also want to honor your promise to reciprocate this year's invitations before it's time to make a whole new set for New Year's 1992.

Before the length of your guest list forces you to give up the idea, consider two parties back-to-back on a weekend. Despite the need to empty all those ashtrays on two separate occasions, there are many advantages to this entertaining plan.

Having two parties makes each one more manageable. Each will have a reduced head count so you might actually have enough glasses and manage to get out of the kitchen long enough to enjoy yourself. With two gatherings, you can also mix and match guest lists to avoid those inevitable clashes that occur when you try to combine friends, family and colleagues.

Having these two parties may not be as easy as just having one, but they certainly will require less preparation than two separate get-togethers. Just think — only one major housecleaning and one major shopping expedition.

You can even use the same flowers twice, especially if you buy long-lasting blooms like lilies or potted plants such as mums or Persian violets.

IF THESE reasons don't convince you, look at it this way — you will be in a pre-party frazzle anyway. Why not confine the madness to one weekend and enjoy the rest of the holiday season by going to someone else's house?

Even the menus can be linked in ways to save you time and labor.

If you boil chicken to make curry for one party, for example, you can reduce the broth and use it as a soup base for the second one. Or, make an enormous pot of that boiled chicken and prepare curry for one night and chicken enchiladas the next.

Instead of roasting enough lamb for one dinner, make enough to slice into the second party's entree: a cold salad with baked eggplant cubes, pine nuts, black olives and a garlicky dressing.

Vegetables pull double duty just as easily. Steam a mountain of artichokes and begin your first meal with hot artichokes and lemon butter. Your next party can feature cold artichokes simply served with an herb mayonnaise or with their chokes removed then stuffed with seafood.

Carrots can be steamed al dente in advance, then reheated with butter and orange juice as a side dish one time and marinated as a salad another.

BROCCOLI OR cauliflower can be steamed en masse and used as a simple side dish and incorporated into a delicious puree. Or, you can bake potatoes, combining the pulp with cheese and sour cream to make rich mashed potatoes to accompany an entree. Then you can fry the skins as a appetizer.

Save a little time and trouble on your desserts as well. Make two pound cakes instead of one. If you are worried that the second might get stale, transform it into a trifle for the latter party. Or, turn the stale french bread from Party I into a bread-and-butter pudding for Party II.

Take advantage of case prices by serving the same type of wine at both functions. A dinner's white wine combined with cassis creates a kir, the perfect brunch accompaniment; champagne can be mixed with orange juice to make mimosas.

We suggest the following ideas for any easy, but elegant, Friday night dinner:

Roast beef
Baked potatoes
Red peppers provencal (recipe below)
Watercress and Belgian endive Salad
Pears with raspberry sauce (recipe below)
Burgundy

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Then, for a Sunday morning brunch:

Marinated beef salad (recipe below)
Red pepper quiche
Sliced navel oranges
French bread
Poires Helene
Vin chaud (recipe below)

In these menus, the roasted beef becomes a salad. Friday night's red pepper side dish tumbles into a precooked tart shell to complete the quiche on Sunday.

The pears, which can be poached in a sugar syrup a few days before both occasions, appear bathed in raspberry sauce one night and with vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce as Poires Helene for brunch.

Pepper Provencal

½ cup fine olive oil
4 tablespoons butter
6 cups yellow onions, sliced thinly
3 sweet red peppers, sliced into thin strips
3 yellow peppers, sliced into thin strips
½ teaspoon dried thyme
½ teaspoon dried tarragon
Salt and pepper
6 cloves garlic, minced
1 cup fresh basil, finely shredded
½ cup parsley, chopped

Heat the oil and butter together. Add the onion, peppers, thyme, tarragon and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer on low heat, stirring frequently for about 45 minutes, until the vegetables are tender and lightly browned, with a texture resembling a compote.

Add the garlic, basil and parsley; cook for 5 minutes. Makes about 6 cups.

Serve warm or at room temperature as a side dish. Pile into a tart shell for the quiche and garnish with nicoise olives (small dark brown to black French olives from Provence).

Marinated Beef Salad

4 large boiling potatoes
1 cup scallions, finely sliced
2 cups celery, coarsely chopped with its leaves
4 cups roast beef, cut in thick julienne strips
1 cup cherry tomatoes
¼ cup capers
⅓ cup parsley, chopped
Bib or romaine lettuce

Dressing

6 hard-boiled eggs
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 cup olive oil
2 cloves garlic, pressed
⅓ cup tarragon white wine vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste

Peel the potatoes and use a melon baller to scoop them into small balls. Cook them in gently boiling salted water until just tender but not mushy. Drain and cool.

Prepare dressing by shelling the eggs and reserving the whites. Mesh the yolks and mustard together thoroughly with a fork. Stir in the remaining dressing ingredients and beat well.

Place the salad ingredients in a large bowl. Add dressing and toss. Arrange salad on lettuce leaves and garnish with the reserved egg whites that you have chopped.

If necessary, cover and refrigerate to store, but bring to room temperature before serving.

Serves 6.

Pears with Raspberry Sauce

Poached Pears for 6:
4½ cups water
1½ cup sugar
3-inch piece of vanilla bean

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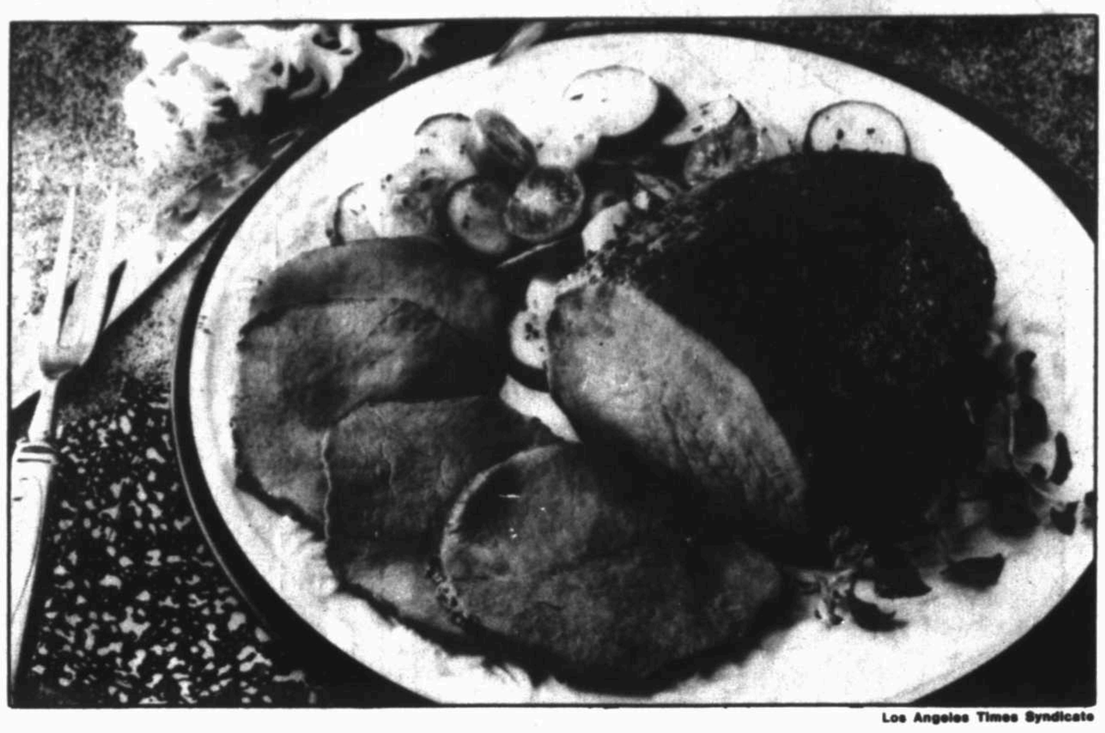

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If you decide to give two holiday parties back-to-back, roast beef from the first party can become the key ingredient of a marinated beef salad for the second.

GIFTS: Some of the best presents homemade

(From 5F)

ing an opening for a drawstring of satin or velvet ribbon.

■ If you're not a sewer, try glue. A suggestion from Loctite, which makes Creatively Yours craft glues, is to decorate a whole tree with teddy bears and ribbon, or make a wreath with bears, ribbons, and ornaments.

Instructions: For the wreath, use a 14-inch pine wreath. Make a four-inch gold bow (four yards) and wire to bottom of wreath. Wire two 8-inch bears to either side of the wreath (assymetrically balanced), then loop three yards each of silver and gold ribbons (1 and 1½ inches wide) around and through the pine, pinching and gluing every six to eight inches. Wind six yards of star garland around the other elements, wiring into place. Finish by gluing on six 2-inch holiday boxes, 12 1-inch gold Christmas balls, six 4-inch snowflakes, and six 4-inch poinsettia picks.

■ Fragrant garlands or wreaths of braided fabric and potpourri are suggested by Gail Duff in her book, "The Scented Christmas" (Rodale Press).

Instructions: Cut three 18-inch by 3½-inch strips in colorfully coordinated fabrics, closing each with a ¼-inch seam along the long edges. Center this seam on the resulting tube, and seam across one short end. Turn to right side of fabric. Fill each tube with 2 tablespoons of "Christmas spicery" and close the other end by hand. Pin the three strips together at the top, braid them loosely so they will lie flat, then machine-stitch across both ends. If the garland is to be used straight, tie a ¼-inch ribbon to each end (a yard will be enough for both ends). If you want to make the braid into a wreath, lay the garland flat in a circle and sew the ends together, covering the join with a floppy bow made from about a yard of ½-inch ribbon.

Her recipe for Christmas spicery: 3 ounces lavender, 3 ounces crushed cloves, 1 ounce crushed juniper berries, 1 ounce finely crumbled bay leaves, 1 ounce gum benzoin powder, 2 ounces orris root powder, 6 drops lavender oil, 4 drops clove oil, and 4 drops lemon verbena oil.

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Karin Pajor Snow kisses Prince Bandar Bin Sultan, Saudi ambassador to the United States, as her new husband, Robert Snow, a veteran of the Gulf War, looks on. The prince gave the couple $100,000 as a wedding gift to thank Snow for his part in defending Saudi Arabia.

Saudi ambassdor gives $100,000 wedding gift

By Denise Lavoie
Associated Press writer

FARMINGTON, Conn. — The Saudi ambassador to the United States added a fairy tale touch to a Persian Gulf War veteran's wedding day by presenting the newlyweds with a $100,000 check.

"I never expected it. We were completely floored," said Robert Snow, who received the check from Prince Bandar bin Sultan before his wedding reception.

Snow, a staff sergeant in the Connecticut National Guard, suffered serious injuries in an explosion while serving in the Gulf War in March. As he lay wounded in a Washington, D.C., hospital bed, he shared his dreams for the future with Bandar, who was hospitalized with a bad back.

Little did he know Bandar was to make his dreams come true. The prince called the gift "a small gesture" to repay Snow and all American soldiers for defending Saudi Arabia.

"We cannot thank you enough for what you have done for my country," Bandar said.

Snow, whose left arm was shattered in the explosion, lost 5 inches of bone and had to have 22 operations to reconstruct bones and get skin and bone grafts.

Bandar, who served 17 years in the Saudi Air Force, said he felt an instant bond with Snow and his fiancee when he visited with them in the hospital.

