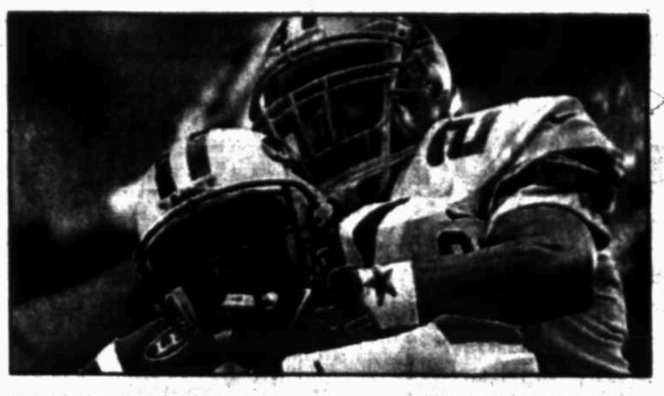


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Baby brings life after loss to family during holiday season

By Matt Josefy
Staff Writer

Joy adorns houses all across the city in colorful light displays and Nativity scenes, but for those who have experienced losses in the past year, the season can be one of painful remembrance. Tragedy and triumph may often walk hand in hand, but never more so than in the life of Stanton's Rosie Hamilton.

On Thanksgiving Day, Ms. Hamilton lost her husband Randy, 39, to a prolonged illness. But before the funeral even began on Saturday, she began to feel the labor pains of their first child, Noah Ross. Medication enabled her to attend the funeral before her son was born Nov. 28.

"It was really painful losing my husband on Thanksgiving. It's supposed to be a time of celebration, but things just happened," Ms. Hamilton explained. "I had a baby three days afterwards. That's what really helped me get through it. He's part of my husband that I've got."

"My husband had picked out the name. To me, it seems even more special that he had thought of the name. He'd heard it on a soap opera, and being a Bible name really liked it," she laughed. "The baby's just fine. He's getting big."

"We'd been together for 12 years but had waited to have the baby. Our anniversary was the 12th of this month. You always know that something like this could happen, but I guess we just never talked about it," she said.

"She's a very dedicated associate here at Wal-mart," said Joe Rael, a co-worker. "She'll do anything you ask her to do. If we had 20 more people like her, it would make my job a whole lot easier. She's got a lot of expenses and we're doing our best to help her out financially during this season."

"There are people who helped me through this — my family, my husband's family, Wal-mart. You just never know how many friends you really have until something happens. They've been great through the whole thing," Ms. Hamilton said.

Ms. Hamilton is going through the regular Christmas celebration at her parents' house in Stanton, where much of her family will join them.

"My advice is to just enjoy life with your family, cause you never know what could happen. With me it just happened so quick. One thing you can't take for granted is your family and all your friends," Ms. Hamilton said.

"There are people not celebrating the holidays because of their family. For me it wouldn't be fair to the baby, because it's a time to celebrate," she said.

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Rosie Hamilton holds her son, Noah. Rosie's husband died on Thanksgiving Day and Noah was born three days later.

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Chelsea Phelps, 5, from left, Jashé Fuller, 13, Bryant Phelps, 9, and James Fuller watch Robbyne Hocker Fuller, center, light Kwanzaa candles inside Barnes & Noble.



According to Tove Kjellberg, Christmas in Sweden officially begins on Dec. 13 with the celebration of Sankta Lucia (St. Lucia)./Story on 4A

Basis of Kwanzaa is its 7 principles

Editor's note: This the second in a multiple-part series looking at the differences of holiday celebrations around the world.

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

On the first day of Kwanzaa, my true love gave to me the cup of un-i-ty.

Though the songs are little different, they exist and in spite of appearing to be much different from Christmas, Kwanzaa certainly has plenty of its own traditions.

The basis of the holiday are its seven principles: Umoja, meaning unity; Kugichagulia, self-determination; Ujima, collective work and responsibility; Ujamaa, cooperative economics; Nia, purpose; Kuumba creativity and Imani, faith.

The holiday begins Dec. 26th and runs until Jan. 1 with each day focusing on one of the seven principles. Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, the founder and chairman of the U.S. Black Nationalist Organization. The language of Kwanzaa is Swahili and the holiday was designed to recognize and celebrate the roots of African-American people and their contemporary struggles,

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THE SEVEN DAYS OF KWANZAA

AGE DISCRIMINATION

Jurors find Unocal liable, order $1.24 million in damages

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

A nine-person civil jury found Union Oil of California (Unocal) liable in Midland federal court Tuesday for willful age discrimination, unlawfully inducing defendants from filing with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as well as being liable for more than $1.2 million in damages for the six defendants.

Charges of age discrimination and violations of the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act and violations of fair labor standards laws were leveled at Unocal by six older former employees, who were 53 to 55 at the time of their termination in 1997.

Donald Ray Tyler, Donald R. Powers, Jessie G. Price, M. Leon Earles, Thomas L. Hough and David L. Burket, all of whom used to work for Unocal in Midland, Ector, Crane and Andrews counties, sued the oil company because, they claim, they were involuntarily fired by Unocal or put in "circumstances amounting to constructive discharge."

'I feel relieved. Lucky. I feel real good.'
— Donald R. Powers, defendant

"I feel relieved. Lucky. I feel real good," Powers said after the verdict.

"I felt all along that they did me wrong when they laid me off. I had three back surgeries — they knew when they let me go I wouldn't be able to get a job," said Powers, who worked for Unocal 33 years and 10 months.

"They said they let me go saying it was my computer skills, but they never even looked at my evaluations."

The jury awarded the following: Powers, $327,396; Hough, $238,387; Price, $231,064; Earles, $187,120; Burkett, $151,163; and Tyler, $105,966. However, United States District Judge Royal Furgeson said after a break following the jury's verdict that some of the awards were likely to be reduced to a total of $892,412 compared to the $1.24 million awarded by the jury.

After the verdicts were read, and after many hugs and some tears among the defendants, their wives, and the attorneys, Susan Ann Rafferty Richardson and Ellen M. House, Furgeson said this "is a difficult case. The jury did its best and I'm proud of them, but now it's my job to do my job," he said in announcing the likely cutback of the largest awards. "This is not over yet," said the judge.

He singled out the awards of Powers, Hough and Price as "questionable," said that of Earles was "on the line" and that of Burkett's is "to be reviewed."

In another part of the case, by mutual agreement, the alleged Fair Labor Standards Act (overtime pay) violations are pending before the judge, and were not heard by the jury.

Miss Richardson said the judge will be making the decision on the alleged overtime violations under the Fair Labor Standards Act "and whether to reinstate the former employees to their jobs or award "front pay," the money they

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Government issues warning of possible terrorist attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government issued a new worldwide warning Tuesday night that Americans may be the target of terrorist attacks in the New Year period and said airport security at home was being tightened.

Large groups of people, assembled for religious festivals or to mark the millennium, may be especially at risk, the State Department said in a stepped-up caution to travelers.

Arrests in Jordan last week have produced information that hotels, tour buses and tourist sites in the Arab kingdom may have been targeted, the statement said.

However, even after the arrests of 13 suspects, "we cannot rule out the possibility that attacks still may be planned for this and other parts of the world," the department said.

Amid heightened concerns about the possibility of a holiday terrorist attack at home as well as abroad, security was ordered tightened Tuesday at American airports and the Pentagon said it was taking "appropriate action" to protect U.S. forces overseas.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart reiterated a State Department warning that there was "credible information" about potential terrorist threats abroad, and that Americans should stay in touch with U.S. embassies or consulates.

An earlier worldwide caution was issued Dec. 11. At the time, a senior U.S. official said, the U.S. government knew a plot had been uncovered in Jordan.

"The announcement was designed to keep Americans abreast of the counter-terrorism operation," said the official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

The official also said authorities were looking for a 31-year-old U.S. citizen from California with ties to Osama bin Laden, the Saudi exile the Clinton administration considers the mastermind of a worldwide terrorist operation.

Anxiety has increased since last week's arrest of an Algerian who crossed into Washington state from Canada in a car carrying bomb-making materials.

The Federal Aviation Administration said travelers should expect tightened security precautions at airports, including stricter enforcement of parking regulations.

The agency said it would make more use of devices to check airline passengers for small traces of explosives and additional bomb-sniffing dogs and uniformed police would patrol airports as the new year approaches.

In another development, law enforcement officials said they were searching for as many as three people they believe may have been accomplices to the Algerian arrested last week.

The new warning to Americans was stated clearly: "The U.S. government believes that terrorists may be planning to conduct attacks, including against official and non-official Americans, in and around the New Year period, from now through mid-January 2000."

At the Pentagon, spokesman Kenneth Bacon said the Defense Depart-

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Y2K-free 'magic machine' propels rural Mali into 21st century

After nearly four decades of trying various ways to spur development for the poor in Africa, the U.N. agency is now concentrating on empowering women to lead the fight against poverty.

BALANFINA, Mali (AP) — When the sun sets on the last day of 1999, the inhabitants of this remote West African village will eat their customary evening meal of ground maize porridge d okra sauce.

The soft sounds of the African night will mingle with the lowing of cattle shuffling home, and the glow of kerosene lamps will dot the darkness.

There will be no millennium madness in Balanfina — its people don't measure time in centuries.

And there are no Y2K worries: On the first day of 2000, "masinanga poroze" — the magic machine — will sputter to life once again and churn out power to grind maize, husk rice, charge batteries, pump water and solder a broken metal chair.

It's not that the 1,350 villagers don't care about the future. Mallan Sidibe, the village chief, ticks off their needs: a dispensary, a mud-brick school, a water storage tank and a better road to the outside world.

Thanks to the magic machine — a 10-horsepower motor mounted on a metal platform to which mills, grinders, presses and an alternator can be attached — the subsistence farmers of Balanfina have begun turning their desires into reality in one of the poorest countries in the world.

"Before, the women did everything by hand, and this took a long time. Now, there is more time for other things, and the women can raise crops to sell in the market," said Kani Sidibe, president of the women's association that manages the machine.

Designed in the early 1990s for the U.N. Industrial and Development Organization, it was deemed not industrial enough. But for Balanfina and 45 other villages in Mali, it is just fine.

The machine runs on diesel fuel or oil pressed from the black seeds of the pourghere plants that grow in the region. The simple construction of the Indian-made motor and the attachments make maintenance easy.

"This isn't really a development project in the classic sense," said Laurent Coche of the U.N. Development Program, which runs the program. "It's more of a social change project. The people have to decide whether they want it, they have to decide what to do with it — and they have to come up with part of the money to pay for it."



Head miller Djamako Sidibe, right, operates her maize grinder in Balanfina, Mali, Dec. 2. The traditional way of grinding maize with a heavy wooden pestle and grinding stone takes an hour, as opposed to seconds with the machine.



Source: Mapquest — AP

The UNDP's only stipulation is that women run the project — from running the machine to deciding how much to charge for its services to keeping the books and paying the maintenance men.

After nearly four decades of trying various ways to spur development for the poor in Africa, the U.N. agency is now concentrating on empowering women to lead the fight against poverty.

"Not everyone likes the changes. Men have to be encouraged to see them as positive for the welfare of everyone," said Nalini Burn, an economist and project consultant.

For a long time, elders resisted sending girls to school. Now, most attend classes.

Head miller Djamako Sidibe is responsible for guiding three kinds of maize — yellow, white and toasted — through the green grinder to make ground meal in a matter of seconds. The same process using a heavy wooden pestle and grinding stone takes an hour. She and the other women who have been elected by the village to run the machine have learned to read and do basic arithmetic to keep track of who owes money for using the machine.

Omadiaba Bagayoka pays 4 cents a minute for electricity to run his soldering iron. Villagers pay just over a penny for 2 1/2 gallons of water drawn from a faucet fed by the machine-driven pump.

"When they first discuss what they need, people put electric light at the top of the list," Coche said. "But in later surveys, it goes down. Everyone finally agrees that clean water is the most important."

Without the machine, the women and girls of Balanfina and thousands of other villages across Africa must walk long distances every day to fetch water that's often unclean.

The magic machine costs $6,000. Villagers must put up at least $1,500 of that and pay for training. It takes another $5,000 to install a basic water distribution network.

Fin Tore Rose, the head of UNDP in Mali, said the goal is to have the machines in 500 villages covering 10 percent of the country's rural population by 2003.

NORAD, the Norwegian development aid agency, is providing some funds, but for the rest of the $6.8 million in financing, the UNDP is looking for people interested in investing in a village in Mali.

Coche is working on a Web site — www.platform.com — that is expected to go online in February with detailed information about candidate villages.

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Worker exposed to radiation in Japanese nuclear accident dies

TOKYO (AP) — A worker who was severely injured in Japan's worst nuclear accident died late Tuesday, more than two months after being hit with a massive dose of radiation.

He was the nation's first fatality from radiation expostire caused by an accident at a nuclear facility.

Hisashi Ouchi, 35, had been in critical condition since the Sept. 30 accident at a uranium-reprocessing plant. He died after suffering various symptoms of radiation sickness, Tokyo University Hospital spokesman Hisao Yanagisawa said.

The accident in Tokaimura, 70 miles northeast of Tokyo, severely undermined the public's faith in Japan's aggressive nuclear power program. It followed a string of smaller accidents at nuclear plants here.

The death was likely to heighten fears about nuclear safety in Japan. Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi offered condolences to Ouchi's family and promised efforts to prevent the recurrence of nuclear accidents.

"The government has been working so that such an accident will never be repeated," Obuchi was quoted as saying by Kyodo News agency.

Two other workers were severely injured in the accident, which happened when Ouchi and another worker mixed uranium with nitric acid to make fuel and accidentally put too much uranium in the tank. That set off an atomic reaction.

The accident also exposed at least 66 other people to less serious doses of radiation. Thousands of people living near the plant were forced indoors or evacuated.

Ouchi's body was devastated by the exposure, which Kyodo said was about 17,000 times the maximum amount Japanese standards consider safe for an entire year. After the accident, Ouchi's white blood cell count reportedly plummeted to nearly zero, effectively depriving him of an immune system.

Another injured worker is still hospitalized. The least seriously injured man, Yutaka Yokokawa, 55, was released from the hospital Monday. He is still receiving treatment. He was in an adjacent room during the accident and was somewhat shielded from the radiation.

An investigation into the Tokaimura accident found that workers at the plant, operated by JCO Co., routinely violated safety procedures, including mixing uranium in buckets to get the job done quickly.

Japan's parliament recently passed legislation calling for periodic inspection of nuclear-fuel processing facilities. The legislation allows the prime minister to declare a state of emergency in case of a nuclear accident.

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Thursday	Friday
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
High 42	High 45	High 49
Low 25	Low 24	Low 28

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high in the lower 40s. The wind will be from the northeast at 5-15 mph.

Wednesday night will be cloudy with a slight chance of light snow and a low in the mid-20s. The chance of snow will be 20 percent.

Thursday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of morning snow. The high will be in the mid-40s with the chance of snow at 20 percent.

Thursday night will see decreasing cloudiness with the low in the mid-20s.

Friday through Sunday will be cloudy with lows each day in the mid-20s. Highs on Friday will be near 50 and warming to near 60 by Sunday.

After an overnight low of 26, Tuesday's high reached 43, compared to the record high for that date of 81 set in 1981. The record low of 8 was set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	trace
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	trace
Total for year	7.60 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.80 in.

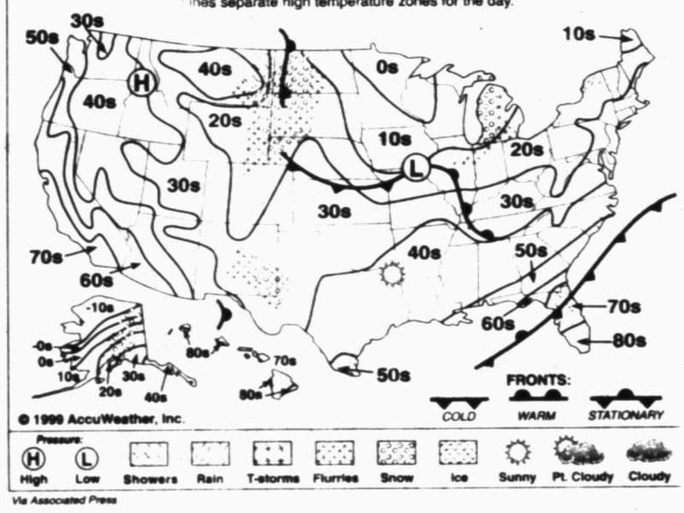
Yesterday's temperatures

High	43
low	26
Normal high	58
Normal low	30

Sunrise ... 7:45 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:49 p.m.

National forecast

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The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Wednesday, Dec. 22.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Monday's high and overnight low to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	35	35	.21	cdy
Albuquerque	32	24	cdy	
Anchorage	41	21	.70	mm
Asheville	46	39	.20	cdy
Atlanta	50	46	.79	cdy
Atlantic City	48	46	cdy	
Baltimore	43	36	.01	cdy
Billings	33	25	.01	cdy
Birmingham	42	40	.52	cdy
Bismarck	10	-11	cdy	
Boise	47	26	clr	
Boston	50	44	.17	cdy
Buffalo	26	26	.01	cdy
Casper	28	23	.02	sno
Charleston,S.C.	55	43	.01	cdy
Charleston,W.Va.	31	28	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	49	37	.52	cdy
Chicago	14	2	sno	
Cincinnati	26	19	cdy	
Cleveland	23	18	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	26	21	clr	
Concord,N.H.	42	30	.03	cdy
Dayton	24	18	cdy	
Denver	31	23	.06	cdy
Des Moines	12	-9	cdy	
Detroit	23	19	cdy	
Fargo	6	-12	sno	
Flagstaff	39	14	cdy	
Grand Rapids	18	14	.09	sno
Great Falls	36	32	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	47	43	.50	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	43	34	.73	cdy
Honolulu	79	75	cdy	
Indianapolis	24	16	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	37	36	.65	cdy
Jacksonville	77	50	.02	cdy
Kansas City	24	8	cdy	
Las Vegas	65	41	clr	
Little Rock	38	31	cdy	
Los Angeles	74	47	clr	
Louisville	29	25	cdy	
Memphis	36	32	clr	
Miami Beach	81	72	.10	cdy
Milwaukee	12	0	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	6	-7	cdy	
Nashville	33	32	cdy	
New Orleans	53	51	1.43	cdy
New York City	49	49	.13	cdy
Norfolk,Va.	50	49	.05	m
Oklahoma City	43	24	cdy	
Omaha	18	-3	cdy	
Orlando	81	59	cdy	
Pendleton	45	30	cdy	
Philadelphia	45	42	.05	cdy
Phoenix	65	41	cdy	
Pittsburgh	27	22	cdy	
Portland,Maine	47	38	.19	cdy
Portland,Ore.	51	45	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	51	46	.13	cdy
Rapid City	31	13	.02	sno
Reno	52	21	clr	
Richmond	51	45	.20	m
Sacramento	69	34	cdy	
St Louis	24	13	cdy	
Salt Lake City	43	34	.07	cdy
San Diego	73	51	clr	
San Francisco	68	52	clr	
San Juan,P.R.	82	73	.05	cdy
Santa Fe	28	11	cdy	
St Ste Marie	17	2	cdy	
Seattle	46	41	cdy	
Shreveport	47	34	.03	clr
Sioux Falls	12	-12	.02	cdy
Spokane	33	29	cdy	
Syracuse	30	30	.03	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	79	63	cdy	
Topeka	27	10	cdy	
Tucson	63	33	cdy	
Tulsa	42	20	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	45	43	.03	cdy

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.

	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	41	26	
Amarillo	30	14	0.10
Austin	54	36	0.30
Beaumont	54	39	1.23
Brownsville	70	45	0.05
Childress	42	30	
College Station	54	39	0.09
Conroe	52	42	0.10
Corpus Christi	66	44	0.15
Corsicana	52	34	0.10
Cotulla	59	42	0.66
Dalhart	30	17	0.03
Dallas	47	33	
Del Rio	57	44	
El Paso	54	28	
Fort Stockton	42	27	
Fort Worth	45	32	
Galveston	61	43	1.84
Georgetown	50	34	m
Harlingen	69	44	
Houston	55	43	0.14
Huntsville	53	39	0.11
Junction	45	33	0.03
Kingsville	68	44	
Laredo	61	43	
Longview	48	33	0.08
Lubbock	37	19	
Lufkin	50	38	0.05
Marfa	52	21	
McAllen	65	45	
McKinney	47	31	
Mineral Wells	44	32	
Navy Corpus	66	45	0.41
New Braunfels	56	37	0.17
Odessa	43	30	
Palacios	62	45	1.36
Paris	48	30	
Rockport	64	44	0.33
San Angelo	45	31	
San Antonio	56	38	0.09
San Marcos	55	36	m
Terrell	49	33	
Tyler	49	36	0.02
Victoria	59	43	0.30
Waco	48	35	0.12
Wichita Falls	45	22	
Wink	46	22	

Swedish student notes differences in American Christmas

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Tove Kjellberg has found herself dreaming of a white Christmas like so many she's known before. Unfortunately, Midland's desert climate is not known for its snowy disposition.

That's just one of the many touches of home, the Swedish exchange student will notice missing from the holiday season.

"I don't have the Christmas feeling. It's so strange. I've never been away from them (family) and it doesn't feel like it's Christmas. And it's too warm here. They have snow at home right now," said Tove.

Despite some similarities between a Midland Christmas and the Swedish holiday, there are many differences.

According to Tove, Christmas in Sweden officially begins on Dec. 13 with the celebration of Sankta Lucia (St. Lucia). In the early morning of Dec. 13, the oldest daughter in the home dresses in white and wears a wreath with seven lighted candles on her head. They then serve their parents Lussekatter (a special bread for the occasion) and coffee.

Tove missed St. Lucia Day, also called the Festival of Light, this year but she plans to enact the festival to some degree.

"She decided she's going to do that (serve them coffee and Lussekatter) for us Christmas Eve morning," said Darlene Henry, Tove's host mother. "I told her that's one tradition I think your host father (John) would particularly like."

Caroling is not practiced in Sweden, but St. Lucia Day serves as a time for singing Christmas songs. Tove said that the other girls in the family dress in white as well, line up and sing Christmas songs.

"We have almost the same Christmas songs. We also have other Christmas songs that you don't have and you have some songs we don't have," she said.

For instance, Swedish children sing Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer — in their native language, of course.

Another similarity is a traditional looking Santa Claus with his black boots and red suit. In Sweden, though, he is referred to as Jultomten. Jultomten also comes on Christmas Eve but he visits the children while they are still awake. Jultomten also won't be seen at the mall in Sweden.

"It's a big tradition that the dad is supposed to be Santa Claus. He walks out to buy a newspaper, even though no stores are open on the 24th. Then Santa comes and delivers the presents. Then dad comes back and he's so disappointed that he missed Santa," said Tove.

Santa always comes with a big bag of toys for the children and then family members also exchange gifts. In that respect, Swedish children have a slight advantage over their American counterparts. According to Tove, Christmas gifts at home have rhymes on them, lending clues to the contents within.

The family also eats the holiday meal on the 24th with traditional fare such as ham and potatoes and untraditional fare such as fish. The meal ends with desert of rice pudding.

"It has a little almond in it and the one that gets the almond gets to choose a Christmas present a little bit before the others," said Tove.

Another difference she pointed out is the arrival of the Christmas tree. In America, the tree goes up around the Thanksgiving weekend. In Sweden, the tree isn't put up until Dec. 23. The family decorates the tree as in America with ornaments and lights. However, they only use real trees.

The tree doesn't come down until Jan. 13, the official end of the holiday season.

"Some people have little parties and dance around the tree and then they throw it out," Tove said.

