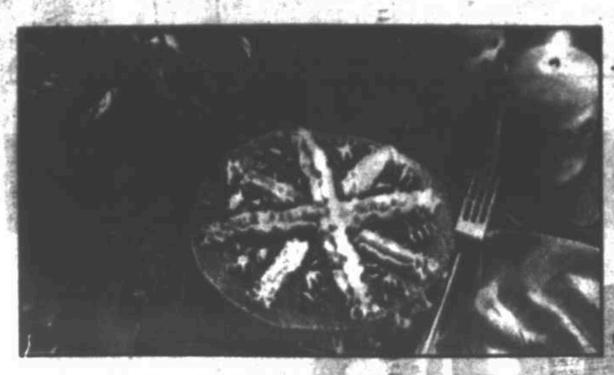

FOOD

Holiday tips

For unusual holiday dessert, serve Christmas candy quesadillas made with flour tortillas, mascarpone cheese, chopped brownies and topped with peppermint. /1D

SPORTS

5th coach fired

Mike White was fired as coach of the Oakland Raiders becoming the fifth NFL coach to lose his job in five days. The Raiders never got above .500 this season./1C

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Retailers nationwide see ho-ho-hum sales

■ Midland merchants report higher-than-expected sales over the holiday season with help from last-minute purchases.

Associated Press

President Clinton had to sneak out for some last-minute shopping, joining millions of other Americans who crammed into the nation's stores in the last days before Christmas.

Whereas in Midland, retailers reported higher-than-expected sales, the burst of last-minute buying across the nation may not be enough to jolt sales to the levels that retailers had hoped for at the start of the season.

In Midland, retailers reported better sales than they expected. Sales were also higher than last year, they said: Adding to their sales were last-minute purchases.

"It's been real busy today," Roger Mcaulay, Walgreen's store manager said. "The good weather may have brought them out, but I think it's mostly last-minute shoppers."

Over at the mall, Tony Padilla, manager at Beall's said the Christmas shopping season was great.

"It was like the Saturday before Christmas," Padilla said. "We've had a steady flow all day and sales are up."

Nationwide, clothing stores found shoppers buying again after a few miserable years, and there was lots of interest in toys (especially Tickle Me Elmo dolls, Barbie and Nintendo 64 video games), jewelry and home furnishings.

"Was it great? No," said Robert Burton, director of investor relations at Kmart Corp. "We saw a modest improvement this Christmas and retailers in gen-

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AP Laserphoto

Alma Tacia, of Spruce, Mich., sums up the feelings of many shoppers with the expression on her face on Sunday. Tacia, who was waiting for her daughter to finish shopping at the Bay City, Mich., Mall, said that she was almost through with her holiday gift buying.

A.M. BRIEFING

Cheer fund

The Midland Cheer Fund, a city-wide project to provide gifts to many of the city's less fortunate during the holidays, is still accepting donations to its annual drive, sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram. Donations will benefit The Giving Tree, Meals on Wheels, Loved Ones Of Prisoners and the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund. Those wishing to participate should make checks payable to Midland Cheer Fund, in care of the Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79702. Photo on 4A

Anonymous	$200.
Mr. & Mrs. Fred Yates	$50.
Dell & John Ruwwe	$50
Larry Carroll, Shelby Blaydes, Betty Ireland, Ramona Thomas, Mary Moore, Mary Goetsch	$50.
John & Sharon Wesley	$50.
Harry & Olinda Gallagher	$25.
TOTAL	$2,680.

Gingrich ethics

WASHINGTON — For a year, House ethics investigators grappled with the legality of Speaker Newt Gingrich's use of tax-exempt organizations to further his political agenda. When they formally charged him with ethical wrongdoing, they avoided judgment on whether he violated tax law and concentrated instead on what he did. The answer was: plenty. The "Statement of Alleged Violation" signed by Gingrich demonstrated that the mission of the speaker's political organization and the goal of his tax-exempt activities were the same.

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Medical marijuana

WASHINGTON — Doctors in Arizona and California who prescribe marijuana for medical use under new state laws may become the targets of stiff penalties by the federal government. Officials in the drug-fighting federal agencies said Monday that a new plan for federal response to state laws that permit medical use of marijuana calls for strict enforcement of federal law, including provisions that forbid doctors from prescribing illegal drugs. "The DEA has the power to take away a doctor's right to prescribe" legal narcotics if that privilege is abused, said Drug Enforcement Administration spokeswoman Catherine Shaw.

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Members of First Baptist Church donned costumes and warm clothing last week as they presented a living Nativity.

Photos by Tim Fischer

Unto us a child is born

At left, Terry Hubele portrayed one of the three wise men during First Baptist Church's living Nativity. At right, Fiona McCasland applies toner to Barry Simpson in preparing for the living Nativity.

Southwest Airlines treats employees to chair massages as they work on holiday

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

The Midland station of Southwest Airlines rubbed employees the right way Tuesday by hiring a masseuse to give chair massages to employees who worked Christmas Eve.

As the airline's employees worked to service the large crowd of passengers waiting to get home for the holidays, they could slip into the back and get a 15-minute chair massage.

"Our employees are the most important thing," said Station Manager Audy Donelson. "If it wasn't for our employees, we wouldn't have customers.

"We try to do things, and have for years, that are a little different," he said, "We try to be innovative and to show our appreciation for a job well done."

The culture committee — each Southwest Airlines station has one that is comprised of members of the various departments — hired Jennifer Brenson, owner of Center for Massage and Well-Being to provide the service.

She spent the day giving chair massages, in which the back of the head, the neck, the back and arms and hands are massaged to help the employee relax.

"It's got to be pretty stressful," she observed, indicating a line of passengers at the ticket counter waiting for their tickets. "This will also help so they won't injure themselves. I imagine it gets

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Massage therapist Jennifer Brenon gave a massage to Southwest Airlines employee Betty Murray Tuesday morning.

Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram

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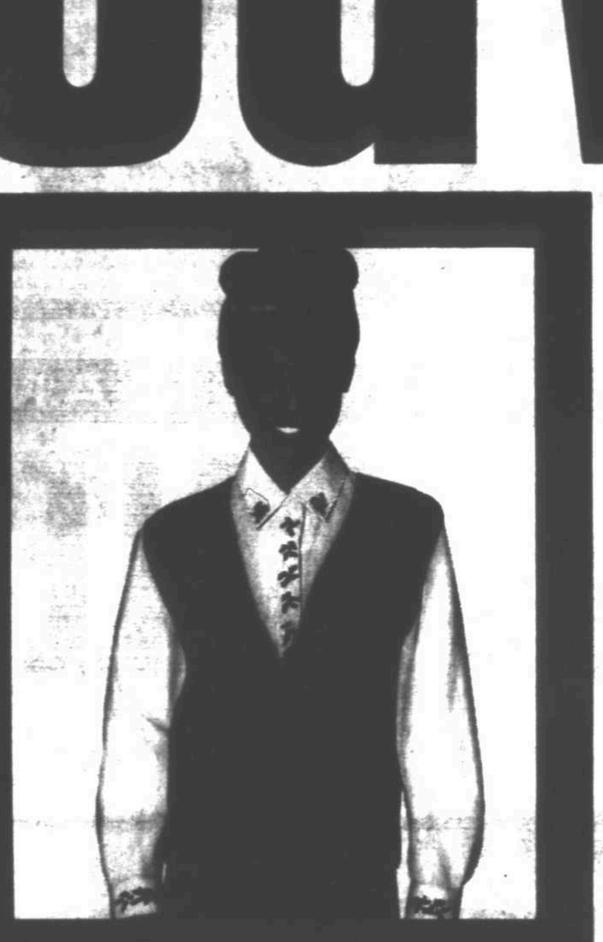

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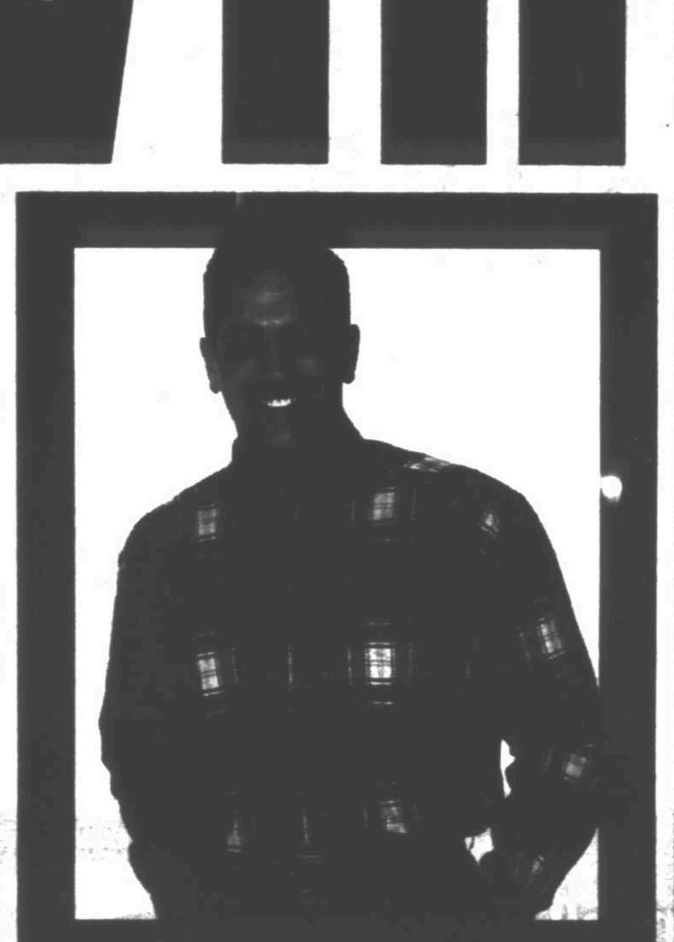

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By Frank Bajak
Associated Press

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Hostages joke, debate at 'longest cocktail party'

By Frank Bajak
Associated Press

LIMA, Peru — Although the two-story house stinks of the unwashed, freed hostages say civilization persists inside its walls, where rebel captives trade life stories, dreams and jokes.

Japanese ambassador Morihisa Aoki, still a hostage, wryly remarked that it was the longest cocktail party he had ever held.

And rebels who seized his home during an extravagant reception a week ago debate politics with a brain pool of captives who run embassies, universities and international aid programs.

Inside the walls of the occupied compound, there is no gun-pointing or threatening. Only a routine set up by hostages to stay sane and fit: lectures and debates, card-playing, exercise sessions, toilet-cleaning duty and sleep.

"There's conversation, disagreements, discussions. It's a very special environment, a microclimate," said Javier Diez Canseco, a Peruvian congressman freed Friday.

The Tupac Amaru rebels have freed the majority of their hostages, winnowing their captives down to a select group of 140 Peruvian and Japanese VIPs.

On Sunday morning, hours before the largest hostage release in the six-day crisis, Catholic priest Juan Julio Wicht said Mass on a stairway inside the compound. Eight in 10 men took communion.

The priest was offered freedom Sunday, but chose to remain.

The roughly 20 young rebels patrol the halls calmly, automatic rifles slung over their backs, politely shooing hostages back into their assigned rooms.

The gunmen take turns napping and, unlike the hostages, always look alert.

Nobody even thinks about trying to escape, the freed hostages said.

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> — Hubert Zandstra
> director of International Potato Center

The rebels told hostages early on that they'd mined the rooms, roof and patio where guests at the gala reception dropped their hors d'oeuvres last Tuesday night in the lightning rebel takeover.

"You knew there was no point in any foolishness, or trying to escape," Peruvian pollster Alfredo Torres told the El Comercio newspaper. "We had no proof, but none of us wanted to test this."

Argentine businessman Julio Soriano, who got out Sunday, at one point encountered a dozing rebel seated on the carpet, his automatic rifle lying in his lap.

"I thought about my son and I decided not to do anything," he told a Buenos Aires radio station.

After the rebels released the women and elderly, the hostages organized themselves. In each crowded room, they elected a governor who delegated the cleaning of bathrooms, the emptying of ashtrays, the collecting and distribution of meals that had to be shared among three to four men.

In some of the plush, carpeted rooms, hostages were assigned a square meter of space after furniture was pushed into corners. In others, they had to sleep in shifts.

One of the three Americans in Andre Deschenes' room "was an example to us because he taught me how to sleep standing up," the Canadian trade official told reporters Monday.

Throughout, Ambassador Aoki was everybody's hero.

"He was all through a tremendous host — through what he called ironically the longest cocktail party he'd ever organized," said Hubert Zandstra, director of the International Potato Center.

Aoki tried to cheer up hostages who became depressed, and handed out everything from his clothes to his wife's lipstick — which was used for signs diplomats pressed to the grated windows demanding the restoration of water and electricity.

Deschenes said the rebels treated all hostages equally — regardless of nationality. Alejandro Toledo, a former Peruvian presidential candidate, said a police general was told he'd be the first to die unless medicine was delivered Wednesday to mend the leg wound of a female rebel, the only inside casualty of the previous night's siege.

Some hostages said the captors wore explosives-laden backpacks that could be detonated with the pull of a chest cord.

Still, "At no time did they lose their cool or their resolve," Canadian mining executive Kieran Metcalfe said.

The rebels drew such respect from their hostages that some Peruvian press reports suggested they had developed Stockholm syndrome — the unexpected sympathy developed by hostages for their captors.

"I'm not sure if anybody necessarily took sides with the people involved, but I think many people developed some respect for these people," Metcalfe said.

About half the 225 hostages released Sunday shook hands with the captors as they left, Metcalfe said.

"And, strange as it may seem, I heard many of them wishing them good luck," he added.

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	DILLARD'S SALE PRICE	**9.25**	**7.50**	**5.75**	**4.00**
Place knife Butter knife Sugar spoon Butter spreader*	Mfr's suggested price	25.00	21.50	15.50	11.00
	Dillard's everyday price	17.50	15.00	10.75	7.50
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	Dillard's everyday price	25.50	20.50	15.25	10.75
	DILLARD'S SALE PRICE	**18.25**	**14.75**	**11.00**	**7.75**
Casserole spoon Dessert server	Mfr's suggested price	43.50	37.25	28.00	19.25
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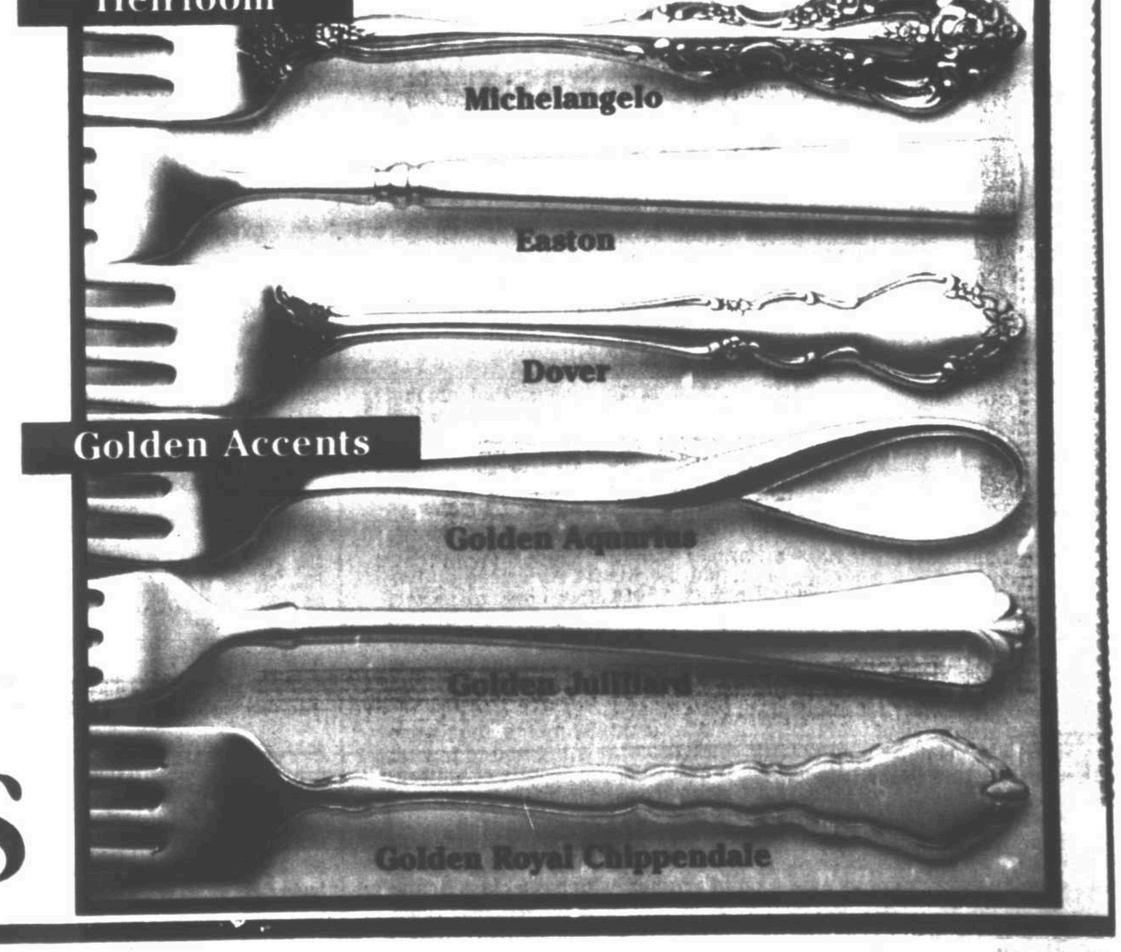

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Coming Thursday

■ Hundreds of ranchers, many of them right here in Midland County, still proudly wear the spurs crafted by Adolph Rudolph Bayers earlier this century. Now a book has been released about this little-known western legend. Learn more about him in Thursday's Reporter-Telegram.

■ The college bowl season has officially arrived. Today will see two showdowns: the annual Blue-Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., and the Aloha Bowl in Hawaii. Read Thursday's Sports to get the results.

■ Christmas is here, but as of Thursday, our attention turns to the New Year. Ed Todd gets an early look at what is ahead. Read his Thursday column to see what is on his mind as the calender prepares to turn to 1997.

WEATHER WATCH

Today, partly cloudy, high mid-60s

Staff Report

The Christmas Day forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high near 65. Winds will be from the south and southwest at 10-20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

The Christmas night forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low between 30 and 35.

Friday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high between 60 and 65.

The high for Tuesday was 43 as of press time, compared to the record high for that date of 82, set in 1985.

Tuesday's low was 19, compared to the record low of 6, set in 1983.

STATE

A cold front moved through Texas early today, producing temperatures generally 40 degrees colder than the same time on Monday.

A band of light to moderate rain accompanied the front through southeast texas. Mostly cloudy and foggy conditions prevailed ahead of the front with temperatures in the 60s.

Behind the front, clearing skies were common with temperatures in the 30s and 40s. Winds were north 10 to 20 mph and gusty.

Overnight temperatures in South Texas ranged from 68 at Alice to 31 at Junction.

The front was expected to move into the Gulf of Mexico today, and afternoon highs in South Texas were expected to range from the mid-50s in northern parts of the region to near 70 in far South Texas. Lows should vary from near 30 to the mid-40s.

Meanwhile, skies cleared across West Texas as high pressure began to slowly build into the region. But temperatures were chilly, with today's highs ranging from the 40s in the Panhandle to about 70 along the Rio Grande.

Highs on Christmas Day should be in the 50s and 60s, except along the Rio Grande, where readings likely will be in the 70s.

Early morning temperatures in North Texas and East Texas were around freezing. A brisk north wind produced wind chill readings in the single digits and teens. At 3 a.m., readings ranged from 24 at Wichita Falls to 43 at Lufkin.

Christmas in North Texas should be sunny and warm, with highs in the 50s, dropping into the 30s on Christmas night.

NATION

Severe storms were moving across northeastern Mississippi early today, while heavy rains fell from northern Louisiana to southern Ohio. Showers fell from northern New York to Maine.

Snow was forecast for much of the Great Lakes region, with the heaviest accumulations falling across the upper peninsula of Michigan and far northern Wisconsin. Lighter snowfall amounts were expected in southern and central Wisconsin, northern Illinois, and northern Indiana.

A cold front will move across the Tennessee Valley this morning, slowly pushing into the mid-Atlantic and Southeast by this afternoon, bringing rain showers to the region. Stronger thundershowers also were possible across western areas of the Carolinas, into Virginia.

Much of the Northeast should see rain, with heavier showers moving across southeastern New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Fair, dry and very cold conditions should prevail in the Plains, with a few snow flurries found across western areas of the Dakotas.

More wet conditions were in store for the Northwest, as a strong jet stream pumps moisture into the region. Heavy snows of up to 18 inches will fall across the Cascade range, and up to an inch of rain will fall across western areas of Washington and Oregon.

Snowfall will spread eastward into eastern Washington, and up to 5 inches will fall by tonight. Heavy snows also will be found into northwestern Wyoming.

Dry and fair conditions were forecast across the Southwest.

Temperatures should reach the 30s and 40s in the Northeast, West and Pacific Northwest. Readings could climb into the 70s in the Southeast and extreme southern desert Southwest. The mercury may stay under 10 degrees in the Plains, while the Midwest could stay in the teens and 20s.

Readings could top 70 in the South and desert Southwest.

Because of an early press run on Tuesday, the Reporter-Telegram is unable to print stocks, lottery numbers or the weather map.

Monday's Cash Five results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:
Winning numbers drawn: 3-6-12-25-36.
Estimated jackpot: ..... $82,286.
Number matching ..... five of five: two.
Matching four of five: ..... 470. Prize: $525.
Matching three of five: ..... 16,398. Prize: $25.
Next Cash 5 drawing: ..... Tuesday night

Sting reveals underage drinking focus should be on restaurants

AUSTIN (AP) — A recent statewide sting operation found most violations of underage drinking occur in restaurants.

Officials of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said the sting indicates that perhaps they need to give restaurants more attention.

"We concentrate on the night clubs and the convenience stores," said Lt. David Ferrero of the Austin district office of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission. "We need to take a better look at the restaurants."

Teen-agers working undercover for the commission went into 495 bars, stores and restaurants around the state during October and November. Ferrero said all the undercover volunteers sent into restaurants were told to say that they were meeting somebody and then order a beer.

Statewide, 44 percent of the 495 businesses that were randomly selected for the sting sold alcohol to minors. Bexar County's rate, 69 percent, was the worst in the state. Travis County's rate, 29 percent, was the lowest.

The purpose of the statewide sting, officials said, was to find out whether a one-day training class for bartenders, waiters and other alcohol servers would help businesses avoid selling alcohol to minors.

The TABC offers the class on a voluntary basis. The Legislature is considering making the training mandatory, said Sam Smelser, the assistant chief of enforcement at the commission.

The sting showed that alcohol sellers and servers were 16 percent less likely to serve to minors if they had taken the course, he said.

Smelser said he was disappointed with the number of businesses that readily served minors.

"I'm not very happy with it," he told the Austin American-Statesman. "I think we could do better, and I think the industry could do better by a long shot. We need to look at what we're doing and how we're doing it and see how we can do it better."

The establishments that were caught in the sting had to pay an administrative penalty of a seven-day license suspension or a fine of $1,050, Smelser said.

Individual waiters or bartenders were charged with selling alcohol to a minor, which is a class B misdemeanor. If convicted, they could face fines up to $2,000 and up to six months probation or jail time. None of the criminal cases have been resolved.

WORK: Southwest rubs its employees right way on holiday

(From 1A)

pretty heavy carrying those suitcases."

Donelson said the airline will be offering massages to its employees and customers at various times throughout the year.

The culture committee, according to Operations Supervisor Bill Bredimus, gives employees cards on their birthdays, recognizes service anniversaries, plans parties and gate games and decorates the station for holidays such as Christmas. Other projects include adopting a school and planting trees.

This Christmas, the committee is putting together overnight kits with food and other treats for crew members who won't be home for Christmas Eve.

Bredimus said the committee frequently prepares holiday dinners for crews to eat while flying to their destinations.

Kee Gilhome/Reporter-Telegram

Cheer fund

Charles Spence, publisher of the Reporter-Telegram, presented $750 checks Tuesday to Kelly Ives, of Meals on Wheels, and Pam Logan of the Kelly Logan Angel Fund. Money raised by the Reporter-Telegram's Cheer Fund was also donated to LOOPS (Loved Ones Of Prisoners) and the Giving Tree.

SHOP: Sales disappoint many across nation

(From 1A)

eral had to work hard to get the gains they had."

After the very disappointing Christmas of 1995, stores were optimistic that shoppers would spend enthusiastically this year, thanks to a healthy economy, and brisk buying was reported in first weeks of the season. But many stores failed to keep up the pace.

The lackluster sales were attributed in part to high levels of consumer debt and foul weather in parts of the country. There were also five fewer shopping days between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"Each of our divisions were below plan for the week" ended Dec. 21, said Susan Eich, spokeswoman for Dayton-Hudson Corp., which operates three department store chains, the Target discount stores and Mervyn's clothing stores.

According to TeleCheck Services Inc., a check approval service, the volume of sales paid for by check in the first 24 days of the Christmas season rose a moderate 5.7 percent from a year ago.

Many stores reserved judgment until after New Year's, hoping a burst of buying before and after Christmas would help push up December sales.

With time running out, millions of shoppers rushed to pick up last-minute gifts.

Deep discounts and a midnight sale got shoppers into a Montgomery Ward department store in Denver, and it took 20 minutes just to get out of the parking lot at Patrick Henry Mall in Newport News, Va.

"A few more things to get and then it's time to wrap all this stuff," said Lisa Schmidt, shopping at a Gap store in New York. "I never get it all done until the last day."

Many stores avoided panic markdowns this year, but lots plan the usual post-holiday sales.

Some of the best prices are expected to be [illegible] computer and electronic [illegible], which suffered through [illegible] their toughest holiday season in recent years because of slack demand.

Critics: Military does poor job of disciplining its own

By John Diamond
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Air Force general in charge when a truck bomb exploded in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 airmen, will soon get a second star — unless President Clinton intervenes.

Some within the Air Force view this as good news, arguing that a task force investigation wrongly blamed Brig. Gen. James Terryl Schwalier for inattention to security in the June 25 bombing.

Others see the advancement of an officer whose diligence has been sharply criticized as the latest example of a military that does a poor job of disciplining its own.

"The Department of Defense has become an excuse factory, as opposed to standing up and being accountable and responsible," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

It's not just the truck bombing of the Khobar Towers apartments in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, that has raised questions. Lawmakers point to the seemingly light punishments meted out in several high-profile military debacles: the 1996 crash of Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown's Air Force plane, the friendly-fire downing of two Army helicopters over Northern Iraq in 1994, and the booze-soaked Navy Tailhook convention of 1991.

Retired Army four-star general Wayne Downing led the task force that criticized Schwalier for failing to make base security a higher priority. The Downing panel also said Schwalier failed to heed intelligence reports that Khobar Towers was a likely target for a terrorist attack.

But an in-house report by the Air Force was far more forgiving of Schwalier, who was named for promotion last year before the Khobar Towers bombing. He will receive his second star unless Clinton, or Air Force Secretary Sheila Widnall, acting under White House authority, blocks it.

Though not yet released, Pentagon officials say the report will contend that Downing misapplied Army standards to an Air Force officer. Unlike Army officers, Air Force commanders are responsible for security up to the perimeter of their base, but not beyond — a key issue in Khobar Towers since the bomb was in a truck parked just outside the apartment complex.

Some Air Force officers question why the Downing report did not also single out Army Gen. Binford Peay III, head of the U.S. Central Command, responsible for the Persian Gulf region.

A year ago, the Air Force chief of staff, Gen. Ronald Fogleman, said in a videotape that was mandatory viewing for all officers: "'We cannot tolerate actions which appear to condemn inappropriate conduct one moment, condone it the next, or even worse, reward it."

His remarks were in reaction to the lack of punishment meted out in connection with the April 1994 friendly-fire downing of two Army helicopters over Northern Iraq, killing 26.

The pilots of the two F-15s that shot down the helicopters, as well as some of the AWACS crewmembers flying that day, later came up for promotion or plum assignments. Only one officer, Capt. Jim Wang, an AWACS radar operator, was court-martialed, and he was acquitted in June 1995.

At Fogleman's direction, the Air Force grounded five officers involved in the Northern Iraq shoot-down. Administrative rebukes Fogleman placed in their files and those of two generals effectively ended their careers.

Some in Congress say that's not enough.

Sen. William Roth, R-Del., wants the military justice officials involved in the acquittal of the AWACS radar operator to testify on whether they were swayed by "improper influence."

"To date, no one has been held accountable," Roth said.

Judith Miller, the Pentagon's general counsel, argued in a Nov. 13 letter to Roth that if Congress subjected military judges to second-guessing, "the damage to the military justice system might be irretrievable."

Fogleman's hard line resurfaced following the crash last April 3 of the plane that killed Commerce Secretary Brown and 34 others on a Croatian mountainside. In all, 16 officers were given punishments ranging from letters of reprimand to counseling. Fogleman was incensed that orders requiring safety reviews before flying to certain remote airports had been ignored.

In the September 1991 Tailhook incident, only three of 140 officers investigated faced court martial and the charges were later dropped.

Still, attendance at Tailhook has shortened the careers of many officers, most recently Navy Cdr. Robert E. Stumpf, a highly decorated aviator confirmed for promotion to captain in 1994. When the Senate belatedly learned that Stumpf's background material failed to mention his attendance at Tailhook, Navy Secretary John Dalton blocked the promotion.

Retired Army Col. Harry Summers said he was appalled at the lenient treatment some service members have received, but he noted that the shrinking size of the military means careers can be scuttled by black marks.

"For every one of these promotions there's probably 15 to 20 people fully qualified for it," he said. "If there's a cloud over you, then you're probably done."

High-profile cases

Summary of recent high-profile military discipline cases:

INCIDENT: June 25, 1996, terrorist bombing of Khobar Towers apartment complex in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia kills 19 U.S. airmen.

AFTERMATH: Task force report criticizes entire military chain of command for inattention to security, singles out Brig. Gen. James Terryl Schwalier for failing to heed warnings. Air Force investigation, not yet released, exonerates Schwalier and recommends no disciplinary action against any military personnel.

INCIDENT: April 3, 1996, crash of Commerce Secretary Ron Brown's plane in Dubrovnik, Croatia kills Brown, 34 others.

AFTERMATH: Air Force reprimands general and colonel for "dereliction of duty," most serious punishment short of court martial, for ignoring orders about surveying remote airports for safety. Fourteen others also receive administrative punishments.

INCIDENT: April 14, 1994, two Air Force F-15s patrolling Northern Iraq mistakenly shoot down two Army Blackhawk helicopters killing 26.

AFTERMATH: June 20, 1995, one AWACS radar operator is acquitted by a military jury on three counts of dereliction of duty. Air Force later grounds five officers and imposes administrative penalties ending their careers and those of two generals.

INCIDENT: Sept. 5-7, 1991, Tailhook Navy, Marine Corps aviators convention, scores of women complain they were groped and sexually harassed.

AFTERMATH: June 18, 1992, Navy Secretary H. Lawrence Garrett III resigns, taking responsibility for "leadership failure." April 23, 1993, Pentagon refers cases of 140 officers for review. Feb. 8, 1994, Navy judge dismisses charges against three officers. Navy says it won't appeal. Feb. 15, 1994, Adm. Frank B. Kelso II, chief of naval operations, announces he will retire two months earlier than planned.

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Peru's government, rebels remain deadlocked

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Freed hostages called for a negotiated end to the siege at the Japanese ambassador's house, but there was no sign Tuesday that Peru's government or the rebels who still hold 140 people are willing to give any ground.

The select group remaining inside the walled residence — including Japanese businessmen, top Peruvian officials and the Peruvian president's brother — were in their seventh day of confinement with no end in sight.

President Alberto Fujimori called South Korean President Kim Young-sam Tuesday to discuss the situation. The South Korean ambassador was taken hostage then freed, and a South Korean man working for a Japanese company is still inside the compound.

"We are doing our best to resolve the crisis without shedding blood," Fujimori was quoted as saying by Kim's office. "We expect that the ongoing third round of negotiations will be successful. We hope for an early, peaceful resolution."

Fujimori visited the scene for the first time Monday morning, getting as close as two blocks from the sealed-off residence. Lima's El Comercio newspaper carried a front-page photograph Tuesday showing him sitting in the back of a car with darkened windows.

Neither side made any public statement Monday, the day after the largest group of hostages was released since leftist rebels of the Tupac Amaru movement seized the compound during a Dec. 17 party.

The Red Cross delivered meals — shepherd's pie and salad — and some clean undergarments. Electricity was restored for 45 minutes Monday so water for drinking and flushing toilets could be pumped to a tank on the roof.

Authorities have cut off water, electricity and phone service.

The rebels' key demand is the release of 300 of their jailed colleagues. Fujimori ruled that out during his sole public comment on the crisis.

The only common ground is both sides' stated desire for a peaceful resolution, which many of the freed hostages said was required.

"I hope it's going to be resolved through negotiation. That's the only way out," said British Embassy spokesman Roger Church. He was among the 225 hostages released Sunday night.

Hindering any effort at negotiation is the hostility between rebels and Fujimori, who built his reputation on getting tough with guerrillas. The government has refused to talk directly with the Tupac Amaru rebels.

"The president thinks we're stupid,'" former hostage Luis Peirano quoted one rebel as saying in a reference to Fujimori's demand that the guerrillas lay down their weapons and surrender the hostages.

The rebel then restated the group's principal demand: "Either he frees our comrades or we all die here."

Guerrilla commander Nestor Cerpa is keeping the hostages with the most political value, apparently to strengthen the rebels' bargaining position in talks with the government.

Inside the compound are Peruvian Foreign Minister Francisco Tudela and the Supreme Court president; Fujimori's brother, Pedro; ambassadors from Japan, Malaysia, Bolivia, Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic and Uruguay; and several Asian businessmen.

Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said in Tokyo Tuesday that he fears the rebels are settling in for a long war of nerves. He added that Japan still opposed sending in troops to rescue the hostages.

Hashimoto has said that Sunday night's big release meant the rebels could better control those who remain inside.

By all accounts, the rebels who initially threatened to kill captives one by one have been treating their hostages well.

The guerrillas appear fresh, in contrast to the haggard look of many of the released hostages.

"I didn't see them sleeping," said Canadian mining executive Kieran Metcalfe. "But I also didn't see them any worse for wear. After five days, they didn't look like they were tired out."

The Tupac Amaru rebels, who have called for an end to Fujimori's free-market reforms, espouse a leftist ideology. In their communiques they say Peru's government has ignored the needs of the poor and promoted policies to benefit the rich.

They don't call themselves communists or Marxists. They have distanced themselves from the more violent Maoist Shining Path guerrillas.

Manual Romero, director of the financial daily Gestion, said he held an hourlong conversation with Cerpa while in captivity. He said Cerpa did not seem to hold radical views and even endorsed the government's plan to privatize state industries.

The hostages recounted an odd ending to their captivity, saying some rebels gave quick hugs to some of the departing hostages — a sense of shared experience felt by the captives, too.

Those who stayed behind, however, remain pawns in the bitter drama.

"Clearly they were really depressed by it," Metcalf said. "As we were leaving, several of them were gathered around on the upper part of the building and you could see them looking down rather wistfully."

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Political struggle in Cambodia dashes prisoners' hope of amnesty

By Robin McDowell
Associated Press

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — From inside Phnom Penh's decrepit French colonial-era prison, Khan Yourn waits for a royal amnesty that would free her and hundreds of other inmates.

King Norodom Sihanouk called two months ago for a general amnesty for all Cambodia's prisoners to morally balance his pardon of a notorious Khmer Rouge leader. But a tangled political struggle between the king and one of the country's two prime ministers has dashed prisoners' hope it will materialize.

Many of those who would have been freed were convicted of serious crimes — 26-year-old Khan Yourn is accused of killing her infant daughter, whom she says died accidentally. Still, human rights activists praised the plan because Cambodia's prisons are overcrowded, unsanitary and often dangerous.

Only those deemed the most dangerous of the 2,500 inmates in 22 jails were to be exempt.

In calling for the amnesty, the king said no ordinary prisoner should be punished when Ieng Sary, the guerrilla leader he was compelled to pardon to advance peace negotiations, was allowed to walk free.

"Whatever wrongs or crimes committed by these prisoners, no one can pretend that they were as serious as those committed by the Khmer Rouge," the king said, referring to the genocide of 2 million Cambodians from 1975 to 1979 under Khmer Rouge rule.

Sary led the Khmer Rouge split in August that resulted in thousands of guerrillas defecting to the government. A dwindling number of hard-liners remain loyal to Sary's infamous brother-in-law, Pol Pot. Sary's price for making peace was a royal amnesty.

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> —King Norodom Sihanouk

The king, empowered by the constitution to grant amnesty, was believed to have another motive for declaring a general amnesty — to allow his half-brother Prince Norodom Sirivudh to return from exile in France without fear of prison. That has led to a tug-of-war with Second Prime Minister Hun Sen, who wields much of the actual political power in Cambodia.

Sirivudh, the former secretary general of the royalist party FUNCINPEC, was exiled a year ago after Hun Sen accused him of plotting his assassination. Sirivudh denied the charges.

The prince was sentenced in absentia to 10 years in prison in a trial independent observers labeled a travesty.

A group of university students, with Hun Sen's apparent blessing, protested the mass amnesty and the return of Prince Sirivudh.

Bowing to pressure, Sihanouk withdrew plans for a general amnesty and presented a specific list of 260 inmates to Justice Minister Chem Sngoun — a member of Hun Sen's party — in late November.

It comprised mostly women, children, the seriously sick and elderly as well as some accused of involvement with the outlawed Khmer Rouge.

Chem Sngoun rejected the list, citing a 1988 law setting guidelines for prisoner amnesties. He also spurned the trimmed list of 144 names that followed.

The dispute underscores Sihanouk's increasing powerlessness, because he technically has an unlimited constitutional right to grant amnesty that requires no approval from the justice ministry.

Hun Sen, who led a Vietnam-backed single-party government in the 1980s, retains control over most of the security apparatus. His party also has the most widespread presence in the provinces, which could be a key factor in elections due in 1998.

Human rights groups have criticized the delay in the amnesty, saying seriously ill prisoners or those with children should be released.

Thomas Hammarberg, special representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Human Rights in Cambodia, said inadequate food has contributed to malnutrition and the spread of disease.

Britain wants to ring in millennium

LONDON (AP) — Needed: Quasimodo.

Or anyone with stamina and a good sense of rhythm.

Britain wants to ring in the millennium with a national peal of bells on Jan. 1, 2000.

The call is going out for 10,000 volunteers to ring the country's 1,200 unused sets of chimes, most of them in churches belonging to the state Church of England. Some have been silent for a century.

The country's 40,000 existing ringers aren't enough for the planned festivities, said Harold Rogers of the Central Council of Church Bellringers, which has overseen the ringing of Britain's 5,000 sets of bells since 1891.

"So in January, we launch the big push to recruit some more, with adverts on TV, radio and in the press," he said.

"Everyone is welcome — you don't have to be a Christian. Our message is that bell ringing is important church work — but it is also a fun hobby and a good way to socialize."

Volunteers will be given accelerated training, starting with lessons in how to control the bells and then ring simple "changes," or sequences. Normally, bell ringing is mastered in six sessions of 1 1/2 hours, he said.

Rural counties like Norfolk and Northamptonshire are worst off because they are dotted with remote hamlets, each with its own church and bells — but no ringers.

Many of the unused bells need replacing or restoring, a project the Central Council of Church Bellringers says will cost 6 million pounds ($9.6 million).

The Millennium Commission, which receives money from Britain's highly successful national lottery, announced a grant of $5 million for the Central Council of Church Bellringers in July.

The money will be used to revamp the bells in 100 churches and other buildings across the country.

Rogers said bell ringers need not be musical, and can be aged from 9 to 90.

"But it does help if they are well coordinated," he added. "Some people take longer than others, but almost anyone can be taught to ring."

Bells have traditionally been rung to call the faithful to worship, to toll the hours and to mark important public events. While technically the next thousand years of the calendar don't begin until Jan. 1, 2001, Britain's bell ringers will join with most people in welcoming the millennium with the arrival of 2000.

Chiming bells, which are swung through a short arc using a rope or lever, date from the Middle Ages, and "change ringing" in which the bells of a set are rung in shifting patterns began around the 15th century.

But it was only in the 17th century that British ringers developed a wheel structure that allows a ringer to control a bell as it rotates through 360 degrees — the way bells are rung today.

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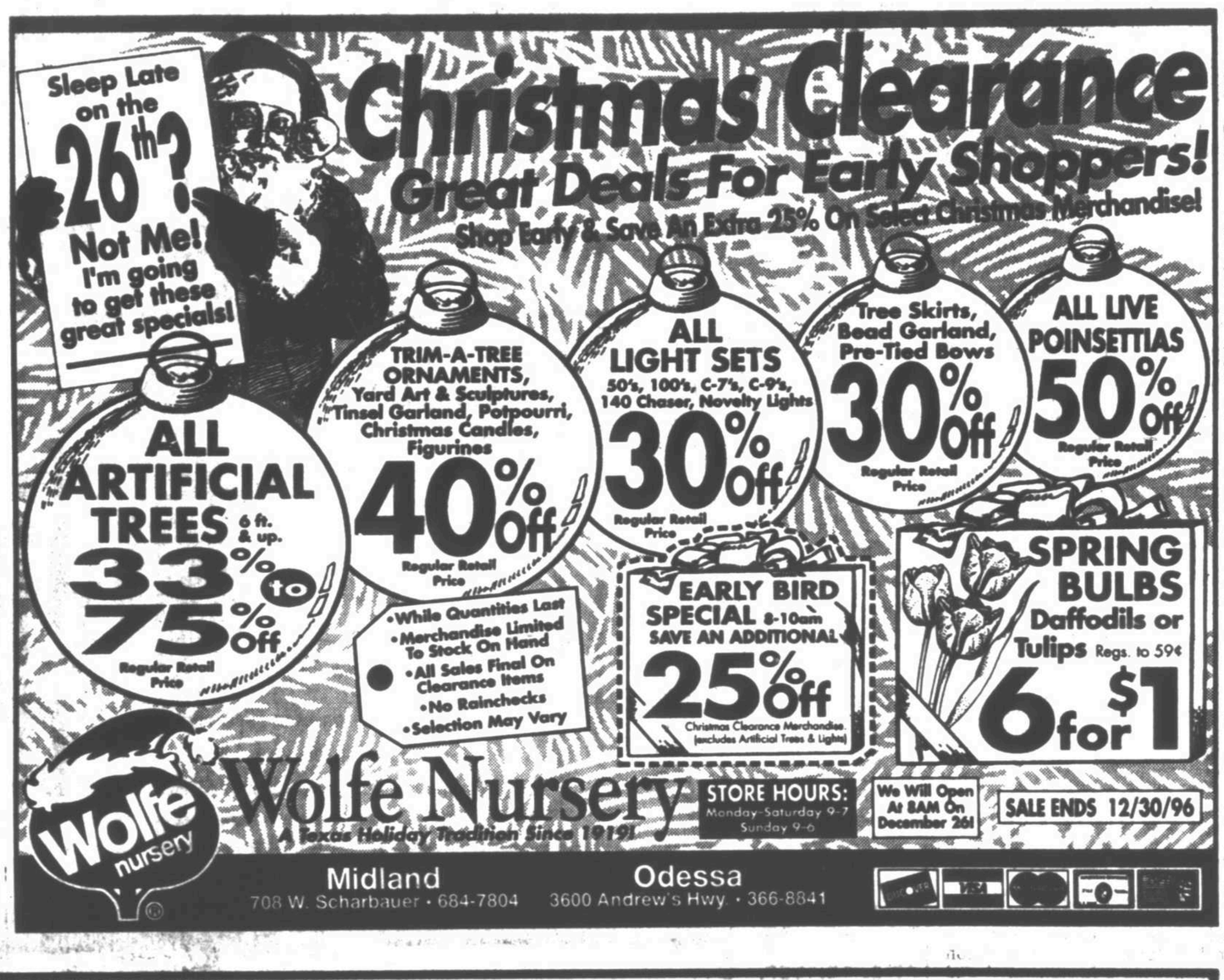

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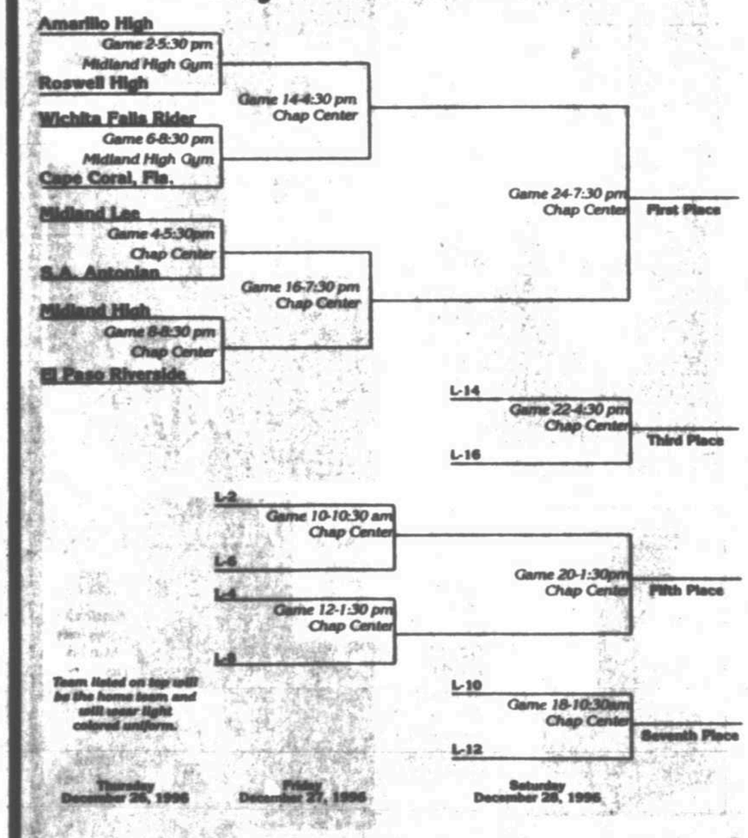

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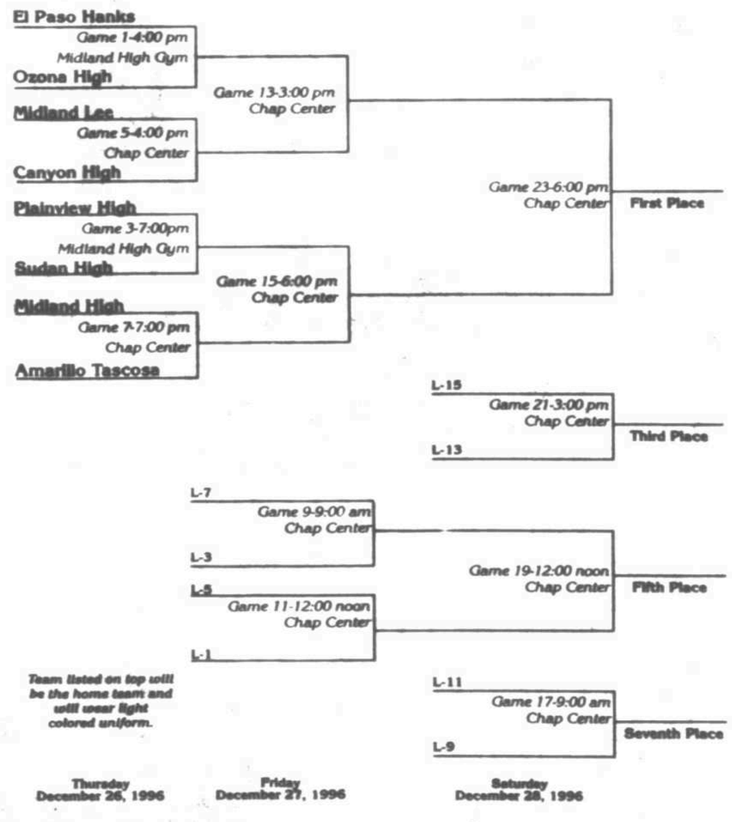

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Spokesman: Gap between Netanyahu, Arafat 'narrowing, but still exists'

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A meeting between Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat ended Tuesday without a deal on a troop pullback in Hebron, the last West Bank city under Israeli control.

Both men left the meeting smiling. They did not speak to reporters.

"The agreement is there. There are a few things to be straightened out but the final decision to sign it is still Arafat's," Netanyahu spokesman David Bar-Illan said. "We assumed that he will probably sign it in the next few days."

President Clinton's Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross, said negotiators would meet again this morning, and Arafat and Netanyahu would "try to get together again soon."

A Palestinian negotiator, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Arafat twice became so angry with Netanyahu while discussing joint security patrols in Hebron that he almost walked out, but Ross stopped him.

Nevertheless, Palestinians described the overall atmosphere as good, and even called the relationship between Netanyahu and Arafat "warm."

Arafat spokesman Marwan Kanafani said after the meeting that the gap between the two sides was "narrowing, but it still exists."

A senior Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israel gave up its demand to pursue suspected militants into Palestinian-controlled areas after an assault takes place. "Hot pursuit" had been a serious sticking point, with the Palestinians adamant that Israeli troops stay out of autonomous zones just as Palestinians are banned from Israeli areas.

After intensive mediation by Ross, who arrived in the region over the weekend, negotiators had predicted that a deal could be reached by Tuesday.

A deal on Hebron would be the first major development in the peace process since Netanyahu took office.

Israel was to have pulled out of Hebron in March, but postponed it after a series of suicide bombings in Israel.

Netanyahu — who as opposition leader opposed the Israel-PLO peace process altogether — delayed the move further after his election in hopes of improving security for the 500 settlers who live amid Hebron's 130,000 Arabs.

Palestinian frustration with Netanyahu sparked September clashes in which 79 people died — prompting Clinton to step in and try to save the peace process by brokering a deal on Hebron.

For months, Israel has maintained that agreement was possible and blamed Arafat for holding it up in order to increase world pressure on the Jewish state. The Palestinians said Israel was trying to renegotiate the existing agreement.

Arafat and Netanyahu talked at the Erez Crossing between Israel and the autonomous Gaza Strip in what was only their third meeting since Netanyahu's election in May. They met alone for more than an hour before being joined first by Ross and later by other negotiators.

Arafat left Gaza by helicopter a few minutes after the meeting to take part in Bethlehem's annual Christmas Eve festivities.

Ross, who was originally supposed to return to the United States on Monday, said he would remain in the region "for the time being" because of the progress that had been made.

On Monday, the U.S. envoy met with both Arafat and Netanyahu, traveled to Egypt for consultations and held negotiations in a Jerusalem hotel.

Israeli media reports said negotiators reached agreement on several key issues.

Witnesses report shots fired from crowd of Milosevic supporters during street clashes

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Shots were fired Tuesday from a crowd of Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic's supporters during street clashes with government opponents. A witness said two people were shot, one in the head.

Witnesses reported the gunfire as a group of anti-Milosevic activists cornered a smaller pro-Milosevic gathering on Belgrade's main Knez Mihajlova street. Radio Index said at least two shots were fired.

A witness, Zlatko Mihajlovic, told The Associated Press that a man was shot in the head and a woman was also wounded. Doctors at a hospital where the man was taken said he was shot above the right ear, but his condition was not life-threatening. No information about the woman was available.

Witnesses said police detained the gunman.

Hundreds of helmeted riot police intervened, surrounded government buildings in downtown Belgrade and separated demonstrators. After appeals from their leaders, most opposition supporters moved away.

The gunfire and the police action dramatically escalated tensions in what had been more than four weeks of relatively peaceful demonstrations against Milosevic and his annulment of Nov. 17 local elections won by the opposition.

Before the shooting, several skirmishes had broken out in central Belgrade, with opposition demonstrators hurling mud and sticks at Milosevic supporters.

Several people were injured in the melee that erupted after the gunfire.

Swinging clubs, police tried to separate opposition crowds from the tens of thousands of Milosevic supporters gathered on Terazije Square.

The square, site of a rally orchestrated by lieutenants of the Serbian president, is only 500 yards away from Republic Square, where the opposition was gathering Tuesday for a 35th straight day of protests against Milosevic.

The opposition demonstrators shouted, "Fascists, fascists" at the police.

Earlier, tens of thousands of student opposition demonstrators charged at Milosevic supporters with sticks and hurled mud at them. Several exchanged blows before the pro-government demonstrators retreated.

The opponents tore up a Milosevic banner and set his picture on fire.

By early afternoon, thousands of people gathered on Republic Square, throwing eggs, cabbages, apples and empty plastic bottles at each other. Independent radio stations reported at least one fight in a side street to the square.

Milosevic supporters were flocking to the square from one side, opposition protesters came from the other blowing whistles and chanting "Let's go, all-out attack."

Opposition leader Zoran Djindjic urged his people to be calm.

"We are stronger, and there is no reason to use force against them," he told a crowd from the balcony of his Democratic Party headquarters. "That is exactly what dictator Milosevic wants."

Hundreds of buses carrying Milosevic's supporters — mostly blue-collar workers and elderly people — arrived in Belgrade earlier Tuesday. Some workers said they had been forced to board the buses under threat of dismissal.

"I had no choice," a worker from the Kosovo province town of Prizren said, identifying himself only as Ljuba. "We were told either we board the buses, or we lose our jobs."

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Officials: Clinton's plan would deliver tax relief of up to $130 billon

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's new budget will provide up to $130 billion in tax relief, fulfilling his campaign promises, while sidestepping a controversial recommendation to trim Social Security cost-of-living increases as a way to balance the budget, administration officials said.

The budget, due to be unveiled Feb. 3, will include a $500 per child tax credit, other tax credits and deductions to pay for college expenses and the elimination of capital gains taxes on the sale of all but the most expensive homes, said the officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

Clinton campaigned on all of these items, insisting his more modest package of middle class tax relief would be better for the economy than rival Bob Dole's more generous 15 percent tax cut proposal. Clinton charged that Dole's proposal would make it impossible to balance the budget without deep cuts in Medicare and other popular benefit programs.

Administration officials said the tax cuts Clinton will include in his budget will carry a five-year price tag of up to $130 billion.

Clinton's budget, which in broad outlines will look very much like the one he sent Congress last March, will achieve balance by the year 2002.

The president has called a balanced budget the top priority of his second term even though an attempt to accomplish that feat last winter ended in bitter deadlock with the Republican-controlled Congress.

But Clinton has rejected one idea that would have achieved up to $1 trillion in deficit savings over 12 years, the officials said. His budget will not propose trimming the annual cost-of-living increases received by 60 million Americans in Social Security and other government benefits.

An advisory panel headed by Stanford economist Michael Boskin two weeks ago said the government's Consumer Price Index was overstating inflation by 1.1 percentage points annually. The panel recommended a series of steps to shrink the CPI by that amount in coming years.

Administration officials, however, said more expert review was needed before such changes could be adopted. Supporters of a balanced budget argue that restraining the growth in costly government benefit programs is essential, but Republicans have already said they will not go first in any effort to trim cost-of-living increases.

Clinton held three days of meetings last week reviewing various agency appeals to budget cuts being recommended by his Office of Management and Budget. While the administration had hoped to have all decisions wrapped up before Christmas, officials said Tuesday that timetable had slipped.

One of the issues still to be settled is how much the administration will try to restore some of the cuts made last summer in a welfare overhaul bill. Administration officials said Clinton was reviewing options that would restore between $13 billion and $16 billion, or about one-fourth of the $55 billion in projected savings.

One option under consideration would allow immigrant children to remain eligible for welfare benefits under Medicaid and the Supplemental Security Income programs.

To insure that he can offer tax breaks and still bring the budget into balance by 2002, Clinton's plan will include a "trigger" to eliminate certain tax breaks in 2001 and 2002 if the deficit has not fallen enough.

The exact nature of this trigger was still being worked out, officials said, and might include reductions in military and non-defense government spending as well as the elimination of tax breaks, officials said.

Clinton used a similar device in last year's budget and was widely attacked by Republicans who accused the president of holding out the promise of tax relief only to yank it away because he was unwilling to make the hard decisions on spending cuts.

The administration insists that the "trigger" mechanism allows the president to meet Republican demands to balance the budget using economic assumptions from the Congressional Budget Office rather than the more optimistic forecast of his own Office of Management and Budget.

Clinton's proposals will include the $500 per child tax credit that he initially offered in his Middle Class Bill of Rights unveiled in December 1994 after Republicans had taken control of Congress.

Clinton's holiday agenda: golf, shopping, ballet, church

WASHINGTON (AP) — Instead of dashing through the snow, President Clinton dodged raindrops Tuesday to play nine holes of golf before making one last trip to the mall for a final round of Christmas shopping.

As temperatures approached an unseasonably warm 60 degrees, Clinton teed off under cloudy, drizzly skies, with his brother-in-law, Tony Rodham, at the Army Navy Country Club in suburban Arlington, Va.

Later, Clinton stopped at the Fashion Centre mall near the Pentagon, where he searched for gifts among throngs of shoppers as the holiday hours ticked away. He emerged with a white plastic garment bag slung over his shoulder.

At the mall, Eyassu Teklu, a 38-year-old Ethiopian immigrant, gave the president one of two rhythm-and-blues compact music disks he had bought. "I told him I'm an Ethiopian, an American citizen and we love him," Teklu said. "And then, he said 'We love having you here.'"

Clinton and his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, also hit the theater to watch their 16-year-old daughter, Chelsea, perform for the fourth year in the Washington Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker." She was dancing several roles in the Tchaikovsky classic.

The Clintons also planned to attend Christmas Eve church services in Washington as they celebrated the holiday among family at the White House.

In a videotaped Christmas message to the nation, Clinton wished a happy holiday "to all the peacemakers among us." And Mrs. Clinton, a longtime children's advocate, urged holiday celebrants to think of needy children.

"I hope that during this holiday season we will remember our nation's neediest children and extend the spirit of giving to them with our love, our prayers and our generosity," she said.

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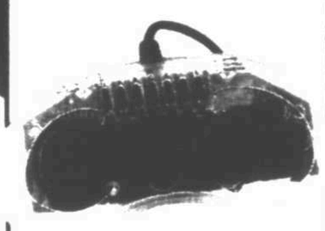

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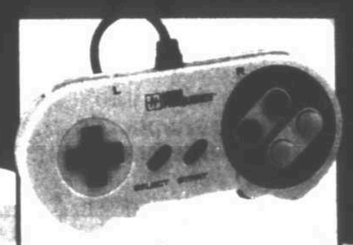

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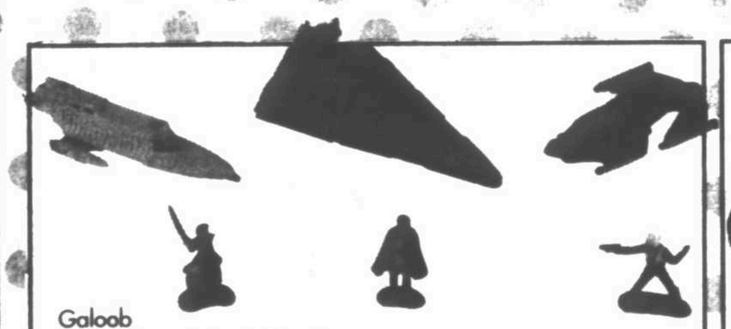

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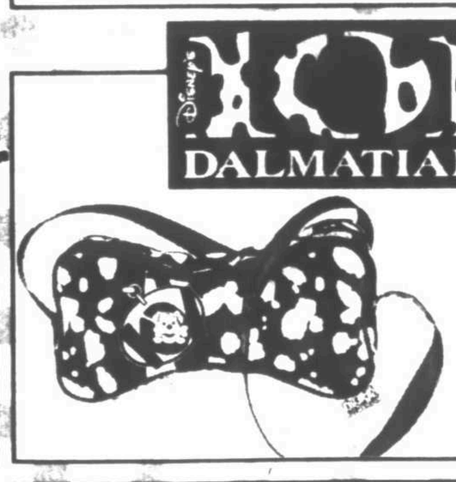

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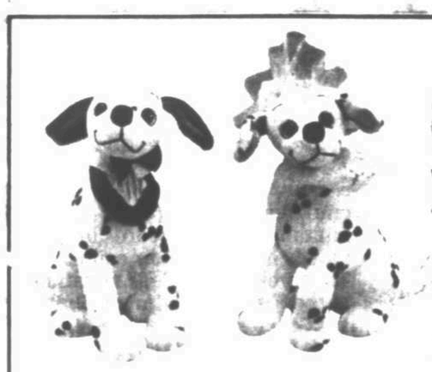

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A Savior is born, Christ the Lord!

"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.)

JACK ANDERSON

Now is time to remember year that was

WASHINGTON — Christmas seems like as good a time as any to reflect on a year that began with a bitter government shut-down and is ending with both parties pledging to get along.

Anderson

In between, our athletes gathered in Atlanta, our politicians gathered in San Diego and Chicago, and Americans tried to gather some interest in a presidential campaign that was notable only for the unprecedented amount of money that ended up chasing too few actual voters.

This column has been around for 64 years, none of them dull. For each successive year has brought its share of scandals, surprises and skullduggery. Here are just a few of the stories — large and small — that caught our attention in 1996:

■ **Worst press conference:** Kenneth Bacon, Pentagon spokesman, hadn't even read his own statement when he gathered the media for a late-afternoon announcement on Friday, June 21.

Bacon was there to tell the press that U.S. soldiers were exposed to chemical weapons during the Gulf War — something the Pentagon had known for five years.

The strange timing of the announcement — after the evening news deadlines — was prompted in part by our queries. For we had been told days earlier that the Pentagon was sitting on the information. Days later, Sen. Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., had this to say about Bacon's performance: "The guy was incoherent, because he was faced with having to tell the truth."

■ **False alarm:** Big, brash House Majority Leader Richard K. Armey, R-Texas, sounded more like a coward in a fund-raising letter that accidentally ended up in our office last winter.

Armey's three-page pitch read more like a desperate plea than the musings of a macho man who has preached about how the "politics of confrontation works."

Armey claimed he was headed for political purgatory unless supporters injected fast cash into his coffers. "I need to raise $67,895 in three weeks so I can gear up my campaign to respond to national Democrats' outrageous attacks," Armey wrote. "You and I must meet our opposition on a level playing field."

For the record, Armey's opponent was a 53-year-old urologist, Dr. Jerry Frankel, who had raised a grand total of $200 at the time Armey's letter was penned. Armey, who won his race with 74 percent of the vote, already had more than $700,000 in his coffers — hardly a level playing field.

■ **Frequent travelers:** The federal budget crunch hasn't stopped some Clinton administration officials from frequenting the friendly skies. Departing Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary made headlines for her travel, but lesser-known bureaucrats also racked up the air mileage.

Assistant Labor Secretary Olena Berg criss-crossed the country and the world to make 24 speeches promoting a risky pension scheme called Economically Targeted Investments. Her travels included visits to Australia and West Palm Beach, plus several stops in her home state of California.

Over at the Commerce Department, Joan Parrott-Fonseca, head of the Minority Business Development Agency, spent 212 days on the road over an 18-month span beginning in 1995. Agency staffers took to calling Parrott-Fonseca "Hazel Jr.," in reference to the embattled O'Leary, after the agency spent more than $100,000 on her care and feeding at a time when more than half of her headquarters' staff was laid off due to budget pressures.

■ **Shortest memory:** As his presidential bid was fizzling last winter, Patrick Buchanan lashed out at Bob Dole for using "sleazy tactics" and "attack ads" to undermine his candidacy.

This is the same Pat Buchanan, we reminded our readers, who spent the summer of 1972 redefining negative campaigning by co-authoring the "assault book," a compendium of negative information about Richard Nixon's fall opponent, Sen. George McGovern. Ironically, Buchanan's partner in that endeavor was Ken Kashigian, the California campaign chairman for Dole.

■ **They'll be missed:** Rep. Andrew Jacobs, D-Ind., for his decency and wit; Rep. Bob Dornan, R-Calif., because Congress will be a duller place without him; and Leon Panetta, who helped restore order to a chaotic White House.

■ **They won't:** Sen. Larry Pressler, R-S.D., who wasn't exactly the brightest bulb in the Senate's Christmas tree; Boutros Boutros-Ghali, whose pledge to reform the United Nations broke apart on the rocks of the world's biggest bureaucracy.

Finally, we'd like to thank our associates — George Clifford III, Aaron Karp and Dale Van Atta — without whom this column would never be able to publish four times a week. Their top-notch reporting is done without enough recognition and reward. Yet it is they — and their predecessors — who have helped keep the Merry-Go-Round spinning for more than six decades.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

Hebron issue symbolizes Israeli-Arab conflict

WASHINGTON — "I am a sojourning settler with you," said the patriarch Abraham to the Hittites, in Robert Alter's illuminating new translation of the Book of Genesis. "Grant me a burial holding with you . . ."

Safire

His wife Sarah had died "in Kiriath-arba, which is Hebron, in the land of Canaan." Ephron the Hittite offered Abraham a grave site free, but the patriarch insisted on paying for a cave in the far end of the field. Ephron then made a package of the cave and the field and asked an exorbitant price — 400 shekels of silver. Without bargaining, Abraham paid the asking price for the land.

Why pay for a burial plot when it has been offered as a gift? "Ephron, of course, knows what Abraham really wants," explains Alter, "is to be able to buy the land and thus acquire inalienable right to it." Though promised the land by God, the patriarch paid dearly because he wanted his descendants to avoid future legal argument from men.

Does a biblical property transaction, recounted in such detail thousands of years ago, still hold? At least a few hundred modern "settlers" who re-established Kiriath-arba in Hebron believe that it does, and put their lives on the line by living there, near the Cave of the Patriarchs, amidst Arabs angered by their presence.

You don't have to be a fundamentalist or a fanatic to understand the depth of feeling that attaches some deeply religious Jews to that place. Their determination to remain in hostile Hebron is a central symbol of one persecuted people's unique survival through the millennia.

One reason Jewish Israelis voted decisively to elect Benjamin Netanyahu prime minister was to insure that the residents of Kiriath-arba could bear witness to that continuity without getting massacred, as similar settlers were a few generations ago.

To protect their lives, even as most Israeli troops withdraw from Hebron, Netanyahu suggested some reasonable security modifications — making it harder, for example, for potential snipers to zero in on children — in the agreement too-eagerly reached in Oslo. Shimon Peres considered Hebron and other outposts to be impediments in his plan to purchase peace at the price of delivering almost all the West Bank to a Palestinian state.

Although unease among Jews has risen since Palestinian police used weapons supplied by Israel to fire on Israeli troops, Yasser Arafat has rigidly refused to compromise. That's because his goal is not to live in peace with Israelis in the West Bank, but to marshal world opinion to drive all Jews out of "his" territory.

Netanyahu, recognizing that motive, has shown his resolve by restoring economic aid to Israelis who dare to live in hardship areas.

That led the blame-Israel set in the U.S., led by Carter's Zbig Brzezinski and Bush's Jim Baker, to entice Clinton into settler-bashing. Mideast experts like George Shultz, Sol Linowitz and Henry Kissinger were not roped in by Baker, but when a reporter then shouted a question to the president about settlements, Clinton accepted the premise that they were "obstacles to peace."

He erred. Perhaps he thought that the questioner meant "new" settlements, which would surely upset negotiations, but to assert a U.S. position that the present settlements should be uprooted would be an intrusive blunder.

Even the Rabin-Peres government overlaw the "thickening" and growth of present Israeli West Bank towns and Clinton needs to get out of the trap set for him.

The peace that cries out to be reached has about 70 percent of the disputed land Arab, the remainder Israeli. Arab families would continue to grow in contiguous Palestinian settlements, under their own flag, and Israeli settlers, including immigrants, would be fruitful and multiply in their own.

But the road to war is to encourage Arabs to believe that world pressure can drive Jews out of all the West Bank and establish East Jerusalem as capital of a Palestinian state.

That will not happen. Beating up on Benjamin Netanyahu, or demonizing settlers in Hebron, or threatening another intifada if Jews build homes in any part of Israel's undivided Jerusalem — no such coercion will make it happen.

The popularity of Israel's present government may suffer as it resists pressure to part with the nation's patrimony. Netanyahu's reward will come when his unfashionable realism delivers durable peace.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Market outcomes can rule Hollywood

The folks in Hollywood still don't get it. They think they can spew out any kind of record or video, no matter how wantonly sexual or gratuitously violent, and that America's retailers must blithely carry their products.

So when conscientious, family oriented retail giants like Wal-Mart, Blockbuster and Kmart refused to stock CDs or videos that fell short of their standards of decency and taste, the Hollywood claque yelped with outrage.

"Censorship," said Oliver Stone, still miffed that the retailers neglected to carry the director's cut of his disturbingly bloody film, "Natural Born Killers."

"Chilling," said Nina Crowley, head of a music industry group that has initiated a letter-writing campaign to Wal-Mart to protest its policy.

Stone, Crowley and their like-minded entertainment industry comrades need a reality check.

First of all, the claim of censorship rings hollow. It would be one thing if the government were banning certain records or videos based on their content. That would be a clear violation of the First Amendment. But private-sector corporations like Wal-Mart, Blockbuster and Kmart can ban whatever they see fit.

As to the chilling effect that Wal-Mart, Blockbuster and Kmart are having on the entertainment industry, that's actually a good thing. The purveyors of profanity-laced, sexually explicit or excessively violent music and films ought to know that their socially unredeeming actions have marketplace consequences. ...

— San Diego Union-Tribune
San Diego, Calif.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 25, the 360th day of 1996. There are six days left in the year. This is Christmas Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

In A.D. 336, the first recorded celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 took place in Rome.

On this date:

In 1066, William the Conqueror was crowned king of England.

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 1818, "Silent Night" was performed for the first time, at the Church of St. Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria.

One year ago: An ailing Pope John Paul II cut short his traditional Christmas greetings, telling crowds he was fighting to regain his health.

ART BUCHWALD

Santa makes case for more Asian Christmas toys

Santa Claus gave the Democratic National Committee $500,000, and for this he was allowed to climb down the White House chimney and make a case to the president for more Chinese toys.

Buchwald

My sister is getting married to a girl I roomed with in college.

If the Army told the truth about poison gas you'd never have another parade for Desert Storm.

Martha Stewart didn't make our holly wreaths this year because she drank too much of our eggnog.

Even if O.J. sends me a Christmas card I have no intention of sending him one in return.

I used to love Christmas until somebody put it on the Internet.

I couldn't find a Nintendo 64 toy for my grandson so I ran away from home.

The reason Barbie quit the Army was that GI Joe always yelled at her in boot camp.

We gave our son a DNA set and now he knows which brother stole his hamster.

The kids watched a Mature Audience Only TV show the other night and became depraved.

I'm suing my true love for breach of promise because, according to our prenuptial agreement, he agreed to give me a pear tree and two turtle doves, but he never delivered.

The more items I sell at Christmas the more religious I become.

If I had the choice of a white Christmas or more nicotine in my cigarettes I'd take the nicotine.

Dr. Kevorkian is the only one I trust at my HMO.

A gorilla fell into the pit at the zoo and my 3-year-old saved it.

I've decided to sell my swizzle stick from the Jackie Onassis collection.

I can't wait to see Boris Yeltsin dance with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

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Ethics panel avoids tax judgment on Gingrich, focuses on actions

WASHINGTON (AP) — For a year, House ethics investigators grappled with the legality of Speaker Newt Gingrich's use of tax-exempt organizations to further his political agenda.

When they formally charged him with ethical wrongdoing, they avoided judgment on whether he violated tax law and concentrated instead on what he did. The answer was: plenty.

The "Statement of Alleged Violation" signed by Gingrich demonstrated that the mission of the speaker's political organization and the goal of his tax-exempt activities were the same.

Citing numerous documents, the statement showed that the political and tax-exempt activities were so intertwined that they at times used identical wording.

Federal tax law prohibits use of tax-exempt organizations for partisan political purposes. Since donors to these groups can deduct their contributions on federal income taxes, the organizations are subsidized by U.S. taxpayers.

By signing the statement of violation, Gingrich admitted he did not seek legal advice that would have warned him not to carry out his projects through tax-exempt organizations. And he agreed that incorrect information was submitted to the ethics investigators.

Approved unanimously by a four-member subcommittee, the statement of violation avoided coming to a conclusion on whether Gingrich committed tax fraud. Instead, it concentrated on Gingrich's activities. Later, it will issue a report explaining why the charges were handled this way.

Nonetheless, the subcommittee went into detail to show where Gingrich went wrong:

■ Projects of GOPAC, the political organization Gingrich led from 1986 to 1995, were shifted to tax-exempt organizations after GOPAC ran short of money to disseminate its partisan message.

■ GOPAC documents showed its employees were involved in developing the speaker's college course, managing its operations, fund raising and promotion. Three top GOPAC staffers resigned from the organization but maintained a consulting contract under which GOPAC paid half their salaries. Major donors, known as charter members, helped develop the course.

Yet, the speaker's responses to the ethics panel in 1994 and 1995 flatly denied any connection.

■ A Gingrich-written document suggested that GOPAC's Republican message of replacing the welfare state should be portrayed in nonpartisan terms. This same message was used to describe the goals of the tax-exempt activities.

By expressing the program in terms of free enterprise, it would be "very difficult for the Democrats to co-opt because of their ideology and their interest groups," Gingrich wrote.

■ The ethics subcommittee relied on "an expert in the law of tax-exempt organizations" while the speaker's representative was simply referred to as "Mr. Gingrich's tax counsel."

To show how the partisan and tax-exempt activities were connected, the subcommittee cited Gingrich's GOPAC document on "Key Factors in a House GOP Majority."

Gingrich wrote that the organization should "articulate a vision" based on "a governing conservatism (basic American values, entrepreneurial free enterprise and technological progress)."

In early 1990, the report said, GOPAC developed the American Opportunities Workshop, which produced a television program on government reform. The project had three tenets: "basic American values; entrepreneurial free enterprise and technological progress."

After one program, the project was transferred, "with Mr. Gingrich's knowledge and approval, to the Abraham Lincoln Opportunity Foundation" — a tax-exempt organization. Its basic tenets: "basic American values, entrepreneurial free enterprise and technological progress."

The subcommittee found that the television workshop was transferred to the tax-exempt group after the project "consumed a large portion of GOPAC's financial resources during 1990."

"In late 1992 and through 1993, GOPAC's limited financial resources were not sufficient to enable it to carry out all of the political programs at its usual level," the subcommittee found.

During this financially difficult period, Gingrich worked out GOPAC's political program of ending the welfare state — and called it "Renewing American Civilization."

Then, Gingrich decided to teach his college course, also calling it "Renewing American Civilization."

The course was funded through two tax-exempt organizations, one closely allied with Gingrich.

GOPAC letters to contributors, sent under Gingrich's name, described "a partisan, political role" for the college course, the statement of violations said.

One letter said the course had a goal of "activating at least 200,000 citizen activists" to replace the welfare state.

U.S. may punish doctors who prescribe marijuana

WASHINGTON (AP) — Doctors in Arizona and California who prescribe marijuana for medical use under new state laws may become the targets of stiff penalties by the federal government.

Officials in the drug-fighting federal agencies said Monday that a new plan for federal response to state laws that permit medical use of marijuana calls for strict enforcement of federal law, including provisions that forbid doctors from prescribing illegal drugs.

"The DEA has the power to take away a doctor's right to prescribe" legal narcotics if that privilege is abused, said Drug Enforcement Administration spokeswoman Catherine Shaw. She said that power also could be exercised against doctors who prescribe marijuana, an illegal drug.

A spokesman for a California organization that promoted that state's medical marijuana proposition said any federal attempt to attack doctors could violate physicians' right of free speech.

Shaw said that in order to prescribe Schedule II through Schedule V drugs, which are pharmaceuticals that can be legally prescribed, a doctor has to have a DEA certificate.

About 900 doctors over the past two years have lost their certification for over-prescribing such drugs as tranquilizers or sleeping pills.

Marijuana and heroin are Schedule I substances, and federal law recognizes no legitimate medical use for these drugs, Shaw said. As a result, she said, doctors who prescribe marijuana could lose their DEA certification, even though such prescriptions may be permitted by some state laws.

Voters in Arizona and California last month approved measures that would relax restrictions on the medical use of some illegal drugs, such as marijuana.

Earlier this month, President Clinton told Cabinet members he wanted a plan drawn up that would detail how the federal government would respond to the new state laws.

Retired Gen. Barry McCaffrey, Clinton's drug policy adviser, spearheaded a multi-agency effort to draw up the plan. It was later reviewed and agreed upon by the FBI, the DEA, and the departments of Health and Human Services, Justice and Transportation.

Donald Maple, a spokesman for McCaffrey, said the plan has been submitted to Clinton. He refused, however, to discuss details until the president has reviewed it.

"The plan is a balanced way to respond to the propositions" in Arizona and California, he said, noting that it basically will emphasize that federal law has not changed, despite the new state laws.

"Marijuana is a Schedule I drug, and science has not found it to be medically useful," said Maple. "We don't believe we will find a lot of doctors who will prescribe smoked marijuana."

How to resolve the problem of marijuana being legal under state law but illegal under federal law is "part of what the Legislature and other people are working on," said Bill FitzGerald, spokesman for the Maricopa County attorney's office in Arizona. "Arizona is looking at its options."

The speaker of the Arizona House, however, said last week that there was no consensus among legislators about what to do about implementation of the state's law.

California Attorney General Dan Lungren, who opposed the state marijuana measure, has said he will enforce the new law but that its provisions should be interpreted narrowly.

Dave Fratello, a spokesman for Americans for Medical Rights in California, said any federal action against doctors who express an opinion to a patient about marijuana use could be attacked as a violation of the First Amendment.

"Doctors making a marijuana recommendation to patients would not be violating federal law because they would not actually be prescribing something," said Fratello.

Under Proposition 215 in California, said Fratello, doctors would not violate state law if they recommended to patients the use of marijuana or if they expressed in writing a medical opinion that a patient would benefit from the use of such a drug.

"The voters did not ask for a war on doctors," he said.

"They called upon government officials to respect the rights of patients and doctors who are involved in the medical use of marijuana."

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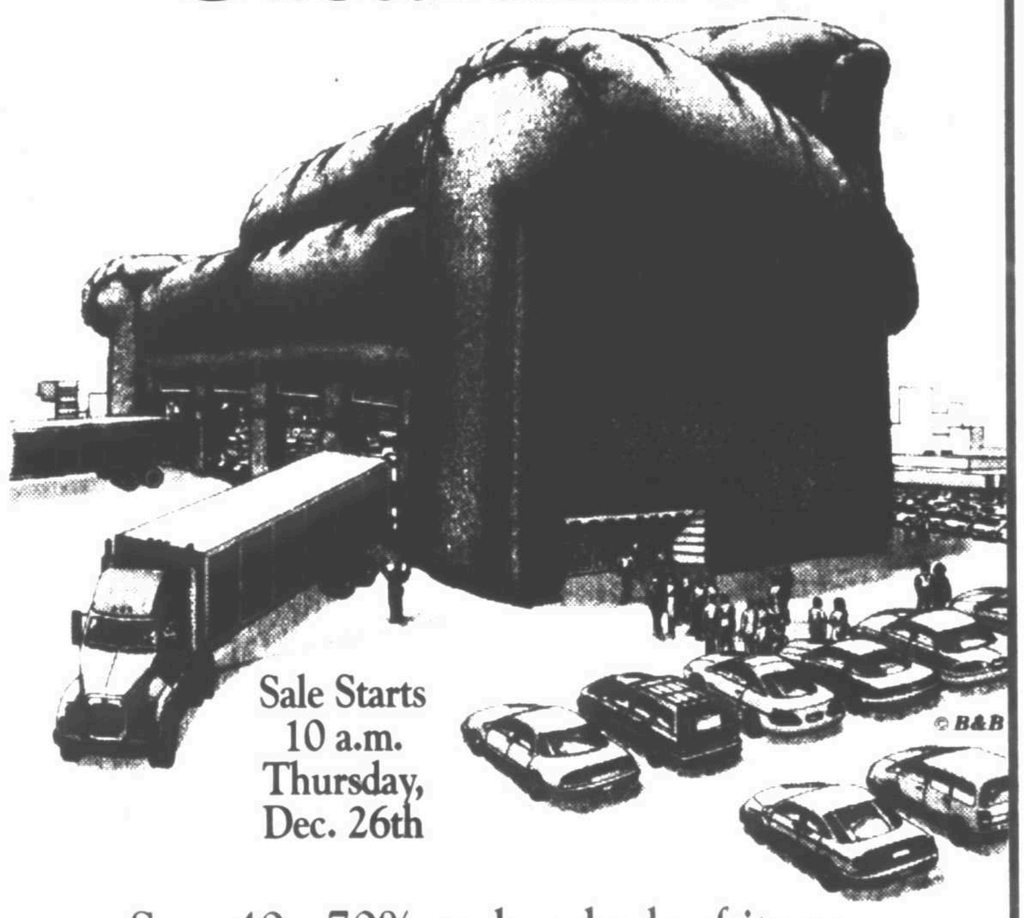
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Eastern town mourns friendly dog whose day was too brief

By Monte Williams
N.Y. Times Service

PHOENICIA, N.Y. — Late in November, 125 people here attended a memorial service for Daisy, a rising young model whose refined countenance has graced a greeting card, T-shirts and postcards.

"She was really innocent and alert and perky and ready for the world," said a person who attended the tribute at the Shandaken Theater.

Another said, "She lived for the camera."

And another added, "It's a cosmic thing, death, and when it hits someone we love called Daisy, she has to be honored."

So what if the deceased was a 4-year-old smooth-haired fox terrier?

No one in this tiny community 13 miles northwest of Woodstock told Bill Forbes, Daisy's owner, that a memorial service for a dog was over the top or even remotely odd.

"It just seemed like the proper and natural thing to do," said Forbes, who owns a home accessories and gift shop, the Tender Land. "People were very glad I did it."

In more ways than one, Daisy, who was shot to death, possibly by a neighbor, Forbes said, left her mark on this picturesque Ulster County hamlet best known for trout fishing and tubing in warm weather and leaf-watching and deer-hunting in cooler seasons.

A videotape shown at the memorial included Wegmanesque photographs of Daisy clad in a bikini, bejeweled for a birthday party and sporting the long black braids of an Indian maiden. Forbes launched Daisy's career, plastering photographs of her and Cody, his other fox terrier, on the postcards and T-shirts he sells in the store. One, which was bought by a greeting card company, shows Daisy nuzzling Cody's neck.

"You could put wigs and hats and sunglasses on her and she would sit and stay," Forbes said. "Daisy was a ham, a real actress."

On the videotape, mourners compared Daisy to legendary personalities like Marilyn Monroe and Cleopatra. Others likened her to an angel.

"Bill said it best when he said she was just a very bright light that is no longer here," said Holly Guglielmetti, a waitress who raced over to the memorial still in her apron.

Daisy's sweet disposition made the way she died all the more tragic, said her admirers. She was shot in the back on Nov. 10 and found on a neighbor's property. Her veterinarian, Dr. Dan Sullivan, recovered a fragment of the bullet that killed her. Forbes, and his partner, David Pillard, a caterer, have offered to hire a ballistics expert to aid in the police investigation.

No arrests have been made. The authorities did not return repeated calls for comment, but Forbes suspects a neighbor and is considering a civil suit against the man.

He speculated about what transpired. A few days before Daisy was killed, she came home with the bottom half of a deer leg. "She couldn't have killed a deer by herself," Forbes said. "She weighed 20 pounds and was about a foot high."

Forbes said the neighbor, who may have been shooting deer out of season, was probably enraged that Daisy had returned to his property to feast on the deer carcass again.

Daisy "never knew cruelty in her life," Pillard, 38, said in the videotape, "and for her to end up on the cold ground in November with a bullet in her trying to make her way home. That's the thing we have to remember. We have to try not to let this happen to any pet, person or child."

The memorial service was not the first special event held for Daisy. There have been special bones for birthdays, of course. And then there was her wedding.

In 1994, Daisy married Cody as 175 guests looked on. "I had never seen so many people in the community in one place in my life," said Ms. Guglielmetti.

The bride padded down the aisle in a custom-made Empire-style gown with a five-foot lace train, according to The Woodstock Times, which covered the wedding. Her head was festooned with a garland of pink daisies. The groom wore a white turtleneck with a leopard-print bow tie and a black velvet smoking jacket.

The two bridesmaids were the Hungarian hunting dogs of Marilyn Manning, a British-born nurse; the best man, a dachshund. The wedding party tooled through town in an open convertible, with dog food cans clanking on the road behind them.

"We thought a wedding only proper since we wanted them to have puppies," said Forbes, 41. "But Daisy never became a mother. She was much more interested in her career as a model."

Still, the terriers were close companions. It was Cody who discovered Daisy's body and led Forbes's housemate, Dawn Close, to her. Cody has lost his appetite since Daisy's death.

Regina and Bill McCarthy, who visited Daisy in Forbes's shop during weekend visits to a nearby inn, drove more than 200 miles round trip from their home in Forest Hills, Queens, for the memorial.

Food from Friends feeds 325 families

For some 325 Midland families with low or no income, the prospect of Christmas got a little brighter last week, thanks to Food From Friends, a partnership of Furr's Supermarkets, Inc., Midland Reporter-Telegram, KGEE/KODM/KNFM Radio Stations, United Way of Midland, Casa de Amigos and the Salvation Army. The effort was further aided by a host of individuals who dropped cans and boxes of food into the bright red "Food From Friends" boxes place in the three Furr's Supermarkets in Midland.

Furr's Supermarket personnel delivered grocery sacks bulging with fruit, vegetables, pies, stuffing, and rolls, along with gift vouchers for turkeys and milk, to the Salvation Army and to Casa de Amigos for distribution to the families in need who had registered with those agencies.

Salvation Army Co-Captain Yvette Villafuerte said the Army set up appointments with 65 families per hour on Thursday in order to finish their deliveries of Christmas dinners, clothes and toys in time for the holiday.

"This was a wonderful thing," said Captain Villafuerte. "Furr's really came through for us. We originally were scheduled to get just 125 dinners, but when so many signed up, Furr's got to work and came up with more food."

Casa de Amigos families came to the Garden Lane facility to pick up their dinners, clothes and toys on Wednesday. Xochilt Meraz, Casa de Amigos' person in charge of Christmas giveaways, said the food baskets are especially meaningful at a time when wishes for a Merry Christmas often ring hollow due to hunger.

"We really appreciate Furr's and the Food from Friends. This means more to us than a lot of people realize," she said. "They still have hardships, but they can celebrate Christmas and have plenty to eat with some left over."

Food from Friends

Thanks to the help of many, some 325 Midland families were given grocery sacks full of food for Christmas dinner. For the third year in a row, Midlanders shared their bounty of Christmas with their neighbors and friends who needed a little help, by putting canned and non-perishable goods into the "Food For Friends" boxes at Furr's Supermarkets.

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BASIN BRIEFING

Tree pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up Jan. 3 and 4 as a fund-raiser for Christian Life Center. To have trees picked up call 683-4808 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and leave name and address. Donations will be accepted. Also, Christmas trees will be hauled off for a $5 donation as a fund-raiser for a new junior baseball team. For more information call 697-0914.

Lawsuit ends

A Big Spring jury has awarded $1.5 million to the family of a deceased Big Spring man, finding against the Midland-based company Yale E. Key.

The lawsuit was filed by the family of Roy "Gene" Strickland, a Yale E. Key employee who was killed in April 1995 when a truck tire exploded.

Story 2B

Houston explosion

HOUSTON — This year's traditional Christmas gathering is the most sorrowful the Nagy family has ever known.

Steven Nagy, 29, was among eight workers who died in a Sunday night blast at the Wyman-Gordon Forging Co. plant. Two other workers were injured.

"He was the most gentle, loving ...," his tearful mother, Sissy, said Tuesday, her voice breaking. "He was just a good kid."

Story 3B

Death lawsuit

DALLAS — The widow of a manager who was shot to death during a domestic dispute in Humperdink's Restaurant has filed a $8 million wrongful death lawsuit against the establishment. Michele Brigham's lawsuit alleges that Todd Brigham's June 7 death could have been prevented if his colleagues had responded promptly to death threats a customer made before the shooting.

Story 3B

Christmas lights

ABERNATHY — As the December night deepens, the glow from a quiet residential street reaches out to the nearby interstate. At the end of the 500 block of Third Street, two residences shine from the thousands of Christmas lights adorning trees in their front yards. In front of the two houses, lighted display boxes show motorized holiday dioramas varying from a Nativity scene to Bugs Bunny watching Santa Claus play golf.The decorating spree began 11 years ago when the Lamb family went to view Christmas lights in Southeast Lubbock. The sights gave the two Lamb children, who were in grade school at the time, ideas of their own.

Story 4B

Genital mutilation

ARLINGTON — A woman and her boyfriend face felony charges of injury to a child for injuring the woman's 4-year-old son's genitals while disciplining him during toilet-training.

The injuries forced doctors to amputate part of the boy's penis, and he has since undergone reconstructive surgery, police spokesman Dee Anderson said.

Story 4B

Bank robbery

YANTIS — Authorities were looking Tuesday for a bank robber who duped a Sulphur Springs used car dealer out of a getaway car an hour earlier. The masked gunman entered the small branch bank shortly before closing time Monday, threw a bag across the counter, ordered the clerk to fill it with money, then fled. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wood County Sheriff's Department and Texas Rangers were investigating the holdup.

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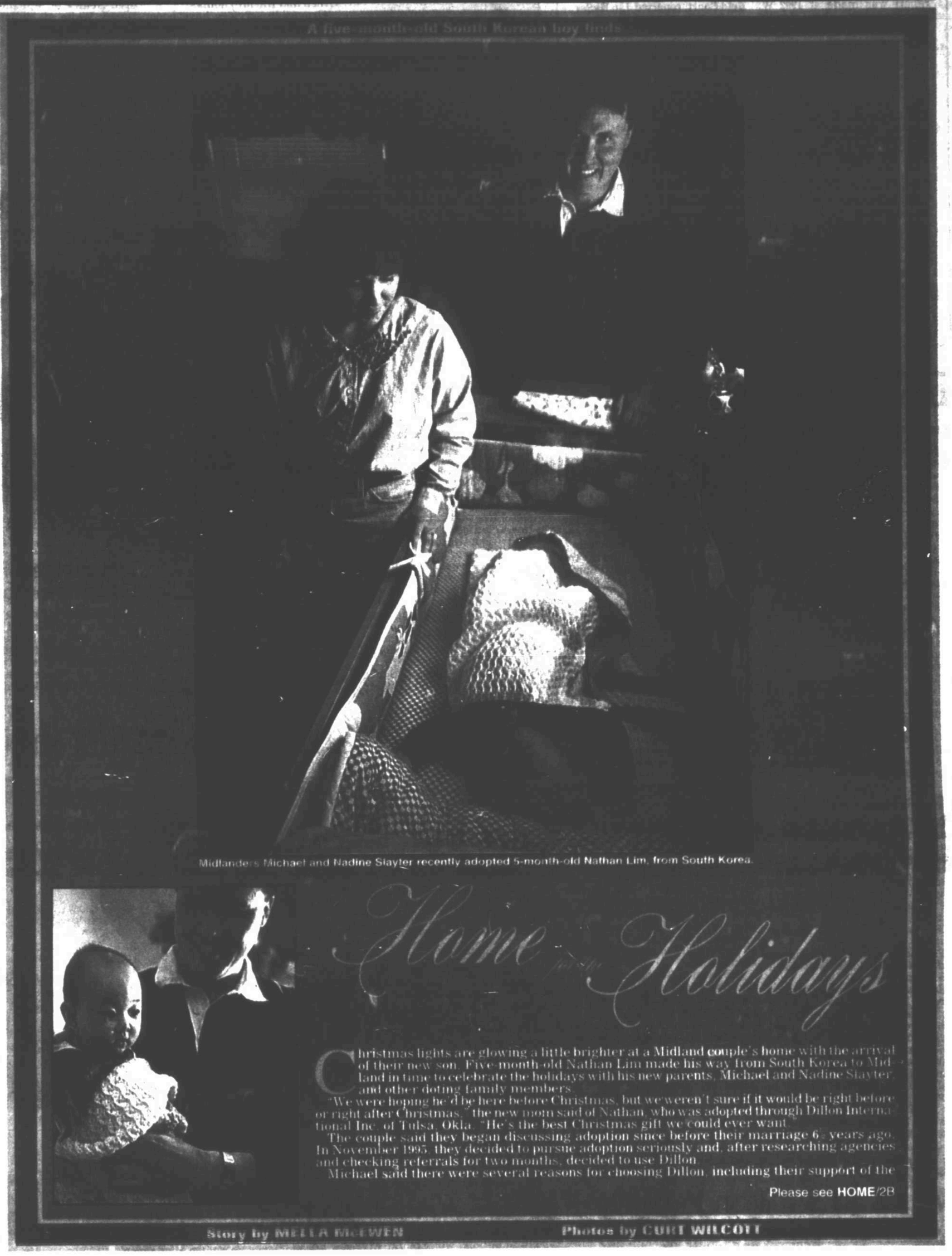

A five-month-old South Korean boy finds

Midlanders Michael and Nadine Slayter recently adopted 5-month-old Nathan Lim, from South Korea.

Home for the Holidays

Christmas lights are glowing a little brighter at a Midland couple's home with the arrival of their new son. Five-month-old Nathan Lim made his way from South Korea to Midland in time to celebrate the holidays with his new parents, Michael and Nadine Slayter, and other doting family members.

"We were hoping he'd be here before Christmas, but we weren't sure if it would be right before or right after Christmas," the new mom said of Nathan, who was adopted through Dillon International Inc. of Tulsa, Okla. "He's the best Christmas gift we could ever want."

The couple said they began discussing adoption since before their marriage 6½ years ago. In November 1995, they decided to pursue adoption seriously and, after researching agencies and checking referrals for two months, decided to use Dillon.

Michael said there were several reasons for choosing Dillon, including their support of the

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Story by MELLA McEWEN Photos by CURT WILCOTT

GARY OTT

Family album holds faces, Christmases of our past

It must have been, as I think back on it, about, oh, 1957 or so, which would have made me 5 or 6 years old at the time, probably the best age for truly enjoying Christmas.

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It was bitterly cold outside, but inside the house everything was warm and cozy and drifting through the air was that wonderful aroma that just seems to scream out: "We're going to eat until we're miserable." We had already opened gifts that night, on Christmas Eve, which was our family's tradition, and now with great anticipation, the children were awaiting Santa Claus' dramatic arrival the following morning.

And sometime during the night, he did make his appearance.

I didn't actually hear him enter the house, of course, but when I awoke ... there it was, resting under the tree just begging for me to put it on.

We're talking about the best dadgum cowboy outfit you ever did see. There were boots, a hat, holster and guns, and even a vest with an embroidered bucking horse on the back of it.

And seeing as how Roy Rogers was my hero at the time, no more appropriate gift could have been given me.

I wore it, I'm told by my parents, everyday for the next three weeks.

And there is even a picture of me — sporting a mean-looking snarl — in the old family photo album pointing the gun at the camera ready to shoot the bad guys.

I'm not sure I've ever been that happy since.

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Now jump ahead a few years, if you would, to 1969. I'm 17 years of age and a junior in high school.

In other words, I'm cool, much too cool, in fact, to admit being excited about the arrival of something as corny and old-fashioned as Christmas, especially since I was being forced to spend it with my — gag me with a spoon! — family.

I mean, yuk!

Like most 17-year-olds I spent the bulk of my "family time" holed up in my bedroom with the stereo turned up full blast. When required to actually be around other family members, I mostly grunted responses to their questions and rolled my eyes a lot.

That, after all, is what cool 17-year-olds did in 1969.

So I was reasonably certain that this was going to be one lousy Christmas. And I was fully prepared to do my part to make sure it was.

But as we all gathered around the tree, with Christmas carols playing softly in the background, something peculiar happened.

I began to have fun ... with my FAMILY no less.

We talked and laughed and hugged and laughed some more.

There is even a picture of me in the old family photo album with my arms draped over the shoulders of my parents, grinning from ear to ear.

Granted, it wasn't what you would call a "cool" pose, but I was terribly happy nonetheless.

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It was not long thereafter that I again found myself in the position of being a "bored participant" at a Christmas gathering. This time I was a sophomore in college and, since it was 1972, I looked the part. My hair was long and shaggy and I was just beginning to sprout a rather unsightly beard. My eyes had that "glassy look" that was so prevalent with college students back then and as for the wardrobe, well, it was standard: faded jeans, flannel shirt and desert boots with no socks.

This was to be what some might term a "big" Christmas, because in addition to the "regulars," meaning the immediate family, my grandparents were also present. They drove all the way in from Georgia, in fact.

My grandfather, affectionately known as Papa, was sort of an Archie Bunker clone so my appearance was not a big hit with him. He said I looked "prissy" and made several tacky remarks about my choice of clothing.

I retaliated by giving a 30-minute filibuster on my political views, which, of course, bored everyone to tears.

Things were stacking up to be a heckuva Christmas.

But then something magical happened.

We gathered around the tree to open gifts and suddenly we were "family" again. Nothing else — not clothes, length of hair or political views — mattered.

We were "one," even Papa and me.

There is a picture of the two of us standing together in the old family photo album. He has a reluctant, but strangely proud, smile on his face and I'm making a "peace" sign with the first two fingers of my left hand.

We both look happy.

And we were.

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Now it is Christmas 1996.

Papa is no longer among us and I won't be home for the holidays.

But the rest of the family has gathered as they always do.

I'm thinking of them right now.

I'm sure they are talking and laughing and hugging and laughing some more.

I just hope they take lots of pictures.

The old family photo album needs them.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Police Reports

Midland Police Department
Monday

Burglary of a building: A report was made at 1902 W. Florida Ave. by Orville Mitchell at 3:35 p.m.

Theft: A report was made at 1709 Rankin Highway by Kent Kwik Convenience Store at 4:44 p.m.

Vandalism: A report was made at 3402 Shell Ave. by Harry Hope at 5:58 p.m.

Tuesday

Burglary of a building: Electronic items were taken at 503 W. Florida Ave., reported 1001 Things at 12:35 a.m. Two of three suspects were arrested and the items were recovered, police reported.

Robbery: A clerk was assaulted at 2210 N. Big Spring St., reported EZ Mart at 1:09 a.m. The suspects were arrested.

Theft: Christmas decorations were taken at 3909 Northfield Court, reported Jan Hidler at 2 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Monday

Theft: A pickup door was taken at 1909 Alta Vista Drive, reported Anthony Mechanical at 9:34 a.m.

Theft: Gasoline was taken at 11400 W. State Highway 158, reported Kent Kwik Convenience Store at 8:19 p.m.

Theft: A credit card was taken at 7007 S. County Road 1283, reported J&S Oilfield Electric at 10:41 p.m.

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

Death Notices

Sheldon Eudaly

MONAHANS — Sheldon Arnold Eudaly, 92, father of Midlander Shelley Crawford, died Sunday, Dec. 22, at a Crane nursing home.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, at First Baptist Church in Grandfalls with the Revs. Virgil May, Alan Speed, Troy Williamson and Gene Thurber officiating. Burial will be in Tamrisk Cemetery in Grandfalls under the direction of Harkey Funeral Home in Monahans.

He was born April 24, 1904, in Grandfalls.

He lived in Grandfalls most of his life. He operated a service station until his retirement in 1980. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Grandfalls.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Freeman Eudaly and William G. Eudaly Jr.; and a sister, Mildred C. Eudaly.

Other survivors include his wife, Mildred Eudaly of Grandfalls; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

L.C. Hickey

L.C. "Lesie" Hickey, 46, died Thursday, Dec. 19, at a Big Spring Hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at the Greater Ideal Baptist Church with the Rev. Terry Walker officiating under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

He was born April 21, 1950, in Midland.

He worked in the maintenance and janitorial industry and was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mose and Elizabeth Hickey; four sisters; and a brother.

Survivors include a son, Carl Hickey of Midland; a daughter, LaShauna Bradley of Houston; four sisters, Dorothy West, Ruby Moore, Betty Hickey and Linda McDonald, all of Midland; two brothers, J.C. Hickey of Sweetwater and James Peterson of Roswell, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

Elton Lindeburg

Midlander Elton Lindeburg, 71, died Monday, Dec. 23, at his residence.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Robert Fraizer officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

He was born April 8, 1925, in Hondo.

He worked for the city of Midland Water Department until his retirement three years ago.

He was preceded in death by a son, Billy Ray Lindeburg.

Survivors include a son, Clinton Wayne Lindeburg of San Josa, Calif.; a daughter, Karen Partain of Seminole; a sister, Mable Jackson of Hondo; one grandchild; two great-grandchildren; and his nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Special Olympics of Texas, 2303 W. Wall St., Midland 79701.

Molly Weekes

DE LEON — Molly Matilda Weekes, 88, mother of Midlander Wayne Weekes, died Monday, Dec. 23, at River Haven Rest Home in Georgetown.

Graveside services are to be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 26, at Alameda Cemetery with the Rev. Jeff Smith officiating under the direction of Nowlin Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 16, 1908, in Round Grove Community, Erath County.

She lived in Georgetown for the last five years. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church in De Leon.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Willis Weekes, on Sept. 21, 1972.

Other survivors include another son, Stan Weekes of Ranger; a daughter, Billie Cunningham of Round Rock; a sister, Oleta Bolen of Odessa; five grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Obituaries

Tyson

Gertrude Tyson

Gertrude Tyson was born Jan. 26, 1902, to Robert and Willie Olinger in Luders, Texas. Her father was a pharmacist.

She married Hollis Tyson on Jan. 10, 1928, in McKinney, Texas. Mrs. Tyson lived in New York City, Denver, Dallas, Boulder City, Houston, Corpus Christi and Nogales, Arizona.

Mr. Tyson was an independent oil operator. He preceded Mrs. Tyson in death in January 1975.

Mrs. Tyson is survived by Benny, Carolyn, Chris and Jennifer Cason of Midland, who were her close friends for many years. She is also survived by a nephew, Jont Tyson of Ironwood, Mich., a sister-in-law, Nadine Tyson of Fort Worth; and Jimmy Hardy, a cousin, of Snyder, Texas.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, or to High Sky Girls Ranch, HC 31, Box 21A, Midland, Texas 79707-9509.

Mrs. Tyson died Tuesday afternoon at her Midland residence.

Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Gregory Bartha, Clarence Scharbauer Jr., Chris Scharbauer, Clarence Scharbauer III, Doug Scharbauer, John Stanley, Clyde Green and Harlin Thomas.

Graveside services have been set for Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996, at 10 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park with Rev. Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Baptist Church officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

White

Archie Shane White

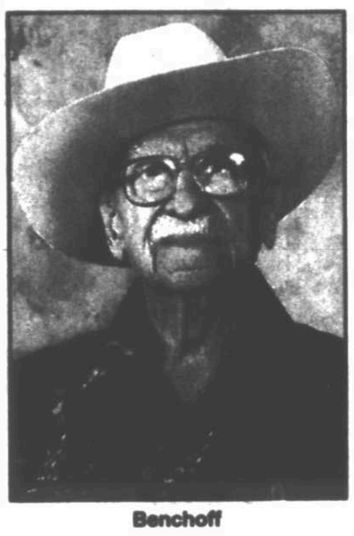
Funeral services for Archie Shane White, 9, of Midland, have been set for Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, at 3 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will be at Fairview Cemetery in Midland.

He died Monday afternoon in an auto accident.

He was born June 26, 1987, in Midland, Texas. Shane attended Ben Milam Elementary School. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was an avid video player. He played baseball with the Western League White Sox.

He survived by his mother, Mildred Gentry of Midland; father, Danny White of Midland; three half-brothers, Larry White, Lonnie White and Derek White, all of Midland; aunt, Deborah Gentry of Midland; cousins, Valton Cooper of Lubbock, Justin Mauldin of Midland and Autumn Peace of Midland; maternal grandparents, Eva and Archie Gentry of Midland; and paternal grandparents, Charles White of Pecos and Sallie White of Midland.

In lieu flowers, the family requests that memorials go to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Midland 500 N. Loraine, Suite 1010 Midland, Texas 79701.



Benchoff

Edmund Frederick "Eddie" Benchoff

MENARD — Private funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 23, 1996, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Menard, Texas, for Edmund Frederick "Eddie" Benchoff, a former resident of Menard, Texas; Midland, Texas; Salem, Ill; and Colorado Springs, Colo. Graveside services were conducted at Pioneer Rest Cemetery.

Mr. Benchoff was born in Menard, Texas, August 8, 1906. He was the last surviving member of the family of Mary Connolly and David George Benchoff, pioneer merchant of Menard and Eden. He is predeceased in death by his parents; by his brothers, Daniel, Theodore and Albert; by his sisters, Mary Ethel, Louise Schuchard, Eugene Parker and Rachael Carmichael; and by his wife, Thelma Jayne Hanratty Benchoff.

He was baptized at Sacred Heart Church and attended elementary school in Menard, Saint Anthony's College in San Antonio and the University of Dallas.

Mr. Benchoff began his business career with The Armour & Company as a special representative, traveling throughout the Midwest, South and Southwest with his headquarters in Tulsa, Okla. There he met and married the former Thelma Jayne Hanratty.

He left The Armour & Company to enter the oil business and in 1939 joined the Potter Brothers of Dallas in their development of the Illinois Basin oil fields of Salem and Centralia. During this time, he held positions related to office management, drilling, production, pipelining, refining and marketing. In 1966, he returned to his home state of Texas with his wife and settled in Midland, to be near their family, and to pursue his lifelong interest in fishing and hunting.

Survivors include four daughters and their respective husbands, Rachael and J.R. Preston of Houston and Menard County, Margaret Anne and Edward Leede of Castle Pines, Colo., Marilyn and Robert Gerst of Evansville, Ind., and Sharon and Clyde Pine of El Paso; one son, Michael Benchoff of Phoenix, Ariz.; 19 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Benchoff was a member of Saint Paul's Parish in Colorado Springs and previously of Saint Ann's Parish in Midland.

HOME: Midlanders adopt just in time for holidays

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couple while filing paperwork and undergoing home evaluations. He said the couple also liked the fact that Dillon places infants who come from foster homes rather than orphanages.

What also appealed to them, Slayter said, was the fact that Dillon supports the family after the child has been adopted. They offer "heritage camps" so children adopted from the same country can meet and they conduct birth land tours for adoptive families.

Nadine said she and her husband plan to teach their new son about his South Korean heritage. And information about his biological family will be shared with him when he gets older.

"We'll allow him to decide who he wants to share his personal background with," she said. "I'm sure giving him up was a real hard decision for his parents to make."

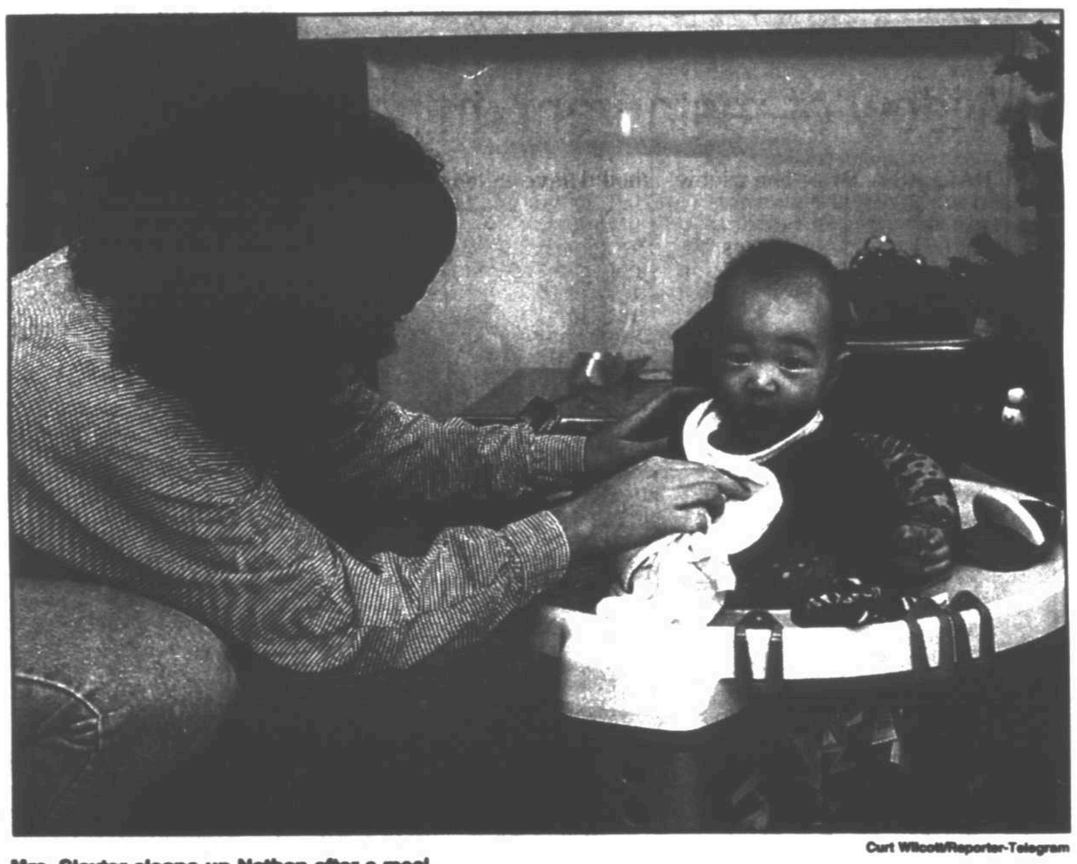
When the Slayters decided to adopt, they decided on international adoption because of the availability of infants and the shorter waiting period.

They chose to adopt from South Korea because "it was the only place I'd heard of where people were adopting infants," Nadine said. "When we began thinking about adoption, we thought of South Korea."

The couple said they were fortunate to have the full support of their family, friends and church.

They wanted an infant because it is easier for an infant to adapt to a new culture than it is for an older child, they said.

It took 13 months from the time they began the process with Dillon until a representative of the agency brought Nathan to them earlier this month. He was born on July 26 and was presented to the Slayters in September. They immediately accepted him and waited for his papers and visa to be approved.



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Mrs. Slayter cleans up Nathan after a meal.

The Slayters said they would not hesitate to adopt another child because adopting Nathan was such a positive experience. If they do decide to adopt a second child, Michael said they would try for a girl from China.

They use their positive experience with Dillon, a non-profit adoption agency founded in 1972, to encourage others considering adoption to proceed.

"The paperwork is not the hassle you think it will be and the waiting period isn't that long," Nadine said.

Besides, pointed out her husband, "it takes nine months to have a baby, anyway."

Jury finds against Yale E. Key, awards $1.5 million to family

By Gary Shenkle
Staff Writer

A Big Spring jury has awarded $1.5 million to the family of a deceased Big Spring man, finding against the Midland-based company Yale E. Key.

The lawsuit was filed by the family of Roy "Gene" Strickland, a Yale E. Key employee who was killed in April 1995 when a truck tire exploded.

Strickland had been changing the "split-ring" style tire, which is inflated to a much-higher pressure than standard automobile tires, when it exploded, according to plaintiff's attorney Drew Mouton.

The bead ring blew out with sufficient force that it crushed Strickland's skull, killing him.

The family filed a lawsuit, yet lost the first trial in June. In that trial, the jury determined that Yale E. Key had not been grossly negligent in having an employee change such a tire without proper training.

Strickland also did not pressurize the tire inside a protective steel cage as required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations.

In October, Big Spring District Judge Robert Moore, however, ordered a new trial when it was discovered that attorneys for the defense did not disclose the existence of at least one witness with testimony relevant to the case, Mouton said.

At the time, Mouton filed for a new trial after learning of the witness, maintaining that the witness was withheld in violation of disclosure motions that were granted earlier in the trial process.

Moore agreed and, in addition to ordering the new trial, ordered Yale E. Key to pay more than $29,000 in legal fees to the plaintiffs.

In Texas, ordinary negligence is not cause for a judgment in civil court against an employer. Only gross negligence is actionable, Mouton explained.

In proving gross negligence, Mouton had to convince the jury that the company was fully aware of the possibility that Strickland or another employee could be killed, yet chose not to take steps to prevent it.

Yale E. Key officials were not available for comment, and it is unknown if they will appeal the $1.5 million award.

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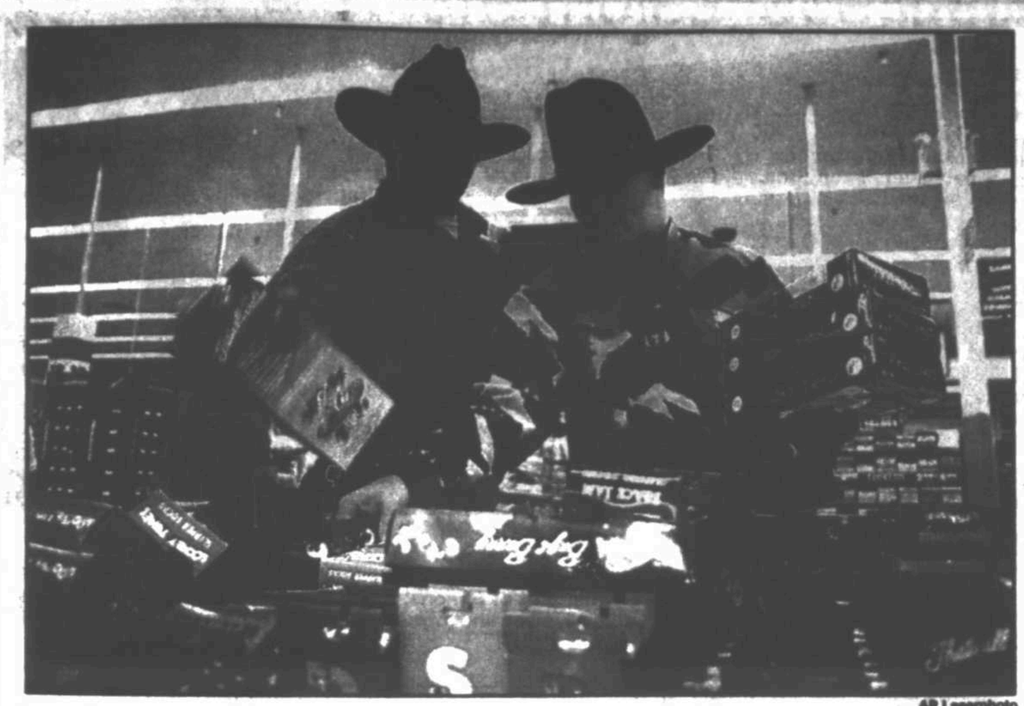

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Lone Star shopping

Shane, left, and Mike Yarbrough do some last-minute Christmas shopping at a discount store in Addison, Texas, Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996.

Company announces contributions for families of dead, injured workers

HOUSTON (AP) — This year's traditional Christmas gathering is the most sorrowful the Nagy family has ever known.

Steven Nagy, 29, was among eight workers who died in a Sunday night blast at the Wyman-Gordon Forging Co. plant. Two other workers were injured.

"He was the most gentle, loving ...," his tearful mother, Sissy, said Tuesday, her voice breaking. "He was just a good kid."

Nagy's father, John, said his four other children will be home for Christmas. Nagy also is survived by a 2-month-old baby.

"We do it at my house every year," John Nagy said. "We're going to make it .... They'll be here with us."

The elder Nagy worked at the metal-forging factory for 35 years, and his son went to work there four months ago as a crane operator.

"He loved his job out there," Nagy said. "He looked forward to going to work."

On Tuesday, Wyman-Gordon Co. officials announced plans to contribute $10,000, plus an additional unspecified amount, to the families of the dead and injured men.

The company said others can contribute to accounts that will be set up for the families at the employees' credit union.

Wyman-Gordon Co. also assigned two employees to help relatives with transportation, financial assistance, counseling or any other needs, said Dave Gruber, the company's president and chief executive officer.

"We want to attend to their needs in any way we can," said Gruber, who arrived Tuesday from the company's headquarters in North Grafton, Mass.

Earlier Tuesday, the brother-in-law of Michael Anthony Gunn, who also died in the blast, knelt at the factory gate to place a wreath of blue and white flowers, alongside other memorials that included roses and a Christmas wreath, saying "God Bless."

Asked how the family was holding up, Cliff Hearn of San Antonio, said, "Not good, not good. It's just a terrible, terrible tragedy."

Federal and local officials on Tuesday continued to investigate the cause of the explosion. It occurred as workers were doing routine maintenance on huge pressurized tanks.

The plant, which makes piping and aircraft engine parts, might begin limited operations as early as Friday, said Doug Whelan, president of the company's forging division.

It was not immediately known when the bodies, which were being identified Tuesday, would be released from the Harris County Medical Examiner's Office, said a man who declined to give his name.

State quits accepting taxes on sales of illegal drugs

DALLAS (AP) — What a tug of war this is. Drug dealers are rushing to pay taxes on their ill-gotten gains, and prosecutors are begging the state comptroller's office not to accept the money.

In October, Texas' highest criminal court ruled that a 1989 state law assessing taxes on illegal drugs constitutes double jeopardy since it applies only to people charged criminally.

Since then, in an attempt to get their clients off the hook on drug charges, have suggested that they pay their "drug" taxes.

The idea is that once the tax is paid, the defendant can't be prosecuted for the crime.

The Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas decided that "you can't punish someone twice for the same crime," Dallas defense attorney George Milner III told The Dallas Morning News.

The court ruling involved a Houston man arrested for marijuana possession who paid $100 in state drug taxes. Milner said that when he learned of the Oct. 16 court decision, he tried to free two of his clients by having them pay part of their tax bills.

Unfortunately for those clients, Dallas County prosecutors "told the state comptroller's office not to accept on any drug-tax payments," Milner said.

Since the law taxing confiscated drugs took effect, the comptroller's office has collected about $2.3 million from 150 people, the office reports.

Since October, lawyers have been suggesting clients pay "drug" taxes to get off the hook on drug charges.

About 1,200 other defendants' tax assessments are tied up in appeals or have never been paid, said Andy Welch, spokesman for the state comptroller's office in Austin.

He said that unless his office hears differently from the Legislature or courts, it won't accept any more drug-tax payments.

"As much as we enjoy taxing drug lords, we don't want to jeopardize criminal prosecution," Welch said.

The appeals court ruled that using the tax as a punishment in addition to criminal prosecution violated the Fifth Amendment, which protects people from being punished twice for the same offense.

The case that spurred the ruling involved Mark Stennett of Houston, who received a $49,070 tax bill from the Texas comptroller for public accounts after being arrested on marijuana possession charges. The comptroller's office told him that he owed the taxes for "having purchased, acquired, imported, manufactured or produced marijuana," the court opinion says.

Stennett mailed the comptroller's office a check for $100, marked "tax," the court decision says. Next, he filed court papers alleging that paying the tax would bar his criminal prosecution.

Appeals in the case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which eventually sent it back to Texas.

When the Dallas County district attorney's office learned of the Texas appeals court's decision, it quickly contacted the comptroller's office, said Assistant District Attorney Mike Gillett.

"We have communicated with them and asked them not to accept payments because of the jeopardy," Gillett said. "We've addressed it to keep it from interfering with our prosecution."

No Dallas County defendants are likely to be released for paying drug taxes, he said.

But some defense lawyers said a few of their clients may have slipped through before the change.

"It does create that interesting type of question: What if I sent a payment to the comptroller and said, 'payment on 1996 drug taxes.' Would it give me a freebie for 1996?" asked attorney Stuart Parker.

Widow of restaurant manager files wrongful death lawsuit

DALLAS (AP) — The widow of a manager who was shot to death during a domestic dispute in Humperdink's Restaurant has filed a $6 million wrongful death lawsuit against the establishment.

Michele Brigham's lawsuit alleges that Todd Brigham's June 7 death could have been prevented if his colleagues had responded promptly to death threats a customer made before the shooting.

Richard Gene Bell, 35, fatally shot Brigham before killing Crissa Bearden, 24, and himself at Humperdink's Restaurant in suburban Addison.

Named as defendants in the lawsuit are Humperdink's and its parent company, the Texas Ram Corp.

The lawsuit said employees should have called police when Bell threatened to kill another customer. Had they done so, the shooting would never have occurred, the lawsuit said, noting that the average response time for the Addison Police Department is about two minutes.

Garry Cantrell, a Dallas lawyer representing Humperdink's, said Monday that restaurant employees could not have reasonably foreseen the extreme violence, despite unruly behavior at the couple's table for about 25 minutes before the shootings.

"It's a horrible, horrible event, but you can't foresee an intervening criminal act of that stature, nature and magnitude in Addison," Cantrell said. "That sort of thing just doesn't happen up there."

Mark Clements, who represents the widow, said an investigation by the Addison Police Department concluded that the shooting could have been averted.

Relatives said Ms. Bearden met Bell for lunch at the restaurant about 12:45 p.m. June 7 to give a final farewell to their troubled relationship. They said the couple began quarreling, and Bell went out to his car, where he was seen rummaging.

It was at that time, the lawsuit alleges, that Ms. Bearden told a waitress that Bell had threatened to kill her.

The waitress told an assistant manager, who did not immediately act, the lawsuit states. The argument escalated when Bell returned.

The assistant manager eventually asked Bell to quiet down and leave. At that time, about 25 minutes had elapsed since the couple arrived and began arguing.

The lawsuit says the assistant manager described Bell as a "wimp" who would not do anything, "obviously ignoring the death threats already made by Bell."

Bell then stood up and fired at Brigham.

Cantrell said Brigham was ultimately responsible for expelling Bell from the restaurant.

"Humperdink's feels the loss of Todd Brigham, and it's a very sad, sad situation," Cantrell said.

Police investigate fight involving Dallas school board president

DALLAS (AP) — Police are investigating complaints against each other by a 42-year-old man and Dallas school board president Bill Keever.

Jerry Cahill, who works as a data processor in Dallas, said he became impatient and honked his horn Monday while waiting for Keever to count his withdrawal at a bank's drive-through automatic teller machine.

Cahill said after he honked his horn, Keever proceeded through the lane but then stopped and looked back. Cahill said he followed him through to make sure Keever wasn't angry about the honk.

Keever, who had just withdrawn money for some last-minute Christmas shopping, said he became suspicious of Cahill when he noticed that he did not stop at the ATM but instead revved his engine and pulled beside his car.

Cahill said Keever pulled out a gun and pointed it at him. Keever told police he was afraid Cahill was a potential robber and was only trying to protect himself.

Police said they got 911 calls from both Cahill and Keever.

Keever, who doesn't have a concealed-gun permit, said he bought the gun only days ago and was taking it to a gun shop Monday to be cleaned.

Keever said he plans to earn a concealed handgun permit and purchased the gun for protection in his home.

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West Texas family's Christmas display lights up prairie nights

By Mack Harrison
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

ABERNATHY, Texas — As the December night deepens, the glow from a quiet residential street reaches out to the nearby interstate.

At the end of the 500 block of Third Street, two residences shine from the thousands of Christmas lights adorning trees in their front yards. In front of the two houses, lighted display boxes show motorized holiday dioramas varying from a Nativity scene to Bugs Bunny watching Santa Claus play golf.

Christmas music fills the air as parents drive slowly by, their children's noses pressed to the car windows.

"It seemed kind of simple at first — lights around trees," said Wayne Lamb, who dons a Santa costume on holiday weekend nights and sits in a sled in front of his house. "It's kind of grown from there."

The decorating spree began 11 years ago when the Lamb family went to view Christmas lights in Southeast Lubbock. The sights gave the two Lamb children, who were in grade school at the time, ideas of their own.

"They said, 'Why can't we do that?' " the children's mother, Phyllis Lamb, said. "It grew from there."

The project has expanded into a 365-day-a-year endeavor for the family members. They constantly are on the lookout for items to add to their display, which takes about a month to set up.

"We do Christmas year-round," she said. "We don't g anywhere that Christmas is not on our minds."

The decorations fill the front yard of the Lamb residence and that of Joe and Verneta Gordon, Phyllis Lamb's parents, who live next door. Angels, sheep and the Star of Bethlehem occupy the front of the Gordon house. Across the driveway the homes share, the secular displays begin.

"We've always tried to keep our yard biblical ," Verneta Gordon said.

> **'It seemed kind of simple at first ... It's kind of grown from there.'**
> — Wayne Lamb on his family Christmas light display

Wayne Lamb said from 1,200 to 1,500 visitors view the display each season and that more than 100 children come to see him on the Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights he dresses as Santa and sits in the sleigh.

The Lambs said they don't mind if sightseers get out of their vehicles to get an up-close look at the displays.

A guest book the family began keeping this year shows visitors from across the South Plains, the Texas Panhandle and as far away as England.

"Some people make three or four trips a year," Phyllis Lamb said. "They come from all over. It just amazes me."

They said their neighbors don't seem to mind the massive display and the traffic it brings. In fact, they look forward to it.

"If we don't start decorating as soon as they think we should, they ask, 'Aren't you going to do it this year?' " Phyllis Lamb said.

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Santa Claus collection

Santas with bobbing heads line the mantel of the Emma Lee Simons' home in Antelope, Texas, Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1996. These St. Nicks are just part of Simons' Santa Claus collection--a collection that features more than 1,800 Santas in all shapes, sizes and forms and fills five rooms of her home. Simons displays all the Santas every two years.

Child's injuries shock doctors, social workers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A woman and her boyfriend face felony charges of injury to a child for injuring the woman's 4-year-old son's genitals while disciplining him during toilet-training.

The injuries forced doctors to amputate part of the boy's penis, and he has since undergone reconstructive surgery, police spokesman Dee Anderson said.

"A lot of people who deal with childhood injuries were just shocked," Anderson said. "This boy was in pain for 10 to 14 days before he was brought to the hospital. They could not imagine the amount of pain this child was going through."

The mother brought the boy to Dallas-Fort Worth Medical Center in Grand Prairie on Nov. 10.

> **'A lot of people who deal with childhood injuries were just shocked.'**
> — Arlington Police Department spokesman Dee Anderson on the mutilation of a 4-year-old by his mother during toilet-training

Felony charges of injury to a child and injury to a child by omission have been filed against Angela Christine Thornton, 26, and Jesus Manuel "Chuy" Hernandez, 36.

Ms. Thornton was in Tarrant County Jail in lieu of $100,000 bail. She was in custody on an unrelated charge of violating 10 years' probation she received in July for food stamp abuse.

Hernandez had not been arrested as of Tuesday, a spokeswoman said.

Serious bodily injury to a child is punishable by up to 99 years in prison and a $10,000 fine.

At the time of the child's hospitalization, Ms. Thornton and Hernandez denied any prior knowledge of the injury and told police that the child bathed, dressed and cared for himself, Anderson said.

The mother claims that the day she brought him to the hospital was when she learned of his injury," Anderson said. "She said she saw it while he was bathing."

Authorities contend the couple tied a string around the boy's penis to keep him from wetting his pants and left it there for 10 to 14 days.

Anderson said investigators needed more than a month to obtain arrest warrants because of the statements from doctors and medical records needed for the investigation and the lengthy process of determining who was responsible for the injury.

Officials with Child Protective Services took emergency custody of the boy on Nov. 15, said Helen Grape, an agency spokeswoman.

Child Protective Services took the boy and three of his siblings — who are 11 months, 2 and 5 — from their home and placed them in foster care.

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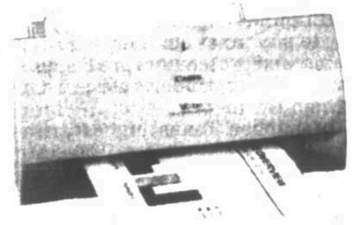

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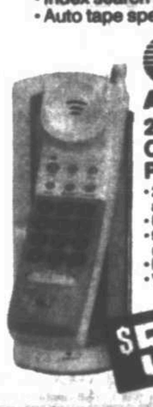

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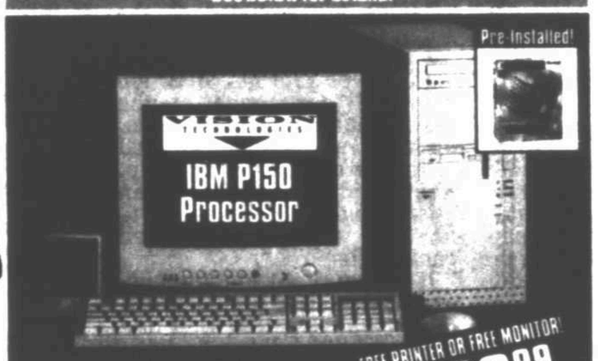

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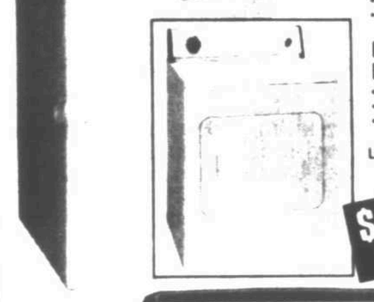

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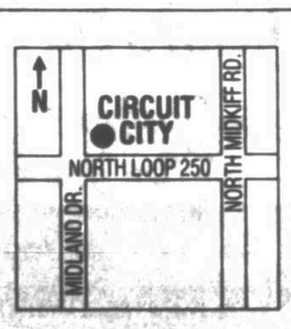

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Children with rare moles face lifetime of stares

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — First came shock, then worry, then confusion as Jim and Lynne Eppes went from doctor to doctor with their newborn baby who had a giant mole stretching from her chin to her bellybutton.

While doctors offered conflicting advice, the family envisioned a lifetime of name-calling and low self-esteem for their daughter.

Lynne Eppes cried for two weeks after she left the hospital.

"I still get looks," says her daughter, Marie, now 16. "I still get questions. If I go for a week without somebody saying something to me, I wonder what's wrong."

The family learned early on that Marie's mole — a giant congenital nevus, as the rare birth defect is medically termed — had the potential to turn cancerous.

Long thought to have mostly cosmetic implications, the congenital nevus has received greater attention in recent years because of its potential to develop into melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer.

One out of 100 babies are born with a mole, but only 1 in 500,000 have moles that are 8 inches or more at birth. People born with the giant birthmarks have a 6 percent to 10 percent chance of developing melanoma, with about half the cases occurring by age 5.

"Birthmarks themselves are not uncommon, but birthmarks that are large are very rare," says Allan Halpern, co-director of the Pigmented Lesion Group at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. "It's very, very disconcerting to parents, both because of the cosmetic implications and the potential cancer risk."

The defect is not inherited. It results from an abnormal distribution of pigmented cells during pregnancy.

Often the mole is partly covered with hair that is darker and coarser than normal. The mole, or parts of it, can sometimes be removed surgically, depending on its size and location.

Growing up in a suburban neighborhood of single-family dwellings, Marie Eppes drew stares when her parents took her out shopping or swimming. They patiently explained her condition to inquisitive neighbors, friends and passers-by — once even fending off suggestions of child abuse.

Miss Eppes recalls reciting as a little girl: "I was born with a skin condition, and I have doctors who take good care of me, and it's not catching."

The brownish, hairy mole at the time covered a third of her body, extending along the left arm to the elbow and wrapping around her torso. The rest of her body was covered with hundreds of smaller moles of various shapes, size and color.

She underwent two or three surgeries a year to remove the mole bit by bit, and has a few more years of operations remaining. Part of her back still is covered with the mole and the rest of her body with scars.

Marie Eppes is not alone.

Chris Billotte, a sixth-grader in Hollidaysburg, Pa., has had his share of taunts.

"I'm pretty much a normal kid, but sometimes I get made fun of," says Chris, 11, who is enrolled in a gifted-student program, plays soccer and wants to be a NASA technician. "Some kids at school have a real attitude problem."

Chris had eight operations by the time he turned 4 to remove some of the worst spots. Still, the dark brown mole stretches from the middle of his back to his knees, requiring him to wear a T-shirt and cutoffs while swimming to prevent sun damage.

His mother, Dianne, says Chris has had to deal with a lifetime of misunderstanding and insensitivity.

"Even neighbors who know us would say 'Eeewww, what happened to him,' " she says.

A support group has been formed for the few hundred people in the United States believed to have giant moles. The Nevus Network based in Lake Ridge, Va., dispenses information and puts the afflicted in touch with one another.

Bari Bett, one of the group's founders, says life becomes a challenge because so few know about the condition. Even doctors who diagnose it often haven't seen such a case before, she says, and parents often are bombarded with many questions but few answers.

"We have something that's different from almost all of the other people in the world that we'll ever meet," Ms. Bett says. "I grew up believing I was totally alone in the world."

Miss Eppes celebrated her first birthday in an operating room. To reduce the risk of cancer, her doctor wanted to remove the mole as early as possible — but not before she turned 1.

Doctors have several ways of removing the birthmark. The mole can be removed directly, with the wound edges sewn together. Or a doctor can graft skin from another part of the body.

More recently, surgeons have developed a "tissue expansion" technique in which inflatable sacks are placed under the skin and gradually pumped full of saline solution in order to force the skin tissue to expand. Weeks later, a piece of the mole is cut off and the skin stretched to cover it.

Miss Eppes had to miss school for weeks at a time while she underwent surgery at a hospital and recovery at home. The county school district sent a teacher to her home for a few hours each day so she could keep up academically.

The condition took its toll. Her father, a computer analyst, hung onto his job to keep his medical insurance. Her parents avoided moving so that she would not have to make new friends. And the family had to forgo summer beach outings.

When Miss Eppes was 8, she developed melanoma in the neck area. Although the cancer was detected early enough to be removed, the threat of complications remains real for her and her parents, as it is with others.

Kelly Powers of Lansing, Mich., whose daughter was born with a mole covering her entire back, says, "They suggested getting her skin checked every year, but I used to take her in every three months."

In addition to developing skin cancer, people with a giant nevus can develop complications if nevus cells are present near the brain and spinal cord at birth. The cells eventually can block the flow of fluids, causing headaches, seizures or even death.

Powers' daughter, Molly, died from those complications in August, one month short of her 4th birthday.

Unlike more common birth defects such as Down syndrome, little is known about the giant congenital nevus.

"Being so rare, there's not much research being done," Powers says. "It's kind of frustrating. When a kid has something that's rare and there's no attention out there, it's very hard."

Having spent much of her life in a hospital, surrounded by illness and death, Marie Eppes learned to take control of her fears of cancer, to ignore insults and to tolerate people who are different. Entering junior high and high school each brought a new round of children with the same questions.

Nevus Network fights support

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By Ian Fisher
N.Y. Times News Service

BAUMHOLDER, Germany — A year ago Tuesday, Sgt. Steven Strait of Charlie Company led his platoon into Bosnia, celebrating Christmas in the mud while his wife back home at the U.S. base here assembled a toy cash register for their youngest child. It was a time of uncertainty and fear of what the next year would bring them both.

A few days before Christmas this year, Strait, 35, a Nebraskan and every inch the picture of a career soldier, found himself sitting warm in his home on the U.S. base here, sliding his socks over carpet's crew-cut surface. His 4-year-old son, Christopher, played with a pile of presents, and an electric train momentarily derailed in its oval route around the Christmas tree.

It understates things to say he is glad to be back home, but that element of uncertainty still hangs as surely as the garlands on the tree: Home not even two months, he and the soldiers of Company C, 4th Battalion, 12th Infantry have already received informal word that they could deploy again in the next six months or so, maybe even back to Bosnia. His wife, Stephanie, could not waste even a second wishing away the idea of another long separation.

"You can't just hope it doesn't happen," she said. "It's definitely going to happen."

The mission to Bosnia, which for many members of Company C began exactly a year ago Monday, has underscored some central truths about Army life today: With the downsizing of the military and the increased role of U.S. troops around the world, soldiers are spending even more time away from home, and worrying more about the strains on the families they see less and less.

In Bosnia, they suffered stress born of the length of the deployment and the restrictions of a mission that, for the most part, kept them pent up in small compounds, bored and restless. On top of that was the uncertainty of whether they could make an enduring difference in Bosnia.

The same forces at work on the individuals are reshaping the Army as an institution. Lt. Col. Kurt L. Langenwalter, head of research on the Bosnia mission for the Army Research Group at the Pentagon, said officials are watching carefully to see if re-enlistments drop because of increased deployments, although the numbers do not yet indicate a problem. "The theory is: 'What's the straw that going to break the camel's back?'" Langenwalter said.

He said the Army wonders if soldiers think " I've been on four deployments and boy, it's getting bad, go get a civilian job. Or is it going to be the fifth deployment?"

In fact, the Army has begun talking about the need to shift its culture to be more like the Navy or the Marine Corps, in which families expect both long deployments and a fuller range of services to help them.

For the soldiers of Company C, who were posted to Bosnia for 10½ months, the knowledge that they might be gone again soon has spun an extra thread of complexity into a homecoming that has been both joyous and trying. Most say they have readjusted to family life just fine. But there have been the inevitable divorces — about half a dozen.

Lt. Sean Duvall, 24, of Tombstone, Ariz., got married two years ago Monday, and now that the marriage is over, he has ordered a black, fully-loaded 1997 Trans Am.

"Now that I'm single, what the hell?" he said at lunch Monday, as a Christmas snow fell on Baumholder.

Even in happy homes, the return has brought dislocation: Sgt. Maurice Harrison, 28, of Oklahoma City, found that his wife, Twanette, had gotten along so well without him — paying the bills, hustling their three children around — that he began waking up early to do the laundry to give himself a role in the family.

"I know it was good she was able to do things, but really inside I felt: 'Man, what am I here for?' " Harrison asked, both disturbed and amused. "I'm not needed here anymore."

Several soldiers said the long deployment to Bosnia convinced them that the Army was not for them any longer. No one here claims to like it, but some soldiers said they simply accepted being apart from their families as a demand of the job.

Harrison said, "As long as I don't get shot, I'll be all right." He has not decided whether he is going to re-enlist.

Specialist Dennis Hicks, 23, of Philadelphia, who decided in Bosnia not to re-enlist, but only to extend his tour by eight months, said, "I talked to my wife about it. She's tired of it and I'm tired of it."

Pfc. Ivan Parmerter, 23, sat with his new wife, Nicole, 20, and their 8-month-old baby, Toby, in their cozy new apartment here, decorated for their first Christmas as a family, and said Bosnia had definitely given him second thoughts about the Army as a career. Mrs. Parmerter said she was the one who had first talked him into joining.

"We were watching TV one night and the 'Be All You Can Be' commercial came on and I said 'Why don't you do that?'" she said. "We talked about the Army because in the Navy we knew he'd be gone six months at a time. In the Army, we didn't think he'd be gone as much."

Sipping iced tea, Parmerter said, "When I first came in I planned to stay the full 20 years." Now, he added, "I'm just waiting to see how many deployments I get put through before it's time to get out."

With the signing of the Dayton accord in Paris last December, the U.S. military began funneling nearly 20,000 soldiers into Bosnia, saying that, for reasons of expense and logistics, many of the troops should expect to stay for up to a year.

For the roughly 100 soldiers in Charlie Company, that meant a rushed, early Christmas or none at all.

Their stay in Bosnia was filled with both excitement and smothering boredom, from patrols around mass grave sites at Srebrenica to endless cycles of guard duty. Going in, the men had conflicting feelings about whether the United States had a role to play.

Coming out, many still said such peacekeeping missions were a potentially dangerous luxury, but more, it seemed in interviews, said they came to feel the world's strongest Army had a moral duty to save lives where it could.

"When we were there no kids died by a bullet," said Specialist David Cullinan, 32, who says he is no sentimentalist. "If we stayed home and let it happen, we're no better than the people doing the killing."

It was also a lonely time separated from their families, even though most got a chance to return to the base on short summer leaves.

The company's commander, Capt. Stephen Marcontell, said he was gratified that his soldiers and their families managed to get through the period without many severe problems.

Only once since he took command in July did he send a soldier home because of family problems.

"We had advance notice and we had time to prepare," said Captain Marcontell, 29, from Houston, who was married just nine months before he left. "At the same time, guys weren't getting killed, and that made a big difference." Even so, he said, the men worried about the next deployment: when and how long?

To the Army, the pace of deployments is a matter of arithmetic. Since the Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet threat diminished, the number of Army soldiers has decreased from 781,000 in 1989 to 495,000.

Experts both in and out of the Army say it has come a long way in paying attention to troops' families since the Persian Gulf war, during which family services were largely a second thought compared with the business of the actual fighting.

For the soldiers going to Bosnia, the Army had a package of services: briefings in which soldiers learned where to go to write wills, invest in mutual funds, cede power of attorney or sign spouses up for classes in dealing with household finances.

Back at the bases, there were family support groups, emergency assistance centers, even children's coloring books children with titles like "Separations Happen." Before they returned home, soldiers were required to attend a class with their chaplains on reunions.

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Century-old land dispute keep wounds open between Navajo and Hopi tribes

By Michelle Boorstein
Associated Press Writer

MOSQUITO SPRINGS, Ariz. — Betty Tso still dreams of returning to this hauntingly remote spot where she was born — to the spot where her placenta and those of her grandmother and mother are buried, as is the Navajo way.

But she cannot return to the peaceful Blue Canyon area where she was raised, or to the life of herding cattle, slaughtering sheep and sleeping in a mud hogan. Instead, she lives in a trailer park with her two small children in drab Tuba City, 45 miles to the west. She works in a law office.

This is not her doing. She is caught up in a dispute that began more than a century ago, when the U.S. government partitioned the land between the Navajos and the Hopis, eventually displacing thousands of Navajos.

The results have been tragic. The largest group of civilians moved since the Japanese-Americans in World War II, the relocated Navajos suffer astounding alcoholism, suicide and unemployment rates — far higher than other Navajos. This is the legacy for those wrenched from their traditional lives on this brutally barren, rugged territory in northern Arizona.

And as the Hopi and Navajo were thrust into the non-Indian world of borders and land ownership, something else developed — the tribes, who had lived together in the Southwest for centuries before the white man, became enemies.

"My mom used to tell stories about what it was like before the dispute, when the Navajos and Hopis used to trade a lot and spend days together at ceremonies," the 32-year-old Tso said with a sigh. "But people my age don't have relations like that. I was born and raised with the land dispute, so that's all I know."

The question of who is to blame consumes families like the Tsos. For decades, their lives have been contorted by court appeals, demonstrations and other turmoil as they fought the Hopi over livestock and land rights.

History faults the federal government, who partitioned the land to make way for mining interests; the Hopi and Navajo governments, who rubber-stamped the borders so the tribes could share in the profits, and the people, who allowed their leaders to divide them.

This fall, Congress passed legislation aimed at ending the bitter fight. But for the tribes, solutions may come too late: the ugly feud is now part of their landscape, as evident and enduring as the magnificent red rock canyons and endless desert mesas.

It has been there since 1882, when President Chester Arthur approved the first Hopi reservation borders. The idea was to keep Indians away from white settlers and to keep proselytizing Mormons away from Indians.

The question of who controlled northern Arizona became more important as more settlers moved West and it was discovered that the area held some of the continent's richest mining deposits. Energy companies, anxious to negotiate for the right to mine, pressured the government to establish clear boundaries and governance. The Navajo and Hopi reservations, as well as their governmental bodies, were created by U.S. officials ignorant of Indian ways.

As the scope of the profits at stake became clear, there was disagreement within both tribes over what to do. Indians who were open to mining and development filled the new legislative posts and approved lucrative deals with energy companies. To this day, both tribes rely on profits from Peobody Western Coal Co. for much of their budgets.

As partitioned by the federal government, the 1.6 million-acre Hopi reservation sits in the center of the Navajos' 17 million acres. The Navajo Nation is the country's largest Indian reservation, straddling Arizona, Utah, Colorado and New Mexico.

Most of the 250,000 Navajos do not live near the Hopi and are typically inactive in the dispute. But some live over the border lines, and their fate in an area where both tribes claim a historic right has been at issue.

Finally, in the mid-1970s, the federal courts and Congress drew a line and ordered everyone on the wrong side — primarily Navajos — to move.

The last two decades have seen more than 2,000 Navajo families moved. The years were marked with protests, demonstrations and Navajo grandmothers waving shotguns as Hopi rangers seized their livestock and tore down their hutlike hogans.

Eventually, most acquiesced, relocating at government expense to new, modern homes far from their native lands. But there are those who could not be moved.

Among those last, stubborn resisters are Minnie Grace Smith and her brother, David Begody. Minnie has passed nearly 100 winters and David about 80 at Willow Springs, a wind-whipped plateau west of Mosquito Springs.

Like 250 other families who have resisted moving, they are barred by law from fixing or expanding anything until the dispute is resolved. Refusing to leave, they and 15 of their descendants cram

Talk these days revolves around the new legislation, which creates leases acknowledging the land is Hopi in exchange for the right to stay. The Navajo resisters have until March 31 to sign or be forced to leave.

"The elders don't want to live under the Hopi, but being away from the land, away from the ceremonies, they get spiritually sick," Begody's daughter, Betty James, said in Navajo. He sat beside her, staring blankly out the hogan door across the endless horizon.

A tired-looking 55, James said the dispute has gradually eaten away at once neighborly relations the Navajos had with the Hopi. Now, she said, when she goes to the nearby Hopi town of Hotevilla for mail and groceries, people sneer.

"When we see a Hopi we get mad, or when they see us, they get mad," she said. "Because of the government, there are a lot of differences between us now."

For Hopis and Navajos who don't live near the disputed land, the bitter feud seems irrelevant.

"These kids could care less about race," Tuba City High School principal Leroy Shingoitewa said of students in the highly integrated Navajo town. "If they get into it, it's because of someone's girlfriend."

A Navajo and a Hopi kissing outside the school giggle and look confused when asked if their different backgrounds cause problems. In the halls students mingle, indistinguishable from one another in the global adolescent uniform of jeans and T-shirts. Their parents work side by side in hospitals and health clinics; some intermarry.

There are many who live this way, unfettered by the dispute.

"What's sad is that the two tribes should be on the same side," said Peterson Zah, Navajo tribal chairman from 1983-1987 and its president from 1991-1994.

They have much in common, Zah said. For example, for much of the century both were forced by the federal government to send their children to white boarding schools far away. Now many young people reject traditional life altogether, opting to leave the reservation for nearby cities.

"There was once a lot of cooperation between the people," Zah said. "But since the federal government violated the land, in the back of everybody's mind is going to be that land dispute."

There is an underlying reason why the land dispute has survived dozens of lawsuits, cost years, lives and some $500 million for the U.S. government alone. Despite areas of collaboration, there are fundamental prejudices between the tribes, real questions of whom has the spiritual right to the land.

A deeply religious and rigid people, traditional Hopi believe they are "spiritual stewards" of a land they arrived at more than 1,000 years ago. They pass along stories of the Navajo arrival in the 1500s, belittling them for their more flexible approach to tradition.

"With the Navajos, these pow-wow dances are suddenly all over the place, when they really have no roots here," said Leigh Jenkins, director of cultural preservation for the Hopi tribe.

"In order to settle here, Hopis had to earn the privilege. Only a few of the many tribes who came to the Americas earned that right."

An amalgam of wandering Indian and non-Indian groups, the Navajo have historically been more adaptable, embracing customs of the Pueblo and Apache — among others — and integrating horses and sheep into their economy. While the Hopi built stone villages atop the mesas, the Navajo spread out their mud hogans in canyons and valleys.

In the eyes of the Navajo, the stereotypical Hopi is arrogant.

"The Hopis are two-faced," said Nora James, Betty James' 20-year-old daughter from Willow Springs. "They'll be friendly to you and then turn around and stab you in the back."

For many who grew up with the land dispute, there will be no reconciliation.

For now, both tribes await the deadline of March 31, watching as the white man who divided them pressures them to come together. The lure of peace is enough for some.

"I don't want my children growing up knowing there's a difference between Navajo and Hopi. I want them only to know that this ugly period in history is over," said Tso. Once a radical resister, she now supports legislation she believes will return her to Mosquito Springs.

"After all," she said softly, "the land doesn't belong to the Navajo or to the Hopi. It belongs to the creator."

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Janie Vasquez cuddles her two-headed goat at her home in Alamo, Texas, Wednesday Dec. 11, 1996. The goat is two days old and has been rejected by its mother.

Dwarf mouse's longetivity could be linked to its size

By Denise Grady
N.Y. Times News Service

Well into what should have been her dotage, a dwarf mouse with peach-color fur, weighing barely half an ounce and measuring two inches from the tip of her snout to the base of her tail, retained her youthful looks and energy. Her younger, full-size relatives became grizzled and humpbacked, and slowed from scurrying to hobbling, long before she sprouted her first gray hair. She outlived them all.

By the time she finally died last fall, she was four years and two months old, an unheard of age for her species, about twice the life span of a normal mouse.

"She was incredibly old," said Dr. Andrzej Bartke, a professor of physiology at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, in Carbondale. He did not know whether she was the world's oldest mouse, but, he said, "It's certainly a reasonable guess."

The venerable peach mouse was one of a breed of long-lived mutants known as Ames dwarfs, described last month in the journal Nature by a research team led by Bartke and Dr. Holly M. Brown-Borg, an assistant professor of physiology at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences, in Grand Forks. The researchers found that the dwarf mice, which are a third the size of normal ones because they lack growth hormone, generally survive at least a year longer than their normal-size counterparts.

"The difference is huge," Bartke said. "We're talking about almost half a life span. It's like a person, instead of living 70 years, living 105." Bartke and Brown-Borg are trying to find out why the mice live so long, and hoping that the animals will yield new information about aging and its possible links to growth and body size, not only in mice, but in other species as well. "The main interest in these mice is that they're a new model for the extension of life, and there are few models," Bartke said.

Ames dwarfs were first found in the 1950s in a colony of laboratory mice at the University of Iowa, in Ames. No one knows where they came from. They may have resulted from a spontaneous mutation, Bartke said, or from a mutation caused by radiation. He said, "I was told the colony in which they were found was at some prior point used for some radiation biology work, but it's hard to know." In any case, the mutation has left them with few or none of the cells in the pituitary gland that would normally secrete growth hormone, thyroid-stimulating hormone and prolactin, a hormone needed for reproduction and lactation.

Even in old age, their faces retain a pug-nosed, juvenile look, unlike the pointier snouts of their normal relatives, because the lack of thyroid hormone stunts the growth of their facial bones and cartilage. It also makes them less active than normal mice, though, oddly, they seem to become more energetic as they grow older.

They show next to no interest in mating, and the females cannot become pregnant without hormone replacement. Unlike normal mice, they do not seem to get cancer. "We've never seen a dwarf mouse with a tumor," Brown-Borg said.

Among mammal species, with some exceptions (notably small, long-lived bats and large, short-lived marsupials), big species with slow metabolisms, like elephants, live longer than small ones with fast metabolisms, like mice. But, as the mice show, size and longevity within a species may follow a different pattern.

In dogs, for instance, large size is often a disadvantage: breeds with the biggest frames, Irish wolfhounds and Great Danes, live only six or seven years, while Chihuahuas and toy poodles often live twice as long. Smaller breeds of horses also tend to outlast larger ones. Biologists are not sure why.

"We're looking at a phenomenon, and we don't have an answer," said Dr. Norman Wolf, a pathologist at the University of Washington, in Seattle, who has studied life span in dogs and various strains of mice. "Finding the mechanism is the next step. It's what we're after in attempts to extend the useful life span."

He and his colleagues have already shown that skin cells taken from large dogs cannot grow and divide as many times as those from small dogs, a standard sign of aging and reduced life expectancy. Now, Wolf is trying to determine whether it is the large animals' high level of growth hormone and other growth factors that somehow diminishes the ability of their cells to reproduce, and shortens the dogs' lives.

"Within a species, our concept is that evolution sets a life span for that species, which occurs over millennia," he said. "When you vary things within the species, such as essential hormone flows, you begin to affect life span."

Like Wolf, Bartke and Brown-Borg think growth hormone plays some role in aging, and they suspect that the lack of it may account for the longevity of the Ames dwarfs. They offered several pieces of evidence for that idea. One is that people with untreated acromegaly or gigantism, pituitary disorders that cause overproduction of growth hormone, tend to die young.

In addition, mice at the opposite end of the spectrum from the dwarfs — giant "supermice," which become twice the size of normal animals because they have been genetically engineered to produce high levels of growth hormone — age prematurely and live only 8 or 9 months, just half as long as a normal mouse.

Their rapid aging and early death may be due to the buildup in their bodies of molecules known as free radicals, said Dr. C. David Rollo, a biologist at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

"The free-radical theory is a really big theory of aging nowadays," Rollo said. "It suggests that your own basic metabolism generates molecules that can damage proteins, DNA and fats, and that's the cause of aging."

In a paper published last summer in The Canadian Journal of Zoology, Rollo and other scientists showed that the supermice had free-radical levels, and tissue damage, two to four times above normal. Statistical analyses also showed a link between the high levels of free radicals and the animals' reduced life spans. "It was a nice test of the free-radical theory," Rollo said.

His findings also tied in with results on the only method researchers have ever found to increase life span in mice and rats: restricting the animals' calorie intake to 60 or 70 percent of normal.

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New York questions transaction by March of Dimes for $1.7 million

by Barry Meier
N.Y. Times Service

New York state charity regulators asked the March of Dimes on Monday for financial information about an arrangement under which a trustee of the organization was allowed to have his business use $1.7 million it owed the group.

Jennifer Farina, a spokeswoman for New York Attorney General Dennis Vacco said the inquiry was an effort to gather information about the financial transaction, which did not appear to be reflected in the March of Dimes' regulatory disclosures with the state.

Sheila L. Jack, a spokeswoman for the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, which is based in White Plains, N.Y., said the group, the nation's 38th largest charity, had received a letter Monday from New York state regulators seeking information.

Ms. Jack said the organization had not had the opportunity to review and respond to it because its lawyer was on vacation.

The transaction involves a financial arrangement between the March of Dimes and Michael L. Curtis, the owner of a company based near Atlanta that for many years operated gum-ball and candy vending machines for the charity.

When Curtis' business had financial problems in 1991, he received permission from the president of the March of Dimes, Jennifer Howse, to let his company keep the charity's share of the proceeds for that year, $1.7 million.

In pretrial testimony in a lawsuit involving Curtis, Ms. Howse said that she had agreed to let his business keep the money based solely on Curtis' promise that it would be used to help expand the charity's vending program and that he would repay it.

A formal repayment plan, however, was not signed until 1994, two years after Curtis, who once was the organization's largest individual fund-raiser, had become a trustee of the charity.

Under that plan, Curtis' company agreed to repay the March of Dimes $2 million, or $100,000 annually over 20 years. The additional $300,000 was an extra payment.

But the company did not have to pay interest on the money Curtis was allowed to keep, court papers filed in the lawsuit indicate.

Federal law and many states require that charities disclose loans or extensions of credit to their trustees or businesses in which those trustees have a substantial interest. But in 1994 and 1995, the March of Dimes reported the payments due from Curtis as a pledge or contribution receivable.

The 1994 document formalizing the arrangement with Curtis stated that he would repay the "deferred payment" he "owed" the March of Dimes in an annual "contribution" over 20 years.

Some charities experts said they were hard-pressed to understand that interpretation and viewed the transaction as a loan.

Matthew A. Landy, a vice president for the National Charities Information Bureau, a clearinghouse in New York, said in a recent interview that the type of arrangement between Curtis and the March of Dimes grew out of a commercial agreement and was not a contribution in the traditional sense.

"They should have absolutely listed it as a loan or as an extension of a debt," Landy said. "It is the perversion of the facts by the accountant."

Ms. Jack said that the charity's Federal filing was approved by it accountants at KPMG Peat Marwick, who did not interpret the arrangement with Curtis as a loan or extension of credit.

Since 1994, Curtis' company, Curtis Products of Alpharetta, Ga., has shrunk dramatically and Curtis has made only one of the $100,000 payments. In addition, he has yet to turn over another $800,000 due the charity from vending machine operations last year, bringing the total amount he owes the March of Dimes to $2.7 million.

Curtis, who resigned as a trustee last year not long after the charity ended its contract with his company, said he intended to repay the March of Dimes.

But he said part of the $800,000 owed from last year was the responsibility of another businessman who operated vending machines for the charity, a contention the other man has rejected.

Luck, skill, 56-second delivery: EMTs deliver 'tiny miracle' in van

"In retrospect, I'd have to call this one an explosive birth, and the quickest I've seen."
— Roger Aiello
paramedic

BOSTON (NYT) — In this season that celebrates the birth of a child, emergency medical technicians ended up with their hands full Monday morning in the back seat of a 1989 Plymouth Horizon van.

Their story included luck, skill, a 56-second delivery and perhaps just a tiny miracle. The lives of a very nervous father and a very pregnant mother merged with two city employees who happened to be a few minutes early for work as EMTs.

"In retrospect, I'd have to call this one an explosive birth, and the quickest I've seen," said Roger Aiello, a paramedic and eight-year veteran with the city's Emergency Medical Service.

Had he and EMT Joanne Dance not been on the scene, the little girl born to Lorrie Bennett at 8:45 a.m. probably would have suffered severe complications, medical experts say. The child was born with an abnormally short umbilical cord wrapped around her neck. Unassisted, the mother would not have been able to clear the cord, they said.

Bennett and her child are fine, according to a spokeswoman at Brigham and Women's Hospital, where Bennett was admitted. The mother declined requests for an interview and asked that the father's name not be published.

He, incidently, was the first clue that Monday's start would be unusual for Dance and Aiello.

"I drove into the parking lot and the father was out on Warren Street basically walking around in circles," Dance said, adding that the couple had every reason to have been caught off guard — and, considering the circumstances, acted admirably.

"Her water broke at 6 a.m., then her contractions jumped from intervals of 10 minutes to 'delivery' status without skipping a beat," Dance said.

With the mother in the back seat, the father tried to drive to the hospital, but never got out of his neighborhood in in Roxbury.

The father spotted a passing ambulance en route to another hospital with another emergency and hailed it.

The next 56 seconds went roughly as follows.

00: 01 Dance sees a man walking in circles near the stopped ambulance and quickly learns there's a pregnant woman in the back seat of the nearby Plymouth. They tell the Fallon crew they can handle the emergency.

"I opened the door. Then I said to myself: 'Here's a woman. She's having a baby. Now.'" Dance recalled thinking. The child's head had "crowned," or begun emerging.

Dance, a mother herself, has performed perhaps a dozen "field deliveries" during the seven years she has been an EMT for Boston. This was Bennett's second child. The two women agreed with a moment of eye contact that there was but one contraction to go.

00: 10 The Fallon crew loaned Dance and Aiello an emergency obstetrics kit, which included the sterile scissors and clamps that were about to become crucial.

00: 30 Dance and Aiello, wedged into the doorway, concluded that the cord was wrapped around the child's neck.

00: 40 The father asked what he could do to help. Aiello suggested he contact the police, located next to the EMS station, for an escort to the hospital.

00: 56 A healthy child was born in Boston, swaddled in a blanket that had been in the Plymouth, then rushed to Brigham and Women's Hospital.

High-wire performer offers rare tribute in cathedral walk

NEW YORK (AP) — In the nave of the cathedral, on a cold steel wire, an artist offers up his life.

With just a long white pole to balance him, high-wire performer Philippe Petit brings a rare form of reverence to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine as he glides across the cable to the strains of Bach.

Past the gothic columns and the dusty chandeliers; the stained-glass windows cast a warm protective glow on this silhouette in leotards cavorting mischievously in the sky.

Kneeling, prancing, bowing, dancing. Practicing for a New Year's Eve performance, he tiptoes across his precarious stage with nothing but faith and skill to guide him.

Outside, the rumble of Manhattan seems a world away. Inside, you wonder if God might be watching. Or the spirit of Petit's daughter buried far below.

There is no safety net, just two "cavaletti," anchor ropes on runners that stabilize the wire on either end. In 30 years of wire walking — including an illegal jaunt between the towers of the World Trade Center in New York in 1974 and others at Notre Dame in Paris and the Sydney Harbour Bridge in Australia — Petit has never used a protective device.

Instead, he puts his faith in his raw stubby feet, his buffalo-skin slippers (which he stitched himself), his 27-foot pole and his three-quarter-inch wire. The 47-year-old Paris-born acrobat says he needs nothing more.

"Why would a bird have a leash?" he asks incredulously, when asked about a net. "Would it still be a bird? A wire walker is only beautiful when walking in the sky."

On this day Petit is practicing "Crescendo," a high-wire tribute to his great friend and patron, the Very Rev. James Parks Morton, who is retiring as dean of St. John's at the end of the year. The session takes place in one of the cathedral's outlying buildings and the wire is about 20 feet from the ground. The actual performance, on New Year's Eve, will be in the cathedral itself and will include three separate wires, the highest strung at 90 feet above the high altar.

Petit is the first to acknowledge the surreal nature of high-wire walking in such a sacred setting.

"A steel cable with a human being on it does not belong in a church," he says. "But this is not a daredevil act. It is an act of poetry and art that reflects what a living cathedral should be."

He dismisses questions about danger, saying only that he can't afford to falter and that he never has.

Women's Care Update

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PREMATURE INDICATOR

Obstetricians who are concerned that a patient may be at risk for premature delivery can use a simple test to help forecast preterm labor. The test, which is similar to a Pap smear, can be preformed in the doctor's office after 23 weeks of pregnancy and involves screening for fetal fibronectin(fFN). Detection of fFN in the vagina may be an indication that the placenta and fetal sac are starting to separate from the uterus and that early labor is likely. According to one study at Ohio State University, 44% of the women who delivered prematurely tested positive for fFN, while 86% of those who delivered at term tested negative. At the moment, this test for fFN is the best predictor for who is likely to develop preterm labor. Women who test positive can be monitored and, if necessary, be put on bed rest or given medication to prolong their pregnancies.

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Man who wished for orderly death dies a hard one

By Rick Hampson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — He had such hopes for his death, such plans.

But now only George Kingsley's fears had come true. He was dying slowly, on a soiled mattress, in a dim, stinking, cramped apartment, surrounded by exhausted, bickering relatives.

He had lived an orderly life and, after he got AIDS, he had wanted an orderly death. He had wished to go, he wrote, "as swiftly and painlessly as possible ... with people I love around me helping to make my passing easier and more dignified and meaningful."

So he made plans to overdose on prescription drugs when his time came, and he filed a lawsuit asserting his constitutional right to physician-assisted suicide.

Two years later, that case could change how Americans die. The Supreme Court will hear arguments Jan. 8 and issue a decision by July.

George Kingsley died before his case went to court, but he didn't have to die so badly. He was a sophisticated, affluent New Yorker who could have killed himself relatively easily and quickly, as he had planned.

Since he did not, we must wonder if this spokesman for assisted suicide would have used the right if he had it. In the end, did something else matter more? Reconciliation? Martyrdom? Revenge?

There is a mystery and complexity to Kingsley's death the justices will not take up, which is just as well. What the plaintiff truly sought was a good death, and that is something no court has the power to grant.

George Kingsley wanted to choose the terms of death as he'd chosen those of life: He left a Catholic preparatory seminary in Chicago and attended the University of Illinois, joined TWA so he could travel, worked in publishing so he could live in New York City.

There, he was cherished for his addiction to detail, in the phone mail system he ran at work and in the parties he threw at his studio apartment.

His guests were people like himself, gay men with respectable jobs. Everything was well-planned: the guest list, the champagne (Perrier Jouet), the lighting, the tape-recorded music. The host doted on each arrival, making sure he had an introduction and a drink.

But the parties ended in 1993 when Kingsley got AIDS. He developed chronic fevers and diarrhea. "Everything hurt all the time," he would recall. "24 hours a day." He felt cold, tired, yet still dragged into work. He was losing 2 or 3 pounds a day.

Kingsley thought of a friend with AIDS who'd wanted to go to the Netherlands to end his life legally with medical help, but got too sick to travel.

"The sounds of his crying out in pain echo in my memory," he later wrote. "I wanted to kill him myself to put him out of his misery. (But) both of us had to suffer to the end. Such suffering for the living is exhausting, and affects the quality of the living person's life thereafter."

Kingsley called Rodger McFarlane, an executive with several AIDS organizations who had helped hasten the deaths of two terminally ill relatives. It was 80 degrees when they met outside the Empire Diner, and Kingsley was wearing an overcoat.

"I want you to help me kill myself," he said. George being George, he wanted to die before the September rent was due.

McFarlane knew his friend wasn't ready to die, but also knew not to argue. He outlined what he called the "protocol:" go to the doctor, get a prescription painkiller, but don't take it all; then go back, ask for a more powerful one, and again, save some. Keep working up the pharmacological ladder, without the doctor's explicit collaboration.

But first, see a doctor, McFarlane insisted.

The doctor diagnosed an intestinal parasite, and Kingsley's condition stabilized. But he still wanted to kill himself when the time came.

In the spring of 1994, a year after his meeting with McFarlane, he told The New York Times he had gathered the necessary drugs.

Knowing he could commit suicide "has made my every day better," he said. "It has diminished my horror — as though I was facing an enemy on a battlefield stark naked, and now I have armor."

A right-to-die group, Compassion in Dying, was seeking terminal patients to join doctors in challenging state laws against physician-assisted suicide. Kingsley knew it probably was too late to help him, but readily signed on. "I want to do as much as I can for as many people as I can," he said.

The suit was filed in July 1994. A phrase in Kingsley's declaration stands out: "I see no point in putting my loved ones through the emotional wringer of having to watch me suffer for a prolonged period of time, with nothing but the strangers who attend patients in hospitals to meet my dwindling abilities to perform my bodily functions."

He advocated his cause on television, and spoke excitedly of it to friends. It gave meaning to his suffering, they agreed.

By now he was the last survivor of the patient-plaintiffs. He was weak, pale, emaciated; the gap between his neck and shirt collar yawned like the jaws of death. He had lost almost all sight in his left eye. His medicines caused cramps and bloating; the injections were excruciating.

He had stopped eating solid food. His skin, once the joy and envy of his lovers, was cracking like old paper. He had no immune system to speak of.

On Oct. 12, 1994, Kingsley's doctor admitted him to Cabrini Medical Center. At 2 a.m., the patient left in what was termed an "unauthorized departure" — against medical advice.

Rodger McFarlane found Kingsley at home. He had walked out, he said, because his meal tray wasn't delivered on time. But you haven't had an appetite in months, McFarlane thought. He made some soup.

"What do you want to do, George?" McFarlane asked. "Call the doctor?" Begin the suicide protocol?

"I'm not that sick yet," Kingsley replied. "I'm going to stay here."

"What are you going to do?"

"I'll stay in bed and get weaker. Then I'll die."

"Who's going to take care of you?"

"I want my mother."

McFarlane was shocked at the change in plan. Kingsley's relationship with his mother, Gladys Kamradt, 75, of Phoenix, had been difficult. His homosexuality had been a source of friction; one night, back in Chicago, he'd been beaten up in the car by his father. After that, he changed his name to Kingsley.

The son reopened communication with his parents before his father died, but resentment lingered, Kingsley's friends say. When he'd tell his mother about a friend with AIDS, she'd talk about shopping. He called her "Lady MacBeth" behind her back.

But now he phoned her and his younger brother Jack, who lived near San Francisco and was himself HIV-positive.

McFarlane was worried. George Kingsley clearly was ready to die, but he suddenly lacked a plan for doing so.

Instead of a neat suicide, the dying man wanted a family reunion. But his was a family with a history of emotional conflict and no training in caring for the terminally ill.

Did he hope to resolve old conflicts? To make his mother witness his final suffering? To become a martyr?

This much is clear: By calling his mother and brother to New York, Kingsley created the scenario he claimed to have feared most. He was about to put his family through a real "emotional wringer" — a gruesome, three-week vigil in the apartment he once filled with music and laughter.

When Jack and Gladys Kamradt arrived at 66 Madison Ave. and rang the door of 8L, it took several minutes for the resident to answer the door. They were shocked: George looked like he weighed 70 pounds.

The next day, Jack offered him a liquid dietary supplement. George took a sip, said "Yuck!" and pushed the glass away. He never ate again, never drank more than a few sips of Hi-C through a straw, never took his medicines.

Jack called Leonard, the oldest of the three brothers, in Arizona: "You better get here. He's going fast." When Leonard arrived and saw George's condition, he asked, "What do we do?"

Jack handed him two $20 bills, gave directions to a liquor store and said to come back with two bottles of cognac.

That was how Jack coped: "I'd sit and start drinking and feel bad for myself. ... I couldn't even look at my brother without being half in the bag."

His relatives say they will never forget the last time George got out of bed. He collapsed en route to the bathroom, diarrhea running down his leg.

Gladys screamed, thinking it was blood; Jack lifted George and passed him to Leonard while he ran to get water to clean his brother up.

Leonard dropped George on the floor, and Gladys screamed. "You're both worthless!" Jack snapped. He threw a wet towel at his mother, cursed, and yelled, "Get me a bucket of water!"

It took 90 minutes to move George back up the ladder into his loft bed. The mattress was soaked with urine and feces.

Later, McFarlane urged George to send his family home and bring in nurses. "They need to be here," he whispered. "I have things to say to them."

But he said little; he'd begun to receive morphine suppositories for his pain, and the world was fast receding. Gladys sat by his side and held his hand. There was warmth, but the old issues — his pride, her prejudice — went unspoken.

When Bill Silver, a friend, came to visit, "George said 'hello' and that was it," he says. "He just stared. He didn't look like himself. He seemed totally out of it. I stayed for an hour, and I'm not sure he recognized me."

His relatives tried to make him comfortable. They brushed the chalky fungus that had spread inside his mouth. They draped a shower curtain around the bed to create a private enclosure and covered the creaky hardwood floors with throw rugs.

Jack brought George a leaf from Madison Square Park to show the seasons were changing. "What else could we do?" he asks.

Day after day, Jack stared at his own probable fate. Gladys faced a mother's age-old fear — a child who doesn't eat — but tried to pretend all was well. Leonard withdrew, shaken.

"I felt like pouring a bottle of morphine down his throat," says Jack. But there was no sign his brother had squirreled away suicide drugs. All he found was a well-thumbed copy of the suicide guide "Final Exit."

Gladys slept on a small couch, her sons on the floor, their rest disturbed by George's moans. They ate in shifts at a greasy coffee shop. Even when they went together, there was little conversation and no mirth.

"We were quarreling like people in a lifeboat," Jack says. He told his mother that if she didn't leave, he would; exhausted, Gladys flew home.

Jack says he told George, "'It's the virus that's doing this to you. Die and you'll get back at the virus." George, he says, nodded. "He needed permission to die, and I gave it."

The next evening, Wednesday, Nov. 10, Jack put on a tape he'd made of soothing music. "I put my arm around him, stroking his beard. I said, 'How you doin', pal?' He didn't look so good." They listened to "Bridge Over Troubled Water."

Then George A. Kingsley, 48, stopped breathing. His eyes stared at the ceiling. Jack didn't know how to close them.

A few days later, Jack sat at the airport bar, a box with his brother's ashes on the next stool. He drank one cognac after another, "until I was numb enough to get on the plane."

The following month, a federal judge upheld New York's law against doctor-assisted suicide. The plaintiffs' lawyers said they would appeal.

George always said he wanted a party instead of a funeral. So the following spring, Rodger McFarlane, his executor, used money from his estate to buy a case of Perrier Jouet. About 20 of George's old guests gathered to toast "a host extraordinaire."

As George Kingsley had warned, a bad death afflicts the living as much as the dead — and longer.

Gladys Kamradt returned home disoriented, and lost the keys to her trailer. Shortly thereafter, she suffered a heart attack.

Jack, a heavy drinker to begin with, says the vigil made him an alcoholic.

"This was death over and over for 22 days," he says. "A family shouldn't have to go through what we did. What's the point?"

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Giuliani, in legal tactic, tries to bar casino riverboat from pier

By Randy Kennedy
N.Y. Times Service

NEW YORK — The Giuliani administration went to court Monday to try to block the owners of a casino ship from using a Brooklyn pier, a legal maneuver intended to stop the cruises until the city can scrutinize the background of its owners.

But the company that operates the casino, Bay Cruises of Sheepshead Bay, vowed to continue twice-daily excursions from the pier, escalating a contest of wills that has developed since the sudden announcement last week that the boat's main purpose was gambling.

Andrew Stengel, a spokesman for the company, said Monday after the court proceedings that "to the question of whether we are going to continue, the answer is one word: yes."

The determination to continue comes despite a complaint filed Monday in Brooklyn Criminal Court by the city, charging that the owner of the pier violated zoning rules by allowing the vessel to dock there. Acting Judge Joseph Bruno issued a summons requiring the pier operator to appear in court Jan. 6 to answer the charge, a criminal misdemeanor that carries the possibility of a $5,000 fine and 90 days in jail.

Lawyers for the city argued that the 162-foot yacht — which was determined by the U.S. Coast Guard in July to have a capacity of 470 passengers — is much too large for its pier on Emmons Avenue, which is zoned to handle ships that transport a total of 200 people.

The city's complaint specifically cites Dec. 18, when the yacht docked at the pier in preparation for its first trip the next day. "They are essentially being charged with past criminal conduct, for violating the zoning laws for that pier on one occasion," said Gabriel Taussig, the lawyer at the city's Office of the Corporation Counsel who handled the case.

But Taussig added that the owner of the pier, listed in city records as Andrew R. Levenbaum, could face a $5,000 fine and 90 days in jail for each time the yacht docks at the pier.

> **'We have never had more than 200 passengers on Liberty I, and we never plan to have more than 200 passengers. We are in compliance here.'**
>
> — Andrew Stengel
> spokesman for Bay Cruises

Taussig said Monday that it was unclear whether Levenbaum was an officer of Bay Cruises or whether the cruise owners were renting the pier from him. Michael Kornblum, the chief executive of Bay Cruises, did not return several phone calls Monday, and his spokesman, Stengel, said he did not know Levenbaum's relationship with the company. Levenbaum himself could not be reached for comment.

The criminal charges brought by the city seemed to be an effort — in the absence of any legal mechanism to order the cruise line to stop operating — to make it increasingly difficult for it to continue its excursions from Sheepshead Bay into waters three miles offshore, where gambling is unregulated.

And Mayor Rudolph Giuliani made it clear Monday, as he has for the past several days, that the city's concerns extend far beyond the use of the dock. The primary concern, he said, is the way in which the company applied for permits and described its business in the days before launching, referring to the excursions as dining and entertainment cruises.

"For reasons that they say have to do with commercial competition, they decided to do a lot of this surreptitiously, and frankly that creates a lot of problems," Giuliani said. "It creates problems for the community that aren't necessary; it creates problems with all the city agencies that aren't necessary, and it creates problems with me that aren't necessary."

Officials from the city's Department of Investigations met with the principals of the company for several hours Monday afternoon near City Hall to discuss their background and to provide information to begin a series of background checks.

Stengel said the company plans to "cooperate fully and openly with any inquiries the city wants to make."

But he added that the company believes the city does not have a firm basis for seeking criminal charges against the dock owner as a lever to stop the cruises. "We have never had more than 200 passengers on Liberty I, and we never plan to have more than 200 passengers," he said. "We are in compliance here."

On July 17, the Coast Guard issued a certificate of inspection for Liberty I that specified a maximum passenger load of 400 people, said Commander Michael Karr, of the New York Coast Guard office.

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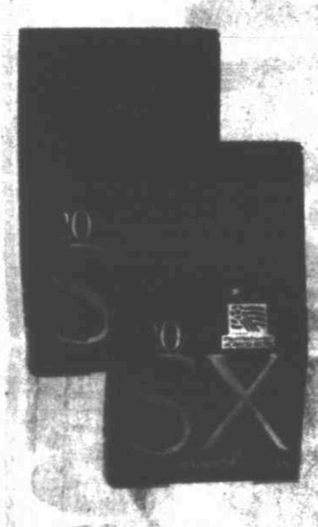

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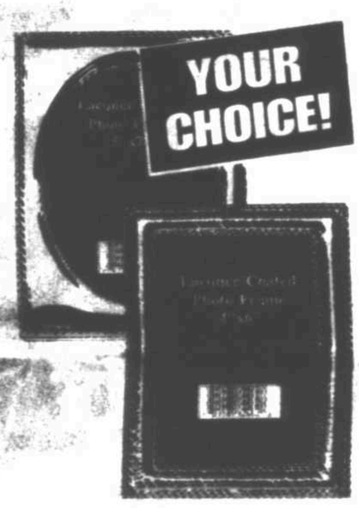

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SPORTS BRIEFING

COACH OF THE YEAR

Dom Capers, who led the Carolina Panthers to the NFC West title in just their second season, was easily voted the NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Name	No. of votes
DOM CAPERS *Carolina Panthers*	67
MIKE SHANAHAN *Denver Broncos*	22
BILL PARCELLS *New England Patriots*	4

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TV Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL — NCAA Football, Blue-Gray All-Star Classic, at Montgomery, Ala., 11 a.m.

Aloha Bowl, Navy vs. California, at Honolulu, 2:30 p.m., ABC.

BASKETBALL — L.A. Lakers at Phoenix Suns, 5 p.m., NBC.

Detroit Pistons at Chicago Bulls, 7:30 p.m., NBC.

Garrett promoted?

IRVING — Third-string quarterback Jason Garrett could be the Dallas Cowboys' backup in Saturday's NFL first-round playoff game against the Minnesota Vikings.

Wade Wilson did not practice because of a knee sprain he suffered after starting in Sunday's 37-10 loss to the Washington Redskins.

Garrett has played only briefly this year, including the fourth quarter against Washington.

Troy Aikman will be the starter.

Holtz joins CBS

NEW YORK — Former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz will join CBS Sports as a studio analyst for the network's college bowl coverage.

CBS said Monday that Holtz will team with "College Football Today" regulars Pat O'Brien and Craig James for studio coverage of the Sun and Orange bowls Dec. 31, and the Cotton and Fiesta bowls Jan. 1.

U.S. qualifying

NEW YORK — The U.S. national soccer team will open its final World Cup qualifying on March 2 at Jamaica.

The American team, which made the round of 16 in the 1994 World Cup staged in the United States, is grouped with Jamaica, Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica and El Salvador in the qualifying round featuring teams from North and Central America and the Caribbean.

The top three teams advance to the 1998 World Cup in France. Each team plays five opponents in a home-and-home series, with the qualifying round ending in November.

After playing at Jamaica, the Americans will be host to Canada on March 16, then visit Costa Rica on March 23.

Mexico is at the United States on April 20, then the Americans don't play again until June 29 at El Salvador. They follow with two home games — Costa Rica on Sept. 7 and Jamaica on Oct. 3.

On Nov. 2, the U.S. team is at Mexico, then plays at Canada the following Sunday.

Bowl renewal

SAN ANTONIO — It's going to be the Builders Square Alamo Bowl for at least another two years.

The San Antonio-based hardware retailer agreed Tuesday to a two-year contract of its title sponsorship, along with a two-year option.

The 1995 Alamo Bowl, which featured No. 19 Texas A&M and No. 14 Michigan, ranks as the most-watched bowl game in ESPN history with a 6.3 share and 10 rating. That game also set an Alamodome attendance record as 64,597 fans watched the Aggies claim a 22-20 victory.

Sunday's fourth annual Alamo Bowl features Texas Tech of the Big 12 Conference and No. 21 Iowa of the Big Ten Conference.

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Mike White fired as Raiders coach

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Mike White was fired as coach of the Oakland Raiders today, becoming the fifth NFL coach to lose his job in five days.

The Raiders never got above .500 this season after losing four of their first five games. They finished 7-9 in a season marked by agonizingly close losses and repeated mistakes.

White was 15-17 overall and didn't make the playoffs in his two seasons; the Raiders were 8-2 in 1995, then lost the final six games.

"Mike White will not be retained as head coach of the Oakland Raiders," the Raiders said in a statement. "He was notified that he was being relieved of his duties this morning."

White had lobbied for his retention Monday, saying it would be best for the team's stability.

White joined Dan Reeves of the Giants, June Jones of Atlanta, Rich Brooks of St. Louis and Rich Kotite of the

AP Laserphoto
Oakland Raiders' head coach Mike White was fired Tuesday Dec. 24, 1996, becoming the fifth NFL coach to lose his job in five days.

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Capers wins NFL Coach of the Year

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK — Dom Capers, who led the Carolina Panthers to the NFC West title in just their second season, was easily voted the NFL Coach of the Year by The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Capers received 67 votes and Denver's Mike Shanahan was a distant second with 22 in balloting by a national panel of 93 sports writers conducted by the AP.

New England's Bill Parcells, with four votes, was the only other coach named on any ballots. Last year's winner was Ray Rhodes of Philadelphia.

"I derive a lot of satisfaction from being a member of a team," said Capers, the defensive coordinator in Pittsburgh before joining the expansion Panthers in

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ANOTHER MIDLAND ALL-AMERICA

Man in the Middle

K.C. Jones achieves Hurricane greatness

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

Business as usual at the University of Miami was put on the back burner for a brief moment as the Hurricanes prepared for Friday's Carquest Bowl matchup with Virginia.

Jones

The hectic schedule of practices, film watching and meetings would continue, only after coach Butch Davis told his team that the 51st Miami Hurricane Associated Press' all-american was in their midst.

That is when he brought No. 63 to center stage — a place that the newest member of the Miami football elite, former Midland Lee Rebel K.C. Jones, has excelled at for a long, long time.

"Based on performance, no one is more deserving of all-american," University of Miami offensive line coach Art Kehoe said of Jones, a four-year starter for the Hurricanes. "Through and through, he is all-american. I've been here 18 years and had the pleasure of being around a lot of great linemen, including Leon Searcy, who's among the highest paid in the NFL. K.C. is the best. When he leaves you will know there is a void."

Jones, now, takes his place as one of the elite linemen to step on the Coral Gables campus, an honor he is fully aware of. The 6-foot-1, 270-pound senior understands that All-America brings with it a certain status, one that not many players from around the Tall City have been blessed with at the collegiate level.

"It felt great to get All-America," Jones said "When the award came, I talked to my parents and they went crazy, too. I know the award couldn't have happened without a bunch of help. It all started back in Midland with the people, the coaches and the program at Lee."

And so, K.C., son of Paul and Nancy Jones, joins three other former Rebels to pickup first team All-America honors since 1979. The list includes Junior Miller, a tight end selection from Nebraska in 1979 and Tyrone Thurman, a return specialist in 1987. But Jones becomes the second center named to the list, joining maybe the best of all the great Rebel lineman to play the college game. That player was none other than Jake Young, a two-time All-America pick at Nebraska in 1988-89.

"I have met him (Young) a couple times," said Jones, whose older brother Chris was an all-district center for Lee and played with Young. "I was like,

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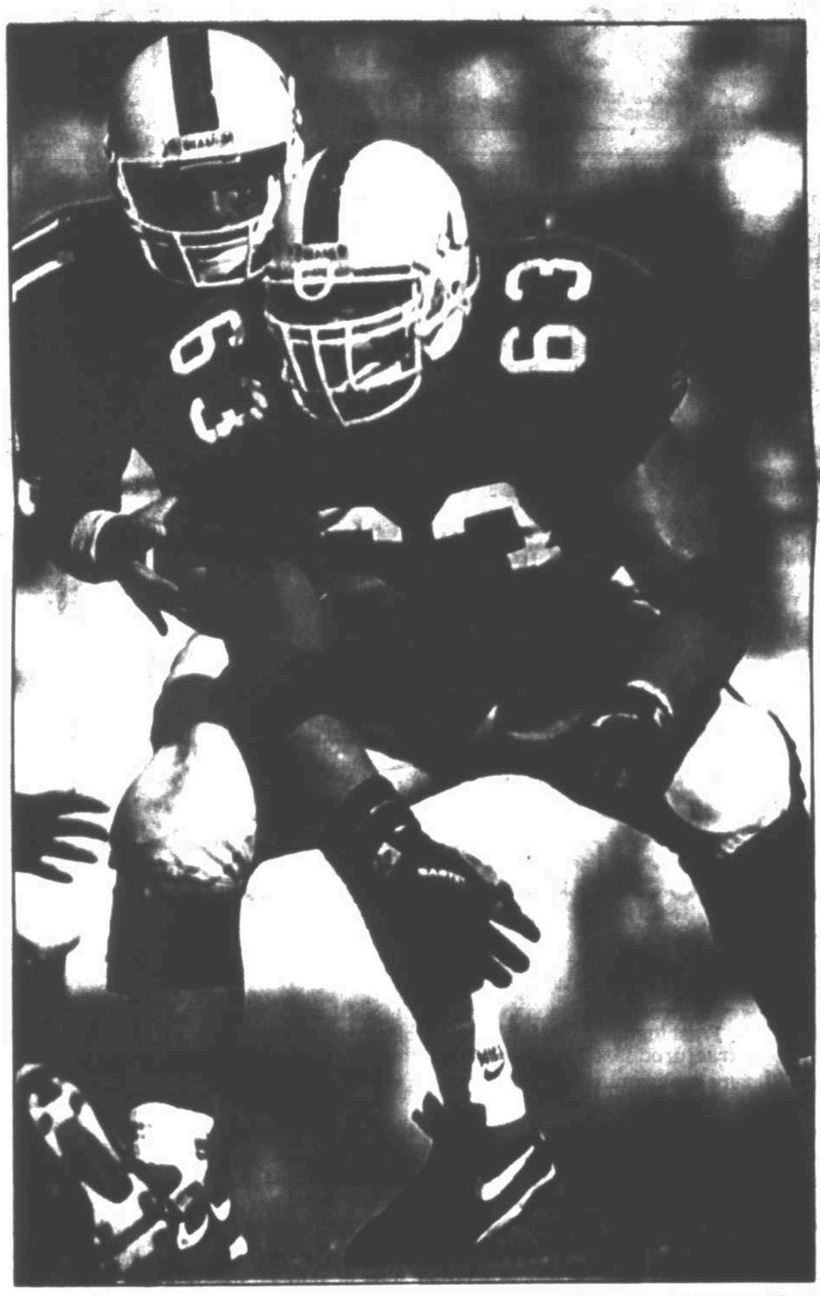

Al Messerschmidt/University of Miami
Midland's K.C. Jones, 63, has been a key figure on the offensive line at the University of Miami for the past four years. Jones was named to the Associated Press' All-America team earlier this month and is preparing for Friday's Carquest Bowl, which will be his last game as a Hurricane.

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They said it

"I can honestly say that he's the best center that I've ever coached."

Former UM and current Seattle Seahawks head coach Dennis Erickson.

"If he's healthy, there's nobody I've ever seen close to him. He's a pro playing college football, a maneater."

Art Kehoe, Miami Offensive line coach in his 14th year.

"I was blessed with many great lineman in those 10 years at Midland Lee. K.C. was the one that exemplified them all... The fact that he started all three years at Lee speaks for itself."

Ronnie Stephens, former Lee offensive line coach 1984-94.

TERRY WILLIAMSON

Some coaches found a little extra in their stockings

It took a lot of work and a lot of snooping to get this, but here is what some of the people in Midland's athletic community found under their Christmas trees today:

Williamson

Lee head football coach John Parchman: A film of the Lee-Flower Mound Marcus game so he can watch during the day instead of spending his nights in nightmares... MHS head football coach David Browning: A receiver with great hands... Both Lee basketball coach Jon House and MHS coach Jack Stephenson: A first round bye in the Byron Johnston Classic tomorrow so they can beat up on each other again Friday...

Elise Kail, Lee girls basketball coach: A set of bookends, one for a victory over MHS, the last before a 21-game district winning streak by the Lady Dawgs; and the other for ending that MHS streak... Jim Raughton, MHS girls basketball coach: A scrapbook of MHS' 21-game winning streak even though he says that streak is for newspapers and not for kids...

Ted Carson, MHS and Lee swimming coach: A bye-bye letter from Monica Stroman. She also left one for COM's Brad Swendig... Lee trainer Hondo Schneider: A football card of Jim Kelly from his old USFL days... MHS trainer Morris Williamson: A set of nicely padded crutches...

Van Gravitt, former Lee girls soccer coach and current defensive coordinator at Midland Christian: A two-sport rule book. Scott Hodkinson, MHS girls soccer coach: A ribbon tied in a three-way knot...

Kelvin Ratliff, Lee football defensive coordinator and head track coach: A double gift of John McAfee's high school track cleats and a bottle of aspirin to help shake the headache of losing seven defensive starters... Lee softball coach Perry Young: A high school football record to be remembered...

Bobby Dunn, head boys golf coach at Lee: An extra all-purpose, fit any eyes set of contact lenses in a traveling case... Aubrey Culley, head boys golf coach at MHS: A freshman eligibility rule... Bernie Hagins, MHS girls golf coach: A January golf tournament in Amarillo... Lee girls golf coach Phyllis Sutton: Her daughter, Kristin, gets a golf scholarship closer to the United States...

MHS tennis coach Tom Heiting and Lee tennis coach Steve Buck: A UIL proposal that kicks Abilene High and Abilene Cooper into another district... Rich Wieligman, new MHS softball coach: Three returning starting pitchers and Cooper's loss of eight starters...

Wes Cope, assistant football coach at MHS: Barracuda memorabilia... Susan Nix, MHS girls track coach: Introductory letter from Stephanie Wentworth... Tom Esikhati, MHS boys soccer coach: The favorite's role for a fourth straight district championship...

John McCulloch, Lee boys soccer coach: A train ticket to Bedford... Randy Smith, Lee football line coach: A Snyder football win over Sweetwater... Lee baseball assistant coach Danny Neighbors: A bone spur in a glass jar — and an instruction booklet on how to operate a pitching machine...

Trainer Bain Ward: A mileage check... MHS volleyball coach Terri McColloch, a first round playoff bye... Lee volleyball coach Connie Alexander: A volleyball, what else?... Lee football assistant Randy Josey: A book on how to be cooperative. Ok, it's a bad gift, he wrote the book...

MHS football assistant Bryan Davis: Another win over dad... Virginia Ezell (the real brains behind MSA): A cookbook, the lady just can't cook a lick... Midland Angels general manager Monty Hoppel: A hockey puck... Angels' broadcaster Bob Hards: A book that explains the difference between a blue line and a foul line...

Mike Stevens, Chap Center guru: End zone seats at the Alamo Bowl... Pat Rafferty, Midland College men's basketball coach: Another Division I guard... Ron Jones, MC women's basketball coach: One more Region V victory... Delnor Poss, MC golf coach: A permanent residence in Scottsdale. It will save the school some money...

And to everyone I left out this year: Apologies, but I'm out of space...

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Robinson's on crutches; San Antonio hobbles

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Robinson balanced himself on crutches in the locker room and wondered about all that had gone wrong this season.

"It seems like we've just been snakebit," he said.

Robinson missed the first 18 games of the season with a back injury. Now he has a broken left foot, and the San Antonio Spurs star center will be out six weeks.

The latest injury, to the fifth metatarsal, came during Monday night's 90-79 loss at home to the Miami Heat. This week he will have surgery in which a screw will be placed in the broken bone.

In all, Robinson has played just six games this year, and the result has been devastating. The Spurs, the two-time defending Midwest Division champions, are 6-18. Only Vancouver and Boston have worse records.

Robinson's absence is not the only reason for the dreadful start. Eight Spurs have missed games because of injuries.

Forward Chuck Person, the team's most consistent long-range shooter, had back surgery in October and may not return this season. Charles Smith, who was expected to be a force at power forward, has missed 20 games with chronic pain in his right knee.

But Robinson's absence has been the most telling. The team started the season 3-15 without him, a record that led to the firing of coach Bob Hill the day Robinson returned to the lineup.

General manager Gregg Popovich, who replaced Hill, now tries to keep the team afloat.

"We're going to have to go to work on what this team needs to do to win (without Robinson)," Popovich said.

With Robinson back in the lineup, the Spurs were beginning to show signs of life. They had a three-game winning streak before the loss to the Heat.

"I'm hoping that now that we've had a little taste of success this past week we can come back and win the games we gave away earlier in the season," Robinson said. "We have to beat the sub-.500 teams. The playoffs has to be our goal, if we can just hold out four to five weeks."

Among the Spurs' 18 losses are two to Vancouver and two to the Los Angeles Clippers.

"This certainly puts a damper on things, but we can't get down on ourselves," said Dominique Wilkins, who led the Spurs in scoring and rebounding in Robinson's first absence. "He's simply not going to be here, so we have to hold down the fort."

Avery Johnson looked back over the Spurs' 121 victories the last two seasons and figured that maybe it was time for some bad luck.

"We have been so fortunate the last two years," the point guard said. "We haven't had that many players miss big games due to injuries. We've been blessed in that way. This year's been different. It really makes you appreciate the good fortune you've had in the past."

But that's the past.

"This is a nightmare for a player," Robinson said. ""I was just getting back into sync and I felt strong and was getting good quality minutes. And now I have to get psyched about rehab again."

AP Laserphoto

The San Antonio Spurs have been getting banged up this year but last night's injury to David Robinson made things a whole lot worse.

Bulls vs. Pistons: flip-flop reminder of bygone era

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — An NBA era ago, a young Michael Jordan kept trying to climb to the top of the basketball world, only to be slammed back to earth by the "Bad Boy" Detroit Pistons.

Now, Grant Hill is knocking, and Jordan's Chicago Bulls want to keep slamming the door in the young Detroit star's face.

"We're a measuring stick for the Pistons, as they were for us back in '88 and '89," said Jordan, whose Bulls play host to Detroit in a Christmas night matchup between the teams with the NBA's best records.

"Each time we saw them, we tried to see how much we had progressed. Now they're trying to get over the hump, and we want to keep them right where they are."

Second place is where the Pistons are. Detroit (20-5) trails the defending champion Bulls (24-3) by three games in the Central Division. They are the only two NBA teams with winning percentages of at least .800.

"They're playing well and are capable of having a great game, so we're going to be up for it," said Scottie Pippen, another survivor of the battles against Bad Boys Dennis Rodman, Bill Laimbeer and Rick Mahorn. "It's a compliment to be chosen to play on Christmas. It's special, and we're going to treat it that way."

The Pistons-Bulls game is the second half of a nationally televised doubleheader that also includes the Los Angeles Lakers at the Phoenix Suns.

"My parents are at home and I don't have any family in Detroit, so I'd rather spend Christmas with Michael and Scottie," said Hill, whose personable manner and wonderful talent have led many to dub him the next Jordan.

The Bulls lost to the Pistons in the 1988, 1989 and 1990 playoffs. Detroit won NBA titles in '89 and '90. In 1991, the Bulls finally got past the Pistons and began their string of four championships in six years.

The Pistons are looking for a breakthrough game, having lost 17 consecutive times to the Bulls since last winning on March 14, 1993. That was so long ago that Rodman was on the Pistons; he's now in his second season with the Bulls after spending two years with the San Antonio Spurs.

After Chicago won 98-80 at Detroit on Nov. 8, Pistons coach Doug Collins said: "They are one of the greatest teams of all-time, maybe the greatest. No team in the NBA can play with them right now."

Collins, who coached the Bulls from 1986-89, hopes his team has closed the gap in the seven weeks since.

Chicago guard Steve Kerr said the Bulls respect the Pistons.

"We've handled them pretty easily lately, but we take them very seriously," Kerr said. "They play very hard and have great shooters. Grant Hill is incredible. They've been playing great defense, too."

It will be Jordan's first Christmas game since 1992. He didn't play in the following two seasons and, after coming out of retirement, his Bulls weren't chosen to play on the holiday last year.

"It brings back some memories," said Jordan, who is 3-1 on Christmas.

The Pistons hope to start some new fond memories of their own.

"Most people don't want to be playing on Christmas and don't want to be playing the Bulls," Hill said. "But I look forward to playing against the best team in the world with the whole world watching."

Niners gear up for wild-card run

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — In each of their five Super Bowl seasons, the San Francisco 49ers began their championship run as a division winner.

This year, they're in the postseason as a wild card, facing a three-game gauntlet to reach the Super Bowl, starting with Sunday's first-round home game against Philadelphia (10-6).

"It's a little tougher when you're a wild card but they're all capable teams that are in the NFC playoffs," 49ers coach George Seifert said Tuesday. "Some have a little easier road. I mean that's why you try to win more games than the other guy, so you have home-field advantage. But we have a pretty strong club and away we go. We had a good season. Now we have to have a great postseason."

San Francisco (12-4) closed the regular season with a 24-14 victory over Detroit on Monday night, finishing with consecutive wins. Steve Young sewed up his fifth passing title and Jerry Rice added five catches to end the year with a league-best 108.

Carolina (12-4) won the NFC West title on a tiebreaker, having swept San Francisco this season.

Only one wild card team — the Oakland Raiders in 1980 — has gone on to win the Super Bowl. The 49ers aim to be the next one.

"It's obvious this is the role destiny wants us to take," Young said. "It's been talked about that we've done it a number of ways but we haven't done it this way."

Seifert said he believes this year's team is better off at this point in the season than last year's, which earned a division title and first-round bye but lost the regular-season finale at Atlanta before being eliminated by Green Bay in a divisional playoff.

"I think we're stronger even though we don't put fear in the hearts of men with our running game," Seifert said. "We are definitely a more effective running team. I think we have much better depth in the backfield then we had at this time a year ago. I think Steve (Young) is playing better now. There's a zest to his play that has been coming on the last few weeks."

Seifert said the 49ers strengthened the pass rush with the addition of Roy Barker and Chris Doleman and have improved special teams.

"Now that all sounds great, 'Hey, the 49ers are better,'" Seifert said. "But first off, we have to get through Philadelphia. We still have to win the game."

Seifert isn't so much worried about bucking the wild-card's discouraging history as he is with contending with the Eagles. Philadelphia is coached by Ray Rhodes, a former 49ers assistant, and led on the ground by Ricky Watters, who led San Francisco in rushing three straight seasons before leaving for Philadelphia.

Rhodes and Watters won Super Bowl rings with the 49ers in 1994, their last season in San Francisco. Rhodes installed a San Francisco-style offense at Philadelphia, although the Eagles tend to run more than the 49ers.

Watters finished second in the NFC with a career-best 1,411 yards.

"Ricky is having a great season. Ty Detmer is a very efficient quarterback and he and the system seem to be perfect for each other," Seifert said. "They've got two good wide receivers, a good young tight end and the offensive system speaks for itself."

San Francisco has surrendered two straight 100-yard rushing games, including Barry Sanders' 175-yard performance Monday night. But Seifert said he's more worried about maintaining tight coverage in the secondary than San Francisco's run-stopping ability.

"Yes, it's a concern and, yes, a couple of backshave gotten quite a few yards on us but at the same time, we won these last two games and we've played pretty good pass defense," Seifert said.

Newspaper: Reds owner falsified car sales to meet quotas

CINCINNATI (AP) — Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott could be in trouble again — and this time, it has nothing to do with baseball.

The Cincinnati Enquirer reported Tuesday that Schott ordered employees of her Chevrolet-Geo dealership to fabricate car sales, allowing the business to meet sales quotas and to prevent General Motors from taking her franchise.

Schott has two car dealerships in Cincinnati that are among her several business holdings. She has been part-owner of the Reds since 1981 and the team's managing partner since December 1984.

GM filed a document Dec. 4 with the State of Ohio Motor Vehicle Dealers Board alleging that Schott falsified 57 retail sales last year. The document says Schott hid some of the cars at her Indian Hill estate in suburban Cincinnati and later sold them at auctions or as "used" cars.

There was no answer Tuesday at Schott's home. Employees who answered the telephones at her dealerships said she was not there.

The Reds' offices and GM headquarters in Detroit both were closed on Tuesday for the Christmas holiday.

Major League Baseball told Schott, 68, in June that she must give up daily operation of the Reds through the 1998 season because of objectionable remarks she made in reference to Adolf Hitler, working women and Asian-Americans.

Earlier this month, she spent a week in Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati for treatment of pneumonia. She returned home Dec. 17.

The filing says GM told Schott a year ago that her business wasn't meeting company sales standards. In June 1995, she reached a settlement with the automaker in which she would surrender the dealership if it did not meet its quotas in any two of the final three quarters of 1995, or in the first two quarters of 1996.

In the affadavit, GM notes that it received a letter Aug. 30, signed only: "A dealer who tries to play it straight."

"A salesman who formerly worked for Marge Schott and now works for me, told me she fabricated the sale of some 50 cars at the end of September 1995 to meet a quota that would enable her to keep her franchise," the dealer wrote.

According to the document, GM conducted an audit, then confronted Schott's general manager, Mel Lehrner. The document says he admitted that the 57 sales were fabricated, and that Schott had ordered the fake sales reports.

GM said Schott used the names of acquaintances, friends and dealership personnel as "fictitious purchasers."

The Enquirer reported that two sources told the newspaper that some Reds employees received notifications from GM of purchases or leases they hadn't made.

Trail Blazers' Rasheed Wallace indefinitely out

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Portland forward Rasheed Wallace will undergo surgery Thursday for a broken left thumb and will be out indefinitely.

Wallace was injured in the second quarter of the Blazers' 106-84 loss Monday to the Washington Bullets. Wallace broke his thumb in the same place it was fractured last season, when he missed 17 games.

Trail Blazers spokesman John Christensen said team physician Dr. Don Roberts examined Wallace on Tuesday.

Portland acquired Wallace and Mitchell Butler last summer in a deal that sent guard Rod Strickland and Harvey Grant to Washington.

Wallace was averaging 15.6 points and seven rebounds in his second year in the league. He was the NBA's leader in field goal percentage at .585.

Wallace was hurt when Juwan Howard tried to strip him of the ball on a drive to the basket.

"For this to happen now, it's frustrating," Wallace said after the game.

LOCAL SPORTS

Five local boxers win Silver Gloves

FORT WORTH — The Twin Cities Tigers Boxing Club of Midland had five boxers win state championships this past weekend at the Silver Gloves State Championship.

The winners were John De Leon in the nine-year-old, 50-pound category; Andrews Heredia at 11-years-old and 65 pounds; Matis Garcia at 10 years and 100 pounds; Humberto Juarez, 14 years and 90 pounds and Ernest Carrasco at 14 years and 165 pounds.

The competition is for boxers ages eight through 15. All winners will advance to Little Rock, Ark. Jan. 2-4, where winners will go to the national championship in Kansas.

Results from Big Tootsie

At the annual Big Tootsie Christmas Invitational Tournament completed Monday at Midland College, Alisha Phillips won the title in the girls A bracket while Jacob Lindsay took top prize in the boys B bracket.

Trophy winners from the Big Tootsie Christmas Invitational Tennis Tournament:

Girls A: 1, Alisha Phillips; 2, Ashley Newport; 3, Annie Morgan. Boys A: 1, Jacob Lindsay; 2, Doug Segulja; 3, Jon-Aaron House; 4, Aaron Trimble. Girls B: 1, Adela Martinez; 2, Chanda Roberson; 3, Skye Barnett.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in conference room A. The public is welcome to attend...

The Midland High boys and girls soccer booster club will meet the second Monday of every month in Conference room A at MHS...

Coaches Luncheons for the Chap Athletic Club will take place on Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26. The Luncheons will allow coaches to interact with club members and will take place from noon to 1 p.m. at Golden Corral Steakhouse...

Gymnastics...

Odessa College offers several gymnastics clinics for children ages 2 and up. Call 335-6348 for more information...

Basketball...

The Boys and Girls Clubs of Midland will have their first 3-on-3 basketball league for boys and girls 13-18 years old. Fee is $8 for members, membership is $3. For more information call Sherman Petterson at 683-5297 or 567-6373 on weekends...

Workouts and tryouts for girls 12 and under AAU Basketball are scheduled for Wednesday nights at 6:30 at Abell Junior High. Girls who turn 13 after Jan. 1, 1997 are eligible. For more information call Mike at 697-3018...

The Permian Basin Basketball Officials Association is seeking applicants to officiate junior high and high school games in this area. Call Mike Lowrance at 682-1726 or 520-9602 or Jeff Ryan at 699-5001 or 688-0700 if you are interested...

The Midland YMCA is taking registration for boys junior high basketball., grades 7-9. Fee is $35. Registration is available at any Midland YMCA. Also, officials are needed for games. Officials will be paid $5-9 a game. For more information, call Eddie Venzant at 682-2551...

Skiing...

The Flatlanders Ski Club has current plans for trips to Snowmass, Colo. (Jan. 4-11, 1997), Val Di Fasse, Italy (Jan. 17-25, 1997), Purgatory, Colo. (Feb. 8-15, 1997) and Sugarloaf, Maine (March 8-15, 1997). Other club activities include rafting and golfing events. For more information, call Donna at 550-5665 or Sam at 580-7600...

Tennis...

Toby Curtis, a new tennis coach in Midland, is offering individual and group tennis lessons at Lee High School and San Jacinto Junior High. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Call Toby at 697-3266 for more information...

Toby Curtis is starting a group indoor mini-tennis lessons in January for ages 6-11. Call Toby at 697-3266.

A winter mixed doubles tournament is scheduled for Jan. 18-19 at Midland College with play slated for open, A, B and C levels. The entry fee is $6 per person with two matches guaranteed. Deadline for entry is noon Jan. 17. For more information, call 687-4046...

Bicycling...

The Permian Basin Bicycle Association meets every third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Coors Hospitality room. For more information, please call 694-0640 or Peyton Bike Store at 699-1718...

Swimming...

The City of Midland Swim and Diving teams are holding a Christmas sports camp Dec. 26, 27, 30 and 31 and Jan. 2 and 3 at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The camp is for children ages 5-12. Campers should bring a swimsuit, towels, dry clothes and a sack lunch. The cost is $25 per day or $200 for the whold camp. For more information, call Tassy at 684-7755...

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Coahoma, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, San Angelo, Snyder and Westbrook. Contact Mack Gipson at 520-5861 or Freddie Ezell at 520-6502...

Baseball...

The Midland Winter Baseball Camp is Dec. 26-28 at the Lee High baseball field. Danny Jordan of Texas Tech and No. 2 nationally ranked L...n College is the camp director and instructors are pro, college and high school coaches. Cost is $75 and bat and glove are required. Ages 12-under from 8 a.m. to noon and ages 13-up from 1-5 p.m. Softball players are welcome. Call 694-6996 for information...

Soccer...

The Midland Soccer Association is holding its spring registration through Jan. 31. All participants must be at least four-years-old by Dec. 31, 1996. The fee is $40 for returning players and $44 for all new club players. There is also a $10 late fee after Jan. 31. Registration is Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1909 W. Wall Suite N or at the Mall registration Jan. 18-19 during regular mall hours. For more information, call 684-5425...

The MSA is holding coaching clinics for "G" and "F" levels Feb. 22. Cost for the "G" is $5 and the "F" is $35. Fees are due Jan. 31. For more information, call 684-5425...

A clinic for referees is scheduled Jan. 16-18. A $20 deposit is required along with a $25 registration fee upon completion of the clinic. Deadline is Jan. 3. For more information, call David Stall at 682-8904 or 684-5425...

Boxing...

The Twin Cities/Tigers II Boxing Club and the Midland Downtown Lions Club has opened its gym at 200 Plaza to all athletes ages 8-33. For information on joining, call David Rodriguez Jr. at 334-6190 or 683-8732...

Running...

Resolution Run Relay, sponsored by the PBRA, will be held Jan. 18 at Midland Centennial Plaza with cash prizes. Call Thomas Schneider at 520-4421 for information. Love Run is Feb. 9 at 2 p.m. Call Alfredo McGuire at 335-8044 for information...

Football...

The United States Independent Football League is an adult, full contact, spring football organization which is expanding into the Midland and Odessa areas. The season begins in early March and runs through June. Tryouts for the Midland team will take place Dec. 28 at Alamo Junior High starting at 9 a.m. Players must furnish their own equipment and winning teams are paid a portion of the gate receipts. Anyone interested in playing should call 1-800-375-2010, ext. 22...

Reporter-Telegram Football Forecast

Dec. 25-Jan. 2

Terry Williamson
Last Week: 13-12
Season: 224-101
Pct.: .689

Stewart Doreen
Last Week: 15-10
Season: 221-104
Pct.: .680

Amy Wollenberger
Last Week: 13-12
Season: 217-108
Pct.: .668

Lee Passmore
Last Week: 13-12
Season: 216-109
Pct.: .665

Oscar LeRoy
Last Week: 16-9
Season: 32-18
Pct.: .640

Crystal Ball
(Consensus)
Last Week: 15-10
Season: 234-91
Pct.: .720

COLLEGE BOWL GAMES	Williamson	Doreen	Wollenberger	Passmore	LeRoy	Crystal Ball
ALOHA: California (6-5) vs. Navy (8-3)	California	California	Navy	California	Navy	California (3-2)
LIBERTY: Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3)	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse	Syracuse (5-0)
CARQUEST: Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4)	Miami	Miami	Miami	Virginia	Miami	Miami (4-1)
COPPER: Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Utah	Utah	Wisconsin (3-2)
PEACH: Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2)	Clemson	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU	LSU (4-1)
ALAMO: Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4)	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech	Texas Tech (5-0)
HOLIDAY: Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2)	Colorado	Washington	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado	Colorado (4-1)
HERITAGE: Howard (9-2) vs. Southern (7-4)	Howard	Howard	Howard	Howard	Howard	Howard (5-0)
SUN: Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5)	Michigan State	Michigan State	Michigan State	Stanford	Michigan State	Michigan State (4-1)
INDEPENDENCE: Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1)	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Army	Auburn (4-1)
ORANGE: Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1)	Nebraska	Nebraska	Nebraska	Virginia Tech	Nebraska	Nebraska (4-1)
OUTBACK: Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3)	Michigan	Michigan	Alabama	Alabama	Michigan	Michigan (3-2)
GATOR: North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3)	West Virginia	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina (4-1)
COTTON: BYU (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2)	Brigham Young	Kansas State	Kansas State	Brigham Young	Kansas State	Kansas State (3-2)
CITRUS: Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2)	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Northwestern	Tennessee	Tennessee (4-1)
ROSE: Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1)	Arizona State	Arizona State	Ohio State	Arizona State	Ohio State	Arizona State (3-2)
FIESTA: Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4)	Penn State	Texas	Texas	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State (3-2)
SUGAR: Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1)	Florida State	Florida State	Florida	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State (4-1)

Jordan, Hill 1-2 in fan voting

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chicago's Michael Jordan and Detroit's Grant Hill, who have dominated the fan voting for the NBA All-Star game in recent years, are running 1-2 in balloting for this season's Eastern Conference team.

Jordan, who has led all players in votes received seven times since 1987, has received a league-leading 111,525 votes at guard for the East. Hill, who received the most votes in the NBA the past two years, leads Eastern Conference forwards with 103,889 votes.

Scottie Pippen of Chicago is second among the forwards with 89,945 votes and Orlando's Anfernee Hardaway is runnerup among the guards with 61,914 votes.

Patrick Ewing of New York leads all Eastern Conference centers with 56,601 votes.

The All-Star game will be played at Cleveland Feb. 9.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Bowl Games

At A Glance
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All Times CST

Thursday, Dec. 19
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Nevada 18, Ball State 15

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
California (6-5) vs. Navy (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Friday, Dec. 27
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 28
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 29
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Heritage Bowl
At Atlanta
Howard (9-2) vs. Southern U. (7-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan State (6-5), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1), 6 p.m. (CBS)

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2), noon (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (CBS)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4), 7 p.m. (CBS)

Thursday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Top 25 Schedule

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled
Thursday's Games
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
No. 13 Indiana vs. Colgate at Indianapolis, 7 p.m.
No. 14 New Mexico vs. Bucknell, 8 p.m.
No. 19 Alabama vs. San Jose State at Santa Clara, Calif., 11 p.m.
No. 20 Texas Tech vs. New Mexico State at Casper, Wyo., 11 p.m.
No. 21 Maryland vs. Pittsburgh at Honolulu, 10 p.m.
No. 24 Oregon vs. Temple at Portland, Ore., 11:45 p.m.
No. 25 Boston College vs. Central Connecticut State, 7 p.m.
Saturday's Games
No. 3 Kentucky vs. Ohio State at Gund Arena, 7 p.m.
No. 4 Michigan vs. Memphis at Honolulu, 12:30 a.m.
No. 6 Clemson vs. Marshall, 4 p.m.
No. 7 Cincinnati vs. Western Kentucky at Gund Arena, 9 p.m.
No. 8 Utah at UC Irvine, 10 p.m.
No. 9 Arizona vs. Robert Morris, 9:30 p.m.
No. 10 Villanova vs. Rider, 2 p.m.
No. 13 Indiana vs. Army or Valparaiso at Indianapolis, 7 or 9 p.m.
No. 14 New Mexico vs. Appalachian State or Mississippi, 8 or 10:15 p.m.
No. 15 Minnesota vs. Long Island University, 8 p.m.
No. 19 Alabama vs. Detroit or Santa Clara at Santa Clara, Calif., 9 or 11 p.m.
No. 20 Texas Tech vs. Southern Illinois or Wyoming at Casper, Wyo., 9 or 11 p.m.
No. 22 Arkansas vs. Southern Utah State, 3 p.m.
No. 23 Stanford vs. Navy, 10:30 p.m.
No. 24 Oregon vs. Bradley or Oregon State at Portland, Ore., 9 or 11:45 p.m.
Sunday's Games
No. 4 Michigan vs. Washington State or Georgia at Honolulu, 6:30 or 10 p.m.
No. 16 Louisville vs. No. 25 Boston College, 2 p.m.
No. 17 Xavier, Ohio vs. Kansas State, 2 p.m.
No. 21 Maryland vs. Northwestern or Hawaii at Honolulu, 4 p.m. or 1 a.m.

NBA Leaders

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	20	7	.741	—
New York	19	7	.731	1/2
Washington	13	13	.500	6 1/2
Orlando	10	13	.435	8
Philadelphia	7	18	.280	12
New Jersey	6	17	.261	12
Boston	5	19	.208	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	24	3	.889	—
Detroit	20	5	.800	3
Cleveland	17	9	.654	6 1/2
Atlanta	15	10	.600	8
Charlotte	15	11	.576	8 1/2
Milwaukee	15	11	.576	8 1/2
Indiana	12	12	.500	10 1/2
Toronto	9	18	.333	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	21	6	.778	—
Utah	20	6	.769	1/2
Minnesota	10	17	.370	11
Dallas	9	16	.360	11
Denver	8	19	.296	13
San Antonio	6	18	.250	13 1/2
Vancouver	6	22	.214	15 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	20	9	.690	—
L.A. Lakers	19	9	.679	1/2
Portland	14	14	.500	5 1/2
Sacramento	11	17	.393	8 1/2
Golden State	10	17	.370	9
L.A. Clippers	10	18	.357	9 1/2
Phoenix	8	18	.308	10 1/2

Monday's Games
New York 82, Atlanta 76
Orlando 89, Cleveland 84
Minnesota 107, Utah 98
Chicago 113, New Jersey 81
Milwaukee 81, Houston 76
Miami 90, San Antonio 79
Denver 112, Phoenix 109, OT
Washington 108, Portland 84
Sacramento 100, L.A. Clippers 88
Tuesday's Games
No games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix,5 p.m.
Detroit at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Stat Leaders

By The Associated Press
Through December 23

Scoring

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts	Avg
Jordan, Chi.	27	313	174	829	30.7
O'Neal, LAL	28	301	129	731	26.1
Malone, Utah	26	255	148	658	25.3
Sprewll, G.S.	27	215	178	665	24.6
Olajuwn, Hou.	23	206	125	538	23.4
Richmnd, Sac.	28	226	157	652	23.3
Robinson, Mil.	25	223	96	569	22.8
Iverson, Phil.	20	147	105	443	22.2
Kemp, Sea.	29	221	196	639	22.0
Guglitta, Minn.	27	209	163	594	22.0
Payton, Sea.	29	250	102	638	22.0
Baker, Mil.	23	192	116	505	22.0
Miller, Ind.	24	170	116	516	21.5
Ewing, N.Y.	26	208	128	545	21.0
Hill, Det.	24	177	136	496	20.7
Rice, Char.	23	169	81	465	20.2
Wbber, Wash.	26	227	58	525	20.2
Brandn, Clev.	26	197	94	522	20.1
Stdmire, Tor.	26	183	96	518	19.9
D. Ellis, Den.	27	189	83	528	19.6

Field Goal Percentage

Player	FG	FGA	Pct
Wallace, Port.	170	289	.588
Hill, Clev.	126	215	.586
O'Neal, LAL	301	530	.568
Mullin, G.S.	158	287	.551
Stockton, Utah	136	248	.548
Johnson, N.Y.	118	218	.541
Douglas, Mil.	121	224	.540
Gatling, Dall.	173	321	.539
Manning, Phoe.	149	282	.528
Malone, Utah	255	489	.521

Rebounding

Player	G	Off	Def	Tot	Avg
J. Williams, N.J.	17	118	158	276	16.2
Rodman, Chi.	25	134	260	394	15.8
Barkley, Hou.	22	93	240	333	15.1
O'Neal, LAL	28	110	257	367	13.1
Mutombo, Atl.	24	95	184	279	11.6
Kemp, Sea.	29	97	239	336	11.6
Vaught, LAC	28	95	216	311	11.1
Baker, Mil.	23	81	174	255	11.1
Malone, Utah	26	55	233	288	11.1
Ewing, N.Y.	26	51	227	278	10.7

Assists

Player	G	No.	Avg.
Jackson, Den.	26	306	11.8
Stockton, Utah	26	278	10.7
Kidd, Dall.	22	200	9.1
Pack, N.J.	23	205	8.9
Van Exel, LAL	28	238	8.5
Strickland, Wash.	26	214	8.2
Stoudamire, Tor.	26	204	7.8
Johnson, S.A.	24	179	7.5
Hardaway, Mia.	27	198	7.3
Payton, Sea.	29	211	7.3

Players of Week

Nov. 11—C Hakeem Olajuwon, Houston
Nov. 18—F Dale Ellis, Denver
Nov. 25—F Charles Barkley, Houston and F Karl Malone, Utah
Dec. 2—C Dikembe Mutombo, Atlanta
Dec. 9—F Terry Mills, Detroit
Dec. 16—C Shaquille O'Neal, L.A. Lakers
Dec. 23—G Terrell Brandon, Cleveland

NBA Coaches of Month
Nov.—Rudy Tomjanovich, Houston

All-Star Voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Results of fan balloting, through Dec. 22, for the Eastern Conference starting team in the 1997 NBA All-Star game to be played Feb. 9 at Gund Arena in Cleveland:

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Forwards

1, Grant Hill, Detroit, 103,889. 2, Scottie Pippen, Chicago, 89,945. 3, Dennis Rodman, Chicago, 57,447. 4, Chris Webber, Washington, 25,580. 5, Otis Thorpe, Detroit, 18,226. 6, Juwan Howard, Washington, 16,555. 7, Vin Baker, Milwaukee, 15,198. 8, Toni Kukoc, Chicago, 11,379. 9, Larry Johnson, New York, 10,807. 10, Horace Grant, Orlando, 10,519.

Guards

1, Michael Jordan, Chicago, 111,525. 2, Anfernee Hardaway, Orlando, 61,914. 3, Allen Iverson, Philadelphia, 40,781. 4, Damon Stoudamire, Toronto, 33,558. 5, Joe Dumars, Detroit, 27,605. 6, Reggie Miller, Indiana, 21,254. 7, Tim Hardaway, Miami, 15,269. 8, Jerry Stackhouse, Philadelphia, 12,982. 9, Glen Rice, Charlotte, 9,789. 10, Chris Childs, New York, 8,613.

Centers

1, Patrick Ewing, New York, 56,601. 2, Alonzo Mourning, Miami, 47,886. 3, Marcus Camby, Toronto, 18,326. 4, Dikembe Mutombo, Atlanta, 17,145. 5, Luc Longley, Chicago, 13,963. 6, Gheorghe Muresan, Washington, 13,820. 7, Shawn Bradley, New Jersey, 9,352. 8, Rik Smits, Indiana, 9,061. 9, Vlade Divac, Charlotte, 5,270. 10, Rony Seikaly, Orlando, 3,509.

NFL Postseason

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
Wild Cards
Saturday, Dec. 28
Jacksonville at Buffalo, 11:30 p.m. (ABC)
Minnesota at Dallas, 3 p.m. (ABC)
Sunday, Dec. 29
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 11:30 p.m. (NBC)
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 4
San Francisco, Philadelphia or Minnesota at Green Bay, 11:30 p.m. (FOX)
Buffalo, Jacksonville, or Indianapolis at Denver, 3 p.m. (NBC)
Sunday, Jan. 5
Pittsburgh, Buffalo or Jacksonville at New England, 11:30 p.m. (NBC)
Dallas, San Francisco or Philadelphia at Carolina, 3 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 12
TBA
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 26
At New Orleans
TBA, 5:18 p.m.
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 2
At Honolulu
TBA, 7 p.m.

Coach of the Year

By The Associated Press

The NFL Coach of the Year named by The Associated Press and 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—Dan 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, Philadephia
1996—Dom Capers, Carolina

Coach Voting

NEW YORK (AP) — The voting for The Associated Press' 1996 NFL Coach of the Year as selected by a nationwide panel of the media:

Dom Capers, Carolina 67
Mike Shanahan, Denver 22
Bill Parcells, New England 4

NFL Coaching

By The Associated Press

NFL teams that have changed coaches this season, with former coach and replacement:

Atlanta Falcons — June Jones; TBA.
Cincinnati Bengals — Dave Shula; Bruce Coslet.
New Orleans Saints — Jim Mora; Rick Venturi.
New York Giants — Dan Reeves; TBA.
New York Jets — Rich Kotite; TBA.
Oakland Raiders — Mike White, TBA.
St. Louis Rams — Rich Brooks; TBA.

Reeves Record

By The Associated Press

The career coaching record of Dan Reeves, who was fired as coach of the New York Giants on Monday:

Regular Season

Year Team	W	L	T	Pct
1981 Denver	10	6	0	.625
1982 Denver	2	7	0	.222
1983 Denver	9	7	0	.563
1984 Denver	13	3	0	.813
1985 Denver	11	5	0	.688
1986 Denver	11	5	0	.688
1987 Denver	10	4	1	.700
1988 Denver	8	8	0	.500
1989 Denver	11	5	0	.688
1990 Denver	5	11	0	.313
1991 Denver	12	4	0	.750
1992 Denver	8	8	0	.500
1993 NY Giants	11	5	0	.688
1994 NY Giants	9	7	0	.563
1995 NY Giants	5	11	0	.313
1996 NY Giants	6	10	0	.375
Totals	141	106	1	.571

Post-Season

Year Team	W	L	T	Pct
1983 Denver	0	1	0	.000
1984 Denver	0	1	0	.000
1986 Denver	2	1	0	.667
1987 Denver	2	1	0	.667
1989 Denver	2	1	0	.667
1991 Denver	1	1	0	.500
1993 NY Giants	1	1	0	.500
Totals	8	7	0	.533

Jones Record

By The Associated Press

The career coaching record of June Jones, who was fired as coach of the Atlanta Falcons on Monday:

Regular Season

Year Team	W	L	T	Pct
1994 Atlanta	7	9	0	.438
1995 Atlanta	9	7	0	.563
1996 Atlanta	3	13	0	.188
Totals	19	29	0	.396

Post-Season

Year Team	W	L	T	Pct
1995 Atlanta	0	1		0.000

NFL Opponents

By The Associated Press

The opponents for the 1997 National Football League season. Dates for games are announced in the spring:

AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
EAST
New England
Home — Buffalo, Indianapolis, Miami, New York Jets, Pittsburgh, San Diego, Green Bay, Chicago
Away — Buffalo, Indianapolis, Miami, New York Jets, Denver, Jacksonville, Minnesota, Tampa Bay
Buffalo
Home — Indianapolis, Miami, New England, New York Jets, Jacksonville, Denver, Minnesota, Detroit
Away — Indianapolis, Miami, New England, New York Jets, Kansas City, Houston, Green Bay, Chicago
Indianapolis
Home — Buffalo, Miami, New England, New York Jets, Cincinnati, Seattle, Green Bay, Tampa Bay
Away — Buffalo, Miami, New England, New York Jets, San Diego, Pittsburgh, Minnesota, Detroit
Miami
Home — Buffalo, Indianapolis, New England, New York Jets, Houston, Kansas City, Chicago, Detroit
Away — Buffalo, Indianapolis, New England, New York Jets, Oakland, Baltimore, Green Bay, Tampa Bay
New York Jets
Home — Buffalo, Indianapolis, Miami, New England, Baltimore, Oakland, Minnesota, Tampa Bay
Away — Buffalo, Indianapolis, Miami, New England, Seattle, Cincinnati, Chicago, Detroit
CENTRAL
Pittsburgh
Home — Cincinnati, Houston, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Denver, Indianapolis, Dallas, Washington
Away — Cincinnati, Houston, Baltimore, Jacksonville, New England, Kansas City, Philadelphia, Arizona
Jacksonville
Home — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Houston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York Giants, New England, Kansas City
Away — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Houston, Baltimore, Dallas, Washington, Oakland, Buffalo
Cincinnati
Home — Pittsburgh, Houston, Baltimore, Jacksonville, San Diego, New York Jets, Dallas, Arizona
Away — Pittsburgh, Houston, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, New York Giants, Indianapolis, Denver
Houston
Home — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Washington, New York Giants, Buffalo, Oakland
Away — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Dallas, Arizona, Seattle, Miami
Baltimore
Home — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Houston, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Arizona, Miami, Seattle
Away — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Houston, Jacksonville, New York Jets, San Diego, Washington, New York Giants
WEST
Denver
Home — Kansas City, San Diego, Oakland, Seattle, Carolina, St. Louis, New England, Cincinnati
Away — Kansas City, San Diego, Oakland, Seattle, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, San Francisco, Atlanta
Kansas City
Home — Denver, San Diego, Oakland, Seattle, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, New Orleans
Away — Denver, San Diego, Oakland, Seattle, Carolina, St. Louis, Miami, Jacksonville
San Diego
Home — Kansas City, Denver, Oakland, Seattle, Carolina, Atlanta, Baltimore, Indianapolis
Away — Kansas City, Denver, Oakland, Seattle, Cincinnati, New England, San Francisco, New Orleans
Oakland
Home — Kansas City, San Diego, Denver, Seattle, Miami, Jacksonville, St. Louis, New Orleans
Away — Kansas City, San Diego, Denver, Seattle, Carolina, Atlanta, Houston, New York Jets
Seattle
Home — Kansas City, San Diego, Oakland, Denver, San Francisco, Atlanta, Houston, New York Jets
Away — Kansas City, San Diego, Oakland, Denver, Baltimore, Indianapolis, St. Louis, New Orleans
NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
EAST
Dallas
Home — Philadelphia, Washington, Arizona, New York Giants, Carolina, Chicago, Jacksonville, Houston
Away — Philadelphia, Washington, Arizona, New York Giants, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Green Bay, San Francisco
Philadelphia
Home — Dallas, Washington, Arizona, New York Giants, San Francisco, Green Bay, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati
Away — Dallas, Washington, Arizona, New York Giants, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Minnesota, Atlanta
Washington
Home — Dallas, Philadelphia, Arizona, New York Giants, St. Louis, Detroit, Jacksonville, Baltimore
Away — Dallas, Philadelphia, Arizona, New York Giants, Pittsburgh, Houston, Carolina, Chicago
Arizona
Home — Dallas, Washington, Philadelphia, New York Giants, Atlanta, Minnesota, Pittsburgh, Houston
Away — Dallas, Washington, Philadelphia, New York Giants, Cincinnati, Baltimore, New Orleans, Tampa Bay
New York Giants
Home — Dallas, Washington, Arizona, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Cincinnati, Baltimore
Away — Dallas, Washington, Arizona, Philadelphia, Detroit, St. Louis, Jacksonville, Houston
CENTRAL
Green Bay
Home — Detroit, Chicago, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Dallas, St. Louis, Buffalo, Miami
Away — Detroit, Chicago, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Carolina, Philadelphia, New England, Indianapolis
Minnesota
Home — Green Bay, Detroit, Chicago, Tampa Bay, Philadelphia, Carolina, New England, Indianapolis
Away — Green Bay, Detroit, Chicago, Tampa Bay, San Francisco, Arizona, Buffalo, New York Jets
Chicago
Home — Green Bay, Detroit, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Washington, New Orleans, Buffalo, New York Jets
Away — Green Bay, Detroit, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, St. Louis, Dallas, New England, Miami
Tampa Bay
Home — Minnesota, Chicago, Green Bay, Detroit, Arizona, San Francisco, New England, Miami
Away — Minnesota, Chicago, Green Bay, Detroit, Atlanta, New York Giants, Indianapolis, New York Jets
Detroit
Home — Minnesota, Chicago, Green Bay, Tampa Bay, New York Giants, Atlanta, Indianapolis, New York Jets
Away — Minnesota, Chicago, Green Bay, Tampa Bay, Buffalo, Miami, Washington, New Orleans
WEST
Carolina
Home — San Francisco, St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans, Kansas City, Oakland, Green Bay, Washington
Away — San Francisco, St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans, Denver, San Diego, Minnesota, Dallas
San Francisco
Home — Carolina, St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans, Denver, San Diego, Dallas, Minnesota
Away — Carolina, St. Louis, Atlanta, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Tampa Bay, Kansas City, Seattle
St. Louis
Home — San Francisco, Carolina, Atlanta, New Orleans, Chicago, New York Giants, Kansas City, Seattle
Away — San Francisco, Carolina, Atlanta, New Orleans, Denver, Oakland, Green Bay, Washington
Atlanta
Home — San Francisco, St. Louis, Carolina, New Orleans, Denver, Oakland, Philadelphia, Tampa Bay
Away — San Francisco, St. Louis, Carolina, New Orleans, San Diego, Seattle, Detroit, Arizona
New Orleans
Home — San Francisco, St. Louis, Atlanta, Carolina, Detroit, Arizona, San Diego, Seattle
Away — San Francisco, St. Louis, Atlanta, Carolina, New York Giants, Chicago, Kansas City, Oakland

Fight Schedule

By The Associated Press
National TV in parentheses

Jan. 1
At Mexicali, Mexico, Julio Sanchez-Leon, Mexico, vs. Raul Contreras, Mexico, 12, for Sanchez-Leon's WBB featherweight title.

Jan. 5
At The Roxy, Boston, (ESPN2), Dana Rosenblatt, Malden, Mass., vs. Glenwood Brown, New York, 10, middleweights.

Jan. 7
At The Blue Horizon, Philadelphia (USA), Kip Diggs, Hyannis, Mass., vs. Tony Martin, Philadelphia, 12, for Diggs' NABF welterweight title.

Jan. 10
At the Freedman Forum, Anaheim, Calif., Eric Holland, Alamogordo, N.M. vs. Lupe Aquino, Santa Paula, Calif., 12 for Holland's WBB middleweight title.

At the Mohegan Resort and Sun, Uncasville, Conn. (ESPN), James "Buster" Douglas, Columbus, Ohio, vs. Rocky Pepeli, Des Moines, Iowa, 10, heavyweights; Raul Marquez, Houston, vs. Rafael Williams, Brooklyn, N.Y. City, 12, for Marquez's USBA super welterweight title.

Jan. 11
At Nashville Arena, Nashville, Tenn. (Showtime), Henry Akinwande, England, vs. Scott Welch, England, 12, for Akinwande's WBO heavyweight title; Felix Trinidad, Puerto Rico, vs. Kevin Lueshing, England, 12, for Trinidad's IBF welterweight title; Terry Norris, San Diego, vs. Nick Rupa, Canada, 12, for Norris' WBC-IBF super welterweight titles; Frankie Randall, Birmingham, Ala., vs. Khalid Rahilou, France, 12, for Randall's WBA junior welterweight title.

At Las Vegas, Tropicana Hotel-Casino, Paulie Ayala, Fort Worth, Texas, vs. Famosito Gomez, Mexico, 12, for Ayala's NABF bantamweight title.

Jan. 13
At Great Western Forum, Inglewood, Calif., Julian Wheeler, Virginia Beach, Va., vs. Jorge Paez, Mexico, 12, for Wheeler's WBC Continental Americas junior lightweight title; Jesse Magana, Hanford, Calif., vs. Marius Frias, Los Angeles, 10, junior featherweights.

Ski Report

ROCKIES
Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — 1- new powder 62 base 57 trails 5 of 5 lifts 99% open

Aspen — 1-3 new powder 46-52 base 76 trails 8 of 8 lifts 100% open 9a-3:30p

Aspen Highlands — 1- new powder 56-60 base 94 trails 8 of 8 lifts 95% open

Breckenridge — 5-7 new powder 53-65 base 138 trails 19 of 22 lifts 84% open 8:30a-4p

Buttermilk — 1- new powder 39-40 base 44 trails 7 of 7 lifts 99% open

Copper Mtn — 4- new powder 46 base 17 of 20 lifts

Crested Butte — 6- new powder 54-69 base 13 of 13 lifts 90% open 9a-4p

Eldora Mtn — 3- new powder 51 base 9 of 9 lifts

Howelsen — packed powder 38 base 3 of 3 lifts

Keystone — 5- new powder 60 base 91 trails 14 of 20 lifts 100% open 8:30a-9p

Loveland — 3- new powder 62 base 8 of 10 lifts

Monarch — 8- new powder 67 base 4 of 4 lifts

Powderhorn Resort — powder 37 base 3 of 4 lifts

Purgatory — 4- new packed powder 59-61 base 75 trails 10 of 10 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

Silver Creek Resort — 1- new packed powder 30 base 27 trails 4 of 5 lifts

Ski Cooper — 4- new powder 53 base 3 of 4 lifts

Snowmass — 1-2 new powder 47-59 base 73 trails 16 of 17 lifts 94% open

Steamboat — 9-16 new powder 64-80 base 114 trails 21 of 22 lifts 8:30a-4:30p

Sunlight — powder 40 base 2 of 4 lifts

Winter Park — 4- new powder 57-64 base 113 trails 18 of 22 lifts 89% open 8:30a-4p

Wolf Creek — 2-10 new powder 72-74 base 50 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p

New Mexico

Angel Fire — packed powder 33 base 49 trails 5 of 6 lifts

Pajarito Mtn — powder 26 base not open x-mas

Red River — 1- new packed powder 20-34 base 50 trails 5 of 7 lifts am

Sandia Peak — 1- new packed powder 22 base 7 trails 3 of 7 lifts 40% open am 9a-4p

Santa Fe — 5- new powder 54 base 34 trails 7 of 7 lifts 9a-4p

Ski Apache — packed powder 27-44 base 17 trails 8 of 11 lifts 31% open am 8:45a-4p

Taos — 6- new packed powder 50 base 68 trails 11 of 11 lifts 95% open

Harrah's Odds

RENO, Nev (AP) — Odds for the professional football games this week and the upcoming college bowl games from Harrah's Reno Sports Casino:

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Today
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
California minus 1 vs. Navy
Friday
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Syracuse minus 16 1/2 vs. Houston
Carquest Bowl
At Miami
Miami minus 3 1/2 vs. Virginia
Copper Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Wisconsin minus 8 vs. Utah
Saturday
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
LSU minus 6 1/2 vs. Clemson
Sunday
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Texas Tech minus 3 1/2 vs. Iowa
Monday
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Colorado minus 5 vs. Washington
Dec. 31
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Michigan St. minus 6 1/2 vs. Stanford
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Auburn minus 9 vs. Army
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska minus 17 vs. Virginia Tech
Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan minus 1 vs. Alabama
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
North Carolina minus 6 vs. West Virginia
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Tennessee minus 8 vs. Northwestern
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Kansas St. minus 3 1/2 vs. Brigham Young
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Ohio St. minus 2 vs. Arizona St.
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Texas minus 1 vs. Penn St.
Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida minus 3 1/2 vs. Florida St.
NFL
Playoffs
Saturday
Buffalo minus 8 1/2 vs. Jacksonville
Dallas minus 10 vs. Minnesota
Sunday
Pittsburgh minus 8 vs. Indianapolis
San Francisco minus 10 1/2 vs. Philadelphia

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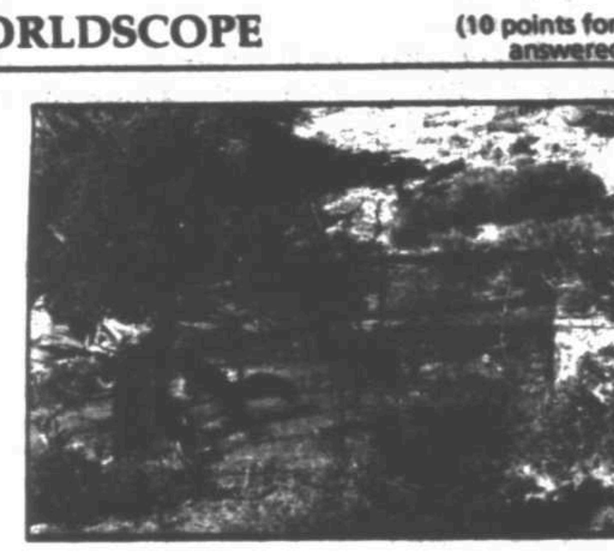
WORLDSCOPE

(10 points for each question answered correctly)



1) Six California condors, shown here in cages, were released recently in (CHOOSE ONE: Nevada, Arizona).

2) President Nelson Mandela recently signed a new constitution for the nation of ..?.., officially ending apartheid and granting civil rights to all citizens in the country.

3) Two aerospace giants, McDonnell Douglas and ..?.., have announced plans to merge.

4) Kofi Annan, an African from the nation of ..?.., is the new United Nations secretary-general.

5) President Clinton has tapped New Mexico congressman ..?.. to succeed Madeleine Albright as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

1-estuary	a-emit
2-exasperate	b-inlet
3-emanate	c-arrogance
4-effrontery	d-joyful
5-ebullient	e-annoy

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) For the seventh straight year, former First Lady ..?.. was voted the most admired woman in America in a survey of 45,000 readers of "Good Housekeeping" magazine.

2) In its opening weekend, Tom Cruise's new movie, ..?.., was No. 1 at the box office.

3) Frank Sinatra recently celebrated his ..?.. birthday.
a-80th b-81st c-82nd

4) The 1996 Heisman Trophy award went to University of Florida quarterback ..?..

5) Eddie Robinson, the winningest coach in the history of college football, has been the head coach at Grambling State College for the last ..?.. years.
a-20 b-45 c-55

NEWSNAME

(15 points for correct answer or answers)

As U.S. Attorney General, I argued my first case before the Supreme Court recently. Who am I?

YOUR SCORE:
91 to 100 points — TOP SCORE!
81 to 90 points — Excellent
71 to 80 points — Good
61 to 70 points — Fair

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ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

Week of 12-23-96

WORLDSCOPE: 1-Arizona; 2-South Africa; 3-Boeing; 4-Ghana; 5-Bill Richardson.
NEWSNAME: Janet Reno
MATCHWORDS: 1-b; 2-e; 3-a; 4-c; 5-d.
PEOPLE & SPORTS: 1-Barbara Bush; 2-"Jerry Maguire"; 3-b; 4-Danny Wuerffel; 5-c.

DEC 25 1996

Lions must pick up pieces after disappointing season

By Harry Atkins
AP Sports Writer

PONTIAC, Mich. — How could everything go so wrong for the Detroit Lions?

They have mercifully completed their NFL season, winning five of 16 games, which is not so unusual: The Lions were 5-11 in 1992, as well. But they had extenuating circumstances back then.

That team was trying to overcome the loss of Mike Utley, who was paralyzed during a game; Eric Andolsek, who was killed in a freak accident while mowing his lawn; assistant coach Len Fontes, brother of head coach Wayne Fontes, who also died.

But what excuse could there be for the travails of the 1996 team? It was a team loaded with star players, a team that had been in the playoffs three straight years, a team supposedly with Super Bowl aspirations.

How could a team with the likes of Barry Sanders, Scott Mitchell, Herman Moore and Brett Perriman go 5-11?

Some would say they were underachievers. If you listen to the coach, however, maybe the Lions were overrated. Fontes, who is likely to be fired, claims his critics were blinded by a few great players. He says they overlooked the team's deficiencies in other areas, like defense.

"The Lions have all the talent? We all know that isn't true," Fontes said. "It's time to take a look at it. The Lions have a couple of great players (Sanders and Moore). There's a myth that the Lions have all the talent. That isn't true.

"It's a good football team. It's not one of the elite football teams. Let's face it."

Fontes found support for his thesis in the most unlikely of places — opponents frequently said the same thing about the Lions.

"Barry Sanders ain't no joke," Green Bay safety Eugene Robinson said. "Let me go on record right now: He's the best back in the universe. He's the Michael Jordan of football. There ain't no doubt.

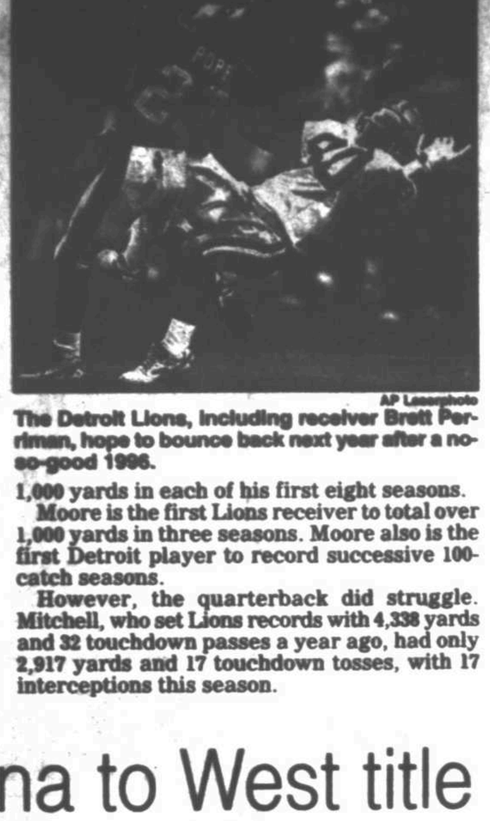
"But Barry's just one dude. He can't do it all himself. Great as he is, he's just one guy."

Sanders, Moore and center Kevin Glover, all offensive players, were selected to the NFC Pro Bowl team. And the same offense was the best in the NFL just one year ago. So, maybe the offense did underachieve.

Still, Sanders won the NFL rushing title with 1,553 yards, becoming the first back in league history to rush for 1,500 yards or better in three straight seasons. Sanders also was the first back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in eight straight seasons, and the first to rush for over 1,000 yards in each of his first eight seasons.

Moore is the first Lions receiver to total over 1,000 yards in three seasons. Moore also is the first Detroit player to record successive 100-catch seasons.

However, the quarterback did struggle. Mitchell, who set Lions records with 4,338 yards and 32 touchdown passes a year ago, had only 2,917 yards and 17 touchdown tosses, with 17 interceptions this season.



AP Laserphoto

The Detroit Lions, including receiver Brett Perriman, hope to bounce back next year after a no-so-good 1996.

Sanders wins rushing title, runs into history

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Sanders was running for pride, running for his embattled coach and running for a rushing title. Along the way, he ran into NFL history.

Sanders became the first player to surpass 1,500 yards in three consecutive seasons and won his third NFL rushing title with a 175-yard performance late Monday night.

The Detroit tailback finished the season with 1,553 yards, surpassing the 1,538 yards by Denver's Terrell Davis that led the AFC. Davis had only 21 yards Sunday and played sparingly, leaving Sanders 160 yards behind at the start of Monday's game.

"There's a guy from Denver that's upset with our defense right now, but it's amazing what this guy can do," San Francisco 49ers linebacker Gary Plummer said.

Even Sanders was somewhat shocked at being able to overtake Davis, who skipped the second half of Denver's game Sunday night at San Diego.

"I had pretty much counted on him winning the rushing title," Sanders said. "It's fun to win a rushing title. I want to get as many yards in every game as possible."

Sanders entered the game against San Francisco needing 122 yards to reach 1,500. He passed the historic milestone on a 19-yard scamper midway through the third period.

"I've never seen him run with more intensity, more determination," 49ers coach George Seifert said. "We have to pay special tribute to him for a tremendous performance."

Sanders also entered the game knowing it could be the last for Detroit coach Wayne Fontes, the only head coach Sanders has had in his eight-year pro career.

Though 1996 was another spectacular season for Sanders, it was a disaster for the Lions. Detroit lost 24-14 to San Francisco, giving the Lions nine losses in their last 10 games this year.

"I think there was an element of playing for coach," Sanders said. "The 1,500 yards is special, but I guess a lot of those things are overshadowed by the negative things this year.

"I am proud to say I won this rushing title, but in the big picture I'd rather my teammates and I were playing next week."

The 1,553 yards was the second-best total of Sanders' career. He ran for 1,883 yards in 1994.

COACH: Capers leads Carolina to West title

(From 1C)

1995. "We talk all the time on our team about the importance of collective effort and how that's the only way you accomplish anything in this business.

"If there's any individual attention or awards, I certainly attribute that to starting right with our owner, Mr. Richardson; our front office, Mike McCormack, Bill Polian; certainly the coaching staff, because I think we have one of the best staffs; and the players.

"We have a group of quality players who are a pleasure to work with. They set a high standard and they have a great work ethic. They've done everything that we've asked them to do. They understand that in the NFL, nobody gives you anything. You have to go out and earn everything."

The Panthers (12-4) earned a playoff berth earlier than any expansion team in league history. That came after a 7-9 first season that was the best ever.

Capers' defensive schemes, which made the Steelers so stingy in recent years, have been transferred superbly to Carolina. Three Panthers linebackers — Kevin Greene, Sam Mills and Lamar Lathon — were named starters in the Pro Bowl, and Greene and Mills made the All-Pro Team.

Mills has known Capers since 1984, when Mills was a linebacker with the Philadelphia Stars and Capers was the USFL team's defensive backs coach.

"Even then, you could tell he was more than just a defensive backs coach," Mills said. "He was special. The way he carried himself, the way he prepared his players — all that set him apart.

"Dom has done a good job of focusing this team and keeping this team ready, and because of that, our record is what it is."

Capers' diligence and disciplinary ways impress and rub off on his players.

"He has a bit of military in him and he has a bit of CEO in him and even a bit of explorer," safety Pat Terrell said. "But what's really intriguing is the attention to detail at this level. You just don't see people taking care of all the little things to the extent that he does, and the people on this team know that's unique, and in turn they really appreciate it.

AP Laserphoto

Carolina coach Don Capers was named NFL Coach of the Year by the Associated Press Tuesday.

"There's a sense that if he's going to go to that extent, to give it his all to get us prepared, then it's the least we can do to try and reciprocate that."

Redskins need to take game to next level

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

ASHBURN, Va. — The pattern is so neat, it's too tempting to ignore. The Washington Redskins have progressed from three wins to six wins to nine wins in three seasons under coach Norv Turner.

"Hopefully, next year, we'll win 12," linebacker Marvcus Patton said.

If only things were that simple.

There are too many free agents to ponder. Too many talent gaps, especially on a defense ranked 28th out of 30 teams. Too many questions over the defensive philosophy, which may lead to the firing of defensive coordinator Ron Lynn and his staff. Too much doubt over a spectacular second-half collapse — six losses in eight games — that sapped the rebuilding momentum even as Carolina and Jacksonville were zooming into the playoffs in only their second seasons.

"Unfortunately, there's a line drawn: win-lose, and that's black and white," Turner said when asked about the second-half slide. "Fortunately, from a coaching standpoint, it goes much deeper than that."

Words that would make former Redskins coach Vince Lombardi — "Winning isn't everything; it's the only thing" — cringe beyond belief. But it's Turner's way of expressing his ardent conviction his team is close to completing the evolution from bad to mediocre to good. Exhibits A and B are the two losses to Arizona, in which the Redskins blew big leads with sophomoric mistakes.

"We can break that down, and I can tell you the plays where we didn't get it done, and there aren't very many," Turner said. "I look at that and say, hey, we are couple of players away, a couple of guys being experienced enough, mature enough to understand the significance of that moment."

Summing up the season, Turner harped repeatedly on the team's youth, saying more than once that many of his players were experiencing a 16-game season as starters for the first time and had trouble dealing with the grind. However, the long NFL season didn't seem to affect rookies such as Eddie George, Karim Abdul-Jabbar, Terry Glenn or Simeon Rice, and the difficulties experienced by the young Redskins may have to do as much with a lack of talent as a lack of endurance.

The Redskins have received very little production from their upper-round draft choices the last three years. Only Tre Johnson, Michael Westbrook and perhaps Joe Patton emerging as bona fide, NFL-quality starters among players selected in the fourth round or higher — and Westbrook has had trouble staying healthy.

Which means Turner needs to make changes in the offseason. Nothing major, he promises, and nothing he's willing to talk about right away. With the exception of a couple of general statements, he deferred all questions about personnel changes until January.

Which meant he offered no vote of confidence in Lynn, rumored to be the fall guy for the second-half collapse. Also, there was no indication of the future of high-priced, disappointing veterans such as Rod Stephens and Stanley Richard, or how he will deal with the weak spots that include middle linebacker, both safety positions, the nickel coverage package and defensive end.

"Obviously, the No. 1 priority is that we have some very talented free agents that we would like to keep on our football team, and that's going to be our starting point," Turner said.

Those include defensive tackle Sean Gilbert, whose leverage will be negated because the Redskins will likely designate him as a franchise player. Pro Bowl back Terry Allen, who made $2 million this year and wants a big raise after breaking the team's single-season rushing record, has set Feb. 15 as the deadline for a new deal. If the Redskins decide he's not worth the money, the rushing load would be placed on the shoulders of 1996 fourth-round pick Stephen Davis.

Both cornerbacks, Darrell Green and Tom Carter, are free agents.

FIRED: White fifth coach cut so far

(From 1C)

New York Jets as NFL coaches now out of work. During the season, Dave Shula was fired by Cincinnati and Jim Mora resigned in New Orleans.

Detroit's Wayne Fontes is expected to be released by the Lions, meaning more than one-quarter of the coaches in the league would have lost their jobs since the start of the season.

The team said White's assistant coaches will meet with management in the next week to discuss their future. One of those assistants, Joe Bugel, is considered a candidate for some of the current NFL coaching openings — including the one now in Oakland.

Another possibility is Minnesota's Dennis Green, who has expressed an interest in the job should he leave the Vikings.

White, 60, spent five seasons as an assistant coach before replacing Art Shell. He was their 10th head coach, fourth in the last decade.

The Raiders were an undisciplined, inconsistent team that couldn't win without regular quarterback Jeff Hostetler. They led the league with 156 penalties this year.

They also lost all but one of their games this season by a touchdown or less. Missed field goals and turnovers contributed to those losses as much as the inordinate number of penalties.

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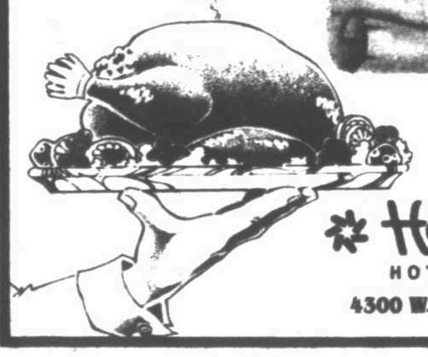

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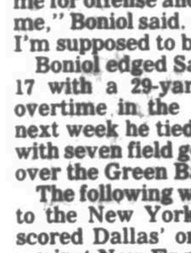
By Denne H. Fre...
AP Sports Writer



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Boniol kick starts Dallas' offense

By Donne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

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IRVING — Chris Boniol has been a one-man offense for the Dallas Cowboys.

He's won three games for the Cowboys — twice with him scoring the team's only points on field goals.

"The club has been relying on me for offense and that's fine with me," Boniol said. "I'm doing what I'm supposed to be doing."

Boniol edged San Francisco 20-17 with a 29-yard field goal in overtime in the 10th game. The next week he tied an NFL record with seven field goals in a 21-6 win over the Green Bay Packers.

The following week in a 20-6 loss to the New York Giants, Boniol scored Dallas' only points. Then against New England, in the 15th game, Boniol kicked four field goals in a 12-6 win over the Patriots.

"Chris Boniol has been great," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "I don't know where we'd be without him."

Boniol has scored a club-record 27 field goals in a row. Yet, he didn't even make the Pro Bowl.

"It was disappointing," Boniol said. "But there were a couple of other guys in our dressing room that should have made it so I got over it fast."

He's been a bargain for the Cowboys. In his third year with the team, Boniol is still making the NFL-minimum $192,000.

He finally got an endorsement deal the other day, flying to Louisiana to do a car dealership commercial.

"Kickers don't get to do a lot of commercials," said Boniol, who played at Louisiana Tech.

But he becomes a restricted free agent next year, meaning other teams can bid on him.

"I'd like to stay with the Cowboys so we'll just have to see what happens," he said.

Dallas might have to pay up to keep him. Heading in Saturday's divisional playoff game against Minnesota in Texas Stadium, the Cowboys' offense was ranked 24th in the NFL.

After two seasons with Dallas, Boniol had proved he was one of the NFL's most accurate kickers, hitting 49-of-57 for 86 percent. Boniol got even better in 1996. He's hit 32-of-36 attempts and missed only one extra point.

"I don't mind having to kick game-winning field goals because

Bono ready to tell Kansas City its over

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A bitter Steve Bono said before Kansas City's season-ending game at Buffalo he doubted he'd be back next year. Nothing that happened in the dismal 20-9 loss would cause anybody to doubt that.

Coaches, who obviously lost confidence in Bono's ability to throw, tried to run the ball almost exclusively, even in the fourth quarter after the Bills took the lead.

When Bono did try to throw, he was terrible. He had two interceptions and a fumble and the Chiefs got only field goals despite getting inside the 10-yard line three times.

"I don't know if I can come back, just because of the negativity that has surrounded me," Bono said The Kansas City Star's Tuesday editions. "I need to look out for myself, of course, but I don't know whether coming back would be healthy for this team."

Bono, under contract to the Chiefs for next season, stopped short of saying he wanted out.

"I honestly don't know if that's a question I can answer right now," he said. "I need to get away from the situation for a while."

A 10-year backup in San Francisco and Kansas City, Bono got his first chance as a starter last year after Joe Montana retired. The Chiefs were a franchise-record 13-3, but he threw three interceptions in a playoff loss to Indianapolis, and most fans never believed in him thereafter.

After playing inconsistently all year, he was benched during the Chiefs' loss to San Diego on Nov. 24 in favor of Rich Gannon. But Gannon pulled a hamstring against the Colts on Dec. 15, giving Bono the start in the must-win game at Buffalo. The Chiefs' fourth loss in their last five games bounced them out of the playoffs.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Children will want to stay home and enjoy their new toys. Encourage grandparents and other relatives to visit your residence. Someone may be disappointed if they do not get what they want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Savor the happiness of this special day. Youngsters will want to sing songs and play with their toys. Tell them stories about the holidays you enjoyed as a child.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A rewarding day lies ahead. A camcorder will let you preserve memories of this happy occasion. Help an older person with the cooking and dishwashing chores.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A last-minute change in plans could add to your pleasure in the day. A self-improvement project can wait while you do something nice for an older family member or neighbor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A friend who lives alone is delighted to join you today. Share tasty holiday treats with those who no longer do much cooking. A loving gesture will strengthen a marriage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Voice your appreciation for friends who continue to play an important role in your life. Participating in a special religious service brings a feeling of contentment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have the ability to make this the best Christmas yet. An engagement announced now will result in a long-lasting marriage. Let old friends know that they are often in your thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Kind words and deeds will mend the rift between you and a relative. An important relationship will flourish if you are honest about your hopes for the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A family treasure or heirloom could be your favorite gift. Try to find out more about your family's history. Write down family anecdotes in a book that later generations can read.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Show gratitude even if a present is not what you would have chosen for yourself. A phone call brings welcome news from your loved ones at a distance.

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In striving for a better mousetrap, bridge bidding has has made enormous strides over the years. No convention is sacrosanct; all are tinkered with. Two relatively modern gadgets delivered a welcome Christmas gift to North-South.

North-South were using Puppet Stayman, a device used to locate a *five-card* major in opener's hand. North's three clubs not only denied a five-card major but promised a good five-card suit. Suddenly, South's 11-point hand had become enormous.

Another relatively modern convention, the Splinter Bid, revealed that the hand contained no wasted heart values. South's jump to four hearts promised a good club fit and singleton in the bid suit.

Now North's hand also increased in value. The 10 points the opponents held in hearts were going to produce only one trick for the defense. To show how favorably the bidding had progressed, North cue-bid the ace of spades. South needed to hear no more, and leaped to the club slam. After the opponents took the first trick, declarer was able to claim the balance.

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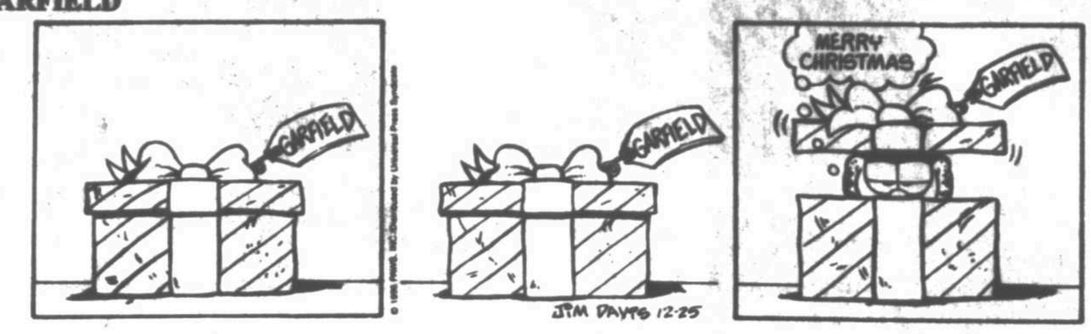

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PEOPLE

Bobby Brown faces drunken driving charges from accident last August

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. — Every little step Bobby Brown takes seems to land him in more trouble.

The R&B singer faces drunken driving charges stemming from an accident last August, police said Monday.

Brown's car jumped a curb and slammed into some hedges and a sign. He was hospitalized briefly with leg and neck injuries. Police said he was speeding, but no charges were filed at the time.

Investigators who obtained Brown's medical records discovered his blood-alcohol level was above .20 — more than double the state's legal limit — and blood tests showed the presence of cocaine and marijuana.

Brown was charged with drunken driving last April in Atlanta, and was charged last year with assaulting a patron at a Florida night club. The assault charges were dropped last month after Brown's accuser agreed to settle a civil suit.

Brown, 29, the former lead singer of New Edition, went on to a successful solo career with 1980s hits like "My Prerogative" and "Every Little Step." He is married to singer **Whitney Houston.**

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WASHINGTON — Singer **Tony Bennett** is steppin' out again after emergency hernia surgery.

Bennett, released from Georgetown University Medical Center Monday, is in good condition and plans to spend the holidays recuperating in New York, publicist **Sylvia Weiner** said.

Bennett, 70, suffered a ruptured hernia just after arriving at the White House Saturday to attend a holiday dinner with **President Clinton.** He was treated by White House physicians and rushed to the hospital.

"I would like to thank the many fans, friends and family who have sent their good wishes to me over the past two days," Bennett said.

Bennett, whose next concert is Jan. 31 in Washington, won a Grammy in 1994 for his comeback album "Steppin' Out."

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SAN FRANCISCO — **Woody Harrelson** and nine others who scaled the Golden Gate Bridge have been cleared of ignoring a police officer, but still face trespassing charges.

Prosecutors Monday dropped the charge of failing to respond to a police officer against Harrelson and the protesters who climbed the bridge on Nov. 23 to demonstrate against logging in the Headwaters redwood forest.

The protesters still face up to one year in jail and a $1,000 fine for the two counts of trespassing. They are due in court on Jan. 14.

Harrelson, the star of "Cheers" and "Natural Born Killers," stars in "The People Vs. Larry Flynt," which opens Friday.

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BOSTON — **Nancy Kerrigan** will have her baby home for Christmas.

The figure skating champion's week-old son, **Matthew Solomon,** was admitted to Boston Children's Hospital on Saturday with a mild infection, but should be able to go home with his parents on Christmas Eve, a Kerrigan publicist said.

Matthew, who weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces at birth on Dec. 17, is Ms. Kerrigan's first child. Her husband-manager **Jerry Solomon** has a son from a previous marriage.

Ms. Kerrigan won a silver medal in figure skating in the 1994 Winter Olympics. Six weeks earlier, she became a household name when an associate of rival skater **Tonya Harding** clubbed her on the knee before the U.S. Figure Skating championships.

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MADISON, N.H. — **Leeanne Rioux** bought a Tickle Me Elmo doll months ago, before they were scarce, planning to make it a Christmas gift for a neighbor's baby son.

Now, the doll is being auctioned to help the Rioux family instead, because Ms. Rioux and her infant daughter were seriously injured in a car wreck last month.

Tim Rioux delivered the doll to **Ted Ferry's** family on Saturday because his wife is still recovering from her injuries. Their infant daughter suffered a fractured skull in the crash and returned home only recently.

"It's one of those crazy things," Ferry said Monday. "The country's going crazy for these dolls and here's a guy who's in desperate need and he drops one off at our doorstep."

Conway radio station WMWV and WBZ radio in Boston are helping Ferry auction the doll. One station he tried earlier wouldn't help because the staff said it was sick of Elmo stories, Ferry said.

But other people have responded with compassion, he said.

"Some people called to say they don't care about the doll and want to make a donation to the Rioux family," he said.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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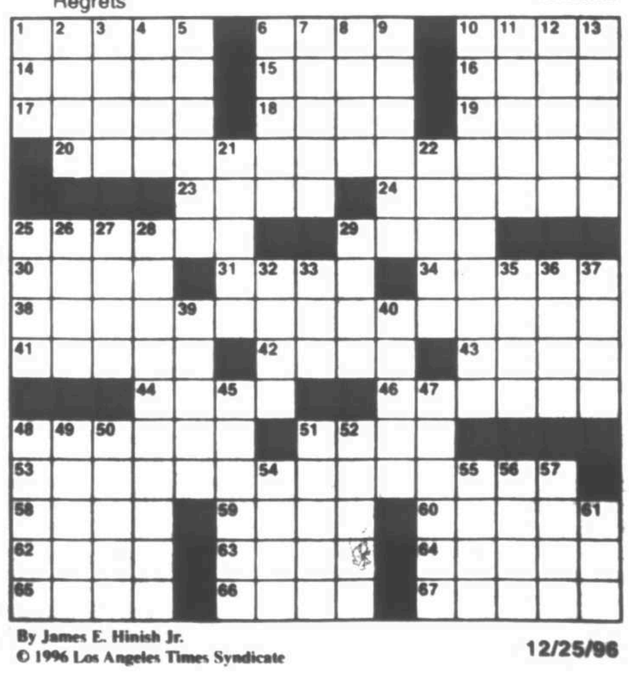

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K.C.: Former Rebel plays Friday vs. Virginia

(From 1C)

Al Messerschmidt/University of Miami

K.C. Jones, 63, snaps the ball in the middle of the Miami offensive line. The senior has been outstanding for the Hurricanes even battling back from a knee injury as a junior. Jones has kept close ties to Midland and Lee High School. He stays in touch with former Lee assistant coach Ronnie Stephens and current Lee head coach John Parchman.

"Wow, Jake Young.' He was the man and what everyone was aspiring to be."

Jones, a three-time All-Big East player, is now preparing with his teammates, like former Lee Rebel Bryan Bippen, for Friday's Carquest Bowl. Playing the bowl game means a great deal to him because of his love for playing at Miami. Last year, with the NCAA crawling down the program's back, the Hurricane seniors decided to sacrifice their chance to play in a 1995 bowl. That sacrifice met the NCAA sanction of one bowl year lost and allowed this year's team to have the chance to play. That is why Jones will not let the award get in the way of a last semi-home win at Miami's Pro Player Park.

"It would have been devastating not to go to a bowl game, especially giving one up last year," Jones said. "Those seniors decided to forego their chance and we are thankful to them and we're dedicating it to them along with ourselves. I want to end my career in Miami on good note. We haven't won a bowl game since I have been here, and there are 21 seniors who want to finish strong."

Whether the 'Canes win or lose, Jones' career at Miami has been nothing to sneeze at, to say the least. Jones' play merited him many honors. One that will not go in any trophy case, but might be the true example of how valuable he truly is, came in spring intrasquad game during his sophomore year. The Miami coaches split up and have a draft of the players they want on their respective teams. Who went first? Not a quarterback, running back or standout defensive player — but Jones.

Kehoe, a former Miami player and only remaining coaching link to the great national title Miami teams of the past, says Jones' talent and enthusiasm are unparalleled. He points first to Jones' attitude, "For however long that game lasts, there will be a good chance you (Jones' opponent) will get embarrassed, especially if you're not focused.

"He gives great effort and is very coachable. The thing is — I don't think I have ever coached him."

He talks about the technique the four-year starter brought with him from Midland. In fact, Kehoe says that Jones' modus operandi is what highlight films are made. That is what he plans to do. Call it a how-to video. Kehoe says that video material won't be hard to find.

"I will put together a highlight reel of him and will keep it for the rest of time I'm in coaching," Kehoe said. "I will say, 'This is how you play the position.' He's fantastic. I think he could have played as a true freshman."

That technique has served him well on game day and the day after.

"I graded 11 games of 90 percent for performance and effort for Jones and that was something that I had done maybe a dozen times total in my career," Kehoe said. "A grade of 75 is winning football and he is a 92, 96 and 94. That is extra effort going above and beyond the call of duty."

But what Kehoe gets most excited about is Jones' dominance. It comes down to K.C just being better than the other guy. Mentally, physically, whatever the case, he is better. Jones beats his opponent again, again and again. It might be cruel to say, but in this case, seeing one man make another's life so tough is a thing of glory.

"When he blocks you, you're on the metro and getting driven," Kehoe said. "He'll start running guys in the figure 8. We call it the 'spin cycle'. They are more worried about getting away from this lunatic than the game."

"I would like to meet that offensive line coach at Robert E. Lee High School and shake his hand because he (K.C.) was taught so well," said Kehoe.

Jones' day in the Florida sun didn't come without some hard work around these West Texas parts. Before sunny Coral Gables, there was a different sort of basking going on. That was in the Tall City where much of what he is executing now was learned on the Midland Lee practice fields.

Jones was a three-year starter for Earl Miller's '89-91 Rebel squads. His play on the 4-5A fields warranted all-district, AP and Texas Sports Writers Association's all-state honors and a spot on Dave Campbell's Super Team.

"The fact that he started for three years speaks for itself," said Ronnie Stephens, Midland Lee offensive line coach from 1984-1994. "He is one of the most unique individuals because he was so competitive."

Stephens also remembers Jones for that coach-ability and work ethic. In high school, Jones didn't have those necessary numbers in terms of size and weight to make him the ideal Division I prospect.

"He was self motivated young man," said Stephens, who with his former player many times during the year. "He was a leader by example and actions. We, as coaches, are always talking about goal setting, and he is one of few people that made his own short and long term goals. He and Jake (Young) were similar. They made themselves into Division I prospects."

Jones exemplifies two things: His is one of the best from a program that manufactures boys into college linemen and he is a player who reflects the Earl Miller-type of style — intensity personified.

"It was a very controlled aggressive attitude," Stephens said. "It was the best way to put it. He was the leader and the packaged deal. He exemplifies that period of time."

Stephens' best memory of then No. 55 came in a game versus San Angelo Central in 1991. Jones showed why he was a leader and why he was more than just the 230, 240-pound player in an all-pro frame.

"In the San Angelo game, we had taken 21-0 lead into third quarter and (San Angelo's) Shae Morenz brought them back to lead 22-21," Stephens said. "We talked with the offensive linemen about how our off-season program was better and how that would determine success in a ball game. When San Angelo went ahead 22-21, that went into my mind. Jones made it clear they (Lee's linemen) would dominate the game from there on. At the time, two minutes were left in third quarter and San Angelo ran only four plays the rest of the game. That was kind of person he was."

That game also had one specific moment that stood out and showed the monster that Jones could be.

"They had a big defensive tackle, who was 6-5 and 280 pounds (all-district tackle John Smith)," he said. "They moved him over K.C., and K.C. put him out of the game once and second time. That second time, K.C was telling him that he had to get up because he wasn't going to be that easy on him."

Jones' on-the-field mentality was Miller-esque. Unfortunately for his collegiate adversaries, that attitude is not limited to his play in District 4-5A. He says it is just a part of him and lies somewhere between rage and passion.

"I am a totally different person on the field than off," Jones said. "Its like turning on a switch when I go out there. I'm there to take care of business. I am intense. Maybe my intensity is more dramatic."

Jones' intensity carried on to the college game.

"It is that way," Kehoe said. "He's a different kid on the field. On game day, he's in his own world and he's a frightening kind of guy."

"He's an undersized lineman in a big-man league. To have the success that he's had typifies the kind of man that he is," Stephens said.

Friday's game will mark the last one of Jones' career with the Hurricanes. As this part of his life comes to a close, the professional ranks are closing in.

So, is Jones thinking about it? Yes, but he won't give it its due attention until the clock runs out on Friday.

"I haven't really asked (where I will be drafted)," said Jones, who will play in the Hula Bowl all-star game in January. "I'm sure I will know later, but I am just concentrating on finishing the bowl game. I will let them (the NFL) decide about those (possibilities of playing pro). I will keep on doing what I am doing."

Is there an early indication of where he will go? Jones and Kehoe don't know. They're just really began to think about it. Both talk about Jones' frame as not being that of a prototype NFL lineman. However, Jones has already been closely compared to All-Pro center Mark Stepnoski. Kehoe says when it comes down to it, Jones will make his mark.

"I tell people, 'If you can find someone better, then send me the film," Kehoe said. "He will dominate. I guarantee you he will."

It seems that playing at another level is on Jones' mind, but not for the glory or the money. Those feelings will come in time, but when Jones talks about football, there is an honesty about what the game means to him and why he would like a shot at the next level.

"That would be great (to play pro football)," Jones said. "I would play for lunch money. The big deal is playing. I've told people I would play in parking lot and back alley. I just want a chance."

Eventually, the draft combines, draft day and even graduation day will come for Jones, who will earn an English degree in May. That means leaving a place that let him expand as a player and person.

"I have learned a lot about life, here," Jones said. "It (Coral Gables) is different than Midland, Texas. There are so many different people."

There might be another disappointed person. Someone , who, five years ago, was told by a recruiting coordinator to look at a tape of some out of the ordinary 235-pound lineman.

From the first time, that coach saw the Lee Rebel "blow off the ball like a cannon," he knew he had to "get this whipping machine on the Miami campus."

Now, Kehoe just hates to see him go.

More Sports/6D

It's not the Bowl Alliance but will have to work

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Jeremy Akers and Robert Farmer of Notre Dame figured they'd be headed to a major bowl game about now. Spending Christmas Day at the Blue-Gray game in Alabama never even crossed their minds.

But in a fitting close to a season where nothing went as expected for the Irish, the players will be in Montgomery on Wednesday, closing their college careers on the Blue squad in the annual all-star game.

"It's hard and really disappointing that we're not going to a bowl," said Akers, an offensive lineman. "But we're dealing with it and I'm trying to make the best of it. I'm just looking at this as a great opportunity to help myself out."

Because coaches of bowl-bound teams don't usually release their players to come to the game, the Blue-Gray is usually a showcase of lesser-knowns, out to play in front of NFL scouts on what is sometimes their only national television appearance of the season.

Akers and Farmer have had no such exposure problems and the travails of their team are some of the best documented in sports.

"Everyone knows we set goals for ourselves and one of them was that we wanted to go to an Alliance bowl," said Akers, part of the first Notre Dame team in 10 years to miss the postseason. "Really, we wouldn't want it to happen any other way because it would be a lowering of our standards."

Akers will be lining up just a few positions away from Chris Miller, a receiver for the Southern California team that put the dagger into Notre Dame's postseason hopes in a 27-20 win over the Irish.

Farmer will share the backfield with quarterback-turned-tailback Beau Morgan of Air Force. In October, Morgan ran for 183 yards in a 20-17 upset over Notre Dame in South Bend, a telling sign that Lou Holtz's team had problems.

"I've gone up to them and met them, but I haven't really spent a lot of time with them," Akers said of his Blue teammates. "We're here to be a team and to win, so that's exactly what we're doing. We're going to come together."

Of course, hardly anybody remembers who wins this game, which almost always resembles a 60-minute tryout for players trying to impress the 200 or so pro scouts that line Cramton Bowl.

That makes it especially important to Farmer, a tailback whose career never developed the way many thought it would after he was named a high school All-American at Bolingbrook High School in Illinois.

He was injured through much of his career and made only one start, in Notre Dame's 14-7 win over Vanderbilt early this season. Farmer has 1,153 yards rushing on 178 carries in his 35 games with Notre Dame.

His last chance to prove himself comes in an unexpected place, but Farmer said a good Christmas Day in Alabama could help ease the pain of a poor season by Notre Dame standards.

"When you go to Notre Dame, the coaches promise you a national championship," Farmer said. "As players, you want to win one. Leaving without a ring, it really hurts."

Blue-Gray Rosters

By The Associated Press
MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Rosters for the Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic:

BLUE
Offense

Quarterbacks—Tony Graziani, Oregon; Jim Arelanes, Fresno State.

Running backs—Beau Morgan, Air Force; Calvin Branch, Colorado State; Robert Farmer, Notre Dame; Darron Kirkman, Oregon State; Abu Wilson, Utah State.

Tight ends—Josh Wilcox, Oregon; Paul Choquette, Brown.

Wide receivers—Nathaniel Jacquet, San Diego State; Chris Miller, Southern Cal.; Alonzo Johnson, Central State; Brian Roberson, Fresno State.

Offensive linemen—Frank Middleton, Arizona; Tony Ramirez, Northern Colorado; Jeremy Akers, Notre Dame; Scott Whittaker, Kansas; Tim Kohn, Iowa State; Patrick Augello, Iowa State; Brandon Turner, New Mexico.

Defense

Linebackers—Alex Pupich, Air Force; Dennis Stallings, Illinois; Phillip Ward, UCLA; Armon Williams, Arizona; Derrick Barnes, Oregon.

Defensive backs—DeMontie Cross, Missouri; Clayton Baker, Missouri; Eric Allen, Indiana; Chris Hewitt, Cincinnati; Shad Hinchen, Washington State; Duante Brown, Central State.

Defensive linemen—Jason Taylor, Akron; Rashod Swinger, Rutgers; Jerome Davis, Minnesota; Nick Gianacakos, Boston College; Travis Kirschke, UCLA; Ryan Phillips, Idaho.

Kicker-Punter—Peter Holt, San Diego State; Noel Prefontaine, San Diego State.

GRAY
Offense

Quarterbacks—Mike Cherry, Murray State; Lance Funderburk, Valdosta State.

Running backs—Spencer George, Rice; Ray Neely, Arkansas-Pine Bluff; Corey Walker, Arkansas State; Jerald Sowell, Tulane.

Tight ends—Ed Perry, James Madison; Kris Mangum, Mississippi.

Wide receivers—Marcus Robinson, South Carolina; Leroy Simon, Maryland; Ta'Boris Fisher, Mississippi; Kevin Thomal, Southern Methodist; Juan Daniels, Georgia.

Offensive linemen—Randy Wheeler, South Carolina; Brannon Kidd, Southern Methodist; Ken Newton, Memphis; Daryl Terrell, Southern Mississippi; Raleigh Roundtree, South Carolina State; Brian Newman, Tulsa; Kerry Jenkins, Troy State.

Defense

Linebackers—Mark Smith, Arkansas; Anthony Hicks, Arkansas; Richard Alvarado, Jackson State; Dexter Coakley, Appalachian State; Paul LaCoste, Mississippi State.

Defensive backs—Kenny Harris, North Carolina State; Van Hiles, Kentucky; Sean Woodson, Jackson State; Derek Jones, Mississippi; Zack Bronson, McNeese State; Nathan Perryman, Georgia Tech.

Defensive linemen—Pat Williams, Texas A&M; Pratt Lyons, Troy State; Jamaine Smith, Georgia; Jason Ferguson, Georgia; Barron Tanner, Oklahoma; Marvin Thomas, Memphis.

Kicker-Punter—Mark Primanti, North Carolina State; Bill Marinagnel, Vanderbilt.

No Defense: Aloha Bowl expected to be high-scoring

HONOLULU (AP) — One team prefers moving the ball on the ground, the other through the air. That's the matchup for Wednesday's Aloha Bowl between Navy and California.

"Contrasting styles, yet productive," Cal coach Steve Mariucci said. "Makes for an interesting game."

Navy (8-3), with Chris McCoy and Omar Nelson combining for more than 2,000 yards and 25 touchdowns during the regular season, has been successful running the spread option.

After injuries decimated its ground game, California (6-5) found happiness in the passing of Pat Barnes, who several Pac-10 Conference and school records.

Statistically, Navy finished fifth nationally in rushing with 283.6 yards per game, while Barnes was eighth in passing efficiency with a 159.1 rating. California finished third in total offense (310.5 yards per game).

It points to a high-scoring game, since Navy averaged 31.8 points per game and the Bears 31.3.

But, with all of the pre-game hype on the offenses, the defenses shouldn't be overlooked.

"We've had several practices to prepare for that offense because in a normal game week, it would be a real pain to get ready for it," Mariucci said.

Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie is equally concerned about Barnes and having his team contend with a bigger opponent.

"We've got to control the ball," Weatherbie said. "We have to limit Cal's offensive possessions ...

"It's going to be a big challenge, but I feel our players are up to it."

Twosome join Pitt coaching staff

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Walt Harris, Pitt's new head football coach, has announced his first two staff appointments.

Brian Williams, 32, formerly the linebackers coach at Cincinnati, will return to Pitt, where he served as the linebackers coach during the 1992 season. He served as an assistant coach under Harris at Pacific from 1989-91.

Vincent White, 35, will leave his job as the receivers coach at Southern Methodist to come to Pitt. White also worked with Harris at Pacific, where he was the receiving coach and then the passing game coordinator from 1990-91.

The appointments were announced Monday.

Navy coach to seek contract

HONOLULU (AP) — Navy coach Charlie Weatherbie will meet with Naval Academy officials soon to work out a long-term contract.

On the eve of Navy's Aloha Bowl game against California, Weatherbie said Tuesday he wants to settle in Annapolis.

Weatherbie, who is completing his second year at the Academy, made a post-season trip to Baylor but withdrew his name from consideration for the coaching vacancy.

Weatherbie said: "I'm looking at a long-term relationship at the Naval Academy. With the prestige and honor of the Academy, there is not a better place to be."

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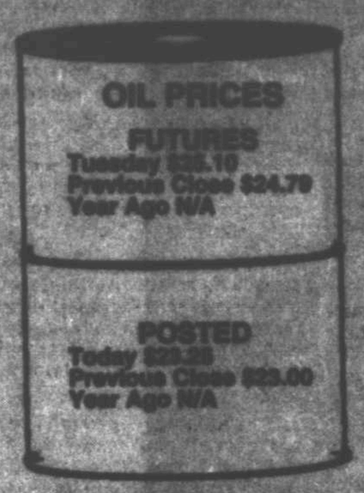

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Gas prices sink

New York — Natural gas sank as new forecasts for mild weather across the western and central U.S. signaled lower heating demand, spurring an exodus from the expiring January contract.

The forecast, the latest in a string that helped gas prices retreat from their record Friday, further eased concern that lean inventories would enter the new year uncomfortably low. The amount of gas stored in the U.S. is 3.7 percent below last year after the past cold winter, and is much farther behind in some regions such as the West, according to American Gas Association.

Natural gas for January delivery, which expired Tuesday, sank 19.4 cents to $3.999 for each million British thermal units on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The active February contract rose 0.8 cent to $3.705 per MMBtu.

Meanwhile, heating and crude oil rose after the National Weather Service forecast below-normal temperatures in the eastern third of the U.S., which covers heating oil's biggest market. January heating oil rose 0.77 cent to 71.85 cents a gallon. February crude rose 31 cents to $25.10 a barrel.

Dollar strengthens

NEW YORK — The dollar rallied Tuesday in thin Christmas Eve trading, deriving strength from another tumble in the Japanese stock market to a 1996 low, weakness in the Swiss franc and some profit-taking in the pound.

In late New York trading the dollar cost 1.5562 marks, up slightly from 1.5549 Monday. The dollar cost 114.44 yen, up from 114.08. The pound cost $1.6731, down from $1.6750.

In New York the dollar settled at 1.3406 Swiss francs, up from 1.3377 Monday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Monday: 5.2500 French francs, up from 5.2465; 1,528.00 Italian lire, up from 1,527.00; 1.3663 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3677.

Insurance merger

RICHMOND, Va. — American General Corp. is acquiring Home Beneficial Corp. for $665 million to strengthen its position as one of the nation's top five life insurers.

The purchase is to be completed in late March or early April.

The Houston-based American General, with $61.2 billion in assets, will pay $39 a share for Home Beneficial. Richmond-based Home Beneficial, with $1.4 billion in assets, recently hired the Wall Street investment firm Goldman, Sachs & Co. to find a buyer for the company.

The deal is subject to the approval of Home Beneficial's stockholders and regulators.

Payment venture

New York — Chase Manhattan Bank and First Data Corp. agreed to form a joint venture that will process $60 billion a year of credit and debit card payments to merchants, the largest such program in the U.S.

The program returns Chase to the business of processing payments for merchants using plastic. For First Data, the Chase agreement is the latest of a series of alliances with banks nationwide.

Hackensack, New Jersey-based First Data has been processing most of Chase's credit card business since the late 1980s.

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Christmas comes early for Wall Street

■ Rebound in technology shares leads Dow Jones closer to its all-time record close.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks sent investors home for Christmas on a happy note, zipping into the close of Tuesday's abbreviated session, led by a rebound in bellwether technology shares.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 33.83 to 6,522.85, moving within 25 points of Nov. 25's all-time best close at 6,547.79. It was the sixth straight winning session for the barometer of 30 big U.S. companies, which is is up more than 1,400 points, or nearly 27.5 percent, on the year with just four trading days left.

The technology-laden Nasdaq market shot higher over the last half hour Tuesday as bargain hunters bid up some computer-related issues that had dipped on profit-taking in the previous two sessions.

"A few stocks got hit hard yesterday and they've rebounded a bit, but it's not anything to brag about," said Don Hays, director of investment strategy at Wheat First Butcher Singer in Richmond, Va. Aside from technology, he said, "there was no group personality. It was just a mixed bag."

Analysts attributed much of the session's positive tone to seasonal influences and the light, preholiday trading.

It was a "traditional updraft in a light-volume environment," said Alan Ackerman, senior vice president at Fahnestock & Co. "At this time of year, you tend to see a pre-Christmas rally. Many sellers have completed their tax selling."

The Dow's strongest component was American Express, up 2 3/4 at 59 5/8 amid speculation the company was preparing an important announcement over the holiday. The company reiterated that it is not in discussions about a sale or merger.

AT&T rose 1 1/2 to 41 3/8 as the NYSE's second most-active issue amid optimism new president John R. Walter will turn things around at the telecommunications giant. A profile in The Wall Street Journal said Walter is moving quickly to put his stamp on AT&T. On Monday, he replaced the head of AT&T's ailing consumer unit.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 10-to-9 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled just 165.13 million shares at the early 1 p.m. close. That was down sharply from the 192.58 million shares traded by 1 p.m. on Monday and 339.96 million for Monday's full session.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 4.11 to 751.03, the NYSE's composite index rose 1.71 to 395.00, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 0.37 to 581.35.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 8.11 to 1,287.63, bolstered by late rallies from Intel, up 3 at 135 1/4, and Microsoft, up 1 1/8 at 84 7/8.

Computer makers recovered from two sessions of profit-taking and concerns that holiday sales may not be as strong as hoped. In Nasdaq trading, Dell rose 2 1/4 to 54, and Gateway 2000 rose 1 7/8 to 56 5/8. On the NYSE, Compaq rose 2 1/8 to 74 3/4, and IBM, a Dow component, rose 1 1/2 to 155 3/4.

Overseas, Tokyo's Nikkei stock average tumbled 2.7 percent and London's FT-SE 100 rose 0.1 percent. German financial markets were closed for a holiday.

FCC set to approve new TV generation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After years of development, the federal government is finally prepared to approve standards for high-definition television to bring movie-quality images into Americans' living rooms by 1998.

The Federal Communications Commission is expected to act this week so that TV stations can use the same set of high-tech specifications to deliver crisp, digital TV signals, CD-quality sound and even sharper pictures.

For people who buy new, wider-screen digital TV sets, ABC, CBS and NBC say they'll be broadcasting some programs in the crystal-clear high-definition format by 1998.

The proposal the FCC will approve embodies a delicate compromise made last month among the broadcast, computer and consumer electronics industries, which were in conflict over key aspects of the proposed system for nearly a year.

While the FCC's action on setting standards is a regulatory formality, it does mark a crucial step in the nine-year journey to implement higher-quality digital television in the United States.

Vice President Al Gore, who revels in his reputation as a techno-wonk, predicts the FCC's action will "keep America at the cutting edge of advanced technology and foster economic growth and the creation of high-wage jobs."

Before broadcasters can provide digital TV, however, the FCC must take two other steps: It must make slices of the public airwaves available for the service; and it must issue new digital TV licenses.

Both steps are expected to be finalized next year.

Eventually, manufacturers will use the FCC's standards as a framework to build new digital TV sets and so-called digital PC-TVs, computers that can receive the new higher-quality TV signals.

Digital TV sets, which will be more rectangular in shape, could be sold at prices at least $1,000 to $1,500 above the cost of sets today.

Because digital TV technology would allow broadcasters to squeeze more video and data into their existing channel space, viewers also could receive new services from stations for free or for a monthly fee. Those services could include additional TV channels of, say, just sports, or movies, or stock quotes or other data services transmitted to home computers.

Craig Mundie, senior vice president at Microsoft, predicted the computer software company would be "seeking business relationships with the broadcast community" to develop such services. "We think what will result is more choices for consumers on a quicker basis," he added.

Decorations highlight artist's business

■ 'Dabbling in holiday yard art' brings mountain of orders for South Texas commercial artist.

Associated Press

MOULTON, Texas — When George Kalisek began to dabble in holiday yard art 15 years ago he didn't think it would ever amount to much.

Today, hundreds of his Christmas designs dot yards and businesses throughout South Texas. He said he hardly has enough hours in the day to fill the mountain of orders which continue to pour in each year.

Raised on a farm in the rolling hills on the outskirts of town, Kalisek always enjoyed doodling. He doodled through high school, in his spare time at home and whenever he could during his first full-time job at a local boot factory.

Kalisek's career in commercial art began as a part-time sign painter. He shaped boot leather by day, and painted and erected business signs by night.

When the boot making played out in the early 1980's, Kalisek faced a dilemma: sharpen the family farm implements, get a job in the city or chance making a living with art.

He chose art.

"I was living at home and decided that if things didn't work out I could always do something different," he said.

Sandwiched between sign orders and other commercial projects, Kalisek filled occasional special requests for holiday yard art. "I didn't pursue it and never thought much about it. But the more I did, the more orders I got."

Kalisek now spends two-thirds of his time on yard art, with the balance devoted to business signs.

He said he'll sell about 65 percent of the more than 3,000 pieces of yard art that he'll produce this year through his store in Moulton — Kalisek's Art and Sign Shop. There are four other dealers of his wares in Richmond, Hondo, Brenham and Yoakum.

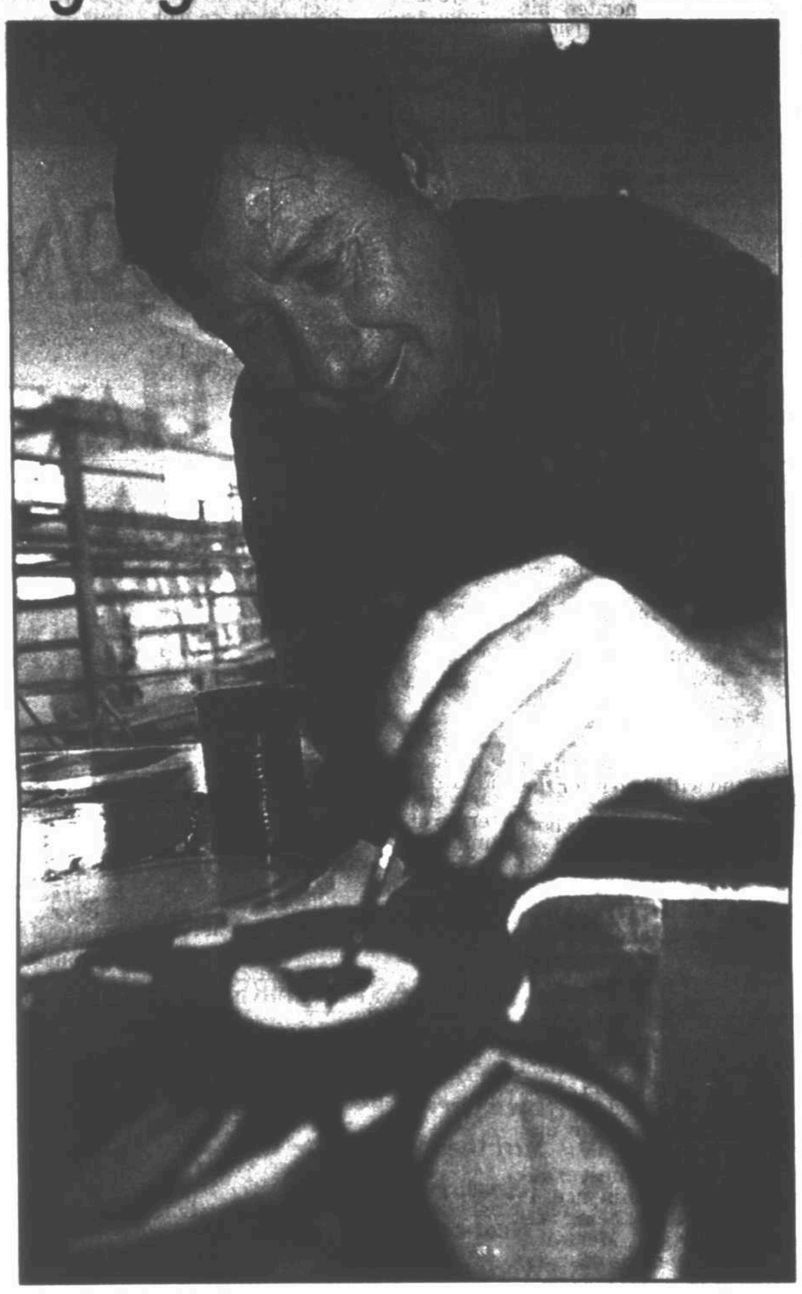
"I spend the first half of each year producing inventory for my store. And from the summer through the first of November filling orders for the other stores I supply," he said.

But Kalisek always reserves November for special projects. This year he's done multiple-piece designs, one with a Mexican theme and the other an Eskimo.

The Mexican theme includes cactus with lights and Santa arriving on a burro with toys on his back and a sombrero on his head. The Eskimo scene includes a decorated and lighted igloo with children dragging a Christmas tree through the snow.

Of course, Kalisek says the standard Christmas yard art includes angels, trees, manger scenes, chipmunks, snowmen, bells, carolers, Santas and sleighs, reindeer and special pieces such as Santas packing toys on planes, trains, tractors, cars, motorcycles and horses.

He also produces one or two motorized and lighted pieces of yard art each year. He's made a Ferris wheel and carousel and soon he intends to add a train that'll belch smoke, whistle and move up and down a short track.



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George Kalisek paints a sign in Moulton, Texas, in this Oct., 1996 file photo. Kalisek employs two full-time and four contract helpers at his shop in Moulton where they make Christmas yard decorations. Kalisek said his typical work day is from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Kalisek says most of his special order pieces go for $70 to $80 a piece, while most stand-alone signs sell anywhere from $25 to $175 each depending on their complexity.

He employs two full-time people and four contract helpers who cut out and prime his sign stock after he traces out a design on it.

Kalisek says his typical work day is from 8 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and half a day on Saturday.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Refinancing adjustable rate mortgage not always wise

By Eric Tyson

Q: In recent years, my adjustable-rate mortgage has been through a number of upward interest-rate cycles. My ARM is tied to the six-month treasury bill index, which seems to move quickly when interest rates change. I recently got a solicitation to refinance into an ARM based upon the 11th district cost of funds — which seems to be lower than the other indexes and move more slowly.

Would this be a good deal?

Tyson

A: I, like many homeowners, have an adjustable-rate mortgage with an interest rate tied to one of the faster moving indexes, such as certificates of deposit, Treasury bills or the London Interbank offered rate. During periods of increasing interest rates I too have gotten solicitations to refinance into a loan that's tied to a slower-moving index, such as the 11th District cost of funds index (COFI). According to one such letter, "You can lower your rate by almost 3 percent merely by switching to a loan based on the 11th District Cost of Funds index!"

I chose not to switch, and you probably shouldn't either.

The terms of an ARM are composed of several factors, and the benefits and drawbacks tend to cancel each other out. By selecting an ARM tied to a fast-moving interest rate, you took on a greater risk of fast increases in your mortgage payments. But in order to make that higher risk more attractive to you, your lender probably cut you some breaks in other ways, perhaps with lower interest rate caps or up-front points.

If, on the other hand, you want the security of a COFI loan with slower-moving adjustments, you're going to "pay" for that security in one form or another: higher start rate, caps, margin or points. You also might pay in more-subtle ways.

The advantage of staying put with your faster-moving adjustable index is that you benefit if interest rates fall rapidly. The COFI lags behind general changes in market interest rates, so it will continue rising after interest rates have peaked and will go down more slowly once rates have turned tail — which they seemed to have done early this year. And even though the COFI moves more slowly, it ultimately goes up and down by about the same amount as overall interest rates.

If you're going to refinance today, consider refinancing into a fixed-rate loan. Why? Because long-term interest rates that drive fixed-rate mortgage interest rates have come down significantly in recent months. Short-term interest rates, which are used to determine ARMs, aren't much less than longer-term rates these days.

Here's where we are today: The COFI is at about 4.9 percent. If you add in the typical margin of 2.5 percent on COFI loans, the "fully indexed" rate on a COFI loan is right around 7.4 percent. With 30-year fixed-rate loans hovering around 7.6 percent, the security of a locked-in, long-term mortgage rate is looking like a mighty attractive buy.

If you're toying with the idea of refinancing, don't lose sight of your financial situation. If you chose an ARM in the first place because you didn't plan on holding the property for long and because you could withstand the risk of fluctuating payments, staying put with your mortgage makes sense.

On the other hand, if the several years of interest-rate gyrations have raised havoc with your personal finances and have kept your stomach churning, refinancing into a fixed-rate loan could be just the antacid you need.

Also remember that refinancing costs you money and time. Weigh those factors as well before digging into the refinance paperwork.

And one final note for those looking to take out a loan for a new home purchase: Compared with ARMs, fixed-rate loans look attractive right now, especially for those who plan to stay in their homes for at least seven years and for those who are nervous about a fluctuating mortgage payment.

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Ho! Ho! Ho! How much do you know?

by Allison Anderson
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'Tis the season to be jolly. 'Tis also the season to unburden the attic of boxes filled with decorations, to find the perfect tree, to bake cookies, to dress up, to dress down, to rush here, to rush there, to spread a little cheer everywhere ...and buy, buy, buy. All ye weary wrappers, rejoice. Before a severe case of what cartoonist Sandra Boynton calls "santaclaustrophobia" sets in, treat yourself to a furlough from the festive hustle and bustle. Grab a cup of cider (or perhaps something a little stronger), a handful of Tollhouse cookies and a pencil. Have a seat, and prop up those feet. As a respite from hard holiday labor, we've compiled a seasonally snappy trivia quiz for your amusement. Prepare to test your holiday brain waves:

1. What country did Good King Wenceslas rule?
2. The Elizabethan folk song "Greensleeves" follows the same tune as what famous Christmas carol?
3. In what countries did the Advent calendar originate?
4. What Christmas carol is the first line of Charles Dickens' classic "A Christmas Carol?"
5. Who visited Mary to announce the birth of Jesus?
6. According to tradition, who are the three wise men by name age and race?
7. Carols were introduced into church worship services by whom?
8. What Christmas carol is based on "Lift Up Your Heads" from Handel's Messiah?
9. What year were electric lights first used on Christmas trees?
10. Near the end of the Civil War, Christmas in the South was: (a) more expensive than today or (b) cheaper than today?
11. Which first lady's recipe for Christmas cake, called Great Cake and made with 40 eggs, is still used today?
12. What was the most popular holiday decoration in Colonial America?
13. The Mexicans call this the "Flower of the Holy Night;" What do Americans call this plant?
14. Which U.S. president set up the first Christmas tree at the White House? Hint: it happened in 1856.
15. What is a native American holiday food?
16. What is the church color for Christmas?
17. Holly and ivy hung side by side bring good luck to a specific gender – can you name which goes with which?
18. Three birds were enjoyed at medieval Christmas feasts. Can you name them?
19. Where were turkey's domesticated?
20. What is Christmas bread called in Italy? What is it in Germany?
21. What is odd about the English plum pudding served during the holidays?
22. According to superstition, when are you supposed to have a home fire burning during the Christmas season?
23. Another medieval holiday tradition had to do with the eating of mince pies. Do you know how many you were to eat for good luck?
24. What does the salutation "Wassail" mean?
25. Can you name the exact order in which the reindeer were summoned in "A Visit From St. Nicholas?"
26. What is the name of one of the oldest Christmas carols, often sung in the round?
27. What is the origin of the Christmas bonus?
28. What served as ornaments for the first Christmas trees?
29. Where is the poinsettia capital of the world?
30. What is a sugarplum?
31. What was the original name of Charles Dickens' character Tiny Tim, from "A Christmas Carol?"
32. The gentleman who penned "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" wrote more than 6,500 hymns during the course of his lifetime. What is his name?
33. The re-enactment of Mary and Joseph's travels to Bethlehem and their search for lodging is known in Mexico and Texas as?
34. Old Houstonians will remember two holiday excursions that no longer exist ... Can you name them?
35. Can you name the biggest shopping day of the year?
36. According to Elizabeth Silverthorne's book, Christmas in Texas, where was the following happening? "Drinking and noise making were natural companions, and literally staggering amounts of alcohol were drunk to celebrate the season." Hint: the answer is not a) your office party or b) on Richmond Ave. between Chimney Rock and Hillcroft.
37. Can you name four famous people born on Dec. 25?
38. Where is most of the world's mistletoe produced?
39. What is the biggest selling Christmas record in history?
40. What are the four most popular Christmas trees in America?
41. St. Nicholas was which country's patron saint?
42. When did Christmas become a national holiday in the U.S.?
43. How many ages are mentioned in the song "Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire?"
44. Worldwide, how many Christmas cards are sent each year?
45. When did the first department store Santa appear?

AP Laserphoto

Members of the Blumenthal family, and neighborhood friends, play on a mound of snow that was delivered by a dump truck to the family's yard in South Portland, Maine, Monday. In a goodwill gesture, Sugarloaf USA trucked snow over 100 miles to the family's temporary home to ensure they had a snowy Christmas. The family's home was destroyed in a fire earlier this month.

ANSWERS Give yourself one point for each correct answer. Be generous with scoring. After all, it is that time of year.

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1. Bohemia, 928-935 A.D.
2. "What Child Is This?"
3. Germany and Scandinavia.
4. "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."
5. The angel Gabriel.
6. Gaspar, 20, Asian; Melchior, 40, African; and Balthasar, 60, Caucasian.
7. St. Francis of Assisi.
8. "Joy to the world."
9. 1895. New England telephone company employee Ralph Morris strung electric light bulbs on his tree after noticing how the small signal bulbs lit up switchboards.
10. a) More expensive. A turkey could run nearly $100; candy was $8 per pound.
11. Martha Washington
12. Holly.
13. Poinsettia.
14. Franklin Pierce.
15. Cranberry sauce.
16. White.
17. Holly brought luck to men, ivy to women.
18. Peacock, pheasant and swan.
19. Mexico.
20. Panettone is Italian Christmas bread; Stollen is German.
21. English plum pudding contains no plums and is not pudding; it's a cake.
22. It's bad luck to ever let a fire go out during the entire Christmas season.
23. Each person should eat at least 12 mince pies at Christmas so as to have 12 lucky months in the New Year.
24. "Wassail" is a salutation meaning 'To Your Health!'
25. "Now Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen! On Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donder and Blitzen!"
26. "The First Noel."
27. According to Christmas Almanack, "It probably had its origin in the same tradition as the English Boxing Day, when tradesmen were tipped for good service as an incentive to continue to perform well."
28. Fruits and flowers.
29. Encinitas, California.
30. They are round or oval candies made of rich fruit preserves, cream fillings, and other sweet concoctions, and covered in chocolate.
31. Little Fred.
32. The Rev. Charles Wesley.
33. La Posada.
34. Mrs Baird's Bakery and the display windows at Foley's Downtown.
35. The day after Thanksgiving.
36. The Texas frontier.
37. Sir Isaac Newton, Clara Barton, Humphrey Bogart and Cab Calloway.
38. Central Texas.
39. "White Christmas."
40. Scotch pine, Balsam fir, Douglas fir and Blue spruce.
41. Russia.
42. 1890
43. 92.
44. More than three billion.
45. In 1890, at a store in Brockton, Massachusetts.

SCORING 37 to 45 correct:

A for Absolutely Fabulous. Santa's going to bring you everything you've asked for and more.

28 to 36 correct:

B for Bravo! You are definitely under the influence of the holidays are well informed on the topics without being obnoxious.

19 to 27 correct:

C for Christmas Amateur. You are flying by the seat of your pants and know just enough to get by.

10 to 18 correct:

D for Does It Bother You to Fall Into The Grinch Category? Get in the spirit of the season, will you?

0 to 9 correct: F for Festivity Failure. Hello. Hello in there. Is anybody home? You should have cheated.

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Santa (alias Dave Pinkerman, of Steamboat Srpings, Colo.) performs an aerial trick called a "method" while carrying his Christmas bag between the snow-covered trees at Steamboat Ski Area in Steamboat Spring Monday afternoon.A winter storm has dumped more than 16 inches of snow on the Steamboat area in the past 24 hours.

Not everyone can celebrate Christmas like Martha Stewart

By Pamela Coleman

McALLEN — The holidays at my place aren't quite the same as they are at the home of that wizard of domesticity, Martha Stewart.

For one, we don't calmly sip wassail and make lovely little crafts, all the while smiling and strolling around the house, admiring the festive decorations we've made.

If you caught Martha's recent holiday special on television, you know what I mean.

All was tranquil at her country abode. Well-dressed visitors dropped by at convenient moments, offering holiday greetings and dropping off charming hostess gifts. Martha didn't get frazzled — and not once did she burst into tears for no apparent reason.

Sure, she can relax. She probably finished her Christmas shopping before Halloween.

On the other hand, the words that come to mind to describe the scene at my apartment at this time of the year are "chaotic," "disastrous," "trashed" and "hectic."

The other night, I rushed by the grocery store on the way home from work, tossed a rather dry fir tree into the trunk of my car and hoisted it into place in the corner of my apartment. By morning, several pounds of needles had fallen off, leaving a sparse, stick-like skeleton as the focus of attention in my living room.

It didn't look at all like Martha Stewart's Christmas tree, bedecked with six kinds of shimmering white lights and a passel of coordinated ornaments. Instead, mismatched clusters of decorations — some of them homemade, some of them broken — dangled from the skinny branches.

And I'm sure my apartment doesn't smell like Martha's, either. The aroma of fresh-baked pies and cookies wafts through her home at all hours, as the scent of fresh pine lingers in the air.

The cat box ranks as the biggest odor producer in my apartment.

I can't bake — I have no oven — and a carton of eggnog from the nearest grocery store substitutes for an array of homemade edibles. I sometimes drink straight from that carton, rarely stopping to pour the eggnog into one of the dainty glass vessels Martha favors.

And those delightful silver halos ... The closet thing I've got are store-bought reindeer and angel outfits. Martha would be shocked by what happens when I put THOSE on the kitties.

She even demonstrated how to craft gracefully curled swizzle sticks from strips of real orange peel, dipped in sugar water and hardened around a straw.

Get real.

And those delightful silver halos Martha showed all the neighbor children how to make? The closest thing I've got are store-bought reindeer and angel outfits for my cats. Martha would be shocked by what happens when I put THOSE on the kitties.

My nerves are tattered, a symptom of last-minute excursions to Nuevo Progreso to load up on border-flavored gifts for the relatives. Maybe one day soon, I'll get around to digging out the advent calendar.

But that's not to say I don't enjoy the holidays, in my own frenetic fashion. Even if I don't have crowds of friends and relatives humming Christmas carols and spontaneously hugging one another like Martha does, the spirit of the holidays is alive and well at my humble place.

It's just buried under a heap of dried pine needles.

Pamela Coleman is deputy metro editor of The (McAllen) Monitor.

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AROUND TOWN

Midland County Livestock Show is scheduled for Jan. 9-11, 1997, at Midland County Exhibit Building. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Judging of animals will begin 10 a.m. Jan. 9 for swine, rabbits and poultry, and continues at 8 p.m. Jan. 10 for meat goats, lambs, heifers and steers.

Barbecue dinner will be served 11:30 a.m. Jan. 11. Children aged 8 and younger may participate in a peewee goat show at 12:45 p.m. on that day. Premium auction sale will begin 1:30 p.m. Jan. 11.

The Livestock Show, sponsored by Midland County Livestock Association in cooperation with County Extension agents, vocation ag instructors and 4-H and FFA clubs of Midland County, is staged to recognize efforts of youth participating in 4-H or FFA livestock projects.

For more information call 687-1351...

...PYRACANTHA GARDEN Club will meet 9:30 a.m. Jan. 7, 1997, for a program on "Herbs and Peppers" presented by Barbara Porsch. For location and more information call 520-3228...

...NEWCOMERS CLUB will meet for coffee 9:30 a.m. Jan. 9, 1997, at 4013 Edgebrook in Mockingbird Heights. For more information call 520-0254 or 699-0832...

...CAREGIVERS MONTHLY support group will meet 7 p.m. Jan. 7, 1997, at Allison Cancer Center. Family members and friends who help care for patients with cancer or other serious illnesses are invited to attend. Angela Peterson, LMSW, will lead the open forum discussion. For more information call 685-6606...

...WEST TEXAS Writers and West Texas Storytellers Guild will sponsor their second annual Short Story Contest. Entries will be accepted beginning Jan. 1, 1997. Stories must be written *by* adults *for* children, and be no more than 1,000 words. For more information call 699-7820.

The two organizations will meet 2 p.m. Jan. 4, 1997, in the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. All interested persons are invited to attend. Nancy Robinson Masters, writer, teacher and lecturer, will speak on "How Not to Get Burned in the Hot Market of Self-Publishing." For more information call 682-5370...

...LT. WILLIAM Brewer chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution and NSDAR, will meet 1:30 p.m. Jan. 7, 1997, at Midland Woman's Club. Guest speakers John Philbeck and George Manley will discuss Vietnam veterans. All interested persons are invited to attend...

...MIDLAND-LEE Youth Centers will host New Year's dances for junior high students and for freshman students. The dance for seventh- and eighth-graders will be 8:30-10:30 p.m. Dec. 28 at Lee Youth Center, 3500 Neely. The dance for freshmen will be 8:30-10:30 p.m. Dec. 28 at Midland Youth Center, 1001 W. Illinois. Both dances will be chaperoned, safe and alcohol free. Parents are invited to attend. For more information call 689-1175 or 689-1675...

...FITNESS FAIR is scheduled for Jan. 18, 1997, at Midland Center. Exhibit booths are still available for rent. Cost is $75 per booth. Call 689-8247 for information...

...AMERICAN LUNG Association's Better Breathing Club will meet at noon Jan. 7, 1997, at Westwood Hospital. For more information call 522-2273...

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6, 1997, at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2858...

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...MIDLAND OPERA Theater and Midland/Odessa Symphony and Chorale will present a joint concert 8 p.m. Jan. 11, 1997, at Lee High School's auditorium. International opera singer Helen Donath and baritone William Rhoades will perform...

...WEST TEXAS Singles, a non-profit organization of single people from throughout the Permian Basin, has several meetings and functions planned for this month. For information about time and place of planned events call 550-6960...

DEAR ABBY

'Angel' delivers Christmas miracle

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I don't know whether this qualifies as an act of kindness or the work of an angel, but here it is:

Van Buren

One Christmas several years ago, my children and I were at my sister's in the country. After the festivities, the kids settled down to watch a movie while we cleaned up the kitchen.

Sometime during the movie, my 8-year-old son, Tim, became bored and slipped outside without anyone noticing. It was one of the coldest winters on record, and Tim wanted to see the ice on the pond some distance from the house.

He slipped, fell through the ice and into the pond, which was about 15 feet deep. He managed to cling to a chunk of ice and scream for help, but he was too far from the house for any of us to hear.

A man driving on the two-lane country road heard Tim's screams. He found my son and managed to pull him to safety with a piece of rope he had in his car.

The man drove Tim to my sister's house, where we immediately ripped off his frozen clothes and put him in the whirlpool bath they had just installed. By the time we returned from the bathroom, the man had disappeared.

That man saved my son's life. To this day, I secretly think he was an angel, but if he was a mortal, I am forced to believe in the universal goodness of humankind.

When I am feeling depressed, I remember that incident. There may be a great deal that's wrong with this country, but there's also a great deal that's right. — REBECCA WURM, CLUTE, TEXAS

DEAR REBECCA: That was a Christmas miracle if ever I heard one, guardian angel and all.

DEAR ABBY: I hope you will permit me to respond to a recent letter you printed from a reader who complained of problems with blushing and embarrassment, asking what could be done about it.

I was surprised that the advice offered was essentially that nothing could be done for the problem. It sounded to me as though the writer was sufering from symptoms of social phobia, the most common form of anxiety disorder, affecting 14 percent of the population.

Blushing, sweating, trembling or heart palpitations are quite frequent physical signs of this disorder, which is characterized by fear of scrutiny or fear of humiliation/embarrassment in front of others. It can be a disabling and extremely distressing state, about which the medical profession has been largely ignorant.

I should like to point out that there are now several highly effective treatments for social phobia, including anti-depressant and anti-anxiety drugs. Also, non-medication behavioral treatments are effective. Sufferers from social phobia frequently profit by attending a phobia support group, which exists in most communities. — JONATHAN R.T. DAVIDSON, M.D., DIRECTOR, ANXIETY AND TRAUMATIC STRESS PROGRAM, DUKE UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER

DEAR DR. DAVIDSON: I'm sure that many readers will join me in thanking you for this information. This was news to me, and I'm certain it will be to many others.

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Abigail van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Kwanzaa recipes offered

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Kwanzaa is an American celebration that is growing in popularity. Celebrated each year from Dec. 26 though New Year's Day, this seven-day festival culminates in a glorious feast on Dec. 31.

For the celebration, the table is set with a bowl of fruits and vegetables, a straw place mat, a communal cup and a seven-branched candlestick with black, red and green candles. The table includes a variety of appetizers, main dishes and desserts.

Baked Chicken Curry is a savory recipe, flavored with coconut, apples and onion. The dish can be served over warm rice. Coconut Sweet Potato Casserole, a flavorful side dish, can be prepared in advance.

BAKED CHICKEN CURRY

1/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2-1/2 pounds chicken pieces
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 cup coarsely chopped apple
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons coconut
1 garlic clove, minced
2 teaspoons curry powder
1-1/2 cups chicken broth

Heat oven to 450 degrees.

Mix 1/4 cup of the flour, the salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Coat chicken pieces with flour mixture. Place chicken, skin side up, in single layer in a shallow baking dish. Dot with 1 tablespoon butter. Bake in preheated 450-degree oven for 15 to 20 minutes, or until chicken begins to brown.

Meanwhile, melt remaining tablespoon butter in medium saucepan on medium-high heat. Add apple, onion, 2 tablespoons coconut, garlic and curry powder. Cook and stir until onion is tender but not browned. Stir in remaining tablespoon flour and chicken broth. Remove from heat.

Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Pour sauce over chicken pieces. Sprinkle with remaining 1 cup coconut. Bake 20 to 25 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Place chicken and sauce on serving platter. Serve over rice, if desired. Makes 4 servings.

COCONUT SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

2 pounds sweet potatoes, cooked, peeled and cut into 1-inch chunks (about 4 cups)
2 apples, peeled, thinly sliced
2/3 cup maple-flavored pancake and waffle syrup
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted
1/2 teaspoon salt
2/3 cup coconut

Heat oven to 350 degrees.

Place sweet potatoes in greased 13x9-inch baking dish; top with apples. Mix syrup, butter and salt; pour over apples. Sprinkle with coconut; cover. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Uncover. Bake an additional 20 to 30 minutes, or until apples are tender and coconut is lightly browned. Makes 8 servings.

NOTE: Casserole can be prepared in advance and reheated, adding additional syrup if necessary.

CONSUMING INTERESTS

Christmas pig-out deserves ice cream

By Linda Anderson

Merry Christmas!

Now that the presents have all been opened — and boxes, ribbon and wrapping paper cover the room so much you can't see the carpet — and things are beginning to wind down a little bit, I hope you have plans to spend the rest of Christmas Day in that time-honored tradition of pigging out. (After all, New Year's Day with its annual resolutions to "lose weight and get in shape" is just a week from today, so eat, drink and be merry while you still can. Next week the guilts will set in again.)

Anderson

We found something new to add to our Christmas Day pig-out this year — Gandy's Premium Ice Cream's new flavor, "Moose Tracks." For some reason, Gandy's (isn't it a local/regional company?) has a new line of Alaska Classics ice cream flavors, and this is one of them. (Don't laugh. I used to live in Alaska and at that time — and maybe even still — those people ate more ice cream per capita than any other population in the U.S. Don't know why that was so, except that for most of the year the ice cream was warmer than anywhere outdoors. Maybe they thought ice cream was a warm food.)

A half-gallon of the premium ice cream cost $3.89; a half-cup serving is listed as containing 200 calories with 120 of them from fat. This is a premium ice cream, after all, and we all know they are not known for their low-fatness. (Another new word I just invented.)

Label advertising describes the ice cream as being "vanilla ice cream with peanut butter cups swirled with Moose Tracks fudge." You are probably as curious as I was about what exactly that means — turns out it is vanilla ice cream swirled with chocolate that is not soft like normal chocolate swirls, but is crisp like the chocolate coating on ice cream bars, and laced not with pieces of chocolate-coated peanut butter cups but with whole, tiny (about the diameter of a dime) peanut butter cups.

There really isn't any label advertising. Instead of touting the ice cream, it describes a "Point of Interest: We dedicate Moose Tracks Ice Cream, the first flavor in our Alaska Classics line, to the people who work for our national park systems, and especially Denali National Park, Alaska. We appreciate their dedication and hard work in protecting the national resources with which we have been so richly blessed.

"Denali is the Indian name for Mount McKinley and means 'the great one.' Mount McKinley is located in Denali National Park, 120 miles southwest of Fairbanks, Alaska. The park is the finest wildlife region in the United States, and is home to such animals as the moose, Dall's sheep, caribou, golden eagle and the grizzly bear."

All that is great and wonderful, but what does it have to do with an ice cream that is "distributed by Bell Dairy Products, Lubbock, Texas"? How many of these half-gallons from Lubbock will actually end up in Alaska?

Anyway, the taste-testers approved of the ice cream 100 percent. We all stood around with a spoon and ate right out of the carton, it was so good. No waiting around for bowls!

So now you know what we'll be pigging out on this holiday. Probably won't buy any more until next Christmas though. For my pocketbook, it's just too expensive — and too fattening — to indulge in every day.

Happy Holidays! Go ahead, indulge!

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is a Reporter-Telegram *staff writer.*

HAM: Glazes add flavor to ham

(From 1D)

conventional oven because less moisture evaporates during microwave cooking. Also, keep in mind that your glaze should be a little thicker to begin with because of the extra moisture present.

Serving Temperature

Ham is best when served between 120 degrees and 140 degrees.

Glazes

■ **Brandied Cherry Glaze:** Bake ham according to package directions. Thirty minutes before ham is done, spoon 21-ounce can cherry pie filling over ham. Continue baking. Just before serving, heat 2 tablespoons brandy. Pour brandy over ham and ignite.

■ **Honey-Mustard Glaze:** Bake ham according to package directions. Meanwhile, combine 1 cup packed brown sugar, 1/2 cup honey and 2 tablespoons prepared mustard. Thirty minutes before ham is done, remove from oven. Score surface, spoon on glaze. Continue basting with the glaze during the last 30 minutes of baking.

■ **Pineapple-Marmalade Glaze:** Bake ham according to package directions. Drain an 8-ounce can crushed pineapple. Reserve juice for another use. Combine pineapple, 1/4 cup orange marmalade and 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard in a bowl. Thirty minutes before ham is done, remove from oven. Score surface, spoon on glaze. Continue basting with the glaze during the last 30 minutes of baking.

Recipe from: Hormel Foods

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COOKS: Whip up a Christmas feast

(From 1D)

Transfer sweet potato mixture to bowl with red peppers, onion and pecans.

In another bowl, combine maple syrup, vinegar and remaining oil. Pour over vegetables. Toss until well dressed. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Makes 8 servings.

FENNEL CURED PORK LOIN

1/2 gallon hot water
1 cup sugar
1 cup kosher salt
2 tablespoons crushed fennel seeds
1/4 cup Pernod
2 teaspoons chili flakes
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 center-cut pork loin with bones attached (5 to 6 pounds)

Mix everything except pork loin until salt and sugar dissolve. Cool to room temperature.

Submerge pork in mixture and refrigerate for two days. Remove and pat dry. Season with salt and pepper. Roast in a 325-degree oven until internal temperature of 145 degrees to 150 degrees, about 1 to 1 1/2 hours. Cover loosely in foil and let stand for 20 minutes before serving. Slice and serve. Makes 8 servings.

GREEN BEANS WITH TASSO BUTTER

2 pounds small green beans, cut into 2-inch pieces
1 cup unsalted butter
1 cup tasso or smoked ham, chopped into 1/4-inch dice
Salt and pepper, to taste

Blanch beans in 1 gallon boiling, salted water for 3 minutes. Remove beans and plunge into ice-cold water.

Place butter in a medium skillet, then add tasso. Slow fry tasso, being careful not to burn butter. Remove tasso and set aside.

Saute beans in butter remaining in skillet. Cook until tender, 1 to 2 minutes. Remove from skillet and combine with tasso. Add salt and pepper to taste. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

Here's a toast to the roast for the holiday dinner

Associated Press

Beef roasts are extremely popular to prepare during the holidays. There's a roast to suit every budget and taste.

CHOOSING A BEEF ROAST

■ For a classic holiday dinner, choose beef rib roast, beef ribeye roast or beef tenderloin roast. If possible, order rib or ribeye roasts from the small end.

■ For the health-conscious party planner, choose beef round tip roast or beef eye round roast.

■ For small gatherings, choose small beef tenderloin roast, beef tri-tip roast or beef eye round roast.

■ For the easiest to carve, choose boneless roasts such as beef round tip, beef eye round, beef ribeye, beef tenderloin or beef tri-tip.

THE APPROPRIATE SIZE

You may want to plan on about 6 ounces of cooked beef per serving for "holiday helpings" rather than the traditional 3-ounce cooked, trimmed portion. Generally, a boneless beef roast will yield about two 6-ounce cooked, trimmed servings per pound. A bone-in roast will yield about one and one-half 6-ounce cooked, trimmed servings per pound.

STORAGE

As purchased, roasts may be stored unopened in the coldest part of the refrigerator, up to three to four days before cooking. For longer storage, roasts should be frozen. Freeze roasts up to two weeks in their retail package. For longer storage, re-wrap roasts in heavy-duty aluminum foil, freezer paper or place in freezer-safe bags; press out as much air as possible before sealing. Label and freeze six to 12 months at 0 degrees or colder. The recommended way to defrost a frozen roast is in the refrigerator in its wrapping. Allow four to seven hours per pound for a large roast, three to five hours per pound for a small roast. Never defrost at room temperature.

BEEF: Herbed roast perfect for holidays

(From 1D)

3/4 cup coarsely chopped red bell pepper
1 clove garlic, crushed
9-ounce package frozen French-style green beans, thawed and drained
3 cups hot cooked rice
1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted

In large skillet, heat butter over medium heat until melted. Add onion, bell pepper and garlic. Cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally. Add beans; continue cooking 2 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Reduce heat to low. Stir in rice and almonds; cook 2 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 220 cal., 5 g pro., 36 g carbo., 8 g fat, 2 mg iron, 43 mg sodium, 10 mg chol.

Recipe from: National Cattleman's Beef Association

For a free recipe brochure, "Confident Cooking with Beef," send a stamped, self-addressed, business-size envelope to: National Cattlemen's Beef Association, 444 N. Michigan Ave., Dept. FC-CCWB, Chicago IL 60611.

SEASONING

Roasts can be cooked without any seasonings or they can be "dressed up" with seasoning rubs. Combine favorite herbs and seasonings (either dried or fresh) and rub over the surface of the roast prior to cooking. Seasoning combinations might include: crushed garlic, basil and thyme; garlic powder, marjoram and parsley; or lemon peel and rosemary. If desired, a small amount of salt can be used in seasoning rubs.

WHEN IS IT DONE?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends serving beef roasts at medium-rare (145 degrees) to medium (160 degrees) doneness. To achieve the desired serving temperature, roasts should be removed from the oven when the thermometer registers 5 degrees to 10 degrees below the desired doneness. During the 15-minute standing time, the temperature will continue to rise and reach the desired serving temperature.

CARVING

Roasts are firmer and easier to carve when allowed to stand 15 minutes prior to carving. Uniform slices are the result of holding a sharp carving knife at the same angle for each cut. The more tender the roast, the thicker the slices can be. A rib roast can be sliced 1/2- to 3/4-inch thick, whereas round tip should be no more than 1/4-inch thick.

From: National Cattlemen's Beef Association

TIPS: Add a personal holiday touch

(From 1D)

gifts. Look for vintage magazines, foreign newspapers, posters, calendar pages, photocopied menus or personal photographs, poems or sheet music, empty paper flour bags, aluminum foil or advertisements from magazines. Fabric is also a good alternative to the usual glossy paper. Use denim, bandannas, lace or even burlap tied with raffia.

9. Bows: Make big, beautiful bows with craft paper, satin or gold wire ribbon.

10. Edible Gift Tags: Substitute the outer wrap from a flat candy bar with your own wrap and a personal message. Create cookies and shapes cut from chocolate, or sandwich frosted gingerbread cookies together, decorate and personalize.

11. Unqiue Containers: Terra cotta and plastic pots and saucers can be uniquely decorated as gift containers. The container becomes an additional gift.

12. Gift Bags: Gift bags are a great alternative to wrapping paper. Add finishing touches to paper gift bags by attaching ornaments or small toys or cards to the handles of bags with curling ribbon, raffia or cording. Layer several colors of tissue in the bag, one sheet at a time, then fluff the edges to conceal the gift. Create friendship bags by customizing bags for recipients, decorating them with mementos, pictures, sequins, buttons or beads and designs.

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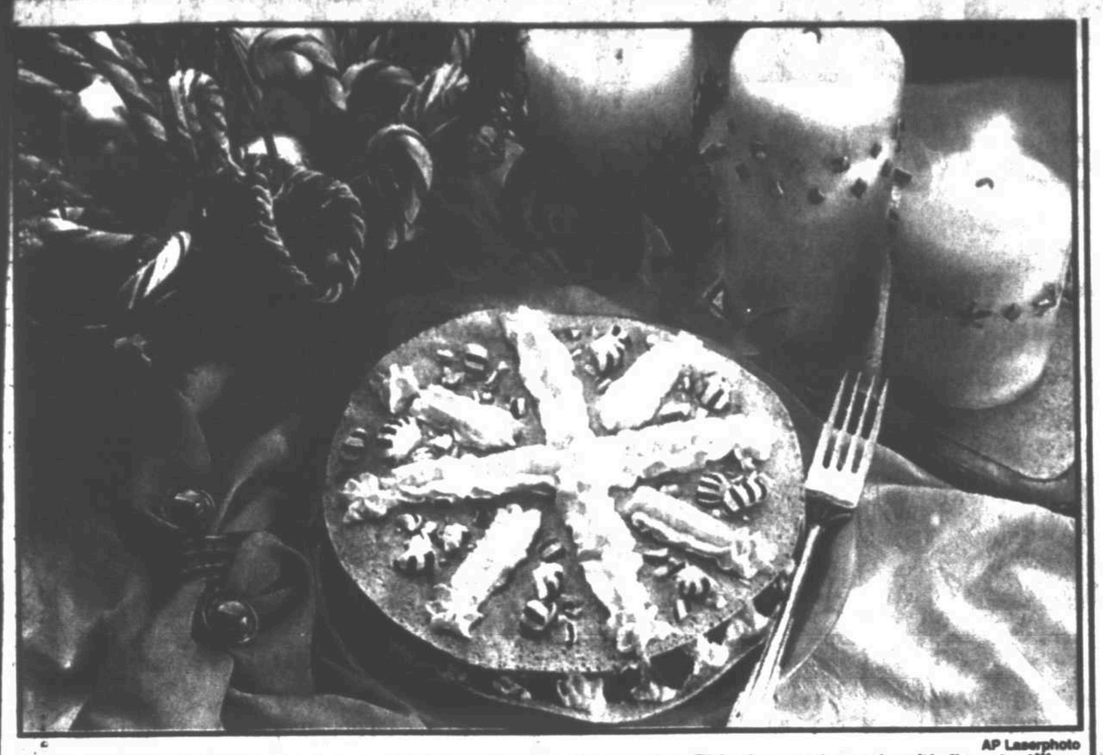

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For an unusual holiday dessert, serve Christmas Candy Quesadillas. This dessert is made with flour tortillas, mascarpone cheese and chopped brownies. The quesadillas are topped with chopped peppermint candy and whipped topping.

12 Tips for Christmas

Associated Press

Looking for last-minute inspiration for the holidays? Consult the list below.

1. Christmas Candy Quesadillas: For a delicious alternative to traditional holiday pie, place eight medium flour tortillas on a rack in a preheated 400-degree oven (do not stack or overlap). Bake each side for 2 to 3 minutes or until crisp. Remove from oven and cool. In a microwave oven on a microwave-safe plate, cook 16 ounces of mascarpone cheese on 100 percent power (high) for 15 seconds to 30 seconds or until soft. Gently fold in 1-1/2 cups chopped brownies. To assemble, spread cheese mixture evenly over flour tortillas; top with remaining tortillas. Brush top of quesadillas with creme de menthe. Sprinkle chopped peppermint candy, evenly on top. Top with whipped topping; serve immediately.

2. Food Presentations: For a dessert tray that can double as a centerpiece, trim baskets with ribbon, ornaments, sleigh bells, cord or garland. Line with plastic wrap and netting. Fill with cookies, candy or another holiday treat. No time to cook? Deli salads in their containers can be slipped inside reproduction vintage tins and served.

3. Christmas Creme Toddies: Combine the following in a blender and blend until smooth: 1 cup cran-raspberry fruit juice; 10 ounces frozen raspberries in sugar syrup, thawed; 1 tablespoon lemon juice; 1 tablespoon hot-fudge topping; and 1 ounce brandy (optional). Strain mixture into a microwave-safe bowl. Cook on high (100 percent power) for 4 to 5 minutes or until very hot. Spoon vanilla ice cream into the bottom of two glasses. Pour hot raspberry mixture over ice cream. Top each glass with a twist of whipped topping, sprinkle with green decorating sugar and serve immediately.

TOP OFF YOUR TABLE

4. Table Linens: Plain tablecloths, place mats, table runners and napkins can be easily decorated with holiday designs. Stitch fabric trims, appliques and tassels onto linens. Trace designs from stencils, adapt artwork from greeting cards or create original designs and then paint. Secure decorative jewels and nail heads to linens with fabric glue.

5. Napkin Rings: Create your own style of napkin rings by bending spiral or beaded wire, or even knotted rope. Or, try curving old silverware into a ring around a dowel or pipe by tapping it with a wooden hammer. Slide napkins through aluminum cookie cutters topped off with colorful ribbon or bend artificial berry clusters with flexible wire stems into arches that clasp onto napkins.

6. Decorative Candles: Embellish candles with decorative nail heads or spruce branches tied with ribbon. Accent small floating candles with gold glitter. Place them in a shallow bowl with glass stones. Spray latex fruit with metallic paint to enhance your table, or use glass chimneys or terra cotta pots as candleholders.

7. Bottles: Embellish your holiday wine, champagne or even soda bottles with ribbons, dried naturals or decorative bottle stoppers. Present wine in a sleigh-shaped basket with garland and festive ribbon. Or decorate large wineglasses with ribbon and tissue paper and place a small bottle of wine in each glass.

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8. Unique Wrapping Papers: Almost anything made of paper can be used to wrap

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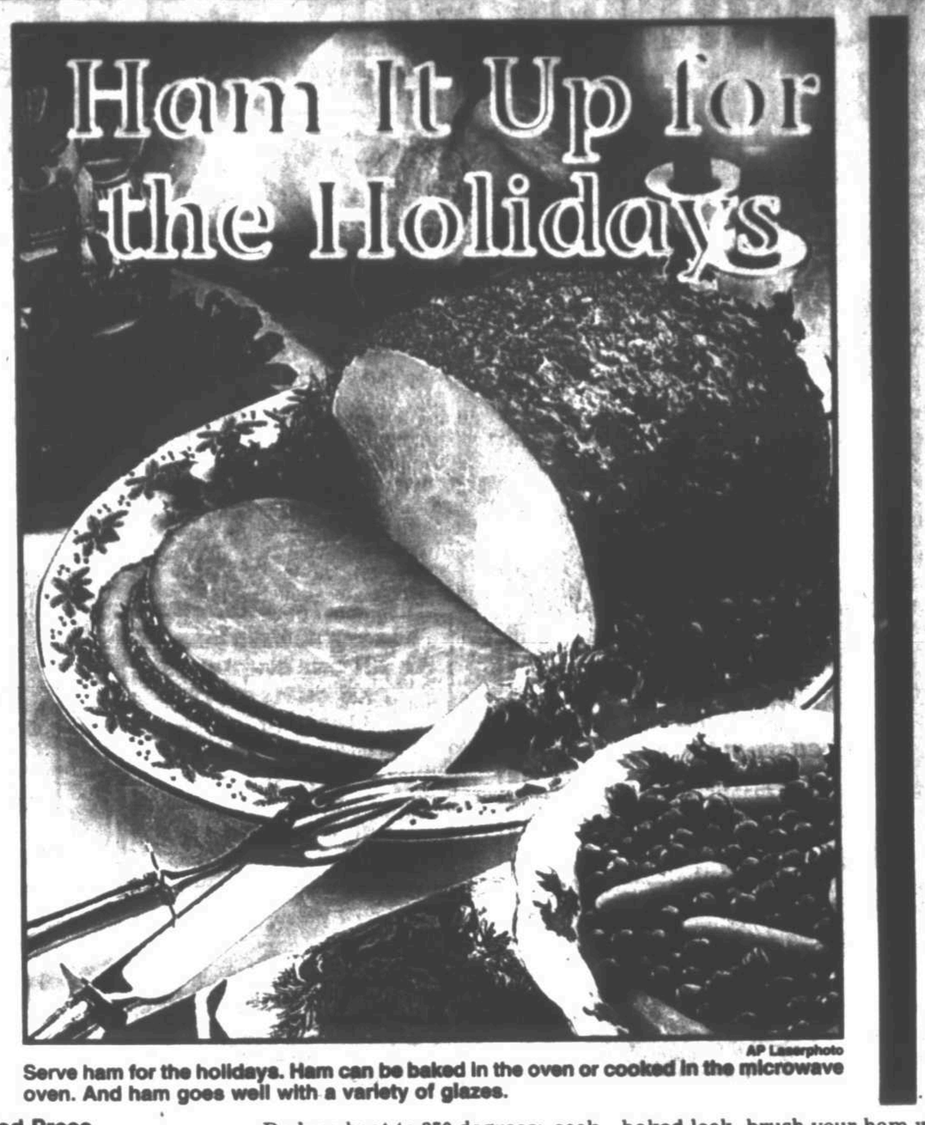

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Serve ham for the holidays. Ham can be baked in the oven or cooked in the microwave oven. And ham goes well with a variety of glazes.

Ham It Up for the Holidays

Associated Press

The exquisite aroma and appetizing look of an oven-cooked ham is a big part of Christmas for many families. Whether you choose the traditional method of cooking your holiday ham or you want to save time using your microwave oven, the following tips are sure to turn your ham into a holiday feast

OVEN-BAKED HAM

If you choose the oven-baked method, cut 2-inch diamonds across the top of the ham and place cloves in the center of each diamond. Brush with molasses to give the ham a sweet flavor and an old-fashioned appearance.

LEAN HAMS NEED MOISTURE

Today's hams are lean, so add moisture to the pan and remember to baste the ham frequently while it's cooking.

IT'S IN THE TIMING

Cook a 6-pound ham at 400 degrees for the first 30 minutes of cooking time for a brown effect. Reduce heat to 350 degrees; cook for another hour. Cook an 8-pound ham at 450 degrees for the first 30 minutes; reduce the heat to 350 degrees for the remaining hour.

It is not necessary to cover the ham while it is cooking, but if it browns too quickly, it may be covered with aluminum foil.

COOK IN A MICROWAVE

You'll save a good deal of time using the microwave oven and your ham will be just as moist and tender as if you'd roasted it in the oven.

Place the ham in a microwave-safe dish. Baste the ham by pouring over the prepared glaze of your choice, as you would with traditional cooking.

Cut some diamonds in the ham about 1/4-inch by 1/4-inch deep. Cook on medium heat (50 percent power). This will simulate oven temperature but the heat penetration will be quicker and more even.

MICROWAVE "BROWN" AND SERVE

To get that traditional oven-baked look, brush your ham with a "browning" agent such as egg yolk, honey or mustard; sprinkle with toasted bread crumbs. Finish your cooking with full microwave power to get a browned effect.

Be sure to cover or wrap your dish so that you guide all the moisture around the ham.

MICROWAVE TIMING

Never force or rush the ham on high microwave power. This will not accomplish quicker heating and the ham will have a dry and rubbery texture. Instead, cook your ham in the microwave on 50 percent power for the best possible results.

Two pounds of ham will require about 25 minutes on the medium setting. Four to 5 pounds of ham will need about 35 to 45 minutes. If you pre-slice your ham, your cooking time will be reduced by two-thirds.

Microwave-cooked ham will be less salty than ham prepared in a

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For a festive holiday meal, serve Herbed Beef Tenderloin with Holiday Rice. This festive dish takes just one hour to prepare and cook.

Make holiday meal easy, memorable

Associated Press

For a festive holiday meal, start with a beef tenderloin roast coated with garlic, basil, pepper and rosemary. It's elegant and easy, and roasts unattended. Start to finish, it takes only an hour to prepare and cook. Serve with hot cooked rice. There's ample time to prepare the rice while the tenderloin roasts.

The only other accompaniment that is needed is a mixed greens salad tossed with a raspberry vinaigrette or other favorite dressing. Chocolate cake and coffee make a grand finale.

HERBED BEEF TENDERLOIN WITH HOLIDAY RICE

Total preparation and cooking time: 1 hour
2 cloves garlic, crushed
2 teaspoons olive oil
3- to 4-pound well-trimmed beef tenderloin roast
1-1/2 teaspoons dried basil leaves
1 teaspoon coarse grind black pepper
1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary, crumbled
Holiday Rice (recipe below)
Salt

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Combine garlic and oil; brush over surface of beef roast. Sprinkle evenly with basil, pepper and rosemary.

Place roast on rack in shallow roasting pan. Insert ovenproof meat thermometer so tip is centered in thickest part, not resting in fat. Do not add water or cover. Roast in a 425-degree oven for 40 to 50 minutes for medium-rare doneness.

Meanwhile, prepare Holiday Rice.

Remove roast when meat thermometer registers 135 degrees for medium-rare. Tent roast with aluminum foil; let stand 15 minutes. (The temperature will continue to rise to 145 degrees for medium-rare.)

Carve roast into 1/4-inch thick slices; season with salt, as desired. Serve with rice. Makes 6 servings.

Nutrition facts per serving: 394 cal., 47 g pro., 1 g carbo., 21 g fat, 6.6 mg iron, 495 mg sodium, 141 mg chol.

HOLIDAY RICE

2 tablespoons butter
3/4 cup chopped onion

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Five steps to creating a holiday centerpiece

Associated Press

A picture frame sets the tone — formal or fun — for an easy-to-make holiday centerpiece. Festive ribbon, fresh grapes and colorful candles finish the look.

1. Select a medium-sized picture frame, preferably one with some depth in order to nestle other elements inside.

2. Drape a cloth napkin diagonally across the length of the frame.

3. Wrap a ribbon around the frame as though tying a bow on a package. The ribbon should "cut" the frame into four sections.

4. Place large bunches of grapes on a plate in one end of the frame, arrange an assortment of various size and colored candles in the other areas.

5. Tuck evergreen sprigs in and around the centerpiece for added color and texture.

Just remember: If planning to light the candles, be sure to use ribbon that won't burn and candles that will not come in contact with the ribbon. Do not leave unattended.

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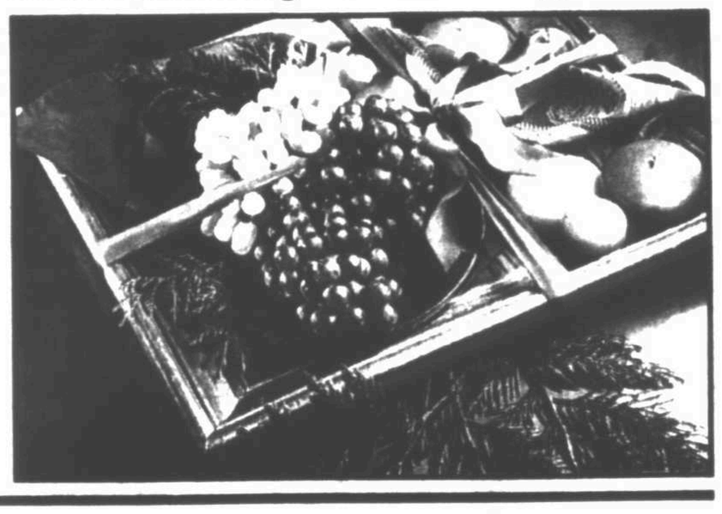

For an easy-to-make holiday centerpiece, start with a picture frame. Add festive ribbon, fresh grapes and colorful candles to finish the look.

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WHAT'S COOKING?

Two California Chefs prepare holiday menu

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Chef Nancy Oakes of Boulevard in San Francisco poses with her husband, Bruce Aidells, who is chef and owner of Aidells Sausage Co. in San Francisco. Among their suggestions for a holiday menu: Sausage and Fresh Fennel Stuffing, Sweet Potato and Pecan Relish, Fennel Cured Pork Loin and Green Beans with Tasso Butter.

Associated Press

Two California chefs, who are also husband and wife, have cooked up a holiday menu that includes Sausage and Fresh Fennel Stuffing, Sweet Potato and Pecan Relish, Fennel Cured Pork Loin and Green Beans with Tasso Butter.

Bruce Aidells, the author of several cookbooks, is founder and chef of Aidells Sausage Co. in San Francisco. His wife, Nancy Oakes, is chef-owner of San Francisco's popular Boulevard restaurant.

For the stuffing recipe, fresh fennel or finocchio is a delicious and unusual vegetable that adds a subtle anise flavor and a delightful crunchy texture. The stuffing can be served with turkey, chicken, veal or pork roasts, or extra-thick pork chops.

SAUSAGE AND FRESH FENNEL STUFFING

4 teaspoons (1/2 stick) butter
1-1/2 pounds mild or spicy Italian sausage, removed from casings
1 large bulb fresh fennel, coarsely chopped
2 ribs celery, coarsely chopped
1 medium onion, coarsely chopped
1 tablespoon minced garlic
1 tablespoon ground sage
2 bags packaged stuffing or 8 to 10 cups dried bread cubes
2 to 3 cups turkey or chicken stock
Salt and pepper, to taste

Melt butter in a 12-inch skillet over medium heat. Add the sausage and fry for about 5 minutes, breaking up the meat into small pieces. Add the fennel, celery, onion, garlic and sage to the sausage; cook for 10 to 12 minutes, or until the vegetables are soft.

Put the sausage and vegetable mixture in a large bowl, along with the stuffing mix or bread cubes. Add 2 cups of the stock and mix well. The stuffing should be moist enough to hold together when mounded on a spoon. Add more stock if necessary. Taste for salt and pepper.

Cook this stuffing in a buttered-covered casserole at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Dot the surface of the stuffing with butter and add a little more stock to make up for the lack of extra juices the stuffing would absorb if inside the bird. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

SWEET POTATO AND PECAN RELISH

2 large sweet potatoes or red yams, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch cubes
3/4 cup olive oil
2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
3 cloves garlic, peeled and chopped
1 red bell pepper, fire-roasted, peeled and diced
1 red onion, finely chopped
1/2 cup pecans, toasted and coarsely chopped
2 tablespoons maple syrup
1/4 cup red-wine vinegar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Toss sweet potatoes in 1/4 cup of the olive oil with the rosemary and the garlic. Spread on a sheet pan and roast in a 350-degree oven until tender, about 15 to 20 minutes. Cool.

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The Spirit of Midland

Linda Celaya's second-graders, left, were among Sam Houston Elementary School students who collected canned goods for the West Texas Food Bank. Alberto Ruiz and Karina Vizcaino look over the mass of cans collected by Houston Elementary students. Madu Medi, middle, and her children, Nathan, 1 1/2, and Niasha, 4, decorated their tree with kids' meal toys because she was on a tight budget this year. Students at St. Ann's School donated teddy bears to the Midland Police Department.

All around town Midland residents prepare for the big day, when family and friends gather to celebrate the birth of Christ. Midlanders gave richly of themselves this season to help those who do not have enough. Through charity foundations, local organizations, and privately, residents have helped make this a Christmas to remember

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Cheer Fund helps fill wishes of those in need

By Molla McEwen
and Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writers

Four local agencies will benefit this holiday season from donations to the Cheer Fund, which provides food and gifts at Christmas for the city's less fortunate.

The fund, sponsored by the Reporter-Telegram, was begun in 1994. During the first year more than $7,700 was raised to buy enough food to fill 540 grocery sacks for 100 needy families.

Two years ago the fund began giving the money to local charities, first to the Midland Soup Kitchen Ministries and last year to The Giving Tree, a project sponsored by Children's Protective Services. This year, funds will be distributed again to The Giving Tree, as well as to Meals on Wheels, Loved Ones Of Prisoners and the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund.

In addition to sponsoring the Cheer Fund, the Reporter-Telegram will team up with Memorial Hospital and Medical Center for the second straight year to deliver gifts to hospitalized children.

A portion of the Cheer Fund will go toward the purchase of gifts that will be delivered the week before Christmas.

Last year seven hospitalized children received gifts, delivered by Santa Claus himself.

Last year's Cheer Fund total of $2,400 was donated in its entirety to The Giving Tree, a project sponsored by Children's Protective Services.

Susan McHughes, foster/adoptive home recruiter for CPS, explained that foster children and abused and neglected children who are served by CPS are asked to make three Christmas wishes. Those wishes are then inscribed on ornaments that are hung on one of 11 Giving Trees throughout the Permian Basin. People are then invited to select an ornament from the tree and buy a gift or gifts for the child who they chose.

Ms. McHughes said the donations provided by those who contributed to the Cheer Fund "enabled us to buy gifts for children who were left on the Giving Tree at the end of the holiday season. So all the children were taken care of," as a result of the Cheer Fund, she said.

The Giving Tree is for foster children or children under CPS care in 17 Permian Basin counties. Last year, Ms. McHughes said, 300 children received gifts through the tree and she expects to serve that many this year.

Giving trees are located in 13 sites in the Permian Basin: Midland Park Mall; Music City Mall in Odessa; Wal-Mart Supercenter in Big Spring; Pecos County State Bank in Fort Stockton; Wal-Mart in Pecos; First State Bank in Monahans; Kermit State Bank in Kermit; Winkler State Bank in Wink; National Bank of Andrews in Andrews; Wal-Mart in Seminole and Crane County Courthouse and Fox's Thriftway in Crane.

Funds raised through Loved Ones Of Prisoners purchases Christmas gifts for children who have a parent in prison.

Affiliated with Prison Fellowship, LOOPS is responsible for the children in the 797 zip code, said local director Leland Maples. Last year the organization provided for 1,062 children and expects to serve between 1,200 and 1,500 this year.

The inmate files an application for his or her children and the prison chaplain forwards those applications to Prison Fellowship headquarters in Washington. The applications are then forwarded to regional directors who find organizations like LOOPS, churches or individuals who will ensure the children receive Christmas presents.

LOOPS contacts relatives to find out the child's needs and clothing sizes and allocates $35 per child. Maples said all gifts are to be new items.

"The purpose is not the fact that they are needy, and most are," Maples said. "The impetus is that they need to hear from their parent in prison so that the gift will not be from us or Prison Fellowship or any individual; it's from their mom or dad.

"And you know how most children tear into their gifts. These children take them home to unwrap them; they're very special to them."

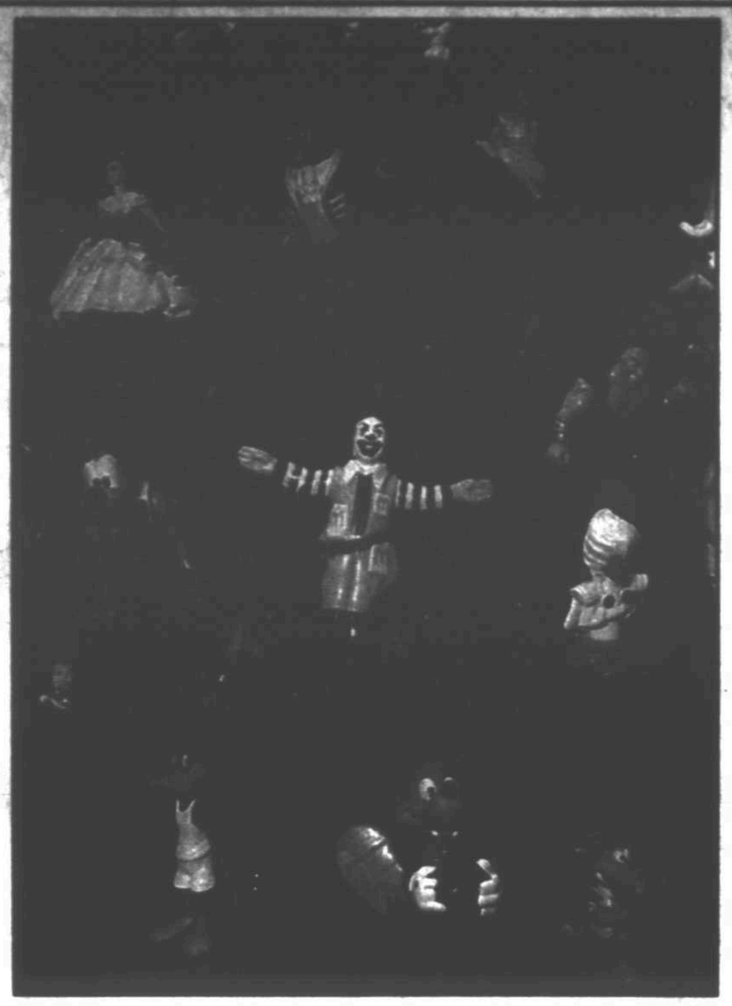
LOOPS arranges for various local churches to hold Christmas parties to distribute the gifts. The party can include skits and refreshments and usually New Testaments, Gospel tracts and Gospel coloring books are passed out.

"We are a Christian organization ... We want these kids to see church as user-friendly, that good things happen to them there," Maples said. "Plus, we want the church people to get off their 'holier-than-thou' attitude and realize that these kids had nothing to do with the parent going to prison; they're completely innocent.

"By getting everyone involved — from giving money to buy the gifts to organizing the party, wrapping and handing out the gifts, church members can see we have mission opportunities in Midland and Odessa and Big Spring."

Donations from the Cheer Fund will allow Meals on Wheels to buy more hot, nutritious meals, said Kelly Ives, associate director of Community and Senior Services, which has overseen the program for approximately 10 years.

More than 1,000 Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver 400 hot meals a day to elderly, homebound and disabled individuals who are unable to prepare their own meals and have no caregiver support to prepare meals for them.



Motorcycle lovers give presents to High Sky

By Molla McEwen
Staff Writer

A group of Midlanders combined their love of motorcycles and children on a Saturday before Christmas by riding their Harleys and Hondas, Suzukis and Kawasakis to High Sky Children's Ranch to deliver Christmas toys to the young residents.

The motorcyclists left Nick's Custom Motorcycle Shop, 3201 W. Front St. at 9 a.m. with more than 130 toys and tapes for the youth.

Bill Straub, a member of the West Texas Fellowship Freedom Riders, the local chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association, said that while the High Sky Children's Ranch Toy Run has been held in the past, this is his chapter's first time to organize it. The chapter took over organizing the event when the local Harley-Davidson group was unable to organize it this year. Members of other motorcycle groups such as the Texas T Twisters joined in the Toy Run.

"This is our first year to take this on," Straub said. "The Harley-Davidson owners group has been doing this in the past, but because of changes in their organization, they weren't going to undertake the program this year.

"We talked it over with the other groups and decided to head it up. Members of the Harley-Davidson group participated. It's been a tradition for a number of years with other motorcycle organizations.

"We had a lot of members eager to participate."

Since the group undertook the project only a couple of weeks ago, "we were sort of scrambling. But we feel it will be larger and better next year."

Straub said his group has participated in Toys for Tots with Texas T Twisters in the past.

High Sky Children's Ranch officials provided a list of ages, gender and gift suggestions, Straub said. The motorcycle clubs divided up the list and then went shopping.

"The ranch has a list of things that they recommended we buy, like Goosebumps books, hair clips, Uno cards and games, Barbie dolls, tapes, stuffed animals, footballs, Play Doh sets, basketballs, toy cars and trucks, comic books and anything Dallas Cowboys," he said.

The ranch has a group of eight girls ranging in age from 5 to 12 years, nine girls aged 13 to 15 and 10 girls age 15 and up. There are seven boys age 6 to 10, 13 boys age 10 to 14 and eight boys 15 and up.

In conjunction with the Toy Run, "Bikers Against Hunger" accepted canned food at Nick's Custom Motorcycle Accessories. Motorcyclists participating in the Toy Run brought canned goods before leaving for High Sky Children's Ranch and public donations were accepted.

Donors were invited to stay for a hot lunch of stew or chili and to talk with the bikers or examine the low-rider cars on display at the shop.

The canned goods were donated to the Permian Basin Food Bank.

Dress-A-Live Doll helps children

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Once again at Christmastime, there is the promise of "gladness of heart" for children who would go without new clothes and toys were it not for the compassion of generous Midlanders.

"It seems that people are more tenderhearted during the holidays," said Midland Salvation Army Capt. Yvette Villafuerte, as she was joining in the bustle of sorting new clothes and toys for 850 Midland children whose parents and guardians are without means to afford store-bought Christmas gifts for them.

The gifts of clothes and toys represent the Salvation Army's annual "Dress-A-Live Doll" and "Toys-for-Tots" programs.

The Salvation Army will be handing out clothes and toys 9 a.m-3 p.m. Thursday at their Distribution Center at 4370 Illinois Ave.

Mrs. Villafuerte said that generous Midlanders tend "to really spoil one child when they could really spoil three more" by buying less expensive clothes for several children instead costly apparel for one child.

"We receive gifts for one child that could probably clothe three other children," she said. "Really, what we are needing is for people to pick more than just one doll off the tree."

Midlanders, including business and professional people and even classrooms of students, have contributed to the "Dress-A-Live Doll" and "Toys for Tots" programs.

"The need keeps increasing, which means that people need to start adopting more than just one (child to clothe and to buy toys for)," Mrs. Villafuerte said.

Instead of spending "$100 or $200 a child," a person or group might "spend close to $75 a child and do more. We are in need of quantity assistance, not quality, right now" in clothes.

"We go all-out for Christmas," Mrs. Villafuerte said of the Salvation Army's work with children. "Even kids have adopted kids" in the Dress-A-Live-Doll program.

Giant gingerbread house delights visitors

By Molla McEwen
Staff Writer

For the holidays, the Midland Hilton was converted into a gingerbread house that even Hansel and Gretel would envy.

Executive chef Andrew Edwards and sous-chef Elizabeth Dunbar converted part of the lobby into a gingerbread house, with the help of local Campfire Boys &Girls.

"The idea was Andrew's," said Daragh O'Neill, general manager. "He thought it would be a wonderful idea to create the Christmas spirit."

Edwards, who came to Midland in October, had built similar life-size gingerbread houses at the Westin in Dallas.

O'Neill said that soon after Edwards proposed the project, the local Campfire chapter wrote that they were beginning their annual candy fund-raising sale, so he invited the group to set up a stand in the lobby to sell candy and to help finish the house.

In addition to decorating the lobby where the hotel traditionally sets up its Thanksgiving and Christmas brunches, O'Neill said the gingerbread house would be a place parents could bring their children. And it has given the rest of the hotel staff the holiday spirit.

The project took Edwards and Ms. Dunbar five days, cooking 80 sheet pans of gingerbread that were then cut into bricks and making 750 pounds of icing. The house is decorated with $500 worth of candy, including peppermints, Tootsie Rolls, M&Ms, gumballs, spice drops and candy canes.

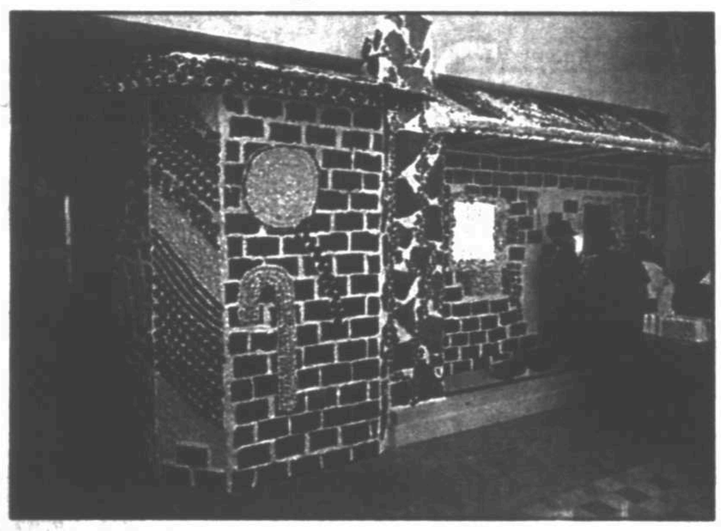
The gingerbread alone took 312 pounds of margarine, 1,300 pounds of flour, 237 pounds of brown sugar and 50 gallons of molasses, 25 pounds each of ginger and cinnamon, a pound of salt and 12 gallons of water.

Edwards, a chef for 11 years, first began constructing his lifesize gingerbread houses in Dallas, when he turned the entry of the Huntington Restaurant in the Westin Galleria into a gingerbread house.

"You could actually walk through it," he said, a fact that caused some problems. "People were constantly reaching up and getting some candy," he said.

To help Midlanders avoid the temptation of breaking off a piece of the house, Edwards set out bowls of candy.

The project involved not only the culinary staff but the engineering staff, which devised a way to put the house up in sections and cover it with the gingerbread bricks and icing. Once those are removed, the house can be removed, stored and reused in years to come.



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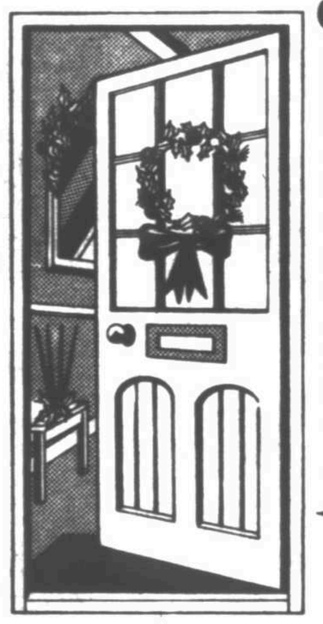

Our favorite time of year also happens to be our busiest. But, as we pause just long enough to catch our breath, we want to thank you for your kind support during the past year. May your holidays be merry and filled with the sounds of music and laughter. From Bill & Marlene Juren, Janie, Gloria, Elaine & Ruby at
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Students help feed needy residents with donation to local soup kitchen

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

The holiday season means Santa, Christmas trees, shopping, lighting candles in homes and places of worship, and for one group of sixth-graders, it meant a chance to give of themselves.

Rather than exchange gifts in the classroom, some Midland Christian School students in Carol Willis' classroom collected money to donate to Midland Soup Kitchen Ministries. The class made two gingerbread houses to donate to the kitchen. Then, they also decided to give of themselves by serving lunch to Midland's people in need.

"The students talked about doing a lot of other things. But this was one way they could see the end result of where their money goes," Ms. Willis said. "And I wanted to emphasize service."

Holding a pitcher of ice tea, Chelsea Commagere, 11, said she and her peers considered volunteering for various charitable programs in town, including collecting toys for children. "We also thought about adopting a family. But we voted on this," she said.

Bianca Caraveo, 12, spread mayonnaise on a mountain of bologna sandwiches. "I feel good about what I'm doing. It's helping other people," she said.

Mark Treat, helped to keep food stocked in the serving line. "It's pretty neat to do this," he said.

Mary Rendon, founder and director of the soup kitchen, said the establishment serves lunch five days a week to anyone who wants to come. "We average about 100-150 people a day — adults, children and families. At Christmas last year we had 750 for dinner, and we gave gifts to everyone," she said.

Evaughn Taylor, a soup kitchen volunteer for nine years, said, "I try to come here every day that I am in town. I have a relationship with some of the people who come in regularly. I felt called to come visit with people. I find out what their troubles are and let them know that somebody cares."

Ms. Taylor said the kitchen is open to anyone who needs the meal. "I don't try to judge whether someone needs a meal or not. We have people sign in just to keep track of how many we are serving. But if someone needs a meal it's between them and the Lord."

The longtime soup kitchen volunteer said another example of giving comes from four Midland women hosting the Midland Soup Kitchen Coffee. Janet Pollard, Nancy Beal, Karen Williamson and Peggy Schaffer hosted the coffee this year.

Gifts are collected at the coffee. "Last year, the Midland Soup Coffee collected 400 gifts," Ms. Taylor said.

Ms. Rendon said the soup kitchen "is blessed with so many people coming to work here and giving up their lunch time." She said the Midland Christian School students were also blessing to the kitchen.

Kristin Creech, 12, however, said the students were blessed to be of service. "I feel really grateful that I am doing something really special for the city today. I may not have another chance to do this. It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing."

Christmas parade draws Midlanders into Centennial Plaza

By Joe Gaines
Staff Writer

Here comes Santa Claus right down Wall Street and to Centennial Plaza as Midland kicked off the holiday season with the Children's Christmas Parade and the lighting of the city Christmas tree.

One of Saturday's parade entrants was the Hochheim Insurance float. Don Edwards, a local insurance agent, said he had been trying to get the company's float for the parade for three years.

Edwards' wife, Shirley, was sitting on the float with her two granddaughters, Kellee and Shai Allen. She didn't have a seat belt.

"I'll just hang on to this pole," she said.

With safety a priority, another float and first-timer to the parade was the Midland Emergency Communications District, introducing its new mascot, Red D. Fox.

"We've got this bar here so no one will fall out," Joyce Mitchell, director, said.

Following behind their float were the American Miniature horses belonging to Henry and Janis Hermann.

Both Marquis and Misty were fitted with fake reindeer horns from a local boutique.

"They're meant for humans, but they just fit right on. It doesn't hurt them," Janis Hermann said.

But what the children lining the streets loved the best wasn't the floats; it was mostly the candy that was being thrown to onlookers. Some was thrown by parade marshal, Mayor Bobby Burns.

"It reminded me of my paper route days," Burns said.

Three-year-old Camarie Jefferson's favorite was the police, but for Candice Nathan, 4, it was the star of the parade, Santa.

Rounding out the parade, Santa came rolling down Wall Street, not in his sleigh but in a fire truck.

Both children said they wanted horses for Christmas, but their parents weren't sure where they would put them.

Paula Sanchez, 8, was more flexible in what she wanted. "Anything," she said.

In between the floats, there was a Santa on a scooter, a cement mixer dispensing candy and instead of a jack-in-the-box, a Girl-Scout-in-the-box.

Ending at Centennial Plaza, onlookers could view the winners of the Art Assembly of Midland art competition on Colorado Street.

The work done on storefront windows was the first of its kind in Midland and is an effort to bring life to downtown, Linda Bond, director, said.

The artwork, with a theme of "Midland and the turn of the century," can be viewed for the next six months, Ms. Bond said.

Winners of the contest, Nina Green, Christy Branum-Harper, Melissa Newman Naylor and Seeley's Doll Club, each received an award of $250, Ms. Bond said.

After the parade, Burns lighted the city's Christmas tree to the audience's "oohs" and "aahs" and the return of Santa Claus and his wife, again, courtesy of the Fire Department.

"Midland has a great opportunity to have wonderful Christmas this year," Burns said. "I and Midland are anxious for it."

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Bowl games offer more than just a title contest

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

The bowl alliance met its goal of matching the two highest ranked teams available. Unfortunately, No. 2 Arizona State wasn't one of them.

And because of that, a bit more intrigue has been injected into the bowl season. While the national title won't be decided until No. 1 Florida State plays No. 3 Florida in the Sugar Bowl Jan. 2, the Rose, Cotton, Outback, Citrus and Holiday bowls offer a welcome diversion.

Take the Rose, for example, where the Sun Devils (11-0) play No. 4 Ohio State (10-1) Jan. 1. A win and Arizona State can lay claim to the national title.

If Florida (11-1) avenges its regular-season loss to the Seminoles, then Arizona State would become the clearcut champions.

Before the big day, though, there are other matchups worth watching.

In the Holiday Bowl, where there's no WAC champ involved for a change, it's No. 13 Washington and running back Corey Dillon vs. No. 8 Colorado and quarterback Koy Detmer.

In the Cotton, No. 5 BYU, passed over by the alliance despite a 13-1 record, plays on New Year's Day for the first time when it meets No. 14 Kansas State (9-2).

In the Citrus, it's Peyton Manning and No. 9 Tennessee vs. Darnell Autry and No. 11 Northwestern, underrated all year but still co-Big Ten champs. The game could be Manning's college finale.

In the Outback, Gene Stallings coaches his final game as Alabama plays Michigan.

Even before the major postseason begins, there already are winners and losers:

Among the winners:

—The Big 12 Conference placed two teams — Nebraska and Texas — in top alliance games (each team receives $8.5 million).

—BYU may have lost out on $8.5 million when it was snubbed by the alliance, but still receives the sympathy award.

—Navy lost another heartbreaker to Army, but an 8-3 record got the Middies a trip to Honolulu for the Aloha Bowl.

Among the losers:

—Army posted its first 10-win season and gets to play Auburn at Shreveport, La., in the Independence Bowl. Why couldn't Army go to Hawaii?

—Notre Dame lost to Southern Cal in what turned out to be coach Lou Holtz's final game, then the Irish rejected invitations to two minor bowl games.

—Wyoming finished 10-2 but was not invited to a bowl game.

Here are the picks: Dec. 25

Aloha Bowl

California (minus 1) vs. Navy (at Honolulu)

Middies' first bowl mission since '81 is a success ... NAVY 20-13

Dec. 27

Liberty Bowl

Houston (plus 16 1/2) vs. Syracuse (at Memphis, Tenn.)

Sour Orangemen have tough time with thrilled Cougars ... SYRACUSE 32-28

Carquest Bowl

Miami (minus 3 1/2) vs. Virginia (at Miami)

Cavs are 0-7 in Florida, including 0-3 in bowl games there ... MIAMI 31-20

Copper Bowl

Utah (plus 7 1/2) vs. Wisconsin (at Tucson, Ariz.)

Badgers' fans fill the place to watch Ron Dayne run ... WISCONSIN 31-21. Dec. 28

Peach Bowl

Clemson (plus 6 1/2) vs. LSU (at Atlanta)

LSU goes for second straight bowl win under coach Gerry DiNardo ... LSU 28-20

Dec. 29

Alamo Bowl

Iowa (plus 3 1/2) vs. Texas Tech (at San Antonio)

Remember Byron Hanspard, the 2,000-yard rusher who plays for a bowl team? ... TEXAS TECH 31-24

Dec. 30

Holiday Bowl

Washington (plus 5) vs. Colorado (at San Diego)

Can Huskies' Corey Dillon run against a tough Buffaloes defense? ... WASHINGTON 27-24

Dec. 31

Sun Bowl

Stanford (plus 7) vs. Michigan State (at El Paso, Texas)

Loser ends up with .500 record ... MICHIGAN STATE 35-24

Independence Bowl

Auburn (minus 9) vs. Army (at Shreveport, La.)

Cadets just keep on rollin' ... ARMY 27-21

Orange Bowl

Nebraska (minus 17) vs. Virginia Tech (at Miami)

Looks like a mismatch, but Hokies familiar with Huskers' defense ... NEBRASKA 31-24.

Jan. 1

Outback Bowl

Alabama (plus 1) vs. Michigan (at Tampa, Fla.)

Can Tide lose in Stallings' finale? ... ALABAMA 24-21

Gator Bowl

North Carolina (minus 6) vs. West Virginia (at Jacksonville, Fla.)

Tar Heels' tough defense shuts down weak Mountaineers' offense ... NORTH CAROLINA 24-10

Citrus Bowl

Northwestern (plus 8) vs. Tennessee (at Orlando, Fla.)

Don't overlook Wildcats ... NORTHWESTERN 35-28

Cotton Bowl

Brigham Young (plus 3 1/2) vs. Kansas State (at Dallas)

BYU's Steve Sarkisian puts on a show ... BRIGHAM YOUNG 31-28

Rose Bowl

Arizona State (plus 2) vs. Ohio State (at Pasadena, Calif.)

Sun Devils too fast for Buckeyes, who haven't recovered from Michigan loss ... ARIZONA STATE 27-24

Fiesta Bowl

Penn State (plus 1) vs. Texas (at Tempe Ariz.)

Joe Paterno's Lions averaging over 40 points in last three bowl games ... PENN STATE 35-27

Jan. 2

Sugar Bowl

Florida State (plus 3) vs. Florida (at New Orleans)

Seminoles defense is the difference again ... FLORIDA STATE 35-24

Games of Dec. 7: 3-1 (straight); 2-1-1 (spread).

Season: 196-51 (straight); 114-119-7 (spread).

Red Raiders' Hanspard latest test for Hawkeye defense

By Greg Smith
Associated Press Writer

IOWA CITY, Iowa — They didn't realize it at the time, but Iowa defenders have spent all season getting ready for Texas Tech's Byron Hanspard.

Hanspard, who ran for 2,084 yards this year, will key the Red Raiders' offense against No. 21 Iowa in the Alamo Bowl on Sunday night. The Hawkeyes already have faced some of the nation's best backs and think they're ready for one more.

"We attack, we attack, we attack," defensive tackle Jared DeVries said. "We don't ever change our game plan for the offense. We do our thing. We're going to do it to the best of our ability and if it's not good enough to get it done, then we're not deserving."

This season, Iowa has faced seven of the nation's top 20 runners and held all but one — Northwestern's Darnell Autry — below their averages. The Hawkeyes won five of those seven games.

Iowa State's Troy Davis, the No. 1 rusher in the country and the first major-college player to gain more than 2,000 yards twice, got 152 yards against Iowa — 47 below his average.

Wisconsin's Ron Dayne, the nation's No. 4 rusher, was held to 82 yards, 93 below his average.

Pepe Pearson of Ohio State, No. 11 with a 124.8-yard average, gained just 94. Indiana's Alex Smith, 12th nationally, fell 44 yards below his average against the Hawkeyes, who also held No. 16 Robert Holcombe of Illinois and No. 19 Curtis Enis of Penn State in check.

Autry, ranked seventh nationally, was the only one to run wild against Iowa. He gained a career-best 240 yards when the Wildcats whipped Iowa 40-13 at Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 9.

Hanspard won this year's Doak Walker Award over Davis and Autry. The award is given annually to the nation's best running back.

"When you get 2,000 yards at Texas Tech, you're getting them against the best competition in the country. So we have a lot of respect for him," Iowa defensive coordinator Bob Elliott said.

"He's a fast, big-play guy. If you can't control his big plays and his perimeter runs, you're going to be in trouble."

Hanspard, who has scored 13 touchdowns, is averaging 189.5 yards a game for the Red Raiders (7-4) and 6.1 yards a carry.

He has rushed for more than 200 yards in a game five times, including 287 against Baylor, 272 against Oklahoma State and 257 against Southwestern Louisiana.

"Some of Byron's greatest runs are short runs," Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes said. "When people hit him and he goes to the ground, he's got some sixth sense and he ends up another two yards down the field."

But the better the running back, the better Iowa's defense plays, said DeVries, who was voted the most valuable lineman in Iowa's 38-18 Sun Bowl victory over Washington last year.

One Hawkeye has played against Hanspard already, although it has been a couple of years. Junior defensive back Kerry Cooks of Irving, Texas, faced Hanspard in high school. Cooks' Nimitz High School was knocked out of the Class 5A playoffs by Hanspard's team.

Hanspard is going into the bowl game after his worst performance of the season, an 84-yard effort against Oklahoma that likely cost him the national rushing title.

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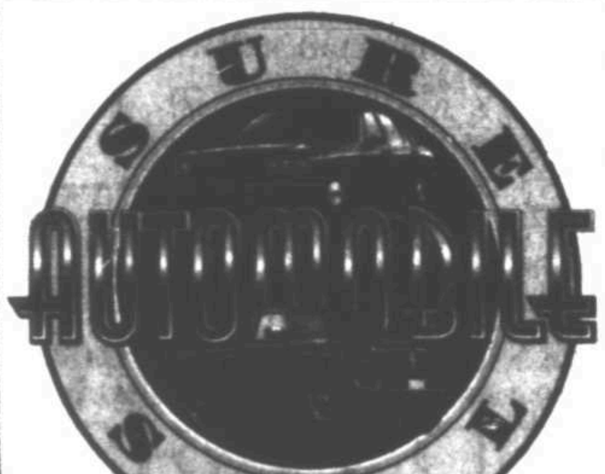

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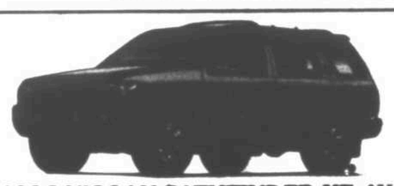

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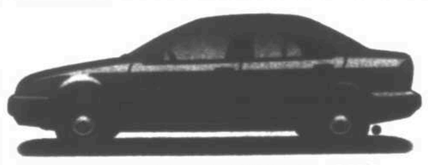

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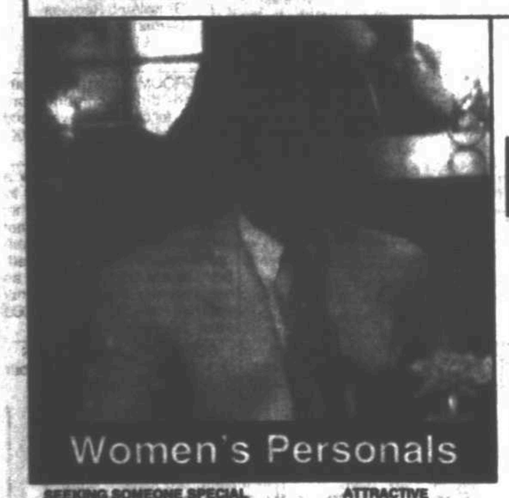

SEEKING SOMEONE SPECIAL
Single female, 49, black/brown, enjoys reading, television, studying. Seeking single white or Hispanic male, 45-49, non-smoker, must be sociable and have similar interests. ☎2580(exp2/9)

BIG BEAUTIFUL WOMAN
Single black mom of two, 31, enjoys romance, children, movies, music. Seeking strong, intelligent, man, 30-45, race unimportant, no drug users need apply. ☎2577 (exp2/9)

EASYGOING
Single white female, 34, 5'2", 115lbs, seeks single or divproed white male, 34-43, who enjoys the simple things in life. ☎2574 (exp2/9)

LOTS TO OFFER
Divorced black professional seeks male companionship. Individual should possess: vivid imagination, good sense of humor, directional goals, honesty and a sincere heart a plus. Optimistic about possibilities of a fun-filled relationship. Age/race unimportant. ☎2479 (exp1/19)

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Outgoing single white female, 37, 5'5", medium-built, enjoys camping, fishing, travel, all sports. Seeking single white male, 35-45, who loves being spontaneous, wants to be pampered. ☎2478 (exp1/19)

WHAT HAPPENED TO ROMANCE
Single white female, 22, seeks romantic single white male, 22-30, for candlelight dinners, movies, spending quiet times together. Must respect the fact that I have a child. ☎2477(exp1/19)

A FEW GOOD MEN
Tall student, 23, brown/brown seeks attractive, financially secure single white professional male, 26-40, who enjoys the finer things in life. Must be adventurous and have a sense of humor. ☎2471(exp 1/19)

COWBOY LADY
Single white mother of three, 44, 5'7", blonde/green, professional, enjoys dancing, country music, rodeos, fishing, lakes, mountains. Seeking white male, 30-50, for relationship or friendship. ☎2476 (exp1/19)

ATTRACTIVE AND INTERESTING
Attractive, happy, loving, loveable, interested, interesting intellectual, 5'4", 138lbs, health enthusiast, well-educated and traveled, loves spy novels, big bands, pets, children, outdoors and romance, seeks similar gentleman, 60-?. No grumpies. ☎2474(exp1/19)

BEAUTIFUL BLACK WOMAN
Very attractive single black female, 23, 5'4", no children, enjoys romance, dancing, movies, dining out, laughing. Seeking good-looking single male, 24-35, with similar interests, for friendship, possible relationship. Race unimportant. ☎2412(exp1/12)

SEEKING YOU
Single Hispanic female looking for a boyfriend or a husband, 55-57, whose romantic, caring, must speak Spanish. ☎2215(exp1/5)

LOVABLE WF
Christian, reddish-blonde hair, sensitive and spiritual, enjoy most everything, non-smoker, non-drinker. Seeking romantic, lovable guy, 50s, with same qualities, for friendship, possibly more. Where are you? ☎2422(exp1/12)

CREOLE BEAUTY
Single, Creole female, 26, brown/brown, enjoys dancing, reading, movies, long walks. Seeking romantic single or divorced white professional male, over 6', under 40, who enjoys the same. Smokers and drinkers ok. ☎2415(exp1/12)

HEART OF GOLD
Single white female, 50s, 5'10", enjoys movies, dining out, the arts, music, seeks single, white/Hispanic male, with similar interests, for friendship/possible long-term relationship. ☎2212(exp1/5)

ENERGETIC
White female, 26, with red-brown hair and green eyes. If you're a romantic, fun-loving white male with lots of energy, you need to apply! ☎2110(exp12/29)

LOOKING FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Honest, romantic, caring, divorced professional lady, 37, 5'4", medium build, enjoys cooking, dancing, bike rides, swimming, quiet times. Seeking a caring, single, white male, 36-45, for friendship and possible long-term relationship. ☎2211(exp1/5)

FALLING INTO YOU
Blonde, green-eyed, Christian female, 34, 5'6", 125lbs, seeks once-in-a-lifetime love with white Christian male, 30-40, serious callers only. ☎2113(exp12/29)

JINGLE MY BELL
Single, brown-haired, brown-eyed beauty, 28, tired of the bar scene seeks single/divorced, white male, 25-37, must be employed, relatively tall, attractive, athletic, and fun loving. ☎2112(exp12/29)

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PROFESSIONAL
Outgoing, understanding, American-Indian divorced female, 42, enjoys country and western dancing, traveling, romantic dinners. Seeking outgoing, fun, single/divorced white male, 35-50, who likes children, with similar attitudes and interests, for long-term relationship. ☎1959 (exp1/4)

SWEET & SINGLE
Single black female, enjoys reading, movies, dancing, concerts, and dining out. Seeking honest, truthful, dependable single black male, financially stable, who enjoys children and social gatherings. For relationship. ☎1955(exp1/4)

Men's Personals

SINGLE WHITE MALE, 39...
nice, and nice-looking, seeks nice-looking, attractive woman, in similar age group, maybe younger. ☎2579(exp2/9)

FUNNY GUY
Divorced white male, 31, 6'1", slender, blond/blue, musician and rancher (but not a country boy), enjoys dancing, playing guitar, rock-n-roll. Seeking petite single white/Hispanic female, 25-38, for friendship, dating and possible relationship. ☎2578(exp2/9)

LONELY SOLDIER BOY
Divorced male, 31, enjoys country music, movies, quite evenings at home and looking for someone special, 29-33 to become friends. Smokers, drinkers welcome. No drugs. ☎2576(exp2/9)

ROMANCE
Single black male, 32, 5'11", 175lbs, seeks companionship, possible relationship with single white or Hispanic female who enjoys all sporting activities, romantic evenings, walks, dining out, etc. ☎2575(exp2/9)

FUNNY, HANDSOME, OUTGOING
Single white male, 5'9", 170lbs, athletic, loves dancing, movies, cooking. Seeking romantic, intelligent, attractive female, 20-34, height/weight proportionate. ☎2483 (exp1/19)

HISPANIC MALE
25 year-old, seeks white/Hispanic female, 18-30, for companionship. If you like movies, dining out, long trips, good conversation, I'm your man. ☎2482(exp1/19)

ATTRACTIVE
White male, 22, seeks single white female, 25-40, for fun, possible relationship. ☎2481(exp1/19)

OUTGOING MALE
Attractive single white male, 31, professional, financially secure, well-built, athletic, adventurous, spontaneous. Seeking attractive single female, 20-37, adventurous, outgoing, who loves travel. ☎2480 (exp1/19)

OUTGOING
Black male, 31, enjoys dining out, movies, and evening walks, seeks female, 25-34, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎2475(exp 1/19)

MOTORCYCLE RIDING?
Clean-cut, 40 year-old, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys bowling, fishing, camping, and motorcycle riding. Seeking friendship in a lady with the same qualities and interests. ☎2470(exp1/19)

DREAMER
I only dream of you and long for your caress. A love so warm and true, and will settle for nothing less. White male, 39, 6', 210lbs, black/blue. ☎2468(exp1/19)

LOOKING FOR MY DREAM
Divorced white male, 38, 5'10", 145lbs, many interests. Seeking female, 30-40, not afraid of love, commitment or romance for friendship first. ☎2419(exp1/12)

SEARCHING FOR SOULMATE
Is there a woman for every man? Transplanted Hispanic male, 39, 5'6", 140lbs, likes common and varied. Seeking single/divorced, white/Hispanic female, 27-40, who is open to friendship and romance. ☎2423(exp1/12)

SWEET AND LONELY
Single white male, 29, 6'1", 150lbs, brown/brown, varied interests. Seeking Hispanic/Asian female, 22-33, for possible relationship. Looks unimportant, kids ok, serious inquiries only. ☎2420 (exp 1/12)

SOMEONE SPECIAL?
Single white male, 29, 6'2", 180lbs, new to Midland (from Kansas), honest, good listener, adventurous, respects people, likes to travel. Seeking single female, 20-30s, to show me around, friendship and long-term relationship-minded. ☎2418(exp1/12)

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Divorced white male, 35, 5'10", 155lbs, brown/blue, loves kids, enjoys sewing, CB radios, fishing, hunting, swimming, hiking, camping, movies, most sports. Seeking single white female, 21-40, for relationship, possible marriage. ☎2416(exp1/12)

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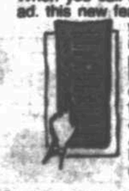
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a good friend. Hispanic, 31, cosmetologist, seeks clear-minded, easygoing friend who enjoys watching Dallas cowboys, movies, staying fit and eating healthy. ☎2417(exp1/12)

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White couple, early 30s, would like to meet similar couples, who share our interests in dining, dancing, and exotic travel, for comfortable friendship with like-minded people. ☎2413(exp1/12)

TOO MANY WOMEN
School teacher, 40s, spends days with women, seeks male friend to visit with, have coffee, go to a show. It would be nice to have another guy to talk to, 30-50. ☎2115(exp12/29)

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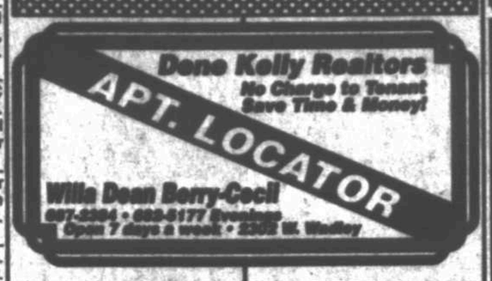

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Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA.	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA.	Qualifying Assumable
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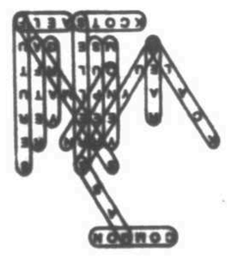

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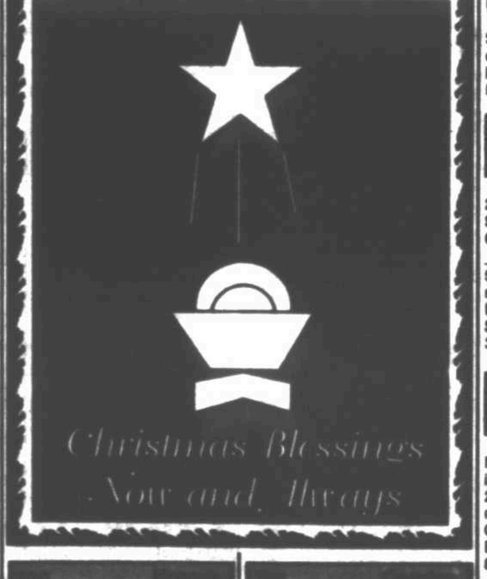

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