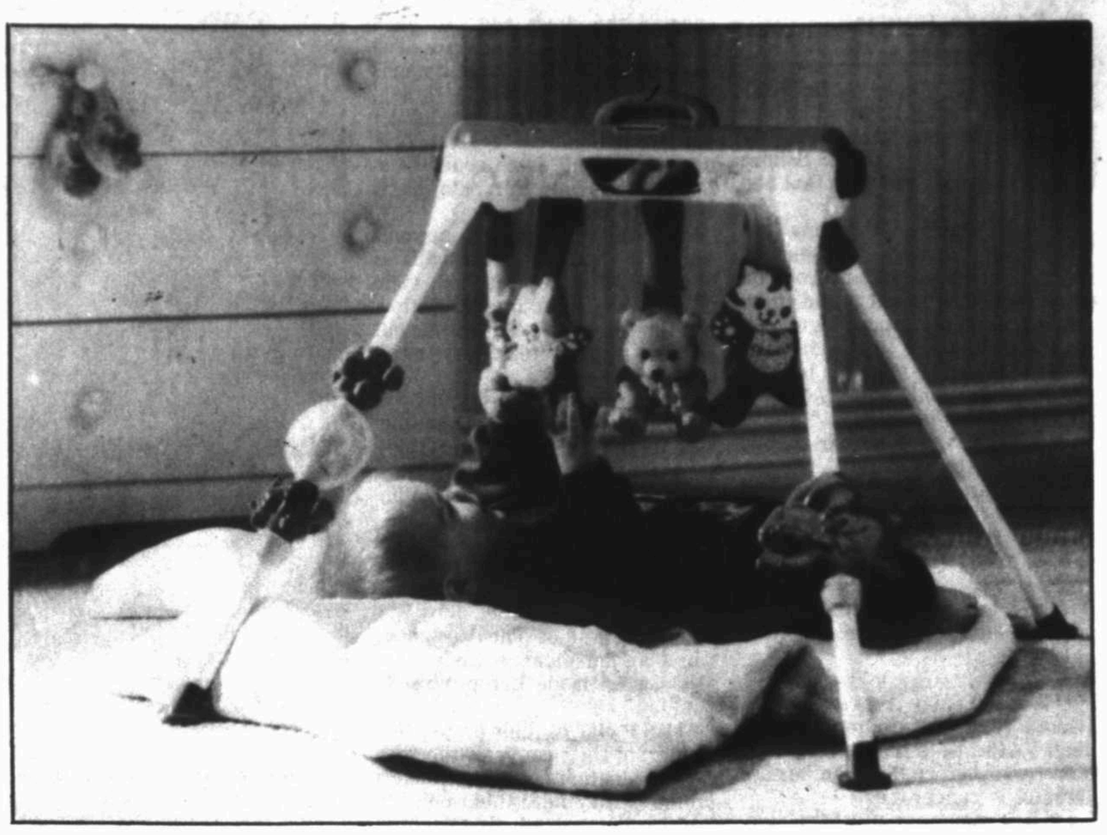
Since then, the couple has written to the prince once a month to update him on Snow's condition. They sent him an invitation to their wedding, but never thought he'd attend, said Snow's bride, Karin.

The prince, who said he was touched by the invitation, decided to cancel meetings on Capitol Hill to attend the couple's wedding reception in Farmington.

"I said anyone who thinks I was going to Washington instead of going to the wedding of someone who was wounded while defending my country, then you don't know me very well," Bandar told reporters.

Present child with new room

By Ruth B. Roufberg
Los Angeles Times Syndicate



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The Busy Floor Gym for newborns folds away for easy storage.

A different kind of Christmas gift might be refurnishing your child's room. If you've already decided to furnish it with a Barbie-style vanity table or Ninja Turtle chairs, you won't be interested in the rest of this article.

But if you want to create an environment that is mentally stimulating, as well as visually attractive, read on.

Start with the floor, which can be covered with your choice of learn-and-play rugs. The red and blue Discovery Carpet is imprinted with a landscape for playing with blocks and vehicles, plus an outer border of letters and pictures used for games. Activity guide suggests games for learning shapes, colors, numbers and language skills. Nine feet in diameter, the rug is fire and soil-resistant nylon with a non-skid rubber backing. For ages 2 to 9. It's $295 plus shipping. From Toys to Grow On, (800) 542-8338.

If you need a smaller rug, Floors That Teach Rug offers a choice of sizes. Designed to teach the alphabet, numbers and geometric shapes, it is made of anti-static, soil-resistant Antron III nylon with a jute backing that passes fire and smoke regulations. It can be ordered either in the full 9-by-12 foot size for $249.95, or in custom cuts at $25.95 a square yard, from ABC School Supply, (800) 669-4222.

Even smaller is U.S.A. Map Carpet Game, a 36-inch by 53-inch carpet map of the United States. As children move their cars along interstate highways, 440 cards help them learn about geography, land and water features, time zones and more. For 2 to 4 players, ages 7 to 12. It's $59, from Toys to Grow On, (800) 542-8338.

World Map Carpet Game, from the same source, is similar, but with 200 game cards for 1 to 4 players. It's $56.

What to put on the floor? How about ABC Table and Chairs? It looks like a huge building block with big letters on four sides. Pull out the A and B; they are chairs. C and D form the side supports of the table. Flexible Flyer, about $60 in major toy stores and catalogs.

On the Wall

ABC Wallhangings are felt banners with a pocket for each letter, and inside each pocket a soft stuffed item that begins with the same letter: A for apple, B for ball, C for cat, and so on.

Children not only learn to associate each little toy with its initial sound, but also enjoy making up stories about random groups of objects. The banner measures 17 inches by 22 inches. For ages 3 to 7. Packets of Learning, about $40 in children's stores and specialty toy stores.

Posters offer the widest scope for creative decorating at a cost so low that you can provide an ever-changing panorama on a variety of subjects.

Art reproduction posters are available in most museum gift shops and in many bookstores. Or consider a do-it-yourself wall panel like the one made by a mother who, after every museum visit with her child, bought one postcard of a painting or sculpture the child particularly liked, and added it to the panel.

The collection, now huge, is a reminder of pleasant excursions as well as a miniature art library.

Children who like the alphabet friezes that stretch across their classroom walls might like Animal Photo Alphabets, a collection of 26 full-color photos of animals, from alligators to zebras, grouped on seven 8-inch by 24-inch strips.

Each picture shows the name of the animal and its initial letter in upper and lower case in your choice of four handwriting styles. Animal facts are included. It's $6.95 plus shipping from Instructional Fair, (800) 253-5469.

Other alphabet posters are Alphabat, in which each letter is incorporated into an illustration of a baseball player in action; and Alphablitz, a similar poster based on football ($9.95 each). American Sign Language Alphabet, in photographs, is $2.50. All are from Dale Seymour Publications, (800) 872-1100.

Special-interest posters can add excitement to a teen-ager's room. Some examples:

What Style Is It? is a survey of American architecture in quiz form. Drawings of 20 classic buildings challenge viewers to identify the period. Answers are given at the bottom of the 16-inch by 40-inch poster. It's $7.50 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 673-4058.

The following are all available from Dale Seymour Publications:

- Art posters by Escher ($7.50), Vasarely ($14.95), O'Keefe ($9.95).
- Illustrated charts of Classic Sports Cars, Sailing Ships Through the Centuries, Steam Locomotives, Civil Aircraft, Seamen's Knots, Cats, Dogs, Horses, Tropical Fish and Dinosaurs ($8.95 each).
- The Aztec Cosmos, $9.95; Chinese History through art and architecture from the Shang Dynasty through the Qing, $4.95; Flags of the World, $8.95.

To top it all off, consider transforming the ceiling of a darkened room into a replica of the winter sky. Night Sky Star Stencil has holes through which to paint the stars and planets with luminous paint provided. A map for identifying constellations is included. Eight-foot stencil, $27.50 plus $5 shipping from Discovery Corner at the Lawrence Hall of Science, (415) 642-1016.

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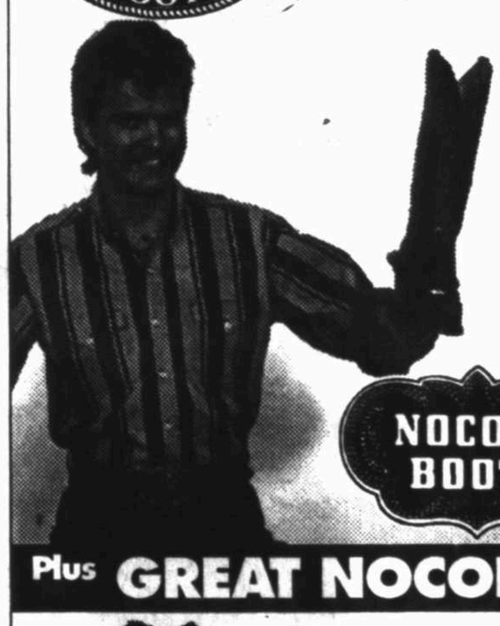

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The faithful come to shrine seeking miracles

By Eduardo Montes
Associated Press writer

SAN JUAN, Texas — In a moment of waning hope when she believed her son's fight with cancer was only beginning, Sandra Garcia turned to the faith that had always sustained her.

Just 18 months old, Joshua Garcia had already undergone one operation to remove a cancerous tumor and doctors had found three more potentially cancerous masses in his abdomen.

Mrs. Garcia, shaken by the news, could only think of one thing to do: she made a "promesa," a promise to God, in exchange for a miracle.

Mrs. Garcia pledged that she would not cut Joshua's hair until he was free of the cancer. Soon after, tests revealed the three masses were gone, she said.

Three and a half years later, Joshua's hair flows to the middle of his back.

IT WILL stay that way, Mrs. Garcia vows, for another year an a half — the time doctors say they must wait before they can be sure Joshua is cancer-free.

It will stay that way, she said, even though Joshua cannot return to his old school until he complies with a dress code calling for short hair.

The school district, which said it enacted the dress code to curb gang activity, has so far refused to allow an exception, saying it needs to maintain its policies. A federal judge has ruled that the district did not discriminate against Joshua because the dress code is enforced uniformly. Mrs. Garcia is appealing that ruling.

"We went to church because somebody had to tip the odds in his favor," Mrs. Garcia said. "The promise was made in desperation, in a time of need. It was selfish but people pray when they need something."

"If he came through it, that was going to be the promise," she said. "We figured as soon as everything is over . then we'll cut his hair. We're not going to be satisfied until the five years."

Petitioning for miracles is as common as church attendance and prayer among many Hispanic Catholics, said the Rev. Ray Wilhelm, a priest at The Virgen of San Juan del Valle Shrine, where Mrs. Garcia made her promise.

"IT'S PART of their prayer life. It's part of their conversation with God," Wilhelm said. "They make a promise. They bind themselves to it because they made that promise to God or the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God."

Promesas take many forms; anything from completing a physical task to lighting candles to giving gifts to the saints is considered acceptable.

A couple pray at the altar of The Virgen of San Juan del Valle Shrine in San Juan, Texas, rcently. Many promises to God are made in exchange for sought-for miracles.
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"We feel like it was a miracle, but that's such a strong word I kind of hate to use it," she said recently, struggling to control a very rambunctious Joshua.

When the five-year wait is over, Mrs. Garcia said she will fulfill her promise where it was made, leaving a braided lock of Joshua's hair on the wall of "el cuarto de los milagros" — the San Juan shrine's room of miracles.

The high-ceilinged chamber dedicated to promises that have been fulfilled is filled with discarded crutches, graduation gowns, bridal bouquets, locks of hair, baby clothes, wooden crosses and paintings. Mostly, it contains photographs, hundreds of pictures of people who have been cured or spared or helped in some way.

The snapshots show smiling children, adults, even a car. One board leaning against a wall holds row after row of pictures of the soldiers who returned from the Gulf War.

SO MANY items have been left behind at the shrine over the years that some have been moved to another room for storage.

"You see the same thing at Lourdes, at Fatima, at all the Marian churches," Wilhelm said.

People are drawn to the Virgin Mary because she is seen as an intermediary who will intervene with God on behalf of the petitioner, he said.

According to the beliefs, however, other saints also will intercede, said Mark Glazer, an anthropologist who specializes in folklore of the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

"In this particular approach you look at miracles as something that are a part of human life," Glazer said. "One way to approach miracles is basically to make a religious vow, a promesa, which is contract between the individual and God through one of the saints. These contracts are taken seriously.

"The believer accepts it as a contract with God, a contract which he or she cannot break."

Mariel Henrietta Auld was at the shrine recently to fulfill a promise made after her sister became ill and began coughing up blood. Ms. Auld pledged to light a candle and bring her sister to church if she came through OK.

"SHE WAS smoking so much, sometimes there was blood," Ms. Auld said. "But I asked the Good Lord and the Virgin to help me and she quit smoking and we took her to the doctor and she was all right.

"I believe in the promises and I believe the Good Lord answers your prayers, as he answered for me."

Mrs. Garcia, who now chases after a child she thought would suffer through the ordeal of cancer, would agree. Although she's been told that maybe the other tumors never existed, that doctors made a mistake, she can't bring herself to believe that.

"Of course it's possible about the misdiagnosis, doctors are only human," Mrs. Garcia said. "But I really feel that somebody tipped the odds in Josh's favor. Even if it was a mistake, hey, to me somebody made that happen."

TWO: Meats, veggies can do double duty

(From 6F)

6 ripe but firm pears, peeled, halved and cored, then stored in water and a little lemon juice to prevent discoloration

In a deep frying pan, bring the water, sugar and vanilla to boil, stirring until the sugar dissolves. Add the pears, reduce heat and cook uncovered at a slow simmer for 15-20 minutes, until the pears are soft but not mushy.

Turn off heat and let them cook in the syrup for 30 minutes. With a slotted spoon, remove the pears.

Boil the syrup briskly until it thickens slightly and pour it over the fruit until ready to use.

Raspberry Sauce

2 packages (20 ounces total) frozen raspberries
¼ cup sugar
2 tablespoons kirsch

Thaw and drain berries, reserving the syrup to make 1½ cups of liquid.

In a sauce pan, place the sugar, cornstarch and salt. Gradually add the liquid, stirring until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring gently but constantly.

Let the mixture barely come to a boil, then simmer gently for 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

Add the drained raspberries and kirsch, stirring in gently.

Refrigerate and serve cold spooned over the drained pears.

Makes 2½ cups of sauce.

Vin Chaud

2 bottles dry Burgundy
4 cinnamon sticks
10 whole cloves
1 teaspoon whole mace
4-inch piece of vanilla bean
¼ cup sugar
Zest of 1 lemon
Zest of 2 navel oranges

Place all ingredients in a large saucepan and cook, just below simmering point, for 15 minutes. Cool, then strain into a container and seal tightly. This can be stored in the refrigerator for several days.

To serve, reheat without boiling. Serve in mugs with a slice of orange.

Serves 6.

Many decorations dangerous

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Many of the traditional holiday decorations can be dangerous for children, especially small children, and pets.

The National Safe Kids Campaign warns that some plants, some common baking ingredients, fire salts and colored wrapping paper need to be placed out of reach for very young children; older children should be told why they're hazardous and cautioned to use care around them.

Poisonous plants include amaryllis, azalea, boxwood, castor bean, Christmas cactus, Christmas rose, crown of thorns, English and American ivy, holly berries, Jerusalem or jimson weed, Christmas cherry, mountain laurel, poinsettias, pokeweed and mistletoe.

Vanilla and almond extract, commonly found in many holiday confections, contain high levels of alcohol. Their attractive smells make them magnets for children to drink.

Fire salts, which produce colored flames from the heavy metals they contain, cause intense gastrointestinal irritation or vomiting if swallowed.

Colored wrapping papers and foils contain lead and other toxic materials. Children and pets should be discouraged from chewing on them.

Children identify with Ninjas

WASHINGTON (AP) — Those Ninja characters are ugly to you, so why are your kids so attracted to them?

"Youngsters like the shell-encased heroes because they are small creatures with adult responsibilities like many children today," says Thomas Long, an education professor at Catholic University of America.

He thinks children find a healthy respite through the Ninja turtles, who mirror them as fellow children with adult problems.

"Today, many children are completely responsible for complicated household tasks. They are expected to do much more than their parents did at comparable ages."

Long contrasts them with children of the 1950s, 1060s and 1970s, who he says looked to adults as problem solvers. "Young children in those times were rarely home alone. They only helped adults do chores."

Today's youngsters are often on their own for several hours before their parents get home, he said. They may be responsible for taking care of their own clothes, preparing snacks and starting meals.

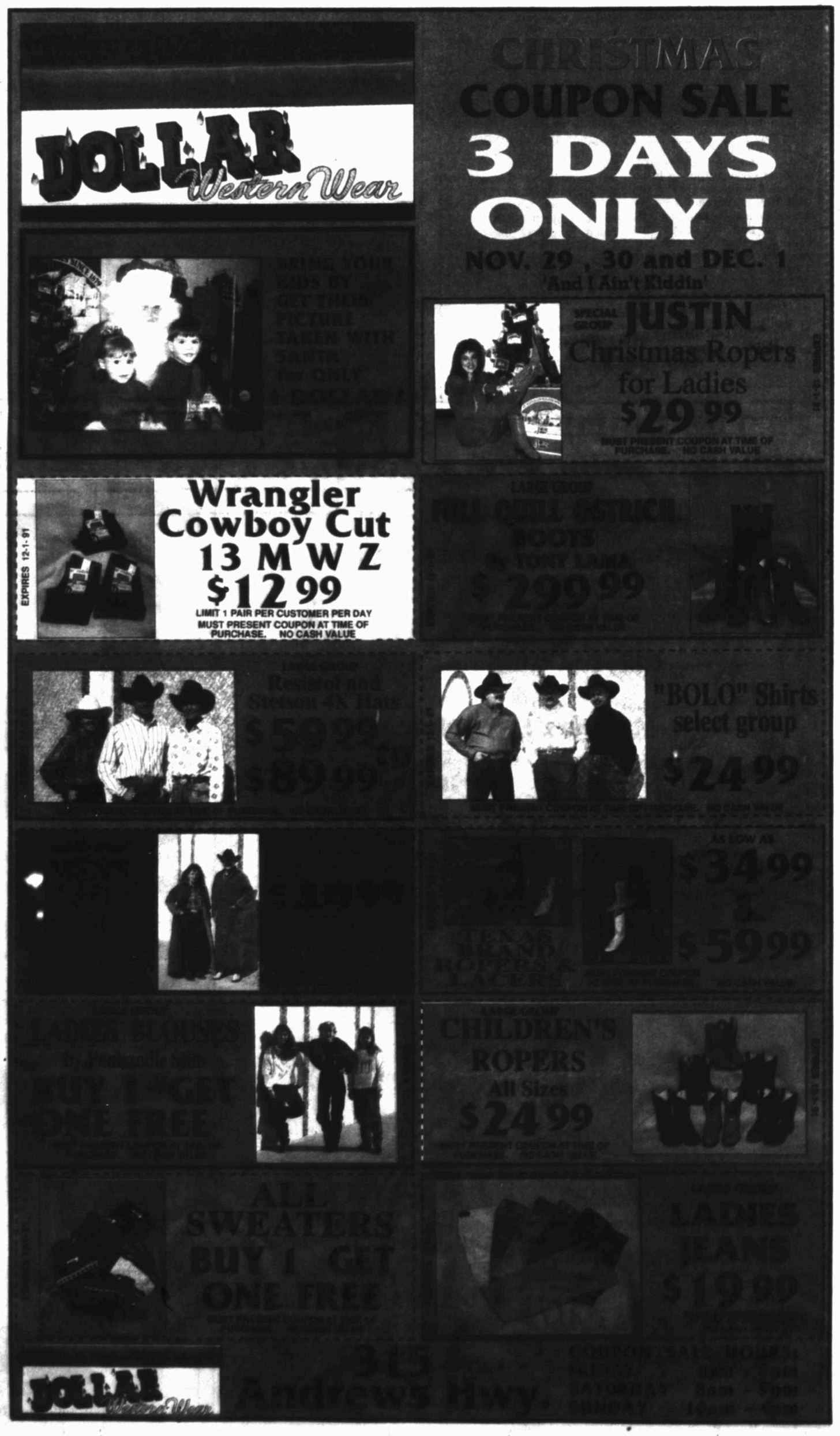
"The turtles are aggressive good guys, small in stature, who talk and act like children, but overcome the bad guys and save the day," Long says.

Computer game teaches Bible facts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — What's the name of the first person to commit murder? If you said Cain, congratulations. So take a multiple choice. Which came first: (a) Parting of the Red Sea, (b) Crossing the Jordan, or (c) Fall of Jericho?

If you chose "a" you may be ready for Bible Voyage, a game for IBM and IBM-compatible computers that is the brainchild of John Parker, an English professor at David Lipscomb University.

The game tests the memory and teaches Bible facts through more than 3,000 brain-teasing questions, which Parker compiled over several years of research and arranged in the game in several levels of difficulty.



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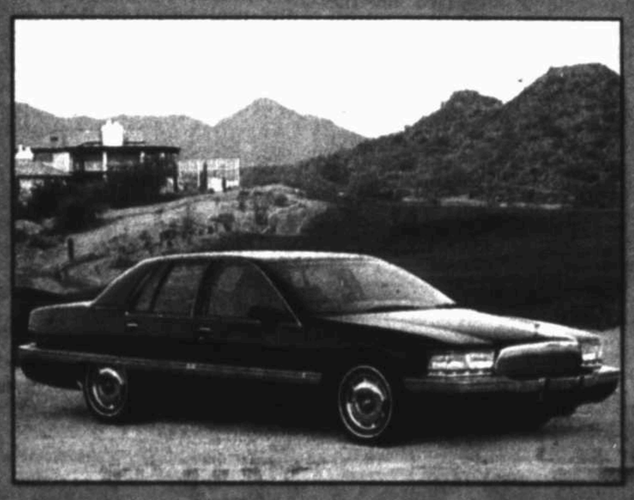

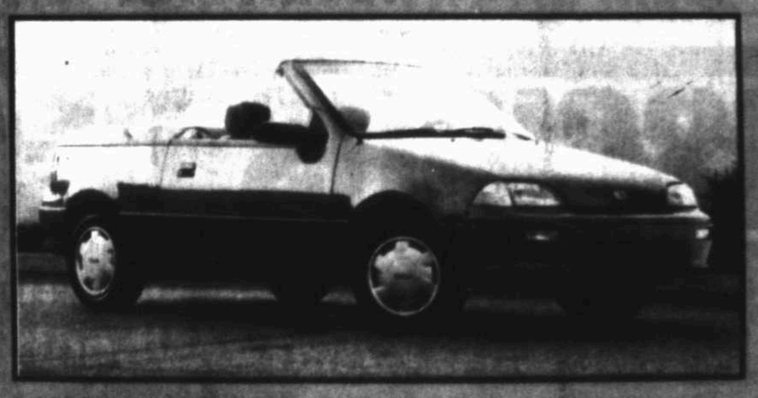

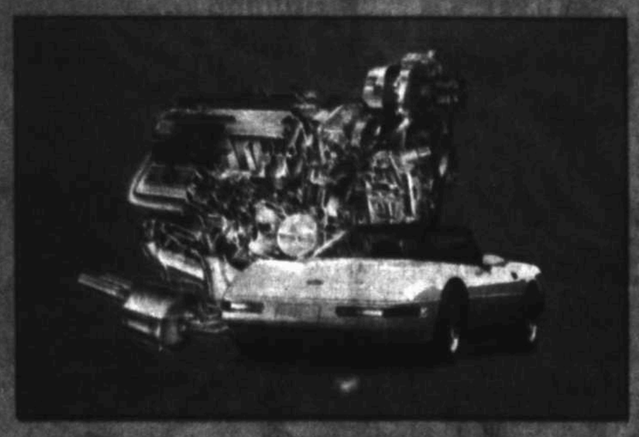

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Chevy's 1992 trucks get a total revamp

Chevrolet's completely restyled 1992 Crew Cab Pickup.

Three special Chevy trucks — the venerable Suburban, the full-size Blazer and a four-door Crew Cab Pickup — get a road-to-roof revamp in 1992.

The flagship entries in Chevrolet truck lineup that numbers 82 models, the Suburban/Blazer-/Crew Cab trio are the last of the fleet to make the transition to Chevy's latest sleek truck shape.

Highlights of the three vehicles include:

Suburban — Featuring Chevy's Full-size Pickup styling anti-lock brakes (ABS) and Insta-Trac for "shift-on-the-fly" convenience.

Blazer — Able to carry one more passenger and tow 1,000 pounds more than its predecessor (when properly equipped), adopting Chevy Full-size Pickup styling and adding Insta-Trac for "shift-on-the-fly" convenience on 4WD models and anti-lock brakes. Here are line-by-line summaries for 1992 Chevrolet trucks:

Suburban — the most popular utility vehicle of its class in America — gets a major updating in its 57th year with the fresh styling and proven full-frame construction of Chevy's popular Full-size Pickup.

The Suburban also improves step-in height, load floor length, towing capability (up to 10,000 pounds), maximum cargo space and front and rear leg, shoulder and hip room.

Anti-lock brakes (ABS) are also new for all 1992 Suburbans. ABS reduces the chance of wheel lock-up during braking. It is designed to help the driver maintain steering control even in a panic stop in rain, on snow or on ice. It can adjust brake pressure at a rate even the most skilled professional driver cannot attain.

Chevrolet's patented Insta-trac system for "shift-on-the-fly" convenience is standard for '92 on all 4WD models. A modified version of the Full-size Pickup's suspension delivers a smooth car-like ride.

Suburban is available in 2- and 4-wheel-drive models and in ½-ton (C/K1500) and ¾-ton (C/K2500) series.

A 5.7L EFI V8 engine is standard. Other Suburban engines are the heavy-duty 5.7L V8 and the 7.4L EFI V8.

Blazer — Chevy's full-size sport-utility vehicle — adopts the styling, chassis and powertrain of the successful Chevy Full-size Pickup.

It can carry one more person and tow 1,000 pounds more than its predecessor. A longer wheelbase provides a smoother ride, and it has more front and rear leg room and rear hip room.

Other new features for Blazer include anti-lock brakes (ABS) and Chevrolet's patented Insta-Trac system for "shift-on-the-fly" convenience.

Blazer borrows the Full-size Pickup's suspension, steering and brakes.

A 5.7 L EFI V8 gasoline engine is standard. A 5-speed manual transmission with overdrive is standard; a 4-speed automatic is optional.

New Blazer appointments include improved seats with head restraints for the front outboard seating positions, a standard full gauge cluster and standard extended range AM radio.

Crew Cab Pickup similarly adopts the sheetmetal of the Full-size Pickup. It has a longer wheelbase, more rear-seat leg room and additional front leg and shoulder room than the '91 Crew Cab also adds anti-lock brakes (ABS), Chevy's patented Insta-Trac system (on 4WDs) and a smooth, car-like ride.

Other changes to Chevy's Full-size Pickup line include an all-new 6.5L turbo diesel V8 for select models. The engine is mated to the heavy-duty electronic 4-speed automatic transmission for a 25 to 80 percent improvement in fuel economy.

All 1992 Chevy Full-size Pickups have new front seats with integral head restraints for the front outboard positions, new fabric and paint colors and new standard extended range AM radio.

Astro — Chevrolet's mid-size family and cargo van — packs the high-performance punch of a new optional 200-HP V6 engine for 1992.

The new high-performance 4.3L Vortec V6 engine has central port fuel injection with 30 more horsepower than its predecessor.

Astro's new "Dutch door" option (interim-1992) includes a one-piece lift-gate with split panel doors below with a handy electronic release.

Inside, Astro has new adjustable bench seats, a new optional premium sound system with compact disc player and a new beige interior color.

Astro features include anti-lock brakes (ABS) (except cargo vans without the upfitters package) and a new self-aligning steering wheel.

S-10 PICKUP introduces a new model — the 4WD El — for 1992.

Chevy's lowest-priced 4WD Pickup, the 4WD El is equipped with the powerful 160-HP 4.3L Vortec V6 engine, 5-speed manual transmission, power steering, compact spare tire and wheel and a solid exterior paint scheme.

A convenient new 2-speed electronic-shift transfer case is optional for 4WD models (except the new EL).

New appointments include seats with integral head restraints for front bench seat positions and high-back buckets with optional leather (extended cabs) seating, a standard self-aligning steering wheel, an optional premium sound system with compact disc player and new exterior colors.

Anti-lock brakes continue as standard equipment.

S-10 BLAZER for 1992 features mechanical and trim changes and greater availability of the upscale Tahoe LT trim.

A convenient new 2-speed electronic-shift transfer is optional for 4WD models. Other '92 changes include new seats with integral head restraints for front bench seats in 4-door models and high-back buckets with optional leather, a self-aligning steering wheel and a new 85-MPH analog speedometer.

A new compact disc player is optional.

The S-10 Blazer's MSRP begins at $14,823.

Lumina APV — Chevy's innovatively styled minivan — features a new optional engine and standard anti-lock brakes (ABS) for 1992.

The new 165-HP 3.8L "3800" V6 engine and 4-speed automatic overdrive transmission are new optional equipment. The efficient engine delivers 45 more horsepower and 55 lb.-ft. more torque than the standard engine, yet gets better fuel economy on the highway. It raises Lumina APV's towing capacity 1,000 pounds (to 3,000 pounds) more than the standard engine.

Other new features include first-in-the-industry radio antenna in the roof; locking latch seat belts for child seats; folding outside rearview mirrors; larger 11-inch front brakes; larger 15-inch wheels, tires and new bolt-on wheel covers; new interior and exterior colors; an optional 4-way driver's seat adjuster and a convenience net (interim '92)

New options include a sunroof for the Lumina APV CL, interim '92, and a rear air conditioning system.

Sportvan has more car-like comfort and convenience features for 1992. A smoother ride and more responsive handling for the full-size van is due to new front and rear shock absorbers and a new leaf spring assembly for the rear suspension.

A new single tailpipe configuration provides superb noise suppression and operation.

Comfort and convenience features added as standard equipment include a high-efficiency air conditioning system and an improved windshield wiper/washer system. Luxury and convenience options available for the first time on Sportvan include a leather-wrapped steering wheel, remote keyless entry, rear-window defogger, electric outside mirrors, lighted visor/vanity mirror, power radio antenna and enhanced interior lighting.

Sportvan's new exterior appearance includes new front grilles, headlamp and parking lamp components and styled body side molding. Dark green blue metallic is a new exterior color.

Plymouth Voyager, Grand Voyager add safety, driver convenience to '92 models

Plymouth Voyager and Grand Voyager, together with the Dodge Caravan and Grand Caravan, have been America's most popular minivans since Chrysler created the market back in 1984. Still offering the best combination of quality, safety, comfort and convenience, despite an on-slaught of competition, the Plymouth Voyager/Grand Voyager minivans feature new safety equipment in front-wheel-drive and all-wheel-drive models for 1992.

A driver-side minivan air bag is standard equipment on both models.

Two integrated child seats are available as an option with seven-passenger seating. America's first "built-in" child seats will accommodate children weighing between 20 and 40 pounds and restrain a child through its five-point safety belt system.

For driver convenience, and to add to its car-like characteristics, new features include multi-functional steering column lever with front wiper-/washer controls, flush design door handles, and revised power windows that permit operation with the key in the accessory position.

Three engine choices are available — 2.5-liter, 3.0-liter V-6, and 3.3 -liter V-6, depending on the model.

The 2.5-liter electronic fuel-injected SOHC four-cylinder engine and five-speed manual transaxle is standard on the Base Voyager. The three-speed automatic with 2.5-liter engine is standard on the Voyager SE.

The 3.0-liter sequential multi-point injection V-6 engine with four-speed automatic transaxle is standard on the all-wheel-drive Voyager SE/LE in addition to all Grand Voyager models.

Buyers have a choice of a Base, SE, LE in the 112.3-inch wheelbase Voyager and a Base, SE and LE 119.3-inch wheelbase Grand Voyager. Both are available in all-wheel-drive models.

Two new exterior colors — Teal Pearl Coat and Radiant Red Clear Coat — have been added for 1992.

The low-step-up minivan has many standard features that include power assisted brakes, passenger and cargo carpeting, corrosion protecting, safety-recessed interior door-release handle, right-side sliding door with child guard lock, tinted glass, aero-style halogen headlights, AM/FM stereo radio with four speakers, power-assisted steering, storage bins, two-speed intermittent wipe/wet armwashers and liftgate wiper/washer.

Other standard features on the various models are:

Voyager SE and Grand Voyager SE — exterior dual power remote control rearview mirrors, bodyside and liftgate paint striping and passenger-side front seat storage drawer.

Voyager LE and Grand Voyager LE — air conditioning, electric rear window defroster, fuel filler door remote release, power door locks, and power rear vent window.

Voyager AWD SE and Grand Voyager AWD LE — front storage console that includes pull-out cup and integral cassette holders, overhead console for front and rear map reading lights, power quarter vent windows, mini-trip computer, front and rear carpeted floor mats, inside remote fuel filler release, deluxe sound package, light package, rear-quarter power vent windows, electronic speed control and tilt steering column.

The hot-selling Plymouth Voyager has 115.9-inch cargo volume (with rear seat removed) and the Grand Voyager has a 139.4-inch cargo area.

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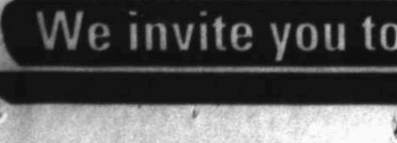

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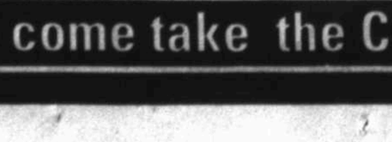

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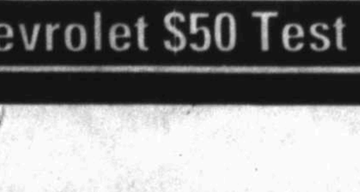

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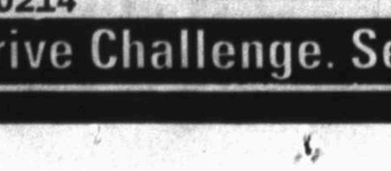

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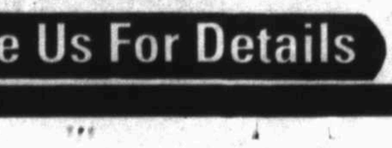

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Olds Eighty Eight bridges generation gap

Like the model it replaces, the 1992 Oldsmobile Eighty Eight is a full-sized sedan with seating for six.

It builds on some of the design features first implemented in 1986: transverse V-6 power, front-wheel drive, all independent suspension. For this new car, there is more interior room, additional luggage capacity, and much more contemporary styling.

Also updated is the powertrain with the latest 170-horsepower tuned-port-injection 3800 V-6 and GM's state-of-the-art electronically-controlled four-speed automatic transmission.

One of the marketing opportunities presented by the new Eighty Eight is to appeal to younger, affluent families with children. They want room and a smooth ride but their tastes are different from Oldsmobile's traditional family-sedan buyers.

1992 Oldsmobile Eighty Eight Royale LS

In other words, the younger buyers are looking for a car with expressive styling — sleek lines, smooth sculpture, and no gratuitous ornamentation.

The Eighty Eight should serve both the younger buyer and the traditional customer because it has an excellent blend of attributes wrapped in up-to-date sheetmetal.

The young buyer will appreciate the Eighty Eight's flush glass, sweeping roofline, and integrated front-end design while the traditional customer will be more interested in the standard driver's-side air bag, the ABS brakes, and the two-side-galvanized sheetmetal.

Two years ago, the new Eighty Eight's styling was judged "radical" by some traditional buyers. Their tastes have gradually changed along with everyone else's. The rounder aerodynamic styling is now the normal look on the road.

In more recent clinics, very traditional customers are accepting — and admiring — the Eighty Eight's shape.

1991 Cadillac Coupe DeVille

Cadillac introduces new traction control

By Phil Frame

Cadillac is introducing a new low-speed traction control system on its 1992 Fleetwood and DeVille models.

The system is standard on the Fleetwood and DeVille Touring Sedan, and optional on the Coupe and Sedan DeVilles.The low-speed traction control system works by automatically applying the brakes to eliminate wheel spin during hard acceleration or on slippery roads.It uses the reverse logic of the car's anti-lock brakes, which ease brake pressure automatically to keep wheels from locking during panic stops or in slippery conditions.

The low-speed traction control differs from the system introduced on the 1990 Allante. The low-speed system is fully functional until about 24 mph, and gradually phases out between 24 and 30 mph. The Allante's traction control system operates at all speeds.

DeVille: Among DeVille's revisions for 1992 are restyled interior appointments, the availability of an electrochromic outside rearview mirror and improvements in the climate control system to improve cooling.

The engine in both the DeVille and Fleetwood is equipped with platinum-tipped spark plugs for improved combustion performance. Plug life is extended to 100,000 miles.

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Ford light trucks boast interior, exterior design changes

Ford's full-sized pickup trucks, passenger wagons and vans — stalwarts in the number one light truck lineup in North America — feature major changes for 1992.

"Exterior styling changes give the full-sized F-series pickup, Bronco utility vehicle and Econoline Van and Club Wagon a more aerodynamic, more contemporary look, and the interiors are much more refined and car-like — direct responses to a huge number of personal use truck buyers who want their workhorses to look, handle and ride like thoroughbreds," said Ross H. Roberts, Ford vice president and Ford Division general manager.

"With a new-look flagship — the F-series pickup — the first major changes to the Econoline Van and Club Wagon in 17 years and a host of performance, comfort and convenience improvements to the other Ford light trucks, 1992 is a milestone year — a year in which the product changes were made specifically to enhance an already strong overall leadership position."

Highlights of 1992 improvements by truck line are:

The Ford F-Series pickup truck, the best-selling vehicle in North America — car or truck domestic or foreign — for the past nine years, gets a significantly more contemporary look — inside and out — and later this year brings back the Flareside for 1992.

The new F-Series front end incorporates aerodynamic elements such as a slightly sloped hood that sweeps around to flush headlamps. The new bumper follows the contour of the hood and the grille integrates the whole front end with a modern, "aero-tough' look. Aero mirrors — manual and optional electrically operated — refined, color-keyed body-side moldings on XLT Lariat models and a smooth tailgate extend the changes to the rest of the truck. New optional styled wheels in argent or chrome also add excitement to the appearance.

The new car-like interior of the 1992 F-series pickups is more functional and more ergonomic than in the past. The refined-look instrument panel has stalk controls and other controls are within easy reach of the drive. There is a storage shelf on top of the panel, and especially large glove box, and a standard auxiliary plug-in power point for running accessories.

Also featured are comfortable seats with headrests, door panels contoured to complement the interior design with functional map pockets and ergonomic placement of electric window, lock and mirror controls for models with "high series" interior trim. SuperCab models have a large optional console with cup holders and rear bench seat three-point seat belts.

Returning to the F-Series lineup for 1992 is the exciting Flareside model, featuring a new fiberglass and steel pickup box, two unique exterior body colors and all of the other F-Series refinements.

F-Series pickups continue to offer engine choices ranging from the standard in-line electronic fuel injected (EFI) six-cylinder to the husky 7.5-liter gasoline and 7.3-liter diesel engines.

Bronco, the dominant vehicle in the full-sized utility vehicle segment of the light truck market since 1978, features a new, more aerodynamic front end, a redesigned rear bumper and a high-mount stop light for 1992. On the inside, Bronco has a new instrument panel, new seats with headrests, new door trim panels, cup holders, console and rear seat lap and shoulder belts in the outboard position.

Bronco for 1992 continues to offer high levels of standard equipment that include rear anti-lock brakes, which have been standard on all Ford light trucks since the 1990 model year.

The all-new 1992 Econoline Van and Club Wagon are state-of-the-art — the most advanced vehicles in their respective segments of the light truck market. The look is new — more aerodynamic — more contemporary. The vehicles are quieter and they ride and handle better than their predecessors.

Econoline sheet metal for 1992 is all-new. New styling cues include aero headlamps and grille, chrome accents, chrome bumpers and plastic facias on the front of the vehicles, with flush glass and tri-colored wraparound tail-lamps completing the design theme. The coefficient of air drag (cd) is a low .39 compared with .48 on the vehicle it replaces.

The Ford Econoline vehicles are the first full-sized passenger wagons and vans to offer a driver's side air bag, and passenger wagons are equipped with lap and shoulder restraints at all rearward outboard seats.

New Econoline side doors are the 60/40 type, replacing the optional swing out side doors and making it easier to get in and out of the vehicle. There is a new "super single" 35-gallon midship-mounted fuel tank. Rear bumpers have special notches to accept the standard clamp-on hitch for class one trailers. And, the spare tire carrier is under the frame.

Inside the Econoline Van and Club Wagon, improvements are equally significant. The instrument panel is car-like, with controls most conveniently placed. New high-back bucket seats are standard and the all-new and top-of-the-line Chateau Club Wagon trim level includes four captain's chairs and a seat bed.

The Econoline air conditioning system for 1992 features a new auxiliary system with overhead ducts and controls at each seating position, much like the ventilation system on commercial airplanes. Ample cup holders, map pockets, storage areas and reading lights are other comfort/convenience additions.

Other new functional equipment includes standard multi-function stalk controls, standard "step on/step off" parking brake, Twin-I-Beam front suspension with adjustable caster and camber and modified vehicle heater and air conditioning taps for special aftermarket installations by qualified installers.

Regular and heavy-duty Club Wagons are available in Custom, XLT and new top-of-the-line Chateau trim levels. Econoline Van offerings are E-150, E-250 and E-350 regular and heavy duty models with gross vehicle weight ratings (GVWR) up to 9,500 pounds. There also is a 15-passenger Super Wagon and a Super Van. Recreation vehicle and commercial cutaways and stripped chassis with maximum GVWR of 11,000 and 11,500 pounds, respectively, complete the lineup.

The standard Econoline powertrain for passenger and commercial vehicles continues to be the dependable 4.9-liter, in-line, six-cylinder EFI engine and Ford's electronic four-speed overdrive (E4OD) transmission. Optional EFI 5.0-, 5.8-and 7.5-liter V-8 gasoline engines and a 7.3-liter diesel also can be teamed with the advanced E4OD transmission.

The 1992 Ford Aerostar features refinements that update its aerodynamic good looks and increase driver and passenger safety, comfort and convenience.

Exterior styling improvements include a new front end with flush, aero headlamps, a revised grille and other upgrades such as full-face wheel covers and new exterior colors.

Also new for 1992 are a driver's side air bag that supplements the vehicles safety belt and outboard shoulder belts for rear passengers.

Other interior improvements include a more refined instrument panel with the transmission shift on the column, a larger glove box and a mini-console with two floor-mounted cup holders.

New Aerostar options for 1992 include leather seats and an automatic headlamp control.

Aerostar continues its traditional strengths, among them rear-wheel and four-wheel drive and best-in-class trailer towing capabilities.

The Ford Explorer, the newest sensation in the automotive industry, is accounting for more than 30 percent of total compact utility vehicles sales in North America as it heads into its second full year on the market. In line with its intent to keep the Explorer right up to date, 1992 models will offer and optional six-way power seat, a second console cup holder, optional one-touch express-down power windows, an improved air conditioning system and new paint colors.

High levels of standard equipment including Ford's 4.0-liter EFI V-6 engine, Touch Drive on four-wheel-drive models and rear anti-lock brakes are continued on the 1992 Explorer.

The Ford Ranger, with its impressive ride and handling characteristics and the largest SuperCab in its segment of the market, is America's best-selling compact pickup truck — accounting for about 25 percent of the market.

For 1992, Ranger gets some brighter, new colors and a new "Sport" accent tape is "splash" shaped. Other new features include dual cup holders, headrests and optional power seats for SuperCab models. A new "Comfort Cab" option package makes the Ranger SuperCab more affordable.

Ranger engine choices for 1992 continue to be the 2.3-liter twin-plug EFI four-cylinder and 2.9-, 3.0- and 4.0-liter EFI V-6's. The 3.0-liter engine has been upgraded for 1992 to include roller tappets, sequential electronic fuel injection and single-belt, front-end accessory drive.

More galvanized steel is used in the body sheet metal for added corrosion protection for the 1992 Ford Ranger and a front stabilizer bar has been added to the compact pickup truck's power steering system for better ride and handling.

The Ranger's extensive choice of 4x2 and 4x4 short- and long-wheelbase models featuring sport, custom, XLT and STX trim levels — is continued.

A Flareside returns to the Ford F-Series line of pickup trucks for 1992. It features more contemporary styling and interior refinements, plus a new fiberglass and steel pickup box and two unique body colors.

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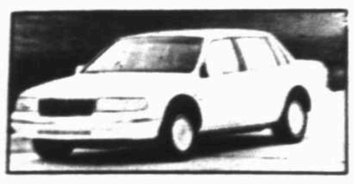

1992 Lincoln Continental

Lincoln tweaks '92 fleet

By Kathy Jackson

There won't be many changes in Lincoln showrooms for the 1992 model year. The big, luxury cars look virtually the same. Improvements have been made under the hood, and sound systems are more futuristic.

On the safety side, passenger-side air bags become standard once again on the Town Car and Continental. The passenger-side bags were standard on the 1989 and 1990 Continental and the 1990 Town Car but were an option on 1991 models due to availability problems, said Ford spokesman Paul Preuss.

Both the Continental and Town Car will have a brake shift interlock for 1991.

TOWN CAR: An electronic automatic overdrive transmission will be available later in the model year, as will a brake-shift interlock system.

CONTINENTAL: A revised hood ornament and geometric aluminum wheels are standard. Remote unlocking and a battery saver have been added to keyless entry.

MARK VII: There are very few changes; a redesigned Mark will debut next fall. Minor changes include new Bill Blass tri-accent stripes on the exterior and revised leather seat trim. The LS model has new door-trim inserts.

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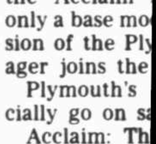

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1992 Pontiac Bonneville SE

Pontiac's 1992 Bonneville is new from the ground up

By Bob Plunkett

Let it be known at the outset that Pontiac has done a remarkable job of redesigning and outfitting its venerable Bonneville nameplate.

A full-size sedan with front-mounted engine and front-wheel-drive format, Bonneville for 1992 wears exciting new sculpted sheet metal on the outside that makes it look as modern and contemporary as anything rolling on four wheels.

The interior is plush and completely comfortable, with generous room for full-frame adults and plenty of knobs, levers, buttons and dials to entertain the gadget-conscious among us.

And when you move beyond the base SE edition into the realm of Bonneville SSE and the ultimate SSEi, you'll gain a big power boost, thanks to a supercharger added to the 3.8-liter, V6 engine by General Motors.

Foundation of that power is GM's "3800 series" V6, which this year has been enhanced with new components that increase output but at the same time improve efficiency.

The regular edition delivers up to 170 horsepower, but add the Eaton non-intercooled supercharger and output jumps to a nice 205-horsepower limit.

Pontiac is the only division of General Motors at this point to receive the supercharged V6.

Buick's new LaSabre and the '92 Oldsmobile Eighty-Eight, which ride on the same 5-year-old GM H-body platform as Bonneville, will be limited to the base 3.8 liter V6 for the present time.

All three lines bear faint resemblance to one another, although the Le Sabre has the most conservative outward styling while Bonneville gains the most dramatic.

More radical styling and a more powerful engine are two ways that GM's image makers are trying to differentiate the Pontiac Division as a sporty performance line.

It's all part of an effort to move away from the 1980s divisional cookie-cutter trend established during the reign of GM's former bean-counter chairman, Roger Smith, when a Pontiac looked like a Buick that resembled an Oldsmobile, and so forth.

In GM's 1950 heyday era, even the quickest glance could easily distinguish the various models offered by Chevrolet, Pontiac, Oldsmobile, Buick and Cadillac.

Now, after seeing fresh styling for the new Bonneville, there will be no mistaking this beauty for anything else on the road.

Start with a sloped, sharp nose accented by aero-style wrap-around headlamps and flush-mounted front bumper in a monochromatic color that matches the body paint.

The windshield cants backward at a low angle and flows over the top of a sloping rear window and trunk.

Front fenders, manufactured from polymer composites which are resistive to dents and corrosion, seem to flow rearward past flush-mounted glass and door handles, all contributing to the clean, aerodynamic lines.

The two top model Bonnevilles this year add monotone ground effects and moldings, headlamp washers and 126-inch Aerolite cast aluminum wheels, either color-keyed or silver.

All editions, though, draw upon some impressive hardware that make Bonneville the most mechanically sophisticated Pontiac ever developed.

For instance, all Bonnevilles contain the first electronic automatic shifter ever produced by General Motors, a 4-speed automatic that functions so smoothly you can hardly feel or hear the shift changes.

With the supercharged V6 comes a driver-selectable shift mode control where you can choose either "normal" or "performance" shifting, the latter with higher maximum rpm ratings and downshifts set at a lower pedal position.

Power rack and steering is also in place on all Bonnevilles, and SSE and SSEi get variable assistance.

Front ventilated disc brakes and rear drums have power controls, along with an anti-lock system.

A number of safety features set Bonneville apart, the most notable being the option of a passenger-side airbag (standard for SSEi).

The interior for new Bonneville measurers about two inches longer than last year's model and it is also wider and more spacious for passengers.

Trunk space for 1992 increases to 18.1 cubic feet.

Also, the trunk seems more accessible, thanks to a low lift-over opening at the rear, plus a rear-seat pass-through so Bonneville can accommodate long objects like skis.

Combine all features and you have a stable, able and powerful sedan.

Jeep's focus on coming Cherokee

By Joseph Bohn

1992 Jeep Cherokee Limited

The 1992 Jeeps have some changes. Chrysler Corp.'s main focus is on the new Grand Cherokee, due next spring as a 1993 model.

Comanche: Major changes include a new radio with clock function, customer preferred option packages integrated into all models, a new tape treatment for the Sport model and a detachable double cupholder.

Wrnagler: The Sahara model gets new low-gloss paints, new interior color, 15-inch full-face steel wheels painted in low-gloss colors and revised graphics.

Other Wranglers have new radios with clock function, integrated customer preferred option packages, three new exterior colors, three-point rear seat belts and more options. They include rear bumperettes on the "S" model, a Bright package for the base model, and cloth seats and leather wrapped steering wheel for the base model.

Cherokee: New are two exterior colors and additional options. They include a light group for base and Sport models, sunroof for the Sport and leather seats for the four-door Laredo.

Carpeting is standard on the base model. A radio with clock function is new for all models. A detachable double cupholder is standard with the full-length center console.

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1992 Dodge Dakota Sport CC 4x2

Dodge increases V-6, V-8 truck power

By Joseph Bohn

For 1992, the Dodge Dakota, Ram pickup, Ram Van and Wagon and the Ramcharger feature higher-torque, more powerful, multi-port, fuel-injected engines in 3.9-liter V-6 and 5.2-liter V-8 configurations.

Also new are five-speed manual and four-speed automatic transmissions for gasoline-powered models.

The 3.9-liter generates 180 horsepower at 4,800 rpm and 225 pounds-feet of torque at 3,200 rpm; the 5.2-liter makes 230 hp at 4,800 rpm and 280 pounds-feet of torque at 3,200 rpm.

Ram 50: Extended cab and long wheelbase four-wheel-drive models have been dropped, along with the 3.0-liter V-6. Remaining are the base and the SE two-wheel-drive models with 105-inch wheelbase; a base 2wd, 116-inch wheelbase model, and a base 4wd, 105-inch wheelbase model.

Dakota: There are new V-6 and V-8 engines, and serpentine belt accessory drive with self adjustment has been added to the V-6. Also new are a five-speed manual transmission with the V-6 and a heavy-duty four-speed automatic for the V-8.

A low-priced Sport package replaces the previous top-end sport model. The basic appearance is unchanged. The standard battery has been upgraded to 600 amps and the optional battery to 810 amps.

Ram Pickup: The 5.9-liter turbodiesel now is optional on Club Cabs. New are D350 dual-rear-wheel Club Cabs and W350 dual-rear-wheel models. Also new are V-6 and V-8 engines and manual and automatic overdrive transmissions. Exhaust systems for the new engines are larger, and the standard battery has been upgraded to 600 amps.

Ram Van/Wagon: Changes include new engines with larger exhaust systems. The wagons feature cast aluminum wheels with new hub centers, black bodyside moldings and three-point rear belts on outboard positions.

Ramcharger: A 5.2-liter engine with a larger exhaust system and transmission is new for 1992.

Caravan C/V: The cargo minivan comes with "mirage" styled steel wheels, standard five-speed manual transmission, driver-side air bag and body color fascias.

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New Colt Vista from Plymouth

By Mary Connelly

Plymouth's 1992 Colt Vista

Chrysler Corp.'s Plymouth division focuses more strongly on base and entry-level models for the 1992 model year.

Plymouth drops two versions of the Acclaim sedan and carries only a base model. A new base version of the Plymouth Grand Voyager joins the minivan lineup.

Plymouth's 1992 vehicles officially go on sale Oct. 1.

Acclaim: The LE and LX versions are dropped from the Plymouth lineup and rebadged as Chrysler LeBaron sedans. Plymouth retains only a base model. A three-speed automatic is now available with the 3.0-liter V-6 engine. There are two new exterior colors.

Colt: There are two new exterior colors.

Colt Vista: An all-new, five-passenger, front-wheel-drive wagon is targeted at consumers with a median age of 38, $40,000 income and family size of three persons.

Designed and built for Chrysler by Mitsubishi Motors Corp. in Japan, the vehicle also is sold by Mitsubishi Motor Sales of America as the Mitsubishi Expo LRV.

The Colt Vista has a standard 1.8-liter, 16-valve, four-cylinder engine. A 2.4-liter, four-cylinder is optional. A five-speed manual transmission is standard with a four-speed automatic available as an option. All-wheel drive with a four-speed automatic transmission is optional.

Laser: An all-wheel-drive model joins the lineup. New are front and rear fascias, headlamps, taillamps, hood and fenders.

Sundance: Two versions, America and high line, are offered; RS models are dropped.

Voyager/Grand Voyager: Driver-side air bag is standard on all models.

A new base version of the Grand Voyager joins the SE and LE models in the lineup. A three-speed automatic with 3.0-liter V-6 engine is added as an optional powertrain on the Grand Voyager SE.

The Voyager base model is equipped for the first time with a standard five-speed manual transmission and 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine.

An integrated child safety seat is offered as an option. The seats are built into the seatback of the minivan's bench seat and fold out for use. The safety seats are designed for children weighing between 20 and 40 pounds.

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Safety and efficiency key ingredients in Chevy's 1992 lineup

Chevrolet for 1992 leads the industry in anti-lock brake availability, and expects three out of four Chevys sold in America in the 1992 model year to have anti-lock brakes.

"Safety and efficiency are the two words to remember about Chevy in 1992," says Chevrolet General Manager J. C. (Jim) Perkins. "Chevrolet has anti-lock brakes on all of its non-Geo passenger car lines except Camaro."

The standard engines are more efficient — striking a better balance between horsepower and fuel economy — for Chevy's most popular car lines — Cavalier and Corsica-Beretta — and for Corvette.

The biggest news from Chevrolet for 1992:

■ Corvette — Gets a new 350-cubic-inch V8 engine which delivers 300 HP — the highest net horsepower for any production-car small-block in Chevrolet history — and better fuel economy than last year's standard engine, a sophisticated traction control strategy called Acceleration Slip Regulation (ASR) and ultra-high-performance Goodyear tires.

■ Lumina — The Euro Sedan gets the optional 3.4L DOHC V6 engine with multi-port fuel injection and all Luminas have anti-lock brakes either available or standard.

■ Corsica-Beretta — Gets improved performance in its 2.2L MFI L4 standard engine with multi-port fuel injection plus anti-lock brakes. Chevrolet anticipates that Corsica will have the lowest Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price of any compact car sold in America with anti-lock brakes and a driver's-side airbag as standard equipment.

■ Cavalier — The Z24 convertible returns. A more efficient and more powerful four-cylinder engine is offered on all VL and RS models, and anti-lock brakes are standard on all models. Summaries of each of Chevrolet's car lines follow.

Corvette for 1992 heralds a new era of world-class, all-weather performance for America's most famous sports car. New features for 1992 are a 350-cubic-inch V8 engine (LTI), a sophisticated traction control strategy called Acceleration Slip Regulation (ASR) and ultra-high-performance tires.

The new LTI ushers in a second generation of Chevy small-block power. It delivers 300 HP at 5000 RPM — the highest net horsepower for any production-car small-block in Chevrolet history — but with better fuel economy than last year's standard engine. The LTI's performance equals or exceeds existing world-class V8 engine standards for mass, size, fuel consumption, emissions and cold starting.

The Corvette's ASR system is designed to work with the existing anti-lock brakes to provide improved acceleration and enhanced vehicle stability in all weather conditions, making Corvette "car for all seasons."

New Goodyear Eagle GS-C high-performance tires are a Corvette exclusive for 1992. They have a tread pattern which delivers superb handling performance, heel and toe wear, cornering force and noise suppression.

Anti-lock brakes and a driver's side airbag are standard. Corvette continues to be offered as a coupe or a convertible; the limited production ZR-1 performance package is available on only the coupe. The exterior, leather interiors and convertible top have new colors.

The Cavalier Z24 convertible.

Chevrolet's 1992 Lumina Euro Sedan

Lumina refinements for '92 include an optional 3.4L DOHC V6 engine with multi-port fuel injection on the Lumina Euro sedan and availability of anti-lock brakes on all models.

The engine comes with 4-speed electronic automatic transmission, 16-inch aluminum wheels, P225/60R16 Eagle GT + 4 tires, dual exhaust, sport suspension a gray interior with sport bucket seats, console and a gauge package.

Anti-lock brakes (ABS V1) — offering the same kind of braking performance that many expensive sports cars boast — is new standard equipment on every 1992 Lumina Z34 and Lumina Euro model. It is optional on Lumina's standard coupe and sedan.

ABS VI reduces the chance of wheel lockup during braking, and is designed to help the driver maintain steering control even in a panic stop in rain, on snow or on ice. it can adjust brake pressure at a rate even the most skilled professional driver cannot attain.

Other new changes are a 4-way manual seat adjuster for certain models, 16-inch aluminum wheels for the Z34, an optional compact disc player for all models and five new exterior colors.

New for '92 is a Special Service Package for police fleets that includes a 3.1L MFI V6 engine, 4-speed automatic transmission and sport suspension.

Models are coupes, sedans or APV mini-vans.

Corsica has a refined engine and anti-lock brakes for all '92 models. The standard 2.2l MFI L4 engine delivers an additional 15 HP and 10 more lb./ft. of torque than its predecessor and increases fuel economy with the manual transmission. The addition of a torque axis engine mounting system and a quarter wave tuner significantly reduces engine vibration. A 3.IL MFI V6 continues as an option.

Anti-lock brakes (ABS VLI) — offering the same kind of braking performance as on many expensive sports cars — is new standard equipment. ABS VI reduces the chance of wheel lockup during braking, and is designed to help the driver maintain steering control even in a panic stop in rain, on snow or on ice. It can adjust brake pressure at a rate even the most skilled professional driver cannot attain.

Corsica also offers new standard wheel covers, option steel wheels, optional 15-inch touring tires with aluminum wheels and exterior colors.

Beretta has a refined engine and anti-lock brakes for all 1992 models. The standard 2.2L MFI L4 engine delivers an additional 15 HP and 10 more lb./ft. of torque than its predecessor and increases fuel economy with the manual transmission. The addition of a torque axis engine mounting system and a quarter wave tuner significantly reduces engine vibration. A 3.IL MFI V6 engine is now optional on all models, and the 2.2L MFI L4 is standard on the GT.

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ABS VI reduces the chance of wheel lockup during braking, and is designed to help the driver maintain steering control even in a panic stop in rain, on snow or on ice. It can adjust brake pressure at a rate even the most skilled professional driver cannot attain. Standard equipment also includes a drive's-side airbag.

Beretta also has new standard wheel covers, an optional comfort-/convenience package for the standard Beretta and a beige interior.

New exterior metallic colors are Maui blue, malachite, light driftwood, medium quasar blue and light gray; bright white is a new non-metallic color.

The Beretta lineup consists of Beretta, Beretta GT and Beretta GTZ.

Cavalier for 1992 features a more efficient standard 4-cylinder engine, anti-lock brakes for all models and the return of the Z24 convertible.

The refined standard 2.2L EFI L4 engine on all VL and RS models delivers an additional 15 HP and more lb./ft. of torque than its predecessor and increases the fuel economy for certain models. A quarter wave tuner significantly reduces air induction noise. A 3.IL MPFI V6 standard on Cavalier Z24 and optional on RS convertible and wagon models.

A 4-wheel anti-lock braking system (ABS VI) — offering the same kind of braking performance as expensive sports cars — is new standard equipment.

ABS VI reduces the chance of wheel lockup during braking, and is designed to help the driver maintain steering control even in a panic stop in rain, on snow or on ice. It can adjust brake pressure at a rate that even the most skilled professional driver cannot attain.

Also new are power door locks that lock automatically as standard equipment on all Cavaliers, full wheel covers for VL and RS models, accent striping on Cavalier RS and new interior and exterior colors.

Camaro celebrates its 25th anniversary in 1992 with a special exterior appearance option — the Heritage Edition package.

The treatment — available on all models — includes 25th Anniversary emblems and bold hood and deck stripes, a body-color grille, black head-lamp pockets and body-color wheel treatment.

All 1992 Camaros are equipped with a special 25th Anniversary emblem on the instrument panel. A driver's side airbag is standard equipment.

GM's Personal Automotive Security System (PASS-Key) has had a dramatic effect on Camaro theft rates since the system was introduced in 1989.

According to the Highway Loss Data Institute, the frequency of theft for the Camaro has dropped 49 percent and the average repair cost is down 48 percent. And the average loss per insured vehicle year — or the amount insurers have to recover on each insured vehicle to break even and the most important factor is making insurance adjustments — has been reduced a staggering 74 percent.

Four new colors are available for Camaro in 1992.

Caprice for 1992 offers refinements following its redesign and introduction of the LTZ model in 1991.

An optional 180-HP 5.7L EFI V8 is added for the station wagon; front and rear door pillars are body color; dark green gray is a new exterior color; the exhaust system is stainless steel; and light gray is an interior option.

The Caprice line consists of four models: Caprice sedan, Caprice Classic sedan, Caprice Classic LTZ sedan and the Caprice station wagon.

All Caprice models continue to offer an impressive array of standard equipment that includes 4-wheel anti-lock brakes and a drivers'-side air bag.

Chrysler New Yorker gets aerodynamic front, rear design

1992 Chrysler Fifth Avenue

Chrysler New Yorker Fifth Avenue, the most prestigious model of the New Yorker lineup, enters the 1992 luxury car marketplace with a softer and more aerodynamic new front and rear design.

The four-door, six-passenger, front-wheel-drive, full-size sedan has a wider hood, new grille, headlights, fascia, and rear deck lid.

A 3.3-liter multi-point, fuel-injected V-6 engine with an electronic four-speed automatic transaxle, is standard on the Chrysler Fifth Avenue. The 3.8-liter multi-point, fuel-injected V-6 is optional.

The Fifth Avenue features extra rear-seat legroom and has a wheelbase of 109.5 inches. Its sister, the New Yorker Salon, has wheelbase of 104.5 inches and a optional Landau roof cap that comes in four colors.

The Fifth Avenue has many standard features including air conditioning, driver-side air bag, power rack and pinion steering, tinted glass, message center, power driver six-way adjustable front 50/50 bench seats with reclining seat backs and adjustable head restraints, speed-activated power door locks, power windows, and glove box trunk release.

Other standard features include driver-side air bag, air conditioning, tinted glass, concealed quad halogen headlights, power front disc/rear drum brakes, air bag, dual heated power outside mirrors, rear reading lights, graphic message center, overhead console, electro-mechanical instrument cluster, front seat center armrest cupholders, AM/FM stereo with four speakers, a rear window defroster and power windows.

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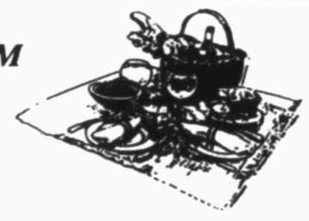

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1992 Geo Vehicles are import-inspired

As it approaches its fifth birthday, Chevrolet's Geo lineup of import-inspired vehicles is expected to set sales records in 1992.

Geo vehicles — three of which are built in North America — can be found at more than 4,000 convenient dealerships across the country.

Details of each member of the diverse Geo lineup follow.

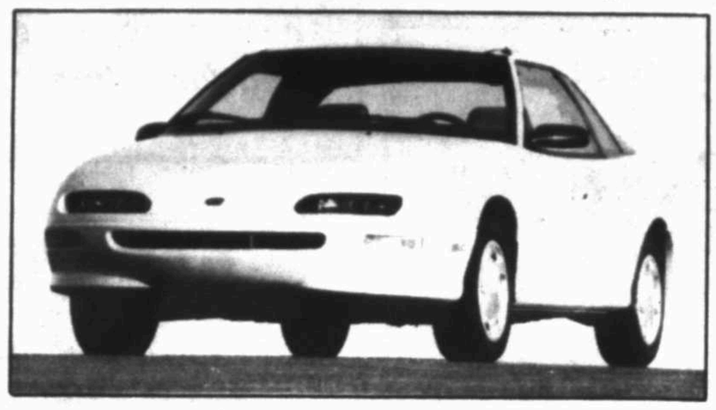
■ Storm for 1992 has a new 1.8L MPfI 16-valve 4-cylinder engine for the uplevel GSi model, updated exterior appearance and interior refinements.

The new engine — standard equipment on the GSi — produces 140 HP, 10 HP more than the engine it replaces. It has been engineered to deliver outstanding power at higher engine speeds and improved low-end torque.

All three 1992 Storms — coupe, GSi and hatchback — have a restyled front end with mini-quad halogen headlamps, new rear fascia appearance, flush-mounted tinted glass and aero-style full wheel covers. The GSi model adds to that a new wing-type spoiler and round fog lamps. New exterior colors include French blue mica and Bennington blue mica.

Inside, all models have new seat fabric and detailing.

■ Tracker sports several refinements for 1992: an optional automatic transmission for the 2WD model, a new instrument panel design, new seat fabrics with color-keyed inserts, cloth



Chevrolet's 1992 Geo Storm

bolsters, a new charcoal gray interior color and an optional tilt steering column.

The Tracker lineup consists of a 2WD convertible, a 4WD convertible and a 4WD hardtop. An LSi appearance package is optional on 4WD models, and has a new fabric treatment.

The Tracker's powerplant is a 1.6L L4 SOHC engine with electronic fuel injection. A 5-speed manual transmission is standard on all models, and a 3-speed automatic transmission is optional.

Standard features also include rear-wheel anti-lock brakes, reclining front bucket seats, analog instrumentation, stowage trays and trip odometer. All Trackers have Scotchgard Fabric Protector (TM) for seats and door panels.

■ Metro for 1992 features new front and rear fascia styling, a distinctive full-width taillamp appearance, new wheel appearance and new interior appointments.

Metros also sport new 12-inch full wheel covers (13-inch on the Metro convertible LSi), new instrument panel and new seat fabric. The LSi package adds a tachometer, visor vanity mirrors for the driver and passenger and a locking glove box.

The Metro lineup includes the XFi fuel-economy leader, 2-door hatchback coupe and 4-door hatchback sedan and a 2-door convertible. Two trim levels are available on the 2-door hatchback coupe and the 4-door hatchback sedan: standard and LSi. All Metro convertibles are equipped exclusively with the upscale LSi trim.

The Metro XFi is one of the most fuel-efficient vehicles in the U.S., according to the Environmental Protection Agency. The Metro convertible LSi is set to hold its low-price lead again in 1992 as the most affordable two-seat drop-top in the U.S.

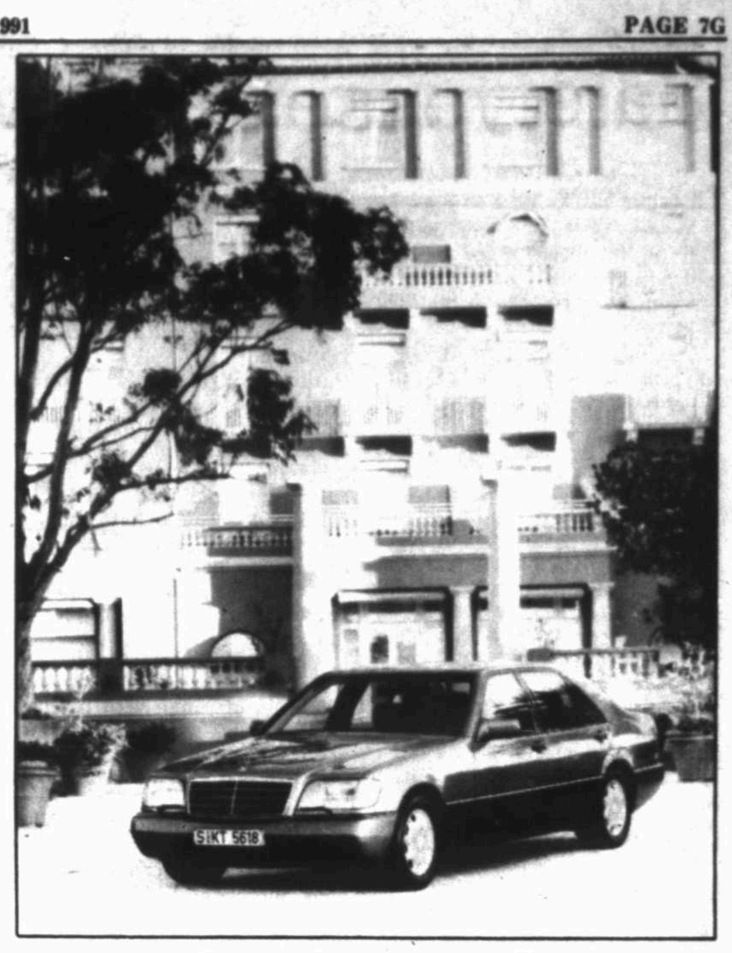
All Metros are powered by a 1.0L 3-cylinder SOHC engine with electronic fuel injection. Standard equipment also includes a 5-speed manual transmission, intermittent wipers and Scotchgard Fabric Protector (TM).

■ Prizm continues in '92 as a fine front-wheel-drive family sedan that wins rave reviews for its 5-passenger accommodations, interior comfort and spirited performance.

Four new exterior colors are available for 1992: gulfstream teal, quicksilver, crystalrose and crimson cloak. Maroon is now available for the standard Prizm's interior.

The Prizm lineup consists of a 4-door sedan, available in standard or upscale LSi trim or the sporty GSi which includes a high-output version of the 1.6L engine. The hatchback has been discontinued.

All Prizms have a 1.6L 16-valve DOHC engine with multi-port fuel injection. Standard equipment also includes a 5-speed manual transmission, manual rack-and-pinion steering, MacPherson strut with coil spring front and rear suspension and power front-disc/rear-drum brakes. The standard Prizm rides on 13-inch wheels and all-season steel-belted radials.



The new Mercedes-Benz S-Class

New S-Class takes auto industry into 21st century

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Few automobiles before have offered an interior as comfortable as the new S-Class; none have offered one as stress-free. The interior starts by being extremely spacious, especially where it counts. Both headroom and shoulder room have significantly increased over the previous S-class sedans — shoulder room by more than five inches front and rear.

This interior may be the most intensively sound-engineered compartment in automotive annals. Rattles, squeaks, stray inflow whispers, mechanical fidgeting — all have been controlled. Which makes the new Mercedes-Benz stereo radio and cassette player with Bose Beta sound sytem all the more effective.

The firm, supportive front seats of the new S-Class invite you to nestle into them for a long, comfortable ride. Both cushions and seat back are sculpted to gently brace the body during maneuvers. Both front seats are electrically adjustable for height, reach, cushion tilt, backrest tilt and head-restraint height via a control that resembles a seat.

The new S-Class also has a new powerful level of climate control with separate temperature displays. Improved venting helps ensure the entire cabin pressure is quickly adjusted without strong drafts or annoying noise.

This automobile was conceived not simply as another new model but as a redefinition of automotive integrity for the world of the nineties and beyond.

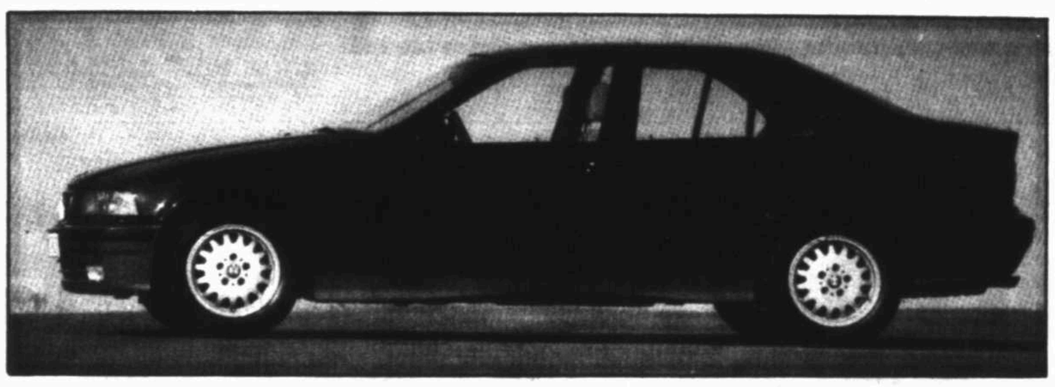
The new S-class concept is expressed not as a single car but five distinct models. The 600 SEL Sedan is a 402-horsepower V-12 statement of engineering and leadership. The 500 SEL defines the V-8 passenger car at its technological zenith. The 400 SE is a 4.2 liter V-8 sedan set on the standard 119.7-inch S-Class wheel base.

The exterior form of the new S-Class confidently signals that it is a Mercedes-Benz, that it is distinctly apart from styling trends and fashions, and that it represents automotive design at its highest expression. The long list of Mercedes-Benz exterior design priorities — from pedestrian safety, to aerodynamic efficiency, to driver visibility, to structural integrity — has been resolved in a shape as simple, yet as unmistakable, as Mercedes-Benz has ever achieved.

BMW introduces exciting new 3-series

BMW redesigned the 325i from bumper to bumper, in the process making it both more exciting and more practical. The new 325i, which went on sale in June, has a new chassis with new rear suspension, a new and more powerful engine, and a sleek new four-door body (a two-door will arrive early next year) with more interior room and improved aerodynamics. About the only thing not changed is that it's still rear-drive.

The 325i is still compact, 10 inches shorter than Honda Accord, but it is now reasonably roomy. Its wheelbase is up five inches, and the front wheels have been pushed to the far corners of the chassis, all of which opens up interior room considerably. The EPA's interior-volume figures indicate about 6 percent more cabin space, but the improvement feels like three times that. The 325i finally qualifies as a four-passenger sedan; 6-footers can ride in back for long distances.



The 1992 BMW 325i

The joy is in taking the wheel. The first thing you notice is that the businesslike interior layout works. You can see clearly marked gauges easily. The driving position is near perfect, and the reach to the steering wheel is just right. All of the stalks, controls, knobs and buttons are within easy reach and are easy to see.

The 325i is motivated by the same twin-cam 24-valve 2.5-liter inline six as the larger 525i sedan. The engine makes an impressive 189 hp at 5900 rpm. It's a peaky motor, the kind you associate more often with sports cars, with maximum torque occurring at 4700 rpm — higher in the rev range than many engines' horsepower peaks.

You get the proper soundtrack as standard equipment, too. The 325i's engine is a symphony of expensive-sounding whirring and humming, all muted to a whisper for your listening enjoyment.

It cruises comfortably, soaking up the big wells and thumping ovr the tar strips. Its steering is crisp and accurate, its standard ABS brakes powerful.

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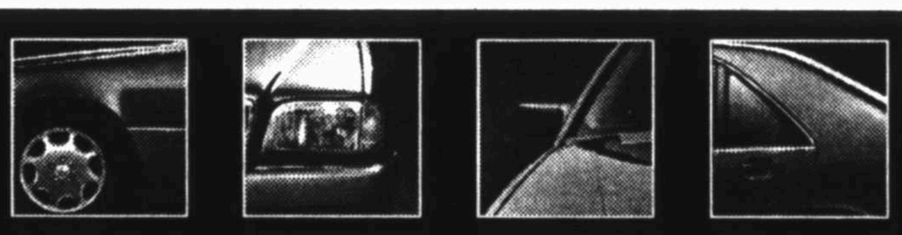

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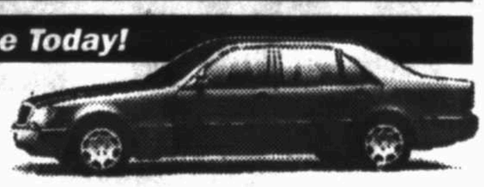

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Buick tosses a curve with new Skylark

By Phil Frame

As soon as Buick succeeded in defining its brand image and began winning back market share, out comes a curve ball — the 1992 Skylark.

Two things are certain: The new Skylark is no longer the boxy, uninteresting car it used to be, and it is vastly different from the new versions of its cousins on the N-body platform, the Pontiac Grand Am and Oldsmobile Achieva.

The Skylark is the third and last new product that Buick will introduce in the 1992 model year, following the Roadmaster sedan and the LeSabre. The rest of the 1992 Buick line features added standard equipment and new color options.

Besides all-new styling, Buick has adjusted the model lineup. Returning are the base Skylark coupe and sedan and the Gran Sport coupe. A Gran Sport sedan has been added.

Dropped are the Skylark Custom coupe and sedan and the Skylark Luxury Edition sedan.

A single-overhead-camshaft version of General Motors' double-overhead-camshaft Quad Four replaces the 2.5-liter four-cylinder that had been the base engine.

The so-called Quad OHC 2.3-liter, eight-valve four-cylinder has 10 more horsepower and five more pounds-feet of torque than its predecessor and is mated to a three-speed automatic transmission.

Fuel economy is 24 mpg city/31 highway, up from 23/31.

The Quad Four option has been discontinued, but a 3.3-liter V-6 remains optional on the Skylark coupe and sedan and is standard on the Gran Sport.

The new models also have a brake-transmission interlock, low-liftover trunk, full analog gauge instrumentation, improved acoustics, flash-to-pass headlights, rotary-dial climate controls and torque-axis engine mounts that are said to reduce engine vibration.

All the Skylarks have stainless steel exhaust systems, and all body panels except the roof are two-sided galvanized steel.

Standard are anti-lock brakes, child rear door locks on sedans, child safety seat anchors and self-aligning steering wheels with spokes that bend in a collision to automatically align the wheel with the driver's torso to absorb impact.

A 15.2-gallon fuel tank (up from 13.6 gallons) provides more than 400 miles of range with the base engine, Buick says. Also standard are power door locks, a split-folding rear seat, remote releases for the trunk and fuel-filler door, rear-seat headrests, front overhead console storage, left remote and right manual outside rearview mirrors and carpeted trunk.

An electronic suspension that allows the driver to shift among soft, sport and automatic modes is standard on the Gran Sport and optional on other models. The soft setting is for regular driving; the sport setting is for aggressive driving, and the third setting automatically shifts from soft to firm at high speeds or during hard braking and acceleration.

Other new options: power windows with driver express-down, storage armrests with split bench seats, lighted visor vanity mirrors and front and rear reading lamps.

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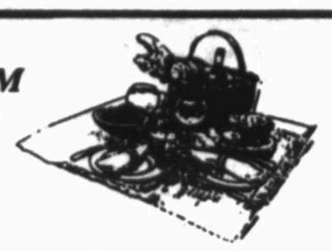

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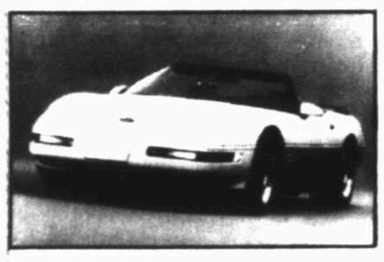

Corvette gets LT1 V-8 for '92

By Jack Keebler

The Chevrolet Corvette has a more powerful engine for 1992.

Dubbed the LT1, the highly modified 5.7-liter V-8 makes 300 horsepower at 5,000 rpm and 330 pounds-feet of torque at 4,000 rpm. Last year's base engine, the L98, was rated at 250 hp at 4,400 rpm and 350 pounds-feet of torque at 3,200 rpm.

Chevrolet engineers are calling the LT1 the "second generation" of the pushrod small-block V-8.

The power increase is attributed to several significant changes. They include: a reverse-flow cooling system, a bump in compression ratio, a new intake manifold, modified camshaft lift and timing, more accurate ignition timing and freer-flow aluminum cylinder heads.

The cast-iron engine block has been changed to handle the additional power. The changes include four-bolt main bearings, stronger "blue" connecting rods and a gear-driven coolant pump.

The key feature in the LT1 is its reverse-flow cooling system, according to John W. Juriga, manager of V-8 engine laboratory development. He says that because coolant is introduced into the cylinder heads first — rather than into cooling jackets around the cylinder bores — cooling is more consistent, and temperature spikes in the combustion chamber are eliminated.

With more consistent temperatures, detonation is controlled better, and engineers felt the compression ratio could be safely bumped from 10.1:1 to 10.5:1. Chevrolet claims a 20 percent gain in power and an 8 percent improvement in fuel economy.

Juriga says the Opti-Spark ignition system is much more accurate than the previous ignition. This provides easier hot and cold starts, better economy and reduced emissions.

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