With such vast differences apparent, Tove is having a hard time adjusting to Christmas in Midland. Her host family, however, will try to make minor adjustments, but Ms. Henry said it's also important for the exchange student to see as much as possible what American traditions are like. Tove is the sixth exchange student the Henry's have hosted.

She said that the many new family members have brought at least one new tradition to their household. Each year, the Henry's buy an ornament to represent their exchange student and remind them of the student when their gone.

"We buy them an ornament for the Christmas tree that somehow depicts or reminds us of the kid. For Tove's ornament we bought her a little John Deere tractor," said Ms. Henry.

Evidently, Tove is enamored with the Kenny Chesney song, "She Thinks My Tractor's Sexy." Luckily, that won't be the only Christmas memory the Henrys will have Tove.

Ms. Henry says she will also remember fondly the day that Tove and fellow exchange student Anna Wallace of Wales attempted to make Christmas cookies unaided.

"One third turned out undercooked. One third came out overcooked and one third came out about right," Ms. Henry laughed.

KWANZAA: Holiday celebrates roots of African-American people

(From 1A)

according to local celebrants James Fuller and Robbyne Hocker Fuller.

Fuller added, however, that although Kwanzaa is a vehicle for celebrating the African-American culture, it is not an exclusive holiday.

"It can be a diverse group, ethnically and culturally, contrary to what some people think. This is not a way we can be isolationists at all. We've got to come to understand the diversity that is apparent in the world as well as in our community," Fuller said.

The first day of Kwanzaa begins Dec. 26 and in Midland the day of unity will be celebrated at Barnes & Nobles with a communitywide celebration. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature different foods from the African-American culture as well as those representing other cultures.

The theme of unity is carried out as members of the entire community are invited to participate. The first night, as all nights of the holiday will have a ceremonial table decked out with a kinara (a candle holder similar to the Jewish Menorah), a mkeka (straw mat), mazao (crops), vibunzi (corn), zawadi (gifts) and Kikombe Cha Umoja (the unity cup).

The moderator, in this case the Fullers, welcome the guests and explain the meaning of the holiday.

The moderator will then light the night's candle on the kinara. The black candle, representing the people, is the first candle lighted. On the next three nights the three red candles on the on the left of the kinara, representing struggle, are lighted. The final three nights are represented by green candles on the right, representing the land.

The holiday involves many rituals, each signifies something important.

"The most important aspect for me is basically having the opportunity to pull together as a family and community to reflect on our accomplishments and to look to the future. It's also a time for fellowship and sharing. That's real important," said Fuller, adding that the seven principles of Kwanzaa are important focus points for the holiday as well as in life.

"Those seven principles so speak to children in a very universal way. They are comparable to the character traits we attempt to teach our children within the context of education. They speak to the inner person," said Fuller.

The Fullers have celebrated Kwanzaa for the past eight years.

"Actually we were reading some information on Kwanzaa and read the seven principles," said Ms. Fuller in explaining the families interest in the holiday. "We determined that was something we could certainly agree to and that these principles were points we could use all year long about family unity, cooperative economics and creativity."

Ms. Fuller added that the holiday offered a celebration that in no way interferes with Christmas. The Fuller family celebrates Christmas and Kwanzaa and says that many local churches have begun to celebrate the Kwanzaa as well.

She said that Kwanzaa should in no way supplant the celebration of Christ's birth.

LIABLE: Civil jury finds age discrimination was willful

(From 1A)

would have earned if they had stayed until retirement.

Price, Powers, Earles and Hough have accused Unocal of violating federal labor law by exempting them falsely from the minimum wage and overtime requirements. The men claimed that for years, Unocal paid them for 40 hours a week, knowing the men worked in excess of 40 hours regularly and knowingly failed to compensate them for the time-and-a-half provision to which they were entitled.

In the first question in the jury's charge, they found Unocal discriminated against the defendants ... and that age was a determining factor. In the second question, the jury found Unocal's "discrimination against plaintiffs was willful."

The jury also found that Unocal's "conduct induced him (the six plaintiffs) to refrain from filing his claim with the EEOC."

The complaint claimed the men were forced to sign "so-called waivers and releases of all their rights regarding any claim they might have arising out of their employment or termination." But according to their complaint, such waivers do not conform to the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act.

"These plaintiffs were misled into believing that upon signing these so-called releases and waivers that they had no more rights to sue ..." the complaint said.

Their attorneys, of the Midland firm of Cotton, Bledsoe, Tighe and Dawson, said the six also have filed claims of age discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The six men sought judgment against Unocal for back pay, damages, and overtime pay where applicable. They also sought compensation for lost benefits including lost pension benefits, punitive damages, interest, compensatory damages and attorney's fees.

Ms. Richardson said that the attorney's fees are a separate issue, and will be submitted later. The result may not be known "for a month or so." Ms. Richardson also said she expects any reductions by the judge in the awards to the plaintiffs by the jury "to be small, if any."

LIFE: Baby born three days after father's death

(From 1A)

Her father-in-law is one of those who finds the grief around the holiday season difficult to bear.

"I'll probably never like Thanksgiving again and I refuse to celebrate Christmas because he's not here. It's nothing against God or anything like that, it just doesn't match," Billy Hamilton said. "The fact that we get sympathy letters and Christmas cards is the hardest part. They don't go good together."

"I think death is the ultimate separation of all relationships. The baby arriving served as sort of a replacement, but death's something you finally accept without understanding why it's got to happen," Hamilton said.

"It's got to happen to you for you to really know what's its like. One of the hardest things is losing loved ones around the holidays when everybody's there to celebrate," Ms. Hamilton agreed.

Knowing the right words to say to someone who has undergone tragedy is difficult as well.

"There's not really anything anybody could say to make it any better. I'm really unable to accept the death right now. It's hard any time of year and especially on those days. We're talking about hope versus despair," Hamilton said. "When you've got two different feelings coming together and you're supposed to be cheerful, you have an awful conflict."

"Just let them know that you're there to talk to if they need anything," Ms. Hamilton said. "I want this to help other people because it is rough. God works in mysterious ways but Christmas is a celebration of life and I don't think Randy would have wanted it any other way."

SECURITY: One cause of concern is travel of some suspected terrorists

(From 1A)

ment last week sent to U.S. military commanders worldwide two advisories highlighting State Department cautions about terrorist threats against Americans abroad.

The messages also provided "other information" relevant to the security of U.S. forces. Bacon would not be more specific, although he said no commanders abroad had requested additional equipment or other assets to increase security on their bases.

Asked specifically if the Pentagon had taken any new precautions or put any additional military assets on standby, Bacon said only, "We're taking appropriate action."

Also Tuesday, Federal Election Commission employees in Washington were told to evacuate their building shortly after 5 p.m. because of a threat directed against the FBI building across the street, FEC spokeswoman Sharon Snyder said. The FBI denied there was a problem.

The U.S. Embassy in Quito, Ecuador, was closed Friday over concern it might be targeted by terrorists, the State Department's deputy spokesman, James B. Foley, said Tuesday.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, CIA Director George Tenet, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, and several other senior U.S. officials met for two hours Monday at the White House to consider issuing new public warnings about the potential for yearend terrorist attacks here and abroad.

Various statements were drafted for their review, but none was approved, a senior government official told AP.

The primary causes of concern are the travel of some suspected terrorists from one country to another, and reports that a terrorist group linked to bin Laden may be planning attacks, said another official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Last week, Jordanian authorities announced the arrest of 13 members of the terrorist group linked to bin Laden and said they were planning attacks against Americans, Israelis and other targets.

Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, long accused by the United States of supporting terrorism, said Tuesday he had no knowledge of imminent danger to Americans, but added, "The U.S. government is hated. All the people in the world are against it, therefore there is a threat."

In an interview from Tripoli on CBS' "The Early Show," Gadhafi said, "I hope it will not happen in this new year. I have no knowledge about this."

In response, Foley said that enemies of free and open market democracies "see in the United States the opposite of what most of the world sees in the United States. They see the U.S. as the beacon of a kind of freedom and respect for human rights that they oppose."

Meanwhile, U.S. Border Patrol officers said they had arrested two people Sunday at a border station in Beecher Falls, Vt.. One was an Algerian national with a falsified Canadian passport; the other was a Canadian woman. A clerk at the U.S. District Court in Burlington identified them as Bouabide Chamchi and Lucia Garofalo.

Dogs sniffed out traces of what could be explosives in the car that carried them, officials said. But searches of the car turned up nothing more.

Mark Henry, assistant chief of the Border Patrol sector covering Vermont, said he knew of no link between the Washington state incident and the attempted entry in Vermont.

Customs Commissioner Raymond Kelly said he was putting an extra 300 inspectors on duty at various points of entry, with particular attention to "remote ports."

Canadian Customs officials also were stepping up security on their side of the border.

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Russia tries to send trainload of Chechen refugees back home

SLEPTSOVSKAYA, Russia (AP) — Russia tried to force thousands of refugees back into Chechnya by coupling an engine to the railroad cars they were living in and towing them toward the war-shattered republic, pursued by frightened, screaming children.

The weekend operation was a new development in Russia's efforts to try to return some of the 250,000 people who have fled the tumultuous republic since fighting began three months ago.

The attempt to move the third-class sleeper cars in the republic of Ingushetia, where about 7,000 refugees were living, began Friday morning with the wagons jostling into motion unexpectedly.

Children studying in a tent school nearby were separated from their parents, and were afraid they would be left behind.

"The children ran from the tent, yelling," said Rosa Gaitaiva, with her arms draped around her the neck of her 7-year-old daughter, Imam. She said Imam was in the school but managed to jump on the train as it was moving.

The refugees, most of whom are Muslims observing the fasting month of Ramadan — also were separated from a kitchen where they were preparing dinner to eat after sundown.

Refugees on the train said they don't want to return to Chechnya because they fear partisan fighting in the forests around their towns and because many houses were destroyed as the Russian army rolled over their homeland.

"The rhythm (of the fast) was broken," said a worn-out looking Zaindi Batishev, 66, stubble covering his sagging cheeks.

The train stopped about three miles away for a few hours, and when officials tried to move it again the refugees stood on the tracks in front of the locomotive.

Russian soldiers fired two bursts from assault rifles above the people's heads, said 25-year-old Ibragim Mensiyev. The track was cleared, but the train did not immediately leave.

Officials had not told all the train dwellers that the cars, sitting on a railway siding in a field, would be moved, refugees said. Some said they were told the train would move only to allow other locomotives to pass.

The Emergency Situations Ministry towed about 36 wagons to Chechnya on Saturday afternoon, but only a few refugees accepted the ride, observers from Human Rights Watch said.

The other wagons were returned to their original spot near the kitchen by Sunday.

Refugees on the train said they don't want to return to Chechnya because they fear partisan fighting in the forests around their towns and because many houses were destroyed as the Russian army rolled over their homeland.

Many also said they fear Russian soldiers who, they claim, beat and sometimes kill civilians and have looted the abandoned towns and villages.

"Even if we return, we have no where to go," said Batishev, 66, standing on the garbage-strewn tracks by the remaining wagons. As he spoke, a pair of Russian fighter jets streaked overhead toward Chechnya.

The aid operation for Chechen refugees in overcrowded camps has been haphazard and poorly organized, short on tents and food and long on bureaucratic hassles. American and European leaders have criticized the effort and offered help, but Russia insists it can handle the situation.

Khamzad Bekov of the Emergency Situations Ministry said about 60,000 people who fled from areas now controlled by the Russian military — including those who had been living in the train cars — are not true refugees.

"We won't support them. They are no longer refugees and should return home," Bekov said, standing in a crowd of refugees by the train.

Some in the crowd yelled that their homes were destroyed, and that Russian soldiers have looted food stores.

Bekov said they will be provided with tents and can sleep in abandoned schools and other buildings in Chechnya, then hurried away surrounded by bodyguards.

In another sign of Russian pressure on Chechen refugees, people in the Sputnik camp near the border had been shown a letter signed by five Russian generals explaining which regions in the war-torn republic they claim are safe. Camp officials said people from these regions will no longer be entitled to food rations.

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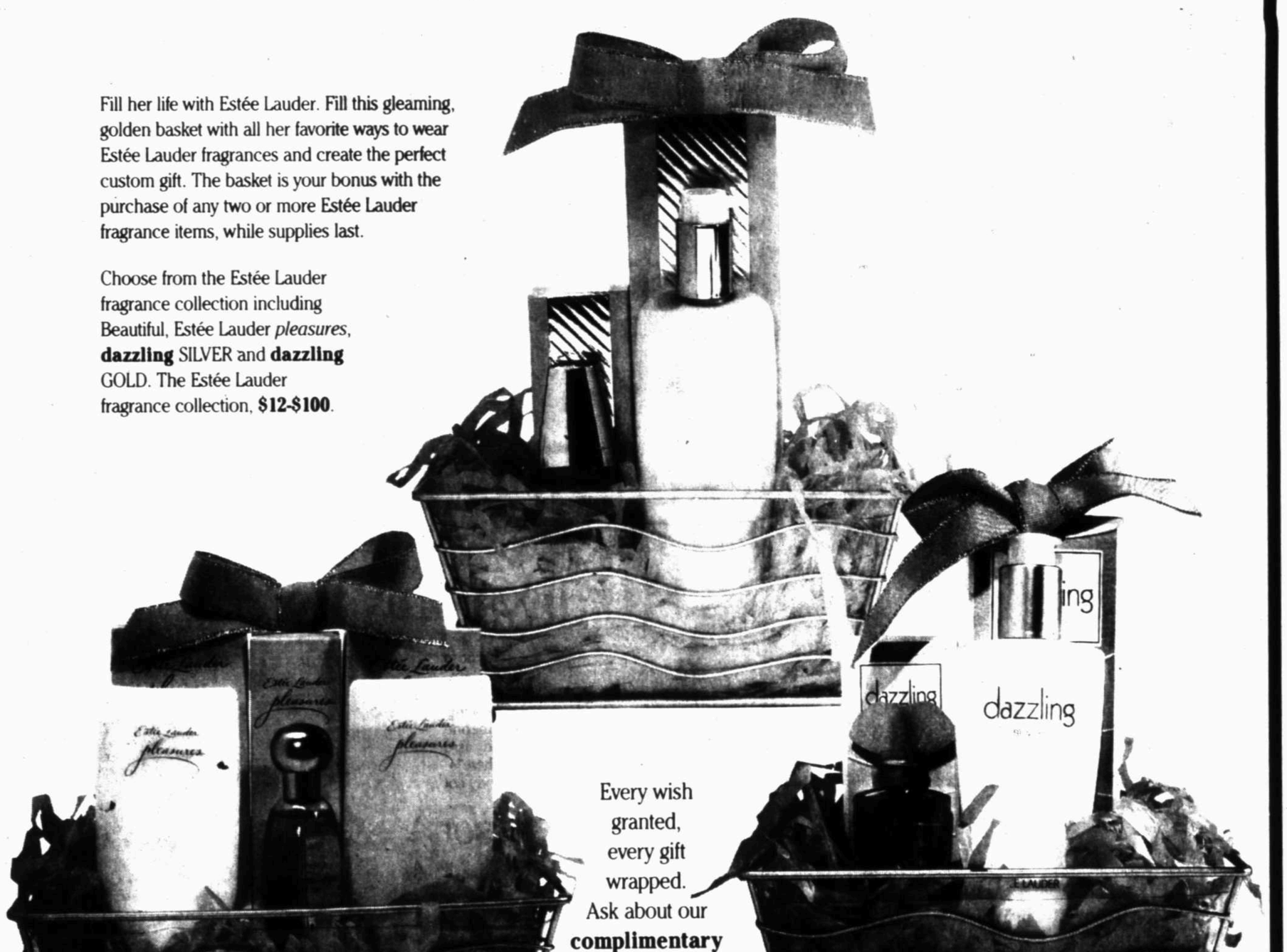
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Focus after flooding turns to recovering dead, relocating survivors

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Nearly a week after seeing half his family vanish under an avalanche of mud and boulders, 24-year-old Luciano Holguin watched grimly as soldiers and firemen with pickaxes dug tirelessly for his older brother's remains.

"I've already felt all the pain that I had," said Holguin, who also lost his younger sister and grandfather in the mudslide that rumbled through Blandin, a mountainside slum in the capital hit by Venezuela's worst natural disaster this century. "Now I just want the body."

At this point, it is impossible to give a precise death toll, government officials said Tuesday. Their rough estimates range between 5,000 and 30,000. Most bodies are thought to have been buried deep under avalanches or carried out to sea, and only 1,500 have been recovered, officials said.

The number of dead "could be 20,000 or it could be 30,000," civil defense chief Angel Rangel told The Associated Press, acknowledging that estimates are being made partly from census data. "What's for sure is there are thousands and thousands."

The disaster started last Wednesday, when torrential rains triggered massive mudslides and flooding, wiping out entire neighborhoods.

With tens of thousands of survivors already evacuated from the hardest-hit areas, the relief effort began shifting its focus Tuesday to recovering bodies, avoiding epidemics and finding new or temporary homes for 150,000 people.

"We are entering a second phase" of the emergency, President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday. The government plans to build houses on publicly owned lands where disaster victims will be relocated.

Teams of soldiers, forensic specialists and search dogs descended on devastated Vargas state, on Venezuela's Caribbean coast, in a stepped-up effort to find the dead. Two 30-member search teams combed the area for bodies they could easily see or reach, said the deputy justice minister, retired Gen. Vassily Kotosky. "The rest are under rubble," he said.

An estimated 2,000 survivors remained stranded in remote coastal towns and villages in Vargas, said Defense Minister Gen. Raul Salazar. Since Wednesday, more than 68,000 people have been airlifted or bused from the disaster zone to Caracas and other cities.

The devastation was apparent in the coastal town of La Guaira, where residents in the Sorocaima section gathered Tuesday on top of mud in the streets that put them at eye level with the second-story windows of their homes.

Still, most said they had no plans to abandon their homes.

"We're not leaving," said housewife Leticia de Pelucarte, 52.

She and others said they doubted another disaster would strike, even though experts say much of the region should not be inhabited because mudslides are common.

Army helicopters dropped leaflets advising residents to stay in their homes after 7 p.m. and travel in groups for safety because of reports of robberies.

Health Minister Gilberto Ochoa warned that cases of diarrhea, dehydration and other health problems could spread because of unsanitary conditions.

Chavez urged residents to abandon the disaster area and said officials would block new construction in it.

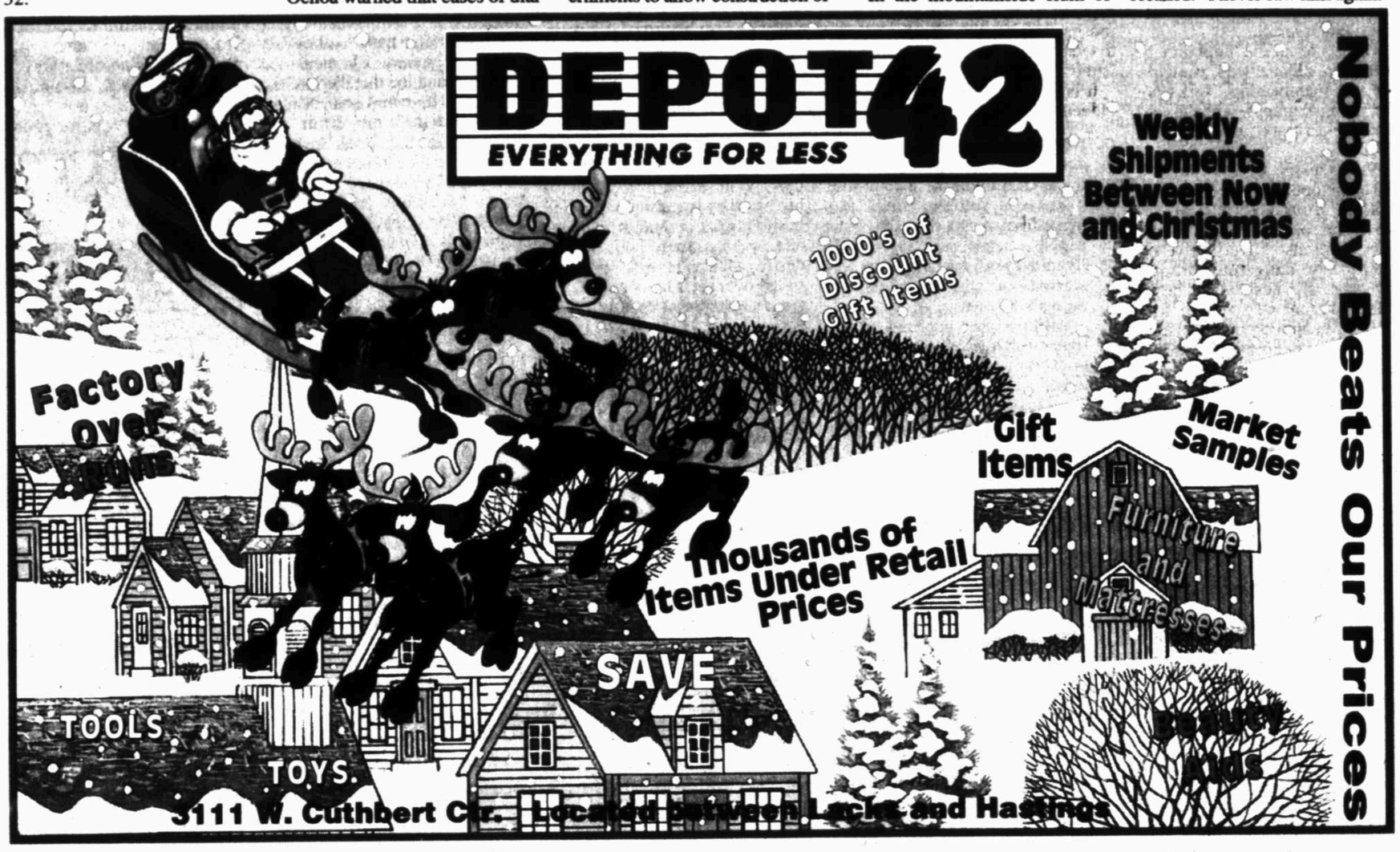
"We can't permit that they continue constructing" houses in the region, the president said. He added that it was a "great irresponsibility" by previous governments to allow construction of thousands of shacks on mountainside slum as well as upscale neighborhoods in the mudslide zone.

There were no new reports of looting Tuesday, but army commander Gen. Lucas Rincon said the military was investigating reports that national guard soldiers participated in some of the previous days' sacking of stores and shipping containers.

In the mountainside slum of Blandin where workers were searching for bodies, construction worker Holguin described his brother's final moments.

The two were standing only feet apart outside a neighbor's house when Holguin looked up and saw an avalanche bearing down on both he and his brother from the forested hillside above.

"I said, 'Run brother, run,' but he didn't make it," Holguin recalled. "I never saw him again."



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People of Turkey ponder implications of joining European Union

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Turks say their country can abolish the death penalty, reform the courts and even slash chronically high inflation.

But it can't do away with kokorec, a street-sold sandwich of roasted tripe, chopped tomatoes and oregano that could be banned if Turkey adopts European Union health standards.

"We won't give up our kokorec, EU or no EU," said Talyan Erdogan, a student, as he bit into the popular snack.

After the initial euphoria of being formally named a candidate for EU membership, Turks are beginning to grapple with the cans and cannots that come with membership.

Newspapers have offered a list of cannots that include eating kokorec from street stands and dining on roasted sheep's heads. Turks will also have to give up their often dangerous driving habits or risk fines that will be 50 percent higher next year, in line with those applied in the EU.

Turks are beginning "to worry that they might have to give up just a little too much of their identity in order to conform to EU standards," the English-language Turkish Daily News said in a commentary. "After all, smooth-flowing, orderly traffic is a blessing... as long as I am not forbidden to ignore red lights."

There are tens of thousands of pages of EU regulations members must adhere to, from food safety to telecommunications to administrative law.

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It is unclear if kokorec would indeed be banned. Greece is fighting a ban despite EU concerns that lamb brains, spinal cord and glands — possibly infected with mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy — could easily be mixed with the tripe.

The EU named Turkey a candidate for membership earlier this month although the process could take years.

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Turkey will also have to abolish the death penalty. EU members have demanded that Turkey not carry out its death sentence against Kurdish rebel leader Abdullah Ocalan.

In addition, Turkey must reduce its high inflation, currently about 60 percent, and trim the state deficit.

Turkish leaders have vowed to speedily push through reforms and some optimistic Turkish politicians say that Turkey could be ready for membership in as little as five years.

"We have to modernize ourselves from non-governmental to governmental institutions. From traffic to hospitals, everything will change. There is no other way," said Huseyin Bagci, a political analyst at Middle Eastern Technical University. "It is the most important mental change for Turkey in the last 100 years."

The EU welcomes the public debate.

"It's a good thing that there is public debate and that people begin to think about what is this EU they are thinking of joining," said Niall Leonard of the Commission's office in Ankara.

Some Turks are optimistic that when it comes to kokorec, they may be able to win some converts in the EU.

"Maybe the Europeans will start eating it too," said Hakan Danisma, as he made a late-night stop at a kokorec stand.

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Driving friendly can save lives on this holiday

Thousands of Midlanders will join others later this week in heading out on the state's highways to travel to distant points for the long Christmas weekend. Regrettably, many of those travelers will not live through the holiday.

Some Midlanders could be among those killed in car crashes this week. Historically, the Christmas weekend has been one of the bloodiest on the nation's roadways and, sadly, Texas has been no exception as many people have lost their lives in highway crashes or suffered serious injury in years past.

Of course, by following some simple precautions the possibility of motorists being involved in a traffic collision can be greatly reduced.

Of course, by following some simple precautions the possibility of motorists being involved in a traffic collision can be greatly reduced. With that in mind, motorists should:

- Drive at or below the posted speed limit or reduce their speed according to the weather and traffic conditions.
- Change drivers at least every two hours and take frequent rest breaks.
- The driver and all passengers in a vehicle should use their seatbelts.
- Those who drive should not drink alcoholic beverages while driving or immediately before driving.
- Motorists should drive friendly, not cut off drivers who they pass, and not be aggressive in their driving.

Following these simple rules of the road may not ensure that motorists will arrive at their destination safely, but they will certainly improve the odds that motorists will not be involved in a fatal traffic collision.

They will also make holiday traveling much more enjoyable for all those who are on the highway.

Another View

Swiss banks foiled Jews' account claims

If Swiss bankers wanted exoneration for their looting of Jewish bank accounts during and after World War II, they didn't get it from the independent audit commission, headed by former Federal Reserve Board Chairman Paul Volcker, and they shouldn't have it.

The commission report is damning in its descriptions of how how the banks thwarted the efforts of Holocaust survivors to reclaim their accounts. Four years ago, Swiss bankers told the U.S. Congress they had found 775 accounts valued at about $35 million. Auditors located some 54,000 accounts.

Because auditors also reported finding "no evidence of systematic destruction of records of victim accounts" or "organized discrimination," Swiss Bankers Association chairman Georg Krayer was emboldened to claim the banks had "acted correctly," except in a few "isolated cases."

Nonsense. The audit commission's report details how Swiss banks routinely thwarted the search for accounts after the war, issuing "deliberately misleading statements" to Jews — but not nonJews. ...

That's not "correct behavior" by any stretch of moral or legal imagination. Reported anecdotes salted through the report fairly scream "discrimination," "theft," liability."

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Miami, Fla.

Another View

Following is a list of the names and addresses of various state and federal officials Midlanders may wish to contact from time-to-time:

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Jack Anderson

Obesity seen by some as national emergency

WASHINGTON — Obesity, according to Judith Stern, vice president of the American Obesity Association, is a national emergency of epidemic proportions. More than half of Americans — about 97 million — are overweight, and 39 million of those people are obese, or more than 30 pounds overweight. Obesity is, according to the American Medical Association, the second leading cause of preventable death after smoking.



Anderson

Over 300,000 people die every year from being overweight. The cost of being overweight to Medicare and other insurance providers, Stern says, is over $100 billion a year when you weigh in the tertiary diseases accompanying obesity like diabetes, heart disease and certain types of cancers.

In the last seven years, there has been a 50 percent increase in obesity prevalence in both sexes, in every age group, race, education level and smoking status. Even children are larger; a fourth of America's kids are obese.

Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman's has planned a summit for the next year to explore all types of solutions, including the tobacco approach. "The time has come," according to an article written in the American Medical Association magazine, "to develop a national comprehensive strategy — analogous to those already in place for tobacco use."

First declare war on fats. Kelly Brownell of Yale University said obesity is being encouraged by the "toxic food environment" offered by fast food joints that offer "high-calorie foods, heavily promoted and good tasting." The upshot is those restaurants and food makers may be culpable in impending lawsuits. "There is no difference to me between Joe Camel and Ronald McDonald," Brownell said.

One proposal is for a "Twinkie Tax" which would be applied to high fat-content items and used to subsidize vegetables and "approved foods" — and make them cheaper — as well as research into any of the 23 genes in our DNA that are thought to influence body weight. "For us to not treat (obesity) and not to spend lots of money — I mean lots of money on research — is false economy," Stern told us.

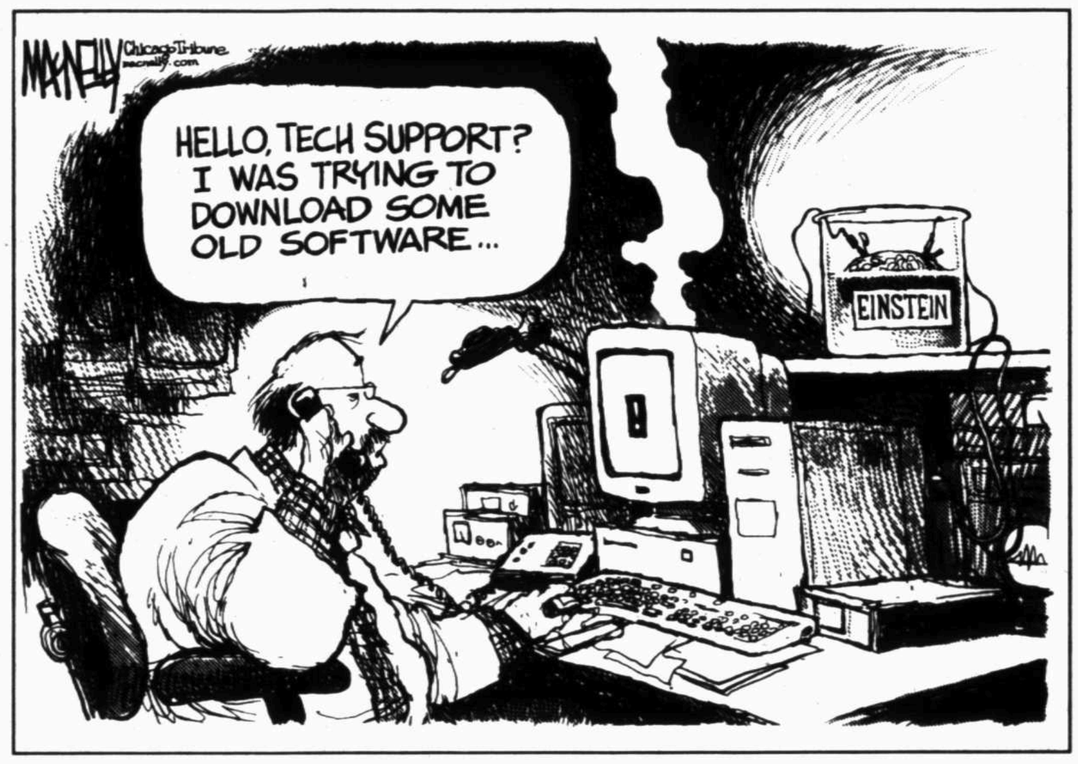
The Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA) recently devoted an entire issue to this subject. The epidemic of fat, according to the magazine, was due to "the availability of more food, the growth of the fast-food industry, the increased numbers and the marketing of snack food — along with a custom of socializing with food and drink."

Stern told us that the IRS will not allow tax deductions on two types of medical treatment: cosmetic surgery and treatment for obesity. But the IRS does allow taxation benefits for drug, alcohol and tobacco cessation programs.

The fat tax idea has been around for two years, but action taken this year is a Clinton initiative to have nutritional information listed on every restaurant menu that is supposed to go into affect in the coming two years.

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Art Buchwald

Americans are suffering from 'price-lexia'

A new neck ailment is showing up on X-rays all over the country. Doctors have named it price-lexia. It is caused by people trying to read price tags in store windows upside down. The harder the prices are to read, the more discomfort they cause to someone's neck. Some window shoppers are showing up at emergency rooms with their heads completely twisted around.



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Dr. Magda Marchesini, an orthopedic surgeon, said, "I am seeing more and more advanced cases of price-lexia. People will stand in front of a jewelry store for hours trying to make out what is on the tiny tags and not think about what they are doing to their necks."

"Couldn't the store owners put big prices on their merchandise so the window shoppers could read them?" I asked.

"They could, but they don't want to. Retailers know that if people can read the prices they won't come into the store."

I asked Dr. Marchesini what the cure for price-lexia was.

"The first thing I have to do is straighten out the person's neck. I do this by putting his head in a vise and stretching it as far as it will go. Then I let him stay in that position for four hours while I go Christmas shopping. When I come back he can usually move his neck again."

"You don't keep him overnight?"

"Only if he has been trying to read the prices in a jewelry-store window. Then I put him in intensive care. The important thing for recovery is to train a window shopper to avert his eyes when going past a display."

"Can anyone look at the merchandise without looking at the prices?"

"No, because it is no fun to go window shopping without checking the prices."

"Is there any permanent damage involved with price-lexia?"

"Only if you go in and buy the stuff. I don't like to operate on someone's neck, but sometimes the customers are so bent over that I have no choice. A man came in the other day and admitted to being on his knees in front of Tiffany's. It was the worst case of price-lexia I had ever seen."

"Is he okay now?"

"He recovered and can now read a menu in a restaurant window."

The doctor said that people should be careful about how many prices they try to read.

She said, "The key is to stick your head upside down in moderation. One window at Gucci's won't hurt you. But if you try to read all the prices in the displays at Macy's, don't be surprised if your head falls off."

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 1999. There are nine days left in the year. Winter arrives at 2:44 a.m. EST.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 22, 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.

On this date:

In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies.

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

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

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

In 1944, during the Battle of the Bulge, U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly said, "Nuts!" to German demands for American surrender.

In 1963, the official 30 days of mourning ended following the assassination of President Kennedy.

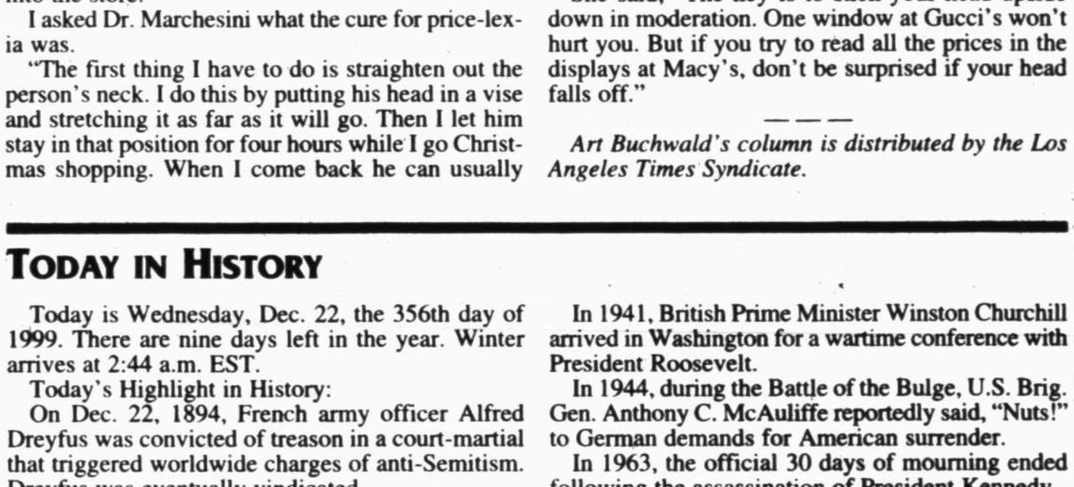
In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to ratify the election of Kurt Waldheim as secretary-general.

In 1984, New Yorker Bernhard Goetz shot four black youths on a Manhattan subway, claiming they were about to rob him.

In 1990, Lech Walesa took the oath of office as Poland's first popularly elected president.

In 1991, the body of Lt. Col. William R. Higgins, an American hostage murdered by his captors, was found dumped along a highway in Lebanon.

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William Safire

Cases held to stop political eavesdropping

WASHINGTON — Justice prosecutors protect Asian money agents John Huang and Charlie Trie so they won't rat on higher-ups; a Clinton appointee protects Buddhist money-raiser Maria Hsia lest she expose Al Gore; the Arkansas Bar Association refuses to disbar a member who misled a federal judge.



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Contrast that to the prosecution in Democratic Maryland of Linda Tripp for daring to embarrass a Democratic president by taping her calls with Monica Lewinsky. In a year of cover-ups and corruptions of the law, the one person facing jail is the one who forced out the truth.

Tripp's mistake was to rely on immunity issued by the independent counsel. Because it had not yet been approved by a federal judge, her subsequent taping is being prosecuted by an ambitious pol currying Democratic favor by seeking vengeance.

So this is a palpable case of selective prosecution for partisan purposes, right? Yes, but. The famous Tripp taping of her conversations with Monica, further publicized by this witch hunt in Maryland, may do a lot of good for privacy in America.

I became radicalized about this after learning of being illegally wiretapped in 1969, when I was a Nixon speechwriter. These third-party intrusions — handing-around of transcripts of private talks with my wife, doctor and rabbi — were compounded by the self-taping of calls by Nixon, following the ugly tradition set by his Oval Office predecessors.

That turned me into a privacy nut. In the '80s, I caught a Reagan crony, then running the USIA, secretly taping many of his calls. In D.C., this privacy invasion was no crime. His only vulnerability came from calls he surreptitiously taped while in Florida, a state that forbids such preying on its residents, but the case was easily squelched.

Now, with Maryland's active prosecution of Tripp's surreptitious taping — a shameful act — being publicized far and wide, future miscreants will no longer be able to profess ignorance that it can be an illegal act.

That's to the good. When your voice is recorded without your knowledge, you may find yourself at the mercy of a blackmailer or entrapper. If you speak with the reasonable expectation of privacy — as we do when speaking on the phone or in other private conversation — your friend or neighbor or business associate should not be able to use your recorded voice to coerce or embarrass you.

With the proliferation of small, cheap recording devices, the sense of distrust in communication has grown. What is this doing to our society? Are we becoming a nation of snoops and doublecrossers? Do we have to guard everything we say lest it be played back against us? Unrecorded, you can say you were misunderstood, or turn forgetful; but with your voice on somebody else's tape, your faithless friend or tricky competitor can prove everything you thought you said in confidence.

Secret taping is ethically wrong, but our ethical sense has been eroded by easy technology and general thoughtlessness. Therefore, we should lean on local legislators to make electronic eavesdropping illegal, unless court-ordered for law enforcement. That goes both for recording your own phone and wearing a wire to entrap your friends.

Where does the great state of New York, supposed bastion of civil liberty, stand on this? Its latest so-called "right to privacy" statute prohibits third-party wiretaps, but it allows the taping of conversations with the consent of only one of the participants. Some privacy; that gives New Yorkers the license to record their callers, or to secretly tape-record anything said by visitors to their homes or offices. Big Neighbor Is Bugging You.

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Astronauts capture Hubble Telescope to begin service call

Besides four dead gyroscopes with corroded wires, the Hubble has a broken radio transmitter, an old-fashioned computer and data recorder, batteries that are increasingly prone to overheating, and peeling skin.

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and its astronauts captured the broken Hubble Space Telescope on Tuesday for a service call 370 miles above Earth.

"We have Hubble grappled," astronaut Jean-Francois Clervoy reported. Mission Control congratulated him on "your first-class job."

The two-day chase culminated with an evening catch several minutes early over the Gulf of Mexico. Beginning on Wednesday, the astronauts will make three spacewalks over three days to get the Hubble working again and to refurbish it.

The Hubble has been disabled for nearly 1 1/2 months because of failed gyroscopes, which are needed to keep the telescope steady for aiming at stars, galaxies and other celestial objects.

The collapse of the pointing system left the telescope a little shaky and forced some changes in Discovery's approach. But commander Curtis Brown Jr. said he and his crew had practiced for such a case and were not worried.

With Brown at the controls, Discovery edged ever closer to the Hubble as both spacecraft hurtled around the Earth at 17,500 mph. Then Clervoy deftly plucked the 43-foot, 25,000-pound telescope from orbit with Discovery's robot arm. His next step was to anchor the observatory in the shuttle cargo bay.

It is the third service call to the $3 billion Hubble. In December 1993, astronauts fitted the telescope with corrective optics because of a mirror with a design flaw. The Hubble got its last tuneup in February 1997.

Besides four dead gyroscopes with corroded wires, the Hubble has a broken radio transmitter, an old-fashioned computer and data recorder, batteries that are increasingly prone to overheating, and peeling skin.

At least some of the decline is due to the fact that the Hubble has been orbiting Earth for almost 10 years and traveled 1.4 billion miles, more than 15 times the distance between the Earth and the sun.

Discovery's four designated spacewalkers will replace all those parts and more with improved units, and hang stainless steel covers on the outside of the telescope to protect it from the blistering sun.

Four days of spacewalking had been planned, but one had to be canceled because of the mission's late start, the result of equipment problems and lousy weather. NASA said all the major objectives can be accomplished in three outings.

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Babysitters in hot demand as New Year's Eve approaches

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — This country may not run out of cash or electricity on New Year's Eve, but it's definitely going to run out of baby sitters.

Parents looking for someone to watch the kids while they toast the Year 2000 are finding greatly inflated prices, or no baby sitters at all.

"It's a total joke. I was willing to pay $300 for the night, but no one, I mean no one, was available," said Stacy Ontiveros, a mother of two in Alamo, Calif.

Many teen-agers and professional baby sitters are forgoing "parties of the century" for the chance to make good money — $200 to $300 for the evening, about 10 times the usual for a Friday night.

"I can party any night of the year, but since when can I make $100 an hour? Of course I'm working," said Danielle Masucci, 17, of Westwood, N.J., who will be watching children with her best friend at a party.

On the other side of the country, Ginger Armstrong made the same decision.

"I'm not a party person myself, so this is a chance to make some good money," said Ms. Armstrong of Monterey, Calif.

The young woman works for an agency called Sitters-By-The-Sea, which doubled its fees to $40 an hour for the first child, and $10 for each additional child, with a four-hour minimum on New Year's Eve.

Recent polls — and disappointing ticket sales — suggest most Americans are deciding on a quiet New Year's Eve, avoiding the huge concerts and parties. Even so, the search for baby sitters has become desperate.

"We've got waiting lists 30 families deep," said Tom Ward, owner of Annie's Nannies of Park City, Utah, and Telluride, Colo., which raised its rates for the night from $16 an hour to $65 an hour. (He initially asked $100 an hour but backed off after he was "blasted" by families who thought he was price-gouging.)

Last week, Ward began running newspaper advertisements begging for more sitters: "Millennium schmillenium blah blah blah, celebrate the millennium in your mind and come work for Annies Nannies."

One of the best deals going is in San Ramon, Calif., where a team of cheerleaders trying to raise money for a competition is charging $75 per child for the entire evening through 10 a.m. on New Year's Day. The girls will care for as many as 100 children, as long as they don't need diapers.

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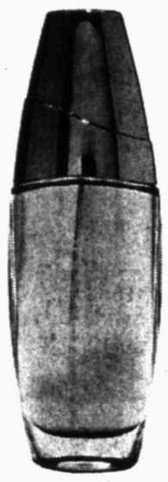
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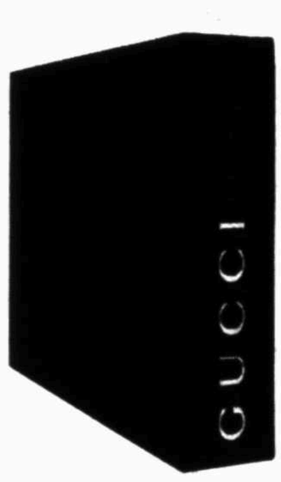
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City manager search won't go national

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

An opening for the Midland city manager position was posted on Dec. 14 and will close Dec. 31 — a period spanning a little more than two weeks.

Councilman Jose Cuevas said he thinks the Midland City Council may be rushing through the hiring process.

"It's extremely shorter than usual," said Cuevas. "The time frame is very quick and very short. Normally, they would have it longer so they could go out for a state or nationwide search. You should always go out and try to see if you have the best personnel available."

Cuevas said under normal conditions, the council would appoint a search committee of ex-mayors or ex-city managers and possibly a prominent citizen who would discuss a final list of city manager candidates. But, he says he realizes City Manager Mike McGregor believes the candidates in City Hall — Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler, Deputy City Manager Rick Menchaca, City Attorney Keith Stretcher and Director of Engineering and Development Marcus Johnston — are qualified for the position.

"Mike (McGregor) had always intended for us to have two candidates ready to take over," said Cuevas. "Mike thinks they're top-notch candidates. The council thought a national search was not necessary."

And, for that reason the job posting will close Dec. 31, said Councilman Berry Simpson.

"We talked about it briefly," said Simpson. "We knew we had such strong candidates internally. Anybody outside is certainly open to apply but we didn't advertise it. We felt like it was better to get on with things. With the nature of the controversy, it's better to just move ahead. If we didn't have confidence in the people we have internally then I'd say we'd be rushing it. Most of us have worked with all those guys for a long time. It's just good to hear the pitch and hear what they have to say. People think government decisions are done deals, but you just don't know how anybody's going to vote or decide, including myself."

Councilman Don Washburn said there was no reason to do a search outside of Midland.

"People around the state know we have good, qualified people here," said Washburn. "Everybody feels there's somebody adequate inside (City Hall). The two-week posting is a formality."

Director of Administrative Services David Hunter said there are no set guideline as to how long the city should post a job opening, but the city generally keeps a job posting up for at least one week.

"It's usually one week under normal conditions," said Hunter. "It depends on a number of factors. If it were internal it would be a much shorter time."

"Mike's recommendation was that we didn't need to go out and hire a consultant," said Councilman Dale Brown. "I think my judgment is that we do have enough to choose from here locally."

Former city manager Fred Poe said that when he replaced James Brown as city manager it was common knowledge that he would be the successor, so a nationwide search wasn't conducted. The same was true for McGregor when he replaced Poe in 1993.

Poe said that if the City Council is comfortable with the prospective candidates then there's no need to go out and spend money on an external search.

Christmas cheer — senior style



The Senior Citizen Christmas Gala was held Tuesday evening at the Southwest Senior Center. Brenda Wallace addresses the gathering. Ms. Wallace is the executive director of Midland Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.

Seniors don sequins for Neighborhood Housing gala

Just like hot chocolate and gingerbread cookies, parties are a big part of the Christmas season.

The Midland Neighborhood Housing Service played host to its first Senior Citizen Christmas Gala Tuesday night at the Southeast Senior Center, and some 50 to 60 seniors from throughout the community were on hand for an evening that included music, food and a style show.

"This is part of our effort to reach out to the community," said Irma Quiroz, administrative assistant at MNHS.

Transportation to the gala was provided by the Southeast Senior Center. Seniors were even encouraged to wear their favorite outfit and participate in a mini-fashion show.

"We wanted to make this a formal evening and thought this would be a way to get the seniors involved and be part of the affair," Linda Bailey, MNHS community organizer said.

Seniors turned out in sequins and fur to hear Christmas carols sung by the Golden Guild Choir, a part of the Southeast Community Center. Charity Lawrence and her granddaughter Tonya Young attended.

"It is sure nice to be a senior," Mrs. Lawrence said, "because you get to attend functions and get to sing."

Longtime member of the Southeast Senior Center Alee

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Story by Jennifer Cherry Photo by Brian Adamcik

'Tis season for heaviest delivery day

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

A slight chance of rain this afternoon is not expected to slow down United States postal workers on what the U.S. Postal Service expects to be the heaviest delivery day of the year.

"They're projecting this to be the heaviest delivery day of the year," said Stan Sartain, Midland postmaster, adding that "We're prepared."

He said handling the heavy volume of Christmas letters and packages has gone smoothly this year, due mainly to good weather. Sartain observed that letter volume is down five percent over last Christmas while parcels are up 10 to 20 percent.

Sartain speculated that the warm weather of recent weeks kept people out of the Christmas mood because when the weather turned cooler, "the volume of Christmas cards picked up."

No temporary employees were needed to deliver the mail, he said.

"We had people work on their days off in most cases. This time of year, there's not as many people off, so we were able to the volume with regular staffing."

At United Parcel Service (UPS), Supervisor Tony Rubio said additional personnel have been hired not only to handle the Christmas volume but because business has been stronger this year.

"We've hired drivers' helpers, we've added men to the morning crews, which load the delivery trucks, and to the evening crews to unload the trucks. We've also added a couple of drivers," he said. Hopefully, he added, some of those employees will stay with the company after the holidays.

Rubio said that "This time of year, we man up because of the volume for Christmas, but volume has been up this

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Envirocare takes the fight to round two

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Envirocare has asked the Texas Department of Health to take a second look at its application for a radioactive waste storage facility in Ward County.

On Dec. 2, the Texas Department of Health sent a letter to Envirocare of Texas addressing some problems on the original application.

The department stated that, "The Bureau of Radiation Control does not think that it has the authority to issue a license based on an application with such proposed time span (500 years)."

In addition, the letter, which was sent by Ruth E. McBurney, licensing, registrations and standards director for the Bureau of Radiation Control for the Texas Department of Health, called items in the application, " ... misleading, at best."

Rick Jacobi, vice president and general counsel for Envirocare of Texas said he has since met with Ms. McBurney and has cleared up some issues.

"The important thing here is that we cleared up the misconceptions," Jacobi said.

Ms. McBurney said she did not wish to discuss her meeting with Jacobi in detail. However, she said she and Jacobi were able to clear up some portions of the application.

Ms. McBurney said Envirocare of Texas has asked to be limited only to waste from Texas, Maine and Vermont.

"It is still unclear if the facility legally falls under the definition the compact calls for," Ms. McBurney said. "We still a lot of research to do and have a lot of questions to answer before we will know."



Bear-y Christmas

Jacky Morris carries a box filled with teddy bears Tuesday afternoon. The bears were donated by the Salvation Army to be distributed with Meals-On-Wheels. More than 400 bears were to be delivered.

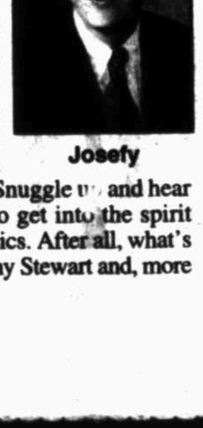
Tim Fischer
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TEEN BEAT

Joyful singing, abundance of M&M's spell C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

By Matt Josefy

Come gather round the fireplace everyone. Finally, the temperature has taken a dip. A new wind is stirring as yet another Christmas season has begun. The time of Yuletide and mistletoe descends upon us but once a year, it's fate and success only you can steer.



Josefy

Hang up the stockings, light up the fire. Of course, we'll put it out before the arrival of good Saint Nick. Children anxiously await the appearance of that fat old man in the little red suit. Set out the cookies and pour the milk. Snuggle up and hear the ringing bells. Learn how to get into the spirit by watching the Christmas classics. After all, what's Dec. 25 without Tiny Tim, Jimmy Stewart and, more recently, Tim Allen.

Remove yourself from the kitchen with satisfaction that the Chex mix is complete. Pull it from the oven and serve that special treat. Don't forget the M&M's that so wonderfully belong. Grab it while it's hot, or else you may find an empty bowl. In that event, let candy canes serve for a mouthful of pleasure. Don't forget the eggnog, that delightful drink. Sip and savor, as you kick back to relax. Contemplate sweet memories rather than long-past grievances. Allow your family's interaction to be a time without faction and friction.

Insanity tries to seek you out as you rush round and round. Christmas party this and Christmas party that. Can someone please tell me when I last hung my hat? In the midst of this special time, it seems that there is so much to do. Finals for students, and still those daily activities too. Seems stress invites itself to join our parties, but feel free to kick it out. Stay away from anger, instead with happiness openly shout.

Sing without holding back as you consider the angels who did the same. They gathered as a host in the heavens to herald the young child's birth. Sing without regard to note or verse. Sing out of joy as we celebrate life. Join your voice with others to create a harmonious tune. Let your path be filled with merriment as you ensemble with others to carol in good tidings for all.

'Twas the night before Christmas when you turn on those Christmas lights strung so tenderly when you decorate the tree. Stuffed beneath the limbs lies a package wrapped for me. I know well what I want, and also what I may get. Gently shake the package to see if you are right. Torture yourself thinking about it, all the while pretending that you sleep soundly through the night.

Make a little effort planning for this day. Journey to the store and purchase what you may. Not being true to they self alone, but faithful to your friends, giving to your family, and caring for everyone. Money is of value, that much is true. But what if the others held that more important than you! Tis a season of giving, a chance to be jolly. Don't let Scrooge be hiding in the holly. Mention over and over again how much you love and care. That is worth more than any present though not something that you can wear.

'Away in a manger, no crib for a bed." Allow that outcast child room under your roof. Adopt an angel and dress a live doll. Gaze into the heavens as you trek along life's journey. Find the bright star of hope, that promises life evermore. Allow yourself to see the Savior as you toy with the nativity. Tear open an advent calender window, piece by piece, and let peace and peace fill your wake as you happily go.

See what I have showed you. Follow it like a script. Seek to serve as you realize the importance of these gifts. Not all are quite so lucky, they may not find a package unless their luck does sudden shift. Empty your pockets and empty your heart. Christmas time is special if we all do our part. Sharing the joy through money, time, and attitude-that's what Christmas is about as we learn to live with gratitude.

Matt Josefy is a senior at Midland High School. You can share your own Christmas cheer via e-mail at mattj@basinlink.com.

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Area briefs

Lighting up

Grassland Estates Homeowners Association will present its seventh annual "Lights Before Christmas" neighborhood Christmas lighting extravaganza. The homeowners have purchased more than 10,000 luminarias to welcome visitors who drive through their brightly lighted and decorated neighborhood in this northwest subdivision. The light show will begin at dusk Christmas Eve through midnight.

For the second year the program will be supporting the Midland Soup Kitchen with voluntary contributions of canned or nonperishable items from the public. A collection point will be established at the beginning of the route where donation of these items can be given to volunteers from the Midland Soup Kitchen that evening.

Carver trophies

Alumni of Carver High School are trying to locate memorabilia for the June 15, 2000, reunion, especially the collection of trophies that filled the trophy case before the school was closed in 1968. Anyone knowing where the trophies or other memorabilia might be located is asked to call Joan Love-Davis at 685-0029.

Today's Agenda

Permian Basin Small Business Association, 7 a.m., 405 N. Marienfeld, third floor conference room.

Arco Articulators, 11:30 a.m., ARCO Building, 688-5760.

Al-Anon, Wednesday night Step Study, 8 p.m., 2103 W. Louisiana.

Tall City Toastmasters Club, 11:30 a.m., Permian Basin Graduate Center, 688-3193 (Bob Clohessey).

Company D, 403rd MP BN, Company D, Texas State Guard, 7:30 p.m., Texas National Guard Armory.

Midland Apartment Association, board of directors, noon, Clusters Club room.

Seniors Over 50 Dance, 7:30 p.m. American Legion, 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511.

Midland County Child Welfare Board, noon, Department of Human Services, 901 W. Wall St.

Sex Addicts Anonymous- Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

GALA: All Aboard America provides Christmas lights tours

(From 1B)

Shaw and her cousin Earline Cole said they try to attend all of the functions at the center. Mrs. Cole said many of the seniors who come to the center know each other through attending various churches. Most that come to the parties at the center are handicapped, Mrs. Cole said, and can't go anywhere any other time.

Many of those in attendance shared the same joy as Gussie Richardson to be at the function.

"I come to enjoy myself and visit my friends that I don't get to see all of the time," she said.

The gala was one of the many events that seniors participate in during the holidays.

Seniors were also invited to tea at the Museum of the Southwest and All Aboard America, a tour-bus company, provided Christmas light tours through Midland. In addition, the volunteer senior program hosted a banquet at the Green Tree Country Club and seniors attended a tree trimming party at the senior center, according to Ellen Smith, director of the Southeast Senior Center.

"They have been busy this Christmas," Mrs. Smith added.

She said most seniors will occasionally invite a grown son or daughter to an event that has enough room for more people, but, for the most part, all of the Christmas events are for seniors only.

With these events, Mrs. Smith said she has noticed an increase in the number of seniors who decorate for Christmas in their homes.

"It definitely has to do with the atmosphere at the senior center," she said.

Midland Neighborhood Housing Association is a nonprofit home agency established in 1990 that assists first-time home buyers.

The MNHS is made up of six associations: Crockett, Peas, Milam, De Zavala, South and Washington. Mrs. Quiroz said MNHS hoped to make the senior citizen gala an annual function.

Applications for grants from United Way being accepted

From Staff Reports

United Way of Midland is accepting applications for Venture grants from non-profit organizations seeking funding to develop innovative programs designed to meet human service needs. Applications must be received in the United Way of Midland office, located at 1209 W. Wall Street, by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28, 2000.

Applications are reviewed by the grant review committee and ultimately approved by the United Way of Midland board of directors. In reviewing the applications, United Way volunteers focus on how effectively the proposed project or program deals with priority areas cited in the "Midland Introspective '93" community needs assessment survey. A copy of that survey is available at the United Way office.

Applying agencies may call Nadine Hill at the United Way office (685-7714) for an application. Applying organizations will be notified of a decision by late March. For more information, contact Ms. Hill at 685-7714.

Jury deliberates fraud, conspiracy, drug counts against ex-AIDS center officials

LUBBOCK (AP) — A federal jury spent Tuesday deliberating the fate of two former AIDS center officials charged with crimes ranging from charging patients rent while receiving federal money for them to redistributing dead clients' medications.

Jurors heard 10 days of testimony in the case involving the South Plains AIDS Resource Center officials, which came to a close Monday.

Charged are former executive director David Crader and his companion, Gerald Eckert, who served as the center's care coordinator. The two are charged in a 76-count indictment with fraud, conspiracy and drug offenses that allegedly occurred at the center Crader founded in 1988.

Crader told the jurors Monday that he acted only to help hundreds of sick patients at the center.

"I would do it again, if it saved a life," he said. "I regret that it's against the law, but I would do it again."

If convicted on all counts, Crader and Eckert could each receive up to 1,000 years in prison and a $32 million fine.

Police Reports

Midland Police Department

Sunday

Burglary: Burglary of a vehicle was reported at 4700 W. Wall St. at 9 a.m. A CB radio was reported stolen.

Monday

Burglary of a Residence: Burglary of a residence was reported at 6:41 a.m. at 4505 N. Garfield St.

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

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Obituaries

John Mast

Dr. John Remsberg Mast, 85, died December 14, 1999, at the Regent Care Facility in The Woodlands, where he had been living since shortly after suffering a stroke at home in Midland in June of 1998.

Dr. Mast was born in Abingdon, Illinois on November 13, 1914. He moved with his family to Georgetown, Texas in 1918 and then to Lubbock in 1925, where he graduated from Lubbock High School in 1931 at the age of 15. He graduated from Texas Tech three years later and attended the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland from 1935 to 1938. A few days after receiving his M.D. from that institution he married Ruth Rutledge of Floydada, Texas on June 18, 1938. Dr. Mast's earliest years of practicing internal medicine in Wichita Falls were interrupted by World War II. He served as Flight Surgeon from 1941 to late 1945 at numerous U.S. Army airfields in Texas (including Midland) and in Biloxi, Mississippi. After resuming his medical practice in Wichita Falls in 1946, Dr. Mast moved his family to Midland in 1950 in order to found the Mast Clinic together with his two brothers, Dr. Henrie E. Mast and Dr. Clarence S. Mast. He continued his practice of medicine in Midland until his retirement in 1980. At the time of his death, Dr. Mast was one of the last two surviving members of the original medical staff of the Midland Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Mast was an avid golfer, hunter, and fisherman, but above all a family man who encouraged all four of his children to be active in scouting and to get as much education as possible, and who educated them himself through numerous trips in the United States and Mexico, by sharing his extensive fund of practical knowledge in many areas, and by example. He was preceded in death by his eldest son, John G. Mast in 1983; by his wife of 58 years, Ruth R. Mast in 1996; by his sister, Jane Cox of Lamesa; and his two brothers, Drs. Henrie and Clarence Mast. Dr. John Mast is survived by his daughters, Mrs. Ann Williams of Sherman and Mrs. Jane Smith of The Woodlands; by his son, Dr. Paul Mast of Oberlin, Ohio; and by six grandchildren, two great-grandsons, four sisters and brothers-in-law, eight nieces, and eleven nephews.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 22 at the Glass Chapel of the First Methodist Church in Midland, with interment to follow at the Lubbock Municipal Cemetery. The family encourages any donations to be made to the First Methodist Church of Midland or to the Midland Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Emmett Linebarger

Emmett Olen Linebarger, 77, of Fort Worth, entered into the presence of his Saviour on the 18th day of November, 1999 at 3:15 a.m. A Memorial Service was Monday, November 22nd at 1:30 p.m. at Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home, 2900 Williams Dr., Georgetown, Tx 78628. Private Interment was held at Bagdad Cemetery in Leander, Texas.

Memorials may be made to Gambrell St. Bapt. Church (817-926-1785), Am. Cancer Society (817-737-9990) and Community Hospice of Texas (817-615-2150).

Emmett Linebarger, son of Jerome and Minnie (Inman) Linebarger, was born Dec. 7th, 1921 in Williamson County. He was a 1941 graduate of Leander High School. After graduation, he worked in the cedar breaks and rock quarry near Cedar Park. During WW II, he repaired military vehicles at Fort Mabry in Austin.

On October 28th, 1944, he married Eva Cox at New Hope Baptist Church of Cedar Park. In Burnet, Texas he worked as a butcher to support his family. Later he worked for Wansley Refrigeration of Austin. Feeling called to the ministry, he was ordained as a Southern Baptist minister. He attended Howard Payne College (Brownwood) and Southwestern Bapt. Seminary (Ft. Worth). He pastored Indian Creek Bapt. Church (Brownwood), First Bapt. Church (Thrall) and Ranchland Heights Baptist Church (formerly Tower Road Bapt. Church, Midland). He retired to Ft. Worth in 1965. Active Member: Gambrell Street Baptist Church.

He opened Emmett's Sales & Service (Air/Heat) in 1971, specializing in the service of electronic air cleaners. He also taught HVAC technology at TCJC for 7 years. His interests: Bible reading, stamp collecting, deer hunting, and beekeeping.

Emmett Linebarger, will be remembered for his sense of humor and his smile. He will always hold a special place in the hearts of many people.

Survivors: He is survived survived by his wife of 55 years, Eva Linebarger; daughter, Sharon Janek and her husband, Jessie, of Rendon; son, Rev. Ron Linebarger (a Southern Baptist Minister), and wife, Beverly of Arlington; 4 grandchildren, Christy Reed and her husband, Robert of Ft. Worth, Carrie Janek of Lubbock, Anne Linebarger of Dallas, and Paul Linebarger of Arlington; and 1 great-grandson, Tyler Reed of Ft. Worth. He is survived by 2 brothers, Adrian Linebarger of Austin and Pat Linebarger of Pflugerville. Two sisters survive him, Angebelle Carwile and Kate Howard, both of Leander. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, J. T. Linebarger of Leander. He also is survived by a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Tom Merrill

Tom L. Merrill, 32, of Vancouver, Washington, died December 18, 1999 at Oregon Health Sciences University in Portland, Oregon. Death occurred following a routine back surgery on Dec. 15th. He was employed by Tube Forgings of America, a division of Zidell Corporation as a maintenance foreman; where he had been employed for the past 5 years.

Survivors include his wife, Carrie Merrill, who is expecting their first child in May; his parents, Tom and Essie Merrill of Midland, Texas; a grandmother, Zell Stone of Melrose, New Mexico; a brother, Byron Merrill of Franklin, Massachusetts; a niece and nephew of Austin, Texas; and in-laws, Burl and Marti Lindholm of Vancouver, Washington.

Tom graduated from Greenwood High School in Midland, Texas in 1986. He served 6 years in the U.S. Navy, 2 of those years were with the Special Boat Forces in Kuwait.

There will be no services held at his request.

Death Notices

Janet Duncan

Janet Renee Wilkins Duncan died Sunday, Dec. 19.

Memorial services will be 3 p.m. Thursday at West Kentucky Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 29, 1949 in Andrews.

She moved to Midland 18 years ago.

Survivors include two sons, James T. Lindenmuth of Plano and Shane Lindsey of The Colony; a brother, Ronald G. Wilkins; a sister, Becky Diltz; and five grandchildren.

Riley Pape

Riley Elliott Pape died Monday, Dec. 20, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Fouts officiating. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the funeral home.

He was born Feb. 24, 1943 in Austin.

He moved to Midland at an early age. He worked for IBM from 1964-1994, retiring as district manager; then worked for Technology Service Solutions, retiring in 1996. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Motorcycle Club-Brotherhood of 74, and Prop Busters of Odessa.

Survivors include a daughter, Margaret E. Pape of Florida; his parents, Margarette H. Pape of Midland and Nathaniel A. Pape of San Antonio; and a brother, C. Glenn Pape of Midland.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Dorothy Littlefield

Dorothy Mae Littlefield died Tuesday, Dec. 21, at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Thursday at the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the funeral home.

She was born Dec. 28, 1928 in Cloudcroft, N.M.

She moved to Midland 30 years ago. She worked for Littlefield Automotive for many years.

Survivors include her husband, Hayden Dee Littlefield Sr. of Midland; two sons, Ronald D. Littlefield of Midland and Hayden D. Littlefield Jr. of Houston; a daughter, Judy Ashley of Perrysburg, Ohio; three brothers, Johnny Buie of Alamogordo, N.M, Marvin Buie and H. W. Buie, both of Caballo, N.M; two sisters, Jesse Lewis and Susanville, Calif. and Julia Robinson of Philomoth, Ore.; seven grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2304 Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705.

Kathryn Sprecher

Kathryn Sims Sprecher died Tuesday, Dec. 21, at a local hospital.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, in Trinity Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Fane Downs officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Waco under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 16, 1911 in Waco.

She moved to Midland in 1951. She was a teacher for Waco Public Schools 1946-1951, secretary to Midland's D.A. Joe Mims 1954-1960, secretary for the Westminster Presbyterian Church (now Trinity), then taught at San Jacinto Junior High 1960-1978, before retiring. She was a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church, president of its Women of the Church, president of Church Women United, and active in the American Association of University Women.

Wesley Kerby

BIG SPRING—Wesley Craig Kerby, 21, died Monday, Dec. 20, in Miles.

Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Elwin Collom officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born May 12, 1978 in Big Spring.

He moved to Hewitt in the early 1980s, returning to Howard County in 1990.

Survivors include his parents, Troy Kerby and Cindy Kerby, both of Big Spring; four sisters, Misty Baker and Krista Kerby, both of Big Spring, Hiliary Kerby of Lafayette, Ind., and Dana Kerby of Temple; a brother, Blaine Kerby of Big Spring; and grandparents, Ellen Thomason, and Leon and Nellie Kerby, all of Big Spring.

Wanda Bruce

ABILENE—Wanda Bruce, 77, formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, in Abilene.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring.

DELIVERY: UPS says 'a lot' of parcels are ordered over Internet

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year. It's been a better year for us, with business gradually coming up and Christmas has been real heavy compared to last year."

He noted that his drivers have been delivering "a lot" of parcels ordered over the Internet.

FedEx said that it hired 1,000 new employees nationwide to handle the Christmas demand.

The company said it could not predict what percentage of the shipments it handles this holiday season would be due to "e-commerce" but said the top online merchants expect to process 60,000 transactions daily during the season.

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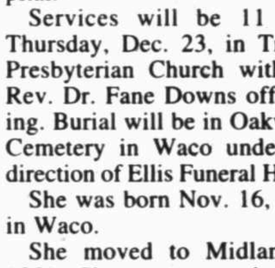
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"We're expecting that to be heavy," he said.

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White businessman says TxDOT's contracting quotas discriminate

By Megan K. Stack
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Texas Department of Transportation unconstitutionally discriminates against some contractors by doling out jobs to women and minorities, a white businessman said Tuesday.

Erosion specialist Robert Kossman is suing the state agency for reverse discrimination.

The schoolteacher-turned-contractor asked U.S. Judge David Hittner to block the department from using race, ethnicity or gender in deciding which companies will be hired for projects.

"Any time the government bases decisions on race or ethnicity, a very strong presumption kicks in that that's illegal," said Corbin Van Arsdale, Kossman's attorney. "That's been true ever since the Civil War."

The state wants to keep the system of granting bids intact. Studies indicate lingering discrimination in the awarding of state projects, said Ted Delisit, spokesman for Texas Attorney General John Cornyn.

A 1994 state study concluded that 22 percent of minority and female businesses owners suffered from discrimination. The state's Historically Underutilized Business program was introduced in 1991 to spread funds to companies owned by women or minorities.

But squinting at the graphs and equations in the 100-page study during Tuesday's hearing, Hittner appeared unimpressed.

"This looks like something from a science class," he said. "I mean, I have no idea. Either there's discrimination or there's not."

Kossman asked Hittner to ban the transportation agency from using racial or ethnic criteria in the two contracts that have yet to be awarded this year. Hittner refused to intervene, but set a court date for Feb. 22.

Some transportation department projects specify how many minority- and female-owned companies must be awarded work.

Kossman insists the solution of quotas misses the mark. Before squaring off against the transportation agency, the businessman filed lawsuits against the city of Houston and the regional transit authority.

Though his bids are often the lowest, Kossman has frequently been turned down because government groups prefer to hire companies owned by women or minorities, Van Arsdale said.

Kossman's staff of 20 — all but two of whom are black, Hispanic or female — have suffered from the loss of contracts, Van Arsdale said.

"People try to couch these policies by saying they protect minorities," the lawyer said. "But that's a bunch of garbage."

Texas truckers plan safety campaign

HOUSTON (AP) — A recent rash of high-profile accidents involving 18-wheelers in the Houston area has prompted a Texas trucking group to launch a statewide campaign promoting highway safety.

The Texas Motor Transportation Association announced plans Monday for the campaign, which will focus on public education, highway engineering and law enforcement. An initial, three-month effort in Houston will be repeated in Dallas-Fort Worth, San Antonio and other areas, said Bill Webb, the group's president.

"If we don't do it, somebody's going to do it for us," Webb told the Houston Chronicle.

The group will erect billboards, distribute radio and television announcements and make presentations to the public about the dangers of driving in a tractor-trailer rig's blind spots. About $50,000 will be spent to purchase billboard space, Webb said.

The association and Texas Department of Transportation will produce a video pointing out the dangers of excessive speed and blind spots, particularly at freeway interchanges. Truckers also can participate in free, half-day educational seminars scheduled Jan. 20 and Jan. 27 at Houston Community College.

Lower Colorado River Authority backs off proposed rules for Lake Travis

AUSTIN (AP) — The Lower Colorado River Authority has backed off plans to ban personal watercraft and high-performance boats from Lake Travis but is still considering rules to reduce noise and speed limits near the shore.

The revised rules, which the LCRA governing board will consider Jan. 19, include "no wake" zones within 50 feet of shore, structures or swimmers and a 92 decibel limit on engine noise. Two more LCRA rangers would be added for year-round patrol.

Vessels within 50 feet of shoreline, structures or swimmers could not go faster than needed to continue moving forward and steer effectively.

The popular lake, located just west of Austin, has become increasingly congested as the city has boomed in population and recreational boating has increased, officials have said.

The LCRA, which regulates Lake Travis and four other Highland Lakes that stretch out northwest of Austin, proposed the changes in September because more people have been buying and building homes around the lake and using more boats and personal watercraft.

Despite increased enforcement efforts, the LCRA said it has received a rising number of complaints, primarily related to personal watercraft and high-performance boats.

Original proposals included banning personal watercraft, such as Jet Skis, and high-performance boats, such as multi-engine Cigarette boats on alternate weekend days between Memorial Day and Labor Day and banning them outright on those holidays and on the Fourth of July.

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Watchdog group disputes insurance savings claims

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawsuit reforms in Texas have not produced the big savings for consumers that some have claimed, a national consumer group said.

According to a study released Monday by the Consumer Federation of America, premiums are rising more slowly in Texas since reforms were approved in 1995, but lawsuit restrictions have been only a minor factor in controlling rates.

Safer cars, the aging of the baby-boomer generation leading to fewer accidents, and increasing competition between insurance companies are the reasons for slower rate increases, said former Texas Insurance Commissioner J. Robert Hunter, author of the study.

''Let's give credit where credit is due,'' Hunter said. ''Slowing of insurance rate increases in Texas is due to the same reasons rates are stable or lower across the nation.''

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— J. Robert Hunter, author of study released by Consumer Trade Federation

Premiums for coverages affected by lawsuit reforms have increased 8.2 percent since 1995, Hunter said.

The Texas Department of Insurance has estimated that Texas consumers have saved $2.9 billion over five years because of lawsuit reforms. Hunter calls that figure greatly exaggerated and said the real savings were closer to a quarter of that figure.

Current state Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor said the $2.9 billion estimate is firm.

''This isn't a matter of conjecture. I know the savings are there,'' said Montemayor, who was appointed by Gov. George W. Bush.

Texans are saving money more in commercial insurance, such as product liability and medical malpractice, than in consumer coverage such as auto insurance policies, said state Insurance Department spokesman Lee Jones.

The 1995 reforms were passed to make it harder for people to sue. Restrictions are put on where a case may be tried, punitive damages are limited and there are penalties for filing frivolous lawsuits.

Supporters said the changes would reduce insurance costs and lawmakers ordered insurance companies to pass on those savings to consumers.

Hunter said the problem is that after premium rates are lowered, insurers can offset those cuts by raising rates for other reasons.

Bush, a Republican, was a proponent of the reforms and often mentions them in his campaign for president.

Bush gubernatorial spokeswoman Linda Edwards dismissed the report as politically motivated.

''It's no surprise that a group on the record opposing tort reforms is criticizing Texas' tort reform efforts,'' she said.

Industry spokesman Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service, also disputed the report.

''In Texas, we have virtually eliminated frivolous lawsuits — and that has been a major contributor to lower insurance rates,'' Johns said.

''We believe the savings to consumers has been in the billions of dollars.''

Judge awards Houston lawyer $1.6 million, rules IRS abused authority

HOUSTON (AP) — Internal Revenue Service agents ''grossly abused'' their discretion during a fruitless, five-year criminal investigation of a Houston attorney, a federal judge has ruled.

IRS representatives passed confidential tax information to Jerry S. Payne's clients and coworkers during an investigation that began 10 years ago. Payne, who was cleared of all tax fraud charges, was awarded $1.6 million.

Agents called Payne's family members to ask whether he was a drug dealer. They also needlessly identified themselves as members of the IRS Criminal Investigation Division, and asked Payne's clients and relatives for tax documents.

U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore said the agent's actions showed a ''cavalier attitude'' in dealing with Payne's reputation. She awarded the attorney more than $1 million earlier this month.

''They destroyed my banking relationships, my law practice and caused problems in my family relationships,'' Payne told the Houston Chronicle. ''When people see I've won, that helps me get back into the mainstream without people being afraid to deal with me.''

Investigators says burn victims were shot

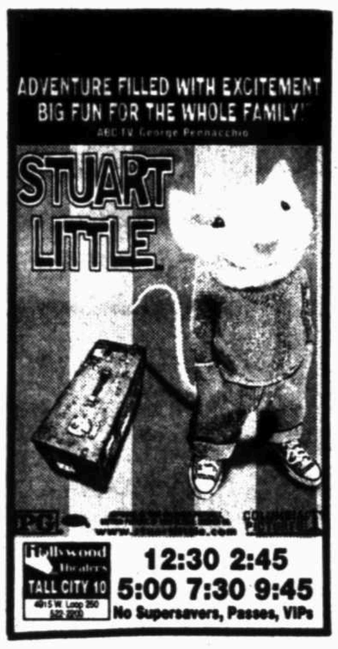
HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Investigators believe a man fatally shot his ex-wife and teen-aged son with a shotgun before setting fire to their Walker County trailer home and killing himself.

Sheriff's Detective Everett Harrell said Tuesday that autopsies revealed gunshot wounds to the heads of three people pulled from the burned trailer near Phelps on Dec. 13.

The bodies of Artie Alexander, 57, and his 16-year-old son Robert Alexander were positively identified through dental records last week. Harrell said the third body is believed to be that of Barbara Alexander, 46, although the remains were so badly burned that DNA testing will be necessary for identification.

''We're pretty sure that the cause of death on all three was gunshot wounds,'' Harrell said. ''It looks like Artie killed Robert, his son, Barbara, his ex-wife, and then took his own life.''





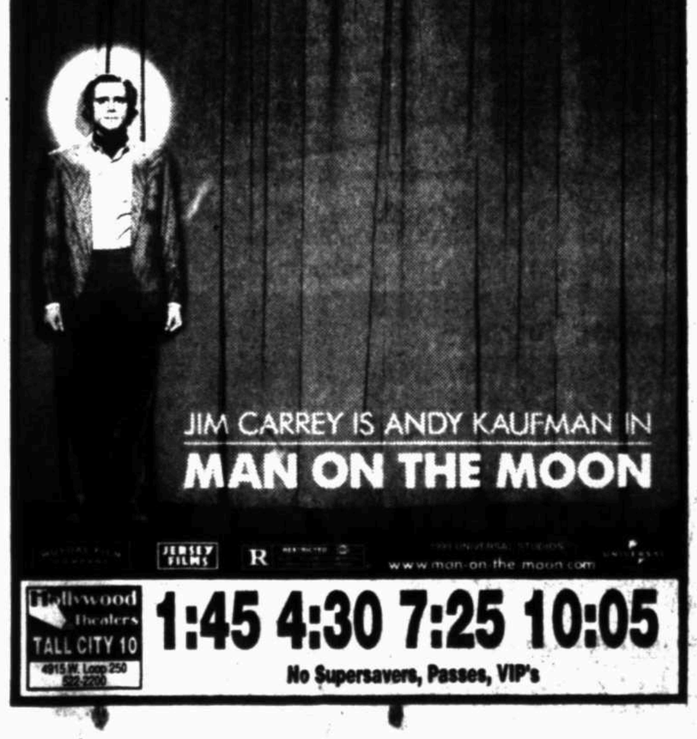














DEA agent must pay $100,000 to stay out of jail

By Madeline Baro Diaz
Associated Press

BROWNSVILLE — A federal judge on Tuesday raised the amount of money a drug enforcement officer must pay to remain free on murder-for-hire charges.

In a brief hearing, U.S. District Judge Filemon Vela ruled that U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Agent Salvador Michael Martinez must post $100,000 in cash or surety by Jan. 10. Martinez is accused of attempting to hire someone to kill the teen-ager who allegedly killed his cousin.

A federal magistrate set Martinez's bond at $200,000 last week. He has been out of jail but under house arrest in Floresville since posting $20,000 to secure the bond.

Prosecutors had argued that Martinez was a flight risk. Assistant U.S. Attorney Rick Lara asked for the increase or revocation of the $200,000 bond because of the violent nature of the crime and because he said Martinez is "a danger to the community."

Jeff Wilde, Martinez's court-appointed attorney, has said that Martinez's Texas family ties and law enforcement background made flight unlikely. Wilde has also argued that the DEA agent's life might be at risk behind bars.

Martinez, a DEA agent for the past eight years, held his wife's hand as they sat with relatives in the courtroom Tuesday. He said the accusations against him devastated his family.

"It's very emotional right now for my family," he said before being called before the judge. "I just hope I can spend the holidays with my family."

Martinez, who has not been indicted, declined to comment further about the allegations, but last week he told The Dallas Morning News that he believed a Mexican informant secretly recorded him discussing how his family felt about his cousin's murder and that was the basis of the charges against him.

Martinez's cousin, Lionel "Bruno" Jordan, was killed during a carjacking on Jan. 20, 1995, in El Paso.

Miguel Angel Flores of Mexico — the boy Martinez allegedly wanted killed — was 13 at the time of the killing and was tried for the murder three times.

Although he was convicted at the first trial, the verdict was overturned and two other juries failed to reach a unanimous decision. He was freed earlier this year.

The Jordan family has contended the slaying was not a simple carjacking, but rather a warning to the DEA and the Jordan family to stay away from Mexico's Juarez drug cartel.

Bruno Jordan died just days before his brother, former DEA Dallas head Phil Jordan, took over as director of the El Paso Intelligence Center. The DEA and other federal agencies run the center together.

Phil Jordan said his family has been trying to bring to justice others they believe arranged his brother's killing. He said he has been told that the informant the FBI is using in his cousin's case is a corrupt Mexican state police officer.

"I'm extremely suspicious, without knowing all the facts, that a corrupt Mexican state official has been utilized by the FBI to have my cousin arrested," Jordan said.

DEA sources have reportedly identified the informant as a former DEA informant whom the agency stopped using because he lacked credibility.

Documents in the Martinez case remain sealed, however, and the FBI has declined to divulge details of the investigation.

DEA spokesman Terry Parham also said he could not confirm the allegation.

"That's the first I've heard of that," he said Tuesday.

Current and former DEA agents have rallied to Martinez's side and donated money to a legal fund set up for him in Plano. As of Tuesday morning, there was more than $15,000 in the account, Jordan said.

The "DEA Watch" web site, an unofficial site for DEA employees, also had messages of support for Martinez posted on it Tuesday.

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■ Dengue outbreak hits 49 cases

HARLINGEN — State health officials have confirmed 49 cases of dengue fever since July, the state's largest outbreak of dengue fever this decade.

Sixteen of the 49 cases are believed to have been contracted in the state.

The latest figures from the Texas Department of Health said that Webb County, which includes Laredo, still has the most with 27 cases, eight of them believed to have been acquired in the county.

Hidalgo County had seven cases and Cameron had three. Dallas County also had three, while Travis and Willacy counties each had two. Galveston, Nueces, Starr, Tarrant and Bexar counties reported one case each.

Two cases from Cameron, one in Hidalgo, one in Starr and one in Willacy were believed to have been acquired in those Lower Rio Grande Valley counties. Both Dallas cases were believed to have been contracted in Cameron County, and the Nueces case likely came from Webb County.

Most of the other cases were believed to have been contracted in foreign countries.

Dengue fever is spread by the Aedes aegypti mosquito. Symptoms include high fever, severe headaches, joint and muscle pain, nausea, vomiting and skin rash. The disease usually lasts two weeks and is rarely fatal. There is no vaccine or cure.

■ Higher prices kick off season

HOUSTON — On average, Texans will find gasoline prices nearly 27 cents higher this holiday season than last year's, the American Automobile Association's Texas affiliate said Tuesday.

Self-serve regular unleaded gas in Texas is averaging almost $1.24, compared with 97 cents last December, AAA Texas spokesman Patrick O'Reilly said.

The price of a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline is up about a nickel from mid-November.

The average price of a gallon of gas in Texas has leapt more than 33 cents since oil exporting nations promised cutbacks in production last March.

■ Four children killed in fire

BENBROOK — Four siblings — three boys and a girl — were killed Tuesday when fire swept through their family's suburban Fort Worth apartment.

The identities of the children — ages 6, 5, 4 and 1 — were being withheld Tuesday by the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

Witnesses said the children's parents were preparing to jump from a second-floor window with at least some of them in hand when the children panicked and ran back into a burning apartment.

Parents Symeon Thornton, 26, and Vanessa Thornton, 25, were listed in good condition at Parkland hospital in Dallas after the morning fire swept through their two-story townhouse apartment in a southwest Fort Worth suburb.

Both were hospitalized for treatment of respiratory problems. The father also was being treated for severe cuts and gashes.

Witnesses said the Thorntons had their children in their arms and prepared to jump from a second-story window when the children ran back into the burning, smoky apartment.

"Both (parents) were at the top floor window trying to get out of their apartment," neighbor Derrick Long said. "When the mother jumped, the child broke loose from her arms and went back into the apartment. The same thing happened with the father. When he tried to get out of the window, the child was scared, broke from his arms and went back into the apartment."

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

Dallas icon to fly again on New Year's Eve

By Susan Parrott
Associated Press

DALLAS — For decades it was a beacon in the Dallas night, a swift winged steed taking flight over the skyline.

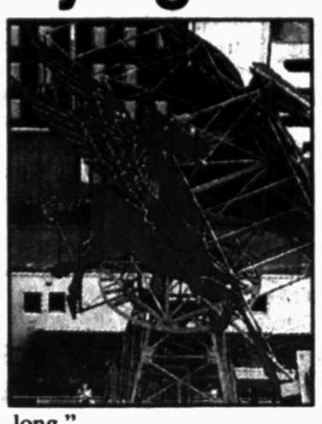
The 30-by-50-foot flying red horse was more than a rotating metal-and-neon sign atop the city's first skyscraper. Built 65 years ago as an oil company symbol, the Pegasus came to represent Dallas ascendant.

The great horse has not rotated for 25 years. Around the time it was given to the city of Dallas, it was bolted down so the rusted pieces would not fall. Two years ago, the lights went out, the neon tubing battered by wind and time. And finally, in July, Pegasus was dismantled and taken away.

But now the winged horse of Greek mythology will fly again, just as Dallas enters a new millennium.

At the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, organizers of a $600,000 restoration project will illuminate a duplicate of one of the city's most cherished landmarks.

"Pegasus stands for renewed hope and imagination," said Gail Thomas, co-chairwoman of the Pegasus Project. "We could not bear to have the lights of Pegasus go out very long."



The completed 35-by-50-foot, porcelain-covered Pegasus, sits on the roof of the 29-story Magnolia Hotel in Dallas Monday.

AP Photo

The money came from individual and corporate donations, including $100,000 from the sign's former owner, Mobil Corp., now part of Exxon Mobil Corp.

The Pegasus is two flat, porcelain-covered panels outlined in neon. Because the original was too damaged to repair, American Porcelain Enamel Co. of Dallas created the 15-ton duplicate, which was then installed earlier this month atop what is now the Magnolia Hotel.

The original Pegasus is on display in a shed at the Dallas Farmer's Market.

The Pegasus, still a symbol of Exxon Mobil Corp., was first erected by Mobil's predecessor, Magnolia Petroleum Co., for a 1934 oil industry convention. Putting Pegasus on the 29-story Magnolia Building, then the tallest building south of Washington, sent a powerful message to convention-goers that Dallas intended to be a player in the oil industry.

"It emerged about the same time as Dallas reached a certain degree of prominence," said Darwin Payne, a Dallas historian and professor at Southern Methodist University. "It signified that Dallas had come somewhere and arrived. People adopted it as their own."

For years, motorists claimed the blazing red lights could be seen from 50 miles away.

"It was above everything in Dallas at the time," recalled 94-year-old Herb Crigger, who helped design the scaffolding for the horse. "Now you can't see it unless you are standing in the right place."

According to legend, when Perseus cut off the snake-covered head of Medusa, Pegasus leaped full-grown from the blood-soaked ground. Where the hooves struck, a spring of fresh water appeared. The site became the gathering place for the Muses, the goddesses of the arts and sciences.

DPS estimates as many as 62 could die on Texas highways

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Public Safety has estimated as many as 62 people could die on Texas roads this holiday season because of unfastened seat belts, speeding and alcohol.

"Texans need to buckle up, slow down and designate a driver. We repeat the same words every year, and every year people neglect to take their own safety into account and pay a terrible price," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, director of the DPS.

Officials said they are especially concerned this year because of cold, rainy weather in many parts of the state this week and New Year's parties celebrating the millennium.

As many as 30 people could die from traffic accidents from Christmas Eve to Dec. 26; and 32 more could die from New Year's Eve to Jan. 2, Thomas said.

If the weather worsens, the number of motor vehicle fatalities "is going to go up just as sure as we are sitting here," Thomas said.

In 1998, a total of 68 people died in car accidents — 33 in the 78 hours leading up to and after Christmas and 35 in the 78 hours leading up to and after New Year's. Almost half, 45.6 percent, of the traffic fatalities over the 1998 holiday season were alcohol-related.

Officials also told motorists to make sure every passenger in a car wears a seat belt.

In 1998, 61 percent of people killed around Christmas in traffic accidents weren't wearing seat belts. Fourty-eight percent of the people killed in car accidents during the New Year's holiday in 1998 weren't wearing seatbelts. "That is inexcusable, there is no reason for that," Thomas said.

"If properly used, safety belts and child safety seats save lives," said Carol Rawson, deputy director of Traffic Operations for the Texas Department of Transportation. "Safety belts are your best defense against a drunk driver."

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President announces deep cuts in vehicle emissions, gas sulfur content

WASHINGTON (AP) — To cut auto pollution by about three-quarters, sport utility vehicles will have to meet the same emissions standards as cars and sulfur in fuel will be reduced dramatically under regulations announced Tuesday by President Clinton.

The changes would prevent thousands of asthma attacks and respiratory illnesses nationwide, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

"It will be the most dramatic improvement in air quality since the catalytic converter was first introduced a quarter century ago," Clinton said. "And manufacturers will be able to meet these new standards while still offering the kinds of models popular with consumers today."

With more cars on the road each year driving more miles, the president said tougher air quality measures were needed. Otherwise, "air quality in many parts of our country will continue to worsen in the coming decades."

The cost increase at the gas pump would be about 2 cents more per gallon; and about $200 would be added to the price of a light truck and $100 to a new car, the EPA estimated.

For the first time, cars and light trucks — SUVs, minivans, vans and pickups — would all be required to meet the same strict emissions standards. Nearly half the vehicles sold now are light trucks, and they produce three to five times as much pollution as the average passenger car.

The standards are meant to address pollution in the coming decades.

Auto emissions of nitrogen oxides, a key component of smog, will be cut by 74 percent, and soot will be reduced by 80 percent by 2030 when the car and light truck fleet has fully turned over in the United States.

That is the equivalent of removing 164 million cars from the road, the EPA said.

The new standards also require oil companies to reduce sulfur levels in gasoline

the oil industry said they presented formidable

challenges.

"There is no bigger single action the federal government could take to address the health and environmental problems caused by air pollution," said the Sierra Club's William Becker.

The new requirement of nitrogen oxides emissions of 0.07 grams per mile would be phased in from 2004 to 2007 for cars while the phase-in for light trucks would extend two more years to allow the largest SUVs more time to comply.

However, all light trucks would have to meet today's standard for nitrogen oxides for cars by 2004, which is 0.6 grams per mile.

By 2009, new light trucks would be up to 95 percent cleaner and cars would be 77 percent cleaner than they are today, Browner said.

The savings in public health benefits from the standards outweighed the extra vehicle cost by 5-to-1, Browner said.

About 260,000 asthma attacks and 173,000 cases of respiratory illness among children would be prevented each year, the EPA said. The emissions reductions also would prevent 4,300 premature deaths and 10,200 cases of bronchitis, EPA officials said.

Automakers had wanted more time for the largest vehicles to comply with the standard and an even lower amount of sulfur in gasoline, an average of 5 parts per million.

"It's a huge challenge," said Jo Cooper of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. "We're committed to try to meet it, but we need all the tools in our arsenal that we can get."

Ford Motor Co. vice president Helen Petrauskus said the standards "present formidable challenges" but the company "is prepared to meet or exceed them."

Oil industry representatives argue the new requirements will put some small refiners at economic risk and force gas prices of 6 cents more per gallon at the pump.

The American Petroleum Institute said the oil industry would work to meet the EPA deadline but warned there would be "significant costs to refiners" under a "very tight and difficult-to-meet deadline."

The new rules

Highlights of tightened automobile emissions standards announced by President Clinton Tuesday:

REFINERS: Most refiners have until 2006 to meet the new sulfur standard for gasoline of an average of 30 parts per million. The average is currently 10 times that, or about 300 parts per million. Small refiners meeting additional criteria will have another two years.

CARS: Cars must meet a fleetwide average of 0.07 grams per mile for nitrogen oxides, a prime component of smog, starting with 25 percent of the fleet in 2004 and reaching 100 percent by 2007.

LIGHT TRUCKS: Light trucks — SUVs, minivans, vans and pickups — must meet the same fleetwide average as cars, 0.07, by 2009. All SUVs are included, even the heaviest ones such as the Ford Excursion and General Motors Suburban that can weigh over 8,500 pounds. The standard excludes the heaviest commercial pickups and commuter vans.

PHASE-IN: Starting in 2004, 25 percent more cars will be required to meet the new 0.07 standard each year until the phase-in is completed in 2007.

Light trucks must meet the current standard for cars of 0.6 grams per mile for nitrogen oxides by 2004, and 25 percent more light trucks must meet 0.2 grams per mile of nitrogen oxides each year through 2007. By 2009, all light trucks up to 8,500 pounds and SUVs up to 10,000 pounds must meet the 0.07 standard.

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U.S. government bank rejects Russian oil industry loans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Export-Import bank temporarily blocked $500 million in loans to the Russian oil industry Tuesday at the Clinton administration's request.

The bank board acted on a letter from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright calling for the rejection "in the national interest."

The administration said the decision to block guarantees for the private bank loans was triggered by concerns about dealings of the Tyumen Oil Co., not Russian military aggression in Chechnya. Tyumen is partly owned by the Russian government.

"The State Department has determined that it is in the national interest and would advance U.S. policy with Russia not to approve the loan guarantees for the time being," said Alan Larson, undersecretary of state for economic affairs.

There had been pressure from members of Congress and the presidential campaign trail to block the loans because of the bloody engagement in breakaway Chechnya.

The bank board decision followed an unusual meeting between Albright and the bank's chairman. She failed to persuade the bank board to reject the loans on its own, but later wrote a letter invoking a law that, in effect, compels board action.

Earlier, State Department spokesman James Foley said Albright only offered advice to bank chairman James Harmon.

But the bank spokeswoman, speaking later under bank rules that she not be identified by name, said the board decided it would act in accordance with the secretary's wishes once they were received in writing, and the department agreed to send the letter.

The bank staff had recommended approval of two loans for Tyumen to bolster Russia's oil industry: $295 million for oil field services and $203 million in engineering services and equipment for upgrading a refinery.

Foley said the State Department has been concerned with issues of openness, management of bankruptcy proceedings and protection of the rights of shareholders and creditors.

These issues are related to a larger goal of "promoting the rule of law in Russia," he said.

He also noted that Tyumen Oil was changing the makeup of its ownership Tuesday.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said, "The problems that the administration has articulated with the loan have to do with the company and their business practices."

The bank board has the power to make its own decisions based on concerns of creditworthiness and other financial issues but not on politics, bank officials have said.

"The board will simply act in accordance with the secretary's determination," the spokeswoman said.

In raising opposition to Russian actions in Chechnya, U.S. officials have resisted pressure to impose sanctions, and Albright and others have said they do not want to do anything that would impede Russian economic recovery.

Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley has called for an end to all loans to Russia until troops pull out of the breakaway republic.

Members of Congress, including Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., have protested the loans for Tyumen on other grounds, accusing it of manipulating the bankruptcy of another firm with private U.S. and European ownership.

"I am pleased that the decision on the Ex-Im bank's loan guarantees for Tyumen Oil has been delayed," said Maloney, who is sponsoring legislation to give the bank broader authority to review loans.

Separately, International Monetary Fund assistance to Russia remained in limbo Tuesday.

A top Russian banking official, Mikhail Zadornov, said his country probably won't see the next $640 million installment of its $4.5 billion IMF loan until February because the new parliament is unlikely to pass necessary reform legislation before then.

The 65-year-old bank, which guarantees financing for projects that use U.S. goods and services, has been backing financing to help the Russian oil and gas industry since 1993. It now supports $1.1 billion in Russian industry transactions.

The bank is owned by the U.S. government and is run by a board that is chosen by and serves at the discretion of U.S. presidents, although it is set up to operate independently.

Fed plans to spend $1.4 bilion related to 2002 Olympics

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government plans to spend $1.4 billion related to the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, according to a preliminary report from congressional investigators Tuesday.

Most of that spending — about $1.1 billion — is for transportation projects such as highways and a commuter railway that probably would have been built anyway, the General Accounting Office report said. The figures are preliminary because the games have not been held and federal agencies often do not specifically track Olympics-related spending, the report said.

The report cited $272 million of projected spending directly for the planning or operation of the Utah Olympics, including about $200 million for safety and security measures by federal agencies such as the FBI.

In contrast, total federal spending relating to the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta was about $605 million, including about $92 million for safety and security, the GAO report said.

Congressional critics of the Salt Lake City games said the winter games should be smaller and less expensive than the summer games and the $1.4 billion estimate was far higher than any previous spending.

"Some of these federal expenditures may well be necessary, but there may also be a fair amount of gold-plating," said Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich.

Dingell and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., requested the report and questioned whether the government should spend so much to support an Olympics already marred by a scandal involving vote-buying of the International Olympic Committee.

"Tax dollars are going to host cities at the expense of other programs," McCain, who is a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination, said in a statement. "How many important public safety projects and other programs in other cities and states were postponed or canceled so that these cities could put on an Olympics?"

McCain has specifically criticized $2.2 million in federal spending for sewer improvements related to the Salt Lake City games. During Senate debate in October, Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, said he had pushed for that spending and denounced McCain for implying that political donations prompted it.

Bennett spokeswoman Mary Jane Collipriest did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Tuesday.

The most expensive projects cited by the report include nearly $700 million in planned spending on road and bridge construction, accelerated so it can be finished in time for the Games. The Transportation Department also plans to spend more than $310 million on two light rail lines in Salt Lake City and $50 million on an Olympic transportation system that includes temporary parking lots and shuttle buses, the report said.

Atlanta's temporary Olympic transportation system cost about $16 million in federal money, the report said.

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Records show Little Rock tower warned plane of severe weather

WASHINGTON (AP) — Little Rock's air traffic control repeatedly warned an incoming American Airlines jet of wind shear and severe weather conditions before it ran off a runway last June and crashed, killing 11 people, documents made public Tuesday show.

Transcripts and tapes released by the Federal Aviation Administration also revealed that airport emergency vehicles failed to locate the burning plane until 14 minutes after it skidded over an embankment and into a field adjacent to the Arkansas River.

The pilot was among 11 people who died in the crash.

"We need to get somebody over ... and get these people, many walking wounded," an airport vehicle radioed the tower 18 minutes after the crash.

"We have heavy rain on the airport. ... The visibility is less than a mile," the tower informed the cockpit about three minutes before it was to have touched down shortly before midnight on June 1. A minute later the tower warned of a wind shear alert, with gusts of up to 45 miles an hour.

"We're established inbound," the voice from the plane, believed to be the co-pilot, responded seconds later. "Thanks," he said in the last communication before the McDonnell-Douglas MD-82, carrying 139 passengers, hurtled off the runway, broke apart and burned.

The Federal Aviation Administration would not comment on contents of the transcript because an investigation is under way. The National Transportation Safety Board has scheduled a hearing for Jan. 26-28 in Little Rock to review details of the crash.

There has been criticism from survivors about the pilot's decision to land during the heavy rain-and windstorm. Some 10 minutes before the landing, the cockpit told the tower the storm was moving toward the plane "like your radar says it is, but a little farther off than you thought."

But minutes later the tower noted that a second part of the storm was moving through with strong winds and gusts. The control tower in Memphis, Tenn., radioed to ask if planes were still landing at Little Rock and was told: "We got a guy trying it right now. Uh, I'll let you know here in just a minute." He later told Memphis that "it's, uh, kind of rockin' and rollin' here."

Six minutes before the scheduled landing, the American pilot told the tower: "There's a cloud between us and the airport, and we just lost the field."

As the tower tried to guide the plane in, the pilot said: "We know you're doing your best, but we're getting pretty close to this storm. We'll keep it tight if we have to."

After the last communication from the plane, the tower asked six times for confirmation of landing without a response before contacting airport emergency vehicles and asking them to look for the plane.

About 14 minutes after the scheduled landing, a vehicle reported: "We got him off the end of the runway. We have sight on fire."

Beyond the weather factor, investigators are reported to be looking into whether the pilots might have neglected to set the spoilers, panels on the wings that pop up to slow the plane down on landing.

Another question is whether fatigue was a factor. The co-pilot, who survived with a broken leg, had been awake for 16 1/2 hours and on duty more than 13 hours the day of the crash.


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Young hacker sentenced to 5 years without a computer

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP) — A young man who hacked into America Online's computers and replaced their programs with his own was sentenced Tuesday to a year in jail — and five years without a home PC.

Jay Satiro, 19, of New Rochelle, "is to have no computer in his room and no computer access at home," said Judge John M. Perone.

In pleading guilty to computer tampering at AOL, Satiro violated the terms of his probation for an earlier offense: using bogus money orders to pay for computer equipment he bought on the Internet.

AOL would not elaborate on how access was gained or what effect it may have had but said the damage cost $50,000 to repair.

The Internet service detected the intrusion, traced it to Satiro's computer and notified authorities. Police showed up at Satiro's home and took him and his computer into custody.

Satiro had once worked as a technical support volunteer at the Internet service and had used his AOL knowledge to his advantage, prosecutors said.

His lawyer, Robert Mancuso, described Satiro as "a disturbed young man" suffering from depression and a social phobia.

The judge said that after Satiro's release from jail, he will be allowed computer access only if required at school or at work, and then only outside the home.

Because Satiro's mother works for IBM and needs a computer at home, the judge was unwilling to ban computers from the house.

But he gave Satiro's probation officer license to make random checks to make sure that there is no computer in Satiro's room and that the teen is not using his mother's machine.

CBS scores a narrow win in week's ratings

NEW YORK (AP) — It was business as usual with last week's prime-time ratings.

"ER" came in first, with NBC's other Thursday series nestled in the Top 8.

ABC's "Monday Night Football" took seventh place, while CBS' "60 Minutes" tied for fifth with NBC's drama "Law & Order."

Overall, CBS claimed a narrow win for the week of December 13-19, with an average audience of 13.0 million viewers (a 9.0 household rating, 15 share), according to Nielsen Media Research figures released Tuesday.

NBC ranked second with 12.9 million viewers (8.9, 15) and ABC had 10.4 million viewers (7.2, 12).

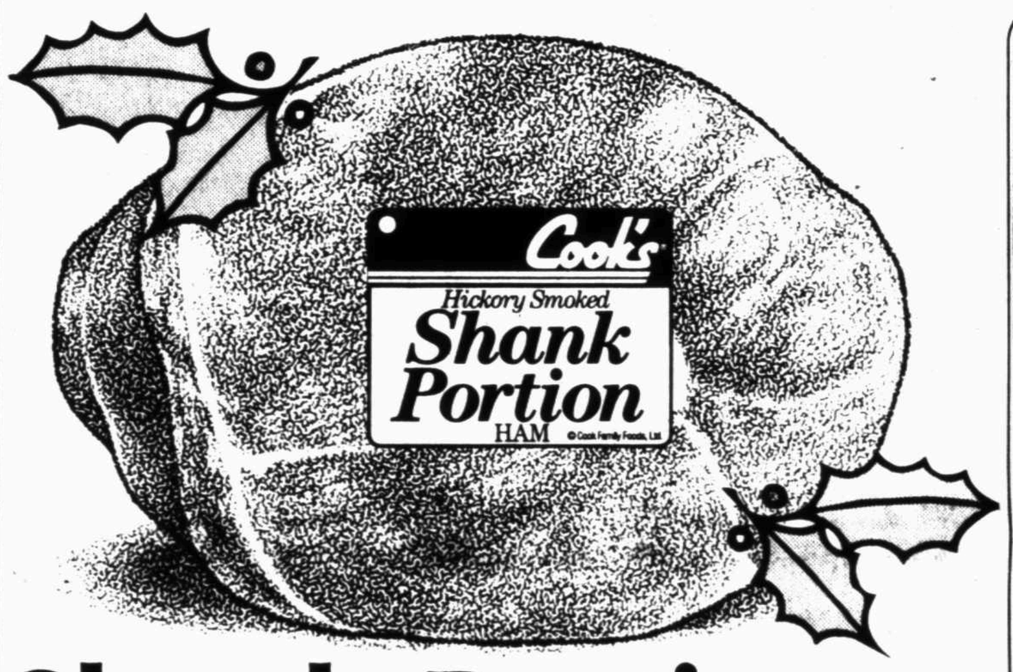
Fox had an average prime-time audience of 8.3 million viewers (5.5 rating, 9 share).

Pulling ahead of UPN after two weeks underneath, the WB had 3.7 million viewers (2.7, 4), while UPN had 3.6 million viewers (2.5 rating, 4 share). The Pax network had 1.0 million viewers (0.8, 1).

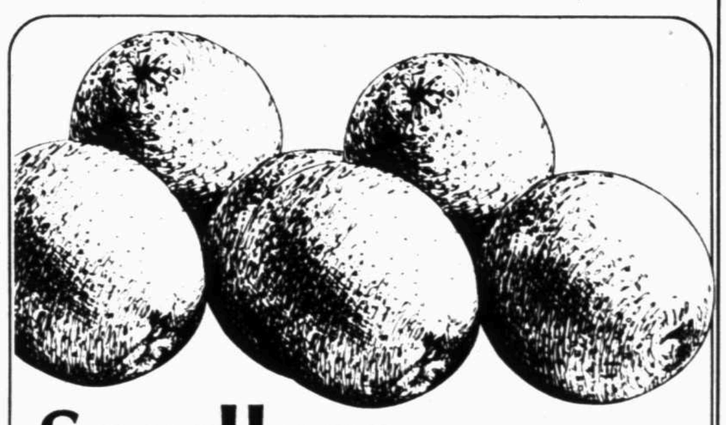
"The NBC Nightly News" won the evening news competition with 11.3 million viewers (8.4 rating, 17 share). ABC's "World News Tonight" had 10.7 million viewers (7.8, 16), while the "CBS Evening News" had 9.2 million viewers (6.9, 14).

A rating point represents 1,008,000 households, or 1 percent of the nation's estimated 100.8 million TV homes. The share is the percentage of in-use televisions tuned to a given show.

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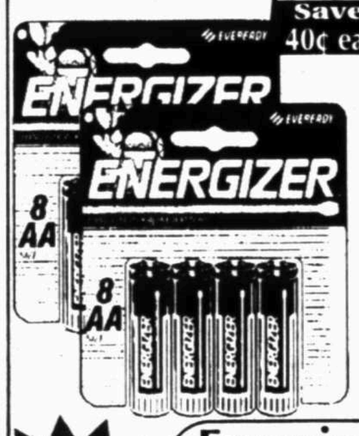


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Working two jobs or odd hours increase accident risks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Working more than one job, getting less than six hours of sleep or driving in the wee hours increase the chance of nodding off behind the wheel, says the first study of what causes sleep-related crashes, which some experts believe account for 15 percent of all wrecks.

The study released Tuesday looked at 1,403 North Carolina drivers and found that among those who got into accidents last year, half had slept less than six hours the night before the crash. On average, they got 35 to 40 minutes less sleep per night than those who didn't get into accidents.

Drowsy drivers were almost twice as likely to be working more than one job and four to five times more likely to be working the night shift.

As is the case for many long-distance truckers, those in accidents were more likely to be driving alone and many had been awake for 20 or more hours when they crashed.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that 100,000 crashes — 3 percent to 4 percent of accidents — occur each year as a result of drivers falling asleep, causing 76,000 injuries and roughly 1,500 deaths.

But David K. Willis, president of the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, which sponsored the study, said most experts believe sleep deprivation may be to blame for up to 15 percent of crashes, including about 6,000 deaths.

"We hope the study that we are releasing today will be a wake-up call to all those folks who have not been getting enough sleep," he said.

Researcher Jane Stutts and colleagues at the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center interviewed 467 drivers who were sleep-deprived or fatigued and involved in accidents, 529 drivers who crashed for other reasons, and 407 drivers who had not been in an accident in the past three years.

The researchers conducted telephone interviews shortly after the accidents and questioned the drivers about their work and sleep schedules, the quality of their sleep, any medications they might have taken that could cause drowsiness, and other factors. Although some drivers suffered from sleep disorders or were taking sleep-inducing medications, they were the minority, Stutts said.

"Almost half of the drivers we talked with said they felt only slightly or not at all drowsy before they crashed," she said. "I think the message here is that we can't always have a lot of warning before we fall asleep at the wheel."

Stutts said many of the drivers questioned took measures in an effort to keep themselves alert, like opening a window, turning up the air conditioning or playing music.

"This does not work to keep you awake," she warned. "The only truly effective action ... is to stop driving immediately, to pull over and get some rest, or let someone else take over the driving for you."

The only short-term remedy the researchers suggested is to stop driving, drink two cups of coffee and take a 15- to 20-minute nap before taking to the road again. Otherwise, the only true preventative measure is to get a full night's rest.

Jamie Summerlin, 29, of Rockwell, N.C., said she knew she was tired but thought she was fine to drive home after working a 12-hour shift at a plastics manufacturing company in May 1998.

"I hit a parked truck on the opposite side of the road and didn't even know it," she said. "You just like black out."

In October, six college students died in College Station, Texas, when a pickup truck driver fell asleep and struck a group heading to a fraternity party after a football game. Last month, six people were killed and four were injured in Mercury, Nev., when a minivan slammed into an oncoming car. Authorities believe the driver of the minivan may have fallen asleep.



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'Dawgs drub Del Rio; Rebs fall in double OT

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Two boys high school basketball teams who came to Midland Tuesday proved a point: Showing up on time doesn't necessarily help, and showing up late doesn't necessarily hurt.

Del Rio came to Chaparral Center to face Midland High in the afternoon and might as well have stayed on the bus, as the Bulldogs administered another pounding to their overmatched foe from along the Rio Grande, 98-49. Shortly after that game, Midland Lee was scheduled to host Seminole at the Chap, but due to miscommunications, the Indians arrived late in town, and the game was moved to the Lee gym for an 8 p.m. tipoff.

It looked as if Seminole was operating on the premise that as long as it was late, it might as well stay in town for awhile, as the Indians overcame a 10-point fourth quarter deficit to force a pair of overtimes before finally prevailing 67-63.

While the loss continued an up-and-down season for the Rebels, the Bulldogs might be hitting their stride prior to hosting next week's Byron Johnston Holiday Classic. After losing three of four games at the Chap Center, MHS has now won five in a row.

"We're 13-4 and I thought we did some very good things and played awfully hard," said Midland High coach Jack Stephenson.

Incentive might have been hard to come by for the Bulldogs, since they had already crushed Del Rio 104-43 earlier this month for their most lopsided win of the season. But coming out flat wasn't on Midland High's agenda, as the Bulldogs scored the game's first 16 points and erased all thoughts of a competitive game.

Stephenson was able to substitute freely, using all 16 of his players who suited up before the end of the first quarter. All of them ended up in the scoring column, and all but one scored from the field.

"My goal in the first quarter was to get everybody in by the end of the quarter and we did that," said Stephenson.

Boredom could have provided a greater obstacle for the Bulldogs than the Rams. After everyone had scored by midway through the fourth quarter, the only suspense was whether Midland High could hang 100 points on Del Rio for the second time this season.

The Bulldogs came up short in that respect, but could have taken care of it had they been more accurate from the free throw line. Midland High shot 19-of-35 from the line, and while that hardly made a difference in the outcome, it left Stephenson disappointed.

"We had definite goals coming in," said Stephenson. "We tried to cut our turnovers down to 12 and I know we didn't do that (MHS committed 18 while Del Rio had 33) and we wanted to shoot 75 percent from the free throw line and I sure know we didn't do that."

Blake Johnston led the Bulldogs with 24 points while sophomore Lucquente White had 12. David Fernandez had 16 for Del Rio.

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DALLAS COWBOYS FOOTBALL

Remember the Superdome

Cowboys can't afford another game like '98's loss to Saints

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Chan Gailey has a three-hour video that will keep the Dallas Cowboys from taking the New Orleans Saints too lightly.



■ Saints plan to start rookie QB/12C

One replay of last year's 22-3 loss at the Superdome should be enough to remind players they need to focus on Friday's opponent and not the two-game winning streak they need to make the playoffs.

"In looking back over that tape, we probably made more mistakes in that game than any in two years," Gailey said. "It was much more us than it was them."

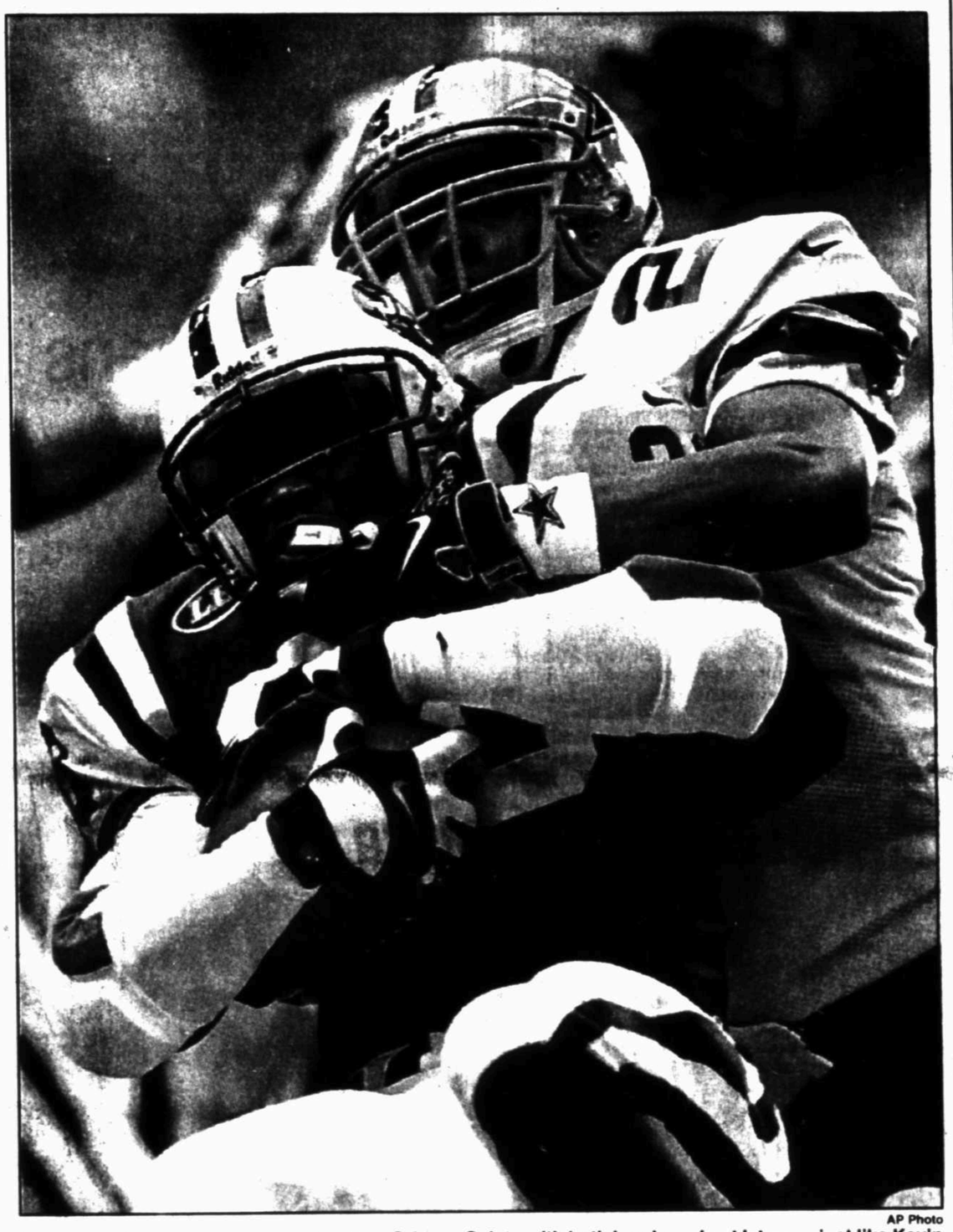
The Cowboys (7-7) must bounce back from their first home loss of the season and end a six-game road losing streak to remain in control of their playoff chances. Because of tiebreaker advantages, Dallas is guaranteed at least a wild-card berth if it finishes 9-7.

After blowing a chance to take over first place in the NFC East by losing 22-21 to the New York Jets on Sunday, some Cowboys were surprised to learn the schedule still works in their favor.

But running back Emmitt Smith pointed out none of that will matter if Dallas keeps making so many mistakes on offense.

"I'm not caught up in what can happen," said Smith, who is still walking gingerly because of a sore

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AP Photo

The Dallas Cowboys should grab the New Orleans Saints with both hands and not let go — just like Kevin Smith did to the Jets' Curtis Martin on Sunday. The Cowboys took the Saints lightly last season and were burned with a 22-3 loss. They can't afford to lose to the Saints this time. They play Friday.

TCU coach follows up on promise

By Jenna Halvatgis Fryer
AP Sports Writer

MOBILE, Ala. — Along with everything he's done to help turn around Texas Christian's football program, coach Dennis Franchione has proved to be a man of his word.

He first came through last season, fulfilling a promise to his players to dye his hair blonde if the Horned Frogs went to a bowl game.

This year, he promised to get a tattoo if they won their conference — and that's the first thing Franchione did when TCU arrived for the inaugural Mobile Alabama Bowl.

There's no telling what he'll do if TCU (7-4) beats No. 20 East Carolina (9-2) in Wednesday night's game.

"They did their part, so I had to live up to my end of the deal," said Franchione, whose Horned Frogs won a share of the Western Athletic Conference title.

Franchione did get a tattoo in Mobile. He refused to say what it was, or if it was permanent, only revealing that it was on his right arm.

The coach is slowly learning to watch what kind of deals he makes with his team.

When he arrived at TCU two years ago, he inherited a team coming off a 1-10 season. His wide receivers had dyed their hair blonde and asked Franchione if he'd do the same if they went to a bowl. TCU went to the Sun Bowl, upsetting heavily favored Southern Cal.

So Franchione dyed his hair.

"When you inherit a one-win team, you say, 'Yeah, sure, I'll do it,'" he said. "And then they went and did it and I was stuck."

After consecutive seven-win seasons — TCU's first since 1958-59 — Franchione has learned his lesson.

Still, he might look for just a little incentive to beat East Carolina on Wednesday. It's the first meeting between the schools, but not the last, since TCU is joining East Carolina in Conference USA in 2001.

"Obviously, for us to be playing a team from Conference USA is certainly a preview for what's ahead in the upcoming years," Franchione said. "We're excited. It's a young and growing conference with great vision, much like our athletic department."

Luckily for East Carolina, it will be their only meeting with TCU running back LaDainian Tomlinson.

Tomlinson set an NCAA Division I-A record earlier this year by running for 406 yards against UTEP. He's already said he'll return for his senior season, but will be gone by the time TCU joins

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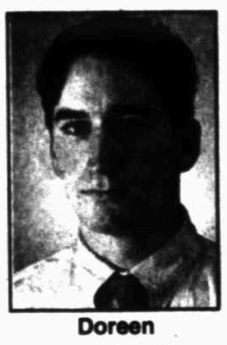
STEWART DOREEN

Parchman's focus on playoffs brings success, honors

Midland Lee head football coach John Parchman is a "Football Coaching Dude."

But don't take our word for it. Ask USA Today.

The publication that awarded the Rebels its 1999 national title named the coach of the two-time state champion its national Coach of the Year.



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It is the ultimate reward for any coach. It is a fitting reward for this one, because if not for Parchman's return to Lee five years ago, the Rebel football program wouldn't be what it is today. That is the elite program in West Texas, no matter the year, and the top program in the state the past two seasons.

It definitely could be worse.

Even if Lee had not won consecutive state titles, the Rebels would have had a lot of things going for them.

Lee still would be the winningest program in District 4-5A in the 1990s.

It would still have tied Permian for the most district titles won in the 1990s (five).

It would still have advanced to the playoffs in nine of 10 seasons in the 1990s.

It would still have held a 6-4-1 (on the field) advantage over Permian during the decade.

Not bad. Actually, most Rebel fans would have been satisfied with those marks. They have grown accustomed to that kind of success for the better part of 15 years.

However, the reason that the Rebels closed the decade with a pair of Class 5A titles is that Parchman wouldn't be satisfied.

In 1996, he talked about how Lee needed to make the jump from a strong regional program to one that commanded respect from around the state.

"They (Permian) are a high-profiled program and we are close to high-profile," Parchman said. "They are the measuring stick of how we are doing."

Since then, it appears Lee is doing quite well, even making Mojo take a back seat to the Rebel Express.

It did so, maybe taking a page out of the Permian playbook. The one that talks about philosophy.

The focal point for Lee changed. The No. 1 priority was not winning the Permian game or claiming a district title. It was the postseason. It was giving themselves a chance to make a run at the state title, something Mojo did so well in its prime.

You could see it in the little things.

Taking Cedric Benson out of a game instead of padding his statistics.

Keeping injured players out of the lineup for district games to get them ready for the playoffs.

Most importantly, Parchman wanted his team to ride on an even keel. Don't get too high or too low. Play consistently. If a team can do that through a balanced 4-5A schedule, a run through the playoffs would become easier.

The Parchman factor was not only limited to attitude. He made an on-the-field change that might have been equally as crucial.

In 1995, Parchman arrived from Llano with the I-formation offense. At the time, it was something out of a Southern California playbook.

Whatever the case, it meant the Lee program was going to break away from the tradition of the Broken Bone. He wanted a throwing game to complement the running game. He wanted balance.

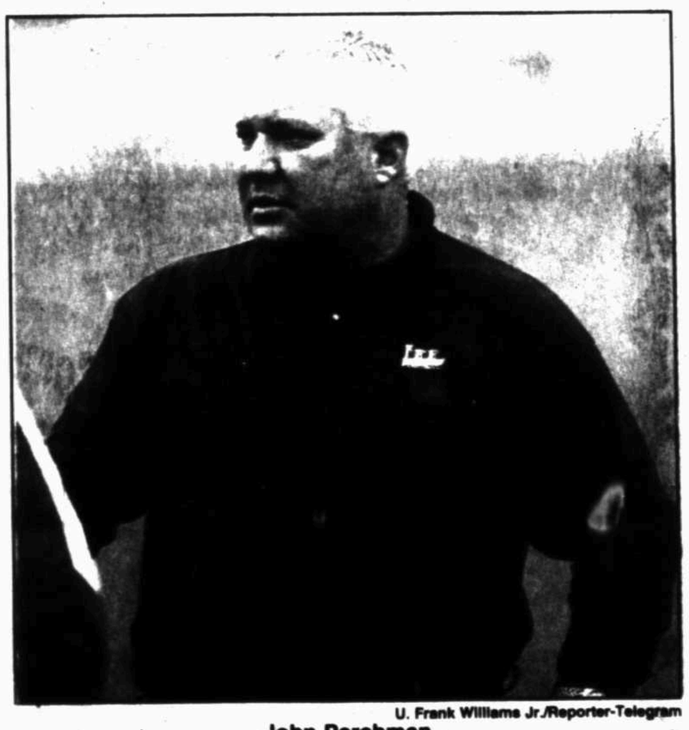
In 1998, two years later, quarterback Jon Rogers arrived, and Parchman had the trigger man who would bring the needed balance. In 31 games as a starter, Rogers quarterbacked Lee to a 30-1 record. Parchman's balanced offense theory then had two state titles and a whole bunch of believers.

The evolution of the Midland Lee program had reached the highest of highs.

"We have had a lot of coaches and kids who contributed to this in the early 1980s," Parchman said. "You have to go back to their good work."

But in 1994 when Earl Miller, the winningest coach in Lee history, retired, Parchman stepped in and built on the foundation.

Five years later, he had the opportunity to take his team to the next level and did so for two consecutive years. It might not make him the best coach in Lee history (although he very well might be), but it does make him the most effective.



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John Parchman
...USA Today Coach of the Year

Does Parchman's system have a third straight state title in the bag? Will he be around another year to try? Those questions remain to be answered, but we know now that the Lee program has a lot of things going for it, thanks to John Parchman.

He is a "Football Coaching Dude."

Just ask USA Today.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Seminole beats Lady Mustangs

Seminole's girls basketball team, now 11-2 on the season, defeated Midland Christian 78-33 in a non-conference game Tuesday night.

MC fell behind 18-5 in the first quarter and trailed at the half 47-13. Sasha Hollar had 14 points for MC while Seminole placed three players in double figures, headed by Rucker's 15.

MC will host the Midland Christian Invitational on Dec. 28-30.

Seminole 78, Midland Christian 33

Seminole (11-2): A.Wickson 4 1-2 11; A.McCormick 3 1-2 8, Williams 4 2-2 11; Alvarado 2 0-0 4; McMahan 2 0-1 5; M.Wickson 2 2-3 6; Villalva 3 0-0 7; Rucker 7 1-1 15; Hughes 1 0-0 2; L.Alvarado, 2 0-0 5; Nichols 1 0-0 2; Dixon 1 0-0 2. **Totals: 32 7-11 78.**

Midland Christian (6-7): Sasha Hollar 4 2-3 14; Ashlee Donnell 1 1-3 3; Hayley Whiteside 2 0-0 4; Jenny Porter 1 0-0 3; Paige West 2 0-0 4; Garen Glasscock 0 1-3 1; Susan Scarborough 2 0-0 4; Kim Johnston 0 0-0 0; Crystal Cooper 1 2-2 4. **Totals: 13 6-11 33.**

Seminole	18	29	18	13	—78
Midland Christian	5	8	10	10	—33

3-Point Goals: Seminole 7 (A.Wickson 2, McCormick, Williams, McMahan, Villalva, Alvarado); MC 1 (Porter). Total Fouls: Seminole 17, MC 15. Fouled Out: None.

Big Spring rolls over Brownfield

BROWNFIELD — Using a stifling defensive effort, the Big Spring girls basketball team routed Brownfield, 58-34, for a decisive road win Monday night.

LaTrisha Rollins led the Lady Steers with 16 points while Melissa Forth added 15. Big Spring is now 9-5 on the season, and will play at a tournament in Abilene starting next Tuesday.

Big Spring 58, Brownfield 34

Big Spring (9-5): McGee 3 0-0 6, Churchwell 0 1-2 1, Gibbs 2 1-4 5, Gwyn 3 1-2 7, Rollins 4 7-10 16, Forth 7 1-2 15, Johnson 3 0-0 6, Pudliner 1 0-0 2. Totals 23 11-22 58.

Brownfield : Richards 1 0-2 2, A. Garza 1 4-7 6, Gonzales 0 2-4 2, Alcorn 0 2-5 2, Burnett 3 3-3 9, B. Garza 1 2-6 4, Tyler 3 1-4 7, Becker 1 0-1 2. Totals 10 14-32 34.

Big Spring	14	17	9	18	—58
Brownfield	6	10	6	12	—34

Three-point goals: BS 1 (Rollins). **Total Fouls:** BS 28, B 22. **Fouled Out:** Alcorn, B. Garza.

JV: Big Spring 47, Brownfield 41.

Freshman: Big Spring 58, Brownfield 38.

Lady Rebels get big win in Amarillo

Staff Report

AMARILLO — It ended up being a nice road trip for the Midland Lee girls basketball team.

Not only did the Lady Rebels see some snow late Monday night, they got some much needed preparation for District 4-5A play in a two-day span, and capped a trip to Amarillo by beating Amarillo Tascosa, 71-63, Tuesday.

Lee (11-4) earned a split with the win, facing two formidable opponents from Amarillo. To Lee coach Elise Kail, just making the trip was worthwhile.

"We just saw this as a great opportunity to come up here and play these teams," said Kail, whose team lost to No. 4 Class 4A team Amarillo Palo Duro, 65-56, Monday. "Any time you can pick up two extra games with your open dates it's beneficial. We got better just by coming up here and playing."

While Tascosa wasn't as powerful as Palo Duro, the win was still something the Lady Rebels can build on. The first half was tight, with neither team taking a firm grasp of the game.

Lee gradually took control of the game at the end of third quarter, though, and held on for the victory. The Lady Rebels made the most of their chances at the free throw line, hitting 25-of-38.

"It's always tough to win on the road especially when you come up here because it's always so physical," Kail said. "We shot 32 free throws in the second half so that was a big difference.

"Shandi Neatherlin and Michele Kennerly did a great job on the boards and defensively. The guard play improved this game too."

Lee's perimeter players were a major factor as freshman Adrianne Ross led the way with 19 points, while Rochelle Warren had 13 and Shamera Bryson added 12. The Lady Rebels shot 50 percent from the floor.

Midland Lee 71, Amarillo Tascosa 63

Lee (11-4): Andrea Long 2 2-4 7, Shamera Bryson 4 4-5 12, Rochelle Warren 5 3-3 13, Shandi Neatherlin 1 3-8 5, Adrianne Ross 6 6-8 19, Julie Jay 1 4-6 6, Danielle Dickey 2 0-0 4, Jade Jones 0 0-0 0, Michele Kennerly 1 3-4 5. **Totals 22 25-38 71.**

Tascosa (6-10): Becca Matthews 0 2-2 2, Lexie Johnston 5 4-5 17, Heather Brown 4 0-1 9, Denise Anthony 0 0-4 0, Brittany Bridges 8 2-6 20, Chancey Hutchens 1 2-2 4, Kami Collins 3 1-5 7, Sara Dodzemmy 0 4-4 4. **Totals 21 15-19 63.**

Lee	15	19	16	21	—71
Tascosa	16	17	12	18	—63

Three-point goals: Lee 2 (Long 1, Ross 1), AT 6 (Johnston 3, Brown 1, Bridges 2). **Total Fouls:** Lee 20, Tascosa 25. **Fouled Out:** Jay, Hutchens. **Technical Fouls:** None.

Ellis leads Red Raiders over Southwest

Associated Press

LUBBOCK — Andy Ellis scored 22 points and Rayford Young added another 21, leading Texas Tech to a 77-68 victory over Southwest Texas State on Tuesday night.

Texas Tech's James Ware and Mario Layne also scored in double digits, adding 13 and 12 points, respectively, to the Red Raiders' tally.

Within the first 10 minutes of play, the Red Raiders (6-2) took the lead. By halftime, they led by 19 points, 40-21.

Jason Blair contributed 21 points, Manny Flores 13 and Wesley Williams 10 throughout the game. Their efforts helped Southwest Texas (3-5) remain in the game during the second half as the Bobcats slowly chipped Tech's lead down to 10 points during the last minutes of the game.

Overall, Tech shot at 41.9 percent, compared with the Bobcats' 23.1 percent.

Dayton 81, Texas A&M 68

DAYTON, Ohio — Mark Ashman scored 17 points to lead five Dayton players in double figures as the Flyers beat Texas A&M on Tuesday night for their best start in 18 years.

Edwin Young had 14 for Dayton (9-1), David Morris added 13, and Brooks Hall and Tony Stanley had 12 apiece.

Bernard King led Texas A&M (3-5) with 19 points, and Larry Scott had 14.

Stanley hit a 3-pointer nine seconds into the game, and Dayton never trailed. The Flyers led 40-25 at halftime, following a 9-0 run in which Hall hit three consecutive 3-pointers.

A pair of free throws by Yuanta Holland gave the Flyers their biggest lead at 22 with 6:46 to play. Morris scored the final six points of the game, all on free throws, after the Aggies had pulled within seven.

Dayton has not been 9-1 since the 1981-82 season.

Baylor 91, North Texas 74

WACO — Terry Black had 27 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists as Baylor defeated North Texas, 91-74, on Tuesday night.

All five Baylor starters scored in double figures, including Jamie Kendrick, who had 16 points and nine rebounds.

Baylor (7-2) has already exceeded its total victories from last year.

North Texas (2-6) was led by Deginald Erskin's 21 points. Kyle Crawford added 18.

Hot shooting propelled Baylor to a 14-2 lead in the contest. The Bears led by 12 at halftime and shot 55 percent for the game.

WOMEN

No. 25 Texas 76, Arizona State 63

AUSTIN — Edwina Brown scored 28 points, including 14 in a decisive second-half run, to lead No. 25 Texas past Arizona State 76-63 Tuesday night.

Brown, who leads the Big 12 Conference in scoring, was 14-of-24 from the floor. Texas shot 53 percent.

Although listed as a forward, Brown is the Longhorns' best ballhandler and created most of her points on drives to the basket against Arizona State's man-to-man defense. She also had four assists.

Asha Hill added 15 points and eight assists and Dana Godfrey scored 12 points for Texas (8-3). Alisha Sare added 13 points in her first start for the Longhorns.

Kitch Kitchen led Arizona State (7-2) with 17 points but after going 7-for-7 shooting in the first half was only 1-of-8 in the second.

■ Texas Colleges

Clutch steal by Elie lifts Spurs in overtime

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A steal by Mario Elie led to a game-deciding free throw with 3.1 seconds remaining in overtime that gave the San Antonio Spurs a 91-90 victory over the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

Tim Duncan led San Antonio with 25 points and 16 rebounds, while David Robinson contributed 21 points and 15 rebounds.

Despite fouling out late in the fourth quarter, Clifford Robinson led Phoenix with 26 points, while Rex Chapman added 19. Suns guard Jason Kidd had his third straight triple-double, scoring 15 points with 11 rebounds and 10 assists.

Elie came up with his steal after Avery Johnson's miss was rebounded by Rex Chapman near the free throw line. As Chapman turned upcourt, Elie swiped the ball away and was fouled.

He made his first free throw and missed the second, but Johnson came up with the offensive rebound and ran out the clock.

The loss broke a four-game winning streak for Phoenix and was the first for Scott Skiles since being named the Suns' head coach on Dec. 13.

San Antonio opened the overtime with a 6-0 run to lead 86-80 on two free throws by Johnson with 3:54 to play. Two free throws by Kidd capped a 7-1 Phoenix run which tied the score 87-87 with 2:07 to play.

After a free throw by Robinson, Phoenix took a 90-88 lead with 1:03 remaining as Chapman converted a three-point play. Robinson tied the game at 90-90 with a tip-in with 43.2 seconds to play.

After trailing since the middle of the third quarter, San Antonio used a 6-0 run to lead 78-77 on Elie's 22-foot set shot with 31 seconds remaining in regulation. After a Phoenix turnover, Terry Porter added two free throws with 12.8 seconds to play, giving San Antonio an 80-77 lead.

Kidd sent the game to overtime with a 3-point field goal from the top of the key with 6.8 seconds to play.

Trail Blazers 89, Rockets 79

HOUSTON — Scottie Pippen, booed every time he touched the ball, made two baskets in the tight closing minutes as the Portland Trail Blazers beat the Houston Rockets 89-79 Tuesday night.

Pippen, traded to the Blazers by the Rockets in the off-season, was greeted with resounding boos when he was introduced in the starting lineup. He finished with 13 points, eight assists and eight rebounds.

It didn't stop the entire game, but the razzing dropped off when Pippen kept Portland ahead with a basket with 4:19 to play and a 3-pointer with 3:15 left. Houston had pulled to 79-77 before Pippen stepped up.

The Trail Blazers snapped a two-game losing streak by holding the Rockets to 11 fourth-quarter points.

Houston had only one more field goal after Cuttino Mobley hit a 3-point basket that cut Portland's lead to 76-74 with 8:52 left in the game.

HOOPS: Rebels, Indians stay up late

(From 1C)

Lee's game with Seminole was far more interesting in terms of the outcome remaining in doubt, even past the end of regulation. Lee (8-8) appeared to be in great shape after Wendell Smith scored on a layup to stretch the lead to 48-38 early in the fourth quarter, but the Rebels lost their offensive bearings after that.

"I'm trying to tell them (the players) to be patient and they're shooting threes with a 10-point lead," said Lee coach Jon House. "In the fourth quarter they (Seminole) scored 17 points on 17 possessions and we had only nine."

After Smith's basket, the Rebels scored only two more field goals in the fourth quarter, and for all their launching from beyond the 3-point arc, they didn't hit a single trey in the second half. Seminole tied the game at 53, but Smith drove in for another layup with just over a minute left to give Lee the lead back.

With 25 seconds left, Lee's Kyle Shatzer was fouled, forcing a one-and-one. Shatzer missed the front end, and Seminole's Eric Sheets scored a layup at the other end on the ensuing possession to tie it at 55. The Rebels had a final chance to win in regulation when Cory Simmons threw up a 3-pointer which was off the mark and Kevin Trout rebounded it and put it back, but the officials ruled it was after the buzzer.

The two teams traded baskets in the first overtime and this time it was Seminole with the last chance to win. Sheets' jumper was off the mark and Tanner Ogden rebounded it and put it back, but it too was ruled too late.

That was emblematic of Seminole's second half dominance of the boards, as the Indians outrebounded the Rebels 38-27.

"They (the Indians) were getting in behind us and we weren't blocking out," said House. "We aren't picking up our game when we need to pick it up."

Smith hit a pair of free throws and Chris Packer scored on a reverse layup to give the Rebels a 63-59 lead at the start of the second overtime, but Lee couldn't score again. Seminole took the lead for good with 1:09 left on a free throw by Sheets.

Simmons led Lee with 16 points while Packer had 13 and Shatzer added 12. Sheets had 21 for Seminole while Ogden had 20 and Adam Alaniz added 10.

4-5A Notes: The Abilene schools opted for an early jump in district play, as Cooper defeated Abilene High 57-50. Both the Midland and Odessa boys schools open 4-5A on New Year's Eve. Also, the Cooper girls defeated Abilene High 50-42.

Midland High 98, Del Rio 49

Del Rio: Khuryi McKinney 1 2-2 5, Nathan Russell 1 0-0 3, Chris Slubar 2 0-0 4, David Fernandez 6 4-6 16, B.J. Pierce 1 0-1 2, Mando Arteaga 2 2-2 6, Albert Jurando 0 0-0 0, Tony Teran 0 3-4 3, Danny Callaway 1 1-2 3, Doug Meadows 2 0-0 4, Gus Cervantes 1 1-2 3, Jaime Fernandez 0 0-0 0. **Totals: 17 13-19 49.**

Midland High (13-4): Chris Oldham 3 0-0 6, Blake Johnston 9 3-6 24, Lucquente White 4 2-2 12, Ronnie Brewster 2 2-4 6, Randy Gardner 1 7-10 9, Jarvis Brown 2 1-2 7, Roget King 1 0-0 2, Tyler Shumskie 2 0-0 4, Jason South 1 0-0 2, Blake Huggins 1 2-4 4, Kalyn Poor 1 0-0 3, John Alcala 1 0-2 3, Ryan Hightower 3 0-0 8, Alfonso Franco 1 0-0 2, Brian Pond 2 0-0 4, Will Smith 0 2-5 2. **Totals: 34 19-35 98.**

Del Rio	7	13	12	17	—49
Midland High	28	21	24	25	—98

Three-point Goals: DR 2 (McKinney 1, Russell 1), MHS 11 (Johnston 3, White 2, Brown 2, Poor 1, Alcala 1, Hightower 2). **Rebounds:** DR 24 (D. Fernandez 5, Pierce 5), MHS 23 (Johnston 5). **Turnovers:** DR 33, MHS 18. **Total Fouls:** DR 26, MHS 20. **Fouled Out:** Slubar, Pierce, Brewster.

Seminole 67, Midland Lee 63, 2 OT

Seminole: Seth Nichols 2 2-7 6, James Ralech 1 0-0 3, Eric Sheets 7 7-10 21, Tanner Ogden 8 4-4 20, Adam Alaniz 5 0-0 10, Eddie Cavazos 1 1-2 3, Rob Guerra 0 0-0 0, Scottie Braly 0 1-2 1, Chris Espinosa 1 1-1 3. **Totals: 25 16-26 67.**

Lee (8-8): Cornell Hunt 0 0-0 0, Wendell Smith 3 2-2 9, Chris Packer 6 1-2 13, Kevin Trout 3 0-0 6, Eric Winston 2 1-2 5, Brooks Stevens 0 0-1 0, Kyle Shatzer 4 3-4 12, Cory Simmons 6 2-2 16, Justin Simpson 0 0-0 0, T.J. Glover 1 0-0 2. **Totals: 25 9-13 63.**

Seminole	13	12	13	17	4	8 —67
Lee	19	16	11	9	4	4 —63

Three-point Goals: S 1 (Ralech), Lee 4 (Simmons 2, Smith 1, Shatzer 1). **Rebounds:** S 38 (Alaniz 9), Lee 27 (Shatzer 7). **Turnovers:** S 30, Lee 23. **Total Fouls:** S 17, Lee 23. **Fouled Out:** None. **Technical Fouls:** Seminole coach Clark.

JV: Lee 66, Seminole 40. For Lee: Ben Webb, 16 points; Ryan Vinson, 15 points; Art Garcia, 11 points.

Stars, Flames can't score

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Calgary's Fred Brathwaite made 32 saves and Dallas' Ed Belfour stopped 31 shots as the Flames and Stars battled to a 0-0 tie Tuesday night.

Brathwaite got his third career shutout, including his second against the Stars. Calgary extended its home unbeaten streak to six games (5-0-1). The Flames have lost just two of their last 10 (5-2-3).

The shutout was the 47th of Belfour's career as Dallas remained undefeated (1-0-2) after the third game of a four-game road trip. The Stars are 8-2-2 in their past 12.

Each team had opportunities to score in overtime. Brathwaite stopped Kirk Muller from the slot, and Belfour smothered a loose puck at the side of the net after Jarome Iginla tried to poke the puck in.

It was the second game in less than a week between the two clubs, with the Stars winning 5-1 in Dallas last Wednesday.



SPORTS SCOREBOARD

College Basketball Results

Top 25 Men

No. 1 STANFORD 76, MISSISSIPPI ST 56

MISSISSIPPI ST (7-3): Patterson 2-7 1-2 6, Hamilton 5-16 0-0 12, Jackson 0-7 4-4 4, Myles 2-6 0-0 4, Jackson 4-12 0-0 10, Q.Smith 2-2 0-0 4, L.Smith 1-1 0-0 2 Gholar 2-3 1-2 7, Zimmerman 1-9 1-2 3, Boswell 2-3 0-0 4, Billups 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 21-67 7-12 56.

STANFORD (9-0): Jar.Collins 7-15 2-4 16, Mendez 4-8 4-4 14, Jas.Collins 4-4 2-4 10, Moseley 8-11 2-2 22, McDonald 0-3 0-0 0, Jacobsen 2-8 2-2 7, Borchardt 2-2 1-1 5, Barnes 0-2 0-0 0, Kirchofer 1-1 0-0 2, Giovacchini 0-2 0-0 0, Gelbard 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 28-57 13-17 76.

Halftime—Stanford 38, Mississippi State 32. 3-Point goals—Mississippi State 7-21 (Gholar 2-2, Jackson 2-4, Hamilton 2-7, Patterson 1-4, Zimmerman 0-1, Boswell 0-1, Myles 0-2), Stanford 7-20 (Moseley 4-5, Mendez 2-4, Jacobsen 1-6, Giovacchini 0-1, McDonald 0-2, Barnes 0-2). Fouled out—Jackson, Q.Smith. Rebounds—Mississippi State 43 (Jackson 9), Stanford 31 (Jar.Collins 10). Assists—Mississippi State 11 (Myles 7), Stanford 23 (McDonald 8). Total fouls—Mississippi State 18, Stanford 14. A—NA.

NEW MEXICO 70, No. 3 ARIZONA 68

NEW MEXICO (6-5): White 2-4 0-2 4, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Walker 1-6 2-2 4, Long 7-20 4-4 18, Henry 7-12 1-1 18, Robinson 1-1 0-0 3, Lightfoot 4-7 0-0 9, Berumen 0-3 0-0 0, Parmer 4-6 0-0 8, Guinn 0-0 0-0 0, Hannah 2-5 2-2 6. Totals 28-66 9-11 70.

ARIZONA (9-2): Wright 1-5 0-1 2, Jefferson 3-9 10-12 17, Woods 7-10 2-2 16, Arenas 6-12 1-2 14, Gardner 2-11 4-5 10, Walter 0-3 3-4 3, Anderson 0-3 4-4 4, Javtokas 1-2 0-1 2. Totals 20-55 24-31 68.

Halftime—Arizona 34, New Mexico 33. 3-Point goals—New Mexico 5-16 (Henry 3-8, Robinson 1-1, Lightfoot 1-3, Smith 0-1, Long 0-3), Arizona 4-12 (Gardner 2-6, Jefferson 1-2, Arenas 1-2, Anderson 0-2). Fouled out—Walker, Jefferson. Rebounds—New Mexico 36 (Hannah 6), Arizona 34 (Wright 10). Assists—New Mexico 11 (Long 5), Arizona 16 (Gardner 9). Total fouls—New Mexico 30, Arizona 14. A—14,525.

No. 20 INDIANA 82, No. 6 NORTH CAROLINA 73

NORTH CAROLINA (8-3): Capel 1-9 2-2 5, Owens 1-3 7-8 9, Haywood 7-8 6-6 20, Cota 2-8 0-0 5, Forte 7-20 2-2 17, Brooker 0-1 0-0 0, Holmes 0-0 0-0 0, Newby 1-1 0-1 2, Melendez 1-1 0-0 2, Lang 5-8 1-2 11, Peppers 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 26-61 18-21 73.

INDIANA (8-1): Odle 0-1 0-0 0 0, Washington 1-3 1-2 3, Haston 6-10 2-2 14, Fife 3-6 1-2 7, Guyton 11-21 2-2 31, Jimenez 0-1 0-0 0, Lewis 3-4 0-0 8, Richardson 3-8 2-2 8, Newton 5-7 1-3 11. Totals 32-61 9-13 82.

Halftime—Indiana 36, North Carolina 32. 3-Point goals—North Carolina 3-14 (Capel 1-2, Cota 1-4, Forte 1-5, Brooker 0-1, Owens 0-2), Indiana 9-16 (Guyton 7-12, Lewis 2-3, Jimenez 0-1) Fouled out—Haywood. Rebounds—North Carolina 35 (Capel 8), Indiana 34 (Haston 9). Assists—North Carolina 19 (Cota 11), Indiana 16 (Lewis 7). Total fouls—North Carolina 16, Indiana 14. Technical—Indiana coach Knight. A—NA.

No. 7 AUBURN 73, VIRGINIA TECH 63

VIRGINIA TECH (5-4): Roberts 3-10 6-8 12, Ray 0-2 3-5 3, Mims 5-10 5-7 15, Dunlop 2-6 1-1 5, Dobbins 0-2 4-4 4, Chase 8-14 1-1 22, Whaley 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Wheeler 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 19-48 20-26 63.

AUBURN (9-1): Porter 6-15 5-8 17, N'Diaye 6-12 4-5 16, Pohlman 0-6 0-0 0, Fishback 2-4 0-3 6, Robinson 4-7 4-4 13, Daniels 2-2 0-0 4, Brewer 0-0 0-0 0, Sharp 2-6 0-0 5, McGadney 1-2 2-2 5, Hamilton 3-6 1-3 7. Totals 26-60 16-25 73.

Halftime—Auburn 36, Virginia Tech 24. 3-Point goals—Virginia Tech 5-11 (Chase 5-9, Dunlop 0-1, Roberts 0-1), Auburn 5-15 (Fishback 2-4, McGadney 1-2, Sharp 1-2, Robinson 1-3, Porter 0-1, Pohlman 0-3). Fouled out—Dunlop. Rebounds—Virginia Tech 30 (Mims, Roberts 7), Auburn 43 (Porter 10). Assists—Virginia Tech 9 (Roberts 4), Auburn 9 (Brewer, Porter 3). Total fouls—Virginia Tech 23, Auburn 21. A—NA.

No. 8 FLA 85, RUTGERS 65

FLORIDA (6-1): Miller 5-12 5-8 16, Haslem 5-5 0-1 10, Harvey 5-6 2-3 12, Dupay 3-7 3-4 11, Weaks 7-11 2-2 18, B.Wright 3-5 8-8 14, Nelson 0-7 0-0 0, Hamilton 0-1 0-0 0, Bonner 1-2 0-0 2, Parker 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 30-58 20-26 85.

RUTGERS (7-3): Salvi 1-3 1-1 3, Greer 3-10 4-5 10, Kent 5-6 1-4 11, Billet 4-10 0-0 10, Jones 2-9 6-10 12, Dabney 0-0 1-2 1, Tompson 1-3 0-3 2, Flores 4-5 4-4 13, Fox 1-1 0-0 3, Brown 0-0 0-0 0, K.Wright 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 21-47 19-29 65.

Halftime—Florida 38, Rutgers 28. 3-Point goals—Florida 5-18 (Dupay 2-5, Weaks 2-5, Miller 1-4, B.Wright 0-1, Bonner 0-1, Nelson 0-2), Rutgers 4-17 (Billet 2-8, Fox 1-1, Flores 1-1, Jones 0-3, Greer 0-4). Fouled out—Salvi, Jones. Rebounds—Florida 36 (B.Wright 7), Rutgers 29 (Greer 7). Assists—Florida 17 (Weaks 6), Rutgers 13 (Kent, Billet 3). Total fouls—Florida 23, Rutgers 20. Technical—Rutgers coach Bannon. A—15,606.

No. 9 PENN ST. 79, PITTSBURGH 56

PITTSBURGH (6-3): Katkowski 4-7 1-1 10, Wittenmyer 6-13 0-1 12, Morris 1-7 0-0 2, Toney 0-8 2-2 2, Selwyn 3-8 4-5 11, Campbell 0-1 0-0 0, Stewart 2-6 0-1 5, Montesano 1-10 0-0 3, Williams 5-7 0-0 11, Barkley 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 22-68 7-12 56.

PENN ST. (8-2): Shephard 3-7 3-5 9, Walseth 4-8 5-5 13, Garner 3-10 2-4 8, Falcone 3-9 0-0 7, Darling 5-7 4-5 15, Carr 1-4 0-0 2, Graby 0-1 0-0 0, Barnes 5-7 3-4 13, Luke 1-4 9-10 12. Totals 25-57 26-33 79.

Halftime—Penn St. 39, Pittsburgh 17. 3-Point goals—Pittsburgh 5-18 (Katkowski 1-1, Williams 1-2, Montesano 1-3, Selwyn 1-4, Stewart 1-4, Wittenmyer 0-1, Toney 0-3), Penn St. 3-12 (Darling 1-3, Luke 1-3, Falcone 1-5, Shepherd 0-1). Fouled out—Katkowski. Rebounds—Pittsburgh 32 (Wittenmyer 8), Penn St. 52 (Garner 14). Assists—Pittsburgh 12 (Selwyn 4), Penn St. 17 (Darling 4). Total fouls—Pittsburgh 26, Penn St. 16. A—3,895.

No. 10 DUKE 109, DAVIDSON 65

DAVIDSON (3-4): Turner 2-10 0-0 4, Kosmalski 2-8 3-4 7, Marshall 7-15 1-2 15, Tonella 3-7 0-0 7, Bernard 4-7 0-1 10, Bree 4-6 0-0 10, Ides 0-2 0-0 10, Bergmann 2-4 0-0 6, Dickens 1-3 2-4 4, Pearson 0-1 0-0 0, Lusakueno 0-2 0-0 0, Anderer 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 26-66 6-11 65.

DUKE (8-2): Carrawell 6-9 1-1 13, Battier 8-9 12-12 31, Boozer 7-9 7-10 21, Duniavy 3-7 0-0 9, Williams 7-14 2-2 20, Sanders 2-3 1-2 5, James 0-2 2-4 2, Christensen 1-1 2-3 4, Horvath 0-1 0-0 0, Buckner 0-0 1-2 1, Simpson 1-2 0-0 3, Caldbeck 0-0 0-0 0, Borman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-57 28-36 109.

Halftime—Duke 58, Davidson 37. 3-Point goals—Davidson 7-18 (Bernard 2-3, Bergmann 2-3, Bree 2-4, Tonella 1-3, Marshall 0-2, Turner 0-3), Duke 11-20 (Williams 4-8, Duniavy 3-3, Battier 3-4, Simpson 1-2, Horvath 0-1, James 0-2) Fouled out—Bernard, Ides. Rebounds—Davidson 32 (Kosmalski 8), Duke 32 (Carrawell 8). Assists—Davidson 12 (Kosmalski, Marshall 3), Duke 22 (Carrawell 7) Total fouls—Davidson 28, Duke 17. A—9,314.

No. 11 TENNESSEE 102, AMERICAN U. OF PR 58

AMERICAN U. (0-6): Rivera 4-6 2-3 10, Je.Rodriguez 6-10 1-3 17, Hernandez 2-10 3-6 7, Jo.Rodriguez 4-10 4-6 15, Colon 1-2 2-2 4, Asencio 0-1 0-0 0, Rios 0-1 0-0 0, Caro 0-1 0-0 0, Ortiz 0-1 1-3 1, A.Rodriguez 0-2 1-2 1, Sierra 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 18-47 15-27 58.

TENNESSEE (10-0): Yarbrough 6-7 1-1 13, Slay 5-6 1-2 11, Victor 2-6 1-7 5, Harris 6-14 0-0 14, Higgins 2-4 0-0 6, Walker 2-3 0-3 4, Halsip 8-10 1-7 17, Turner 2-2 0-2 4, Woods 2-7 0-0 4, Baker 3-6 1-2 10, Davis 1-3 0-0 2, Hathaway 4-5 3-6 12. Totals 43-75 8-30 102.

Halftime—Tennessee 48, American U. 22. 3-Point goals—American U. 7-13 (Je.Rodriguez 4-6, Jo.Rodriguez 3-6, Ortiz 0-1), Tennessee 8-26 (Baker 3-6, Higgins 2-4, Harris 2-6, Hathaway 1-1, Yarbrough 0-1, Davis 0-2, Victor 0-2, Woods 0-4). Fouled out—Haislip. Rebounds—American U. 36 (Hernandez 10), Tennessee 46 (Victor 9). Assists—American U. 10 (Colon 4), Tennessee 21 (Harris 7). Total fouls—American U. 22, Tennessee 21. A—500.

NO. 18 UCLA 83, Maine 62

UCLA (5-1): Moiso 7-15 0-0 15, Kapono 5-11 2-3 15, Gadzuric 6-8 2-3 14, Young 2-4 2-2 7, Watson 2-8 2-2 6, Knight 3-8 0-0 8, Bailey 2-3 0-0 4, Hines 2-3 0-1 4, Barnes 4-6 0-0 8, Farnham 1-2 0-0 2, Brooks 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-69 8-11 83.

MAINE (5-3): Fox 9-12 5-6 23, Dunkley 4-10 1-2 10, Jackson 1-4 0-0 2, Bedard 2-7 0-0 6, Dye 8-18 0-0 19, Waterman 0-0 1-3 1, Thibodeau 0-3 0-0 0, Haynes 0-1 0-0 0, Croom 0-0 1-2. Totals 24-55 8-13 62.

Halftime—UCLA 43, Maine 23. 3-Point goals—UCLA 7-13 (Kapono 3-4, Knight 2-4, Moiso 1-1, Young 1-2, Bailey 0-1, Barnes 0-1), Maine 6-23 (Dye 3-9, Bedard 2-5, Dunkley 1-4, Fox 0-1, Jackson 0-1, Tibodeau 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—UCLA 48 (Barnes 10), Maine 23 (Dunkley 8). Assists—UCLA 21 (Watson 10), Maine 17 (Bedard 13). Total fouls—UCLA 13, Maine 14. A—NA

Top 25 Women

No. 3 LOUISIANA TECH 94, No. 11 PURDUE 62

PURDUE (8-1): Komara 0-5 0-0 0, Parks 5-10 1-2 12, Douglas 8-20 8-11 25, Duhart 2-4 2-3 6, Cooper 6-13 5-8 17, Curless 1-2 0-0 2, Crawford 0-0 0-0 0, Noon 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 22-56 16-24 62.

LOUISIANA TECH (7-1): Massey 2-3 1-2 5, Walker 0-4 1-2 1, Sides 2-5 0-0 6, Lennox 5-12 2-2 14, Jackson 11-20 0-0 26, Antony 0-1 0-0 0, Moore 0-1 0-0 0, Lassiter 2-5 0-0 5, Allen 0-1 0-0 0, Ford 2-3 2-2 6, Lewis 5-9 2-4 12, Frierson 6-8 7-7 19, Bowman 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-72 15-19 94.

Halftime—Louisiana Tech 48, Purdue 29. 3-Point goals—Purdue 2-10 (Parks 1-2, Douglas 1-5, Komara 0-3), Louisiana Tech 9-15 (Jackson 4-7, Sides 2-2, Lennox 2-2, Lassiter 1-3, Antony 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Purdue 32 (Douglas 10), Louisiana Tech 43 (Lennox 9) Assists—Purdue 4 (Douglas 2), Louisiana Tech 16 (Jackson 7). Total fouls—Purdue 18, Louisiana Tech 22. Technicals—Louisiana Tech bench. A—6,723.

No. 4 N.C. STATE 70, NEW HAMPSHIRE 44

NEW HAMPSHIRE (4-5): Donohue 4-9 5-6 13, Domanski 2-6 0-0 5, Proctor 1-4 0-0 2, Farkas 3-13 1-2 7, Danen 0-5 2-2 2, Caschera 1-1 0-0 2, Torok 1-3 0-0 3, Bushey 0-2 0-0 0, Plencner 2-8 0-0 4, Matthias 3-4 0-0 6, Godfrey 0-0 0-0 0, Jarvis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 17-56 8-10 44.

N.C. STATE (10-0): Erb 6-13 5-6 17, James 0-4 0-0 0, Lewis 5-14 0-0 11, Bates 3-6 0-0 8, Chones 5-10 3-6 13, Hawkins 1-1 0-0 2, Hutcherson 0-0 0-0 0, Christianson 1-3 0-0 2, Labador 0-1 0-0 0, Gardner 2-4 3-4 7, Simpson 1-5 3-4 5, Moody 0-1 0-0 0, Scates 1-1 1-2 3, Greene 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 26-65 15-22 70.

Halftime—N.C. State 45, New Hampshire 15. 3-Point goals—New Hampshire 2-11 (Domanski 1-3, Torok 1-3, Donohue 0-1, Proctor 0-1, Plencner 0-3), N.C. State 3-11 (Bates 2-3, Lewis 1-6, James 0-1, Simpson 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New Hampshire 32 (Farkas 5), N.C. State 49 (Lewis 10). Assists—New Hampshire 11 (Farkas 5), N.C. State 14 (Lewis 4). Total fouls—New Hampshire 15, N.C. State 9. A—1,013.

No. 23 KANSAS 71, No. 14 ARIZONA 68

ARIZONA (9-1): Pickney 2-6 2-2 6, Brown 7-11 1-4 15, Brase 0-5 0-0 0, Crank 1-5 0-0 3, Willis 0-3 0-0 0, Griffith 4-7 1-3 13, Bristol 5-9 3-5 15, Lackey 5-12 6-6 16, Taylor 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-59 13-20 68.

KANSAS (7-2): Reves 7-17 0-1 14, Pride 9-18 1-2 19, Johnson 4-8 3-4 11, Raymant 7-14 0-0 15, Jackson 1-7 0-0 2, Pruitt, 0-1 2-2 2, Scott 1-1 0-0 2, White 2-3 0-2 4, Geoffroy 1-1 0-0 2, Fletcher 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-71 6-11 71.

Halftime—Arizona 36, Kansas 26. 3-Point goals—Arizona 7-16 (Griffith 4-7, Bristol 2-3, Crank 1-3, Willis 0-1, Brase 0-2) Kansas 1-6 (Raymant 1-5, Casey 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Arizona 43 (Brown 12) Kansas 39 (Reves 9). Assists—Arizona 20 (Willis 7), Kansas 20 (Raymant 9). Total fouls—Arizona 18, Kansas 19. A—1,532.

No. 15 RUTGERS 72, No. 6 UCLA 46

UCLA (5-3): Philman 2-6 1-1 6, Martin 8-12 3-5 19, Hubbard 4-8 0-0 8, Gomez 1-7 1-1 3, Kaczmarski 0-4 0-0 0, Greco 1-8 2-2 5, Jackson 1-2 0-0 2, Flannigan 0-3 3-6 3. Totals 17-50 10-15 46.

RUTGERS (6-2): Stewart 10-20 7-10 28, Miles 5-10 2-2 12, Cunningham 2-5 0-0 4, Fowler 2-6 0-0 5, Pointer 5-5 6-8 16, Washington 1-4 0-2 2, Sutton-Brown 2-6 1-3 5. Totals 27-56 16-25 72.

Halftime—Rutgers 28, UCLA 24. 3-Point goals—UCLA 2-13 (Philman 1-2, Greco 1-4, Kaczmarski 0-2, Gomez 0-5), Rutgers 2-10 (Fowler 1-2, Stewart 1-6, Washington 0-2). Fouled out—Philman, Sutton-Brown. Rebounds—UCLA 31 (Martin 8), Rutgers 41 (Stewart 12). Assists—UCLA 11 (Gomez 9), Rutgers 17 (Stewart 6). Total fouls—UCLA 23, Rutgers 18. A—1,812.

No. 18 ILLINOIS 88, CS NORTHRIDGE 69

CS NORTHRIDGE (5-3): Jones 5-11 0-0 13, Milic 4-8 8-9 16, Harris 3-6 1-4 7, Curry 3-19 4-5 12, Fowler 3-8 0-0 7, Amari 3-6 1-1 8, Rice 1-2 0-0 2, Bryant 1-3 0-0 2, Saleem 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 24-70 14-19 69.

ILLINOIS (9-3): Curtin 10-13 3-6 24, Catchings 9-12 9-12 28, Blauser 4-8 5-6 13, Hunter 3-8 7-9 13, Parker 1-2 0-0 2, Faulkner 2-10 0-1 4, Wilson 0-2 2-2 2, Hagberg 0-1 0-0 0, Vana 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 29-56 28-38 88.

Halftime—Illinois 49, CS Northridge 29. 3-Point goals—CS Northridge 7-24 (Jones 3-5, Curry 2-10, Fowler 1-1, Amari 1-6, Bryant 0-1, Saleem 0-1), Illinois 2-6 (Curtin 1-1, Catchings 1-1, Faulkner 0-4). Fouled Out—Amari, Curtin. Rebounds—CS Northridge 39 (Milic 8), Illinois 44 (Blauser 14). Assists—CS Northridge 11 (Curry 6), Illinois 19 (Curtin 9). Total fouls—CS Northridge 29, Illinois 14. Technical—Hunter. A—3,395.

No. 24 TULANE 81, NICHOLLS ST. 51

TULANE (8-0): Roberson 6-8 3-9 15, Burse 5-9 0-3 10, Daley 3-10 7-8 14, Scanlon 0-5 0-0 0, Hector 2-6 6-6 10, Carroll 1-2 4-4 6, Norris 1-2 0-0 2, Cizmar 1-6 1-1 3, Thomann 5-9 5-5 18, G.Turnbull 1-1 1-1 3. Totals 25-58 27-39 81.

NICHOLLS ST. (0-6): H.Broussard 7-14 3-5 18, M.Broussard 1-4 3-4 5, Robinson 1-2 0-0 2, Schreiter 4-11 7-8 17, C.Broussard 0-2 0-0 0, Walter 0-6 0-0 0, Posey 0-0 0-0 0, Nearing 2-11 0-0 4, Kelley 1-7 1-2 3, Terry 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 16-57 16-21 51.

Halftime—Tulane 33, Nicholls St. 13. 3-Point goals—Tulane 4-18 (Thomann 3-7, Daley 1-6, Scanlon 0-3, Hector 0-2), Nicholls St. 3-15 (Schreiter 2-6, H.Broussard 1-3, Kelley 0-1, M.Broussard 0-2, Walter 0-3). Fouled out—H.Broussard. Rebounds—Tulane 42 (Roberson 12), Nicholls St. 42 (Nearing 9). Assists—Tulane 14 (Daley 4), Nicholls St. 6 (C.Broussard 3). Total fouls—Tulane 20, Nicholls St. 26. A—3,138.

No. 25 TEXAS 76, ARIZONA STATE 63

ARIZONA STATE (7-2): Allen 1-4 0-0 3, Jantzen 3-13 4-4 10, Holt 2-5 2-2 6, Kitchen 8-15 0-1 17, Tucker 2-6 0-0 6, Paulson 2-3 0-0 5, McFayden 0-0 0-0 0, Leonard 0-1 0-0 0, Combs 0-2 0-0 0, Sand 7-10 0-0 16, Crisp 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-59 6-7 63.

TEXAS (8-3): Woods 1-5 0-0 2, E.Brown 14-24 0-1 28, Littleton 1-1 0-0 2, Sare 6-13 0-0 13, Hill 7-12 0-0 15, M.Brown 0-0 0-0 0, Godfrey 6-9 0-1 12, Johnson 1-2 0-0 2, Ryan 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 37-67 0-2 76.

Halftime—Texas 36, Arizona St. 33. 3-Point goals—Arizona St. 7-15 (Tucker 2-2, Sand 2-3, Paulson 1-2, Kitchen 1-3, Allen 1-4, