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Master Gardeners gather for a tree planting ceremony as part of "Tree Talk," a three-year project that area residents may sign up for in January./8B



SPORTS

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At a time when sports seem full of violence, drugs and arrests, another truth often is overlooked: Athletes are involved in charities and volunteer programs./1C

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Nichols sentencing

DENVER — A federal judge Wednesday ruled that prosecutors can press for the death penalty against Terry Nichols even though the jury concluded he did not set out to kill anyone in the Oklahoma City bombing. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch also refused to block emotional testimony from victims during the sentencing phase of Nichols' trial, which begins Monday.

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New flu

WASHINGTON — In a high-security laboratory, U.S. scientists wearing protective "spacesuits" are working deep into the nights to solve a medical mystery: Is the new flu that jumped from sick chickens into humans in Hong Kong a threat to the rest of the world?

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Incomes up

WASHINGTON — Americans' personal incomes shot up 0.8 percent in November, but spending rose only half as much and analysts say it remained restrained as the holiday shopping season ended. Incomes totaled $7.03 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from $6.97 trillion in October, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

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Away in a Manger

First Baptist Church Living Nativity



At right, Mary (Danielle Johnson) cradles the baby Jesus as Joseph (Gary Pitts) looks on in First Baptist Church's annual Living Nativity.



Living nativity scene is church's Christmas card to community

For as far as the eye can see, there are stars. Bright stars. And a wintry wind blows just enough to remind all that 'tis the season. A sheep bays, a horse nays, and in a manger a baby lies, alternating between a soft cry and a playful coo. Kings and shepherds stand close by, and a woman named Mary nuzzles her newborn child. Joseph, her husband, stands by, awestruck, and a choir of angels hovers nearby, all united by the miracle of the birth.

It is Christmas. This is not Bethlehem, but rather a church lawn at Garfield Street and Louisiana Avenue.

For 22 years now, the scene has been the same. First Baptist Church's Living Nativity Scene has become such a fixture in the community that it would be difficult if not impossible to imagine it not being there every year. So far that has not been a problem — not since 1975 when Gail Storrie first produced the event.

So realistic is the manger scene, so serene the setting, that a stranger without knowledge of the Christmas story would certainly think the staging

Please see CARD/4A

Story by Jimmy Patterson | Photos by Tim Fischer

Ex-postal worker holds hostages at Denver mail center

DENVER (AP) — A former postal worker fired for threatening a supervisor took at least three people hostage Wednesday at a regional mail center and held authorities at bay in a standoff that stretched into Christmas Eve.

The man held the hostages in a corner office of the building that stretches the length of 14 football fields.

About 50 police officers, including a SWAT team and bomb squad, were joined by 25 FBI agents and 25 postal inspectors as authorities cordoned off the area. Hundreds of workers were evacuated. Seven hours later, a police spokesman said they were in no hurry to end the standoff because nobody had been hurt.

"As a hostage negotiator you become only concerned with resolving this as peaceably as possible," police Sgt. Dennis Cribari said. "Especially at Christmas time, people who are out of jobs, there is a lot of emotional stress that's taking place."

The man got in shortly after 7 a.m. with a shotgun, possibly through loading docks. He was holding the hostages in a supervisor's office. The boss he had threatened was not working at the time and postal inspectors wouldn't say whose office it is.

Police negotiated with the gunman through the day and sent food into the office. Cribari wouldn't say if the man made demands or aired grievances. He said "the tone seems to be fairly stable."

At least three and possibly four workers were taken hostage, he said.

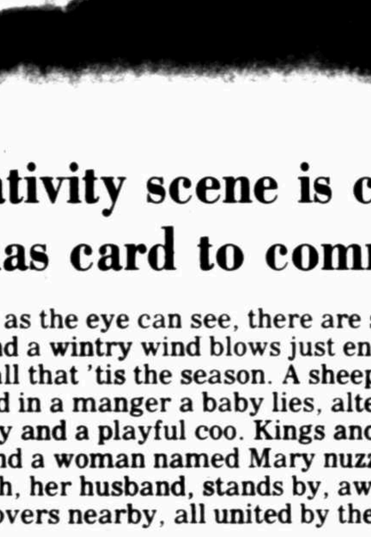
About 75 people continued to sort last-minute Christmas packages and letters in a different part of the building during the standoff. The 24-hour plant is one of the nation's largest and busiest, handling most of the mail for Colorado and Wyoming.

About 3,000 people work at the center, which includes a 24-hour post office.

"We do have a security force present out there, an armed unit," postal inspector John Freeman said. "But with the number of employees and persons coming in, obviously he got by us."

In the past decade, shootings by postal employees have become all too common.

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Economic crisis

A foreign currency dealer takes a break as the foreign exchange market continues to fluctuate at Korea Exchange Bank in Seoul Wednesday. South Korea's beleaguered stock market tumbled again Wednesday morning, a day after President-elect Kim Dae-jung said the country may not be able to pay its bills. Story page 4A

AP Photo

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Massacre challenges Mexico's president, ruling party

Associated Press

Many Mexicans believe that state, or even federal officials, have encouraged paramilitary groups of the sort accused of the attack.

MEXICO CITY — A sputtering Indian rebellion, a village power struggle and perhaps even a squabble over a gravel pit exploded into a massacre of 45 people, creating a serious challenge for President Ernesto Zedillo.

In southern Mexico's Chiapas state, even the most local of conflicts can erupt with national complications.

A day after gunmen descended Monday on the Indian village of Acteal, chasing down residents with AK-47s, survivors blamed supporters of the president's Institutional Revolutionary Party. They have been struggling for local dominance with sympathizers of the Zapatista National Liberation Front and other independent groups.

Zedillo called it "a cruel, absurd, unacceptable criminal act whose only response can be the most firm and severe application of justice." He ordered his attorney general to take over the case to punish the killers "regardless of their social, political or religious condition."

Many Mexicans believe that state, or even federal officials, have encouraged paramilitary groups of the sort accused of the attack. Failure to crack down on ruling party officials would feed widespread skepticism about the government's motives.

But members of the ruling party, known as the PRI, also have reason to fear violence in a state where the Zapatista rebels and their supporters remain strong. In recent months, some 20 PRI members have been killed in clashes in the Chenalho area, where Monday's massacre occurred.

If PRI loyalists feel the federal government is abandoning its traditional support, local leaders could look elsewhere for support and the party's base in Chiapas could be weakened. The party, which lost control of Congress this year, needs all the votes it can muster for upcoming elections.

A crackdown on armed pro-government groups also could embolden anti-government factions, some allied with the Zapatistas, throughout the southern state.

The dispute in Acteal is one of many that have erupted in Chiapas since a mid-January 1994 cease-fire in the Zapatista revolt. Its scale, however, seems to raise the stakes in the violent clashes as well as pose the threat of bloody retaliation.

Since the cease-fire, more than 300 people have died in clashes over land and village power throughout the state. In Acteal, according to survivors, the dispute included control of a gravel pit and a conflict between rival Chenalho governments: one pro-PRI, the other pro-Zapatista.

Zedillo has failed to make progress in reviving negotiations with the Zapatistas, stalled for more than a year. That has created social tensions that have fed the local clashes.

Zapatista supporters claim the government has either armed, or turned a blind eye to the formation of pro-government paramilitary groups, which repeatedly have clashed with Zapatista supporters.

State and federal officials have repeatedly and vehemently denied that, but they have been notably unsuccessful in cracking down on such groups or at halting local violence.

Peace talks have stalled because the government has balked at elements of a plan for Indian autonomy drawn up by federal legislators, saying the wording would weaken national unity. The massacre, however, could pressure Zedillo into bending on that point and revive negotiations.

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EDITOR'S NOTE — John Rice, an AP correspondent based in Mexico City, has covered Mexico since 1990.



AP Photo

Anita Santis, right, rests in a provisional shelter in San Cristobal with neighbors from surrounding villages Tuesday. Santis and her neighbors fled the towns of el Chorro, Acteal and Colonia Puebla after rightist gunmen opened fire on civilians in Acteal.

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Carlos the Jackal sentenced to life in prison for triple murder

PARIS (AP) — Ever defiant, the aging revolutionary known as "Carlos the Jackal" smiled and raised his left fist after a French court sentenced him to life in prison early today for the 1975 murders of two French investigators and a Lebanese national.

Defense lawyers for Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, linked to some of the Cold War's most sensational terror attacks, said they would appeal the verdict.

After Ramirez' rambling, four-hour monologue — and four hours of deliberation — jurors convicted the man who has claimed responsibility for 83 killings. Among other attacks, he has been tied to the 1975 seizure of OPEC oil ministers in Vienna and the 1976 hijacking of an Air France jet to Uganda.

"Viva la revolucion," Ramirez, who was born in Venezuela, said in Spanish after hearing the verdict. He was escorted out by police guards; the Venezuelan government said it will not seek extradition.

Ramirez was convicted of shooting counterintelligence investigators Raymond Dous and Jean Donatini as well as Michel Moukharbal, a Lebanese colleague Ramirez suspected of being an informer. He also was convicted of the attempted murder of French investigator Jean Herranz.

The investigators, unarmed when they were killed, had been probing attacks on Israel's El Al airlines at Paris' Orly Airport earlier that year.

"It's a comfort after 22 years. I feel good. He's in prison for life and he'll never get out," said John Donatini's son, Guillaume. "But I'll never get my father back."

Gilles Dous, who also lost his father, said the verdict was a relief but added: "I still haven't turned the page."



AP Photo

Gilles Dous, the son of a French investigator killed in 1975 by Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, also known as Carlos the Jackal, reacts after a French court sentenced Ramirez to life in prison early Wednesday. Ramirez was convicted of the 1975 murders of two unarmed French investigators and a Lebanese national.

In his final appeal to jurors, Ramirez called the eight days of proceedings a political show trial. "There is no law for me," said the dapper and graying revolutionary.

Before Judge Yves Corneloup cut off Ramirez and sent the jury to deliberate, Ramirez said he was unafraid of spending the rest of his life behind bars.

"They want to sentence me to life in prison. I'm 48 years old, so it could be another 40 or 50 years. That doesn't horrify me," Ramirez said.

Ramirez' leading lawyer, Isabelle Coutant-Peyre said the defense would appeal the verdict.

"It was not a just trial. He was convicted on political grounds," she told reporters. "I consider that the decision comes from outside interests, especially America and Israel."

In Spanish-accented French, Ramirez hammered on the theme he has maintained throughout the trial: He is a political combatant with a "love of revolution and love of justice."

Captured by French agents in Sudan three years ago, Ramirez long has been inactive, his support drying up with the Cold War's end.

Two years before his Aug. 14, 1994, capture in Khartoum, Sudan, Ramirez he was convicted in absentia of the three shooting deaths. French law required a retrial once he was in custody.

Defense attorneys contended the evidence at the trial was fabricated and the testimony was not credible. Prosecutors' evidence included fingerprints on a whiskey bottle and glasses at the Left Bank apartment where the killings occurred, more fingerprints on a postcard addressed to a Venezuelan friend and the words of former friends and lovers.

Swiss banks offer $11 million to search for Holocaust victims

Associated Press

BASEL, Switzerland — Switzerland's three biggest banks have pledged about $11 million to help charities search for needy Holocaust victims eligible for aid from a special fund, a spokesman said Wednesday.

Michael Willi of the Swiss Bankers Association said the money would be in addition to the $69 million the banks gave earlier this year to establish the fund to aid people who survived Nazi persecution and continue to live in poverty.

The fund, which has grown to $190 million with other Swiss contributions, is intended primarily for victims in Eastern Europe who were unable to receive compensation in the years after World War II because they lived under communist rule.

Willi said the banks' extra contribution would help defray expenses like mailing and travel for the charities that are trying to find eligible recipients.

A first payment to victims was made to Jews in Riga, Latvia, last month, and a second then went to Albanian Christians and Muslims who survived Nazi concentration camps.

A spokeswoman for the fund confirmed a report in a Swiss Jewish weekly that a further payment of $400 each will be sent in coming weeks to about 20,000 Holocaust survivors in Hungary.

Earlier this year, an official U.S. report accused neutral Switzerland of providing financing to Nazi Germany that prolonged World War II. Jewish organizations allege that Swiss banks have failed to give Holocaust victims' heirs access to dormant assets.

Lawyers in the United States are seeking $23 billion through class-action lawsuits filed against Swiss banks and insurance companies on behalf of Holocaust victims and their heirs.

Medical teams to investigate deadly illness in north Kenya

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Heavy rains brought on by El Niño and the pests that breed in floodwaters are suspected of causing an undiagnosed illness in Kenya in which victims bleed to death.

The World Health Organization and Kenyan officials sent medical teams to northern Kenya on Wednesday to investigate the outbreak. Those experts so far could confirm just three deaths from the disease, all of which occurred last week at a hospital in the remote town of Garissa.

They were trying to verify local reports that 171 people had died in flooded villages in northeastern Kenya. Newspapers said the victims had high fevers, diarrhea, vomiting and bleeding from the nose and mouth.

Outbreaks of the illness have been reported along the Ewaso Nyiro river, which flows from northeast Kenya into Somalia.

Dr. Maina Kahindo, head of Communicable Disease Control in the Kenyan Health Ministry, said mosquitoes, lice or ticks that breed in floodwaters may be spreading the illness.

Twelve possible diseases are being investigated, including yellow fever, dengue, Rift Valley and relapsing fevers. Experts think the mystery disease is unlikely to be Marburg fever or Ebola.

Douglas Klaucke, acting WHO representative in Kenya, said the teams will gather specimens and fly them back to Nairobi for analysis. Other teams will collect information on clinical symptoms.

Flooding in East Africa has been blamed on El Niño, which occurs every few years when a major warming pattern develops in the tropical waters of the Pacific.

El Niño has been blamed for exceptionally early typhoons in Japan; very late typhoons in the Philippines and the South China Sea; droughts in Southern Africa, Central America and northern South America; and wildfires in Australia.

The weather system also is responsible for floods throughout East Africa this year.

Cholera epidemic kills 108 in Uganda

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — At least 108 people have died in the past two weeks from a cholera epidemic, a Ugandan health official said Wednesday.

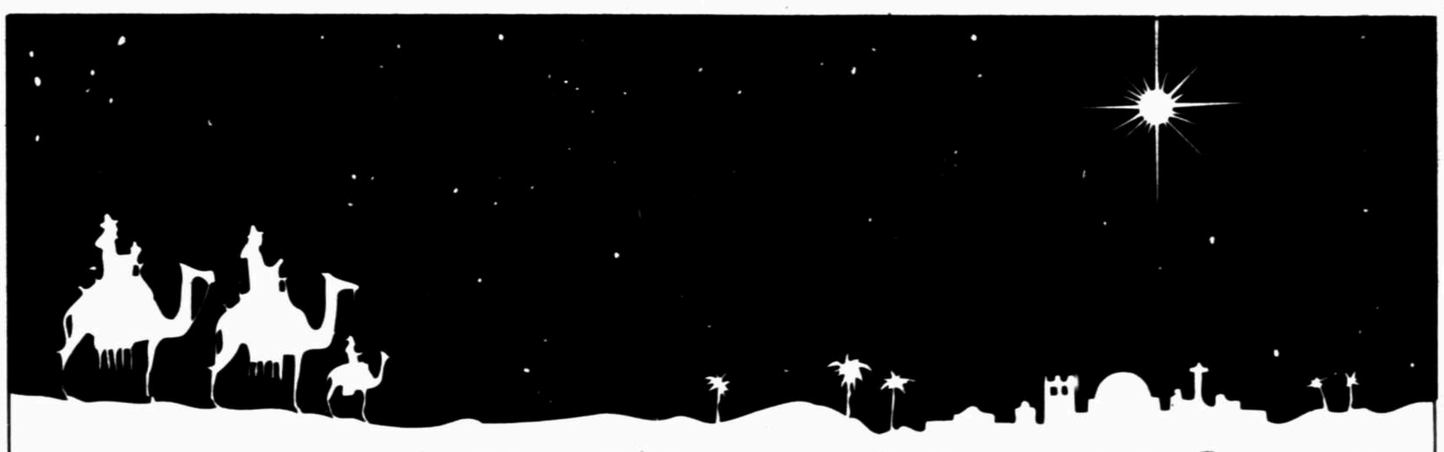
More than 1,300 people have been hospitalized for cholera around this East African country and Kampala, the capital, is the most seriously affected, he said.

"The spread of the disease has not seriously affected villages because they are sparcely populated," said Dr. Nathan Mugisha of the Health Ministry's communicable diseases department. "But Kampala in particular has poor sanitation, slums and no clean water in many areas."

Last week, the World Health Organization cited 600 cases of cholera in Uganda and one death.

The discrepancy in figures was blamed on delays in reporting cases and deaths to the regional WHO headquarters.





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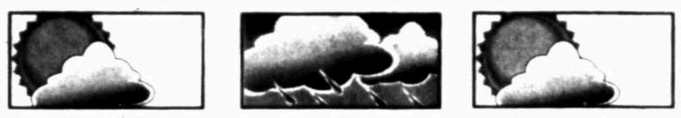
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy	Mixed precipitation	Partly cloudy
High 50	High 40	High 47
Low 25	Low 24	Low 23

The Christmas Day forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 50. Winds will be from the northeast between 20 and 25 mph and gusty.

Christmas night's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a low near 25.

Friday's forecast calls for hazy skies and a high near 40 with a slight chance for mixed precipitation. Temperatures should be dipping into the mid-20s by the late evening.

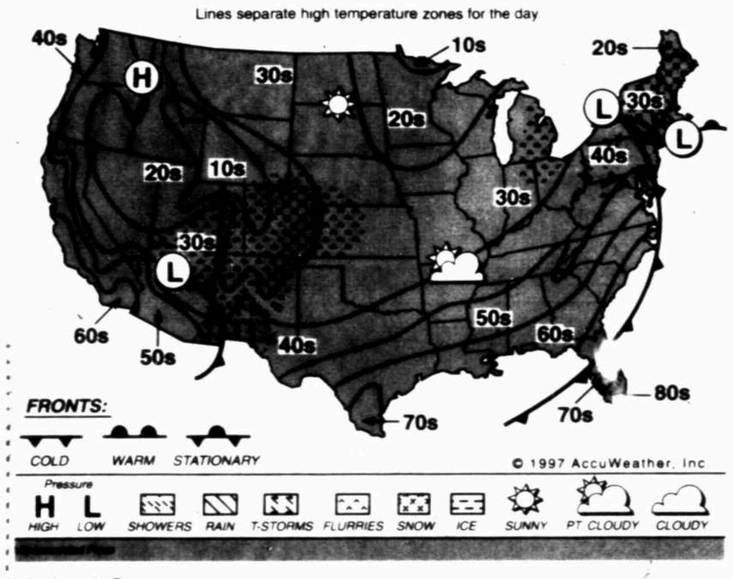
As of press time Wednesday, the high was 53. The overnight low was 32. The all-time high was 82 set in 1955. The record low for that date was 6 set in 1983.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Tuesday	.32 in.	High	53
Rainfall Wednesday	.00 in.	low	32
Total for month	1.36 in.	Normal high	57
Total for year	17.07 in.	Normal low	29

Sunrise: 7:47 a.m. **Sunset:** 5:51 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather℠ forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 25.

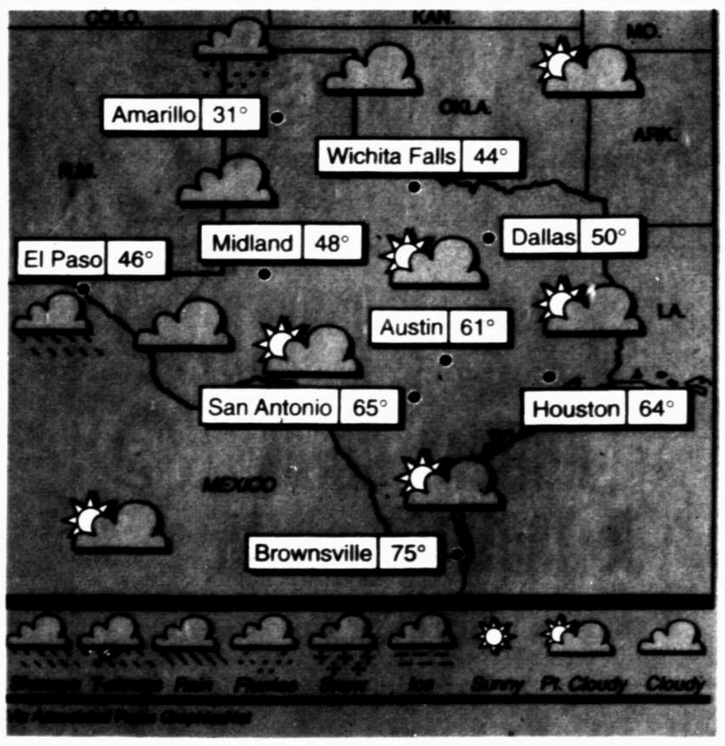


United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Tuesday high and overnight low to 6 32 a.m. Wednesday

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N Y	31	31	05	cdy
Albuquerque	33	19	05	cdy
Anchorage	25	16	15	sn
Asheville	53	42	10	rn
Atlanta	50	47	1 49	rn
Atlantic City	49	27	cdy	
Baltimore	50	31	rn	
Billings	35	22	cdy	
Birmingham	51	46	82	rn
Bismarck	41	21	cdy	
Boise	29	16	cdy	
Boston	34	30	68	cdy
Buffalo	38	32	07	cdy
Burlington,Vt	32	25	15	cdy
Casper	28	6	sn	
Charleston,S C	55	48	93	rn
Charleston,W Va	47	39	02	rn
Charlotte,N C	48	44	08	rn
Cheyenne	42	16	sn	
Chicago	37	33	sn	
Cincinnati	39	38	rn	
Cleveland	38	34	rn	
Columbia,S C	52	47	63	rn
Columbus,Ohio	39	36	rn	
Concord,N H	28	25	90	clr
Dayton	37	34	rn	
Denver	35	21	sn	
Des Moines	32	30	07	sn
Detroit	38	31	cdy	
Duluth	33	19	cdy	
Evansville	42	39	12	rn
Fairbanks	15	-4	sn	
Fargo	34	20	cdy	
Flagstaff	34	22	cdy	
Grand Rapids	34	30	cdy	
Great Falls	33	16	cdy	
Greensboro,N C	48	39	rn	
Hartford Spgfld	34	20	67	cdy
Helena	31	17	cdy	
Honolulu	81	69	clr	
Indianapolis	37	35	rn	
Jackson,Miss	52	51	3 17	cdy
Jacksonville	67	58	03	rn
Juneau	41	41	rn	
Kansas City	38	36	29	sn
Las Vegas	53	38	cdy	
Little Rock	50	44	1 62	cdy
Los Angeles	65	46	clr	
Louisville	43	41	01	rn
Memphis	48	45	1 15	cdy
Miami Beach	81	73	cdy	
Milwaukee	31	28	sn	
Mpls-St Paul	32	24	cdy	
Nashville	47	43	34	rn
New Orleans	61	60	1 24	cdy
New York City	40	38	07	cdy
Norfolk,Va	58	41	rn	
North Platte	40	28	sn	
Oklahoma City	37	33	1 05	sn
Omaha	32	30	sn	
Orlando	76	67	cdy	
Philadelphia	45	32	cdy	
Phoenix	54	42	cdy	
Pittsburgh	40	35	01	rn
Portland,Maine	27	26	44	clr
Portland,Ore	41	40	08	cdy
Providence	35	33	55	cdy
Raleigh-Durham	53	40	rn	
Rapid City	44	21	cdy	
Reno	40	17	cdy	
Richmond	60	36	rn	
Sacramento	52	37	clr	
St Louis	40	37	20	sn
Salt Lake City	32	22	07	sn
San Antonio	59	35	08	clr
San Diego	63	50	clr	
San Francisco	57	47	clr	
San Juan,P R	87	73	02	cdy
Santa Fe	27	13	01	cdy
St Ste Marie	34	21	cdy	
Seattle	44	38	02	cdy
Shreveport	50	43	cdy	
Sioux Falls	29	21	cdy	
Spokane	30	26	01	cdy
Syracuse	36	32	09	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	77	69	cdy	
Topeka	36	35	36	sn
Tucson	52	33	rn	
Tulsa	39	38	2 08	sn
Washington,D C	55	39	rn	
Wichita	35	32	1 21	sn

State forecast



Texas temperatures

Highest temperature Tuesday, lowest past 12 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 a.m. Wednesday:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	40	35	0.39
Alice	78	45	
Amarillo	32	26	0.30
Arlington	47	39	0.84
Austin	57	39	0.38
Beaumont	70	47	1.00
Brownsville	76	52	
Burnet	52	40	0.28
Childress	40	31	0.72
College Station	61	42	0.82
Conroe	60	43	0.43
Corpus Christi	81	42	0.01
Corsicana	51	39	0.81
Cotulla	64	36	0.15
Dalhart	30	26	0.51
Dallas	46	40	1.21
Del Rio	61	37	0.19
Denton	44	39	0.50
El Paso	45	35	0.07
Fort Stockton	53	36	0.24
Fort Worth	44	38	0.72
Galveston	67	50	0.27
Harlingen	80	51	
Hondo	59	36	
Houston	62	43	0.45
Huntsville	58	42	0.08
Junction	51	33	0.34
Kingsville	82	42	
Laredo	77	43	
Lubbock	36	28	0.09
Lufkin	56	43	1.22
Marfa	41	28	0.02
McAllen	83	50	
Mineral Wells	43	37	0.63
Navy Corpus	78	54	0.01
New Braunfels	59	38	0.37
Palacios	74	44	0.30
Paris	45	41	
Rockport	76	42	0.05
San Angelo	47	34	0.39
San Antonio	59	35	0.08
Terrell	48	39	0.76
Victoria	76	42	0.49
Waco	51	40	0.33
Wichita Falls	39	34	0.83
Wink	44	30	0.07

CARD: Nativity provides serenity during rush of holidays

(From 1A)

of the event is the real thing. The cars that whiz by behind the backs of the onlookers make little sound to those who stand here, themselves in awe.

"It provides a great opportunity to reflect on what Christmas really means," said Glenn Hackler, deputy city manager and this year one of the three wise men at the nativity scene. "The first thing I have thought of when coming to the nativity scene every year is the serenity, the peacefulness of it. It also impresses upon me the humility of Jesus, and it's a tremendous witness to this community."

Mrs. Storrie first produced the event in 1975 when Ford was in the White House and Elvis was in the building. They have long since gone, but the image of the Baby Jesus away in the manger still endures.

For the last two years, Kay Bivens has taken over the task of making sure all are in place for the production, traditionally held for three nights the week before Christmas for one hour each night.

"Everyone has a lot more things going on at this time of year. Everyone's a lot busier. We have pressures finishing our Christmas shopping and juggling our budgets, but you can come up here and see that nativity scene and hear that music and ... it just warms my heart and puts everything in perspective," Ms. Bivens said.

Work on the production starts about mid-November and for it all to come together she said that more than 60 people are involved. They include not only the cast, but also those behind the scenes — from makeup, wardrobe, lighting and sound volunteers, to the Rebecca Sunday School class, a group of senior women, who provide refreshments each year.

Although the production requires cooperation on the parts of a lot of people, often the weather does not. Last year, the scene was canceled one night for the first time in its history because of wintry conditions.

Berry Simpson, Midland city councilman and this year a wise man like Hackler, said the weather in '96 was miserable.

"Last year was so cold I wore fleece sweats under my costume and still froze," Simpson said, adding that more frequent cast rotations were needed because of the sub-freezing temperatures.

Simpson, who also played Judas in the church's Easter pageant, jokes that his main attribute for being in the church productions is his hair. "I think my main qualification for Easter, as well as the live nativity, is the fact that I have a beard and lots of first-century hair and require less makeup."

Doug Noah played Joseph on the final night's scene next to his wife Sharon, who depicted Mary.

"It helps little kids, especially, visualize what it must have been like that night. As adults we've seen different plays and dramas, but for the little kids to be within 10 feet of the manger scene, it helps them to understand better."

Mrs. Storrie can easily sum up the reason she took on the task of producing the nativity scene for 20 years.

"I think the greatest blessing for me and for a lot of people involved is that when everyone is in place and the music was going, I would see some parent bring a 2- or 3-year-old child and, even though the baby in the manger is not a real baby, (the parent) would kneel down and tell their child the Christmas story," Mrs. Storrie recalls. "They would point out all the characters to them and make that story come alive to the child."

On a more lighthearted note, Mrs. Storrie recalls that some of the makeup application was so realistic that the player's family wouldn't be able to recognize them, especially the bearded shepherds.

"They couldn't figure out which one was their family member," Mrs. Storrie said. "They'd say, 'Is that him? No. Is that him? No, that's not him either.'"

A scant three months before the 1996 nativity scene was to be staged, no one had come forward to take over for the retired Mrs. Storrie and the possibility of the scene not being a part of the Christmas season was very real.

"Kay (Bivens) gave me a stricken look and she said, 'What do you mean we're not having it?' I told her I had retired and no one had come forward. She just looked aghast and said she couldn't imagine Christmas without the nativity scene at First Baptist. Kay called me the next day and said she was going to do it."

"I just feel it is a great honor to coordinate it," Mrs. Bivens said. "There are some very dedicated and talented people who do a lot of work and it's very much a team effort."

"To me," Mrs. Storrie said, "this is a worship experience for the entire community where people who might not go inside a church might come by in their cars. It's not a performance. It's not anything that anybody says. It's just a picture like you find on a Christmas card. When (Minister of Education) Bob Hopkins announced it to the church, he said, 'This is our Christmas card to the community. It's a picture for people so everyone will know why we celebrate the season.'

Or as Hackler said, noting that the Living Nativity Scene knows no denominational lines: "That's what's so wonderful about it. It reflects the message that Christ is for the whole world, regardless of whether you're a Republican or Democrat, regardless of your race or what church you go to. It's reflected in this ministry that He cared for the whole world."

HOLD: Gunman was fired 18 months ago

(From 1A)

In August 1986, Patrick Henry Sherrill, a part-time letter carrier in Edmond, Okla., killed 14 colleagues and himself. He had faced the possibility of being fired.

In Milwaukee earlier this month, a postal worker turned down for promotion to a day job killed a co-worker he had feuded with, wounded the supervisor who had reprimanded him and injured another worker before he put the 9mm handgun in his mouth and killed himself.

"Something is wrong," said Paul Mendrick, president of the postal union in Denver. "There's just too many of these situations happening across the country to say this is a coincidence."



AP Photo

Police officers stand guard at the gate outside the General Mail Facility of the U.S. Postal Service in east Denver early Wednesday after a gunman took hostages inside the building.

Scientists work to unravel new flu mystery

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a high-security laboratory, U.S. scientists wearing protective "spacesuits" are working deep into the nights to solve a medical mystery: Is the new flu that jumped from sick chickens into humans in Hong Kong a threat to the rest of the world?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is mailing special diagnostic kits to more than 150 laboratories worldwide this week to gauge whether the new virus is lurking anywhere other than Hong Kong. Up to 30 CDC scientists are furiously studying how the pathogen made the huge species jump from chickens into people and hunting a vaccine in case it spreads.

"The days are quite long here," said Dr. James Hughes, director of CDC's National Center for Infectious Diseases, who had to shut down experiments on dangerous bacterial infections to make room for the new flu in CDC's special high-security lab. "The microbes are challenging us in ways that seem to be increasingly difficult to deal with."

There's no need to panic, doctors emphasize. Hong Kong has nine confirmed cases of the new flu and three other suspected patients. Four people have died. That's far fewer illnesses than expected if the bug were about to explode into an epidemic.

More important, there's no proof yet that it spreads from person to person.

But killer flu often emerges from Asia — and scientists are under a serious time crunch: February is when the government tells manufacturers which protection to put into next year's flu shots, because the vaccine takes so long to brew. And this flu, of concern because no one has natural immunity to it, kills the chicken eggs used to make vaccines.

Deciding about next year's vaccine is "more than a balancing act," said Dr. Peter Patriarca of the Food and Drug Administration, which is preparing to start additional "bird flu" vaccine research in a high-security lab near Washington. "It's almost like a crystal ball situation. You have to basically hedge every bet you ever make."

Different influenza strains circle the globe every year. Usually, they're fairly similar to viruses people have caught in the past. But every so often, a genetically unique strain emerges as a killer: the 1957 Asian flu, the 1968 Hong Kong flu, and the worst pandemic ever, the 1918 flu that emerged from American pigs to kill 20 million people worldwide.

Experts already were warning that another epidemic is overdue when people in Hong Kong suddenly got sick with a unique strain called H5N1.

The letters stand for hemagglutinin and neuraminidase, antigens that cause an immune response. People typically get versions of H1 or H3 flu, which their bodies can recognize to fight. But H5 had never been seen outside of birds — and the theory had been that birds need to pass flu on to pigs before it was genetically compatible to spread into humans.

"The odd thing about this particular case is it was a direct jump from the bird to the human. We've never seen this before," explained Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health.

So far, genetic testing shows no sign that the bird flu has mixed with human genes, key for the person-to-person transmission needed for the flu to spread, said CDC virus chief Dr. Brian Mahy.

But no one knows just what caused the jump from chickens. Hong Kong experienced a chicken outbreak earlier this year, and people there do have unusually close contact with poultry, often killing and plucking them at home. Some infected children attended playgrounds that kept chicks.

CDC investigators are helping local doctors track the flu, but must send infectious samples back to the special Atlanta lab for the sophisticated testing that may hold the answers.

There, scientists cloaked in protective spacesuit-like garb are struggling to decode the new flu's genes and create a vaccine. H5N1 kills the chicken eggs used to grow regular flu vaccine, so a top priority is weakening the virus enough to concoct a vaccine — or using genetic engineering to grow one without eggs.

Flu experts look to Asia every year for new viruses. The CDC even helped fund eight centers in China to help detect emerging strains, and it hopes China uses the new H5N1 test kits it mailed this week. Hong Kong suspects the flu originated in Chinese chickens sent to the island.

But the CDC is being cautious. Doctors don't want a repeat of 1976, when a few cases of severe swine flu among military recruits prompted the CDC to predict an epidemic and call for mass vaccination. Then the strain fizzled out even as the new shots were accused of side effects.

"The decision to go with a vaccine to the new strain will not be taken until and unless we see extensive spread of disease," stressed CDC's Mahy.

Rescue funds to be delivered early to Seoul

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — With its spreading economic crisis forcing the shutdown of auto assembly lines, South Korea won early delivery of $10 billion in loans from an international rescue package.

The surprise announcement underscored worsening fears that disbursement of International Monetary Fund loans was moving too slow to ease Korea's deepening financial mess.

The country's stock market took another plunge Wednesday, and the country's president-elect said industry needed to act, "not just make verbal promises" in order to restore South Korea's economy to its previous stature.

The sped-up loan money, $2 billion from the International Monetary Fund and $8 billion from the Group of Seven countries, had already been promised, but will be delivered by early January instead of next year, the government said.

So far, South Korea has received $14 billion from the record $57 billion IMF bailout package negotiated earlier this month.

In return for the promise of early loans, South Korea has agreed to expedite financial reforms and open its domestic industrial market earlier than scheduled.

Finance and Economy Minister Lim Chang-yuel promised that South Korea would soon adopt new legislation to make layoffs easier and increase the limit on foreign stock ownership from the present 26 percent to 55 percent.

It also must fully open its lucrative bond market by year's end, allow foreign banks and stock companies to set up wholly owned branch offices ahead of schedule and liberalize interest rates.

"The lending, along with anticipated cooperation from foreign banks in rolling over their loans, will greatly help ease our foreign currency crisis," Lim said in a statement jointly released in Seoul and Washington.

The announcement came as South Korea's battered stock market took another plunge, amid rumors that cash-flow problems are spreading to huge conglomerates. And financial woes among the nation's largest supplier of car components temporarily shut down auto assembly lines.

Mando Machinery, which is seeking court receivership, has halted its supply of brakes, steering and electrical parts and air conditioners to top automakers that export to the United States, among other countries. Only Daewoo Motors, which has its own suppliers, was not affected.

The stoppage could reduce South Korea's daily production of 10,000 vehicles a day — slightly less than 50 percent of its national output.

Stock market jitters remained strong following a harrowing 7.5 percent drop in the main index Tuesday — the biggest one-day fall ever. On Wednesday, the benchmark Korea stock index fell 4.1 percent to 351.45.

The Korean won, however, rose 6.4 percent on news that the World Bank had approved an immediate $3 billion loan for South Korea and that the Asian Development Bank would extend a $2 billion loan this week.

The won recovered to 1,836 won against the dollar, up sharply from Tuesday's close of 1,962 won to the U.S. dollar.

"Foreign investors' distrust runs so deep that we have a long way to go to win their confidence," President-elect Kim Dae-jung told party officials Wednesday. "More than anything else, we need to act, not just make verbal promises."

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Abiding in fields, Bethlehem's shepherds wonder at Christmas fuss

By Laura King
Associated Press

SHEPHERD'S FIELD, West Bank — Where biblical shepherds watched their flocks by night, modern-day herders still eke out a meager living in the stony hills just outside Bethlehem.

"My father was a shepherd, and my grandfather, too," said 25-year-old Khalil Mousa, casting an eye over his family's herd of three dozen grazing sheep. "But I want to do something more. I'd like to go to school, learn some other trade."

Like other herders who drive their flocks to sparse pastures in the area known as Shepherd's Field — where tradition says angels told shepherds of the birth of the Christ child — Mousa knows that shepherds played a part in the Christmas story, but he's hazy on details.

"I'm not sure exactly what they had to do with it, them or their sheep," said Mousa, a Palestinian Muslim from the nearby Arab village of Beit Sahour.

In the summertime, Mousa and his wife, Hadijeh, often sleep in the open air with their flock, keeping watch against prowling dogs and jackals. In winter, they tether the sheep near their tent and listen — even in their sleep, they say — for any sound of trouble.



AP Photo

A Palestinian shepherd is about to throw a rock at a sheep straying away from the herd near Shepherd's Field in the West Bank Tuesday. Where biblical shepherds watched their flocks by night, modern-day herders still eke out a meager living in the stony hills outside Bethlehem.

Sales of wool, milk, cheese and lambs are the sole means of support for the Mousa clan, consisting of the young couple and their 10-month-old daughter, along with Mousa's father and his two wives.

"Sometimes we just barely get by," said Hadijeh Mousa, who wore the traditional black head-scarf of an observant Muslim woman, along with jeans, sneakers and a sweater with an embroidered Minnie Mouse. A gold tooth gleamed when she smiled, and her sun-weathered face made her look older than her 22 years.

The bleating of the flock mingled with the clanging of bells around the necks of some sheep, and the wind whistled through gaps in the barren hills. A few white winter flowers bloomed between stones on the side of the mountain, which the herders call Im al-Asafir, or Mother of Birds.

Hadijeh said she gets attached to the sheep, sometimes giving them nicknames. She knows which are the silliest ones, likely to wander from the fold or get into some kind of trouble.

Her husband takes a more no-nonsense approach. "I just take care of them as best I can," said Mousa, clad in blue jeans, with a checkered keffiyeh scarf wound around his neck.

On Christmas Eve, the shepherds of biblical times are remembered in an Anglican carol service held in Shepherd's Field. Always included is a reading from the second chapter of the gospel of Luke, telling the Christmas story — "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night..."

In Jerusalem, the Scots Memorial Church holds a Christmas Eve observance called the Watch-Night service, after the shepherds who tended their flocks. "Maybe we Scots feel an affinity with those pastoral herders," said its pastor, the Rev. Ian Peyton.

The quiet, candlelit service at Shepherd's Field is popular with Christian pilgrims who want an alternative to the sometimes raucous observances in Bethlehem's Manger Square, which draw thousands of tourists and locals annually.

Bethlehem's midnight Mass, held in a church built on the spot where tradition says Jesus was born, is for ticketholders only, with most celebrants watching on a big TV screen set up in the square outside.

Roman Catholic biblical scholar Father Jerome Murphy-O'Connor says Manger Square on Christmas Eve is "a circus" — worth seeing once perhaps, but once only.

"For a more spiritual experience, I'd recommend to anyone that instead, they go out and sing carols in the moonlight at Shepherd's Field," he said.

Woman found with kidnapped child on bail, plans to visit 'daughter'

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The woman found masquerading as the mother of a child kidnapped in San Diego seven years ago has been freed on bail, and says she expects to visit the girl she still calls her daughter.

"I'm very happy and confident that I will see her over Christmas," Nilsa Gierbolini Guzman, 35, said Tuesday night as she left the women's prison in the coastal town of Vega Alta.

Last week, Gierbolini's lawyers said she would ask a Puerto Rican court for custody of Crystal Leann Anzaldi, now 8. The girl's parents, Jeffrey and Dorothy Anzaldi, who divorced after their daughter's disappearance, also are seeking custody.

Gierbolini lived in San Diego at the time of Crystal's disappearance, but the details of how the girl ended up in her custody are still murky. Gierbolini said someone left Crystal in her care and never returned for her.

The Anzaldis have said they did not know Gierbolini.

After speaking with Jeffrey Anzaldi, his brother-in-law Dan Martin said Tuesday that "we are very unhappy and disgusted" at Gierbolini's release and her desire to see Crystal.

"I know he's very hurt by the fact that she thinks she has rights to Crystal. She has none," Martin, speaking from his home just west of Portland, Ore., told The Associated Press.

Jeffrey Anzaldi lives in Portland with his wife, Crystal's older sister and a half-sister. He was not available for comment.

Martin said Gierbolini should not be allowed to see the child. Officials from the Department of the Family could not be reached for comment Tuesday night. They have refused comment in the past because of a court gag order.

Dorothy Anzaldi, who still lives in San Diego, has made several requests to visit the daughter she remembers as a chubby toddler learning to walk. Family Department lawyers have said social workers and a family court judge would decide whether it was in Crystal's best interest to meet with her parents while the question of custody remains unresolved.

They have said Crystal is reacting with amazing resilience and asks about her "new parents" as well as Gierbolini, expressing concern that the woman she lived with most of her life was in jail.

Friends and neighbors of Gierbolini's made contributions that helped her lawyers secure her release on bail, which was set at $150,000.

Gierbolini appeared in court last week on charges she abused Crystal; she denies the charges. Police investigating the accusations made by her estranged husband, determined that the birth certificate of "Sonia Guzman" was a fake. It took nearly three months — and a lucky break, when an investigator stumbled on an Internet site with photos of lost children — to identify the girl as Crystal. Blood tests confirmed her identity.

Gierbolini also is charged with falsifying birth records.

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A Savior is born, Christ the Lord!

"And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

"(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria).

"And all went to be taxed, everyone into his own city.

"And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

"To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

"And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night.

"And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

"And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us go now even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which the Lord hath made known to us.

"And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

"And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.

"And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

"But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.

"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

—(Luke 2: 1-20.)

Another View

Clinton's decision will protect Haitians

President Clinton's decision to shield thousands of Haitian refugees from immediate deportation gives them the protections that Congress recently granted to refugees from Central America. Congress left the Haitians out last month when it corrected overly stringent provisions in the 1996 immigration act that made it much harder for Central Americans who had fled civil wars to fight deportation even though many had lived in this country for years.

Those harsh rules, which increased residency requirements from seven to 10 years and eliminated hardship to the immigrants themselves as a basis to challenge deportation, could have pushed out hundreds of thousands of refugees.

Congress reversed some of those rules by granting permanent residency to 150,000 Nicaraguans and 5,000 Cubans. It also allowed Salvadorans, Guatemalans and Eastern Europeans to apply for permanent residency under more lenient pre-1996 rules. But Congress ignored the plight of thousands of Haitian refugees.

By invoking authority to exempt some 20,000 Haitians who have sought asylum from deportation for at least a year, Clinton corrects that error. Congress should use the time to enact legislation to eliminate inequities toward the Haitians.

— The New York Times

George Will

Scholars get a lump of coal for debunking Santa

WASHINGTON — 'We shall soon be having Christmas at our throats," says a grumpy character who is not the least bit like his creator, the novelist P.G. Wodehouse, who was preternaturally cheerful through all his 94 years. Today the nation begins its annual recovery from its collision with Christmas, vowing to shape up and sin no more, right after the next cup of eggnog.



Will

And there you sit, stunned reader, knee-deep in the remnants of gift wrappings, somewhere in the drifts of which are buried the batteries and two or three tiny and indispensable plastic parts for a toy. Feeling put-upon? Consider how Santa is feeling this morning.

With the help of calculations from a science newsletter published by the National Association of Scholars, you can appreciate what Santa accomplished last night. Actually, he did it in 31 hours, thanks to the many time zones and the Earth's rotation, and assuming that he has the good sense to work from east to west.

If we count as children all people under 18, there are 2 billion of them. The NAS assumes, unconvincingly, that Santa does not deliver to Muslim, Hindu, Jewish and Buddhist children — as though they don't see Santa at their local Neiman Marcus and demand to board the gravy train. But if the NAS is correct (and if civil rights laws do not get Santa prosecuted for having a "disparate impact" on various protected classes of people), Santa's constituency is just 15 percent of the world's children, or 378 million.

Assuming, on the basis of world census figures, 3.5 children per household, Santa must visit 91.8 million homes, or 822.6 households per second. That gives him 1/1000th of a second to tether the reindeer to the chimney, or perhaps the satellite dish, get down the chimney, distribute the loot, scarf down the Oreos and milk (or perhaps Stilton and port in the tonier precincts), and get moving again on his journey of (assuming an urban-rural mix of Santa's target audience and a distance of 0.78 miles between households) 75.5 million miles.

So his sleigh is moving 650 miles per second, which is 3,000 times the speed of sound — a hop, skip and a jump ahead of the fastest thing made by man, the Ulysses space probe, which putters along at 27.4 miles per second. A conventional reindeer, on a good day and steroids, can hit 15 miles per hour.

However, the NAS judiciously notes that although no flying, sound-barrier-busting reindeer have been found, there are 300,000 species of living organisms yet to be classified. Granted, most are insects and germs, but even if 299,999 are insects and germs, we cannot rule out the possibility of a species of remarkable reindeer, even a species with a total population of just eight. (Or 214,200. See below.)

Santa's postulated reindeer certainly earn whatever they eat. They haul a sleigh that is heavier than fruitcake.

The NAS suggests assuming that each child gets only, say, a medium-size Lego set weighing two pounds. David Maseng Will, age 5, who weighs his Christmas take on a truck scale, says the NAS should be better briefed on the modern child's expectations. But even on the NAS' weird assumption, the sleigh leaves the North Pole carrying 321,300 tons, not counting Santa, who, were he a she, would be delicately described as "full-figured."

The NAS insists that a normal, walking-around reindeer can pull 300 pounds, tops. That is about what Santa probably weighs at the peak of an enlarging season of candy canes and pfeffernuesse cookies. However, the NAS assumes that Santa's unconventional reindeer can pull 10 times more than the conventional sort. Even so, Santa needs not eight but 214,200 reindeer. And that herd increases the weight on your roof to 353,430 tons, which the NAS says "is four times the weight of the Queen Elizabeth (the ship, not the person)."

Trouble is, air resistance from 353,430 tons traveling 650 miles per second generates terrific heat, so the two lead reindeer, who won't be that for long, each absorb 14.3 quintillion joules of energy per second. They instantly burst into flame, as then do the two behind them, and then the next to, and so on. Santa runs through 214,200 reindeer in 4.26 thousandths of a second.

Not that he notices. He is disoriented by deafening sonic booms and by experiencing centrifugal forces 17,500 times the force of gravity. Even if he weighs only 250 pounds, he is slammed into the back of his sleigh with 4,315,015 pounds of force.

The NAS concludes that Santa is dead, but cannot explain who put the lump of coal in its stocking.

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Art Buchwald

What would Christmas be without tape?

I think it only fitting at this time of year that we pay tribute to a product without which there could be no Christmas. I am talking about Scotch tape, the ultimate holiday necessity — the thing we reach for when gift wrapping and toy assembling go wrong.



Buchwald

I am aware that Scotch tape is a trade name and credit must be given to the 3M Co. when you mention it — or its lawyers will send you a stern letter. There are other fine stickem tapes on the market, but whatever one uses, it is invariably referred to as "Scotch tape."

I like to think that the people who invented Scotch tape were born years and years ago, soon after Christmas was declared a holy holiday.

They realized that if people were to exchange gifts they would have to wrap them in beautiful paper with colorful ribbons. "What," asked one of the Three Ms, "would people use to make the package neat?"

Another replied, "Why don't we make a strip of paper coated with glue that would stick the paper together?"

The third M said, "And we'll call it Scotch tape."

"Why Scotch tape?" asked an M.

"Why not Scotch tape?" was the reply. "It sounds so much more marketable than 'Welsh tape.'"

The Three Ms got together and experimented with various types of paper and glue.

One M said, "We want it to be so strong that any weak person who can't wrap a necktie will feel like a king."

"We want a tape that will hold teddy bears to fireplace mantels."

And the third M said, "We want a Scotch tape to stick on toys that don't fit together even when you follow the assembly instructions."

The big day came and the first roll of tape came off the line. Thousands of people lined up at the factory with packages in hand, eager to purchase the new product.

People cheered as they sealed their gifts. They taped ornaments on their Christmas tree branches and Christmas wreaths on their front doors.

When children became too boisterous, parents threatened to put tape over their mouths.

To this day, no one has ever saluted the inventors of Scotch tape for what they did for Christmas. We'll never see the likes of these humanitarian Three Ms again.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Dec. 25, the 359th day of 1997. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 25, 1818, "Silent Night" was performed for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorff, Austria.

On this date:

In 1223, St. Francis of Assisi assembled one of the first Nativity scenes, in Greccio, Italy.

In 1776, Gen. George Washington and his troops crossed the Delaware River for a surprise attack against Hessian forces at Trenton, N.J.

In 1868, President Andrew Johnson granted an unconditional pardon to all persons involved in the Southern rebellion that resulted in the Civil War.

In 1931, New York's Metropolitan Opera broadcast an entire opera over radio for the first time: "Hansel und Gretel" by Engelbert Humperdinck.

In 1989, ousted Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, were executed following a popular uprising.

In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation as the eighth and final leader of a Communist superpower that had already gone out of existence.

In 1995, singer Dean Martin died at his Beverly Hills home at age 78.

Ten years ago: Authorities recaptured Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, who had escaped two days earlier from the federal prison in Alderson, W.V., where she was serving a life sentence for her attempt on the life of President Ford.

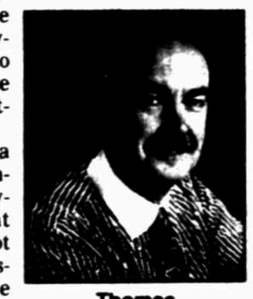
Five years ago: U.S. Marines delivered wheat to a refugee camp in Bardera, Somalia, setting off a small riot among the Somalis; American and French troops also took control of Hoddur.

One year ago: Peruvians held candles high and prayed outside the Japanese ambassador's residence, where leftist rebels freed one hostage for health reasons, but continued to hold more than 100 others.

Cal Thomas

As Christ child grows up, we drift away from Him

At first, God manifested Himself in big things — the burning bush, pillars of fire and smoke, a parted Red Sea. All of these communicated His power. But when He chose to communicate His nature to humans, God manifested Himself as a baby.



Thomas

Almost everyone likes a baby, including the Bethlehem infant. Not everyone likes the adult that infant became because not everyone accepts His message, which tells us we are not dysfunctional victims in need of reform but sinners in need of redemption. So as the baby leaves the manger, we drift away from Him. Indeed, we counterfeit Christmas and obscure the Light with lesser lights. The power of the Christmas message is camouflaged by our worship of material things. But we were not meant to find peace in the length of our resumes, whom we know, our talent, social position or bank account.

The baby who became an adult said we could never know or understand Him with adult minds. Instead, He said, we must become as a little child, stripping off our intellectual self-satisfaction and putting on the cloak of innocence that arrives with infancy.

C.S. Lewis gets to the heart of the message God is trying to communicate: "The second person in God, the son, became human himself; was born into the world as an actual man — a real man of a particular height, with hair of a particular color, speaking a particular language, weighing so many stone. The eternal being, who knows everything and who created the whole universe, became not only a man but (before that) a baby, and before that a fetus inside a woman's body. If you want to get the hang of it, think how you would like to become a slug or a crab."

That makes sense, doesn't it? If you speak to a cow, she does not understand what you are saying, but she understands other cows. If God wanted to speak to cows, He would have to become one. He wanted to speak to us, so, he took on the human form.

Today it's hard to hear His message because so many have papered it over with other things, such as pride or pleasure or wealth. We've self-centered Christmas, when God wanted it to be selfless. After all, giving up your only Son is about the most selfless act there is. And so, rather than learning more, we really need to unlearn if we are to see and hear clearly what Christmas was meant to be. Becoming a child again means learning to trust, but not ourselves.

Can God be trusted to speak to us clearly and truthfully? That is a question related to character — His, not ours. We've made it difficult to reach Him by the things we've placed in His way, especially "religion," which is man's attempt to reach God. God made it simple, like a baby is simple.

Forget what you've learned as an adult and begin to unlearn backward. Like counting backward gets you closer to zero, unlearning backward until you reach intellectual and experiential infancy gets you closer to the manger and to God incarnate.

God's message has never been popular because the things He asks us to do have never been popular, but the message is so simple that a child can understand it. And it is personal, not corporate and certainly not governmental.

It is reflected in a little song lyric I learned some years ago: "Christmas isn't Christmas 'til it happens in your heart; somewhere deep inside you is where Christmas really starts. So give your heart to Jesus, you'll discover when you do, that it's Christmas, really Christmas, for you."

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Bad weather keeps American accused of espionage in Russia

MOSCOW (AP) — Delayed by icy winter weather, an accused American spy left a southern Russian city this evening and began the journey home for the holidays.

Nasty weather conditions kept Richard Bliss in Rostov-on-Don, 600 miles south of Moscow, for most of the day, preventing a plane chartered in London from landing to pick him up. But he was allowed on a commercial flight about noon EST, said Christine Trimble, spokeswoman for his employer, San Diego-based Qualcomm Inc.

It was unclear where the flight was headed, but Trimble said Bliss was likely to stop somewhere else in Russia before heading for San Diego.

Based on guarantees from Qualcomm and the U.S. Embassy, the Russians decided to allow Bliss "to go home for the Christmas holidays, without changing, however, the measure for securing the appearance of the defendant," Maj. Gen. Alexander Zdanovich, spokesman for the Federal Security Service, told the ITAR-Tass news agency.

He described the decision to allow Bliss to return home for the holidays as a "humanitarian act," but said the investigation into his case was continuing.

Trimble said Bliss was originally had been expected in the United States today.

She said the company was paying for a group of about 10 people, including Bliss' family, to fly to San Diego to be with him. Bliss agreed to return to Russia on Jan. 10 but added that the company hopes the dispute will be resolved by then, Trimble said.

"We did provide written assurances that he would return, and under that condition he was released for two weeks for the holidays," she said. "He's very happy, but I know he's very tired right now."

Bliss called his mother, Judy Bradley, Tuesday to tell her he was coming home.

"I'll probably grab him and hug the heck out of him," Bradley, who lives in Carson City, Nev., told the Las Vegas Review-Journal. "There wasn't going to be a Christmas until we knew he came home, no matter how long it took."

In Moscow, U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Rosemary Dicarlo said, "We are delighted that he is able to return home to his family for the holidays."

Bliss, a field technician, was installing a new cellular communications system in Rostov-on-Don when he was detained Nov. 25. He spent 12 days in jail before being freed on the condition that he didn't leave the city.

The Federal Security Service, the main successor to the Soviet-era KGB, has accused Bliss of surveying sensitive sites using satellite receivers brought into Russia illegally.

Security officials have said that under Russian law survey measurements that are accurate to within 30 yards are considered a state secret.

Bliss has acknowledged making land surveys, but said he is innocent of espionage.

The charges have not been dropped, State Department spokeswoman Maria Rudensky said. U.S. officials have lobbied strongly on Bliss' behalf, insisting on his innocence.

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Healthy-looking Yeltsin is home from sanitarium

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin checked out of a sanitarium today after two weeks of recuperation from a severe cold, and promptly appeared on national television to criticize a top official over unpaid wages.

Yeltsin spent several hours at the Kremlin today after completing his 14-day stay at the Barvikha government rest home, presidential spokesman Sergei Yastrzhembsky said. The president then went to his country residence.

Yeltsin had been eager to leave Barvikha and return to work. He paid a brief visit to his office Tuesday — the first such trip since he was hospitalized Dec. 10.

Yeltsin appeared healthy and vigorous during a televised meeting today with First Deputy Premier Boris Nemtsov. The president said Nemtsov should not be satisfied with repaying only the federal government's share of the overdue wages, but should ensure that regional administrations also make up their debts.

Millions of workers have been getting their checks months late, and Yeltsin promised to bring payments up-to-date by the end of the year.

"It must be done, no matter how difficult it is," a stern-looking Yeltsin told Nemtsov.

The government has loaned regional administrations up to 50 percent of the money needed to pay off wage arrears. But many cash-strapped regions still have not come up with their half of the money, hoping perhaps for a full federal bailout.

Yeltsin is expected to stay on a reduced schedule for a while. His doctors and family say the president often charges back to work after an illness, which puts him in danger of a relapse.

After he was diagnosed with an acute viral respiratory infection earlier this month, Yeltsin cut back his schedule, but he continued working on documents.

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Mixed verdict at bombing trial still could mean death sentence for Nichols

By Sandy Shore
Associated Press

DENVER — A judge Wednesday rejected an argument that Terry Nichols should be spared a possible death sentence because jurors decided he didn't set out to murder anyone in plotting the Oklahoma City bombing.

"They acquitted the defendant of all forms of intent-to-kill homicide," said lead defense attorney Michael Tigar. "There can't be a death sentence without proof of major participation and an intent that rises at least to the level of second-degree murder."

However, prosecutor Sean Connelly argued the death penalty is appropriate because the jury convicted Nichols of conspiring to bomb the Oklahoma City federal building, which resulted in foreseeable deaths.

"It's not for any of us to speculate why the jury returned the verdicts they did," Connelly said.

He told U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch that court cases have defined conspiracy to build an explosive device as an act of violence.

"We'll go forward," Matsch said, denying the defense motion to exclude the death penalty as a possible sentence.

On Tuesday, the jury convicted Nichols of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in the bombing, but found him innocent of murder and using a truck bomb to kill people and destroy the building.

The conspiracy conviction carries the possibility of a death penalty in the sentencing phase scheduled to begin Monday. If the federal jury opts for a lesser sentence, Nichols could still receive a death penalty later because he and his co-defendant, Timothy McVeigh, face trial in Oklahoma on state murder charges.

Survivors and victims' relatives cried out for a harsher verdict as they learned that only McVeigh will be branded a murderer for killing 168 people in an act that ripped apart the nation's sense of security.

"How dare that jury think that 168 deaths is involuntary manslaughter?" asked Darlene Welch, whose 4-year-old niece was killed in the blast.

Jannie Coverdale, whose two grandsons died in the bombing, called the verdicts "a disgrace to all Americans." She was highly critical of the judge for letting jurors consider the involuntary manslaughter charge but pleased he decided they could still apply the death penalty.

"I was wondering how Judge Matsch was going to dig himself out of that hole, but he did," she said.

Nichols frowned as the verdicts were read. Two jurors wept softly.

Turning to spectators, including many victims' relatives who were sobbing, Matsch said: "These folks don't have to answer to anybody for their decision."

Nichols, 42, was convicted of conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction and eight counts of involuntary manslaughter for the eight federal agents killed in the blast. He was acquitted of using a weapon of mass destruction and of destruction by explosive.

The split verdict came six months after McVeigh was convicted and sentenced to death on 11 identical counts. His appeal is pending.

Unlike McVeigh's jury, jurors for Nichols were allowed to consider lesser charges if they were unable to find premeditation in the eight first-degree murder charges.

Involuntary manslaughter, which alone carries no more than six years behind bars, was defined as a slaying "without malice. ... a lawful act done without due caution, which might produce death."

Jurors deliberated 41 hours over six days before concluding that the government case built on fertilizer receipts, phone records and Ryder truck sightings was not enough to declare Nichols a mass murderer.

He was safe in his Kansas house more than 200 miles away from Oklahoma City at the time of the blast — even prosecutors conceded that point. His lawyers called him a family man who was "building a life, not a bomb."

But prosecutors said McVeigh and Nichols worked side by side to build the 4,000-pound fuel-and-fertilizer bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building on April 19, 1995, in retaliation for the FBI siege near Waco exactly two years earlier.

While McVeigh's trial drew heavily on survivors describing the ordeal, the streamlined case against Nichols instead detailed the low-budget motels, calling card communiques and coded letters that linked the two men in the seven months before the blast.

Prosecutors introduced evidence that Nichols used an alias to buy two tons of explosive fertilizer and helped McVeigh steal explosives. They contended he robbed an Arkansas gun collector to raise money.

The government accused Nichols of helping McVeigh deliver a getaway car to Oklahoma City and of working with McVeigh to pack the bomb inside a Ryder truck.

The evidence included items seized at Nichols' home — suspicious receipts, barrels resembling plastic fragments found at the bomb scene, weapons traced to the Arkansas robbery and anti-government literature.

Jurors were also told of letters Nichols gave to his former wife five months before the bombing. One, for McVeigh, urged his Army buddy to "go for it."

Yet Nichols' lawyers said the government discarded any evidence that didn't fit the theory that McVeigh and Nichols were the culprits. They produced nearly a dozen witnesses who were positive they saw a Ryder truck at the lake as much as a week before prosecutors say the bomb was built.

Other defense witnesses said they saw McVeigh with short, burly men during that key week, raising again the specter of another partner.

The last defense witness, however, proved to be one of the best witnesses for the prosecution.

Marife Nichols, his 24-year-old wife, was unable to provide an alibi for her husband on the crucial day when the bomb was allegedly built. She may very well return to the stand next week as Nichols' attorneys try to secure prison time instead of a death sentence.

At the bombing site in Oklahoma City, a hush settled over a small group of bombing victims and family members as they heard the verdict under media tents in a driving rain.

Oklahoma County District Attorney Bob Macy shook his head in disbelief as the innocent verdicts were read. He said he would seek 160 state murder charges against Nichols for the others who died in the blast.

"I am very surprised," he said. "I have a hard time understanding how the jury could reach that verdict."

As she left the Denver courthouse Tuesday night, Marsha Kight, who lost her daughter in the blast, was asked if the decision weighed on her heart.

"Sometimes I feel like it's bleeding," she said, choking back tears. "It's just so much. Forty some hours and six days, involuntary manslaughter. It's just tough to take."

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Defense attorneys Michael Tigar, right, Adam Thurschwell, center, and Ronald Woods arrive at the Federal Courthouse in Denver on Wednesday, for a hearing to argue against a death penalty sentence for their client Terry Nichols. Nichols was convicted on Tuesday of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter in the Oklahoma City bombing.

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Virginia's query about Santa Claus echoes across the ages

By Fred Kaplan
The Boston Globe

NORTH CHATHAM, N.Y. — It was 100 years ago that a little girl named Virginia O'Hanlon sat at the desk in her bedroom and, full of hope and anxiety, wrote a letter that, forevermore, put a whole new slant on Christmas.

"I am 8 years old," began the letter, addressed to the editor of the New York Sun, at the time among the most prominent of the city's daily newspapers. "Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it is so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Amid the editorial writer's reply popped out the phrase that entered the national vocabulary: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

The letter and its response were published in the Sun in 1897. It has been reprinted by hundreds of newspapers — in more than 20 languages — in the Christmastimes since. And it made Virginia O'Hanlon a legend.

She lived in Manhattan for 52 more years after writing the letter — most of that time in the same apartment, at 115 W. 95th Street, where she had penned her childhood query. Then, in 1959, she retired from her job as a schoolteacher and moved in with her daughter's family in this tiny village south of Albany — population 300 — until she died, in 1971, at the age of 81.

One of her seven grandchildren, James Temple, no8w 58 and retired, lives here still.

His grandmother once told him that the letter didn't cause much of a stir when it first appeared. Five or six years passed before word of the essay spread, but, once it did, the whole country embraced it.

By December 1930, the Sun reported receiving 163,840 requests for copies of the editorial during that Christmas season alone.

In 1933, O'Hanlon, then 44, was asked by Hunter College, her alma mater, to give a lecture on the letter. News accounts reported widespread astonishment that the famous Virginia was real and still living in New York.

Her fame soared with the rise of mass media. During the 1940s, movie actress Faye Bainter recited the letter and the Sun's reply every year on various national radio shows, including Bing Crosby's.

O'Hanlon happily went along with the role carved out for her.

"I remember my grandmother, seated near the fireplace at Christmas time, reading the letter and the editorial aloud," Temple said. "There was, in my mind, a connection between her and Christmas, the spirit of Christmas. It helped me and all my sisters make sure our own children believed in Santa Claus. We kept that going as long as we could — till they were 10 years old or so."

Alberta Grove, the postmaster of North Chatham for nearly a half-century, recalled that during the years O'Hanlon lived here, "we got lots and lots of mail for her every Christmas, from all over the world — I mean," she added, holding her hands a foot apart, "bundles of mail."

In Valacie, a neighboring village, in a park on the corner of Main and Church streets, stands a statue of Santa Claus that bears a plaque to O'Hanlon's memory.

The statue was put up by the local Santa Claus Club, which was formed on Christmas Eve in 1946, when a group of war veterans dressed up as Santa and delivered gifts to every child's house. Their successors still do that each year and inspired the creation of a few dozen other Santa Claus Clubs around the country.

"I don't know if it's mystical or what," said Dominick Lizzi, a spokesman for the group and Valacie's village historian, "but it's very strange that here she was, this little lady living for years in New York City — then she moves up here, where the first Santa Claus Club was formed. She's like the embodiment of the spirit of Christmas."

O'Hanlon's letter came at a time when the Santa Claus myth was fairly new. Cartoonist Thomas Nast had scribbled the image of a fat, jolly man with a white beard and a red suit only a few decades earlier.

The Sun editorial was written by Francis Pharcellus Church — though, until well after he died, in 1906 at the age of 67, few outside the paper's staff knew the author's name.

A descendant of the governor of Massachusetts Colony and son of a Baptist minister, Church had been a Civil War correspondent for The New York Times before joining the staff of the Sun (which shut down in 1950 after many years of decline). The story goes that he balked at the assignment of answering this letter from a child, but then saw it as an opportunity to address a modern malady.

Those who doubted Santa's existence, he wrote, "have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. ... Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist."

Sure, no one has seen Santa, he allowed, but "the most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see ... there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man ... could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain ... and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding."

Decades later, reporters would ask O'Hanlon if she still believed in Santa Claus. "Why, of course," she replied. "The verities of the editorial are just as true as they ever were."

Her grandson remembered that she was always willing to talk about the letter — and to read it, every year, to the village church — but she never boasted of it.

"All I did was ask a question," she told one reporter many years ago. "I didn't do anything special. My parents were always writing letters to the Sun, asking the pronunciation of a word or how to play whist. It just seemed to me to be the thing to do."

Asked by the interviewer why she wrote the letter so long before Christmas — it first ran in the Sun on Sept. 21, 1897 — she said, "My birthday was in July and, as a child, I just existed from July to December, wondering what Santa Claus would bring me. I think I was a brat."

O'Hanlon grew up to be an unusually accomplished woman for her times. She received a master's degree in modern languages from Columbia University in 1911 and then, in 1936, at the age of 47, went back to school to earn a doctorate from Fordham University.

She smoked cigarettes, loved to watch baseball games, and dressed to the proverbial nines. "She was out of place when she came up here," Temple recalled with a smile. "She would wear hats, high heels, a nice coat. She was dressed for the city."

Her life had sorrows, too. She was married briefly to a man named Edward Douglas, who abandoned her shortly before their only child, Laura Virginia, was born. She kept his surname anyway, calling herself Virginia O'Hanlon Douglas, and never remarried.

Still, she told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch in an interview published on Christmas Eve in 1947, "I grew up in a lovely time, the beginning of a new era. I have been happy."

Her grandson, when asked why her letter still carries such appeal, replied, "I think it reminds people of home, of when they were young and they remembered Christmas with great expectations."

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Snowboarding comes of age, and to rescue of sagging ski slopes

By James Brooke
N.Y. Times News Service

KEYSTONE, Colo. — In the brilliant sunshine of the high Rockies, Mike Cavaleri clutched his snowboard and stared into the yawning mouth of Keystone's new half-pipe — a U-shaped channel of snow 400 feet long and 11 feet high.

"It's the new edge," Cavaleri, a 23-year-old lapsed skier, said of his challenging new sport. "Of my friends, 80 percent are boarders."

Only a decade ago, snowboarders — those bad boys in baggy pants — were the bane of the nation's 500-odd ski areas. Today, for these same resorts, they represent salvation.

"If it wasn't for snowboarding, the industry would have suffered a major contraction," said Michael Perry, president of the National Ski Areas Association, which is based near Denver. "Snowboarding has become very, very important to us."

This winter, the association estimates 4.5 million snowboarders will hit the slopes of America — three times the number in 1990. At the same time, the numbers of skiers has gradually declined during the 1990s, from slightly over 11 million to an expected 10.5 million this season. With snowboarders expected to buy 20 percent of the nation's lift tickets this winter, the sport is injecting new life into an industry that has sold around 50 million tickets a year for the last two decades.

Today, about 80 percent of children going into a snow sport end up snowboarding by their 12th birthday, according to a survey by another industry group, Ski Industries of America. If trends hold up, within 15 years snowboarders will outnumber skiers.

"It's saving the ski industry," said Dont'je Hildebrand, 25, who customizes snowboards with tie dye and Jimi Hendrix designs. Hildebrand, who wears an earring and his hair in a ponytail, added, "Now everybody wants to snowboard. You're seeing people starting to snowboard in their 30s, 40s, and 50s."

A decade ago, boarders like Hildebrand were routinely escorted off the slopes by the ski patrol, with a warning to never come back. Today, many ski patrol members cruise the mountains on their own boards.

The ultimate sign of establishment legitimacy will come in February, in Nagano, Japan. The Winter Olympics are to hold, for first time, medal events in snowboarding — slalom and freestyle. In addition to the Olympics exposure, ESPN and ABC will televise snowboard events next month from the Winter X Games in Crested Butte, Colo.

Among the 507 members of the Ski Areas Association nationwide, only eight resorts still ban snowboarding. None are in New England, and only one, Aspen Mountain, is in Colorado, the nation's busiest skiing state.

American resort managers are jumping off moguls — catching fat air in snowboard lingo — to attract snowboarders.

Eager to be athletically correct, most Colorado ski areas have purged the word ski from their names. Ski Sunlight, for example, now calls itself Sunlight Mountain Resort.

Terrain parks — areas of bumps, jumps and ramps built for boarders — are spreading up and down the Rockies. Keystone, which had banned boarders until last winter, opened a 20-acre terrain garden last year, and saw its sales jump by 200,000 lift tickets.

Elsewhere in Colorado, Purgatory is replacing a slalom ski course with a terrain park, Telluride is opening a 25-acre park billed as the largest in the Southwest, and Copper Mountain is opening a park, complete with a yurt at the base to offer boarders music, food and technical assistance. Vail has increased the number of its snowboard instructors from 10 to 60.

"In early season, we are 40 percent boarders," said Scott Forner, marketing director for Loveland, which opens a new terrain park next week. "Sometimes in midweek, we've been having more boarders than skiers."

Competing for snowboarder dollars, resorts offer special events with names that make traditionalist skiers wince: Phat Air, Shred Fest, Lord of the Boards, and Bandits on the Boarder.

With young people's brand loyalties at stake, snowboard events are attracting big corporate sponsors, including Budweiser, Swatch and MCI. In the last five years, the number of snowboard magazines has increased to 11 from 3, and the number of snowboard manufacturers has increased to around 175 from 29.

Despite this boom, many skiers still grimace at the scraping sound of a snowboarder coming down the slope. The Denver Post, which serves the nation's largest winter sports market, recently published an irate skier's letter headlined: "Rein in Boarders."

Initially, snowboarders were seen as ski school dropouts. They rode in packs, disdained skiing etiquette, raced downhill at dangerously high speeds, cut off skiers and gleefully hopped fences to "shred" the pristine snow in out-of-bounds areas. Confirming this rowdy rider image, surveys showed that teen-age males accounted for as much as 80 percent of the nation's snowboarders.

Although skiers and snowboarders still eye each other warily, boarders are losing some of their punk aura. Indeed, women now account for the fastest-growing segment of snowboarders.

And the injury rate for snowboarders is virtually the same as for skiers.

As older people increasingly pick up the sport, the generation gap and income gap are diminishing. There are now even snowboard charity events, benefiting such groups as the Snowboard Outreach Society, a Colorado group devoted to helping troubled teen-agers.

"The average age in our program is 40," said Glenn Head, executive for Delaney Inc., a Boulder-based snowboard instruction company that expanded last year from the Rockies to Japan. "We think that the adult rider is the fastest-growing segment of the market. Over the next five years, his company plans to license its system of teaching camps to 50 North American resorts.

Snowboarders are now essential to the serious side of the winter fun industry. In Colorado, where 22 percent of the nation's lift tickets were sold last year, skiing and snowboarding add up to a $3 billion a year industry.

With snowboarding guaranteeing sustained patronage, Colorado ski areas invested $130 million in improvements this year. Winter Park is planning a similar $300 million development around the base of its lifts.

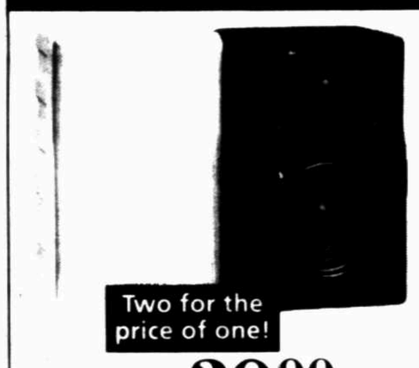
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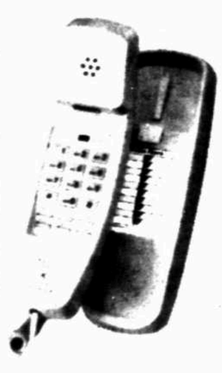

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Dig offers details on Nazareth's way of life

NAZARETH, Israel (AP) — In the time of Jesus, his fellow villagers in Nazareth made their living by growing grapes, olives and grain on terraces cut into the limestone hills.

At harvest time, all 300 villagers — Jesus likely included — would stomp grapes to extract juice, and huddle in watchtowers at night to guard their produce against thieves.

These images emerge from excavations of the only pristine farmland left in the center of Nazareth, now a cramped city of 60,000. The finds may fill in some blanks about Jesus' boyhood and perhaps lead to better understanding of the older man, says Stephen Pfann, an American Bible scholar and archaeologist.

"As a child he walked about these hills and saw the animals and plants and people working in the fields. He used these images in building his parables later on," said Pfann, a native of San Jose, Calif., who heads Jerusalem's Center for the Study of Early Christianity.

Even though Jesus spent much of his life in Nazareth, from about age 3 until his late 20s, little is known about what he did there, said the Rev. Jerome Murphy O'Connor, a scholar at Jerusalem's Ecole Biblique.

It is believed that Jesus followed the trade of his father, Joseph, a carpenter. Joseph may have chosen to settle in Nazareth because it was within walking distance of Sepphoris, the capital of Galilee which at the time was being completely rebuilt following its destruction by the Romans, Murphy O'Conner said.

By comparison, Nazareth was tiny, with two or three clans living in 35 homes spread over six acres, Pfann said. The homes later were razed by invaders: What remains are several basement caves, cisterns and silos excavated in the late 1950s during reconstruction of the Church of the Annunciation.

While walking along the terraced slopes of the Nazareth Hospital grounds earlier this year, Pfann stumbled across an ancient wine press — a bed-sized level area cut into the limestone for squashing grapes — and a vat below for collecting the runoff juices.

A dig began in April, with support from the hospital and local volunteers. Since then, Pfann and archaeologist Ross Joseph Voss have laid bare two agricultural terraces, the bases of five watchtowers in the fields, and stone irrigation channels from a now-dry spring to lower-lying terraces.

A small quarry uncovered by the team had a double purpose, Pfann said. Stonecutters would carve plateaus to make wider terraces, and use the blocks they retrieved for building in the village.

The stone plateaus then would be filled with several layers of soil brought up from the valley by donkeys.

Even if Jesus and his father were busy with construction work much of the time, they likely would have joined the villagers at harvest time, Pfann and Murphy O'Connor said.

"At the time the crop came in, everyone put everything aside, whether he was a carpenter or did something else," Pfann said. "Jesus, along with his family, would have been involved in this."

Along with the others, Jesus might have crushed grapes with his bare feet in the wine press and spent the nights in one of the towers — a small room on a tall stone base — with the villagers, telling stories, singing and playing the flute to pass the time.

Such scenes from his boyhood found their way into Jesus' teachings. In his parables, he makes several references to vineyards, to sowing seeds and harvesting grain.

One biblical passage describes exactly what the archaeologists found near his hometown. "A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge around it and dug a pit for a wine press, and built a tower," Jesus begins one story in Mark 12: 1.

The outlines of the terrace have survived for 2,000 years, and are the only such remains known to have escaped destruction.

Once the dig is completed, there are hopes to build a replica of biblical Nazareth on the 12-acre plot, which mostly belongs to the hospital run by the Scottish Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society.

But the site now is threatened by vandalism and construction. Children play in the unsecured hospital grounds — a rusty bicycle and a mattress were dumped into the wine press vat — and construction debris from an adjacent new neighborhood has destroyed several terraces.

The archaeologists hope to preserve what they say is an important link between history and the New Testament.

"The teachings that came down to us reflect what Jesus observed as a child. He understood that within the natural and social world of his audience was somehow encapsulated the wisdom of God and the principles of his kingdom," Pfann said.

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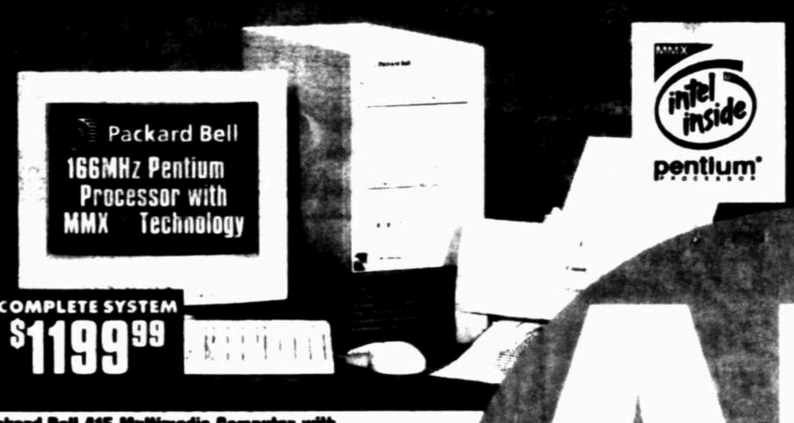
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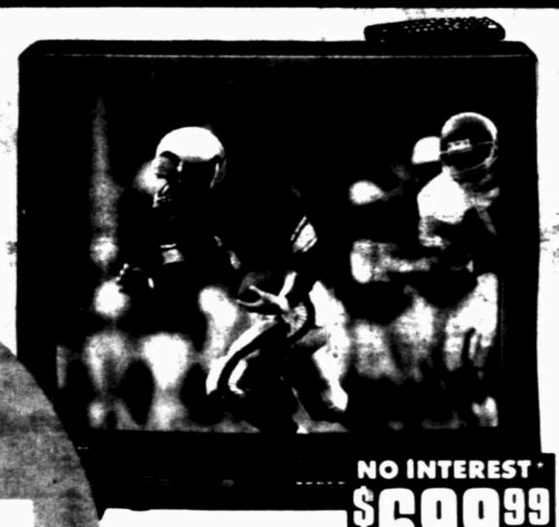
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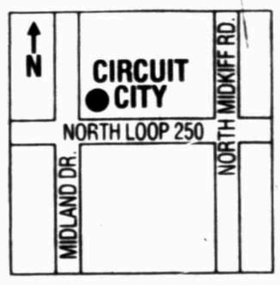


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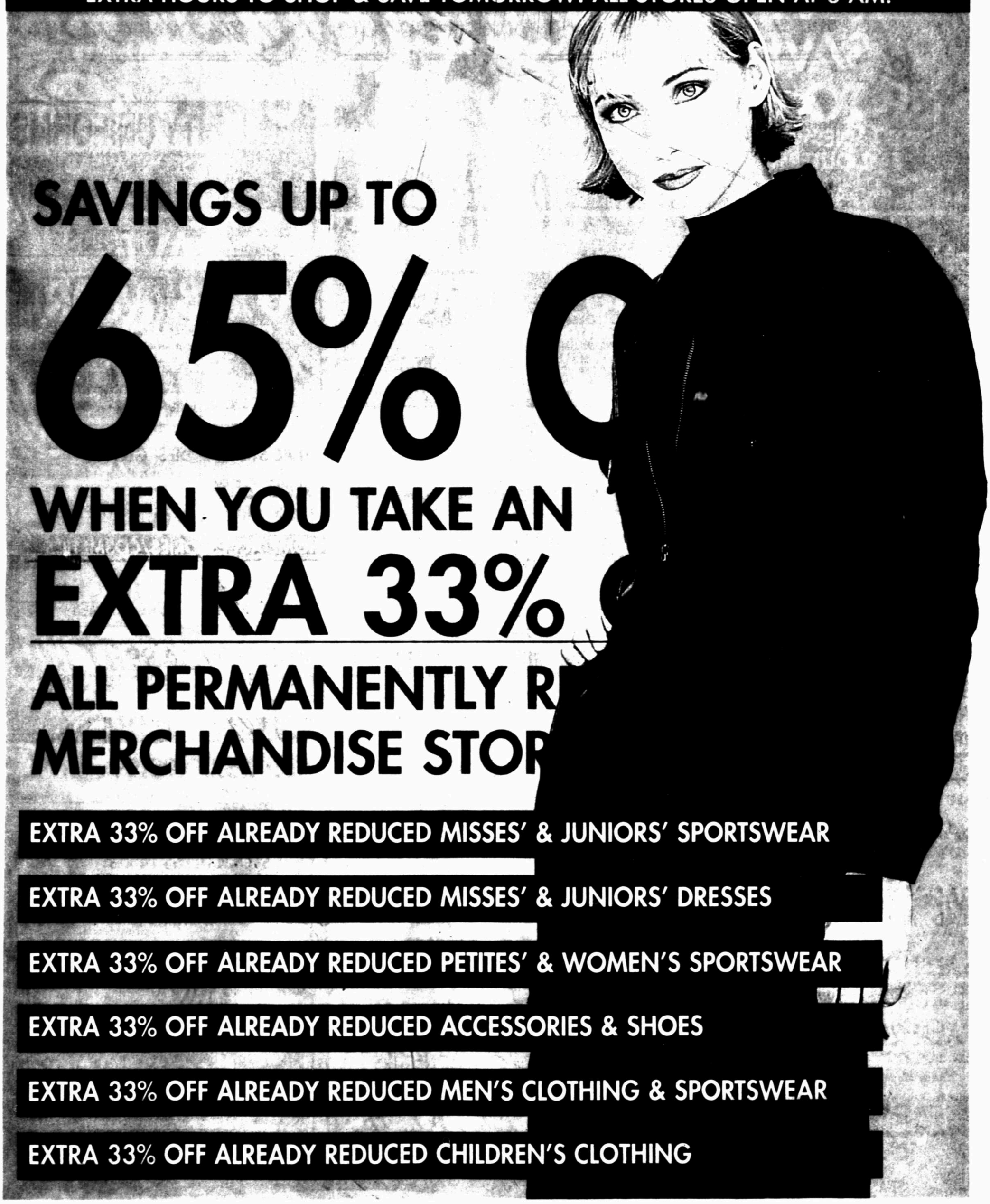
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Fight against acid rain continues as trees, lakes die

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WASHINGTON — With world attention focused on global warming, some members of Congress are quietly taking up another environmental fight that most people thought was finished years ago: acid rain.

Caused when pollution mixes with water in the air and falls back to earth, acid rain has been blamed for the deaths of entire mountainsides of trees and hundreds of lakes, primarily in the Northeast.

By 1990 the problem had became so widespread that Congress enacted sweeping amendments to the 1970 Clean Air Act that required dramatic cuts in sulfur dioxide, the pollutant believed at the time to be the main component of acid rain.

The program required industry, particularly utility companies, to cut annual sulfur dioxide (SO2) emissions by 10 million tons below 1980 levels by 2005.

By all accounts the reduction program has been a major success, with industry having already cut its annual SO2 emissions by more than 5 million tons — far ahead of schedule.

In addition, the reductions have cost industry only a fraction of what many experts had predicted when the laws went into effect in 1991.

The only problem is that the trees and lakes keep dying.

A 1995 report by the Environmental Protection Agency found that under current conditions up to 45 percent of the lakes in the Adirondack Mountains in New York will be too acidic to support most aquatic life by the 2040.

The report also concluded that acid rain threatens other ecosystems, including parts of the Appalachian Mountains in Virginia and parts of the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland and Virginia.

So despite the success of the SO2 reduction plan, acid rain keeps killing trees and lakes.

The reason, according to Greg Lawrence, an ecologist at the U.S. Geological Survey in Troy, N.Y., is that the 1990 amendments went after only half of the problem. The other half is nitrogen oxide, he said.

"What you have is ... a failure to really cut the nitrogen oxide emissions, which are the other main ingredient in acid rain," he said.

Researchers didn't realize how much of a threat nitrogen oxide (NOX) emissions were to forests and lakes until the early 1990s, Lawrence explained.

"By that time, it was too late to get big reductions in NOX emissions in the laws passed by Congress," he said.

As a result, the 1990 amendments required industry to cut annual NOX emissions by only 2 million tons below 1980 levels by 2000. So while the sulfuric acid level in an average rain drop is down, the nitric acid level has stayed about the same.

What this means for forests and lakes in much of the Northeast is that the acidity levels in rain have only decreased slightly — not nearly enough to stop many trees and lakes from dying.

"What we have now is a situation where a few areas are showing minimal recovery, some are staying about the same and some are getting worse," Lawrence said.

He said the lakes and soil showing slight recovery are in Maine and Vermont, which have always been subjected to less acid rain than areas further west.

The lingering problems have prompted Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., to introduce a bill to cut sulfur dioxide emissions by 50 percent beyond the levels required by the current law and NOX emissions by more than 70 percent of 1990 levels by 2003. Rep. Frank Pallone Jr., D-N.J., has introduced similar legislation in the House.

Moynihan noted that the New York State Constitution says the Adirondack State Park "shall be kept forever wild But if it's forever wild and dead, we will not have kept our promise."

The EPA has also proposed new rules that would require 22 states, mostly in the Midwest and the Northeast, to reduce their output of NOX emissions.

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She was referring to the former president, who once complained about broccoli's taste and said it was his least favorite veggie.

Klein's answer? Try another variety. There are dozens of types of broccoli with different tastes and a different grocer or producer of frozen foods may use another kind.

"They're all in the same family, but they're like a bunch of cousins who don't look the same or taste the same," she said.

The project Klein is working on revolves around compounds called glucosinolates. Research says these compounds can increase resistance to cancer, and they're found in the so-called cruciferous vegetables — cabbage, brussels sprouts, cauliflower, kale and the most popular of the group, broccoli.

But each of those different-tasting varieties of broccoli also has a different level of the cancer-fighting compounds.

The University of Illinois researchers want to breed a broccoli plant with the best and most potent combination of these compounds. Someday they envision heads of broccoli at the grocery store being labeled "high in glucosinolates" just as cookies are called "low-fat" and cereals "high in fiber."

But it's not just about breeding. The researchers have to worry about how the varieties taste and smell, how they hold up when frozen or cooked, and how they resist pests in the fields.

"What I would love is if we could come up with something where we can identify strains that are potent enough that people could just eat broccoli or a related type of vegetable two or three servings a week. I think people would really do that," said Elizabeth Jeffery, an associate professor of nutrition.



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Washington socialite's book offers tips for hosting parties

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warming to a label she once rejected, journalist and novelist Sally Quinn now embraces her identity as one of Washington's top hostesses. Her manifesto is "The Party," a 220-page pink-jacketed confection containing tips for successful entertaining.

Quinn's ideas are drawn from the years of receptions, luncheons, brunches and dinners she's thrown at the Georgetown mansion she shares with husband Ben Bradlee, vice president of The Washington Post.

She became well-known as a journalist in the 1970s with tough and sometimes sassy personality pieces in the Post. Later came opinion pieces on such topics as "Washington's Shameless Male Culture," in which she skewered male cheaters and the wives who endure humiliation to stand by their philandering men.

In January 1992, then-candidate Bill Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, granted Quinn a carefully worded interview in response to reports that the Arkansas governor had had affairs.

Now, the president and his wife come to Quinn's house for dinner.

Her changed relationship with her rich and famous guests has prevented Quinn from writing her old style of profile.

"It was happening before I left the paper and it just got to be difficult. A lot of people turned me down," Quinn, 56, said in a conversation over tea in her library. "Or if I would go to do interviews they wouldn't open up the way they would have before."

With her new social situation, came the duty to throw fabulous, talked-about Washington parties. But for years Quinn refused to be called a "hostess."

"After all, I was a serious journalist and this was a totally frivolous subject," Quinn writes in the first paragraph of her book. "It would ruin my reputation."

On further reflection, Quinn decided there was nothing shameful about entertaining people with good food and wine, engaging conversation and interesting companions.

"So you can call me hostess anytime," she writes.

"The Party: A Guide to Adventurous Entertaining," published by Simon & Schuster, took just 50 days to write.

Some of her advice: "Do" treat guests the way you want to be treated. "Don't" bring your own anxieties to the party because guests are sure to pick up on them.

Do pour lots of booze.

Don't serve up a business agenda.

In recent years, Quinn contends, the late Pamela Harriman threw parties to raise money for Democrats in an effort to "get herself that job" — ambassador to France. President Clinton appointed Harriman to the post in 1993.

"I was not a great fan of hers," Quinn says of Harriman, a long-famous Washington party giver and a neighbor of the Bradlees. "I enjoyed watching her. It was never boring," Quinn says.

Neither are Quinn's party tips, many of which might not apply to the average American. Most people, for example, don't have this problem: "A living room that, if 50 people come for cocktails, it looks like nobody came." Quinn's solution: move the festivities into her more cozy library.

Other advice: "If you have the president of the United States for dinner, he goes on the host's or the hostess' right."

And, she advises, "don't overload your parties with too many celebrities."

Quinn acknowledges that party-throwing in Washington isn't like anywhere else. "The question of whether or not to invite people who have been disgraced is always an issue," she writes.

But all parties, she says, should have one thing in common: the celebration of relationships.

"Successful entertaining has nothing to do with how much money you have at all," Quinn says. "It has to do with the spirit of generosity, with wanting to please people."

Among her projects, she is considering a story for the Post about the enduring value of one of the few parties in town with a more glamorous guest list than hers — the White House state dinner.

She says of those big presidential events, "So often people say, why are we spending all this money on these dinners?"

"It's called diplomacy," Quinn says. "It's about human relationships."

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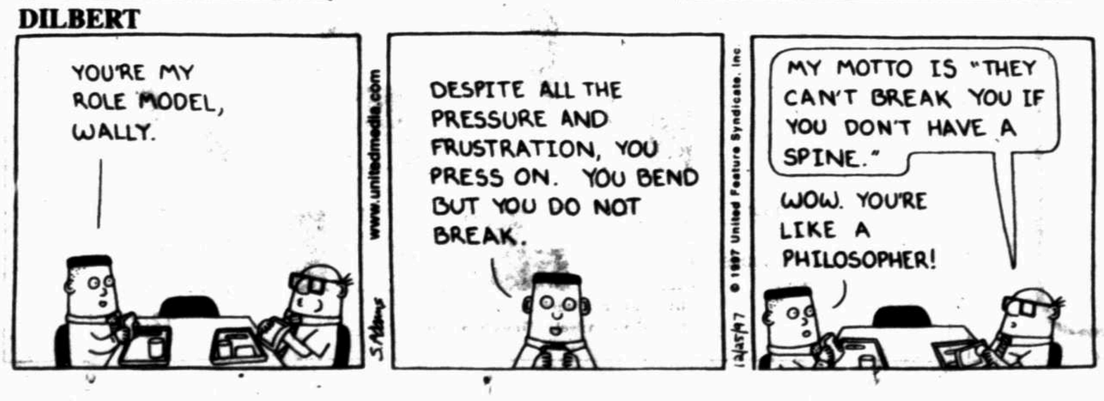
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You will be unusually fortunate this year, both financially and emotionally. For you, wishing on a star works. Others pitch in and help you manifest dreams. Expand your horizons and circle of friends. Plan to make what you have always wanted a reality. Relationships flow because of exceptional communications, especially after January. Your pace is busy, but extremely rewarding. If you are single, it will only be by your choice that you remain so. Certainly, you will have your pick. Suitors reflect your core desires. If attached, romance rebuilds in this exceptional year. SCORPIO is a friend always.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Extremes mark the day. You could see some of your deepest wishes fulfilled. Look to a partnership and that special person in your life. Another acknowledges who you are and appreciates you to the fullest. Express gratitude in your particular style. Tonight: All the different ways of saying "thank you."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Others clearly enjoy your company and presence. This Christmas Day has a very social overtone and allows you to express the depth of your caring. Perhaps you don't realize what a star you are. Make the most out of opportunities that knock on your door. Tonight: Visit with parents and older relatives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might be the one who keeps the celebration happening. Visit with others, while you make sure Christmas dinner is moving and other happenings are occurring as planned. You might be overwhelmed by a call and your level of emotion. Share what is happening. Tonight: Slow down, please.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ There is a unique and special ambience to this holiday. It might be one of the most loving and indulgent Christmases in history. A partner or several loved ones go way overboard, as they express their caring. Don't question it; just enjoy what is happening. Tonight: Close moments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You assume a lower profile than normal; however, a partner delights in drawing you out of your cocoon. This could become quite the game, with relatives also participating. Share some of your mellow feelings with loved ones. Don't forget that special family member. Tonight: There is a lot to grin about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Yes, all the fussing seems worth it now, as all goes according to design. There is an unusual element of abundance, excess and high emotions. Your need to help and pitch in touches others. They feel nurtured by you. There is a sense of empathy and understanding. Tonight: Kick back and watch football.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You sparkle with energy, magnetism and delight. Others cannot express their appreciation strongly enough. You kindle the fires of not only romance but also friendship, because of your understanding and depth. Do let your naughty side emerge. Tonight: Feeling like a kid again.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Nothing can stop you but you. You are full of vigor, excitement and fun. Being with you is contagious and inspiring. Don't forget to make a call to a friend who simply isn't into the holidays. You are the hub of activity and joy. Home is definitely where the heart is. Tonight: Dance away.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Go with the personal, moving nature of this day. You are in your head, daydreaming about what could be and what you want. The pace is unusually hectic, even for Christmas. You are in demand, others seeking you out en masse. Caring is intense. Tonight: Mellow and dreamy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You are delighted by your gifts, the company and the general conviviality of the day. You find this an unusually perfect holiday. You might attend a second get-together with friends or others show up later. You get something you have wanted for a long time. Tonight: All grins.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are the star, in the limelight. You might be a bit scattered and everywhere, as you make sure the holidays are up to snuff for everyone. At the last minute, you might invite others over and let it all happen. The essence of your sign abounds; friendship and good will. Tonight: Could be late!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your mind is on the future, loved ones at a distance and what could be. Examine what is realistic; but for now, let your imagination and loving flow. You might have a secret that you cannot share. Follow your intuition. Tonight: Touch base with friends.

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We wish all our readers the compliments of the season. If they have half the enjoyment reading our column as we get from writing it, we must be very popular!

Jeff Meckstroth is regarded by many as the finest player in the world today. Watch him at work on this deal from the match between United States 2 and Norway at the recent world team championships.

Three no trump is a laydown, but with an eight-card suit, South cannot be criticized for insisting on playing in clubs. It might appear that declarer must lose two heart tricks and a spade, but Meckstroth, South, succeeded in painting a false picture of his hand.

West led a diamond, and declarer played the ten from dummy! With South "marked" for at least a second diamond, East saw no reason not to continue the suit. Meckstroth soon pointed out the folly of East's ways.

Declarer discarded a heart from hand, winning with the table's ace, then led a heart to the queen and North's king. Back came a spade, but it was a trick too late. Declarer rose with the ace on the board and led the jack of hearts. Had East followed low, declarer would have discarded a spade. When East chose to cover, declarer ruffed, cashed the ace of clubs, then crossed to the king in dummy to take a spade discard on the good ten of hearts. Declarer lost only a heart and a diamond!

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(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 600187	Return to Mayberry ('86) ** (Andy Griffith, Ron Howard) 675439				News 154583		Beverly Hills, 90210 157670 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 774813 (TV14)	
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(15) AMC		15	The Return of the Pink Panther (G, '75) 683684				An Affair to Remember ('57) ** 2913187				Cents, U.S. Style (10:05) (PG, '79) 8408854			
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PEOPLE

Spice Girls rival Beatles with 2nd Christmas at top of record charts



Spice Girls are "Too Much" for the competition with second Christmas in a row at the top of the charts in the United Kingdom.

LONDON — Despite some recent turmoil, the **Spice Girls** are "Too Much" for the competition.

The British pop group has the No. 1 single on the United Kingdom's charts for the second Christmas in a row.

That feat has been bettered only by the Beatles, who first grabbed the Christmas No. 1 slot in 1963 with "I Want to Hold Your Hand" and held on for two more years with "I Feel Fine" and "Day Tripper"/"We Can Work It Out."

For Ginger, Posh, Sporty, Scary and Baby Spice, "Too Much" is their sixth consecutive British No. 1. Last Christmas they were tops with "2 Become 1."

"It's been an incredibly difficult period for us, but we are back stronger than ever," Geri Halliwell, a.k.a. Ginger Spice, was quoted as saying in the tabloid Sun on Monday.

The Spice Girls fired their manager, Simon Fuller, last month and got booed in Spain for refusing to let photographers take pictures of them.

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NEW YORK — At some moments, they are as weightless as angels. At others, they are as bruising as linebackers.

But members of **Elizabeth Streb**'s dance company are not the only attraction at the Joyce Theater. There is also the movable, mechanical, 19-foot-high aluminum truss that frames their performance.

The audience on Thursday was already happily disoriented by the piece, "Fly," in which a dancer soars through the air at the end of a giant, rotating lever. Expecting more surprises, no one was too alarmed when, between acts, the truss shuddered and listed to one side.

As it turned out, a cable had snapped. Ms. Streb said the following day: "Philippe Petit, one of my mentors, taught me that you learn about hardware by listening to the sounds it makes. You know a good and bad sound. Last night, I heard a bad sound."

For almost 50 minutes, stagehands swarmed over the structure, working feverishly and in full view, with no curtain to hide behind. They succeeded in their repairs, and the show went on, minus three pieces.

"Every day we're learning more and more about this contraption," Ms. Streb said in a question-and-answer session with the audience. Then, with jaunty humor, she confessed: "I said in my grant applications that this was going to make everything so easy!"

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NEW YORK — Wanda Vaughn, 46, recalls that when she and her sisters, Sheila Hutchinson, 45, and Jeanette Hawes, 47, were young, "Daddy would drum into us that if we practice, practice, practice and keep the Lord first, one day we'll be bigger than bubble gum."

His words were prophetic. Under his tutelage, they formed a gospel trio, the Hutchinson Sunbeams. In 1968, when they were teen-agers, they transformed themselves into a pop group, the **Emotions**, and rode to the top of the charts. They had six hit albums, four of which went platinum and two gold. One song, "Best of My Love," won a Grammy and an American Music Award in 1978.

In 1983, the Emotions broke up and all but disappeared from public view. "We had been very badly managed and got involved in some bad deals," Ms. Vaughn said the other day. "We decided just to let go."

Each of them went her own way. "When we got together, we decided not to talk about singing or the business," Ms. Vaughn said.

Gradually they returned, making occasional appearances. But, Ms. Vaughn said, "We didn't want to do anything long-term."

Until now. On Tuesday, a show called — what else? — "Bigger Than Bubble Gum" opened a 13-day engagement in Alice Tully Hall. The show recounts the group's rise and fall and ends on a note of reconciliation. Three young performers play the Emotions as children, and the sisters play themselves as adults.

"This means the completion of something that was started so many years ago," said Ms. Vaughn, who teaches at the Music Institute of Hollywood. "As for playing myself, I never thought this part would come again. I thought it would be testimony that I would tell my students."

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Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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13 — lose
14 Gazelle
15 "What child is — ?"
16 Scrooge's story
19 H. Rider Haggard title
20 Seasonal song
21 Truman's Labor Secretary
22 Author of "Tattered Tom" 1871
24 Seasonal surname
25 White House office
26 Wintry weather
28 Mai —
31 Ring in —
33 Treads the boards
34 "Good will to —"
35 "Sleigh bells — ..."
36 TV "News —"
38 "—, the Herald Angels Sing"
39 GB neighbor
40 "It — upon the midnight clear ..."
41 Expunges
43 Elaine of "A New Leaf"
44 Imitating
46 Coiffure style
47 Janis or Satchel
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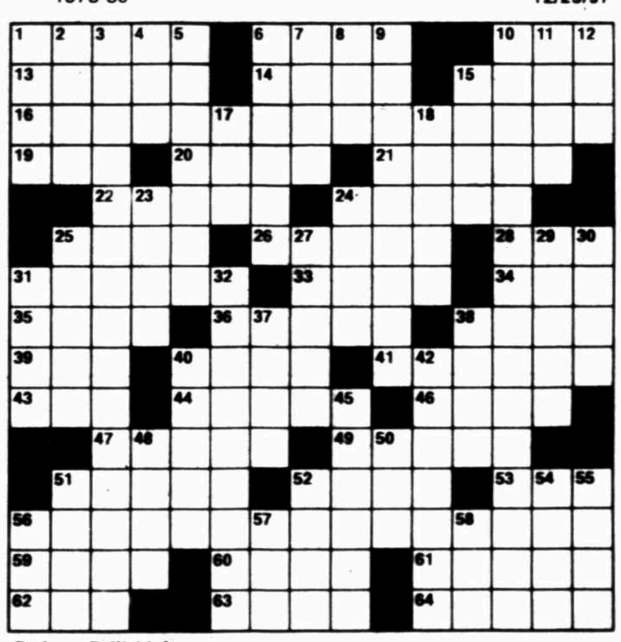
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9 Seasonal decoration
10 Roast goose, Yorkshire pudding, plum pudding, etc.
11 MGM symbol
12 Christmas, for one: Abbr.
15 No-no
17 Milk bucket
18 Wintry apparel
23 Word in a New Year's song title
24 15 Across, in Paris
25 Japan's Prime Minister 1978-80
27 Like Santa's sleigh on Dec. 24
29 By air, in Barcelona
30 Endorses
31 Prepare the tree
32 Get ready for Dec. 25
37 François's friend
38 The Nile as a god, in old Egypt
40 Africa's largest city
42 Santa's guide
45 Heroine of yuletide opera
48 Give it — attempt
50 — Wednesday
51 School gps.
52 Holiday cookie additive
54 Superlative ending
55 Shortened holiday
56 TCU rival
57 Relig. teaching deg.
58 Cockney idol

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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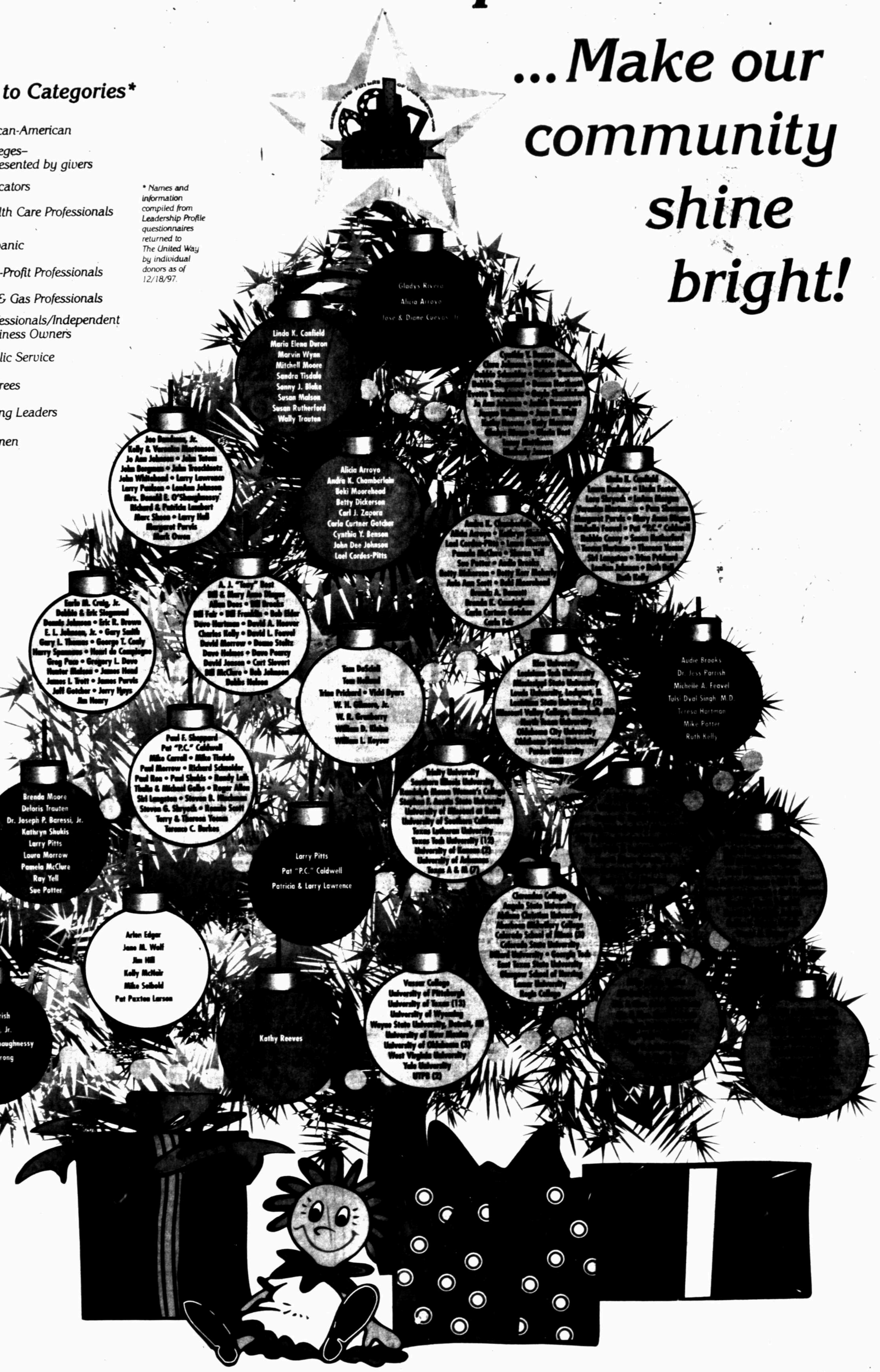
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- Retirees
- Young Leaders
- Women

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Thank you, and Happy Holidays!

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BASIN BRIEFING

White Christmas

LUBBOCK — Leftover snow from a weekend storm blanketed the Texas Panhandle on Wednesday, guaranteeing a white Christmas for most of the state's northern reaches.

About 6 1/2 inches of powder was on the ground in Amarillo Wednesday. Texas' first south-spawned storm of the northern Panhandle. A dry, cold day was expected to ensure most of it stayed there.

Although no roads in the region were closed, a Texas Department of Transportation district office said roads were "snowpacked and slick" and that travel was discouraged.

Officially, it will be Amarillo's first white Christmas since 1991, when nearly an inch was on the ground.

Drought recovery

AUSTIN — While most of Texas suffered through devastating droughts in 1995 and 1996, this year has been a time of recovery for many Texas farmers and ranchers.

"This year, Texas producers knocked off the dust from the '96 drought," the Comptroller John Sharp said this week. "Most were blessed with much-needed rain, and prices began to return to profitable levels."

According to state officials, the drought cost ranchers and farmers some $2 billion. More than half of the state's 254 counties were declared disaster areas because of the drought and the state's economy lost about $5 billion.

Genocide arrest

LAREDO — A Rwandan pastor has been freed from jail after a judge ruled the U.S. government has no constitutional right to send him back to the African country to face trial on charges of genocide.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, 73, was released Dec. 17 after 14 months in the Webb County Jail, a jail official confirmed Wednesday.

Ntakirutimana, a retired Seventh-day Adventist pastor, is praised by his supporters as a man of peace but described by his accusers as a murderous minister who helped orchestrate the slaughter of hundreds of fellow Rwandans.

U.S. Magistrate Marcel C. Notzon ordered his release last week. The judge said a 1996 law allowing the return of alleged war criminals to war tribunals in Bosnia and Rwanda was unconstitutional.

Ntakirutimana would have faced a U.N. tribunal investigating the 1994 genocidal slaughter of ethnic Tutsis at a church he ran.

Yule volunteers

CORPUS CHRISTI — A Christmas visit to an elderly person isn't just a nice thing to do; it might also save a life. "Last year, a caseworker was working with a couple in poor health," said Rosemary Patterson, who works for the Texas Department of Human Services in Austin. "She told me they were contemplating suicide. They felt no one cared. They were very isolated."

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Traveling Texas

DALLAS — After visiting Texarkana to the east, Texhoma to the north, Tadine way up in the Panhandle, Texas City near the Gulf Coast and everywhere in between, James and Linda Jennings can truly say they've seen all of Texas.

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Nativity conflict

WEATHERFORD — Parker County officials have reached an agreement with the ACLU and an atheist to allow the display of a traditional Nativity scene on the courthouse grounds.

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Shelter brings cheer to clients on holiday

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Christmas cheer can help ease life's most difficult situations.

The Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children reaches out to women each year and center officials want this Christmas season to be a time of kinship and celebration.

Becky Grimaud, executive director of the center, said the shelter tries to make the best out of a difficult situation during the holidays. Women and children in abusive situations can escape to a festive temporary safe house.

"We try to keep an upbeat atmosphere around here, and stay positive," Ms. Grimaud said. "We had the Girl Scouts decorate a tree for us. We just try to be creative on how we do Christmas."

The center has plenty of Christmas trees in its lobby and living rooms and wreaths adorn the walls.

On Christmas Eve Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus visit the shelter and hand out presents to children. Cookies and punch are served afterward.

Then on Christmas Day there's the traditional turkey feast with all the trimmings.

For single moms who are living away from the shelter but face an abusive situation, the center prepares food boxes of canned goods and non-perishable items.

The holidays can be a difficult time for battered women, Ms. Grimaud said. They bring to the shelter children of all ages — from infants to teens — and have few resources.

"Oftentimes when they come in, they're coming in with just what they're wearing," she said. "They come in with maybe their purse and their kids. We try to provide the clothing. We keep donations that the women can use. We try to just make it Christmas."

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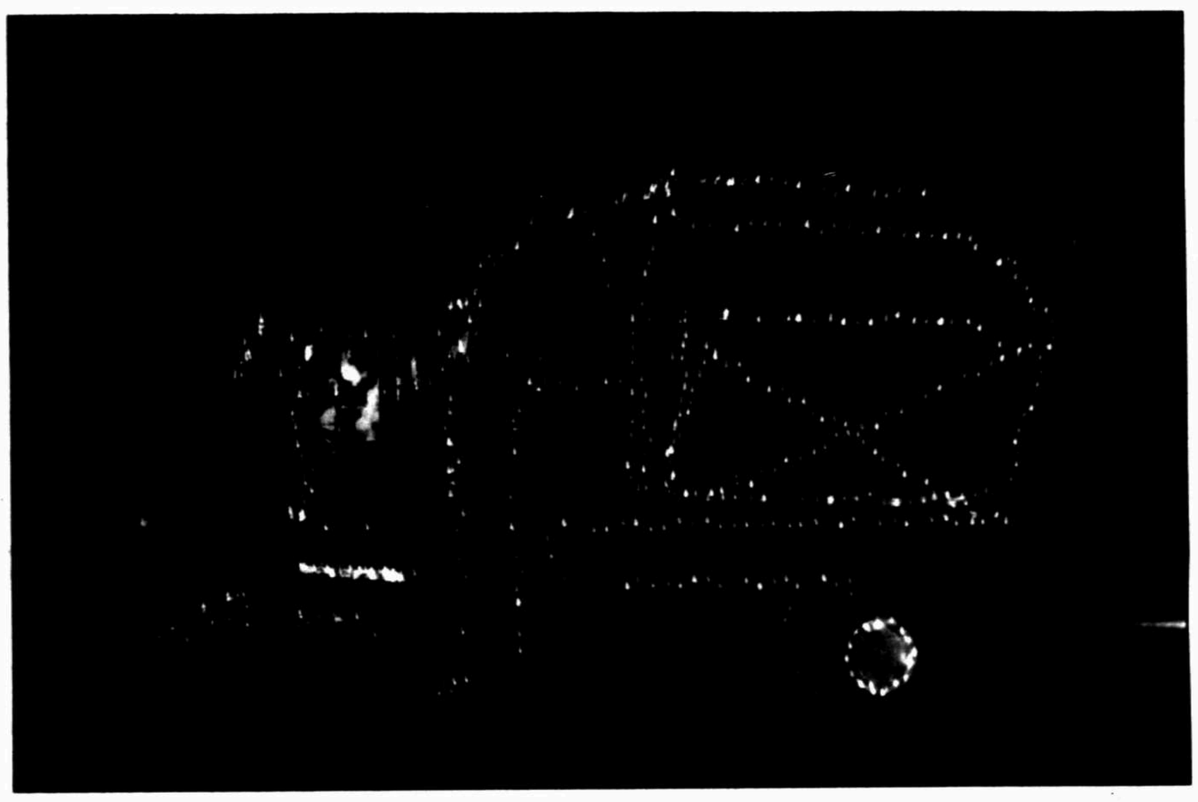


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Santa visits patients

Santa, aka John Grunenwald, visited children at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Tuesday evening. Anthony Leslie cuddles his 3-month-old son, John, who was hospitalized for respiratory problems.

A WEST TEXAS CHRISTMAS



Cotton stripper substitutes for Santa's sleigh

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

If you can believe both the seen and the unseen worlds, the spirit of Christmas and the legendary Santa Claus come in all sorts of forms and themes.

Santa Claus, if you can reckon with Midland farmer Kermit Lewis, actually drives a green sleigh that looks like a six-row cotton stripper.

It is laden with toys and goodies and shines brightly at night in holiday colors that outline its form just off Farm-to-Market Road 715 in the Valley View community southeast of Midland.

"We were talking about doing a tractor last year," Lewis, 63, said, but time slipped away too quickly.

The beginning of the Christmas season and the end of the cotton-harvest season coincide.

"We decided that the stripper would really make a big showing," Lewis said. "And that's what the kids and we all decided to do."

Lewis and his wife, Frances, and their daughters, Tammy Shelton and Kim Foster and their spouses, decorated the $90,000 rig after Lewis finished harvesting the cotton crop.

"Santa started out as a scarecrow for Halloween, a pilgrim for Thanksgiving, and transformed into Santa Claus for Christmas," Mrs. Lewis said.

The decorated stripper is a far cry from the old tumbleweed that Lewis and his grandfather, Jesse Bartlett, dressed up during the Great Depression.

"We went out and got an old tumbleweed and made a Christmas tree out of it," Lewis recalled.

He also recalled those early homemade wooden toys that his late grandfather, a farmer and arrowhead collector, had fashioned.

"I got my first store-bought toy in 1941 when I was 7. It was a (cast-iron) tractor set.

"We didn't have a fireplace when I grew up" for hanging the traditional Christmas stockings, Lewis noted. "We had an old wooden stove."

Along with their family, the Lewises are sharing the holiday with friends, former Midlanders Frank and Viola Merritt of Del Rio.

"You give thanks for the birth of Jesus," said Merritt, a 67-year-old retired Midland fireman. "That's the first thing that you do.

"It's just a happy time for little kids, and it's a good time for older folks — us over-the-hill gang to go around and say 'Howdy' to every-

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Santa Claus is at the reins of a cotton-stripper, at top, at Kermit Lewis' farm southeast of Midland. With Lewis, above, are his wife, Frances; their daughter, Kim Foster; her husband, Tony, and their 5-month-old daughter, Kelsey.

1997 a year of progress for city projects

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Midland City Council and city staff pressed ahead in 1997 with a number of initiatives aimed at preparing Midland for the next century.

Just before Christmas one year ago, the council approved final plans for a new swimming pool as the centerpiece for improvements at Washington Park.

Before closing for the fall, an estimated 900 people enjoyed this new pool during the last part of the summer, according to Rick Menchaca, assistant city manager.

The city and the Texas Department of Transportation shared the $700,000 cost of rebuilding a portion of Industrial Avenue west of Midkiff Road to Cottonflat Road, with improved drainage and new railroad spurs that allows train cars to divert to serve area industries.

The city assisted area agencies through the disbursement of community development block grant (CDBG) funds in efforts to provide new homes for those Midland families that might otherwise not be able to afford a home of their own. This year, nine of these homes were built and the projects will continue next year, Menchaca explained. None were built in years past.

In an effort to reduce the cost of administering more than $600,000 in CDBG funds, the city has taken over the administration of a housing-related program, which includes affordable housing construction and extensive home repairs for those home owners who cannot afford to repair their own homes.

There were 42 unsafe structures demolished during this year's greater emphasis on dilapidated housing abatement. This almost doubles the rate of previous years.

The clearing of weedy lots also was stepped up, with 511 lots cleared this year, compared to 273 and 359 in the previous two years.

Portions of Michigan and Louisiana avenues were made two-way, allowing better access to businesses along this stretch west of Garfield Street to Andrews Highway.

One notable failure during 1997 was the council's decision to revisit voters with plans to establish an economic development corporation, funded through 1/4 cent in additional sales taxes.

Even when coupled with a property tax cut, funded through an additional 1/4 cent sales tax increase, Midland voters turned down the economic development proposal.

Construction on the new airport terminal complex continued through 1997. The new covered parking garage is completed and construction crews are now pouring concrete for the upper levels. Roof trusses are expected to be placed in mid-January.

During 1997, the council approved bids

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ED TODD

Despite commercialization, Christmas still special time

Indeed, this is the season of good cheer. Christmas may be commercialized in a nation and world in which business is king even in Christendom. But business is not The King.



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That is reserved for the Messiah, the Savior of the world, the Son of God, the prophet, healer, teacher, miracle-worker, the Immortal One, the living Christ, the Perfect Soul, who is lauded during the Christmas season as the docile baby Jesus in a Bethlehem manger with his mother, the Virgin Mary, and her husband, Joseph, about 2,000 years ago.

When Jesus the Christ died by crucifixion at age 33, he was both loved and hated, revered and reviled. He was entombed and was resurrected and that phenomenon gave rise to resolute and fervent apostles and disciples and saints who committed their lives and their deaths to the Savior.

Today, Christendom celebrates the humanly birth of Jesus the Christ and worships God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit.

But it is a convoluted season. Intermingled in the celebrations are the fantasies of the benevolent Santa Claus in his gift-laden sleigh powered by flying reindeer from the North Pole and designed to make glad the hearts of children, the innocent and tender souls of this world.

The season is a time to reflect on the blessings of family and friends and to remind each person to share life and love with one another not just on this Christmas Day but on all days and for all times despite the inevitable failings of mankind.

It is a time to remember that acts of kindness are also acts of love.

And at Christmas, it behooves each person, young and old, to love the child in himself or herself.

For when people, individually, you and I, love, honor, respect, and nourish each child at whatever station in life, we also love, honor, respect, and nourish ourselves and all of peoples, things, and critters in the world.

It is an interdependent world.

And when people work at honoring people, they are worshiping in deed their God and His Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior, in whose honor the Christmas season is celebrated.

Thanks be to God Almighty. Amen.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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POLICE REPORTS

Traffic fatality

ANDREWS — An Andrews resident died Tuesday afternoon after being injured in a two-vehicle accident approximately one mile south of Andrews on U.S. Highway 385.

Texas Department of Public Safety identified him as Charlie Burkett, 78. He was pronounced dead by Dr. C. Garden at Permian General Hospital, DPS officials said. The trooper working the case noted that Burkett was not wearing a seat belt.

The driver of the other vehicle, 21-year-old Virginia Limon of Midland, was cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop sign. Troopers said that Ms. Limon and a passenger, 23-year-old Juana Perez of Midland, both sustained minor injuries in the accident and were treated and released from Permian General Hospital.

According to the trooper's reports, Ms. Limon was driving southbound on Highway 385 when she turned east onto a service road and sideswiped Burkett's vehicle. Both she and Ms. Perez were wearing seat belts, officials said.

DPS authorities noted that Operation Motorcide — a count of holiday fatalities on Texas roadways — went into effect on Wednesday evening. The count ends Friday evening, authorities said.

Midland Police Department
Tuesday

Theft: A surveillance camera was taken from the southeast corner of Cash America Pawn Shop, 3504 W. Wall St. It was reported at 1:15 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A set of keys and firearm were taken from a vehicle parked at 604 Watson St. It was reported at 3:30 a.m.

Assault: An assault report was made from 4511 N. Midkiff Road.

Criminal mischief: A criminal mischief report was made at Mr. Gatti's, 614 W. Wadley Ave. An employee said that a man broke a window with an ashtray during a fight. It was reported at 9:05 p.m.

Wednesday

Indecent exposure: At 12:29 a.m., police arrested a 39-year-old man at Riley's Roadhouse, 3421 W. Wall St., for urinating outside the front door.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Tuesday

Theft: A customer left Town and County Convenience Store, 3115 Garden City Highway without paying for $17.71 in gasoline. It was reported at 7:23 p.m.

Wednesday

Theft: A package was taken from a mailbox at 10204 S. County Road 1136. Mudi Hageman reported it at 10:32 a.m.

OBITUARIES

Joyce Jones

BRONTE —Joyce Valentine Haynie Jones, 76, of Blackwell, died Tuesday, December 23, 1997, at her residence.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday, December 26, 1997, at the Blackwell First Baptist Church with Brother John Driggers and the Rev. Jackie Justice officiating. Burial will follow at the Blackwell Cemetery with services under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home in Bronte.

Mrs. Jones was born on February 14, 1921, in Sanger, Texas.

She was a longtime resident of Midland, Texas, and had retired to Oak Creek Lake in 1977. She was past madam president of the Eagles Club Ladies Auxiliary Post 2982 in Midland. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband of 59 years, James C. Jones of Blackwell; three children, John R. Jones and wife, Gwen, of St. Charles, Mo., Cliffa Hogue and husband, Tommy, of Blackwell and Paula Lawrence and her husband, Ira, also of Blackwell; five grandchildren, Kayla Capps of Midland, Texas, Clif Jones of Lake Dallas, Texas, Shelly Simmons of Denton, Texas, James Lawrence of Big Spring, Texas, and Karla Hogue of Navasota, Texas; and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Jones is also survived by two sisters, Mary Nel Armstrong of Sangy, Texas, and Laura Jane Owen of Argyle, Texas.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational associations, notes of appreciation, pallbearers, honorary pallbearers and a photo.

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

DEATH NOTICES

Socorro Torres

LUBBOCK— Socorro "Susie" Torres, 57, of Lubbock, sister of Midlanders Pauline Carrasco, Rosa M. Reyes, Vickie Reyes and Querino Reyes, died Monday, Dec. 22, in Lubbock.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, at St. John Neuman's Catholic Church with the Rev. Gerard Kenney officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Cemetery in Lubbock under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock. Rosary is to be recited 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, at the funeral home.

She was born March 12, 1940, in Midland.

She was a member of Christ the King Catholic Church, TSTA of Lubbock and L.E.S.A.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ricky Reyes and two brothers, Felix Reyes and Roy Reyes.

Other survivors include her husband, Victor Torres of Lubbock; two daughters, Linda S. Torres of Cincinnati and Vikki Torres of Lubbock; one son, Victor M. Torres of Lubbock; two other sisters, Ruby Taylor of Lubbock and Belen Garcia of Lubbock; two other brothers, Manuel Reyes of Odessa and Johnny Reyes of Lubbock; and one grandchild.

Denver Springer

Denver Springer, 81, of Stanton, died Wednesday, Dec. 24, in Midland.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Evelyn Gentry

Former Midlander Evelyn Gentry died Wednesday, Dec. 24, in Tomball.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Carl Nix

Carl Nix of Midland died Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Kazy Navarrete

Kazy Navarrete of Midland died Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

1997: Street to become green space in downtown Midland

(From 1B)

from a San Diego company, Creative Host Services, to outfit and operate a restaurant, bar and other vending services at the new terminal building.

Representatives of this company showcased plans for attractive store fronts inside the terminal building with "street-level" pricing, which is determined by visiting area restaurants and setting approximately similar prices for airport fare, they said.

The company Interspace Airport Advertising has been approved to advertise area businesses inside the new terminal building.

Both of these companies vowed to utilize aesthetic touches in the design of the overall terminal to blend their additions in an attractive way.

After reviewing applications from around the country, the council selected local police officer John Urby to succeed the retiring Richard Czech as chief of the Midland Police Department.

Steps were taken to further the ties between Midland and the city of Chihuahua, Mexico. Signs were placed along highways 349 between Midland and Lamesa and along Interstate 20 to Odessa designating the route of La Entrada al Pacifico, which proponents on both sides of the boarder hope to expand into a major trade route in the next century. The route leads south out of Odessa along Highway 358.

Early in the year, the council identified the downtown area as a major focus, reviewing measures to make the area more attractive and more easily accessible.

Recently, parking meters were removed along a two-block stretch of Colorado Street and angle parking lines placed to allow more vehicles to park for two-hour stretches.

1998 will begin with the next phase of this effort, which was approved in theory in the December council meeting.

Marcus Johnston, who replaced Harvey Hansen as director of engineering and development for the city this year; is ready to move on an estimated $80,000 project to beautify the downtown area.

With final approval from the council expected in late January, city crews are ready to being tearing up the stretch of Loraine Street between the Midland County Courthouse and Centennial Plaza.

This will be replaced with soil and sod to provide a park-like expanse of lawn flowing from the courthouse to the plaza at sidewalk level.

In addition, more angle parking will be established on Loraine Street, from Missouri Avenue to Wall Street and from Texas Avenue to Ohio Avenue.

More angle parking will be established on Marienfeld Street from Missouri Avenue to Ohio Avenue.

With the spaces being lost in the creation of the park area, Downtown Midland will have a net gain of seven parking spaces when the project is completed, Johnston said.

Restroom facilities are currently being constructed at the historic Lineberry House. Council members intend to allow the grounds of this home to be reserved for outdoor activities, such as parties and weddings. This project should be completed soon, with the grounds being available this spring.

Plans are still being discussed for the future of the home itself.

Land along the eastern side of West Loop 250 has been rezoned. Most of a 130-acre strip between Thomason Drive and Business Interstate 20 is now zoned for local retail and some multi-family dwelling.

This area is now ready to accept new development as the city's current retail boom continues to fill areas along North Loop 250.

Construction is continuing at the city's waste water treatment plant, where capacity is being increased from 15 million gallons a day to 21 million gallons a day Menchaca said.

This should serve a population of 130,000, which Midland is not expected to reach until 2020 or 2030.

A new permit received in October extends the life of the city's landfill until the year 2059, Menchaca said.

Helping to extend the life of this landfill is the new Materials Recovery Facility, which recently reopened with a new metal building enclosing the entire plant and state-of-the art odor control and trash-blocking fences to make the facility more pleasing to its neighbors.

By removing tons of recyclable materials from the city's waste stream, and by bailing the remaining trash in compact blocks, the facility is able to double the amount of life in the landfill, according to city officials.

At 62 million gallons a day, the city has a sufficient fresh water supply to serve the population until 2020 to 2030 at the current growth rate.

"Additionally, we own surface and water rights in Winkler and Loving counties which should sustain our needs until 2070 to 2080," Menchaca said.

A continuous hike and bike trail has been constructed from Reyes, Mashburn, Nelms Park at Fairgrounds Road along Cuthbert to near Lamesa Road.

Finally, the city has taken over the seal coating project, which resurfaces and extends the life of city streets. In the past, this was contracted out, but with city crews now doing the work, the cost of seal coating a square yard of street has dropped from $1.40 in 1994 to $1.33 in 1995 to 66 cents in 1996 and 53 cents in 1997.

This year, the city seal coated 1.457 million square yards of city streets.

LIGHTS: Santa trades in sleigh

(From 1B)

body," Merritt said. "We left Del Rio about two days ago. Each night we stay at different places and say 'Howdy.' We leave a few gifts, and we take a few gifts." Christmas is a season to "leave lots of cheer wherever you go."

Merritt's wife remembers her childhood Christmases in the 1930s when "Mother made hard candy, Daddy bought fruit, and we (children) got one toy apiece."

"The birth of Jesus is honoring Him and sharing with others," Mrs. Lewis said. "He gave His life for us. Maybe I haven't given my whole life to somebody, but I do like to share with them."

Parker County reaches deal with ACLU, atheist on courthouse Nativity

WEATHERFORD (AP) — Parker County officials have reached an agreement with the ACLU and an atheist to allow the display of a traditional Nativity scene on the courthouse grounds.

U.S. District Judge Terry Means of Fort Worth signed a settlement order Dec. 4 that requires anyone wishing to have a display or event on the courthouse premises to apply for a permit and pay a $20 administrative fee to the county judge's office, said Don Jackson, a cooperating attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in Fort Worth.

"I think this was a win all the way around," said Richard Hogan, state director of American Atheists, who sued the county last year when the Nativity scene was put up.

They contended it violated the separation of church and state protection under the U.S. Constitution. "If Parker County residents want their Nativity scene there in the future, they have a legal right to do so, just as I have a legal right to put something there."

SHELTER: Facility provides safe place

(From 1B)

The 20,000-square-foot shelter serves 14 counties and currently has about 50 residents. About 40 percent of the residents come from Midland County and 35 percent from Ector County.

The 16-room shelter can hold a maximum of 64 residents and is a place of safety throughout the year.

In some cases, the shelter can provide day transportation for women who work. Sometimes police can provide an escort for women to retrieve items from their homes.

There's always a need at the center — whether it be for supplies or volunteers, Ms. Grimaud said.

"We're always looking for volunteers for various things," she said.

The center needs the supplies that a large family would need. Popular donations include toiletries such as toothbrushes, soap and shampoo.

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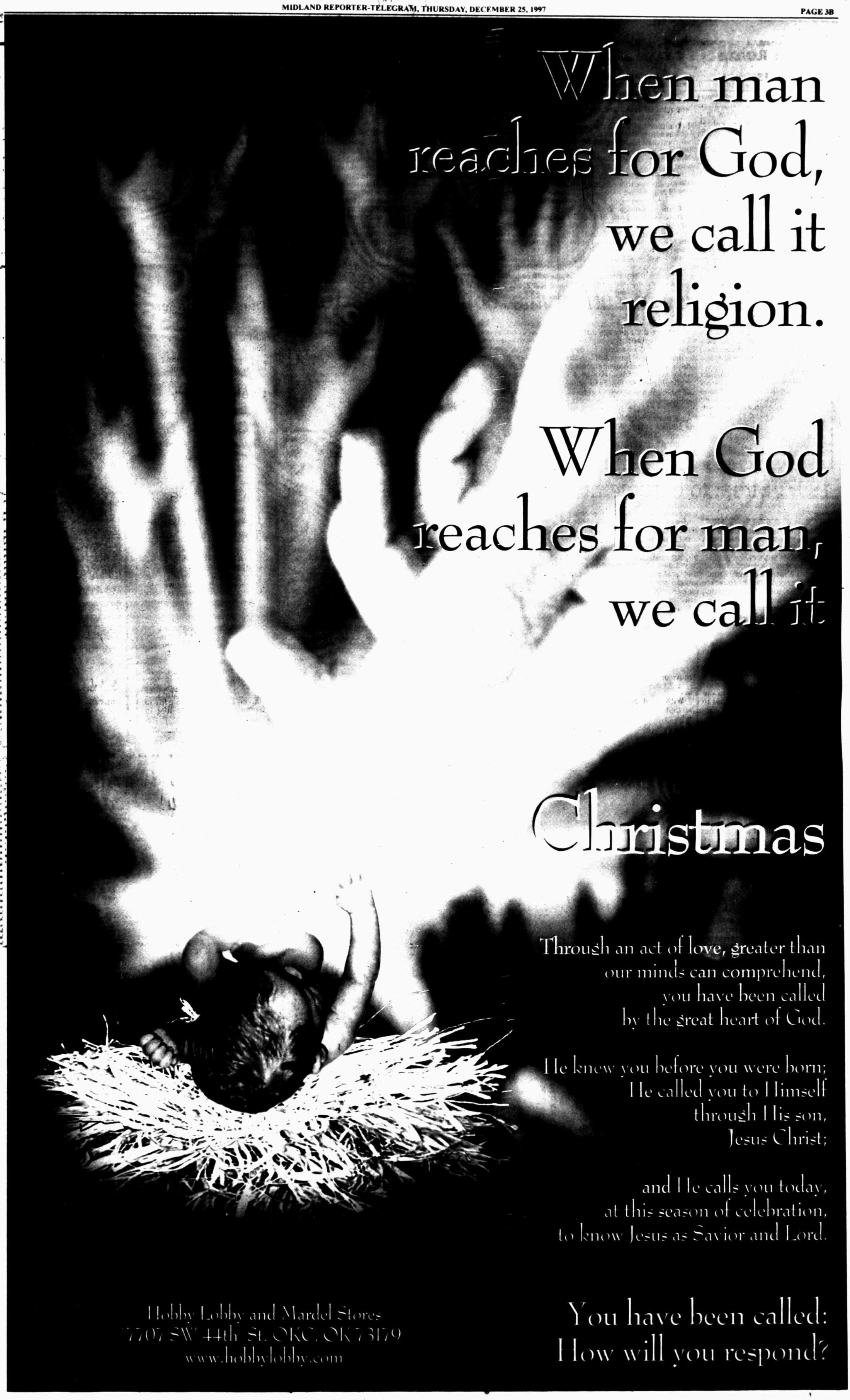
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Volunteers reach out to help less fortunate neighbors at Christmas

By Rachel Pollack
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI — A Christmas visit to an elderly person isn't just a nice thing to do; it might also save a life.

Rosemary Patterson remembers hearing about one visit that changed the lives of a depressed older couple.

"Last year, a caseworker was working with a couple in poor health," said Ms. Patterson, who works for the Texas Department of Human Services in Austin. "She told me they were contemplating suicide. They felt no one cared. They were very isolated."

Then, through an Austin program called Adopt a Community Care Client, the couple received a visitor on Christmas Day, Ms. Patterson said.

"Someone adopted that couple, took them food and talked to them. They decided somebody did care and decided not to commit suicide. The caseworker said, 'I never could have guessed it.'"

Reaching out to the elderly during the holidays can be crucial, said Dr. Cecil Childers, an adult and geriatric psychiatrist. "Suicide rates go up nationally," he said. "It's a pretty rough time."

The holidays are typically a time of reminiscing, which can cause depression for elderly patients who have lost family or are alone, Childers said. The presence of an acquaintance, or even a stranger, can "help dilute the emotional intensity" of the holidays.

Frank Villarreal, 70, is one of those who reaches out to those in nursing homes year-round — that's because he knows firsthand what it is like to be lonely and depressed in a nursing home. Villarreal, who could opt to spend Christmas with family, will spend his holiday visiting nursing homes and playing conjunto music with a group of fellow retirees, he said.

Villarreal spent three months at Alameda Oaks Nursing Center while recovering from a leg amputation a year after his wife's 1991 death.

"I lost my leg on the 2nd or 3rd of June. She died on the 7th," he said. "I felt like somebody took a line and split me down the middle."

At the nursing home, Villarreal suffered from a deep depression.

One day, an activities director brought a guitar to his room, and Villarreal, always a music lover and once a guitar player, was entranced. One of his daughters, visiting from Houston, witnessed his excitement and bought him a guitar.

"In the nursing home, I picked it up and started playing," he said. "I started going room to room talking to people, and then I got on this mail run. They started calling me the mailman." Villarreal's volunteering was a turning point in his life.

"I didn't know what I was going to be able to do with one leg, if I'd be able to work, or drive again. I thought 'What's going to be out there for me?'"

Villarreal returned to his home and discovered that despite his disability he was both able to drive and live on his own, but he kept coming back to share his time and his warmth with Alameda Oaks residents. In 1995, he was selected Life Care Centers of America Central Division Volunteer of the Year.

Living on his own in his small house and receiving home care, Villarreal could easily have become homebound. Toes were recently removed on his intact leg due to bad circulation, and Villarreal is not able to drive. But his fellow musicians drive him to and from performances.

Rachel Jimenez, a nursing assistant, comes daily to change Villarreal's bandages.

Villarreal does not grimace as she cuts through the gauze or applies ointment. He lifts himself carefully from bed to wheelchair and moves his wheelchair around his modest home, which contains only the barest essentials — including a small radio.

"I go to sleep with music and wake up with music," he said, grinning.

Rather than retreating due to illness, Villarreal continues to play with the group Gema.

Ms. Jimenez calls Villarreal "one of our favorite patients. He and his friends that play music in nursing homes just seem to cheer everyone up."

While nursing homes buzz with activity during the month of December, many patients are alone on Christmas Day, and visitors drop off sharply during the month of January.

As many as 40 percent of patients at Alameda Oaks Nursing Center may be without family on Christmas Day, says activities director Sue Hoefling. Some are completely alone, and others, because families may have to travel long distances to see them, may only see relatives before or after the holidays.

"When most people come here, they have visitors in the first three to six months, but then it becomes more and more difficult for people to come," Ms. Hoefling said.

From A&D Acres to Zunkerville, couple travels Texas

DALLAS (AP) — After visiting Texarkana to the east, Texhoma to the north, Texline way up in the Panhandle, Texas City near the Gulf Coast and everywhere in between, James and Linda Jennings can truly say they've seen all of Texas.

From A&D Acres to Zunkerville, the Jenningses have spent 3 1/2 years driving their 1993 Suburban to every city, town, community and village in the Lone Star State, or at least all the ones listed in the Texas Almanac.

The Dallas couple began hitting the road soon after they married in 1991. In 1994, Jennings suggested something bigger.

"Let's have a purpose. Let's have a challenge. Let's organize and do every town in the state of Texas," he said.

Soon they were off, covering 254 counties, 267,277 square miles and more stops than they care to count. They checked the final spots off their list in November.

Along the way, the couple made sure to take lots of pictures and keep detailed notes on the churches, windmills, old barns, historic homes, ghost towns and people they encountered. They even revisited places they'd been before to document the stop and make it "official."

Back home, they put the photos, brochures, business cards and other information into manila envelopes and cataloged them by county.

"We may go through somewhere that's listed in the Texas Almanac with a population of 10 and there's only a little sign on the road that has the name of it. You won't find anything there except 10 people," Jennings said. "But we would at least take a picture of that sign to document the fact that we'd been there."

They took off whenever they could and stayed away as long as possible.

Now semi-retired, Jennings, 64, is a former Dallas policeman and one-time stadium voice for the Dallas Cowboys who now handles the public address chores at the Mesquite Championship Rodeo and the Cotton Bowl football game. Mrs. Jennings, 58, owned a line of lingerie stores before they married. They have five children and 10 grandchildren between them.

Friends and relatives who had considered them Texas-size fools for taking on such an enormous task became believers after seeing them come back from trips with all sorts of goodies and great stories. Soon, everyone wanted details.

As the momentum grew, the couple gave their project a name: "Touring Texas Towns and Some That Ain't." Jennings even designed a logo, painted it on the side of their Suburban and put it on business cards and stationery.

"We needed an identity because in a lot of the towns we've gone to, people wonder why you're casing the joint," Mrs. Jennings said. "As a matter of fact, they called the police on us in Wolfe City."

Because the couple were driving up and down slowly, taking pictures, people thought they were casing the bank. Police were satisfied when they heard their explanation.

Generally, though, Texas hospitality reigned.

The couple waited tables at a busy restaurant in Van Horn when one of the two employees left for a PTA meeting. In Muleshoe, they rode a combine, harvested corn and ate dinner on the tailgate of a pickup with the farmhands. At tiny Laws Chapel near Atlanta, they met the 81-year-old caretaker, the youngest member of the church. The church's booklet of prayers and songs notes places when the "congregation will please stand, if able."

The Jenningses wrapped up their travels with a stop in Pawnee, a town of about 250 in southeastern Texas. Mrs. Jennings suggested celebrating with champagne, but all they could find was a Dairy Queen, so they split a Blizzard.

Now that the journey is over, the couple are talking about writing a book. But the project was never envisioned as a commercial venture.

"This has been to us, I guess, maybe what skiing or fishing or vacation travel would be to some other people," Jennings said.

So, what did the native Texans learn about their state?

"How big it really is," Jennings said.

Traveling couple offers suggestions for Texas travel

DALLAS (AP) — Some recommendations about traveling Texas, courtesy of James and Linda Jennings, who recently finished a 3 1/2 years of driving through every county, town and community in the state:

Favorite city name: Quitaque (pronounced KIT-uh-kway; population of about 500 in Briscoe County)

Best burger: New Waverly Cafe in New Waverly or Sportsman Cafe in Quitaque

Best pies: New Waverly Cafe or the grocery store in Windom, where the owner's mother is the baker

Best view: Vanderpool and Palo Duro Canyon

Best sunsets: Big Bend

Best wildflowers: DeWitt County

Favorite tourist attractions: Annual cowboy poets gathering in Alpine. They also suggest seeing "TEXAS," a play that has been staged for 32 seasons at the outdoor Pioneer Amphitheatre in Palo Duro Canyon State Park.

Most overrated tourist attractions: The Alamo, with the city encroaching on all sides. But the Jenningses suggest visiting the other San Antonio missions

Best places for a weekend getaway: the Hotel Turkey in Turkey; the Gage Hotel in Marathon

Best Texas brag: "Don't ever ask a man if he's from Texas. If he isn't, he doesn't want to talk about it. And if he is, he'll tell you without you asking."

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Homeless addicts get a chance to give something back at Christmas

By Jim Fitzgerald
Associated Press

GARRISON, N.Y. — A dozen men, humbled and homeless, some missing teeth and most of them aged beyond their years, gather around tables laden with blunt scissors, poster paints and swatches of cotton fabric.

They don't look much like Santa's elves.

But this is St. Christopher's Inn, a men's shelter and treatment center where even those who have nothing are expected to give.

So the spirit of Christmas quickly fills the room as these men, quietly straining against the pull of alcoholism, drug addiction or both, eagerly but carefully transform strips of muslin into festive Christmas stockings that will go to homeless children in Harlem.

"This gives me the opportunity to give a little, to get in touch with that part of me which you sometimes lose sight of when you're down yourself," says Nick Capiola, 46, applying glue to applique gingerbread men that would be ironed onto the stockings. "These kids are maybe worse off than we are, and it gives me a good feeling."

"It feels good when you do something for someone else," agrees Joe Phelan, 41, who was an electrician before addiction cost him his work and family. "I haven't had a good effect on a lot of other people."

St. Christopher's is a red-brick haven on the wooded hills of Graymoor, headquarters of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement. Just off the Appalachian Trail in Putnam County, it is perhaps 90 minutes from midtown Manhattan but a million miles away from the city's sometimes frightening homeless shelters.

Only a few yards from the entrance, next to a statue of the Virgin Mary, a sign tells the men not to roam far. In the lobby, a resident polishes the floor next to a Christmas creche filled with sock-puppet sheep and angels.

"This is not a flophouse," says Brother Thomas Banacki, the assistant director. "Living here means staying here, being part of our program."

Men arrive in a variety of ways, some referred by courts, some under employee assistance programs, some straight from the street. St. Christopher's, funded almost entirely by donations, can afford to house only about 115 at a time in its spare, military-style dormitory. Sometimes, even at Christmas, there is no room at the inn.

"Nothing breaks your heart more than sending them away," says Banacki, one of six priests and brothers who staff the inn in Friar Tuck robes. "You can say, 'Come back in two weeks,' but two weeks can be an eternity to an addict."

Most residents enter St. Christopher's licensed recovery program, which can last up to six months and includes counseling, therapy and lectures.

The stocking-makers were in a creative-therapy program. Other men in the program were rehearsing for a Christmas play in which Rudolph's red nose makes the reindeer feel ashamed. (The men raided the inn's stockpile of thermal underwear so some could be dyed reindeer-brown.)

Such crafts give the men "a chance to give back," says Stephanie Rosen, the therapist. "Plus it teaches self-esteem and task completion."

Examining a pile of colorful miniature sleds the men have built and painted to go into the stockings, resident Bill Curtis, 58, says, "I'm thinking about the kids. They don't know us but we're doing this for them unconditionally. It's like what the people here do for us."

'A lot of the men had sort of a nasty childhood. They've never been secure kids, never celebrated Christmas or had a sober Christmas.'
—Rev. Bernie Palka, executive director of St. Christopher's Inn

Many of the men seem delighted with the prospect of spending the holiday at the inn.

Sobriety has opened his eyes to life, Phelan says, and he's happy he won't have to leave the inn for a halfway house until after the holidays.

"I look at it as, this is my first Christmas," he says.

"A lot of the men had sort of a nasty childhood," says the Rev. Bernie Palka, executive director of the inn. "They've never been secure kids, never celebrated Christmas or had a sober Christmas. ... The spirit of Christmas in them has never been tapped before. It blows them away that someone cares about them."

Sister Kathleen Ryan, the 70-year-old nun who outfits each new resident from a vast supply of donated clothing, says St. Christopher's "has brought me much closer to the real meaning of Christmas." She weeps every year when the recovering men file into the chapel for the Christmas Eve service, each carrying a figure for the Nativity scene.

This Christmas Day, the men will get pancakes for breakfast and a turkey feast for dinner. Depending on the weather, there'll be a nature walk or a movie.

The success of the ministry hasn't really been measured, but the inn just received a grant to track its graduates and see how they do when they leave.

The friars already think they're accomplishing something.

Palka says he's just received "the best kind of Christmas gift" — a card that says, "Nine years sober, thanks to you guys. Merry Christmas."

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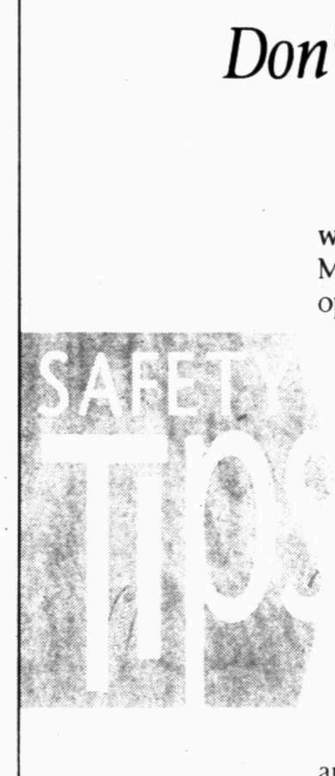
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Holiday sales in slump; retailers questioning dependence on Christmas

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is holiday hype killing Christmas?

For the third straight year, Christmas sales have failed to meet expectations at many of the nation's stores, forcing retailers to rethink the holiday that used to provide as much as 50 percent of their business.

Among the questions being raised is whether the shopping season — with Christmas advertising starting well before Halloween — is just too long.

"The countdown to Christmas used to be 20 days. Now, it's 60 days. That really takes the thrill out of the holidays," said Leonard Grossman, from New York City. "The holidays start way too early. The retailers just want to try to make more money. It's over-commercialized."

Susan Greene, also a New Yorker, is also turned off by two months or more of Christmas hype: "You go in the stores and hear Christmas songs when it's still warm out. I get sick of Christmas before it's even Christmas."

Coming up with a plan to lure shoppers year-round is going to be a top priority for many storeowners. Already, holidays like Valentine's Day and Mother's Day bring in shoppers, but hardly enough to supplant Christmas.

"Christmas used to bail out retailers for the year, and now we see that can't work anymore," said Jeffrey Feiner, managing director at Lehman Brothers Inc. "They need to balance the year in a better way."

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For years, Americans overloaded on Christmas. They scoured stores in search of electronics, clothes and toys to fill long holiday lists. Then came the 1987 stock market crash and the 1990-91 recession.

Many shoppers remain tightfisted even now. Moreover, many people now forgo gifts for family vacations or other indulgences, like a day at a spa or a new dishwasher. Money is also diverted to savings or investments, including mutual funds and stocks.

"There isn't a sense of a holiday spirit anymore, with people running around buying gifts for everyone," said Mark Slosberg, a partner at KPMG Peat Marwick in New York. "Times are changing for retailers around the holidays and they need to deal with that."

Carl Steidtmann, chief economist at Management Horizons, the consulting unit of Price Waterhouse, said: "You can't promote Christmas in September and expect consumers to stay interested in it through December."

According to a survey of 1,003 people by Charleston, S.C.-based America's Research Group, 21 percent of respondents said they were spending less on gifts than they did 10 years ago.

"I think we're just in the mindset to be more economical this year," said Nora Alejandro of Rio Rancho, N.M. "We're watching our budget closely."

Getting retailers to recognize the problem may be the first order of the business.

"We, as retailers, might be in denial," said Ed Carroll, executive vice president at Milwaukee-based Carson Pirie Scott department stores. "Christmas is not what it used to be."

Clinton has big selling job on Bosnia

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By taking prominent Republicans with him to Bosnia, President Clinton took a step toward assembling bipartisan support for keeping American troops there past the current June 1998 deadline.

But beyond the compelling symbolism, Clinton has a big selling job when Congress returns from recess next month.

The president used his 11-hour holiday visit to the war-torn Balkan nation to thank U.S. forces, to nudge Bosnian leaders to do their part for a lasting peace and to state his case to Americans back home.

In the final analysis, the president probably will win grudging support from Congress for keeping the forces in Bosnia. But it won't come without a lot of hand-wringing.

"We're heading for an election year, and if this issue is not handled early, it will become involved with the normal flow of partisan politics," said Sen. John Warner of Virginia, a senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Warner, who supports the president's decision, sees American forces in Bosnia for at least two more years. "I think we have no alternative," he said.

Clinton hasn't had many foreign-policy victories in Congress. But, for the most part, he hasn't needed to.

There have been few flare-ups in the world on his watch directly involving Americans since the violence in Somalia early in his first term and the U.S. operation in Haiti.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has rattled his saber from time to time, as he is doing now. And there have been tensions with China and North Korea.

But, generally, both the administration and Congress have been able to dwell on domestic issues like balancing the budget and tax changes.

That leaves the president's foreign-policy skills a little rusty.

Furthermore, perhaps since there have been no U.S. casualties, Bosnia has been languishing on Congress' back burner — even though Clinton has broken two deadlines for a promised U.S. withdrawal.

The issue has been jolted off that back burner with the decision to keep U.S. forces in Bosnia indefinitely.

Some critics have suggested a cutoff of funds.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who has "grave reservations" on keeping U.S. troops in Bosnia, wants congressional scrutiny like President Bush underwent when he escalated the U.S. mission in the Persian Gulf in 1990.

But, as to a cutoff of money, Specter said, "That's something Congress is very reluctant to do."

Bush sought a resolution of approval from the Democratic-run Congress in confronting Iraq — even though many advisers argued it was unnecessary.

Bush also took Democratic lawmakers — then-Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell and then-House Speaker Thomas Foley — on a 1990 Thanksgiving visit to troops in the Persian Gulf. Sound familiar?

Congress reluctantly gave Bush the authority to use force: the House by a vote of 250 to 183 and the Senate by a much closer 52 to 47.

No one is suggesting the crisis in Bosnia is as critical as the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

■ News analysis

But critics such as House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., have warned that Bosnia could easily become a Vietnam-like quagmire.

Among Republicans on Clinton's trip were Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee; Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio, chairman of the House Budget Committee; 1996 GOP rival Bob Dole; and Dole's wife, Elizabeth, who heads the American Red Cross.

Kasich tried unsuccessfully to cut off funds by last Sept. 30 but wouldn't find fault during this week's visit: "This is not really a big time for policy differences," he said.

Dole pronounced the continued U.S. presence in Bosnia "worthwhile."

Clinton and his allies point to slow improvements, including the central fact that the 3 1/2 years of fighting that claimed a quarter million lives and displaced 2 million people has been halted and the warring factions — Serbs, Croats and Muslims — demobilized.

"Sarajevo was mired in the deep-freeze of destruction. And now ... it has begun to thaw and to grow anew in the sunlight of peace," Clinton told an audience of Bosnians. He said the answer was straightforward: "Stay for a while longer."

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, the senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, agrees. "This is no time to change course."

But advocates of getting U.S. forces out argue that little progress has been made toward a peace that doesn't have much chance of lasting after NATO pulls out.

"How bottomless is the pit?" Specter asked.

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Like babies, cost of child-rearing keeps growing

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Renee Bellerive knew that bringing up baby would cost a bundle. But $149,820?

"Wow!" the 29-year-old city maintenance worker said Wednesday from her room at Menorah Medical Center in Overland Park, Kan. Fourteen hours earlier, she gave birth to her first son, Cade Werner. "I knew it would cost a lot, but wow!"

That's how much the Department of Agriculture says Bellerive and average new parents like her will spend to raise their newborns to age 17.

It costs about $8,300 a year, or $694 per month, to raise one child in a two-child, two-parent, middle-income family, a Department of Agriculture survey found. A generation earlier, raising a child cost one-sixth as much.

The 1996 survey of 12,850 two-parent households and 3,395 single-parent households found that housing took the biggest chunk — 33 percent, or $49,710. Food was No. 2, at $26,130, followed closely by transportation, clothing and child care.

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A generation earlier, raising a child cost one-sixth as much, the survey showed. Several expenses, such as child care, weren't a factor in earlier times. In 1960, the first year the department conducted the survey, raising a child cost $25,229.

Now, because of housing costs, West Coast cities are the most expensive places in the country to raise a child, the study found. East Coast cities come next, followed by the South. Midwestern cities and rural areas are the least expensive places to raise children.

The numbers would seem overwhelming to the McCaugheys of Iowa, parents of septuplets and the Thompsons of Washington, D.C., parents of five surviving sextuplets. But the high profiles of those cases have resulted in donations of everything from diapers to homes to college educations.

For Renee Bellerive and her fiancee, Kipp Masingale, 31, the figures seemed overwhelming.

They earn an average salary — between $34,700 and $58,300 — and live among the least-expensive regions of the country. But Bellerive said thinking of the overwhelming cost will prompt changes in their lives.

Her fiancee, she figures, will need to be promoted in his uncle's excavation company to make ends meet. And she plans to go back to college to become a teacher.

"It gets scary when people actually tell you what it costs," she said.

To some who bore children in 1996, $149,000 sounds about right. Linda Mitchell, of Manassas Va., almost sounded relieved.

"That's it?" asked Mitchell, mother Kelly, 17 months, and Peter, 3. "It just seems like so much goes out, for food and clothes and every little birthday party."

Her husband, Peter, 36, a civil engineer, had already bought their home when the two were married seven years ago, and Mitchell is a stay-at-home mom. Her advice: Careful budgeting, and "buy everything in bulk."

But no matter how good a budgeter a parent may be, $149,820 packs a wallop, even a day after labor.

"Gollee!" said Kristin Winton, a third-grade teacher from Tulsa, Okla., who gave birth Tuesday to her second child, Brilee Nicole.

"But I guess it sounds about right," she added. "I mean, after awhile you don't even think about it, even if you budget. There are daily expenses, there are weekly expenses. You just buy what your kid needs."

Smoking among adults holds steady

ATLANTA (AP) — Nearly 25 percent of American adults continued to smoke in 1995, suggesting that the nation will fall short of its goal of 15 percent by the year 2000, the government said Wednesday.

A survey by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 24.7 percent of the nation's adults, or 47 million people, were smokers in 1995, down only slightly from 24.8 percent in 1994. The numbers haven't changed much since 1990.

Among the smokers, 24.5 million were men and 22.4 million were women. Smoking levels were higher among people who had not graduated from high school and among those living below the poverty level, the CDC said.

Yet, 70 percent said they wanted to kick the habit, the agency said.

"While we are stuck at 25 percent, we continue to have the vast majority of smokers wanting to quit," said Michael Eriksen, director of the CDC's Office of Smoking and Health. "If we could make that wish a reality, we could have the single greatest effect on human health."

One thing that would help is if all health plans offered counseling and nicotine treatment programs by the year 2000, the CDC said.

About two-thirds of 105 health maintenance organizations surveyed in 1995 offered some coverage of programs or products that help smokers quit.

As of March, only five state Medicaid programs provided reimbursement for smoking counseling or classes to help people quit.

"Even though doctors and health providers all know how harmful smoking is, progressive medicine and health plans still fall short in providing these services or reimbursing for them," Eriksen said.

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President spreads holiday cheer with 21 pardons

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Fifty Christmas Eves ago, a young sailor was court-martialed and demoted for taking four pounds of butter from his Navy base. With a stroke of his pen, President Clinton erased what Raymond Phillip Weaver called the "biggest failure of my life."

Now 74 and retired in St. Petersburg, Fla., Weaver was one of 21 Americans to receive Christmas week pardons for federal offenses that ranged from bank robbery, Medicaid fraud and cocaine dealing to operation of a bootleg still and theft of spark plugs.

For Weaver, Clinton's signature Tuesday night on a single sheet of paper entitled "Executive Grant of Clemency" erased the lone blemish in a Navy career that spanned nearly 23 years.

There were no press releases, no fanfare. In fact, the decision came so late that Justice Department officials hadn't even had time to contact those granted clemency since Clinton signed away their sins. All the offenders had been convicted a decade or more ago.

"The pardon is the biggest thing in my life, especially because I didn't think I had chance this Christmas with President Clinton busy visiting our troops in Bosnia," Weaver said Wednesday after learning of his pardon from The Associated Press.

Weaver pleaded guilty Dec. 24, 1947 to the theft of four pounds of butter from his Navy base at Lakehurst, N.J.. He was court-martialed, given seven days leave and reduced from Chief Radioman to a Radioman first class.

Weaver said the chief cook at his base twice gave him two pounds of butter from supplies, and he brought them home to his new wife.

He served 16 more years in the Navy and three of his sons followed him into military service. The father of five and grandfather of 11 applied for the pardon more than a year ago.

"I've been praying," he said of his plea for a pardon. "We go to church all the time."

Like Weaver, most of the others pardoned by Clinton were average Americans unaccustomed to the limelight, but with their own tales of seeking redemption.

Ralph Lee Limbaugh, 66, of Sterrett, Ala., a self-described lifelong member of the National Rifle Association, sought a pardon for years. He was convicted in 1974 of theft from interstate shipment and, as a convicted felon, was no longer allowed to carry a gun.

"I stole a case of spark plugs," he explained. "If I were a violent man, I could see them keeping me from owning firearms. I feel more like a 100 percent citizen now. Before I only felt like a partial citizen."

George Maynes, of El Paso, Texas, had been convicted of distributing cocaine in 1975. He served six months in jail and three years of probation.

Now he balances training for a new career in radiology, with raising his two boys — "I'm a home father" — and being a block captain for his neighborhood crime watch program, he said.

"I'm in the (Boy) Scouts and a soccer coach. It was critical for me, at least in my own mind, to have acknowledged that I can still be a role model. This was the most important thing," Maynes said.

Others receiving pardons ranged from Charles Patrick Murrin of Riverside Calif., for an October 1988, bank robbery and Billy K. Berry of Dardenelle, Ark., for Medicaid and mail fraud in February 1986, to liquor runners — Charley Morgan of Tulsa, Okla., convicted in September 1964 of unlawful possession of a still and manufacture of mash, and Glen Edison Chapman of Connelly Springs, N.C., for removing, possessing and concealing non-tax-paid whiskey, in September 1957.

2.4 million more celebrating New Year

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Partygoers feeling a little crowded on New Year's Eve may have good reason: As of Jan. 1, 1998, the Census Bureau projects there will be 268,921,733 people living in the United States.

That's a 2.4 million increase from the previous year.

The Census Bureau based its 1998 population projection on the number of births (3.9 million), deaths (2.3 million), and number of people returning or immigrating to the United States (867,600) during the past year.

The calculations represent an 8.1 percent increase from an April 1990 census.

Census Bureau analyst Lisa Kuzmeskus reports that the level of births has been declining in the U.S. since 1990, but the number of deaths increased in the past year.

The bureau predicts the country's population will grow by 2.3 million in the next year.

The population projections do not include U.S. citizens living abroad.

FDA approves arthritis drug that eases pain with lower ulcer risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — A two-layered drug designed to relieve arthritis symptoms with reduced risk of digestive ulcers was approved for marketing Wednesday by the Food and Drug Administration.

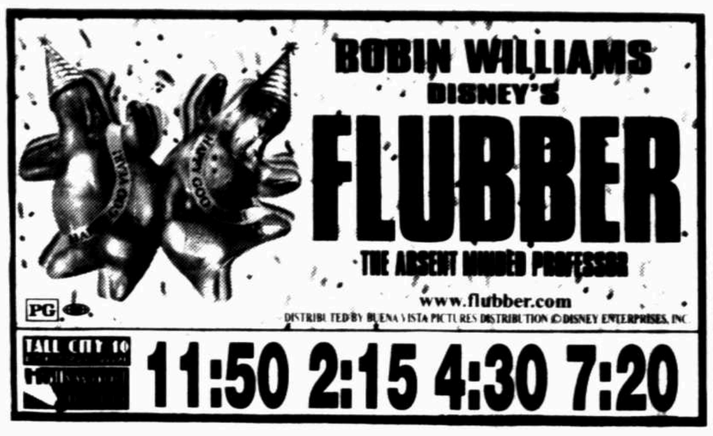
The drug is manufactured by Searle, a Skokie, Ill., pharmaceutical company, and will be sold under the brand name Arthrotec. It is approved for treatment of both rheumatoid and osteoarthritis.

It's the first non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug, or NSAID, approved by the FDA for arthritis patients who are at high risk of developing ulcers of the gastrointestinal tract, a major problem for older patients who take NSAIDs to relieve arthritis pain.

Arthrotec is a combination of diclofenac sodium, an anti-inflammatory drug, and misoprostol, a medication that lowers the risk of developing stomach ulcers. The pill is coated with misoprostol to protect the lining of the stomach and intestine, with the anti-inflammatory drug at the pill's core.

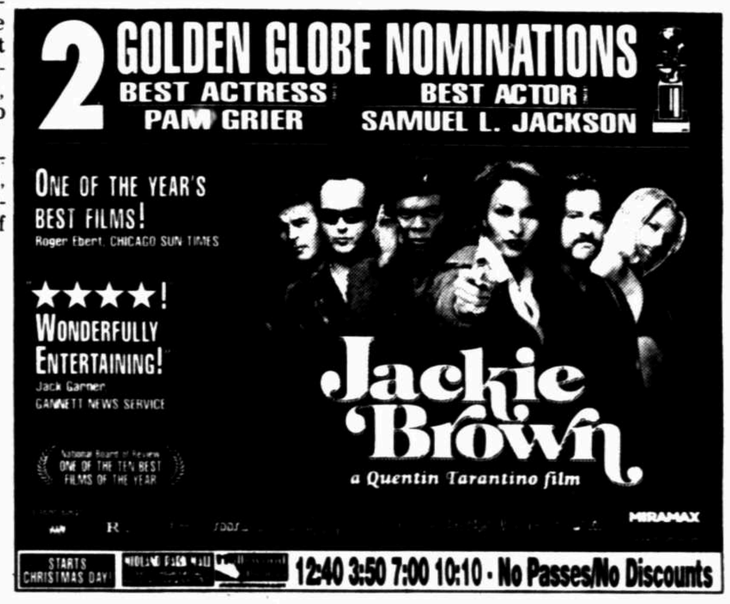
About 25 percent of arthritis patients develop stomach or intestinal ulcers from taking NSAIDs such as aspirin to relieve pain and inflammation of their disease. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 76,000 arthritis patients who develop ulcers or lesions of the digestive tract are hospitalized and about 7,600 die. Older patients, who commonly have some form of arthritis, are also the most likely to develop ulcers from NSAID use.

NSAIDs relieve arthritis symptoms by reducing prostaglandins, which are hormone-like substances that promote production of mucus in the digestive tract.

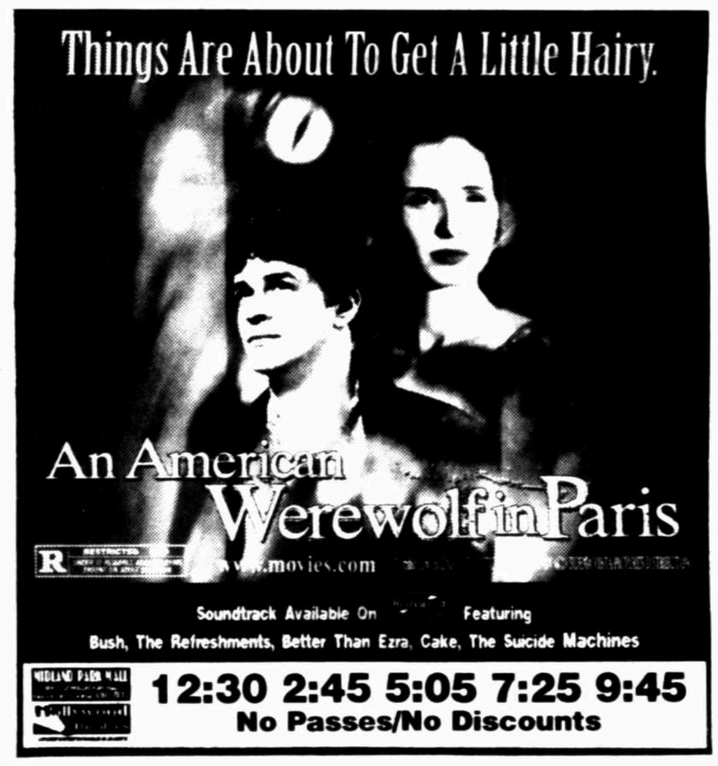


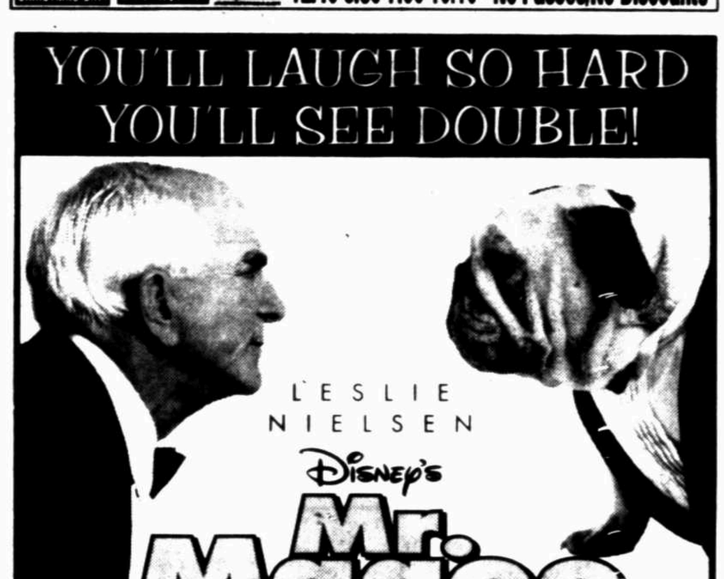






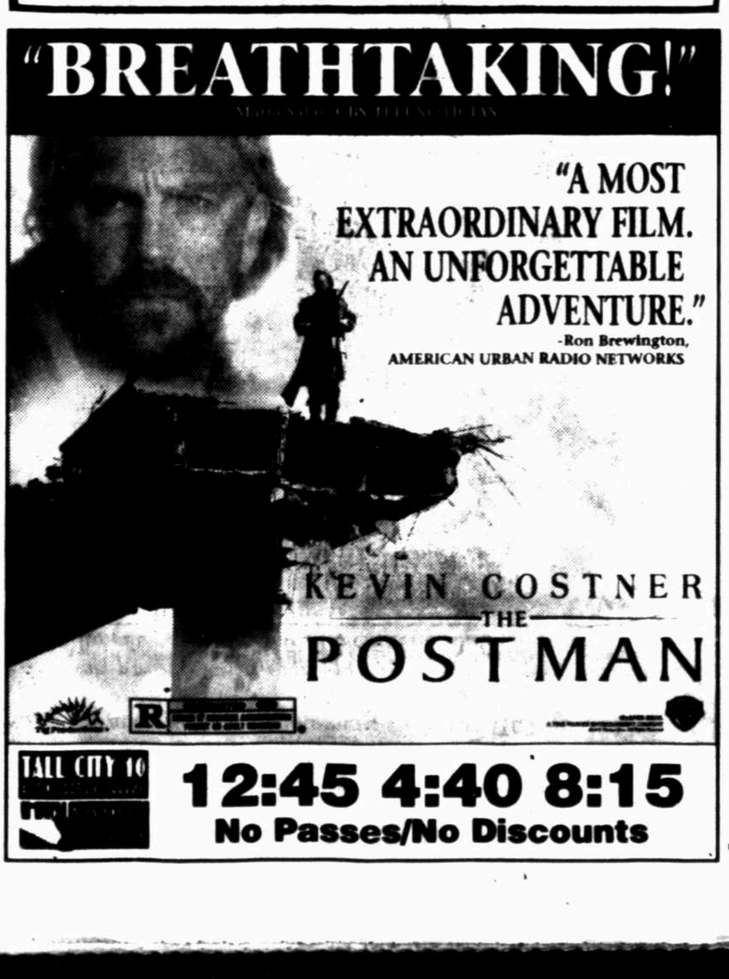


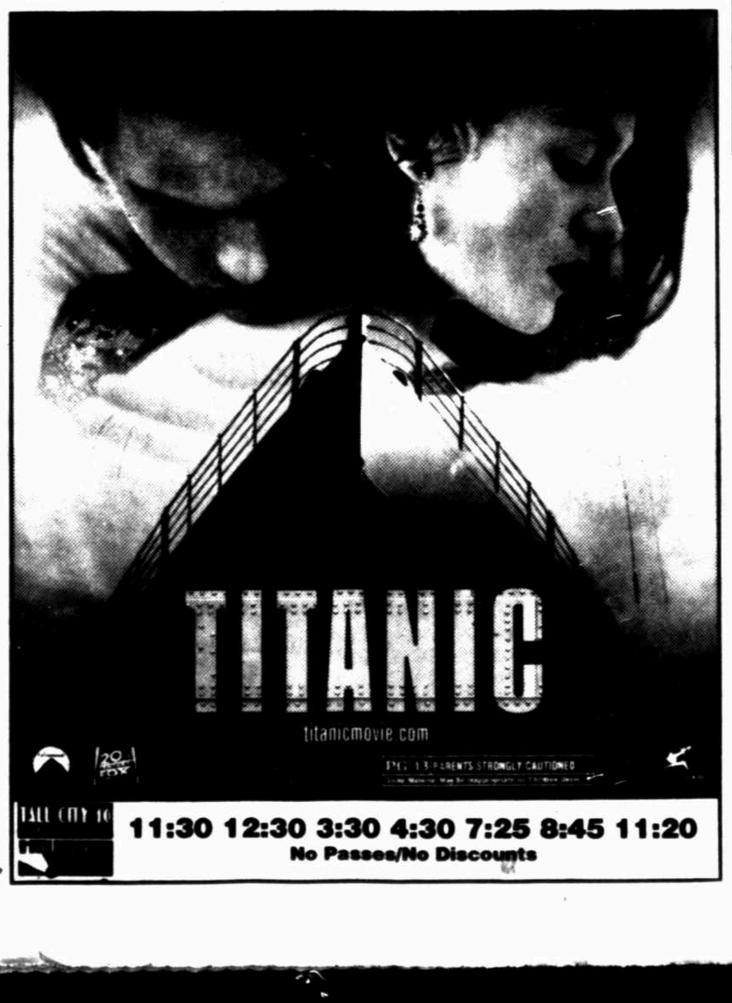












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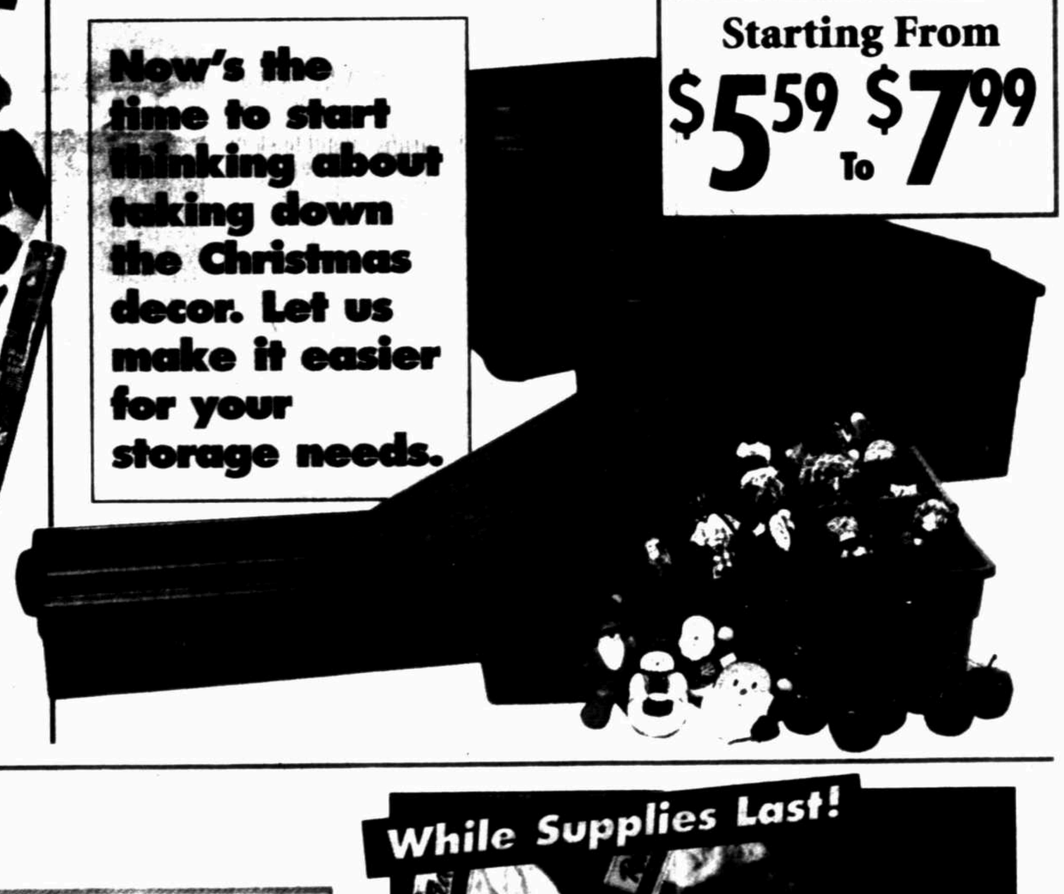
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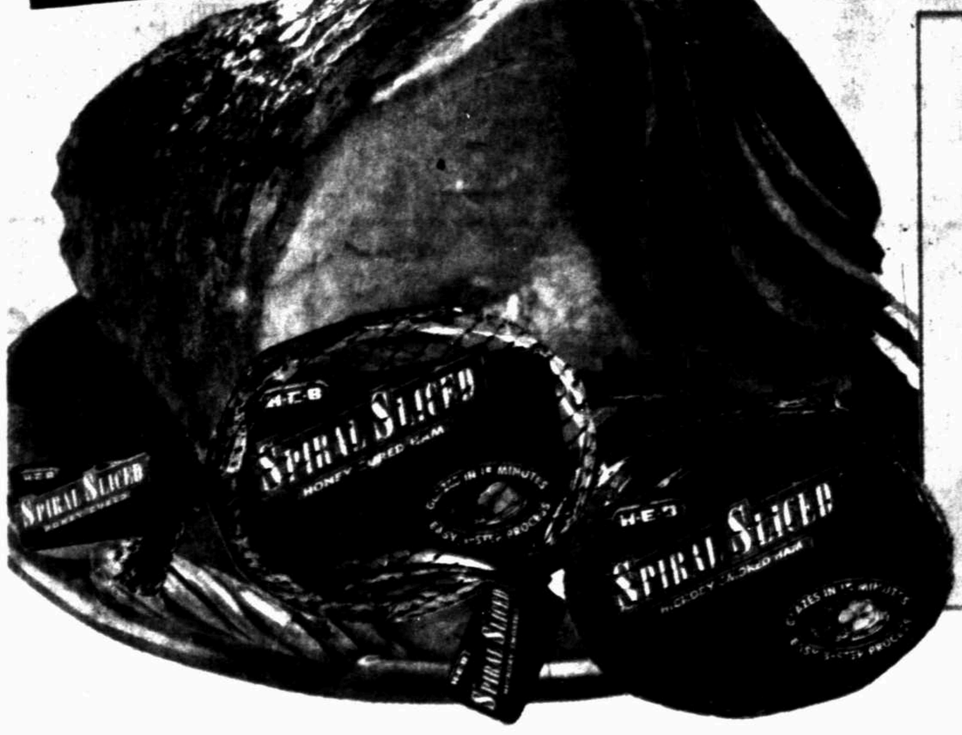
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Texas Scores

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, No. 25 Texas Christian vs. Iowa State, late.

No sellout in Dallas

DALLAS — The Cotton Bowl probably won't be a sellout for the third time in five years.

Officials have already given up hope that all the tickets will be sold for the New Year's Day game between No. 5 UCLA and No. 20 Texas A&M.

The Cotton Bowl, which has a capacity of 68,252, was far from being sold out for the 1996 game between Colorado and Oregon and narrowly missed selling out when A&M met Notre Dame in 1994.

Fewer than 45,000 showed up for the '96 game played in terrible weather. Before that, the smallest crowd was for the 1979 game between Notre Dame and Houston, which coincidentally is considered one of the greatest in Cotton Bowl history. Joe Montana came out of the locker room, where he was being treated for the flu, and threw a touchdown pass in the final minute to give Notre Dame a 35-34 victory before about 32,500.

A slow rate of sales indicates about 60,000 tickets will be sold with a turnout of just over 50,000.

Neither school has come close to selling its 12,500-ticket allotment. A&M has sold fewer than 7,000 tickets; UCLA only about 2,000.

Game officials had hoped a local draw like A&M would pick up the slack from slow sales to Bruins fans, but that hasn't happened.

Calipari Lawsuit

PATERSON, N.J. — A judge on Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit filed by a sports writer against New Jersey Nets coach John Calipari and the Nets organization.

Dan Garcia of The Star-Ledger of Newark claimed in his lawsuit that he suffered "extreme humiliation and emotional distress" because Calipari called him "a Mexican idiot" after a team practice in Mahwah on March 20.

The lawsuit, filed in state Superior Court in Paterson in July, accused Calipari of inflicting emotional distress and assault, among other things.

Superior Court Judge Joseph Scancarella granted the team's request to have the lawsuit dismissed because it did not have any legal merit, said Andrew P. Napolitano, attorney for both Calipari and the Nets.

"It was a common sense decision that said the courts are not involved in a private conversation, even if it gets heated," Napolitano said. "It's a big victory for John, he felt very strongly about it."

Just prior to the incident, Calipari was being interviewed by New York Post reporter Fred Kerber in a parking lot at the college. The coach gestured toward Garcia, who was talking with Nets spokesman John Mertz about 30 yards away.

Kerber reported that Calipari was complaining about media coverage and said "Mexican idiot," along with an expletive, loudly enough for Garcia to hear.

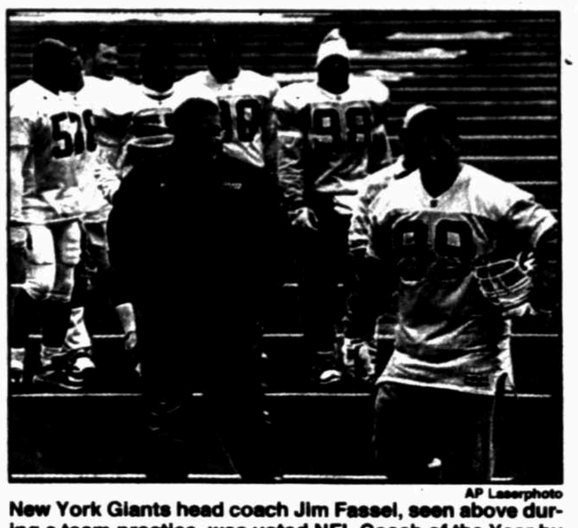
Spartan denial

HONOLULU — On the eve of his team's appearance in the Aloha Bowl, Michigan State coach Nick Saban says he has not spoken with anyone in the NFL about a job.

An agitated Saban interrupted a question-and-answer session to deny that he had been contacted by the Indianapolis Colts, who fired Lindy Infante on Monday.

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New York Giants head coach Jim Fassel, seen above during a team practice, was voted NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press Wednesday.

Giants' Fassel honored as NFL's top coach this year

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — Jim Fassel, who in his rookie season led the New York Giants from last to first in the NFC East, was voted NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press on Wednesday.

In a season in which a half-dozen coaches did masterful jobs, Fassel collected 20 votes from a nationwide panel of 48 sports writers and broadcasters. He doubled the total of runner-up Marty Schottenheimer of Kansas City.

Tampa Bay's Tony Dungy was next with eight, followed by Bill Parcells of the New York Jets, Bill Cowher of Pittsburgh and Steve Mariucci of San Francisco, each with three, and Jimmy Johnson of Miami with one.

"If you asked me in my wildest dreams did you think the team could win nine or 10 games, I did," Fassel said. "And if you asked me in my wildest dreams did you think the team could make the playoffs this year, yes I did. And in your wildest dreams did you ever think you could win the division, and yeah, I really did think we could.

"But after they told me I won this award, I went home and thought about it. And you know if you asked

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'TIS THE SEASON FOR SPORTS AND GIVING

What Christmas is all about

Jackalopes get taste of West Texas spirit this holiday season

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

Twenty or so close friends got together last night and exchanged Christmas gifts at the Ector County Coliseum. It was a party not unlike hundreds of others in West Texas where friends and family join together to celebrate the season. But it likely was the only party in these parts where eight of the guys came from Canada, and six more were from either Sweden or Finland.

It was definitely the only Christmas party in West Texas attended by someone who holds the professional hockey record for goals scored in a single period (five) and another man who has spent most of the last decade scooting around Scandinavia coaching teams like Menglerud, Aalborg and Herlev.

Sami Laine (pronounced LINE-ah) and Joe Clark: Welcome to Christmas in West Texas.

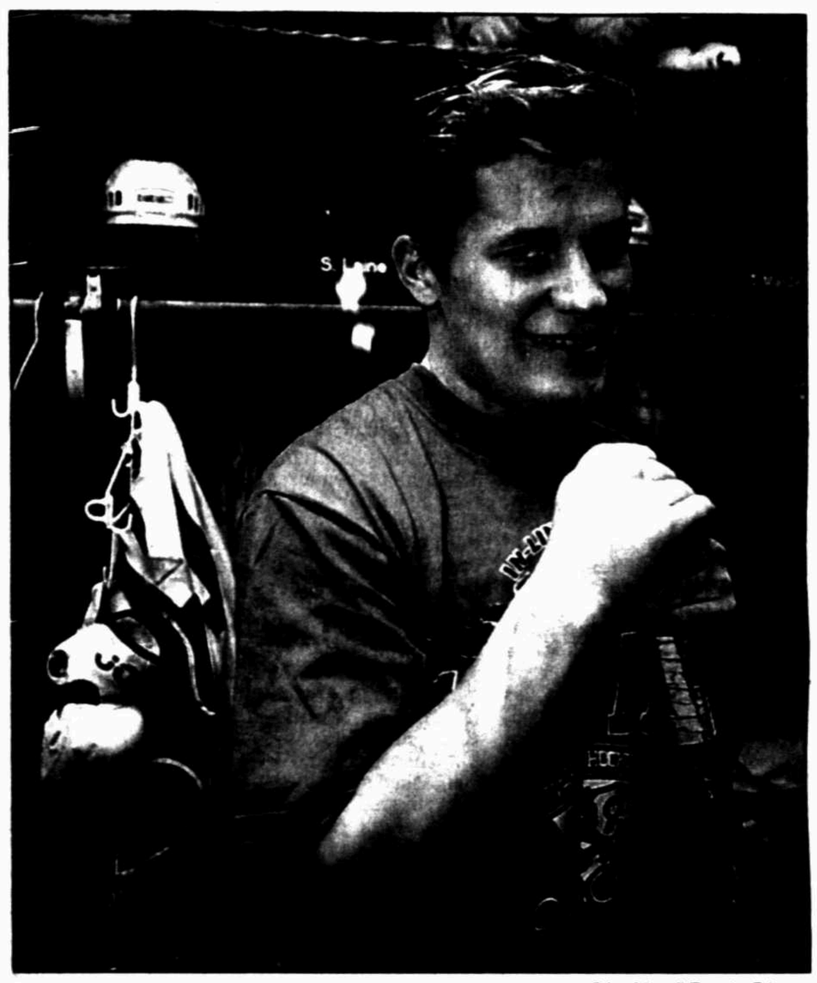
Laine and Clark — and likely several other members of the expansion WPHL Odessa Jackalopes hockey team — are spending their first Christmases away from family, but it's doubtful they'll be entirely lonely. Listening to both Clark, the Jacks' head coach; and Laine, the team's leading scorer, they — and the rest of the team — have had little problem being made to feel at



home even though the two are a combined 8,000 miles or so away from their respective hometowns.

"The people here are so nice and the culture is so different," Clark, a native of Augusta, Me., said. "In Norway, the people are nice, just not openly so. They'll think you're a nice guy, they just won't say it. You walk into a 7-11 here and people will say 'Hi.' It's wonderful.

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Odessa Jackalope Sami Laine, above, and coach Joe Clark, above left, are two members of the Western Professional Hockey League team, which has been taken in by the West Texas community.

Athletes' generosity often overlooked these days

By Steve Wilstein
AP Sports Writer

PALO ALTO, Calif — Flipping through piles of grant requests to his Forever Young Foundation, Steve Young sighs with exasperation that he simply can't help everyone.

"Wow! The needs are fantastic," he says at his home, halfway between the stadium and the San Francisco 49ers' practice field. "You start a little charity to be a vehicle for fund raising and find out the needs out there are astronomical. Especially with government cutbacks for children's programs."

Young gives in ways large and small, from building interactive computer playrooms at children's hospitals to helping grassroots groups with the extra $500 or $1,000 that keep them going. Through an annual celebrity golf tournament, his foundation raises money for Operation Smile, which sends doctors to Southeast Asia to perform relatively simple operations that turn around people's lives by fixing such birth defects as a clubfoot or cleft palate.

In his spare time, he works with American Indian Services of Provo, Utah, to help Navajos on reservations. And when he hears of a particular problem, like a Siberian immigrant family that desperately needed dental work to eat properly, he quietly comes up with the money.

"These are small miracles," he says of the changes a little medical care can make.

"My basic philosophy is that if you can effect change for a child, you're effecting change for 60 or 70 years and many generations. Not that there aren't needs for people of older age. But it just seems to me that children, if they can be helped in a fundamental family sense or given tutoring or mentoring, you've given them something for a lifetime."

At a time when sports seem maddeningly intertwined with violence, drugs, sex and arrests, a less sensational and more representative truth is often overlooked: Athletes are involved in charities and volunteer programs — working one on one with children, helping the needy, raising funds to fight diseases — more than perhaps any group in society.

Ted Turner, owner of the Atlanta Braves and Atlanta Hawks, made a big splash several months ago when he announced plans to donate $1 billion during

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

Even with coaches, Santa knows whose been nice

Here's a few things Santa left under the Christmas tree today to members of the Permian Basin athletic community.

To Stanton football coach Mark Cotton a case of trophy polish... To Lee track coach Kelvin Ratliff two more state points... To MHS softball coach Rich Wieligman a game without a first inning... To MC men's basketball coach Pat Rafferty 22 more consecutive victories...



Williamson

To MHS football coach David Browning a season with four less seconds... To Lee football coach John Parchman a box packed with Amarillo snow... To Lee boys golf coach Bobby Dunn a new book of jokes and 17 extra inning games for the Midland Angels... To Angel and Jackalopes announcer Bob Hards an insurance policy for radio power at all times...

To MC women's basketball coach Ron Jones a 6-5 dunker from the Permian Basin... To swimming coach Ted Carson a cap with both Lee and MHS logos on it... To COM swimming coach Brad Swendig a dry towel... To MHS girls coach Bernie Hagins a tournament trip to Amarillo in February... To Lee girls golf coach Phyllis Sutton more hotel reservations in Austin...

To MHS boys basketball coach Jack Stephenson a rematch with San Antonio Taft — in Austin... To Lee boys basketball coach Jon House more three-pointers for a rainy day... To Lee girls basketball coach Elise Kail a new computer that allows you to coach from home... To MHS girls basketball coach Jim Raughton a book on how to handle pre-season injuries...

To Lee softball coach Perry Young a pitcher named Chrystal Hayes... To MHS tennis coach Tom Heiting a district in team tennis without Abilene Cooper and Abilene High in it... To Lee tennis coach Steve Buck a local tournament without rain, wind or snow...

To MHS volleyball coach Terri McColloch another chance at the 1997 season... To Lee volleyball coach Connie Alexander an invitation to sing at our company Christmas party... To MHS girls soccer coach Scott Hodkinson a place in Midland sports history with the first ever playoff meeting with Lee... To Lee girls soccer coach Mike Simpson an A in biology for my daughter Regina...

To Lee baseball coach Jesse Benavidez tickets to a Devil Rays game... To MHS baseball coach Barry Russell an old Rebel hitting instructor named Danny Jordan... To Permian Basin basketball official Mike Lowrance a game with no fouls (preferably on a Tuesday when we have an early deadline...

To MHS girls track coach Susan Nix a 400-meter relay team move in... To Lee trainer Hondo Schneider a new horse trailer... To MHS trainer Morris Williamson new kin folks... To MISD trainer Bain Ward a new Tom Clancy novel that he hasn't read... To Lee girls track coach Randy Smith two offensive linemen who could win the 100 for Ratliff...

To Lee soccer coach John McCulloch a book on the rules of Australian football... To MHS track coach Wes Cope a book on the history of OHS football... To Midland College golf coach Delnor Poss another Hall of Fame entry... To Midland College athletic director Joe Williams some new golf clubs since his tennis racquet is in moth balls... To MISD athletic director Tim Whalen a Friday morning when everyone doesn't eat all the donuts... To MISD athletic secretary Anne Heintz another local state playoff game for Memorial Stadium...

To Angels/Jackalopes GM Monty Hoppel a day off... To softball magnate Freddie Ezell some optimism... To Odessa High football coach Randy Quisenberry lunch on me (the ultimate compliment) if he can lower himself enough to come to Midland... To Barry Sykes (who I still owe a lunch) some football records from Abilene... And as always to all those who I couldn't include in this available space an Xmas with Christ in it...

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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CHARITY: Athletes' donations not seen

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the next decade to fund U.N. causes and challenged other fat cats to ante up, too.

Athletes have been taking tax write-offs on donations for years, but these days many are making a difference in ways that go far beyond dollars.

Some do it inconspicuously, like the Hawks' Dikembe Mutombo, who visited a Crow reservation in Montana and other tribes in North Dakota to talk about education, lifestyle choices, success, character and health.

Others are more public, like Seattle quarterback Warren Moon, whose Crescent Moon Foundation gives grants to students to attend college.

There are the current and retired athletes who work with kids in inner cities — Jackie Joyner Kersee in St. Louis, Nate Archibald in New York, Pat McCormick in Los Angeles, Kevin Johnson in Sacramento and Phoenix, to name just a few.

And there are the thousands of athletes who work through the 141 colleges and universities in the National Consortium for Academics in Sport. Since its start in 1985, more than 13,000 athletes have contributed more than 5.7 million hours of community service, working in drug and alcohol abuse programs, violence prevention, race relations and other issues.

"No group in society gives more time to charity work as volunteers than athletes," says Richard Lapchick, founder of the consortium and head of Northeastern University's Center for the Study of Sport in Society.

Charities of every kind know they can boost fund raising and awareness if popular athletes help. For the athletes, working with local charities builds their esteem in their communities, which can lead to more endorsements and make them more valuable to their teams.

"Most players realize that in name recognition we're kind of a gimmick, but why not use the name recognition to bring about positive change," Young says. "True change takes place on a micro-level between people, one to one. On a macro-level, it's more perception. But some of the more notable athletes, like Reggie White, have made changes nationwide. Players of responsibility can do great work."

For the most part, athletes shy away from speaking about controversial social or political issues — gun control, abortion, gay rights — for fear of alienating the companies they endorse.

The Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame in Boise, Idaho was started four years ago to honor athletes who are making a contribution to the world. Inducted the first year were Rafer Johnson, Chi Chi Rodriguez and the late Arthur Ashe. The second year saw Julius Erving, Dale Murphy and the late Roberto Clemente recognized. Last year, it was Olympians Pat McCormick, Kip Keino and Bonnie Blair.

This year, on the eve of the newest NCAA bowl game Dec. 29, the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Kevin Johnson, Mel Blount and Billy Mills will be enshrined.

"These are people who do more than give their dollars," says its head, Myron Finkbeiner. "A Billy Mills comes from an Olympic sport. He didn't make any money as a professional athlete. But he's giving his time. Kevin Johnson signed a $2 million contract. I don't really know what he does as far as his money goes, but I know what he does with his time."

Johnson started the St. Hope Academy in his hometown of Sacramento, Calif., in 1989 to give inner city children a structured refuge after school and in the summer. Four years ago, he set up a similar academy in Phoenix. The academies focus on education and character.

"We all know the importance of education, but education without character can be a little dangerous," Johnson says.

Finkbeiner knew about Johnson's work at St. Hope, but what really impressed him was seeing Johnson with children.

"I met him at lunch last month and he brought three little kids from the inner city with him," Finkbeiner says. "I found out later that nearly every Saturday he goes into the inner city, gets some kids, reads the Bible to them, plays a little basketball and takes them out to dinner. It's what he does from his heart and from his soul. That is the difference between the kinds of people we honor and the average professional that has multimillions and is only giving back to have a tax write-off."

Recent changes in tax laws have made the write-offs less appealing and have prompted athletes to look more closely at what they want to accomplish as donors or volunteers, says agent Leigh Steinberg, who represents Young, Moon, Troy Aikman and about 120 other football and baseball players.

"The one-to-one write-off doesn't exist anymore," he says. "The benefits are minor. The more important concept that we emphasize is that athletes have a tremendous opportunity to use their high profile and serve as role models. They trigger imitative behavior, especially among younger men, so it gives them a real chance to make a difference.

"We encourage players to retrace their roots, go back to the high school communities that helped develop them, to the collegiate communities that helped shape them, and ultimately to the professional community, and set up programs which enhance the quality of life. And in doing that, they gain a whole set of non-athletic skills that they can use for a lifetime."

In most cases, athletes who start their own foundations set up nonprofit corporations in the state where they're living or playing. The athlete then hires a director to run the corporation, and will raise money for it by holding golf tournaments, dinners, auctions and other events, as well as soliciting pledges from businesses and residents.

The Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation raised $2.7 million two months ago in Las Vegas with an auction and a show that featured Elton John, Celine Dion, Clint Black, Jay Leno and Lionel Richie.

"When Eric and Lyle (Menendez) asked me to do their (benefit), I was busy. I found something else to do," Leno joked. "But just the name Agassi, you go."

Agassi's foundation has donated more than $4.5 million to build a new Boys and Girls Club in Las Vegas, start an education center with a shelter for abused and neglected children, provide clothes and health kits for homeless children, and aid a variety of other charities.

Even the youngest sports stars are finding ways to make an impact away from the courts and fields. Martina Hingis recently donated $75,000 to the World Health Organization's effort to eradicate polio in Ethiopia. Though the sum is only a fraction of the $3.4 million the top-ranked 17-year-old earned on the tour this year, her affiliation with the immunization program may be just her first step in raising money and awareness for the U.N. health agency.

"More than 9 million children die every year from infectious diseases," she said. "That's why I chose to support WHO. I'm told it saves about 3 million children a year."

Hingis decided to aid the agency after viewing impoverished conditions in Indonesia during a trip to Jakarta for the Fed Cup.

"I saw all the poverty there with my own eyes," Hingis said. "I came back to Switzerland and saw how we live here. I thought it's not nice always to take everything, but maybe give something to others."

There are two kinds of foundations that athletes generally set up. One, like the Forever Young Foundation, is a pass-through vehicle that allocates funds to existing charities. The other type, like the Crescent Moon Foundation, gives grants directly to students and creates its own programs.

Steinberg estimates he spends 40 percent of his time setting up foundations like those.

"I believe that at the end of the day, even as a lawyer, the world is going to little note nor long remember the amount of money we negotiated," Steinberg says. "And the only product of lasting value that we contribute as a law firm is the charitable and community programs. Everything else is derivative. Those programs make a dramatic difference in saving endangered species or in sending kids to college. Instead of sitting around bemoaning all of the problems that the society has, we can go out and do something about it. So we won't represent an athlete in our practice unless he is willing to serve as a role model and do these programs."

The New York Knicks' John Starks created a foundation to build facilities in Tulsa, Okla., high schools. In Kansas City, Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas started the Third-and-Long Foundation to promote children's literacy in elementary schools. New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe pledged $2 million to his own foundation, which specializes in family counseling. His father is head of the foundation, which is creating a series of videotapes and other teaching devices.

There are pitfalls, though, for athletes who start foundations even with the best of intentions. Moon fell into some when he ran a golf tournament and spent more money flying in athletes and meeting other expenses than he raised.

"The athletes have had to learn, as all charities have, how to raise money efficiently and how to be an efficient administrator to keep costs down and try to crank out the highest percentage of revenue possible," Steinberg says.

Young says nearly all the money he raises through events and speeches goes to the causes he's helping.

"I try to make it as simplified and streamlined and low key as possible," he says. "The board is basically just within my family and close friends and Leigh. You don't ever want to get into a trap of spending a lot of money to raise a little bit of money. It's self-defeating and it doesn't make a lot of sense. That's why I've tried to limit the number of major events because they tend to cost a lot of money to put on."

He doesn't like to talk much about his charity work, especially the small acts of kindness like helping the Russian family with their dental work.

"My feeling is that most of the stuff I do from a personal standpoint stays that way," he says. "The foundation obviously is a public charity and everything I do there is public. That's how I raise money, by raising public awareness."

Steinberg, who requires all his athletes to contribute to their schools or communities, says the issue of whether to publicize their efforts has always been sensitive.

"People say to me, 'Why do you have to talk about all this charitable stuff? Just do it,'" Steinberg says. "But the fact is that the charities themselves are looking for not simply the contribution from the athlete, but the ripple effect it can engender. Having an athlete publicly identified with it stimulates other donations from non-athletes, which is invaluable. If an athlete could give $50,000, but his identification raises $5 million, that's a lot of what they're looking for.

"The second concept is this: They are role models. And when an athlete talks about the need for community or charitable giving, it stimulates that same philosophy in other people."

Young, says Steinberg, sees need and goes to it as if he were heading toward the goal line in an open-field run.

"His view has never been that money is to be hoarded," Steinberg says. "When we were doing his last contract this year ($45 million for six years), since he's independently wealthy for life, a lot of our discussion was in terms of what it could mean to his charitable giving. Because, in essence, that's what the money would be for."

For Young, the idea of giving time and money fits into his religious and social views.

"It's all based in the idea of family and taking care of those around you," he says. "Just expanding your idea of what a family is: your neighborhood, your community, that kind of thing.

"Some people see the world as one big pie and you just have to fight for your piece. I believe that it's not that static."



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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young, wearing his customary number 8, skis in the NFL Handicap Ski Race at Snowbird against three time Paralympic gold medalist Sarah Will. At a time when sports seem maddeningly intertwined with violence, drugs, sex and arrests, a less sensational and more representative truth is often overlooked: Athletes are involved in charities and volunteer programs.

Dunn proves doubters wrong with 1st season

By Fred Goodall
AP Sports Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Warrick Dunn felt gratified, though not totally satisfied.

After a season in which scouts who thought his size would limit his impact in the NFL were proved wrong, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' running back was honored Wednesday as The Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year.

He was a key reason why the Bucs had their best season since 1979 and made the playoffs for the first time in 15 years, and his selection by a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters gave Florida State a sweep of the AP's rookie awards.

Baltimore's Peter Boulware, a college teammate, was the Defensive Rookie of the Year.

"It's definitely an honor," Dunn said, "and surprising."

Not as far as the Bucs were concerned.

Even though Tampa Bay ranked 29th in offense, the 5-foot-7, 178-pound Dunn's contributions to the team's first winning season since 1982 were undeniable.

The Bucs improved from 22nd to 11th in rushing, Dunn had eight plays of more than 29 yards and his seven touchdowns averaged 33 yards. A year ago, Tampa Bay had 15 plays longer than 29 yards and only one TD of at least 33 yards as a team.

"That was the big question coming into the season, whether the offense would be able to catch up with our defense," Dunn said. "We did enough good to win 10 games. We made some mistakes, but I think the good far outweighed the bad."

Dunn, the only rookie to make the Pro Bowl this season, was one of four running backs among the five players receiving votes. He got 28, with Corey Dillon of Cincinnati earning 13, Arizona quarterback Jake Plummer collecting four, and Buffalo's Antowain Smith and Tiki Barber of the New York Giants receiving one apiece. One member of the 48-person panel refused to vote.

"I wish I could have scored more touchdowns and gained more yards, but I'm just a rookie," Dunn said. "Hopefully over time, I'll get better, my body will get stronger, mentally I'll get stronger and wiser to the game and just move forward from there."

The versatile running back alleviated concern that he might not be able to handle a heavy workload when he carried 24 times for 130 yards against Detroit in the second week of the season.

Dunn finished with five 100-yard games and fell only 22 short of 1,000 for the season, finishing with 978 on the ground and a team-leading 39 receptions for 462 yards.

Still, he wasn't as consistent as he would have liked. After a fast start, his production slowed before gaining 360 yards on 75 carries in the last four games.

"I hit the wall mentally, and that drained me physically," Dunn said. "But that wasn't the result of me not trying or wanting to do well. It was the whole team. ... We lost three games in a row and just didn't do anything right.

"Gradually I started to get back into it and play my game. Now, I'm starting to have fun again."

Against Chicago last week, he ripped off a franchise-record 76-yard run that showed why his style often is compared with that of four-time league rushing champion Barry Sanders.

"We've always felt if you can get him the ball enough times, he's going to have a run like he did," offensive coordinator Mike Shula said. "He's a little like Barry that way. You stop him early, and then all of a sudden he pops out."

HOCKEY: Jackalopes appreciate local fans

(From 1C)

It puts you in a great mood.

"People here ... their attitudes are so great and they have a lot of values, a lot of family values, and it's real evident."

Clark said that while he coached in Norway and Denmark, the leagues had a three-week break around Christmas. Not here. The Jacks have a 48-hour rest between games Tuesday at Ector County Coliseum against San Angelo, and then on Friday in Albuquerque.

Clark described the family gathering he will miss this week as "huge. Eight kids, mom and dad and about 25 nieces and nephews."

The soft-spoken Laine, of Helsinki, Finland, will be without two brothers and a sister, and a 4-year-old son, who, ironically enough, was born on the 4th of July.

"Every Christmas we get together and eat a lot. Have lots of good times," Laine said.

When asked how he feels about West Texas, Laine, who has made big strides to overcome the inherent communications barriers which come with moving half way around the world, makes a sweeping motion with his hand and says, "Big. Flat. We have hills in Finland."

What perhaps has made the loneliness from being away from home at Christmas more bearable is the Jacks' brutal game schedule this month. The team is just coming off a stretch of seven games in nine days. In a 25-day run from Dec. 4-28, the Jacks will have played 16 games. Hectic only begins to describe December.

"It's been tough," Clark said of the December schedule. "We won some, then lost a few, and then got hot. We've had a lot of injuries. Sami lately has been playing really, really well. But the travel is really tough. The time goes by so fast it's incredible. It's sad to say it doesn't even feel like Christmas," Clark said.

Clark said Laine, the WPHL's 8th leading scorer with 53 points through Monday, was doing everything expected of him as a hockey player. In Finland, Laine played in the country's two top leagues, the 1st division and the elite division. According to his coach, Laine has the potential to make it as far as the International Hockey League.

"Professionally," Clark said, "Sami came here to do a job, and he's done it. He's still doing his job and we expect him to continue to do it. Anyone would be really happy with what he's done. Personally, he's one of the funniest guys you ever met. He's got that Bob Newhart, dry sense of humor, but only those who know him and who are on the team know it."

The Jack Pack, the team's official booster club, has proven a Godsend to the team, hosting various dinners and parties all season, and making a four-hour bus trip to Amarillo last week in bad weather. Clark marveled at the crowds at what is now being called the "Jack Shack" that have supported the team through its extended losing streaks.

Like Clark, Laine has nothing but a growing admiration for the fans of West Texas. He quickly established himself as a local favorite, even before he made hockey history by scoring five goals in a nine-minute stretch in one period — including a hat trick in an unbelievable 97 seconds. The feat stands up against any other single-game athletic accomplishment ever achieved in West Texas' storied sports history.

"If you have fans ... you play good for them," Laine said. "They're like my friends. If they want to come see me, I always try and speak to them."

Joyner views Super Bowl ring as real paydirt in joining the Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Seth Joyner turned down better money offers last year to sign with the Green Bay Packers and hope for a different sort of payday: A Super Bowl ring to cap a long, distinguished career.

Joyner could have earned more elsewhere, as much as $2 million a year while playing a key role in the Cincinnati Bengals' new blitzing attack.

The linebacker turned it down, though, along with what he called an insulting offer of $400,000 plus incentives from the Dallas Cowboys. Joyner signed with Green Bay for just $1 million, figuring it was his best chance for a championship ring.

He's already warned his wife, whom he married last June, just what's ahead for January.

"Bear with me for this next month, it's going to be a tedious time," Joyner said he told her. "You're not going to see me very much, and when you do I'm still going to be engrossed in game plans."

Joyner's time is now because at age 33, the 12-year veteran doesn't know if he'll ever be on a Super Bowl contender again. So far, Joyner has never played in a conference championship game, let alone the Super Bowl.

Joyner never got further than the NFC Divisional playoffs with the Philadelphia Eagles, and in the past three years he never even made the postseason with the Arizona Cardinals.

Though he has a four-year contract with the Packers, it is structured so that it could end up being a one-year deal. Joyner received an $800,000 signing bonus and $200,000 base salary for 1997.

The key date for next year is March 15. The Packers have to pay him a $500,000 roster bonus by then or he becomes a free agent.

The Packers thought enough of Joyner to trade Wayne Simmons to Kansas City after Week 6, making Joyner the starter at strong-side linebacker. But it seems far less likely they'll be willing to pay him the bonus plus the $1.5 million salary his contract calls for next year.

"A whole lot of things can change before that time," Joyner said. "I'm not going to say, 'If they don't pay me the bonus I'm not coming back.' I don't know what might happen between now and then."

Next season is a long way off for the three-time Pro Bowler, who's focusing on the here and now. With the playoffs about to begin, Joyner is playing his best football after starting slowly this summer because of a knee injury that kept him sidelined for part of training camp and the first five games.

Joyner had two sacks in December and has become the pressure-oriented pass rusher the Packers were hoping for when they signed him.

Lions coach gives team new direction

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. — Barry Sanders has been a great running back for as long as he has been in the NFL. Still, he has never played better for the Detroit Lions than he has played for Bobby Ross.

A coincidence? Maybe not.

"Every coach has his own way of doing things," Sanders said. "Coach Ross came here with a good reputation. He is very organized. He had a plan, and he stuck with it."

There were some rough spots during the transition period from Wayne Fontes — Ross now concedes he probably didn't quite know how to use Sanders.

In the Lions' first two games, Sanders carried the ball only 25 times and gained just 53 yards.

Since then, Sanders has an NFL-record 14 straight games of 100 yards or more. He finished the regular season with 2,053 yards, only the third player in history to rush for more than 2,000.

Sanders credits Ross for putting a fullback into the offense, providing him with a lead blocker. Like almost all his teammates, Sanders believes in Ross and likes his style.

Under Fontes, who was fired after a 5-11 season a year ago, there seemed to be little advance planning. As a result, the Lions sometimes looked like they were going from one crisis to another.



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Bowl Picks Dec. 25-Jan. 2



Lee Pesemore
Last Week: 19-6
Season: 249-101
Pct.: .711



Oscar LeRoy
Last Week: 17-8
Season: 244-106
Pct.: .697



Stewart Doreen
Last Week: 15-10
Season: 241-109
Pct.: .688



Terry Williamson
Last Week: 18-7
Season: 240-110
Pct.: .685



Jay Peden
Last Week: 17-8
Season: 237-113
Pct.: .677



Crystal Ball (Consensus)
Last Week: 15-10
Season: 250-100
Pct.: .714

College Bowls

Aloha: Michigan St. vs. Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington	Washington (5-0)
Motor City: Marshall vs. Mississippi	Marshall	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi	Mississippi (3-2)
Heritage: South Carolina St. vs. Southern	Southern	Southern	Southern	Southern	Southern (5-0)
Insight.com: Arizona vs. New Mexico	New Mexico	New Mexico	Arizona	Arizona	Arizona (3-2)
Independence: LSU vs. Notre Dame	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU (5-0)
Humanitarian: Utah State vs. Cincinnati	Utah State	Cincinnati	Cincinnati	Utah State	Cincinnati
Carquest: Georgia Tech vs. West Virginia	West Virginia	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech	Georgia Tech (4-1)
Holiday: Missouri vs. Colorado St.	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri	Missouri (4-1)
Alamo: Oklahoma St. vs. Purdue	Oklahoma State	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue	Purdue (4-1)
Sun: Arizona State vs. Iowa	Arizona State	Iowa	Iowa	Arizona State	Iowa (3-2)
Liberty: Pittsburgh vs. Southern Miss	Southern Miss	Southern Miss	Southern Miss	Southern Miss	Southern Miss (5-0)
Fiesta: Kansas State vs. Syracuse	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State	Kansas State (5-0)
Outback: Wisconsin vs. Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia	Georgia (5-0)
Gator: North Carolina vs. Virginia Tech	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina (5-0)
Citrus: Penn State vs. Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida	Florida (5-0)
Cotton: Texas A&M vs. UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCLA	UCL A (5-0)
Rose: Michigan vs. Washington St	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan (5-0)
Sugar: Florida State vs. Ohio State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State (5-0)
Peach: Clemson vs. Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn (5-0)
Orange: Nebraska vs. Tennessee	Nebraska	Nebraska	Tennessee	Nebraska	Nebraska (5-0)



AP Laserphoto

Washington St. University head coach Mike Price watches his team practice at the Los Angeles Coliseum Tuesday. The WSU Cougars will face the top-ranked Michigan Wolverines in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Washington State coach makes most of hard sell

By Ken Peters
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Recruiting top football prospects never has been easy at Washington State, where the small, isolated town of Pullman can be a hard sell.

So Washington State's Mike Price has learned to be innovative with the players he's lured to Pullman, which has a population of about 24,000, including about 17,000 students.

"It's not who you recruit, but what you do with them," Price said Wednesday during a conference call. "You have to pick players and put them in the right position to reach their potential. If we've done anything right, it's get the right kind of guys and put them in the right places.

"I enjoy that part of coaching. Of our 'fab five,' none had played wide receiver," he said. "Our front four hadn't played in the defensive line."

The No. 8 Cougars (10-1), who face No. 1 Michigan (11-0) in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day, are mostly a mongrel bunch. Five starters were walk-ons, several Prop 48 players worked their way into academic eligibility, and tight end Love Jefferson came from a school that dropped football, the University of the Pacific.

The roster includes 47 players from California, but most weren't highly recruited by other Pac-10 schools.

"We give guys a chance," Price said. "You get a fair shake when you come here. You get a first chance at Washington State, sometimes a second chance, and then sometimes a final chance, whether you were highly recruited or not.

"It has developed a real bond and trust. I think it's just so much more rewarding, rather than picking guys out of Parade (high-school) All-American and letting them go and play. We've only got one of those All-Americans, (linebacker Greg DuPree) and he's been hurt, hasn't played for us."

The facilities at Washington State aren't necessarily state-of-the-art, particularly compared to some of the more traditionally powerful football schools, but Price has made do in that regard, too.

It has taken Price nine years to put all the pieces in the puzzle, but the result is the Cougars' first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1931.

Price had checkered records in his first eight years, including a 3-8 mark two years ago that brought heat on him from Washington State fans.

But he has remained upbeat.

"There weren't any down times," he said. "There were times when we didn't have a very good record. It's just been persistence and a belief in what we're doing. One of the things I've held firm to is the dream of going to the Rose Bowl, and our staff held onto that and our players held onto that.

"We just persevered through those hard times."

Price, who now is popular in Pullman, said the response to the Cougars' trip to the Rose Bowl has been unbelievable.

"We had 1.72 million calls to our 800 'Go Cougs' line in one week," he said. "There were 50,000 phone calls and e-mails to our office. I understand 420,000 people asked for (Rose Bowl) tickets," he said.

"It's been overwhelming."

Little big men: Ohio boasts three football champions

By John McCarthy
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Small schools, big trophies.

Three Ohio colleges won national football championships this month: Youngstown State in NCAA Division I-AA, Mount Union in Division III and Findlay in the NAIA.

Youngstown's title was its fourth in this decade under Jim Tressell and Mount Union picked up its third, and second straight. The Purple Raiders have won 28 straight games — the longest streak in any division. Findlay won two other titles in the '90s.

Want more Ohio champions? Central State has three NAIA national titles in the 1990s and Dayton claimed the Division III crown in 1989.

The success can be traced to the quality of the schools themselves, plus the strength of Ohio's high schools.

The state's blue-chip prep players are snapped up by the likes of Ohio State, Notre Dame, Penn State and Michigan.

But most of the high school players aren't big enough or fast enough to be noticed by the Division I powers, so they go where they can play. Often, it's right in their back yard.

"The reality of it is only about one in a 100 kids gets a (Division I) scholarship," said Thom McDaniels, who coached Canton McKinley High School to the big-school state championship this year. The Bulldogs also were voted the No. 1 high school team in the nation by USA Today.

McDaniels' son, Josh, was a quarterback at McKinley. But at 5-foot-11 and 165 pounds, he was deemed too small for Division I.

"They're not going to invest a free $50,000 education in a kid like that," Thom McDaniels said. His son is now a sophomore at John Carroll, a Division III school in Cleveland.

Plenty of McDaniels' players wind up at Mount Union in Alliance or at Youngstown, about 50 miles away.

Mount Union coach Larry Kehres welcomes the Ohio talent. Only one of the Purple Raiders' 42 returning lettermen came this season from outside the state.

"Blocking and tackling are still at the heart of Ohio high school football teams," Kehres said.

Gerry Faust has seen the pipeline from both sides. After five years at Notre Dame, Faust took over a Division I-AA team at Akron and brought it up to Division I before giving up coaching in 1995. Before Notre Dame, Faust led Cincinnati Moeller to five state titles in six years.

How did Faust sell the Zips' programs to players passed over by the big colleges? Akron offered more of the same as it worked its way up the ladder.

Mount Union, with an enrollment of about 1,800, stresses academics as well as athletics. Division III colleges cannot offer athletic scholarships.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

National Football League

NFL Coach Voting

NEW YORK (AP) — The voting for the 1997 NFL Coach of the Year as selected by a nationwide panel of the media:

Jim Fassel, NY Giants	20
Marty Schottenheimer, KC	10
Tony Dungy, Tampa Bay	8
Bill Parcells, NY Jets	3
Bill Cowher, Pittsburgh	3
Steve Mariucci, San Francisco	3
Jimmy Johnson, Miami	1

Coach of the Year

By the Associated Press
The NFL Coach of the Year named by the Associated Press which is selected by a nationwide panel of the media:

1957—George Wilson, Detroit
1958—Weeb Ewbank, Baltimore
1959—Vince Lombardi, Green Bay
1960—Buck Shaw, Philadelphia
1961—Allie Sherman, New York Giants
1962—Allie Sherman, New York Giants
1963—George Halas, Chicago
1964—Don Shula, Baltimore
1965—George Halas, Chicago
1966—Tom Landry, Dallas
1967—George Allen, Los Angeles and Don Shula, Baltimore
1968—Don Shula, Baltimore
1969—Bud Grant, Minnesota
1970—Dick Nolan, San Francisco
1971—George Allen, Washington
1972—Don Devine, Green Bay
1973—Chuck Knox, Los Angeles
1974—Don Coryell, St. Louis
1975—Ted Marchibroda, Baltimore
1976—Forrest Gregg, Cleveland
1977—Red Miller, Denver
1978—Jack Patera, Seattle
1979—Jack Pardee, Washington
1980—Chuck Knox, Buffalo
1981—Bill Walsh, San Francisco
1982—Joe Gibbs, Washington
1983—Joe Gibbs, Washington
1984—Chuck Knox, Seattle
1985—Mike Ditka, Chicago
1986—Bill Parcells, New York Giants
1987—Jim Mora, New Orleans
1988—Mike Ditka, Chicago
1989—Lindy Infante, Green Bay
1990—Jimmy Johnson, Dallas
1991—Wayne Fontes, Detroit
1992—Bill Cowher, Pittsburgh
1993—Dan Reeves, New York Giants
1994—Bill Parcells, New England
1995—Ray Rhodes, Philadlephia
1996—Dom Capers, Carolina
1997—Jim Fassel, New York Giants

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 27
Minnesota at N.Y. Giants, 11:30 a.m. (ABC)
Jacksonville at Denver, 3 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Dec. 28
Miami at New England, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Detroit at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 3
Denver, Jacksonville, or New England at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Detroit, Minnesota or Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 4
Detroit, N.Y. Giants or Tampa Bay at Green Bay, 11:30 p.m. (FOX)
Denver, Jacksonville, or Miami at Kansas City, 3 p.m. (NBC)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 11
Divisional playoff winners, TBA
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 25
At San Diego
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6 p.m.
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 1
At Honolulu
AFC vs. NFC

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for this week's playoff games as provided by the league:
Saturday

MINNESOTA (9-7) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (10-5-1) — Vikings QUESTIONABLE C Everett Lindsay (ankle), DE Fernando Smith (knee/groin) PROBABLE DE Derrick Alexander (ankle/hip), DT Tony Williams (ankle) Giants OUT C Derek Engler (ankle) QUESTIONABLE RB Erric Pegram (ribs), LB Ryan Phillips (knee), S Brandon Sanders (groin), CB Phillippi Sparks (knee), RB Tyrone Wheatley (ankle) PROBABLE G Greg Bishop (ankle)

JACKSONVILLE (11-5) AT DENVER (12-4) — Jaguars QUESTIONABLE CB Curtis Anderson (knee), G Brian DeMarco (ankle), RB Daimon Shelton (neck) PROBABLE T Tony Boselli (ankle), DE Tony Brackens (ankle), RB Ty Hallock (neck), RB Randy Jordan (shoulder), DT Seth Payne (shoulder) Broncos QUESTIONABLE LB Steve Russ (ankle) PROBABLE RB Terrell Davis (shoulder), RB Vaughn Hebron (hamstring), G Mark Schlereth (back)

Sunday

MIAMI (9-7) AT NEW ENGLAND (10-6) — Dolphins QUESTIONABLE WR Charles Jordan (groin) PROBABLE DE Trace Armstrong (knee), CB Terrell Buckley (quad), WR Brett Perriman (hip) Patriots QUESTIONABLE WR Terry Glenn (hamstring), RB Curtis Martin (shoulder), DT Mark Wheeler (hamstring)

DETROIT (9-7) AT TAMPA BAY (10-6) — Lions OUT T Tony Ramirez (knee) DOUBTFUL DL Shane Bonham (toe) PROBABLE DT Marc Spindler (calf) Buccaneers QUESTIONABLE G Jorge Diaz (shoulder) TE Jackie Harris (hernia), CB Tyrone Legette (knee) PROBABLE DT Brad Culpepper (quadriceps), QB Trent Dilfer (ankle)

NHL Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	21	9	7	49	105	80
New Jersey	23	10	2	48	107	68
Washington	16	13	8	40	104	99
N.Y. Islanders	15	16	5	35	98	96
N.Y. Rangers	11	16	12	34	100	106
Florida	12	20	5	29	90	111
Tampa Bay	7	22	7	21	65	111

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	18	11	8	44	100	88
Montreal	19	15	5	43	113	97
Ottawa	17	17	4	38	96	90
Boston	16	15	6	38	93	96
Carolina	13	19	5	31	94	104
Buffalo	12	17	6	30	84	96

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	25	9	4	54	121	78
Detroit	22	9	7	51	125	94
St. Louis	22	12	5	49	114	90
Phoenix	14	16	7	35	99	104
Toronto	13	17	5	31	83	97
Chicago	11	18	7	29	77	87

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	19	8	11	49	115	94
Los Angeles	15	15	6	36	103	102
San Jose	14	18	4	32	91	100
Anaheim	13	18	6	32	87	112
Edmonton	11	18	9	31	90	111
Calgary	10	21	8	28	96	118
Vancouver	11	21	5	27	104	125

Tuesday's Games
Detroit 3, Buffalo 1
New Jersey 1, Washington 1, tie
Ottawa 4, Montreal 3, OT
N.Y. Rangers 4, Tampa Bay 1
Philadelphia 4, Carolina 2
St. Louis 3, Florida 2
Toronto 5, Edmonton 4
Colorado 5, Los Angeles 1
Calgary 2, Phoenix 2, tie
Dallas 3, Vancouver 1
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at St. Louis, 8:30 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Scoring Leaders

NEW YORK (AP) — NHL scoring leaders through Dec. 23

Player,Team	GP	G	A	PTS	PIM
Forsberg, Col	35	15	33	48	44
Bure, Van	37	23	22	45	24
Leclair, Phi	37	26	18	44	18
Sakic, Col	38	17	26	43	26
Selanne, Ana	37	30	12	42	18
Lafontaine, NYR	39	16	26	42	22
Lindros, Phi	36	16	25	41	72
Jagr, Pit	33	16	23	39	26
Recchi, Mon	39	17	21	38	17
Modano, Dal	29	15	23	38	12
Corson, Mon	39	13	25	38	40
Francis, Pit	37	11	27	38	4
Bondra, Was	33	22	15	37	20
Reichel, NYI	36	15	22	37	14

500-Goal Scorers

By The Associated Press
National Hockey League players who have scored 500 or more goals (x-active):
Through Dec. 23

1	x-Wayne Gretzky	871
2	Gordie Howe	801
3	Marcel Dionne	731
4	Phil Esposito	717
5	x-Mike Gartner	703
6	Mario Lemieux	613
7	Bobby Hull	610
8	x-Jari Kurri	600
9	x-Dino Ciccarelli	593
10	x-Mark Messier	587
11	Mike Bossy	573
12	Guy Lafleur	560
13	John Bucyk	556
14	x-Steve Yzerman	548
tie	Michel Goulet	548
16	x-Brett Hull	544
tie	Maurice Richard	544
18	Stan Mikita	541
19	Frank Mahovlich	533
20	Bryan Trottier	524
21	Dale Hawerchuk	518
22	Gil Perreault	512
23	x-Dave Andreychuk	508
24	Jean Beliveau	507
25	Joe Mullen	502
26	Lanny McDonald	500

WPHL Standings

By The Associated Press
Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Worth	23	10	6	52	163	134
Austin	20	7	7	47	132	122
Shreveport	22	9	2	46	144	105
Central Tx	21	11	3	45	133	121
Lake Charles	16	14	3	35	132	136
Monroe	16	15	0	32	98	99
Waco	5	27	3	13	101	186

Western Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	23	8	2	48	185	103
El Paso	22	8	4	48	172	123
Amarillo	14	15	6	34	120	149
San Angelo	13	19	3	29	130	160
Odessa	11	23	2	24	143	215

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.
Tuesday's Games
El Paso 6, Amarillo 5, SO
Central Texas 5, Shreveport 4, SO
Fort Worth 6, Austin 3
Russia 4, Lake Charles 3
Monroe 5, Waco 2
San Angelo 8, Odessa 2
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
Russia at Austin
Amarillo at El Paso
San Angelo at Fort Worth
Monroe at Lake Charles
Odessa at New Mexico
Waco at Shreveport

AP Sportlight

Dec. 25

1956 — Corky Devlin of Fort Wayne is 0-for-15 from the field against the Minneapolis Lakers to tie an NBA record for futility.

1971 — Garo Yepremian's 37-yard field goal at 7:40 of the second overtime gives the Miami Dolphins a 27-24 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs in the first round of the AFC playoffs. At 82:40, it is the longest game in NFL history.

1984 — Bernard King of the New York Knicks scores 60 points in a 120-114 loss to the New Jersey Nets.

College Football

Blue-Gray Rosters

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Rosters for the Blue-Gray game Dec. 25:

BLUE

Matt Hasselbeck, QB, Boston College
Cory Sauter, QB, Minnesota
Greg Cornella, RB, Stanford
Juan Johnson, RB, Utah
Chris McCoy, RB, Navy
Tarik Smith, RB, California
Delon Washington, RB, Southern California
Tutu Atwell, WR, Minnesota
Damon Sunn, WR, Stanford
Patrick Johnson, WR, Oregon
Taj Johnson, WR, San Diego St
Todd Pollack, TE, Boston College
Damian Vaughn, TE, Miami, Ohio
Chris Lee, C, Indiana
Nathan Strikwerda, C, Northwestern
Victor Alliotey, OL, Indiana
TaVarr Closs, OL, Connecticut
Mike Edwards, OL, Nevada
Matt Birk, OT, Harvard
Ephraim Salaam, OL, San Diego St
Cyron Brown, DL, W. Illinois
Carl Hansen, DL, Stanford
Cedric Jefferson, DL, Southern California
Ryan Olson, DL, Colorado
George Perry, DL, Southern California
David Viger, DL, Navy
Derrik Clark, LB, Iowa St
Steve Fernandez, LB, Air Force
Spencer Reid, LB, Brigham Young
Erik Storz, LB, Boston College
Jon Haskins, LB, Stanford
Lloyd Lee, DB, Dartmouth
Clarence Love, DB, Toledo
Kato Serwanga, DB, California
Lance Schulters, DB, Hofstra
Rashad Smith, DB, Navy
Frank Staine-Pyne, DB, Air Force
Brad Costello, P, Boston U
Brent Lockliear, PK, Ball St

GRAY

Dan Gonzalez, QB, East Carolina
James Brown, QB, Texas
Wilmont Perry, RB, Livingstone
Tremayne Stephens, North Carolina St
Dennis Riddle, RB, Alabama
Ed Scissum, RB, Alabama
Curtis Alexander, RB, Alabama
Mikhael Ricks, WR, Stephen F. Austin.
Kio Sanford, WR, Kentucky
Corey Bradford, WR, Jackson St
Anthony Eubanks, WR, Arkansas
Mike Brown, TE, Texas Christian.
Damian Johnson, TE, Northwestern St
Seamus Murphy, C, North Carolina St
Bruce McClure, C, Oklahoma
Patrick Mannelly, OL, Duke
Julius Williams, OL, Virginia
Lonnie Gilbert, OL, North Carolina St
Kerlin Blaise, OL, Miami
Doug Karczewski, OL, Virginia
James Grier, DL, Mississippi St
Martin Chase, DL, Oklahoma
Steve Foley, DL, Northeast Louisiana
Chance McCarty, DL, Texas Christian.
David Sanders, DL, Arkansas
Eric Kerley, DL, Alabama
Antony Jordon, LB, Vanderbilt
Chike Egbuniwe, LB, Duke
Terry Rice-Lockett, LB, Louisville
Shawn Barber, LB, Richmond
Derrick Singleton, LB, Tulane
Tony Darden, DB, Texas Tech.
Cordell Taylor, DB, Hampton
Tawambi Settles, DB, Duke
Stephen Phelan, DB, Virginia
Damon Sidney, DB, Ala.-Birmingham
Ben Washington, DB, South Carolina
Marek Butcher, P, Central Florida
Nelson Garner, K, James Madison

Bowl Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 20
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Oregon 41, Air Force 13
Thursday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Michigan State (7-4) vs. Washington (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)
Friday, Dec. 26
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Marshall (10-2) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 27
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
South Carolina State (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Arizona (6-5) vs. New Mexico (9-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Dec. 28
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
LSU (8-3) vs. Notre Dame (7-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Dec. 29
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Utah State (6-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Georgia Tech (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-4), 6:30 p.m. (TBS)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Missouri (7-4) vs. Colorado State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Oklahoma State (8-3) vs. Purdue (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Wednesday, Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Arizona State (8-3) vs. Iowa (7-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Pittsburgh (6-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Kansas State (10-1) vs. Syracuse (9-3), 6 p.m. (CBS)
Thursday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Wisconsin (8-4) vs. Georgia (9-2), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina (10-1) vs. Virginia Tech (7-4), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Penn State (9-2) vs. Florida (9-2), noon (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Texas A&M (9-3) vs. UCLA (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (11-0) vs. Washington State (10-1), 4 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (10-1) vs. Ohio State (10-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)
Friday, Jan. 2
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (7-4) vs. Auburn (9-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (12-0) vs. Tennessee (11-1), 7 p.m. (CBS)
Saturday, Jan. 10
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 17
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1:30 p.m. (TBS)
Sunday, Jan. 18
Hula Bowl
At Wailuku, Maui
South vs. North, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

NBA Roundup

NBA Standings

By The Associated Press

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	8	.680	—
New York	16	11	.593	2
Orlando	16	11	.593	2
New Jersey	14	11	.560	3
Boston	13	12	.520	4
Washington	14	14	.500	4 1/2
Philadelphia	6	19	.240	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	19	8	.704	—
Chicago	17	9	.654	1 1/2
Cleveland	17	9	.654	1 1/2
Indiana	17	9	.654	1 1/2
Charlotte	16	10	.615	2 1/2
Detroit	13	15	.464	6 1/2
Milwaukee	12	14	.462	6 1/2
Toronto	3	24	.111	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	16	10	.615	—
Utah	16	10	.615	—
Houston	14	9	.609	1/2
Minnesota	12	14	.462	4
Vancouver	10	17	.370	6 1/2
Dallas	5	22	.185	11 1/2
Denver	2	23	.080	13 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	21	6	.778	—
Seattle	21	6	.778	—
Phoenix	16	8	.667	3 1/2
Portland	15	10	.600	5
Sacramento	10	18	.357	11 1/2
Golden State	6	19	.240	14
L.A. Clippers	5	23	.179	16 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Cleveland 99, Dallas 85
Boston 102, Charlotte 96
San Antonio 91, Indiana 79
Chicago 94, L.A. Clippers 89
Portland 93, Sacramento 82
Minnesota 112, Seattle 103
Golden State 87, Denver 75
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
Houston at Utah, 2 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
Orlando at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

Individual Leaders

By The Associated Press
Through Dec. 23
Scoring Average

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Jordan, Chi	26	255	177	694	26.7
Malone, Utah	26	248	176	672	25.8
Robinson, S.A.	26	215	191	621	23.9
Richmond, Sac	28	220	162	644	23.0
Rice, Char	26	207	127	577	22.2
A-Rahim, Van	27	210	178	599	22.2
Walker, Bos	25	205	91	529	21.2
Webber, Wash	25	222	59	522	20.9
Robinson, Mil	26	224	82	542	20.8
Ewing, N.Y.	26	203	134	540	20.8
Miller, Ind	26	168	156	535	20.6
Gugliotta, Minn	26	197	131	526	20.2
Baker, Sea	27	221	97	539	20.0
Iverson, Phil	23	173	88	459	20.0
Hill, Det	27	184	162	532	19.7
Howard, Wash	26	194	124	512	19.7
Smith, Atl	24	163	111	468	19.5
Finley, Dall	27	196	99	522	19.3
Cassell, N.J.	25	162	150	481	19.2
Hardaway, Mia	25	178	76	474	19.0

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Duncan, S.A.	189	335	.564
Baker, Sea	221	402	.550
Willis, Hou	161	296	.544
Divac, Char	125	233	.536
Mutombo, Atl	154	290	.531
Manning, Phoe	149	281	.530
McDyess, Phoe	131	248	.528
Malone, Utah	248	473	.524
Robinson, S.A.	215	411	.523
Douglas, N.J.	94	180	.522

REBOUNDS PER GAME

	G	OF	DE	TOT	AVG
Rodman, Chi	26	131	246	377	14.5
Barkley, Hou	20	104	179	283	14.2
Williams, N.J.	25	177	165	342	13.7
Duncan, S.A.	26	71	225	296	11.4
Robinson, S.A.	26	97	199	296	11.4
Mutombo, Atl	27	94	210	304	11.3
Malone, Utah	26	73	197	270	10.4
Garrett, Den	25	97	160	257	10.3
Hill, Mil	23	82	154	236	10.3
Ewing, N.Y.	26	59	206	265	10.2

ASSISTS PER GAME

	G	AST	AVG
Strickland, Wash	28	297	10.6
Payton, Sea	27	250	9.3
Hardaway, Mia	25	231	9.2
Kidd, Phoe	24	215	9.0
Marbury, Minn	26	223	8.6
Jackson, Ind	26	222	8.5
Knight, Clev	24	201	8.4
Johnson, S.A.	26	216	8.3
Stoudamire, Tor	27	223	8.3
Cassell, N.J.	25	196	7.8

College Hoops Standings

Big 12 Conference

	Conference W	L	Pct.	All Games W	L	Pct.
Oklahoma St.	0	0	.000	9	0	1.000
Kansas St.	0	0	.000	8	0	1.000
Kansas	0	0	.000	14	1	.933
Nebraska	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
Texas A&M	0	0	.000	6	3	.667
Oklahoma	0	0	.000	7	4	.636
Missouri	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Colorado	0	0	.000	5	4	.556
Iowa St.	0	0	.000	5	4	.556
Texas	0	0	.000	5	5	.500
Texas Tech	0	0	.000	4	4	.500
Baylor	0	0	.000	4	5	.444

Western Athletic Conference
Mountain

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Utah	0	0	.000	10	0	1.000
Colorado St.	0	0	.000	9	1	.

Making an impression

Blue-Gray Classic chance encounter led to wedding bells not draft picks

By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Like other players, Eric McCarty came to the Blue-Gray Classic 10 years ago hoping to impress somebody. He did, but it wasn't an NFL scout.

At the Christmas Day game, a showcase for college seniors hoping for a shot at the pros, he caught the eye of Miriam Liddell. Ten years later, the two are married with two kids, and McCarty is building a career in sports medicine, not sports.

Since their chance encounter during practice week, the Blue-Gray game has been as important a part of their Christmas tradition as opening presents and going to church.

"We'll be married six years in March," Miriam said. "But in some ways, the anniversary of us meeting has always been more exciting to me than our wedding anniversary. I mean, lots of people get married. But how many people are really going to meet the way we met?"

The trip to the Blue-Gray game was a mixed blessing for McCarty, an All-Big Eight linebacker for Colorado in 1987.

It meant his team had not been successful enough to earn a bowl bid. That was a surprise at Colorado, where 1987 was supposed to be the big payoff for McCarty and 27 other seniors who had helped turn the program around. Instead, the Buffs finished 7-4 and their season-ending game against Nebraska, a 24-7 loss, was the end for most of the seniors.

McCarty, who some thought might go as high as the third round in the NFL draft, was one of the few who would play one more game. That game led him to Montgomery.

"Once I got over the pain of not having a very good season, I was excited," McCarty said. "It gave me the opportunity to enhance my chances to play in the pros. I was getting to see a part of the country I had never seen before. The last thing I was thinking about was coming down to find a wife."

On his first night in town, he and some players went to check out a nightclub. While he and a few others went inside, some stopped to talk to a group of women in an old Volkswagen bug.

One of them was Miriam, a part-time college student who worked at a cosmetics shop in the mall.

Twenty minutes into the conversation, Eric and his friends came out. They decided that bar wasn't the place to be. Eric and Miriam met, and something clicked.

The group made plans to go bowling the next night. Eric and Miriam hit it off there, and during the Pictionary games that lasted until 2 or 3 a.m. A series of dates followed.

Then Christmas Eve came, the day Miriam would drive 70 miles west to Camden, to spend the holiday with her father.

"The last time we talked, we exchanged addresses and Eric said 'I will see you again,'" Miriam said.

He was serious. About two hours after the Christmas Day game, the phone rang at the house in Camden. Could he join them?

"It was kind of presumptuous to think you can go in and spend the special time between her and her father on Christmas night," Eric said. "But I wanted to take that chance."

The chance paid off and Eric left Alabama knowing he had met somebody special.

He never got drafted — scouts thought he was more interested in entering medical school than decking quarterbacks — but he knows things worked out for the better.

Today, the McCartys live in Nashville, Tenn., with their two children — Madeline, 2, and Eric Jr., 6 months.

Eric is in the fifth year of his medical residency and about to enter a sports medicine fellowship in New York. Miriam stays home with the kids.



AP Laserphoto

Eric McCarty, his wife, Miriam, and their children Madeline, 2, and Eric Jr., 6 months, are shown in their Nashville, Tenn., home.

The family hasn't missed watching a Blue-Gray game on TV since. And 10 years after they first met, Eric still remembers how he felt walking off the field that sunny Christmas afternoon in Montgomery.

"I felt like the game went pretty well," Eric said. "I rotated with two other guys. They both came away with pretty good careers in the NFL. I came out with a wife.

"And when I look back on it, in the overall scheme, what's going to last longer? The NFL lasts five, six years, maybe a little longer. I'll be married for 50 years. I know I came away from that week with a better deal than I could have imagined."

Woodson's Heisman won't pave road for defensive standouts

By Rick Westhead
Bloomberg News

TORONTO — Don't start redesigning the Heisman Trophy just yet.

Even though University of Michigan defensive back Charles Woodson won college football's most prestigious award this year, it doesn't mean defensive players will get equal consideration in the future, said Ronnie Lott, a 10-time Pro Bowl defensive back who was on four championship teams with the San Francisco 49ers.

The Heisman Trophy, a likeness of a player carrying a football, has been historically dominated by the game's offensive stars.

"This will not be an award for defensive players," Lott said. "They can't win it. Woodson won because he was able to play more than one position, and play them all well, but this doesn't open the gate to more defenders winning the Heisman."

Earlier this month, Woodson won the Heisman, beating Tennessee quarterback Peyton Manning, to become the only defensive player to win the award in its 63-year history. In 1980, University of Pittsburgh lineman Hugh Green finished second to South Carolina tailback George Rogers.

"Hugh Green could have won it that year and he would have if they were giving the award to the best overall player in college football," said Lott, a two-time All-America pick while at USC. "Just because Woodson won this year doesn't mean a guy like (Ohio State linebacker) Andy Katzenmoyer is going to win next year."

Unlike Woodson, who played spot duty as a punt returner and wide receiver, Katzenmoyer only plays defense.

"Katzenmoyer is a great player but he's not going to have a chance to win a Heisman unless the offense players have a bad year," Lott said.

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ROCKIES

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — packed powder 33-34 base 19 trails 5 of 5 lifts 35% open
Aspen Highlands — packed powder 29-32 base 82 trails 8 of 8 lifts 85% open
Aspen Mtn — packed powder 22-28 base 62 trails 8 of 8 lifts 89% open
Beaver Creek — packed powder 22-33 base 65 trails 13 of 14 lifts
Breckenridge — packed powder 26-33 base 75 trails 20 of 21 lifts 8 30a-4p
Buttermilk — packed powder 20-21 base 42 trails 7 of 7 lifts 95% open
Copper Mtn — packed powder 25 base 72 trails 18 of 21 lifts 72% open
Crested Butte — packed powder 26 base 11 of 14 lifts 40% open sm 9a-4p
Cuchara Mountain Resort — 4- new powder 50 base 24 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open
Eldora Mtn — packed powder 36 base 10 of 10 lifts
Howelsen — hard packed 14 base 2 of 3 lifts 11a-6 30p Dec 25 not operating
Keystone — packed powder 25-27 base 81 trails 15 of 20 lifts
Loveland — packed powder 28 base 10 of 10 lifts 8 30a-4p
Monarch — 1- new powder 40 base 54 trails 4 of 4 lifts 100% open
Powderhorn Resort — packed powder 28 base 3 of 4 lifts
Purgatory — packed powder 32 base 71 trails 11 of 11 lifts 99% open sm 9a-4p
Silver Creek Resort — packed powder 22 base 20 trails 4 of 5 lifts
Ski Cooper — packed powder 29 base 4 of 4 lifts
Snowmass — packed powder 29-37 base 59 trails 15 of 20 lifts 56% open
Steamboat — packed powder 29 base 21 of 21 lifts
Sunlight — powder 22 base 3 of 4 lifts
Telluride — hard packed 34-36 base 64 trails 12 of 12 lifts 99% open
Vail — packed powder 22-30 base 85 trails 25 of 30 lifts 8 30a-4p
Winter Park — hard packed 34-41 base 108 trails 18 of 20 lifts 8 30a-4p
Wolf Creek — 1-2 new packed powder 50-54 base 50 trails 5 of 5 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

New Mexico

Angel Fire — 3- new packed powder 28 base 35 trails 6 of 6 lifts
Pajarito Mtn — 6- new powder 20-35 base 5 of 5 lifts 100% open Dec 25 not operating
Red River — 1- new packed powder 24-44 base 56 trails 6 of 6 lifts sm
Sandia Peak — 10- new packed powder 50 base 28 trails 5 of 7 lifts 100% open 8 30a-4p
Santa Fe — 1- new powder 53 base 41 trails 6 of 7 lifts
Ski Apache — 6- new powder 49-64 base 55 trails 11 of 11 lifts 100% open 8 45a-4p
Ski Rio — 4-6 new packed powder 41-59 base 83 trails 4 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p
Taos — 1- new packed powder 47 base 70 trails 11 of 11 lifts 97% open sm

Utah

Alta — 1-3 new powder 53 base 8 of 8 lifts 95% open 9 15a-4 30p
Beaver Mountain — packed powder 29 base 3 of 3 lifts 100% open 9a-4p Dec 25 not operating
Brian Head — 4-6 new powder 42-47 base 53 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open sm 9a-4 30p
Brighton — packed powder 44 base 57 trails 7 of 7 lifts 90% open 9a-4p
Deer Valley — 1- new packed powder 27 base 42 trails 13 of 14 lifts sm 9a-4p
Elk Meadows — packed powder 24 base 4 of 5 lifts 90% open
Park City — 1- new packed powder 36 base 67 trails 14 of 14 lifts 75% open
Powder Mountain — 7- new powder 51 base 4 of 6 lifts 9 30a-4 30p
Snowbasin — 3- new packed powder 43 base 5 of 5 lifts 80% open
Solitude — 2- new packed powder 42 base 7 of 7 lifts 9a-4p
Sundance — 2- new packed powder 28 base 3 of 3 lifts 100% open
The Canyons — 2- new packed powder 6-24 base 15 trails 4 of 8 lifts sm

Washington finally healthy for Aloha Bowl

By Gordon Sakamoto
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — For the first time since practice began last summer, the No. 21 Washington Huskies will field what had been their projected preseason starting offensive and defensive units.

Hopefully, Huskies' coach Jim Lambright said Wednesday, it will translate into a victory over No. 25 Michigan State in the Aloha Bowl Christmas day.

"This is definitely the healthiest we've been," coach Jim Lambright said. "We have our quarterback (Brock Huard), tailback (Rashaan Shehee) and defensive end (Chris Campbell) back.

"Having them back in starting roles puts us back to early season form."

Knowing the Spartans (7-4) will be facing a geared-up Washington team (7-4) put Michigan State coach Nick Saban on the defensive.

"If they didn't have a lot of injuries at key positions, they most likely would be among the Top 10 right now," he said.

"We have a lot of respect for them — their speed and skill level on offense, their speed, movement and quickness on defense and return and special teams are going to be very challenging for us."

Saban said a win would be important for the Michigan State program.

"A win would give us eight wins, the most in quite a few years, and secure a Top 25 finish," he said. "That was one of our initial goals for the year.

"It will also allow the players to go into the future with a positive attitude. Like the Notre Dame and Penn State games, it will help build confidence, raise expectations and self-fulfillment.

"For the younger players, it will launch them into ... a positive attitude for future goals as to what they want to accomplish in the program."

For Washington, a win is important, but for a different reason, Lambright said.

"We're in a little different situation because we lost the last three games of the regular season," he said.

"That puts an even greater emphasis on the reason you want to finish with shiny, happy, smiling faces, rather than what we experienced — the continuing feeling of disappointment."

Elway: Broncos must snap drought

By John Mossman
AP Sports Writer

DENVER — It has been six years since the Denver Broncos won a playoff game, an uncharacteristic drought for a team that played in four AFC championship games and three Super Bowls between 1987 and 1992.

Since John Elway rallied the Broncos to a 26-24 win over Houston in a divisional playoff game on Jan. 4, 1992, Denver has lost three straight playoff games.

The recent record of futility isn't lost on Elway, who, at 37, knows his opportunities are dwindling.

"We need a win in the playoffs bad, because it's been a long time since this organization has won one," Elway said Wednesday. "I think it would be a big boost if we can go out and win this one."

"This one" is a rematch on Saturday against the Jacksonville Jaguars, who stunned the heavily favored Broncos in a divisional playoff game last Jan. 4. In the biggest upset in NFL postseason history since Joe Namath coaxed the New York Jets past Baltimore in Super Bowl III, the Jaguars, a second-year expansion team and a 14-point underdog, beat Denver 30-27 at Mile High Stadium.

"I've said this for a year straight — maybe after we play them this week I won't have to say it anymore — but they (Jaguars) played a great football game last year," Elway said. "They made all the plays and made everything happen. Sure, we didn't play as well as we can, but they played great and they beat us."

The Broncos were the class of the AFC a year ago, racing to a 12-1 record and clinching homefield advantage before coasting over their last three games. This year they started 9-1 and appeared headed for homefield advantage before stumbling to a 3-3 finish, falling one game behind fast-closing Kansas City in the AFC West.

Jacksonville, which squeaked into the playoffs last year with a 9-7 record, went 11-5 this year, matching Pittsburgh's record in the AFC Central but losing the title on a tiebreaker.

"Jacksonville is a good football team," Elway said. "But it doesn't matter who we're playing. It just so happens it works out being Jacksonville, who knocked us out last year. Regardless of the opponent, we have to play the best we can and let things take care of themselves.

"We feel we're a good enough football team that if we play the way we're capable, we can win this game."

Hinting that the Broncos looked past Jacksonville last year, Elway said, "We realize what happened to us last year, and hopefully we can go out and not look any farther ahead than just this weekend and go take care of business."

Broncos running back Terrell Davis, who sat out the regular-season finale because of a slightly separated right shoulder, will be close to 100 percent for Saturday's game. Davis practiced for the second straight day on Wednesday.

His backup, Vaughn Hebron, strained his left hamstring in practice on Tuesday and was listed as probable for the game.

Offensive guard Mark Schlereth, who underwent surgery on a herniated disc in his back a month ago, has resumed practicing and is expected to start.

COACH: Fassel leads Giants to East title

(From 1C)

me in my wildest dreams, did you think you would be coach of the year, no I didn't."

Fassel, 48, replaced Dan Reeves, who feuded with the Giants' front office tandem of George Young and Tom Boisture over personnel decisions. Fassel had no qualms about the team's management structure. He stuck to coaching.

"In my planning and thinking and just the way I go about my business I always think about all the potential things that can happen," he said. "I think about anything that can come up and have it addressed. My responsibility is to make sure everyone is organized and on the same page and anticipate anything that might come up."

After spending 1991 and '92 as an offensive assistant with the Giants, Fassel was the offensive coordinator for two seasons at Denver. John Elway credits Fassel with improving his techniques and Elway had two strong years working with Fassel.

He next spent a year as quarterbacks coach with the Raiders and then was the offensive coordinator in Arizona last season.

Schottenheimer rebuilt much of his team, allowing former starters such as Neil Smith and Steve Bono to leave as free agents, adding quarterback Elvis Grbac and going with many youngsters on defense. Those moves paid off in a 13-3 record, best in the league along with San Francisco and Green Bay.

Dungy's second season at Tampa Bay was a huge success. He led the Bucs to their best record since 1979 and their first winning season in 15 years. The Bucs made the playoffs as a wild card.

Parcells took the worst team in the league the last two seasons and lifted it to 9-7. The Jets were in contention for a playoff berth until the final seconds of the 16th game, and they matched the biggest turnaround in modern NFL history after going 1-15 in 1996.

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Year Ago $23.50

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Prices steady

NEW YORK — Crude oil and heating oil were steady after a drop in inventories last week was offset by expectations for falling demand.

After trading Tuesday, the American Petroleum Institute said U.S. crude oil inventories fell 4.64 million barrels to 315.68 million during the week ended Dec. 19.

Crude oil for February delivery rose 2 cents, or 0.1 percent to $18.35 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

U.S. stockpiles of heating oil and other distillate fuels fell 2.01 million barrels to 132.64 million barrels, the API said.

Natural gas rebounded from two days of declines after an inventory report showed an unexpectedly large decline in supply, even as mild weather is forecast for much of the country, signaling demand for heating fuels is waning.

Natural gas prices have fallen 23 percent during the past month as inventories stayed above year-ago levels. Still, the American Gas Association's weekly inventory report Wednesday showed a larger-decline of gas in storage than expected. Supplies fell 5.6 percent to 2.266 billion cubic feet in week ended Dec. 19.

Natural gas for January delivery at the Henry Hub in Louisiana rose 3 cents to $2.246 per million British thermal units on the Nymex.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar was mixed against other major currencies Wednesday in quiet pre-Christmas trading, rising vs. the Japanese yen as South Korea's economic troubles overtook fears of possible intervention by Japan's central bank.

The U.S. currency slipped against the German mark as traders balanced their holdings to protect against any volatility on Thursday, when Tokyo will be the only major currency market open.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 129.85 yen, up from 129.22 late Tuesday. The U.S. currency also was changing hands at 1.7735 marks, down from 1.7755.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Tuesday: 1.4325 Swiss francs, down from 1.4352; 5.9275 French francs, down from 5.9415; 1,741.25 Italian lire, down from 1,743; and 1.4345 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4372.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6703, up from $1.6656.

Markets lower

NEW YORK — Stocks edged lower Wednesday in a listless Christmas Eve session, with the Nasdaq market index dropping below 1,500 for the first time since July.

There was little conviction to the abbreviated session, however, with many investors taking off for a five-day weekend, and those who did show up choosing to play it safe.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped out to a 48-point gain in early trading, but quickly pulled back and fell 31.64 to 7,660.13.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 10.38 to 1,499.53.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by an 8-to-7 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled just 263.33 million shares.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 6.43 to 932.70, and the NYSE composite index fell 2.53 to 492.32, but the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 2.07 to 662.60.

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Consumer spending sluggish

■ Spending increased only slightly in November despite healthy income gains, disappointing retailers counting on strong holiday gains.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans' personal incomes shot up 0.8 percent in November, but spending rose only half as much and analysts say it remained restrained as the holiday shopping season ended.

Incomes totaled $7.03 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from $6.97 trillion in October, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

It was the biggest jump since incomes rose 1 percent last January and slightly better than the 0.7 percent gain analysts had expected.

The 0.4 percent increase in spending, to a $5.59 trillion rate, was less than the 0.5 percent economics had predicted, but it was in line with reports the holiday shopping season was not meeting many retailers' expectations.

Meanwhile, as the Asian financial turmoil persuaded investors to turn to U.S. securities, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages fell below 7 percent this week for the first time in nearly two years.

Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said Wednesday rates averaged 6.99 percent, down from 7.07 percent last week and the lowest since 6.94 percent during the week of Feb. 15, 1996.

Many analysts believe consumer spending will remain moderate during 1998, but still act as an economic stimulus. Spending represents about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

Cheryl Katz, an economist at Merrill Lynch & Co., estimated that fourth-quarter consumption rose between 2.5 percent and 3 percent, compared to a robust 5.6 percent in the previous three months.

"We look for consumer spending to rise at a sustainable 2.5-3 rate in 1998 versus an estimated 3.3 percent pace in 1997," she said. "A moderation in consumer spending will keep the Federal Reserve from tightening next year" to keep the economy from overheating and fueling a burst of inflation.

Katz suggested that a deterioration in the trade balance due to slowing overseas economies and more deflationary pressures "will likely push the Fed's hand to ease (credit) around the middle of next year."

But in November, higher employment and average weekly hours and hourly earnings contributed to the income gain.

A separate report from the Labor Department suggested the labor market remains tight in December. It said new claims for unemployment benefits fell by 13,000 last week to 307,000. Many analysts had expected only a 1,000 drop.

Spending on durable goods — usually big-ticket items such as cars and computers expected to last more than three years — rose 0.8 percent in November after falling 0.2 percent a month earlier. But spending on nondurable goods such as food and fuel and on services both edged up just 0.2 percent.

Private wages and salaries, the most closely watched component of income, shot up $43.1 billion after climbing $27.6 billion in October. Employment and average weekly hours and hourly earnings all increased.

Disposable income — income after taxes — rose 0.7 percent, up from 0.5 percent a month earlier and the largest gain since a 0.9 percent increase in June 1996.

The combination of incomes and spending meant that Americans' savings rate — savings as a percentage of disposable income — was 4 percent in November, up from 3.8 percent the previous month.

The income and spending percentages were not adjusted for inflation. When adjusted, disposable incomes rose 0.6 percent compared to a 0.4 percent increase in October. Spending was up 0.3 percent, the same as the previous month.



Gingerbread business catches fire

Associated Press

LUFKIN — Marill Gerth is rolling in dough — thick, brown, sticky, spicy gingerbread dough.

The Lufkin woman has turned a family Christmas project into a thriving business where the oven never cools down.

Working at a pace that would send Santa's elves into a tailspin, employees at Gingerbread Delights by Marill were preparing enough 10-inch gingerbread boy and girl cookies to populate a city.

And like the gingerbread man in the familiar children's story, these gingerbread creations will run away to the shelves of Neiman Marcus, Dillard's, Nordstrom's and other department stores to add to the enchantment of Christmas in homes across the country.

"It started in Dallas in 1981, with a gingerbread house on the mini-page of the newspaper. We had always done a birthday cake for Jesus and wanted to make a gingerbread house," Mrs. Gerth said. "I really did start in my kitchen with my family."

The first venture was successful and then came houses made for Girl Scout troops, Boy Scout troops, friends and family.

In 1983 the Gerths moved to Lufkin and she dreamed of starting her own gingerbread house business while working as a dental hygienist at the Lufkin State School.

"I've always known from the first I wanted to do gingerbread houses," she said. "There's no right or wrong. You can do it any way you want and if you think you made a mistake you can wipe it off and start over."

Mrs. Gerth said she would buy gingerbread house kits on the market and knew she could make a better product.

And being a Texan, and more specifically a Dallas, Texan, she dreamed of marketing her gingerbread houses to Neiman-Marcus.

"I called (Neiman's) and said 'I have something I really want to show you'," she said.

The woman at Neiman's said just send us one, Mrs. Gerth said.

"Well, I just decided I would make one and take it to them and then they would have to see me. They just said leave it and we will call you. But that didn't dampen my spirits," she said.

She left the kit at Neiman's and came back to Lufkin to wait for a call.

Neiman's did call, but they wanted the houses assembled. Mrs. Gerth said she wasn't sure she could ship the finished product and asked for a summer to work on the shipping problem.

The summer of 1995, gingerbread houses left Lufkin and arrived in Dallas with varying problems.

They would call and say the icing fell off or the roof was broken, she said.

Finally, using double boxing, the product arrived in Dallas safe and sound and Gingerbread Delights by Marill had it's first contract.

Not only for the houses, they also wanted a line of cookies, she said.

Mrs. Gerth and her elves, otherwise known as family, friends and friends of friends, started mixing and baking to fill Neiman's order. Working out of borrowed space after regular hours in a local bakery and in her own home they managed to meet the order of the famous department store.

This year the company has moved out of borrowed space to it's own building furnished with equipment purchased from a salvage company.

Customers have also expanded and the cookies are featured in Dillard's Christmas catalog and are marketed through Gourmet Food Products.

On a recent day workers were mixing, baking, icing, packing and loading boxes while a delivery truck waited in the drive. And the smell of freshly-baked gingerbread filled the air.

All around, stacked on top of one another and on stainless steel cooling racks were silver cookie sheets filled with gingerbread cookies in the shape of boys, girls, snowflakes, Santas, angels and snowmen. There was a "morgue" filled with pieces of cookies that didn't make it and a "hospital" tray filled with cookies that needed to be re-decorated.

In the tiny office at Gingerbread Delights a subdivision of gingerbread houses filled a table top. The Texas house had a Texas-shaped door while the traditional Christmas house featured a door shaped like a Christmas tree. There was also a Black Forest Chalet, Noah's Ark, complete with animals and Mr. and Mrs. Noah and a nativity. All styles were fringed with white icing and decorated with assorted candies.

"They are completely eatable or you can save them from year to year," she said.



AP Photo

In top photo, Memory Buck decorates a gingerbread house in Lufkin. The specially baked gingerbread items were prepared to be sent to large department stores, where they were sold during the Christmas season. Above, Marill Gerth, owner of Gingerbread Delights by Marill, carries a tray of gingerbread men.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Seminar promoter promises unrealistic investment returns

By Eric Tyson

Q: My wife and I went to one of Wade Cook's stock market seminars that held out promises of being able to make 300 percent annual returns in the market. We spent $4,695 to go to the seminar and then spent another $2,000 at the seminar on audio tapes and videotapes.

I borrowed money against my home and lost $36,000 during the next year.

I saw this as an opportunity to quit my job and make my money off the stock market. Where did I go wrong?



Tyson

A: Your misfortune was not caused by poorly chosen stock trades; you were lured down a poor path to begin with.

Wade Cook does claim in his books and promotional materials to be able to teach people how to earn more than 20 percent per month using his stock-market investing strategies.

Cook teaches his followers a way to gamble in the stock market. His techniques include trading in and out of stocks and options on stocks after holding periods of weeks, days or even hours.

His trading strategies could be described as based upon technical analysis — that is, charting a stock's price movements and volume history and then making predictions based on those charts.

But Burton Malkiel, a Princeton University business professor and author of the investment classic "A Random Walk Down Wall Street," says, "The past history of stock prices cannot be used to predict the future in any meaningful way. Technical strategies are usually amusing, often comforting, but of no real value."

If Cook's claims were accurate, any investor starting with $10,000 could vault to the top of the list of the world's wealthiest people — ahead of Bill Gates and Warren Buffett — in just 11 years!

Since Cook is not managing money for others, he can get away with claiming hyped, undocumented returns. If investment companies or financial advisers were claiming that their investors were earning 300 percent per year when in fact they weren't, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission could impose an arsenal of penalties, including fines, repayment of ill-gotten gains, cease-and-desist orders and firm closings. The Justice Department also could prosecute such firms for fraud.

Sadly, seminar promoters such as Cook, as well as newsletter writers, face little SEC scrutiny of their inflated performance claims or what they do in their seminars, so long as no securities laws are violated. The SEC refers to such organizations as "non-regulated entities."

Recent articles in Smart Money and Business Week magazines report that Cook's dubious business practices have had him on the run for years. During the '80s, when Cook ran real estate seminars that touted that average people could become millionaires buying property with litdle money down, Cook began peddling stock in his own business ventures to seminar attendees.

By 1990, state securities regulators in Missouri, Utah, Minnesota, Illinois, Oregon and Arizona issued him cease-and-desist orders for selling securities without a license, selling unregistered securities and omission of material facts, such as the fact that he had declared bankruptcy in 1987.

Arizona charged that Cook had duped $390,841 out of 150 investors by selling unregistered securities, funneling $48,000 of that money into a Scottsdale home purchase and federal income tax payments. The state ordered him to pay back the money and slapped him with a $150,000 penalty.

Cook answered by filing bankruptcy again. Arizona shot back by indicting Cook on 18 counts of securities fraud. Arizona is still trying to collect the original $150,000 fine.

Cook moved back to his home state of Washington, where he didn't lay low for long. His new company, Profit Financial Corp., has become wildly successful selling his seminars, books and other paraphernalia.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Enersis	40083	27 9/16	-1/16
Compaq s	27662	53 7/8	-1 1/16
EMC s	24451	23 15/16	+5/16
AT&T	23586	62 1/8	+3/8
GenElec s	23214	71 1/16	

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Koreain	3 3/4	+7/16	+13.2
PhysRes	4 7/16	+1/2	+12.7
GoldcpA g	4 1/16	+7/16	+11.9
SK Tlcm	5 15/16	+5/8	+11.8
Korea	6 1/4	+5/8	+11.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DeRigo	6 1/16	-13/16	-11.8
GnData	3 9/16	-5/16	-8.1
IMC Gl wt	3 1/4	-1/4	-7.1
PionrEl	15 3/4	-1	-6.2
AlienTel	17 5/16	-1 1/16	-5.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,261
Declined	1,439
Unchanged	599
Total issues	3,299
New Highs	105
New Lows	58
Volume	320,448,690

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	20192	93 13/32	-9/32
EchoBay	9606	2 11/16	+1/16
RoyalO g	9516	1 9/16	+1/16
Hasbro s	7051	30 3/8	-13/16
GreyWolf	6740	5	

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IntstGC	4 7/8	+1	+25.8
Continucre	6 1/8	+13/16	+15.3
MaxmP wt	5 3/8	+5/8	+13.2
StrgCmp	5 5/8	+5/8	+12.5
Cardiotch	2 7/8	+5/16	+12.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PrfBcp	14 1/4	-1	-6.6
ICH Cp n	3 3/4	-1/4	-6.3
CoastD	3 1/16	-3/16	-5.8
Refac	10 3/4	-5/8	-5.5
ecVIS Hld	6 5/8	-3/8	-5.4

DIARY

Advanced	260
Declined	241
Unchanged	167
Total issues	668
New Highs	13
New Lows	22
Volume	20,685,345

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Microsft	1105141	118 15/16	-4 3/8
Intel s	55054	70 1/4	+1/16
Cisco s	54969	51 9/16	+3/16
Oracle s	48311	21 1/16	+1/32
DellCpt s	41655	77 1/2	-3

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Neoph wt	2 5/8	+7/8	+50.0
3DX Tch	3 13/16	+1 1/16	+38.6
Comprs wt	3	+5/8	+26.3
AndrGr	6 7/8	+1 3/8	+25.0
Diedrich	6 1/2	+1 1/4	+23.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EchoC un	2 3/8	-1 1/16	-32.1
AmWagr	5 3/4	-2 1/2	-30.3
Iwerks	2 5/16	-3/4	-24.5
FFdMN s	20 1/4	-6 1/2	-24.3
ThkTools	4 3/8	-1 1/16	-20.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,766
Declined	2,034
Unchanged	1,939
Total issues	5,739
New Highs	83
New Lows	145
Volume	312,173,600

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
Tkr: The stock's ticker symbol.
How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some – BUD for Anheuser Busch Cos. and FON for Sprint Corp. → are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

The names you see in this paper are abbreviations of the company name supplied by The Associated Press. Companies can help determine what their abbreviation will be. Overall, AP tries to use an abbreviation that will most closely match the full company name.

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

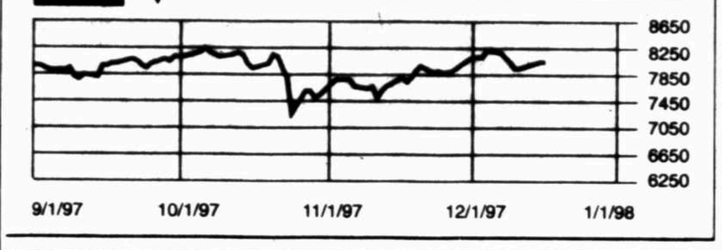
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Daily market roundup

December 17, 1997

Dow Jones 7957.41 -18.90

High	8,068.81	Highest close	8,259.31
Low	7,879.88	August 6, 1997	



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
8,299.49	6,352.83	Dow Jones Industrials	7,660.13	-31.64	-.41	+18.79	+17.44
3,372.42	2,216.22	Dow Jones Transportation	3,101.87	-22.49	-.72	+37.51	+37.38
269.60	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	267.71	-.72	-.27	+15.13	+14.37
515.24	386.36	NYSE Composite	492.32	-2.53	-.51	+25.50	+24.64
723.03	541.02	Amex Index	662.60	+2.07	+.31	+15.77	+16.12
1,748.78	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,499.53	-10.38	-.69	+16.15	+16.46
966.25	729.55	S&P 500	932.70	-6.43	-.68	+25.91	+24.19
466.21	248.65	Russell 2000	421.04	-.99	-.23	+16.11	+18.31
9,486.69	7,059.97	Wilshire 5000	8,946.64	-47.05	-.52	+24.29	+23.71

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
AIR	AAR	38 7/8	-1/16
ACL	ACE Ltd	93 1/2	
ACG	ACMIn	11 1/4	-1/16
GSF	ACM Sc	10 1/8	-1/16
SI	ACMSp	6 5/8	-1/16
ADF	ACMMD	14 1/16	-1/16
AMF	ACM Mi	10 1/8	+1/16
ACX	ACX Tech	24 3/4	+1/8
AES	AES Cp s	41 3/8	-1/8
AFL	AFLAC	49 1/4	+3/8
AG	AGCO	28 1/8	-1/2
ATG	AGL Res	20 5/8	+7/16
AJP	AJL	10 7/8	-1/16
AKS	Ak Steel s	16 13/16	+5/16
AMB	AMB Pr n	24	
PIN	AMF n	24	+1/16
AML	AMLI Rs	22	
AMR	AMR	123 1/16	-1/2
RCM	ARCOCh	45 9/16	+1/8
ASA	ASA Ltd	22 1/4	+1/8
T	AT&T	62 1/8	+3/8
AVX	AVX Cp	19 7/16	-1/16
AAM	Aames s	12 1/16	-7/16
ABT	AbtLab	64 1/2	+3/8
ANF	AberFitch	29 7/8	+1 1/4
ASI	AccuSttf	24 1/2	-1/8
ACN	Acuson	16 5/8	-3/16
ADX	AdsEx	23 3/16	+1/16
AMD	AMD	17 3/4	-1/16
AD	Advsinc	19 7/16	-1/16
AEG	Aegon	89	+1 3/8
ANV	AeroVick	47 7/16	-3/16
AET	Aetna Inc	67	-3/8
AETpC	Aetna pfC	68 3/4	-1/8
AFA	AffCmpB s	25 3/8	-3/8
AEM	Agnico g	5 3/4	+3/8
AGU	Agnium g	11 1/4	
AHM	Ahmans	63 7/16	-7/8
APD	AirProd	78 1/4	+3/16
ABF	AirFrt	56 3/4	-2 7/16
ARG	Airgas	14	-1/16
ATI	AirTouch	38 9/16	-3/16
ATIpB	AirTch pfB	34 1/2	-1/2
ALPpB	AlaP pfB	24 3/4	
ALPpC	AlaP pfC	25 1/16	
ALPpD	AlaP pfD	pf 24 1/2	
ALPpQ	AlaPC pfQ	25 1/4	
ALK	AlskAir	38 7/16	+1/16
AIN	Albnyint	22 7/16	+3/16
ALB	Albemar	23 1/4	-1/2
ACV	Alberto s	31 1/4	-1/16
ACV/A	AlbCulA s	26 7/8	
ABS	Albertsn	45 1/4	-3/8
AL	Alcan	26 1/16	-3/8
ALA	Alcatel	24 7/16	-1/8
AYE	AlegEngy	31 1/16	+1/16
ALT	AlegTdcy	24 15/16	-3/16
AEH	Allegance	32 15/16	-5/16
ALN	AllenTel	17 5/16	-1 1/16
AGN	Allergn	32 1/2	
AWF	AllWrld2	14 3/16	
ALD	AlldSignl	35 3/16	+1/16
AFC	AllmFn	48 1/16	-1 1/16
ALL	Allstate	86 3/4	+1/4
AT	Alltel	40	-1/16
AMX	Alumax	32 3/8	-1/8
AA	Alcoa	68 7/8	-3/8
AZA	Alza	30	-3/8
AU	AmaxG	2 1/8	+1/16
ABK	AmbacF s	44 5/8	-1/16
AAH	AmbasApt	20 1/2	+1/16
AHC	AmHses	5 1/16	-1/16
AOL	AmOnline	86 3/4	-1 5/16
AWA	AmWest	17 3/4	+1/16
ABI	ABankrs s	45 1/2	
AEP	AEP	51	-1/16
AXP	AmExp	85 1/2	+1/4
AFG	AFncICp	38 7/16	+1/16
AGC	AGenCp	52 3/4	-1/16
AGT	AGnHosp	26 1/16	-1/16
AHP	AHome	72 3/4	-1 5/16
AIG	AmIntG s	102 1/16	-1 1/16
ENC	AMedia	7/8	
AGP	APadP	8 1/16	+1/16
AFM	AMRadio	u52 3/4	+1/16
ACP	AREst	9 7/8	+1/16
INV	ARasI n	12 1/16	+1/16
ASD	AmStd	37 7/16	+1/16
ASC	AmStor s	20 1/4	
CSP	AmSt/P3	11 1/4	
AW	AmWste	1 1/2	-1/16
AWK	AmWtr	27	+1/16
ACF	Amercrd	23 3/16	-3/16
APU	Amergas	24	
AQS	AmerigTc	7/32	
AAS	AmerisHc	53 7/8	-7/8
AIT	Amertech	81 1/4	-1 1/16
AN	Amoco	83 1/2	+1 1/16
AMP	AMP	39 1/4	
ASO	AmSouth s	52 1/4	-5/16
AAP	AmwyAs	17 5/16	-1/16
APC	Anadrk	58 7/16	+1/4
ADI	Analog	26 1/16	-1/16
BUD	Anheus	41 5/8	-3/8
AXE	Anadex	15 3/16	
ANN	AnnTayl	13	
NLY	Annaly n	10 1/2	-1/16
AOC	Aon Cp s	55 3/4	-5/16
APA	Apache	33	+1/16
APW	Apogee	18 5/8	+1/16
APTV	Aptinv	35 9/16	+1 1/16
APM	AppleMg	d11 1/4	-5/16
APW	ApldPw	68	-3/16
AHG	Aprria	13 3/8	+7/16
AAC	ArcadeFn	8 9/16	+1/16
ADM	ArchDan	20 3/4	-1/16
AGRpA	ArgPC prA	pf24 1/16	
AS	Armco	4 9/16	-1/16
ACK	ArmWI	73 5/16	+1 1/16
ARW	ArrowEl s	32 1/2	
ARW	Arvin	31 3/8	+1/16
AP	Asarco	22 5/8	+1/16
ASL	Ashanti	8 5/16	-1/16
ASH	Ashland	51	-1/16
APB	AsiaPc	7 3/8	-1/16
PAP	AsiaPulp	9 11/16	+5/16
GRR	AsiaTigr	6 5/16	
AFS	AscFCap	69 1/4	-1/16
A	AstraA s	16 9/16	+1/16
ATE	AtlEnrg	21 1/16	-1/16
ARC	AtlRich s	77 3/8	+3/8
CGO	AtlasAir	22 1/4	-3/16
ATO	ATMOS	28 3/16	-7/16
AUD	AutoDt	u58 3/16	+1/16
AZO	AutoZone	28 3/4	+1/16
AVN	AvalonPr	30 1/16	
AAV	Avatex	17 3/8	
AVY	AveryD	42 9/16	-5/16
AVL	Avnet	14 1/16	
AVI	Avns n	32 1/16	-3/8
AVP	Avon	80	+1/2
AZR	Aztar	8 11/16	
BPI	BA Mrch	16 1/4	+3/16
BBK	BB&T Cp	62 1/16	-3/8
BCE	BCE g s	32 5/16	-9/16
BJS	BJS	65 7/8	+3/8
BMC	BMC	16 7/16	+1/2
BPT	BP Pru	15 5/16	+3/16
BRE	BRE	27 5/16	
BTF	BT Off	7 11/16	-1/16
BKF	BakrF	17 7/8	-1/16
BHI	BakrHu	41 1/16	+1
BLL	Ball	33 5/16	-7/8
BMP	Balard	23	-1/4
BGE	BaltGE	32 5/16	+1/4
ONE	BancOne	52 9/16	-1 1/16
BFR	BncoFrn	25 1/2	+5/16
BRS	BcoRioP n	12 3/16	+1/16
BGR	BangH	8 9/16	
IRE	Bairdrnd		
MBK	BkTokyo	13 3/4	+5/16
BK	BkNY	54 5/8	-1 7/16
BAC	BankAm s	69 1/16	-1 1/16
BBX	BkAtlA s	15 1/4	-1/16
BKB	BkBost	91 7/16	-1 1/16
BT	BankTr	109 15/16	-2 1/16
BCR	Bard	29 7/16	+1/16
BKS	BarnNbl s	31 1/16	+5/16
BBI	Barnett	69 1/16	-1 5/16
BRR	BarrettRs	28 1/16	-3/16
ABX	BarrickG	19 3/16	+3/16
BMG	BattlMt	5 1/16	+1/16
BOL	Bauschl	37 9/16	-1 3/16
BAX	Baxter	46 5/16	
BAY	BayNtwk	23 5/16	-1/16
BGC	BaySGs	37	+1/4
BSC	BearSt	45 5/16	-1/4
BEC	Bckins	40 9/16	-1/4
BDX	BectDk	48 1/2	-1
BEL	BellAtl	88 7/8	-1/4
BLS	BellSo	56 1/16	-1/16
BAX	BeloAH	51 15/16	-1 1/2
BMS	Bemis	41 1/2	-1/16
BNL	BenefCp	77 7/16	-7/16
BE	Bengtlt	3/16	
BNO	BentsonOG	d11 1/2	+1/16
BBC	BergBrs	39 1/16	
BRK/A	BerkHa	A45700	-100
BRI	BerkRty	11 1/16	
BRY	BerryP	17 7/16	
BBY	BestBuy	33 5/16	+1/16
BS	BethSt	8	-1/16
BEV	Beverly n	12 3/16	-1/16
BVF	Biovail	35 1/16	-1
BDK	BlackD	38 1/16	-1/16
BKH	BlkHlCp	35 7/16	-1/16
BLK	Blk2001	8 1/16	+1/16
BKT	BlkIT	7	+1/16
BNA	BlkNA	10 1/2	+1/16
BTT	BlkTT	9 1/16	+1/16
HRB	BlockHR	44	-1/16
BLU	BlueChip	11 1/16	+1/16
BTH	Blyth s	28	-11/16
BA	Boeing s	47 7/16	-1/16
BCC	BoiseC	29 5/16	+1/16
BCCpF	BoiseC pfF	25 7/8	+1/16
BOP	BokCOfl	15 7/16	-1/16
BBA	Bombay	4 3/16	
BCU	BordCh	7 15/16	
BGP	Borders s	29 7/16	-1 1/16
BWA	BorgWA	49 15/16	+1/16
SAM	BostBeer	8 1/16	-1/16
BSE	BostEd	38 1/16	-1/16
BSX	BostSc	44 1/16	-1/16
BWG	Bouygs	18 5/16	+7/16
BOW	Bowatr	43 7/16	+5/16
BXH	BoxHill n	9 7/8	-3/16
BYD	BoydGm	6 5/16	
BDN	Brandyw	24 3/4	-1/16
BZF	Brazil	21 7/16	+3/16
BDT	BredTch	18 1/2	+7/16
BGG	BrigStrat	48	-1/16
EAT	Brnkwr	16 3/16	-3/16
BMY	BrMySq s	80 7/8	-1 1/16
BP	BritPet s	80 15/16	+1 3/16
BST	BritSt	d21 15/16	+5/16
BTY	BritTel	80	+1
BHP	BHP	18 1/16	-1/16
BFA	BrunsFA	50 1/16	-1/16
BFB	BrunsFB	52 1/16	-1/16
BG	BrwnGp	13 1/16	
BFI	BrwnFr	35 7/8	-3/16
BC	Brnwk	28 1/4	-3/16
BYL	Brylane n	47 1/4	+1/16
BKE	Buckle s	31 1/16	+5/16
BVN	Buenavnt	15 7/16	+1/16
BCF	BurlCoat s	14 5/16	-3/16
BUR	Burlinds	13 5/16	-1/16
BNI	BurlNSF	92 1/4	-1/16
BR	BrlRsc	43	-1/16
BRL	BurlRsCl	5 3/4	-1/16
BPP	BurnPP	14 11/16	+3/16
VNT	CANTV	39 15/16	+5/16
CBS	CBS	27 3/8	+1/16
PZN	CCA Prns n	40	-1/16
CI	CIGNA	186 3/4	+5/16
HIS	CIGNI	8 1/2	
CKR	CKE Rst	s 41 7/8	-2
CMT	CMAC Inv	u59 1/4	+7/8
CMX	CMI Cp	5 1/4	+1/16
CML	CML Gp	2 5/16	+1/16
CMS	CMS Eng	u42 7/8	+7/16
BNK	CNB Bcsh	u45 3/8	+1 1/16
CNF	CNF Tran	37 5/8	-3/8
CPC	CPC	103 3/4	-1
CSX	CSX	51 9/16	-1 3/16
CVS	CVS Corp	60	-5/16
CDT	CabltDesgn	37 7/16	+1/16
CS	Cabltrn	13 3/4	-1/16
CBT	Cabot	27 3/4	-1/16
CDG	CbtOG	17	+5/16
CDN	Cadence s	22 5/8	-3/8
CE	Celenergy	28 5/8	-1/16
CCC	Calgon	d10 1/16	-1/16
CBB	Caliber	44 5/16	+1/16
ELY	CallGolf	d26 1/16	-13/16
CAM	Camco	58 3/4	+2 1/16
CPT	CamdnPr	29 3/8	+1/16
CCH	CmpbR g	3/4	
CPB	CampSp s	58 5/8	-5/16
CNI	CdnPcy g	45 3/4	-7/16
CP	CdnPc g	25 9/16	-3/16
CDF	CapOne	51 9/16	-3/8
CT	CapitalTr	10 1/2	-3/16
KAP	CapMAC	34 1/4	
CHO	Capstar	32 7/8	+1/16
CMO	Capstd	19 15/16	-1/16
CAH	CardnlH	71 7/16	-7/16
CWC	Carbnr s	39 15/16	+3/16
CSL	Carlisle s	40 1/16	-1/4
CRL	Carlyle	1 5/16	
CKE	Carmk	29 9/16	+5/16
CCL	CarnvCp	52 5/16	-7/16
CPL	CaroPw	41 7/16	+3/16
CIC	Carson	8 3/4	
CSE	CaseCp	58 1/2	-1 1/16
CBJ	Cambior	6 1/16	-1/16
CBM	Cambrix	4 3/7	-3/16
CTH/EC	eqCancTr	1 1/16	
CAU	CanyonRs	1 1/16	-1/16
CPH	CapPrcHl	3	+1/16
CMD	Carematrix	28 9/16	-1/16
HIV	CellSci	6 3/4	
CEF	CFCda g	37	+1/16
CTU	ChadThr	9	-3/8
CHC	ChrtMM n	12 5/16	
CIA	Citizinc	7 3/8	+3/16
CRV	CoastD	3 1/16	-3/16
CGN	Cognitrn	18 5/8	-5/16
COB	CoilLb	14 7/8	-3/16
CFS	Comforce	7 3/8	+1/16
CMX	CmclAst	6 3/4	-1/16
CXI	CmdrAp	2 3/4	+1/16
CXI/AWS	CmdrA wt	3/4	+1/16
CTT	CompTch	8 1/2	
CTK	Comptek	7 1/4	-3/16
LLB	Cmptrc	7/8	
CFW	Cmputrn n	2 1/16	-1/16
CNU	Continucre	6 1/16	+5/16
CME	CoreMatl	3/4	
CRN	CornCor	19 1/4	+1/4
KTN	Cottnlv gn	2 3/8	-1/16
CTV	ComScop n	12 5/8	+1/16
CPU	CmpuSA	25 1/16	
CBD	CBD--Pao n	17	-1/16
CPQ	Compaq s	53 7/8	-1/16
CA	CompAs	s 48 5/16	+1/16
CSC	CmpSci	78 9/16	-1 1/16
CVN	Cmptvsn	3 1/16	+1/16
CQ	Comsat	23	-1/16
CRK	ComstkRs	11 1/16	
CAG	ConAgra s	32 1/2	-1/16
CNE	ConnEnu	29 3/16	+1/16
CNC	Conseco s	42 7/16	-3/16
CNCpF	Conseco pfF	49 1/4	-3/16
ED	ConEd	40 7/16	
CNG	ConsNG	58 7/8	+3/16
CNS	ConStor	40 7/16	+1/16
CFN	Contfinci	24 1/2	-1/16
CAI/B	CtlAir B	46 1/4	-1/16
CON	CtlHme	39	
CVE	Converse	5 3/4	-1/16
RON	CoopCa s	5 4	+1/16
COO	CoopCo	38 3/4	+1/16
CBE	Cooper	47 7/16	+5/16
CTB	CooprTr	23 7/8	
CRH	Coramrk	31 1/8	
CFL	CoreStCP	78 5/16	-1 1/16
CPO/WI	CornPd wr	u32	+1/16
GLW	Corningin	38 1/2	-1/16
CXC	CorrectCp	34	+1/16
CCR	CntwCrd	41 1/4	-7/16
CUZ	CousPr	28 7/8	+1/16
CVD	Covance	18 5/16	+3/16
COX	CoxCm	38 1/16	-1/16
CR	Crane s	41 7/16	-1/2
CEI	CresRE s	38 1/16	-3/16
CF	Crestar s	54 5/16	-1 1/16
CMM	CrimsMa	14 5/8	-1/16
CNK	CrmpKnl	26	+3/16
XTO	CrosTbr s	23 7/8	+3/16
CRT	CrosTim	16 3/4	-1/16
CCK	CwnCork	48 5/8	+1/16
CUM	CumEng	56 1/16	+3/16
CY	CypSem	8 1/16	-1/16
CYM	Cyprus	15	+1/16
CYT	Cytec	45 7/8	+3/16

D E F

DDL	DDL Elc	3/8	+1/16
DET	DECS Tr n	24 1/4	-1/16
DPL	DPL	28 1/16	-1/16
DHI	DR Horton	16 1/2	-1/16
DSP	DSP Com	11 3/8	-5/16
DST	DST Sys	42 5/16	-7/16
DTE	DTE	33 1/2	+1/16
DS	DaiSem	37	-1/16
DCN	DanaCp	43 1/16	-7/16
DHR	Danaher	61 1/16	+7/16
DAN	Daniel	18	+3/16
DRI	Darden	10 5/16	-1/16
DGN	DataGn	17 7/8	-1/16
DH	DaytHud	61 7/8	+3/16
DF	DeanFd	54 3/8	+3/8
DBS	DebtStrt	n 10 1/16	-1/16
DE	Deere	55	-3/16
DKB	DekbGn s	36 3/4	+3/16
RMY	DelcoR n	12 1/2	-1/16
DEW	DelmPL	u22 7/8	-1/16
DLP	DelPine s	30 1/16	+1/16
DAL	DeltaAir	111 7/8	-13/16
DLX	Deluxe	34 1/16	-3/16
DTEpI	DetE pfd	25 9/16	-1/16
DT	DeutTel	17 5/16	-3/16
DDR	DevlDv	37 7/8	+1/16
DP	DiagPd	28	-1/16
DL	Dial	20 3/4	
DO	DiaOffs s	44	+1 3/8
DBD	Diebold s	46 7/16	-1/2
DEC	Digital	36 3/4	-9/16
DDS	Dillards	33 1/16	-1/16
DME	DimeBcp	28 9/16	-1/16
DMN	Dimon	24 1/2	-3/16
DXD	Disco	39	+1/4
DIS	Disney	95	-2 1/2
DOL	Dole	46	-5/16
DG	DollarG s	31 7/16	+5/16
DTG	DollarTh n	20 5/16	-1/16
D	DomRes	41 15/16	-1/16
DLJ	DonLuf	79 11/16	-1 13/16
DK	DKaran	13 1/16	+1/16
DNY	Donlley	35 7/16	-1/2
DOV	Dover s	34 3/8	-3/16
DOW	DowCh	98	-1/4
DJ	DowJns	52 7/8	-1/2
DRV	Dravo	9 7/8	+1/16
DI	Dressr	39 15/16	+1
LEO	DryStrt	10 7/8	-1/16
DRQ	DrilQuip n	30	+1/4
DD	DuPont s	58 1/16	+1 1/16
DNP	DufPutfil	9 15/16	
DUK	DukeEngy	55 5/16	-1/16
DNB	DunBrd	30 3/16	+3/16
DY	Dycom	19 1/2	-5/16
DBG	Dyersbg	11 1/16	-3/16
DYT	Dynatech	46 7/8	+1/16
DX	DynexCs	13 3/4	-1/16
EA	EAlnds s	6 9/16	+1/16
ECC	ECC Int	d3 1/16	-1/16
EEX	EEX Cp	9 1/16	
EGG	EGG	19 3/4	-1/16
EMC	EMC s	23 5/16	+5/16
E	ENI	55 1/2	-1/16
EKR	EQK Rt	d7	-1/16
EVI	EVI Inc s	4 5/8	+3/16
EFU	EastEn	42 3/4	+1/16
EMN	EastChm	57 3/4	-1/16
EK	EKodak	57 7/8	+1/16
ETN	Eaton	87 1/8	
ECH	Echlin	34 5/16	-3/16
ECL	Ecolab	u53 3/4	-1/16
EIX	Edisonint	26 1/2	-1/16
AGE	Edwards s	38	-3/16
EPG	ElPasoNG	63 3/4	+3/16
ELN	Elan	48 1/4	-1/16
ELK	Elcor s	24 1/4	-1/16
EDS	EDS	42 5/16	-1/16
ELF	ElfAquit	56 1/4	+3/16
EOLpB	ElfOv pfB	25 7/16	
EBY	ElsagB	16 1/4	+1/16
EDF	EMIncoZ	14 3/8	-1/16
ETF	EMTel	15 7/16	-1/16
EMR	EmrsnEl s	55 1/16	-1/16
EDE	EmpDist	19 3/4	-1/4
ICA	Empica	15 3/8	+1/16
ELM	ElaMed	21 1/2	
ELE	Endesa s	18 1/16	+1/16
TEG	EnrgyGp n	44 3/4	+1/8
ENI	Enersis	27 7/16	-1/16
EC	EngiCp	17 5/16	+1/16
EBF	EnisBu	9 3/16	-1/16
ENA	Enova	u26 5/16	
ENE	Enron	40	-1/2
ENEpC	EnrLLC pf	25 1/8	
EOG	EnrnOG	20 3/4	+5/16
ESV	ENSCO s	30 3/4	+1/16
ETR	Entergy	u29	+1/16
EPR	EntrprPr	n 19 3/4	
EOT	EottEng	17 7/8	+1/16
EFX	Equifax	33 1/16	+1/16
EQ	EqtCos	47	-7/8
EQT	EqtResc	34 3/4	
ENN	Eqtylnn	14 7/8	-1/16
EOP	EqOffPT	n 31 1/2	
EQR	EqtyRsd	50 3/4	+1/2
EL	Esteeldr	49 3/4	-1/16
ETH	EthanlA s	36 3/16	-3/16
EY	Ethyl	8 1/16	-3/16
EWF	EurWtrFd	18 7/8	-1/16
RE	EverestRe	98 1/4	-1/16
ECI	ExcelCm	14 3/16	-1/16
EXC	Excel	17 3/4	-1/16
XL	Exel	59 5/16	-1/16
ESA	ExtStayA	11 13/16	-3/16
XON	Exxon s	80 7/16	-1/16
FAC	FAC Rlty	7 3/4	-1/16
FMC	FMC	65	+1/2
FPL	FPL Gp	u58 13/16	-1/16
FIC	Fairisc	32 1/4	+1/16
FA	FairCp	21 7/16	+1/16
FFD	FairCrn s	43 7/8	-1/16
FLC	FalcnDrs	30	+2
FDO	FamDlrs	26 7/8	+3/16
FNM	FanniMae	55 7/8	-3/16
FDX	FedExp	56 1/16	+3/16
FMO	FedMog	38 3/4	+1/16
FRT	FedRlty	24 1/16	-1/16
FSS	FedSignl	21 9/16	
FD	FedDS	40 5/16	-1/16
FCH	FelCor	36 1/16	-1/16
FOE	Ferro s	22 7/8	+1/16
FAE	FAEmAs	38 1/2	+1/16
FAK	FA Korea	d3 3/16	+1/16
FNF	Fidel

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Tkr	Name	Last	Chg
ACCC	ACC Cp	49½	
ANET	ACT Net	7¼	
ADCT	ADC Tel	38⅜	–¾
APAC	APACT	12⅜	–⅜
APSI	APS Hld	2⅝	–⅛
ASÄ	ASA Hold	29⅝	–⅜
ASMLF	ASM Lith s	62¼	+7/16
ATCT	ATC Com	19⅞	
ATMI	ATMI Inc	19	–¼
AbACF	Abacan	1⅜	–3/32
ABTE	AbleTel	68¾	–⅛
AXAS	Abraxas	14	
ACNTF	AcaintS	⅜	
ACCB	AccBynd	4½	–1/16
AKLM	Acclaim	3¾	–1/16
ACMM	Accom	11⅛	–1/16
ACMI	AccuMed	1⅞	+3/32
AGAM	AcresGm	4⅜	–1/16
ATVI	Activsn	17⅞	
ACXM	Acxiom	17¼	–⅛
ADPT	Adaptec	36	+⅞
ADTK	AdaptT n	7¾	–1/16
ADBE	AdobeSy	37½	+¾
ADLRF	AdstarR	81⅝	–1⅝
ADIC	AdvDin	15⅝	–1/16
AEIS	AdvEnid	14¼	+1/16
AFCI	AdvFCm	25	–½
ADVH	AdvHthC	13¾	+⅛
ADLT	AdvLight	18½	+¼
ATIS	AdvTiss	11⅞	–⅛
ADVNA	Advanta	25½	+⅜
ADVNB	AdvantB	24¾	+⅛
AFFL	AffTech	2⅝	+1/16
AFFX	Affymet	36⅝	+½
AGPH	Agouron s	30	+½
AGTX	AgriBio u	15⅝	+1/16
AHAR	AirTran	4¼	+1/16
AKZOY	Akzo	81⅞	+⅛
ALDA	Aldila	4⅛	
ALKS	Alkerm	18¾	+⅛
AAFG	AlpAFG	19⅝	+1/16
SEMI	AlrASem	1½	–1/32
ALLY	AlrGam	4⅝	+1/16
ALLP	AlanPh	7¾	+1/16
ALSC	AlnSem	64⅛	–⅝
AWIN	AdWste	u23⅜	–7/16
ABTI	AphaBta	2⅝	
ALP	Alpnet	2	–1/16
ALTR	Altera	33⅝	–⅜
ALTS	Altrns	d31/32	+1/16
ALYD	Alydaar n	14⅜	–½
AMZN	Amazon n	56⅛	–⅛
AMTZW	AMrnz wt	¼	+1/16
BNGO	ABingo	6⅛	+½
AMBXA	AmBiogn	12⅝	–5/32
ACNS	ACornS	11¾	+1/16
AEOS	AEagleO	29½	–2⅜
ECGOF	AmerEco	9½	–⅜
AFWY	AmFrght	8¾	+⅞
AGREA	AGreet	36¼	–1/16
AIPN	AmIntPt	3⅝	+1/16
AMSY	AMS	20	+1/16
AORI	AOncol	15⅝	–⅜
APCC	APwrCnv	22⅜	+3/16
AMSWA	ASoft	9⅜	+⅜
ATEL	AmTele	29½	–1/32
BETM	AmWagr	5¾	–2½
ARGNA	Amerign	2½	+1/16
AMES	AmesDS	16⅝	–1/16
AMGN	Amgen	52⅝	–1/16
AMXI	Amnex	13½	
AMMB	Amresco	24½	–½
AMLN	Amylin	5⅛	–1/16
ANAD	Anadigc s	28¾	+1⅛
ANEN	Anaren	15¾	–1/16
ANDW	Andrew s	22⅜	–⅜
ADYNF	Anadyne	6⅝	+1/16
APTS	Apartvst	19¾	+⅛
APOG	Apogee s	11½	–1/16
APOL	ApolloG	44⅛	+⅛
AVOW	Apptnet	2⅝	+⅛
AAPL	AplsComp	33⅛	+⅜
APSO	ApsSou	13⅜	+⅛
APPB	Applebee	d18⅞	+⅛
ACTC	ApiCell n	4⅜	+1/32
AMAT	AplMatl	62⅜	+⅝
APSG	AplgSig	12⅞	–⅛
AQCR	AquaCre	7/16	
AKSEF	Arakis	2⅜	–1/16
ARBR	ArbrDrg s	17¾	–1/16
ARSW	ArborSft	38⅞	+1⅛
APGR	ArchCm	4⅜	
ABFS	ArkBest	9¼	–⅜
ARRS	ArmPh	d8½	
AvEi	ArtVasc	62	–2⅜
ASND	Ascend	24⅛	–⅛
ASPT	AspctTel s	18⅞	–1⅛
AZPN	AspenTc s	31½	+⅜
ASFC	AstonaF	55⅜	–⅛
ASYT	AsystTch s	21⅝	–⅛
ATHM	Athlome n	25⅝	–½
ATKNQ	vAtkinsn	2⅜	+⅛
ATML	Atmel	18⅝	
ABPCA	AuBon	8¼	–⅛
AURA	AuraSy	3⅝	+1/32
ABSC	AuroraBio n	13⅜	–⅜
ADSK	Autodesk	32½	–⅜
AIMM	Automnu	2⅜	–1/16
AVNT	Avant	18⅜	–¼
AVID	AvidTch	26⅜	–¾
BEAV	BE Aero	25½	+11/16
BEAS	BEA Sys n	18⅛	–⅜
BSYS	BiSYS	31⅝	–⅛
BMCS	BMC Soft	59⅝	–1⅜
BPIE	BPI Pkg	1⅜	–1/32
BAANF	Baan s	31⅜	–⅜
BLDPF	Ballard n	7¾	+⅛
BGALY	BncGalic	24⅜	
BPLS	BankPlus	12½	–⅛
BNYN	BanynSy	2½	–⅛
BTJOF	BatTech	⅛	
BBBY	BedBath	35⅛	+⅝
BIOI	BioSrce	5⅛	+⅜
BCHE	BioPhar s	21½	–1⅛
BICO	Biotrl	⅜	–1/16
BGEN	Biogen	34⅝	–1/32
BMET	Biomet	23⅛	–1/16
BTGC	BioTcG	11⅜	–⅛
BWLK	BoardCas	4⅜	+1/16
BOST	BostCns	8⅞	–1/32
BLSI	BstLtSci	2⅜	–⅜
BYDS	BydWhls	d1½	–7/32
BRDDA	BrdyW	32	–9/32
PUTT	BrassaG	3⅜	+1/16
CELL	Brightpt s	13⅜	
BBTK	BrobdTc	4⅞	+19/32
BROD	BrodSft	26⅞	–1/16
BFPT	BrooksF	54½	–⅜
TMBR	BrownTom	17⅜	
BCMD	BrushCrk	1½	
CUBE	C-CUBE	17⅛	+1/16
CAWS	CAi Wre	1	+1/16
CBTSY	CBT Gp	70	–1
CDWC	CDW Cpt	47	+7/8
CNXS	CNS	6	–1/16
CSLX	CSL Lgt	5/32	
CLCI	Cadiz	u8⅞	
CAER	Caere	8⅞	
CALVF	Caledon	9/32	–1/32
CAMP	CalAmp	21¼	
CALGZ	CalFdCt	u24¼	+⅜
CAMD	CalMicr	5⅜	+1/16
CNSI	CambNe	12½	+3/32
CATP	CambTch	41	+⅛
CAND	Candies	5⅜	–1/16
CAPBC	Capitlcn n	16	–1/16
CGGI	CarGrdn	20⅜	–⅝
CTSI	CardioTr	4⅝	–⅛
CARE	CareGp	3⅜	–1/32
CWST	Casella a	6⅝	+1/16
CASY	CaseyGn	21¾	–⅞
CSOS	CasinoS	10⅜	
CMAG	CasMagic	1⅛	–1/32
CMYN	Casmyn n	4⅝	+1/16
CTAL	Catalyt	12⅝	+⅛
CAYN	CayennaSf	1⅞	–1/16
CEGE	CellGens	7⅞	+⅛
CLXX	CellexB	1⅝	
CLST	Cellstar s	19⅛	–1½
CTSC	CellsTch	21½	–1/16
CNTO	Centocor	31	–⅞
CENT	CenGldn n	28⅛	+⅜
CNTR	CenturaSft	1⅛	
CTMC	CntMine	7/32	
CBIZ	CentBusn	16⅛	
CTYA	CntyCm	9⅜	
CEPH	Cephlin	10¾	–⅛
CERN	Cerner	20⅞	+⅛
AMFM	ChancMda	69¾	+⅛
CHTL	Chantal	3/32	
CHRS	ChrmSch	4⅜	+1/32
COFI	ChtOneF	61¼	–1⅜
CHKPF	ChkPnt n	35	–⅛
CHKR	Checkers	7⅜	+1/16
AAHS	ChldBrd	3⅜	–⅜
CHPS	ChpsTc	13⅞	–⅜
CHIR	Chiron	d16⅝	–¼
CCSI	ChromCS	15⅛	+⅜
CHMD	Chronimd	11	+⅛
CIEN	CienaCp n	58⅞	–1⅛
CINF	CinnFn	34⅜	–1⅛
LUXY	CinnSav	1	–1/32
CIRUS	Cirrus	10⅜	–⅛
CSCO	Cisco s	51⅜	+3/16
CTXS	CitrixS	69¹¹/₁₆	+1¹¹/₁₆
CTYS	Cityscape	9/32	–1/32
CLFY	Clarify	11⅞	+1⅛
CWEI	ClayEng	13¼	+⅜
CCRO	Clintrals	d6⅜	–⅛
COCN	Cocensys	3⅜	+⅛
CGNX	Cognex	22⅞	–2⅛
COHR	Coherent	35	+⅛
COHO	CohoEn	8½	–1/32
COHU	Cohu	30⅛	–⅛
CDWN	ColOwns n	3⅝	
CCRI	ColoCas	1	
COMR	Comair s	23⅛	–⅜
CMCSA	Comcast	30⅞	–⅛
CMCSK	Comcas sp	30⅛	–⅛
CMIN	Cmetrig	14	–⅛
CIDI	Cominfo	d1⅝	–3/32
CSNT	Compdsh	d8⅞	–⅛
CSRV	CmpuSrv	12⅞	–⅛
CMPC	Cmpcm	8½	–⅜
CCEE	CptConc	17/32	
CHRZ	Cmptriz s	41⅝	–1/16
CPRD	CmpPr	18⅝	+⅜
CPWR	Compwr s	30	–⅛
CNCX	CncNet n	d8⅛	–⅛
CEFT	CncEFS	22⅞	+1⅛
CCUR	ConcCm	2⅛	–1/16
CDTS	Conductu	3¹¹/₁₆	+7/16
CNKT	Connect	d17/32	–13/32
CNNG	Conning n	u15⅜	+⅛
CFWY	CnsFrtC n	12⅜	+⅛
CPSS	ConPort	7⅝	–⅛
CTHL	ContHlth n	2⅛	–⅜
CTIXZ	ConvT wtB	1/32	
ACCOB	Coors B	31⅞	–⅛
COPY	Copytele	3⅝	+1/32
CRLBF	CoreLab s	14⅜	+⅛
COSFF	CoreICp g	1⅞	
CEXP	CorpExp s	10½	–⅝
CRTQ	Cortech	⅜	–1/16
COST	Costco	41⅝	–11/32
COSE	CostEnvr	11	+⅛
COTTF	Cott Cp	8⅜	+⅛
CAFE	CoyoSki	⅛	
CVTY	Coventry	14⅞	–1/16
CBRL	CbrlGrt	32⅝	+1/16
CREAE	CreTcLtd	20⅛	+⅜
CMOS	CrwdSys	26	+⅛
CACC	CrdAcp	8⅝	+⅛
CKEYF	CrssKys n	11⅝	–1/16
CRTM	CrMathes	1⅝	+1/64
CYBG	CyberGrd	5⅞	+⅜
CYDS	CygnaOp	⅜	–1/32
CYLK	Cylink	8⅝	+1/32
CYMI	Cymetg s	16½	
CYTL	Cytel	1⅞	–1/16
CYTO	Cytogn	1⅝	–1/16
CTII	Cytothrx	3½	–⅛

D-E-F

DIIG	Dll Grp s	24	
DIGI	DSC	22⅜	–3/16
DSPG	DSP Gp	18⅞	–1⅛
DANKY	Danka	15	–1/32
DBOC	DtBdcst	5⅞	–1/16
DDIM	DtaDmn s	15⅞	–1½
RACE	DataRce	d3⅜	+3/16
DAWK	Daw Tch	d17/32	–3/32
DWSN	Dawson	14⅝	+⅜
DPSI	DawsnP	15⅞	+⅜
DBRSY	DBeer	20⅜	
DELL	DellCpt s	77½	–3
XRAY	Dentsply s	30¾	+⅛
DEPO	DpoTch	d3⅞	–⅜
DESI	Designs	d3⅞	–⅛
DIMD	DiamM	8⅝	–1/32
DORX	Diedrich	8½	+1/16
DGII	Digiintl	18¼	+⅛
DIGL	DigLgt n	12¾	–⅛
DMIC	DigMic s	12⅞	
DFAX	Divrsfax	9/32	
DOCU	DocuCn	11⅜	–3/32
DLTR	DltrTree s	35⅞	–½
DURA	DuraPh	43⅝	–⅜
DRMD	Duramed	3⅜	–1/32
DROOY	DurbanRo	1½	–1/32
DYGN	Dynagn	⅜	–1/16
EGRP	ETrade	20	+½
ECLF	ECI Tel	23⅛	–⅞
EPMD	EP Med	⅞	–1/16
ESST	ESSTech n	d8⅛	–⅛
EGFC	EagleFncl	50½	–⅞
EGEO	EgleGeo n	11⅞	+⅜
EAGL	Eaglind	18⅝	+1/32
ESCI	EarthSc	17/32	+1/32
EESI	EstMEn	20½	+⅛
DISH	EchoStar	15⅝	+1/16
EGGS	Eggshead	6½	+⅛
EGHT	8X8 Inc	11	–⅞
ENBX	EinstnN	5⅜	–⅜
EGLS	Elctrgls	15⅞	–⅜
ERTS	ElcArt	36¼	+⅜
ELCC	ElecCom	2⅝	
EFII	EFII s	14½	–1/16
ELSI	Elctsrc	2½	+3/16
ELRNF	ElronEl	14⅝	–1/16
EMIS	EmisTch	17⅜	+1/16
ESOL	EmplySi	5	
ENML	Enamelin	11½	–3/16
ENCD	Encad	25½	+⅜
WIRE	EncoreW s	28⅝	–⅞
ESON	Endsonc	8⅞	
EPTO	Eptlope	4½	–½
EQCS	EqCompr	2⅛	
ERICY	EricTel	35	+1/16
ERICZ	EricT ADD	4½	–5/16
ESMCD	Escalon s	u7⅞	+⅞
ESMCW	Escln wtA	u3⅜	+3/32
EXBT	Exabyte	6⅝	–1/16
EXAR	Exar	16⅛	–⅛
XLTC	ExcelTch	10⅜	
XCIT	Excite n	27⅛	+½
EXTL	ExecTl	2⅝	+1/16
FPAM	FPA Med	17⅛	–½
FSII	FSI Intl	17⅞	–⅛
FTPS	FTP Sft	2	–⅛
FARL	Farrel	5⅛	–⅜
FAST	Fastenl	37½	+⅝
FOCS	Fbchmn	⅜	
FITB	FfthThrd s	78⅛	–⅛
FIGIA	FiggsA	13⅛	+1/32
BSMT	FilBsmt	4	–1/32
FINL	FinLine	13	+⅛
FATN	FstATn s	49⅛	–⅞
FTRN	FstAlrNey	9⅝	–1/16
FHWN	FtHaw	40⅛	+⅛
FIFS	Frstinv n	d6⅛	–⅜
FSCO	FSecCp s	37⅜	–⅛
FTEN	FstTenn	65	–2⅛
FBNW	FstNtBnk n	18½	+1/16
FPFG	Frstplus	34	+1/16
FISV	Fserv	48⅜	–1/16
FMXI	Foamex	10½	+13/16
FONX	FonixCp	d2⅞	–½
FDLNB	FdLoB	8⅛	
FDLNA	FdLoA	8½	–3/32
FORE	ForeSys	13⅝	–⅛
FRTE	ForteSft	7⅝	–⅛
FMAX	FranchM n	16⅝	–⅛
FSCNY	FreSCn	4⅞	+1/16
FGII	FGoldmn s	27½	+1⅛
FRTZ	Fritz	13¼	+⅛
FNGC	FrntNat	1	–1/32
FFEX	FrozenFd	9⅛	–⅛
FULCF	Fulcrum	1	–1/32

G-H-I

GTIS	GT Interac	8¼	–3/16
GADZ	Gadzooks	19⅝	–⅜
GALX	GlxyFd	29⅜	–1/32
GART	Gartner	34⅜	–⅝
GSNX	Gasonics	9½	–⅛
GATE	GateFeld	1⅞	+1/32
GNLB	GeneLTc	2¹¹/₁₆	–1/16
GMED	GeneMed	5⅜	–⅛
GNCMA	GnCom	6½	
GNCI	GenNutr	31⅝	–⅛
GENE	Genome	6⅜	+½
GNTA	Genta	29⅜	+1/32
GGNS	Genus	3⅜	+1/32
GENZ	Genzym	25⅝	+⅛
GENZL	GenzyTis	7½	+1/16
GOTK	GeoTk	1⅜	–1/32
GLAS	Glasgal	3½	–1/32
GEMS	Glenayre	10¼	–1/16
GLBL	Globlind s	12⅝	+⅛
GVIL	GlbVilag	1⅜	–1/16
GTSX	GoltTsy	7/16	–1/16
GDYS	GdyFam	26½	–⅛
GOTH	GothicEn	2⅜	–3/32
GIFI	Gflsind s	17¼	
HBOC	HBO s	43⅝	+1/16
HOIA	HCIA	12¼	–⅛
HMTT	HMTTch	12⅜	–3/16
HSNI	HSN Inc	u47½	+½
HUBC	HUBCO	35⅞	+⅛
HDCO	Hadco	41¾	–2⅝
HLIT	HarmLgt	d11	–3/16
HMSY	HmsMSys	6⅜	
HCOR	HthCor	3⅝	–1/16
HCCC	HltCmp	50¼	+⅛
HDIE	HIE	1⅞	–1/16
HART	HrtWire	1⅜	–1/16
HPRT	Heartprt	18⅜	+⅛
HBCCA	Hettel s	42⅜	–⅛
HELE	HelenTr s	13⅜	+5/16
HELX	HelixTch s	17⅛	–⅜
HMSRC	Hemasre h	d1	–1/16
HSIC	HSchein	33½	+¼
HWYN	Highwyn	5⅜	+⅛
HLYW	Hlywd E	10⅞	+⅜
HOLX	Hologic	21¼	+1/16
HOLT	HotlCgr n	d8⅞	–1
HMX	Hrtfdmx	33⅞	–1/16
HTCH	HutchT s	20	–1⅛
HMAR	HvdeM	21⅝	+½
HYSW	HyprSt	31½	–2½
ILNK	I-Link	5⅞	+1
STAT	I-STAT	15⅞	–⅜
ICGN	ICC Tch	1⅞	–1/16
ICGX	ICG Com	24⅛	–⅛
IDPH	IDEC	34	
IDXX	IdexxLb	14	+1/16
IDMC	IDM Env	5½	+1/32
IDTC	IDTCorp	19⅝	–½
IDXC	IDXSys n	33⅜	–1/16
IFLO	I-Flow	d2⅞	–1/16
IMPX	IMP	⅞	
INSO	INSO	9⅛	
ITEQ	ITEQ inc	10⅝	–⅜
ITII	ITI Tech	23⅛	–1/16
JEWLF	IWI Hold	1⅛	+1/32
IWLC	IWL Co n	11⅛	+⅛
IIXC	IXC Com	30⅛	–1/16
IHNI	IatrosHlt	2½	+1/32
IKOS	Ikos	8½	
ISCO	IlllnoSup	2	+1/16
IMGX	ImgeMat	1¹¹/₁₆	
IMTI	ImagynMd	2⅞	+⅛
IMEC	Imatec	d⅝	+3/64
IMAT	Imatrn	2½	–1/32
IMCL	Imclone	6¼	
IMUL	ImuLog	1⅝	+1/16
IMGN	Imungn	d27/32	–1/32
IMNX	Imunex	47½	–⅜
IMMU	Imunmd	4⅜	+1/16
IMPAC	ImpctSy	2⅝	
ICMI	ImpCrdt n	14⅝	–⅛
ICNT	Incomnt	1½	–1/32
ISDI	InfoStor	d5⅞	–⅜
IFMX	Informix	4⅜	+1/32
SEEK	Infoseek	8¼	–⅛
ITSY	InnovT	2⅜	+1/16
INVX	Innovex	20⅜	+1/16
INUS	Innovus	d7/32	–1/32
INSV	InSiteVis	2½	+3/16
INSUA	InsitTc	8¼	+½
NSPR	Inspire n	19⅜	–⅛
INMD	IntegMed	1¹¹/₁₆	
ICST	IntegCirc	23⅞	+1/16
IDTI	IntgDv	9⅝	–3/16
IPEC	IntgPrc	14⅜	–⅛
INTC	Intel s	70¼	+1/16
INTCW	Intel wt s	49⅜	+3/16
INTD	InteleDta	1⅝	+⅛
INEL	IntelliEl	4⅞	+1/16
FLYT	IntrFlt n	16⅝	+1/32
ICAR	Intrcrgo	13⅛	+1/16
IFSIA	IntrfcIn	28⅜	–⅜
INGR	Intrgph	9⅝	–3/16
INTXA	Interions	1⅜	+⅛
INTXW	Inter wtA	⅝	–1/16
ICIX	IntrCm	56¼	–4⅞
IPMCF	IntlPrecM	1⅝	–3/16
IPIC	Interneur	9⅜	–1/16
ISLI	Intersilv	17⅛	+⅜
INTU	Intuit	37¼	–1
IVCR	Invacare	21	+⅛
INVN	InVision s	8½	+⅛
ISIP	Isis	12⅝	+15/32
OREX	Isolyser	d2	
IWRK	Iwarks	d2⅝	–⅛

J-K-L

JDEC	JD Edwr n	29⅛	–1/32
JDAS	JDASoft	33½	+¼
JBIL	Jabil s	36⅞	–1⅝
JMAR	Jmar	2⅞	–1/32
JMED	JonesM	36½	+⅛
KLAC	KLA Tenc	37⅛	+⅜
KINT	Krtsintl n	3¼	
KOGC	KelOG	2⅜	+1/16
KMET	Kemet	18⅛	–⅜
KERA	KeraVis	5⅝	+⅛
KEYTC	KeyTm	4¼	+1/16
KLOFY	KlofG	3⅝	+⅞
KOFX	Kofax n	5⅜	+¼
KMAG	Komag	d14½	–⅜
KKRO	KoolKr	d2⅜	–⅛
KLIC	Kulicke	17⅛	+3/16
LTXX	LTX	4½	+1/16
LAORF	LaTeko	2½	+1/16
LUCK	LadyLuck	1	+3/32
LRCX	LamRsch	29⅞	+⅛
LANC	Lancastr	56⅜	+⅛
LDMK	LndmrkS n	7⅜	–⅛
LDRY	Landrys	21	+1/16
LASE	LsrSght	d3	–1/32
LASX	Lasertech	1⅛	–1/32
LSCC	Lattice	46⅛	+⅞
LGTO	Legato	41⅝	
LHSPF	LmHaus n	39⅞	–⅛
LEVL	LevelOne s	27½	+1/32
LDAKA	Ldak	2⅛	+5/32
CHÄI	LfeMed	d1⅞	–⅜
LGND	Ligand B	11⅛	–⅜
LNTV	LinTelev	54½	–⅜
LLTC	LinearT	52¹¹/₁₆	–1¹¹/₁₆
LIPO	Liposm	4⅝	–⅛
STAR	LneStSh	16⅛	–⅛
LUMI	Lumisys n	5	+⅛
LCOS	Lycos	37⅛	–⅜

M-N-O

FLSHF	M-SysFD	3⅛	+3/64
MCIC	MCI	42½	–⅛
MRVC	MRV Cm	21¼	–⅜
MTIC	MTI Tch	12⅞	+⅛
MACR	Macrmdia	7¾	+⅛
MADGF	MadgeNt	4½	+1/16
MKTAY	Makita	7⅝	+⅜
BGLSQ	vMBagel	9⅝	
MANU	Manugist s	38⅛	–⅝
MDCO	MarDrl	18¹¹/₁₆	+1⅜
MSGI	MktServ	4⅜	+¼
MRIS	MarshHs	57⅝	–⅜
MATK	Martek	8⅜	+⅛
MATH	MatheR	2¹¹/₁₆	–3/32
MATR	Matnath n	5⅛	
NMPS	Matrtch	3¹⁵/₁₆	+1/16
MATX	MatrixPh	3½	+1/32
MAVK	MavTube s	20⅝	–1/16
MXIM	Maxim s	30⅝	–⅜
MCKY	McMoRn	3⅜	
MEDA	Medaph	6¹¹/₁₆	+3/32
ÄRTS	MedaArt	14⅞	–⅛
MRBI	MedResc	8⅞	–⅛
MNTR	Mentor	32⅝	+⅛
MENT	MentGr	9⅜	–1/16
MSEL	Mersel	4⅛	–1/16
MMSI	MertMd	5⅝	
MESÄ	MesaAr	5⅜	
MCRE	MetaCreat	9⅝	+⅛
MTLM	MetalMgt	18	–⅜
MTLC	Metalcid	1⅜	+1/32
METLF	MetalFg	17⅜	+⅛
MGMÄ	MetGlob	5	+⅛
MCLL	Metrocall	4¼	–⅛
MGLF	MitroGlf	1⅜	+1/32
SUBS	MiamSb	d17/32	+1/64
MIKE	MichStr	29⅛	–⅛
MWHS	MicroWre	12⅜	–⅜
MICÄ	MicroAge	12¹⁵/₁₆	+⅞
MCHP	Microchp s	28½	–⅜
MUEI	MicronEl	9	–⅛
MCRN	Micrnics	1⅞	+1/32
MPRS	MicrPrse	2⅛	+1/32
MSFT	Microsft	118⅝	–⅜
MSFTP	Microft pf	86⅛	–⅜
WÄVD	MilestnSc	15¹⁵/₁₆	+⅝
MAENF	Miramr	1⅞	+⅛
MRVT	Miravant	34	–2
MIND	Mitcham	17⅞	–½
MTEL	MobiTel	u22½	+⅝
MOLX	Molex s	30⅜	+⅛
MOLXA	MolexÄ s	27½	–1/16
MLTNQ	vMoltenM	3/32	
MOVI	MovieGal	d2½	–⅛
MIPÄRY	MtlcPrt	5⅞	+1/16
MYLX	Mylex	8¾	+⅛
NABC	NAB	1⅝	–1/16
NABI	NABI	3⅞	+⅛
NBTY	NBTY	30½	–1⅜
NCMC	NCmcBc s	33½	+1/16
NEGX	NatEng	4⅛	+⅛
NRID	NatlRad	9/32	–1/32
NAti	NaturAm	9⅞	–⅜
NAUT	Nautica	20½	–1/16
NMGC	NeoMgic n	12¹¹/₁₆	–⅜
NPTH	NeoPath	13⅛	–⅜
NEOP	Neoprobe	7⅜	
NETM	Netmng	2⅜	–9/32
NTRX	Netrix	7⅜	
NSCP	Netscpe	24⅜	–⅞
NETÄ	NetwkAec	48⅞	+½
NWKG	Nwkimg	d7/32	–1/16
NPIX	NtwkPer	6¼	–⅛
NRGN	Neurgn	13⅝	–⅛
NEXR	NextTch n	2⅜	–⅛
NXTR	Nexstar	11	–¼
NXTL	NextelCm	23⅝	+⅛
NSÄNY	Nissan	7⅝	+⅛
NCTI	NoiseCT	11/32	+1/32
NOBE	Nordst	56⅛	+1⅛
NTNF	NrthFce	20¼	+1⅛
NORT	NorTrst	65⅝	–1⅜
NTRS	NorTrst	85⅝	–1⅜
NWÄC	NwstAirl	45	–¼
NVLDF	NovelDH n	17⅝	–⅜
NOVL	Novell	7⅛	
NVLS	Novlus s	30⅛	–⅜
NTBM	Nu-Tech	7/64	+1/64
ODSI	ODS Netw	6⅛	+1/16
ONTC	ON Tch	d1⅜	–1/16
OÄKT	OakTech	6⅝	–1/16
OSII	ObjSys	9	
OCLR	OcularSci n	26	–⅝
OÄC	OcwenÄ n	19¹⁵/₁₆	+3/16
OLOG	OffsLog	19½	–¼
ZEUS	OlympStl	15⅝	+⅜
OMKT	OpenMkt	10½	+1
OISI	Optntlmg	1½	–⅛
OCCF	OptCable	8⅝	
OPTK	Optimag	3⅝	+1/16
OPPCF	Optrma	1⅝	
OPTN	OptnCr	3⅞	+1/16
ORCL	Oracle s	21⅛	+1/32
ORBI	OrbSci	26⅝	+1/16
ORBKF	Orbotch	27	–½
OREM	OregM	31¹⁵/₁₆	–1/16
ORLG	Orthlog	5½	+⅛
ORYX	OryxTc	1½	
FIBR	Osicom	2⅜	+1/16
OSSI	OutbkStk	28⅞	–1¹¹/₁₆
OXHP	OxfordHlt	14½	–⅛
OXIS	Oxis	d9/32	–1/16

P-Q-R

PCMS	P-Com s	17	+⅜
PMTS	PMT Svc	12½	+⅛
PSIX	PSINet	47/32	–5/32
PCÄR	Paccar s	51⅛	–⅛
PSGVF	PacSen	9/32	+1/64
PSUN	PacSun s	25½	–1⅛
PAGE	PagingN	11⅜	
PÄIR	PairgTch	18⅝	–⅝
PALX	PalEx n	11⅝	
PMTI	PalmInMd	49/32	
PNDÄ	PandaPrj	4⅜	+⅛
PRLN	Paracisn	1/32	–1/32
PRDM	Pardgm	9/32	+1/32
PLLL	ParPet	6⅛	–1/16
PMTC	ParmTch	42⅜	–1⅛
PTEN	PatEng s	39¾	+⅜
PÄUH	PHarris	9⅜	
PÄYX	Paychex	u48⅞	+⅞
PPOD	Peapod n	5¼	–⅛
SPWY	Penske Mt	26½	+⅛
PHBK	PeopHrt	u45⅞	+½
PSFT	Peoplft s	33⅜	–⅞
PBIO	PerSptv	11⅞	–1/16
PRGO	Perrigo	13⅞	–⅛

BLOOMING: Volunteers grow in spirit

(From 1D)

sion Service programming, the Master Gardener program is the "star." Several "Master" programs have been patterned after the model program, but none have enjoyed the unmatched success of the Master Gardener program. The reason for the success has been studied by many volunteer coordinators and the only conclusion that can be determined is the topic! The joy of gardening crosses many lines of difference — background, socioeconomic level, race, professions — and the list goes on. Gardening brings people of uncommon backgrounds to a delightful common ground of interest.

Most Master Gardener Programs exist in areas of high urban population where the County Extension office has a horticulturist. In the State of Texas we have approximately 55 very healthy, thriving Master Gardener Associations. From 1990 to 1997, 4,261 volunteers have been trained and become successful Master Gardener volunteers. The volunteer hours logged during this time include 579,638. For 1996, 202,179 hours were recorded and reported from Master Gardeners statewide, which equates into 97 full-time equivalents. The economic value to Texas citizens is $2,595,978.

In Midland and Ector counties a Permian Basin Master Gardener Program began in 1991. The first graduating class had 12 trained volunteers.

Since that time the number of certified Permian Basin Master Gardeners has grown to 87 volunteers who make a difference in our communities. A few projects Master Gardeners and TAEX have worked are:

■ Plant Talk, a plant science series for fourth graders.

■ Tree Talk, an award winning three-year series on the benefits of trees to our communities.

■ CEMAP Variety Trials, an on-going testing of ornamental, vegetable and fruit varieties suitable to home gardens.

■ Xeriscape Demonstration Garden, an extensive Xeriscape Gardening demonstrating landscape water conservation practices for home and public.

■ Horticulture Show, sponsor a horticulture show and demonstration during the Permian Basin Fair.

■ Chile Ristra Workshops, fun, creative and educational workshops on chile history, use, nutrition and tying of chile ristras.

■ Home Landscape School, cosponsor the highly popular and useful home landscaping course taught by TAEX.

■ Spring Garden School, cosponsor this gardening series.

■ Backyard Composting, cosponsor the backyard composting courses along with the City of Midland, Keep Midland Beautiful and other sponsors.

■ How Does Your Garden Grow, a home gardening series taught by Master Gardeners through Midland College; College Classics (schedule to begin 7 p.m. Jan. 26, 1998)

■ Junior Master Gardener Program, a Master Gardener program for youth slated to begin in 1998, possibly the first such program in the State of Texas

In addition to these, volunteers man Master Gardener booths answering gardening and landscapingquestions at a variety of events, make landscape site visits to diagnose problems and recommend solutions, provide horticulture programs for civic, garden, and community groups, answer horticulture phone calls, and provide garden tours. In 1996, 5,372 hours were documented and reported by Master Gardeners to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service as volunteer time.

Obtaining the title of a Texas Master Gardener is no easy task. There is an orientation, application, registration fee, classes, tests and volunteer hours that must be accomplished. There are three phases of becoming a Master Gardener; trainee, intern and certified Master Gardener. There is quite a commitment of time the first year one becomes aMaster Gardener; over 50 hours of training and then 50 hours of pay back time in the form of volunteering.

The Master Gardener Training begins in January each year and goes through April each Wednesday during the day. Some of the topics taught include: Plant Science, Soils and Soil Fertility, Entomology, Plant Diseases and Disorders, Vegetable Growing, Fruit, Nut and Berry Culture, Landscaping, and Native Plants.

Gardening experience orexpertise is not necessary. Volunteer work can be done in a variety of ways, on a variety of days and times.

The program is very flexible, but there are guidelines and hurdles to clear. Once a volunteer becomes a certified Master Gardener they must recertify every two years by taking 12 hours (three classes) of recertification classes and donate 15 hours of volunteer time each year. It's not for everyone, but if you enjoy learning about gardening, landscaping, herbs and plants in general, this could be your volunteer niche. The Master Gardener program is looking for a few good volunteers that have an interest in plants, a willingness to learn and are community minded with a spirit of helping other people to grow.

Do-it-yourselfers really *can* install garage door openers

By Edward R. Lipinski
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Getting out of your car on a cold, rainy night to open the garage door can be inconvenient, uncomfortable and even harmful if the door is heavy and you're not in good physical condition. An automatic opener will lift the door while you remain in your car. Most models are reasonably priced and easy to install.

Before going to the nearest home center to purchase a door opener, inspect your garage and the door carefully. Most overhead garage doors are called sectional, because they are made of separate panels that are hinged together. Another type of door is the one-piece door (sometimes called a "kickout" door) that opens as a single unit.

You can attach an opener to either of these, but one-piece doors are often made of lightweight materials — fiberglass, aluminum or hardboard — and may need additional bracing to accept the opener bracket.

LOOK OVER the opening mechanism of your door. The springs, cables and pulleys must be in good condition — not damaged or broken. Open and close the door a few times to make sure that it is evenly balanced. Look for the nearest electrical outlet; it must be properly grounded and located so that it will be within three feet of the opener's power cord. Some electrical codes require that the opener be wired directly to an electrical box, so be sure to check local regulations before proceeding.

There must also be sufficient clearance between the highest point of the door's arc, as it is opening, and the ceiling rafters. Most garage door openers require between 1-1/2 and 3 inches clearance.

Next measure the height of the door. The maximum of height of the average garage door is 7 feet 6 inches. Most garage door openers are designed to handle doors of this height or less. If your door is taller, you'll have to purchase an opener with a longer drive rail. Measure the width of the door. If it is nine feet or less, you can get by with a 1/4-hp opener. Wider doors require an opener with a 1/2-hp or 1/3-hp motor.

When you go to the home center, be sure to consult the dealer to find out which model is best for your garage and budget. You will find that garage door openers have two types of drive mechanisms: chain and screw. While both work well, most experts feel the chain drive functions better in harsh, cold weather.

BEFORE ATTEMPTING to install the opener, read the instruction manual so you thoroughly understand the entire mechanism and set up. Move the cars out of the garage and clear away any obstructions near the door and the center of the garage.

Assemble all the necessary tools; these may vary somewhat with different models of door openers, but in most cases you'll need a 6-foot stepladder, an electric drill, a screwdriver, a hammer, an adjustable wrench, or a socket wrench and a few sockets, a tape measure and a pencil.

Prepare the garage door by removing or deactivating any locks (the opener has it's own locking system) and any rope handles. Take the opener unit, then assemble the rails and connect them to the power unit. Slip the traveler (also called the trolley, it moves along the rail to open and close the door) on the rail and attach the idler assembly (this holds the pulley that guides the drive chain) to the end opposite the power unit. Run the drive chain from the power unit to the traveler and the cable from the drive chain through the idler assembly.

The rail and power drive assembly will run from the power unit to a bracket mounted at the center of the header (this is the large horizontal support) above the door opening. To determine the location for the bracket, close the garage door then locate the center of the header. Mark this point with a 6-inch vertical line. Next establish the highest point of the door's arc when it opens, and mark this distance on the vertical line. Add the distance required for rail clearance (this will be specified in the instruction manual) and fasten the bracket at that point.

Place the power unit on the stepladder so that it is level with the header bracket. If the stepladder isn't tall enough, raise the unit and tie it to an overhead beam (you may want to enlist the aid of a helper to help you with this).

THERE IS ANOTHER method you can use to hold the unit in position while you secure it. Open the garage door and balance the opener on the shelf created by the overhead door. Place spacer blocks under the rail if you need to raise it higher.

Fastening the rail to the bracket is usually a matter of aligning the two members then inserting a clevis pin through mating holes.

Fasten the power unit to a structural member — a rafter, joist or beam — in the garage roof. Some models have special brackets for this, while other units include metal mounting straps or perforated angle iron.

If your garage has a finished ceiling, you'll have to make a 2-by-4 mounting frame. Attach this to the framing in the roof, then hang the power unit from it. Use lag screws to secure the brackets to the wood. Be sure to drill pilot holes first.

At this point, with the drive rails and power unit in place, you still have to attach a connecting bracket from the door to the traveler on the drive rail, and hook up the power lines.

Finally, you must test and adjust the safety equipment and controls to prevent accidental injuries from a closing door.

DEAR ABBY

Good word goes a long way for both students and teacher

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have been retired from teaching for many years, and would like to share a lesson I learned that stands out in my memory like no other: I was young and teaching math at the junior high school level. We had worked hard on a new concept all week, and the students were very stressed. They were frowning, frustrated and carping at each other and me.



Van Buren

Wanting to stop the crankiness before it got out of hand, I asked the students to take out two sheets of paper, and list the names of the other students in the room, leaving a space between each name. Then I told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates, and write it down.

It took the remainder of the class period to finish the assignment. When the students handed me the papers and left, they seemed more relaxed. That weekend, I wrote the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper and listed what the students had said about that individual.

On Monday, I gave each student his or her list. Before long, everyone was smiling. "Really?" I heard one whisper. "I never knew that meant anything to anyone." "I didn't know anyone liked me that much!" The assignment was never mentioned again, but it didn't matter, because the exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students felt better about themselves and each other.

Years later, I was asked to attend the funeral of one of those students, a promising young man even when I taught him in junior high school. I was deeply saddened by his untimely death in Vietnam.

The church was packed with "Mark's" friends, many of whom had been his classmates and students of mine. After the funeral, I and many of Mark's former classmates were invited to his parents' house. They approached me and said, "We want to show you something. Mark was carrying this when he was killed." His father pulled something from a wallet. It was the list of all the good things Mark's classmates had said about him.

"Thank you so much for doing that," Mark's mother said. "As you can see, Mark treasured it."

A group of Mark's classmates overheard the exchange. One smiled sheepishly and said, "I still have my list. It's in my top desk drawer at home."

Another said, "I have mine, too. It's in my diary."

"I put mine in our wedding album," said a third.

"I bet we all saved them," said a fourth. "I carry mine with me at all times. I think we all saved our lists!"

That's when I finally sat down and cried. The lesson my former students taught me that day became a standard in every class I taught for the rest of my teaching career. — SISTER H.P.M., ST. PAUL, MINN.

DEAR SISTER H.P.M.: Your students were fortunate, indeed. They learned at an early age that "Good words are worth much, and cost little." (George Herbert, 1593-1633)

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the boob who always "accidentally" finished other people's stories reminded me of a story about my grandfather and his daughter, Ethel. Grandpa was a kind and loving gentleman from the hills of northeast Missouri. His education was limited, but he had a good heart. Ethel graduated from high school and was hired immediately as a teacher.

She had an annoying habit of constantly correcting Grandpa's grammar. One day in exasperation, Grandpa announced, "Ethel, I am about to speak. What should I say?"

I never heard the follow-up, but I assume that took a little wind out of Aunt Ethel's sails. — BILL IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR ABBY: All my life I have loved dancing, as do most of the other women I know. I think it is exciting, fun and great exercise. Couples dancing together are so romantic. When I see a man who can dance with a woman, I am instantly fascinated by him and so are all my friends.

Why, then, are men who dance so hard to come by? Men are "supposed" to be athletic, charming, romantic and masterful; dancing is all of that. Yet, most men I meet are "fish" who say, "I don't dance."

I thought men liked attracting women. I know some people say men are dense, but this fact simply cannot escape anyone's attention: A man can attract women by learning to dance.

Will you please put out the word for us and tell men how sexy they are when they learn to dance? — WILTING WALLFLOWER IN ARIZONA

DEAR WILTING WALLFLOWER: I receive letters every day from men who complain about how difficult it is to meet and attract women. Men, now you have heard it from the source! Get out of the house and onto the dance floor. (Take lessons if you need them.) Women will be unable to resist you. Trust me.

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New homeowners give 'dream house' their own personal touches

By Barbara Mayer
Associated Press

Trading a monthly rent check on an apartment in the city for a monthly mortgage payment on a house in the suburbs is still part of the American dream.

Sometimes, ignorance about the inner workings of houses can turn that dream into something of a nightmare.

"As everything went wrong, I began to fashion this illusion that the house was out to get me and wanted us out," Janet Papolos said. She moved to Westport, Conn., from Manhattan with her husband and their two children in 1993.

"My husband and I spent a great deal of time worrying about finances and the emotional impact of the move. But we were totally ignorant about the inner workings of a house — apparently there are some 3,000 components," Papolos said.

A writer with two previous books to her credit, Papolos sensed there was another book in her angst. "The Virgin Homeowner: The Essential Guide to Owning, Maintaining, and Surviving Your First Home" (Norton, $25) is the result.

USING HER OWN mistakes and learning curve as a spine, Papolos humorously initiates readers into the workings of houses. She moves from the home inspection through plumbing, electricity, septic systems, roofing problems, ventilation, infestations, and home security and safety issues, among other topics.

Although interior decoration is not covered in the book, this seemingly less essential aspect of the home creation experience was crucial.

"What I found out, and I wish I had known when we moved in, is that you can change the space for yourself," the author said.

"At first, I could not visualize using the rooms in a different fashion from what the former owners had established. I felt it was written in stone what each room could be and I didn't have the visual imagination to move beyond what was there."

The first break with the past came one hot summer day when Papolos was preparing for a dinner party.

Instead of setting the table in the steamy dining room, she moved it to the air-conditioned solarium so guests could dine in comfort.

"We found that the party conversation flowed much better in that room," Papolos recalled. After that, she began to experiment with rearranging her rooms and spaces.

She hung photographs of the children and her husband's paintings (he's a psychiatrist, painting is his hobby) on the walls. She also began to address annoying minor flaws, such as noise.

"When the children had on the television set in their room, it could be heard throughout the first floor. We changed the door from builder's hollowcore to paneled solid wood, and suddenly it got much quieter," Papolos said.

"Who would know a fairly modest expenditure could make such a difference?"

Smaller steps whetted Papolos' appetite for something major, and the living room was the obvious choice.

"The living room furniture from our apartment was too small for the new living room, and it didn't look right," Papolos said.

THE COUPLE BOUGHT a new sofa and hired a decorator who designed a new mantelpiece for the fireplace and a glass coffee table with an iron base. She also found them a bargain in a large Oriental-style rug dating from the 1930s for $1,800.

"The rug gave us the warmth and color we needed in the room, which was so big it felt like a gymnasium. We also followed her suggestions and added brass accessories to warm up the room," Papolos said.

Maybe it was simply the passage of time, but redecorating the living room helped Papolos feel truly at home in her spacious new surroundings. It liberated her natural energies and her new enthusiasm resulted in a book contract with a nice advance from the publisher.

"I used the advance to build a new front entry, and it has changed the house," said Papolos. "Who knew an entry could be so essential?"

In gardens of any season, foliage is fundamental

By Steve Hatch
N.Y. Times News Service

Flowers are lovely. They seduce us with heavenly scents. They dazzle with colors that no camera can capture. They enchant and amaze in their forms.

But it is foliage that makes a garden.

Blending the colors of flowers, matching their times of bloom, meeting their cultural requirements, all this seems to be difficult enough. Unless the garden designer has factored in the foliage, though, the garden will not satisfy; at least, most of the time it won't.

Gardens in full bloom can satisfy while they're in full bloom. I grow a bed of cosmos by the driveway, and it looks just dynamite into early fall. But that's all it is, cosmos, which means that for more than nine months of the year, that bed is just a flat brown patch. I don't mind, and there are shrubs at both ends, so it is not a glaring bad thing.

Yet think how those soft, multihued flowers would look against a dark green background, with perhaps some low, gray-foliaged plants in front, like artemisia or stachys. Just a touch here and there. It would be an improvement, and it would extend the season of that patch. That's what foliage does for gardens.

"Particularly if you're designing a small garden, it's important to look at the leaves," landscape designer Laura Eisener told me recently.

Eisener operates Laura D. Eisener Landscape Design and teaches an impressive number of classes for the Massachusetts Horticultural Society, Arnold Arboretum, and the Radcliffe Seminars, among other endeavors.

"Designers are always talking about foliage textures and colors, and I'm finding that clients who used to talk only about flowers are showing much more sophistication and talking about foliage and textures and shapes," she said.

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Especially with gardens designed for yearround appeal, only a small percentage of plants will be in flower at a time. While a plant like Coreopsis verticillata blooms for a long time and has wonderful fernlike foliage (I grow "Moonbeam"), most perennials do not bloom for a long period, Eisener said. But she said a plant like Siberian iris, whose lovely flowers are not long-lived, has an important place in many gardens because of its swordlike leaves.

Foliage must be considered from the start. Gertrude Jekyll, a great English gardener, did that. Her gardens looked good when nothing was in bloom, because she paid careful attention to the mix of foliage, even ordering the planting of santolinas with instructions to the gardener to lop off the buttony yellow flowers.

Eisener noted that the flowers of lamb's ears (stachys) and hostas often are removed, the plantings being for the foliage effect alone.

Gardeners need to make use of colored foliage and variegation, Eisener said, "but even just contrasting textures and sizes" can help.

"A lot of times they're somewhat timid," Eisener said. People will not take the bold step. They'll fall in love with some fine-textured plant, lovely up close, and plunk it down where, viewed from a distance, it loses all distinctiveness.

She advises mixing in some plants with large leaves, to break things up a bit.

"Bold leaves add drama to the garden," agreed Gary Holler, who is the senior horticulturist at the Arnold Arboretum.

Holler, who is interested in the use of colored foliage, said that in European borders, "probably 50 percent or more of the color comes from foliage and not flowers."

In America, "we have kind of an aversion to that," he said.

Part of the reason may be that when we do use a so-called foliage plant, we tend to make it the "star" of the garden, and it just sticks out.

In European gardens, "it's more like a painting," with the foliage an integral part of each season's blooms, "weaving them together so they are a composition, so they don't look out of place."

Imagine, Holler said, pink and rose flowers against a background of purplish foliage. That can work.

Holler said that with yellow and gold foliage, "people are resistant because they think they look sickly or something."

The use of colored foliage must be tailored to each situation, Holler said. Some plants burn out in full sun (many hostas do); some must have full sun to have full color. He cited the gold-leafed Japanese barberry, which turns a deep, rich gold in New England sun. Plant it in light shade, and you get a lighter yellow. Plant it in deep shade, and you get light green.

Foliage tones can pick up the colors of flowers, while providing interest when those flowers are gone, as well.

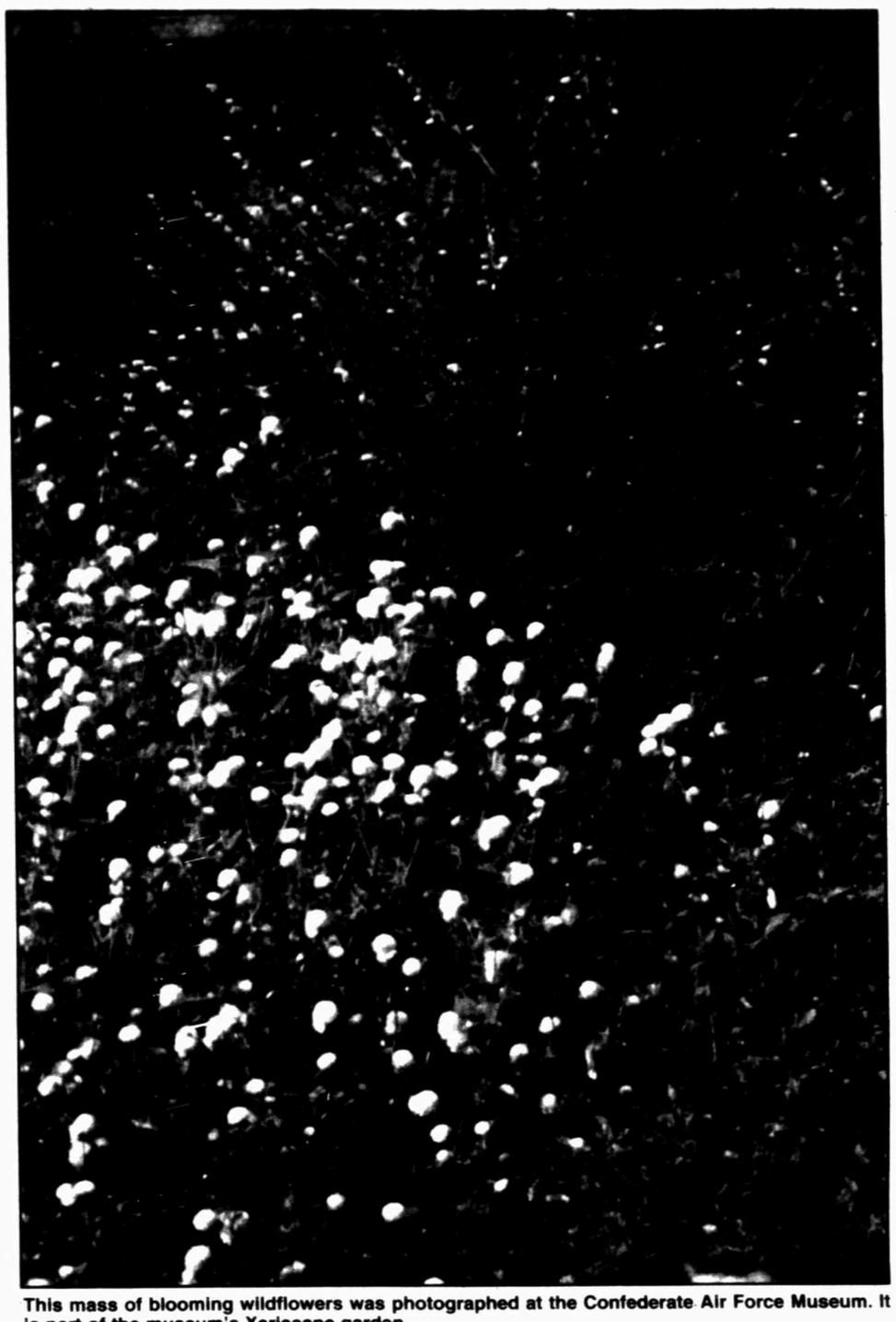
Foliage textures, too, can be used in a variety of ways. Holler said an illusion of depth, useful in a small garden, can be had by placing a large-leaved plant in front of those with finer textures. Plants with open branching habits that might look ratty by themselves can look good in front of a dark evergreen background.

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Dear Abby/8C



Master Gardeners gather for a tree planting ceremony in Notrees as part of their Urban Tree Planting Project. Billed "Tree Talk," the three-year project has won awards. Area residents may sign up for the program in January.



This mass of blooming wildflowers was photographed at the Confederate Air Force Museum. It is part of the museum's Xeriscape garden.

They're dreaming of a blooming landscape

■ Master Gardeners embody the spirit of giving all year as they beautify their surroundings, improve the land and help citizens with gardening problems.

"My tree is turning yellow...I have these bugs on my petunias...My tomatoes are not setting fruit..."

The phone became an unmanageable monster for one harried agricultural agent until he devised a plan to tame it, and he did so with volunteers — but not just any volunteers — trained volunteers. Trained individuals from the community could not only help man the clogged telephone lines, but also provide educational outreach, horticultural displays, school gardening programs, variety trails and demonstration gardens.

Since that unassuming beginning in 1974, the Master Gardener Program has swept across the nation and is even found in other countries.

Our community would be pretty sad without volunteers. They enrich so many areas of our lives, including schools, museums, arts, hospitals, nursing homes, historic sites, housing, needy and, would you believe, gardening. A very successful volunteer program is the Master Gardener Program. It involves trained volunteers helping others learn how to garden, landscape, and care for the environment.

Of all the volunteer groups involved in Cooperative Exten-

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Master Gardener C.M. Hood helps a workshop participant carry the chile ristra she made in a Master Gardener Chile Ristra workshop. The workshop includes information on the history of chiles and their nutritional value. A Master Gardener, right photo, takes school children on a guided garden tour.





Wildflowers begin to spread across a plot that was formerly nothing but hard, bare ground. The plot is used to test and evaluate the hardiness and growth of flowering and woody ornamentals.

Master Gardener classes set

Those who even think they might be interested in the Permian Basin Master Gardener Program, should mark their calendars for 10 a.m. Jan. 7, for the Orientation Meeting at the Ector County Extension Service, 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa.

This meeting will arm participants with the information needed to decide whether or not this is the volunteer program is for them.

Classes begin Jan. 14 and continue every Wednesday except spring break through April. Classes start at 9 a.m. and continue to 3 p.m., with an hour break for lunch. Training sites alternate between the Ector and Midland County Extension offices, depending on meeting room availability. Trainees receive a horticulture textbook, Master Gardener T-shirt, seals and badges, name tag and more for a $75 registration fee.

For those who would like more information on the program — which starts promptly with the New Yea — call the Midland or Ector County office to request a brochure outlining requirements and goals on the program. Call 687-1351 or 498-4071.

It's not for everybody, but if you are interested in plants, gardening, and landscaping it is a successful volunteer program.

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Milestone puts Missouri coach in select group

By Jim Salter
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS — Norm Stewart acted as if victory No. 700 was as important as No. 1.

Stewart's Missouri Tigers upset rival Illinois 75-69 Tuesday. The annual "Braggin' Rights" game was played in front of 22,371 fans at the Kiel Center and a national TV audience.

Stewart is eighth on the all-time victory list and second among active Division I coaches, trailing only Indiana's Bob Knight (707).

At 62, after overcoming colon cancer diagnosed in 1989, Stewart is still "Stormin' Norman." He spent Tuesday stomping in front of the Missouri bench, baiting referees, performing the histrionics that spur opposing Big 12 fans to chant, "Sit Down Norm!"

But Stewart had little time for nostalgia after the win, brushing aside questions about No. 700.

"My longevity can't take away from this great effort," Stewart said. "This was a meaningful win, but I don't want it to interfere with what happened tonight."

Although Stewart downplayed the milestone, his players hinted at how bad he wanted it.

"He kept telling us Illinois people didn't like us, it was going to be his 700th win and we owed them for other games," forward Johnny Parker said.

Stewart's 700th

By The Associated Press
Here are the eight NCAA Division I coaches with at least 700 wins:

- Dean Smith, 879 wins in 36 seasons.
- Adolph Rupp, 876 wins in 41 seasons.
- Henry Iba, 767 wins in 41 seasons.
- Ed Diddle, 759 wins in 42 seasons.
- Phog Allen, 746 wins in 48 seasons.
- Ray Meyer, 724 wins in 42 seasons.
- Bob Knight, 707 wins in his 33rd season.
- Norm Stewart, 700 wins in his 37th season.

"Coach was really into it," guard Brian Grawer said. "He was fired up."

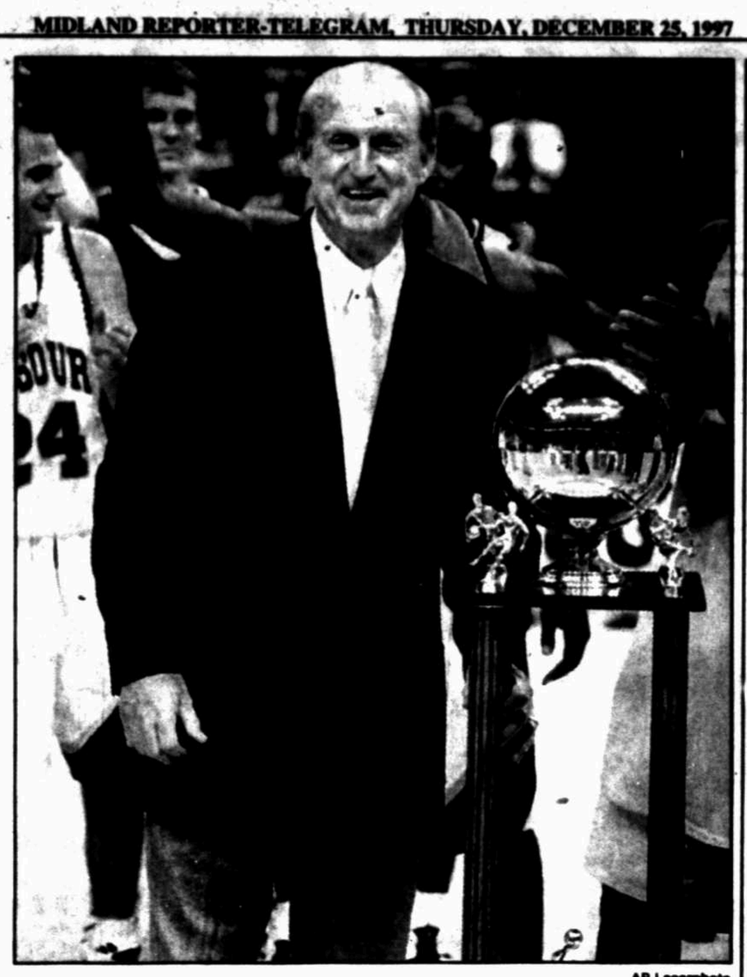
After a 2-4 start, the worst in Stewart's 31 years at Missouri, the Tigers have won three straight, sparked by Albert White. White, playing his second game for the Tigers after transferring from Michigan, scored 16 points against the Illini.

"This was the best effort we've made all year," Stewart said.

Stewart is 700-355 in 37 seasons. In 31 years at Missouri, he is 603-313. Still, there has been uneasiness among Missouri fans in recent years. The Tigers haven't qualified for the NCAA tournament since 1995, and last season's team was only the fifth in Stewart's tenure to finish below .500 (16-17). And in spite of all the wins, Missouri never has made it to the Final Four.

Stewart hopes the addition of White, along with improed play from senior Kelly Thames (20 points Tuesday) and Parker, a freshman (10 points), will get the Tigers back to the tournament. And next year's recruiting class is considered to be among the best in the nation.

"Norm's been one of the best in the country for a long time," Illinois coach Lon Kruger said.



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Missouri head basketball coach Norm Stewart stands next to the "Braggin' Rights" trophy given to the winner of the Missouri-Illinois game. Missouri won the game 75-69 giving Stewart his 700th career win.

Division II team shoots down Arkansas

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — In the biggest upset in college basketball this season, Division II American-Puerto Rico defeated No. 12 Arkansas 64-59 on Wednesday in the Puerto Rico Holiday Classic.

Angel Paniagua scored 14 of his 15 points and grabbed 10 of his 12 rebounds in the second half for the host school, which sent Arkansas to its first loss of the season. Wilfredo Pagan finished with 22 points for American.

The Pirates (6-6), who upset Alabama during Thanksgiving, overcame a 25-9 deficit in the first half to win in the opening round of this tournament for the first time. The school is a branch of American University in Washington.

■ Men's Top 25

"They are much better than us," American coach Pep Carlos said. "We did our job. Maybe they didn't do theirs."

American-PR will play the winner of the Michigan-Murray State game in the semifinals on Thursday.

"I'm really sure they'll have a lot of problems playing with us," Carlos said.

Nick Davis had 13 points and 17 rebounds for the Razorbacks (8-1) while Tarik Wallace finished with 13 and Kareem Reid added 12. Derek Hood also had 12, all in the first half.

Arkansas led 40-30 at halftime but was limited to 19 points in the second half. The Razorbacks made it 53-53 with 7:10 left on Reid's layup. However, Paniagua scored eight points in the final 5:47.

With 31 seconds to go, Arkansas had a chance to take the lead but Reid threw the ball away after driving to the basket. Paniagua made a layup and two free throws to seal the victory.

The Razorbacks led 40-25 with 1:50 left in the first half before American took the lead with a 23-2 spurt. The Pirates never trailed in the final 16:24.

Arkansas' Pat Bradley kept alive his school record streak by making a 3-pointer for the 60th consecutive game. His only 3-pointer drew the Razorbacks to 60-59 with 1:30 remaining.

Jackson hits No. 500 as his departure looms

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Five hundred regular-season victories. Five NBA titles. Tremendous rapport with his players. Outstanding loyalty to the organization in the face of more lucrative opportunities elsewhere.

And for all that, when the season ends the Chicago Bulls likely will tell Phil Jackson: Don't leave anything behind when you clean out your office.

"It baffles me to understand that he's not welcome," Michael Jordan said of the Bulls' coach, who on Tuesday reached the 500-victory plateau faster than any coach in NBA history. "He certainly still knows how to coach the game."

Nevertheless, Jackson has agreed to step aside after this season at the behest of owner Jerry Reinsdorf and general manager Jerry Krause, who seem overly anxious to begin rebuilding an aging — but still championship-caliber — team.

Jackson, who probably rankled Reinsdorf by siding too strongly with players in contract situations and by taking some verbal jabs at Krause, is going the politically correct route these days.

Being chosen as Chicago's coach in 1989 "was a miracle for me," said Jackson, whose 500th victory came in his 682nd regular-season game, two games earlier than Pat Riley accomplished the feat.

"It's a great success story," he said. "A lot happened in this organization that just all clicked: the players, ownership, general manager. Motivation isn't something you teach players. They have to bring that themselves. This organization, Jerry Krause and his staff, have found players who have that kind of motivation."



AP Laserphoto

Chicago Bulls coach Phil Jackson is congratulated by Los Angeles Clippers coach Bill Fitch after the Bulls defeated the Clippers 94-89 Tuesday in Chicago. The victory was his 500th career coaching victory.

What about being squeezed out after what could be a third consecutive championship season and sixth in eight years?

"I don't think there's any squeezing going on," Jackson said. "This is a mutual agreement that we've made, Jerry Reinsdorf and I. We look at it as an opportunity — not as a farewell, see ya' later. This is not a last gasp."

Actually, though, it is.

Jordan used the occasion of Jackson's milestone victory to reiterate that he'll retire if the Bulls change coaches.

"Oh, yes," he said. "It's too obvious to see the guy's success in such a short amount of time to say, 'Now, we need a change.' It's something deeper than what you see on the basketball court."

In addition, Scottie Pippen will be a free agent after the season and has demanded to be traded.

Still, Jackson said, "I think the farewell tour can start when the playoffs begin."

There's much to do before then, including something that looked unlikely only a few weeks ago: Securing the NBA's best regular-season record.

Struggling to score without Pippen, the Bulls were 8-7 after losing at Indiana Nov. 28.

Since then, however, the Bulls have gone 9-2. Tuesday's victory over the Los Angeles Clippers was their fifth straight, and a Christmas night win over Miami would move Chicago within a game of Eastern Conference-leading Atlanta.

"People think this team is easy to coach because of MJ, but Phil's had to hold us together this year," Ron Harper said. "Even when Pip is healthy, this team isn't as easy to coach as everybody thinks. We have a lot of egos to manage."

Dennis Rodman, owner of perhaps the team's biggest ego, credits Jackson with resurrecting his career.

"He treats you like a man," said Rodman, who sometimes dresses like a woman. "He lets you be yourself."

While no one — including Jackson — would claim that his coaching has had more to do with the Bulls' success than Jordan's brilliance, the fact is that Jordan never reached the NBA Finals under Kevin Loughery, Stan Albeck or Doug Collins.

"We had coaches coming in and out of here," Jordan said. "We found a good one and we stuck with him and ... he gave stability to my career. We all have so much respect for him."

Clippers coach Bill Fitch, Jackson's college coach at North Dakota from 1964-67, said his prized pupil's accomplishments shouldn't be underestimated — no matter how much talent he's been given.

"To get the guys, when they have one ring or two rings, to go out and play hard, there's the challenge," Fitch said. "He ought to be able to coach here as long as he wants to coach."

After Holyfield snub, Lewis targets Briggs, Douglas

LONDON (AP) — With a heavyweight unification bout against Evander Holyfield ruled out for now, Lennox Lewis plans to make his next title defense against Shannon Briggs or Buster Douglas.

A bout against either one would take place March 28, probably in Atlantic City, N.J., Lewis and his manager, Frank Maloney, said Wednesday.

"I'm just looking forward to getting on with my career and eventually I will unify the belts one way or another," said Lewis, the WBC champion. "Defending against Briggs or Douglas is not like fighting Holyfield, but I know I'll have to be 100 percent because those men want to take the title away from me."

Maloney said he made contingency plans in the event the Holyfield fight didn't come off.

"We've continued to look in other directions," he said. "We lost the March 7 date, but now we've got March 28, so we're going full ahead with that."

Briggs won a 12-round majority decision over George Foreman on Nov. 20 at Atlantic City. The outcome was so startling that even Briggs (30-1) was surprised to be declared the winner.

Douglas is 6-0 since returning from a six-year absence. He rocketed to prominence by knocking out Mike Tyson in 1990 but soon lost the title to Holyfield. Douglas ballooned to nearly 400 pounds and slipped into a diabetic coma.

Hopes for unification rose Monday when Lewis' promoter said a $50 million deal was struck, and the fight was scheduled for April 25 in Las Vegas. But Holyfield and HBO, which has the exclusive rights to Lewis' fights, could not agree.

Talks between HBO and Holyfield, the WBA and IBF champion, broke off Tuesday because of a disagreement over the amount of money Holyfield would be guaranteed to fight Lewis.

"As I said I would never believe it was on until I saw Holyfield coming out of the other corner," Lewis said. "It's the boxing business for you and I never built up my hopes on the fight happening. I'm very disappointed for the real fans out there who wanted to see this fight and get the heavyweight titles unified. I lowered my financial demands, but obviously Evander is not willing to do the same.

Said Maloney: "There's more chance of Father Christmas appearing down my chimney than that fight happening. Being involved in the meetings, I always knew that Holyfield's demands were high and he hasn't been willing to compromise.

"Our contract is signed so we are happy, it's up to the other side to negotiate with Holyfield, and for Don King to try to lower his financial demands."

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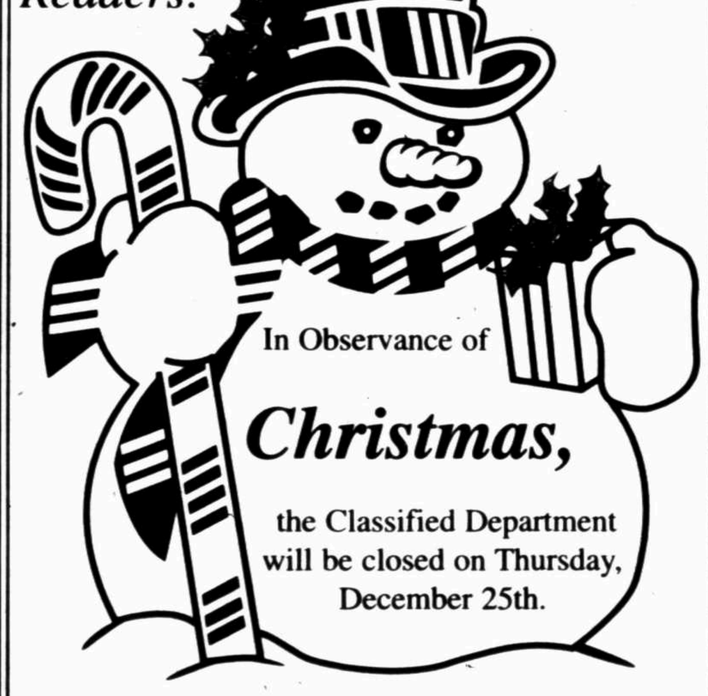
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We will re-open on Friday, December 26th, for regular business hours.

110 Lodge Notices

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1000 Upland
Reg.stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am.
Breakfast 7:30 am.
Terry Cowin, W/M
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Bruce Milliken, W.M.
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110 Lodge Notices

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
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Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm
Tom Arnold, WM
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

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Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. mtng. 8 pm.
Marvin Witcher, Pres.
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115 Announcements

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130 Personals

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LOST: Brown Dachshund (Weiner Dog). Male about 1 year old. Name is Radar. Brown leather collar, no tags, but shots up to date. If you have any information or found him, please contact us at (915)689-6550. Please! We miss and love him!!!!

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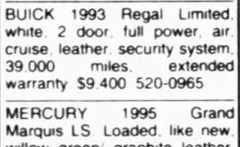
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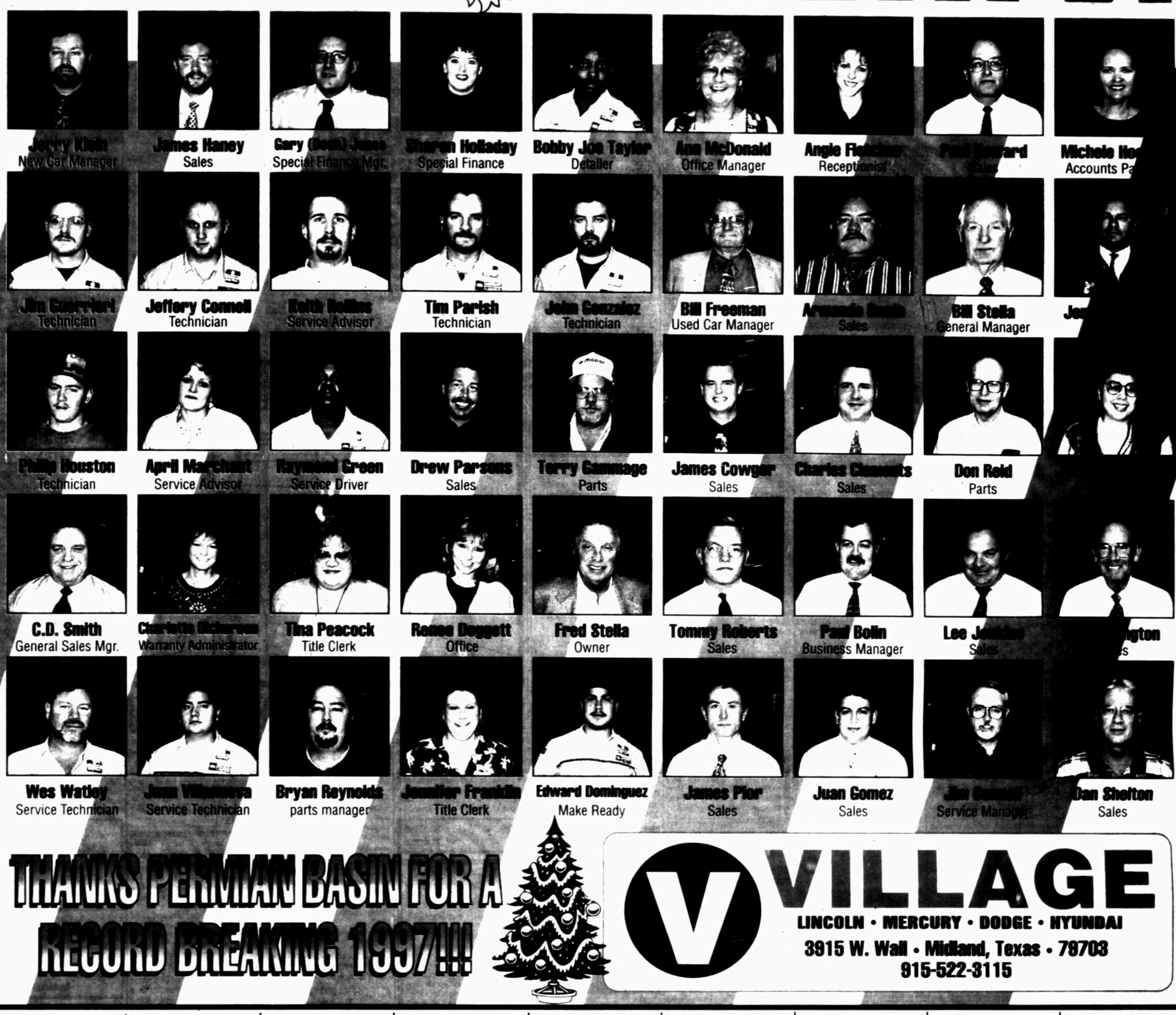
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PUMP HANDS Needed! Excellent benefits include health insurance, retirement plan, etc. Please send yur resumes to Don-Nan Pump and Supply. Attn: Pump Shop Manager. P.O. Box 11367, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

***Experienced Gas Compressor Mechanic**

Local manufacturing company needs experienced gas compressor mechanic. Stable, full time employment with full benefits. Apply in person, or mail work history to: Hy-Bon Engineering Co., Inc., 2404 Commerce, Midland, TX 79703

***Experienced Welder/ Fabricator**

Hy-Bon Engineering Company, Inc. needs experienced welder/ fabricator. Stable, full time employment with full benefits. Non- smoking facility. Apply in person, or mail work history to: Hy-Bon Engineering Co., Inc., 2404 Commerce, Midland, TX 79703

ESTIMATOR WANTED for Electrical Contracting Company. Please send resume with salary to: PO Box 1391, San Angelo, Texas 76902. Strictly confidential.

FIELD WELDER- must be capable of all types of production and field work. Honest, dependable, drug screening required. See Terry, 1403 Garden City Highway.

LOCAL INSTRUMENT Company needs Electronics Technician for field service work. Requires AAS in electronics or equivalent military experience, clean driving record and drug test a must. Send resume to: Box B-1040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

TRADES- WANTED: Experienced Machinist, Experienced Compressor Mechanics, Helpers and Trainees. Benefits include health insurance, paid vacation, and sick leave. Pay is negotiable. Call 563-5010.

335 Adult Care Needed

WANTED SOMEONE to take of care for elder woman. Must be able to live in during the week. Need to clean and cook, and have valid drivers license. 687-4147.

336 Adult Care Providers

WILL DO private duty in your home. Experienced, reasonable rates, excellent references. 697-2624 or 520-4736.

OPENING IN Midland first of the year. New adult care group home. Owned and operated by registered nurse. For information call 520-7636.

336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates)

ADULT CARE- Very reasonable rates. Private room/ bath, meals, maid, laundry service. Transportation provided. 687-6035.

340 Child Care Needed

NEWBORN Baby Care needed in our home, Monday through Friday 8am - 5pm. Call 522-7876.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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410 Misc. Sales

FOR SALE: Bank Liquidation; Commercial Embroidery Equipment, 1992 Tajima TMFX-C902 with LKS system, two head with caps and tubes extra sash and frame units; 1993 Brother BAS-415 with caps and tubes with PG1LKS software and extra cash and frame units. Mr. Allen, 915-336-3331, Daytime.

6 PERSON HOT tub. Excellent condition. Asking $2,000. 683-5629 or 528-5168.

CORNER COMPUTER desk, steel gray, white leather sectional, white spider floor lamp beautiful wedding dress, must see to appreciate. Serious inquiries only. 520-8730.

ORIGINAL BEANIE Babies!!! Many, many to chose from! Call 520-6296.

DOG HOUSE- Medium size, top removable for cleaning, $35., call 689-7486 or 694-7108.

MARCY FITNESS/ weight machine, like new, hardly used, $150. Call 520-2632.

THREE CEMETARY Plots in Resthaven. $2,500 for all. Call 687-2198.

KENMORE DRYER, $75. also press bench and weights, $100. Call 697-0094.

GO KART- Manco 2 passenger with 5.5 HP. Excellent condition. $975. 694-3941.

SCHWINN Stationary exercise bicycle, good condition. Asking $75. Brass makeup vaniety with mirror and matching seat- $50. Or best offers. 520-6406.

STEELCASE, Secretarial desk. Light colored, woodgrained top and beige in color. $150. 697-8090.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

(2) SING & SNORE Ernies, new, $200 each. Call 699-4304, leave message.

SAVE ON truck load of new and used hot tubs/ spas- at Music City Mall- various sizes and styles- delivery and financing available. 550-3131 or 563-3108.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

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KENMORE WASHER and gas dryer. Old, but both run well. $100. 699-4410.

WASHER and DRYER $150; Gas stove with electric start- $300; Bunkbed- $100; exercise equipment from - $100 to $250. 694-0167.

KENMORE- 18 foot, Top freezer, almond, works great, $200. Call 697-6561.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699–1224.

WHIRLPOOL All- In- One washer and dryer. Must see to appreciate! Like brand new, $650. 687-2569 for appointment.

440 Firewood

DENNIS FIREWOOD to be picked up. Call 683-4592 or 699-4719.

MIXED FIREWOOD. $55. a stack, $15. to deliver. Call 697-5768.

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

FIREWOOD: Oak or Mesquite. Delivered and Unloaded. No Stacking. No Checks. Call Larry Tucker, 689-7151.

450 Sporting Goods

PRECOR 530 Dual Action Stair Climber- $125. Wilson X31 golf clubs- $100. Or best offers. 687-4744.

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS. Custom Clubs. King Cobra II or Big Bertha irons (clone). $184 a set. Reshaft $14.50. Regrip $3.00. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

GUNS, New and Used. Ammo & Accessories. Concealed Carry Classes. Gun Cleaning & Repairs. Gift Certificates & Layaway available. Credit cards accepted. The Sports Armory, 2515 W Industrial, 682-22'0.

460 Antiques & Arts

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6. (915) 687–2004.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

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SPECIAL SALE AT
SAN MIGUEL SQUARE
3303 N. MIDKIFF, STE. 185 - 187

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. 24 Years Experience Buying and Selling. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

470 Musical Instruments

FENDER STRAT. EMG pickups. Hard case. Great shape, $500. Ovation acoustic-electric guitar, hard case, $400. 699-4017.

480 Computers/ Access.

486 IBM COMPUTER with color monitor and tons of software, $300. Call 522-2232 after 5pm.

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N. Midkiff. 520-5917, 686–8835.

HP LAPTOP. P75, 1.3G, 16K with 28K modem. In the box with papers and case, $1,300. Great for travel or college. 694-8284.

✔✔★✔✔ **INTERNET ACCESS. Call 687-9014 for details.** ✔✔★✔✔

COMPUTERS FOR sale $250 each. With SVGA space monitors, 4- 6 meg ram, 3 1/2 floppy, 175- 300 meg hard drive, key board. 386 full Acers systems. At these prices will go fast. Please call locally 498-6163.

PACKARD BELL 486 Legend 2000 Multimedia, CD Rom, printer and computer stand, $600. 694-2107.

410 Misc. Sales

PATIO TABLE- wrought iron, glass top, 6 chairs in real good condition, $200. Call 570-7565.

USED GIRLS Clothes, dresses, T- shirts, shorts, sweat shirts, tights, size 6 $15. call 683-9478.

DR. MARTENS- size 4 USA, brown leather, barely worn, $75. Call 694-8220.

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/ other 570-4851.

SIDE BY Side refrigerator, glass table with 6 chairs, 200 gallon fish aquarium, 3 regular size arcade games. 685-1220.

UNIQUE GIFT idea- great for game room or bar area! 4 Neon beer signs. Budweiser, Bud Dry, Strohs, O'Doules about $100 each. All work great and two have new/ rebuilt transformers. Call 570-6780.

RESTHAVEN NORTH, Garden of Devotion, lot 99, spaces 3 & 4. 683-2597, leave name/ number.

SLEEP & SNORE Ernie & Real Talking Bubba, $150 each. Princess Leia in slave costume, $15. Leave message, 915-631-4558.

★ BIBLE TALK: "Does God Want Religious Division?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

413 Jewelry & Furs

VERY NICE mens Rolex all stainless GMT- Master, jubilee band. Please call 682-7462.

FOR LAST Minute Shoppers: priced to sell, Full Pelt Red Fox Coat. Must see to appreciate! Appraised $6,000, sell $850. Pager 495-2322.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

SHELLED PECANS. Locally grown. Harvested December 1997. Halves or Pieces. Come look and taste! 684-7188.

432 Household Furniture

BOY'S solid wood bedroom collection by Young' Hinkel. Includes dresser with mirror, chest with bookcase, desk, chair, and trundle bed. Excellent condition, $1,200 cash. 687-1868 days, 697-3833 evenings.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699–1224.

SLEEPER SOFA Gray floral- $150 o. b. o. 687-4744.

2 FULL SIZE couches, 2 end tables and 1 coffee table, entertainment center, all for $450. Call 682-2761, ask for C.J.

495 FOR FREE

1/2 DALMATIAN & 1/2 Lab, female, 7 months old, has shots and is spayed. Not good with kids, call 522-2250.

9 HALF WEIMARANER & half German Shepherd, solid black puppies. 6 weeks old. To a good home. 520-5466.

PART ROTTWEILER- Part German Shepherd, female, 9 months old. Call 697-2723 or 520-7643.

500 Pets and Supplies

"WESTIES". West Highland white terriers. Ready for Christmas. 689-6060.

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ADORABLE AKC registered Lhasa Apso puppies, $250 each. Will be 6 weeks on January 3rd, 1998. Buy for Christmas now and receive picture for stocking stuffer until ready. Parents on premises. Call 689-0991.

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KITTENS, ELEGANT, beauties, looking for a home to be pampered and loved for a lifetime. $20 each 520-8802.

BENGAL KITTENS, Snow Leopard coats, blue eyes, gentle and exotic, $350. Call 362-0282.

SPRINGER SPANIEL puppies. AKC. Be ready for Christmas! Black/ White, Liver/ White. $250/ $350. 682-2929.

IT'S THE AKC Christmas Beagles, Charlie Brown. $125, 3 males and 3 females. Pick one for Christmas and take delivery January 12th. Call for appointment 620-0276 leave message.

READY FOR Christmas- adorable Heeler mixed puppies. 4 1/2 weeks old, need good home. $20 each. Evenings call 520-4406.

ROTTWEILER PUPPIES. $150 males, $100 females, ready to go before the new year. 694-4251.

AKC SCOTTISH TERRIER Puppies. Call after 6 pm or leave message on machine, (806)293-1931.

BULL TERRIER pups, 9 weeks old, excellent markings, 3 with spots on eye. Both parents on premises, no papers, $450 each. Call 915-263-7351 or 915-267-3540, Big Spring.

ROTTWEILER PUPPIES for sale. Please call 697-1287 for more information.

ADORABLE AKC Lhasa Apso puppies, males & females- 6 weeks old. 524-7441, Andrews.

AKC COCKER Spaniel puppies, 6 weeks old, shots, $150. Call 523-2703.

ADORABLE BORDER Collie Christmas puppies, black and white plus fluff balls. $200 without papers or $300 with. 915-367-9994.

CARALOT Obedience Training Center. Puppy, beginner and advanced classes. Board and train service available. 683-4718.

PRECIOUS MINIATURE, Dachshund, female, 5 weeks old, AKC, shots. Please call 694-8622.

DACHSHUND MINI. Black & Tan Smooth & Long Hair females from Champion parents with all shots. $350. 563-0742.

505 Livestock & Poultry

A HORSE FOR CHRISTMAS... AQHA yearling sorrel filly, granddaughter of Noble Tradition (the only 4 time World Halter Champion and producer of 9 other Halter Champions). Ready to start, $2,500/ negotiable, consider trade for trailer. Call 570-8965.

2 STALL single axle horse trailer. Excellent Condition. 697-9400.

ROUND BALES $40 each. 683-2630 or 553-3163.

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550 Portable Buildings

SAVE ON Display model 8x12 storage buildings- slightly damaged- delivery and financing available. 563-3108 or 550-3131.

580 Machinery/ Tools

1997 MILLER LEDGEND Portable Welder. Please call 520-7560 for more information.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

19,000' #1 USED 2 3/8 Tubing. Drifted & Tested to 7,000 lbs. Phone 970-247-4547.

FOR SALE: Structural rods and pipe of all sizes at bargain prices. Call 682-1546.

FOR SALE -- 10,600' - 3 1/2, 9.3#, L-80, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505 internal plastic coating, 2,100' - 3 1/2", 9.3#, J55, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505, 5,700' - 2 7/8, 6.5#, L-80, 8 rd tbg w/ ICO 505. FOB Odessa. Call Fritz or Greg at (915)687-1664.

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF WITHDRAWAL OF TWO-DAWACO, INC. AS GENERAL PARTNER OF AMERICAN FRACMASTER, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to provisions of the Texas Revised Limited Partnership Act, that effective December 5, 1997, Two-Dawaco, Inc. has withdrawn as a general partner of American Fracmaster, Ltd. The remaining general partners will continue to conduct the business o American Fracmaster, Ltd. in the future and will pay and discharge all liabilities of American Fracmaster, Ltd. and receive all funds payable to American Fracmaster, Ltd.

FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN that Two-Dawaco, Inc. will not be responsible for any obligation incurred by American Fracmaster, Ltd. subsequent to the 5th day of December, 1997.

DATED: December 5, 1997

AMERICAN FRACMASTER, LTD.
By: Larry H. Richardson, President, Fracmaster U.S.A., Inc., General Partner of American Fracmaster, Ltd.

605 Apartments Furnished

FURNISHED 1 & 2 BEDROOM homes, great area and rates. Call 699-2173.

STUDIOS. 1 & 2 Bedrooms Available. All utilities paid, free cable. Deposit required. Lexington Hotel, 1003 S. Midkiff, 697-3155.

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1210 COLLEGE Efficiency apartment, bills paid. $275./ monthly, $75/ deposit. Inquire rear apartment "C".

610 Apartments Unfurnished

FOR RENT. Large 2 bedroom apartment, very quiet neighborhood. 3007 W. Louisiana. 699-7788, will return calls after 5 pm.

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Efficiency 1 bdrm 2 bdrm
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$100 OFF! Garden Court Apartments. One & two bedrooms. Very spacious! Monday- Friday, 9- 5:30. Call 683-9270.

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$195 - 1 Bedroom
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625 Houses Unfurnished

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, 2 Carport Duplex on Haynes. New carpet and paint. Fireplace. Very nice! References and good rental history required. Outside pets OK. Call Skeet at Langston Realtors, 563-7300. $750 Month.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH house, West side, clean, fenced yard, 2 car garage, central and/ heat, fireplace. $650 monthly $300 deposit. Call 458-3541.

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DUPLEX FOR LEASE
3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Fireplace, 2 Car Garage. $750 per month, $400 deposit. Call
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CHRISTIAN FAMILY, prefer female. Have private room, no utilities- security system. $380/ kitchen $420. 689-8893.

DUPLEXES, 1 & 2 Bedroom, quiet neighborhood. $325. to $435 monthly with $200 deposit. Call 682-1659.

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3/2, $650 + 500 Deposit
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3603 TRAVIS- 3 bedroom, 1.5 baths, garage, fireplace, covered patio, fenced. $500 monthly, $375 deposit. 699-5949 Owner/ Agent.

$1,500 PER MONTH, $500 deposit. Located at 3414 Wedgwood. Call 699-1448.

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HOLIDAY SPECIAL- Golden Park; 2 bedroom, 1 bath, some washers & dryers. Call for details, 520-0998.

SANTA RITA School- 2908 Sandhill. 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage. 689-7425.

LEASE. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, country acre, central heat, A/ C. 2104 Todd Dr. $580 monthly, $500 deposit, 570-7270.

625 Houses Unfurnished

FOR LEASE:
✓ 4000 Crestridge $1,300.
✓ 5111 Sunnyside $700.
DENE KELLY REALTORS
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WESTSIDE: CLEAN 3 bedroom, bath, large den, garage, fenced yard, appliances, $385. 682-2795. Deposit required.

ATTRACTIVE Home for lease. 4725 Crockett. $550 per month, $350 deposit. (3 Bedroom, 1 Bath/ 1 Carport). Contact Cindy Brown, broker with Realty Unlimited 550-5609.

SALE/ LEASE: Non- Qualifying Assumption!!! 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, garage, fireplace, central heat/ air. $700 monthly or $10,000 equity. 4601 Gulf. 686-0734, 687-6406.

HOUSES & DUPLEXES. 2 and 3 Bedrooms. $375- $650/ month plus deposit. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

3 BEDROOM, 2 LIVING Areas, 1 bath, 3315 Andrews Highway. $595 per month plus deposit. 694-4648 or 570-1730.

VERY NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex. Lots of room, fireplace and small backyard. Lovely covered patio, outside storage. $650 a month, $400 deposit. Call Lee Denny 694-4637 Carriage Company 684-5881.

FOR LEASE. Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex, fenced, double garage, fireplace, central heat/ air and storage. Call 520-8693.

FOR RENT. Very nice 16 x 80 3 Bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Nice, peaceful country living, brick porch, nice trees, water well, big yard. Call Darrell, 570-8606 after 6 pm.

3 BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH duplex, 2303 B Haynes. 2,300 feet of spacious living, walk in closets, washer dryer hookup, fireplace, carport, no pets. $800 plus deposit. 699-6258.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 684-8202.

630 Houses Furnished

CHRISTIAN FAMILY, prefer female. Have private room, no utilities- security system. $380/ kitchen $420. 689-8893.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

FAIRGATE Townhomes- 4400 Fairgate Drive. 2 & 3 Bedrooms 12 and 6 month leases. $700 & up. 1,600 sq. ft. Approx. All appliances furnished, fireplaces, garage. Northwest side. 697-9566.

1, 2 BEDROOMS 950- 1,186 ft. $295 up. Garage, washer/ dryer, pool, fans. 689-8115.

HOLIDAY Clearance

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$224/ MO*
A/C, Power Steering, AM/FM Cassette
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$247/ MO*
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1, 2, 3 BEDROOMS, 1, 2 Baths. 841 -1,391 ft. garage, washer/ dryer connections, microwave, fans. $445/ up. 689-8116, 697–9768.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

NOW AVAILABLE: 2 & 3 Bedroom homes and mobile home lots. References required. No vicious dogs. Call 687-6324.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath on Cloverdale. $300/ $150 deposit. Water furnished, no pets. 694-2047.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath on Cloverdale. $325/ $150 deposit. Water furnished. No pets. 694-2047.

LARGE, NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath on Cloverdale. $400/ $150 deposit. No pets. Call 694-2047.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

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COUNTRY VILLAGE Mobile Home Estates. Clean /paved streets. Large trees in each lot. Paid water /trash. 1st 3 months free. 694–1120. 3401 SCR 1223 1/2.

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rentals

OFFICE /Warehouse Space for Lease. 500 sq. ft. office, 2,000 warehouse. 2130 S. Loop 250 West. Call Gene Abbott, 563-2422.

★ CONTEMPORARY office, southwest style, will accommodate tenants needs up to 8,500 sq. ft. Good parking, minutes from downtown. Call Carl, Owner/ Broker, 570-0123.

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665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rentals

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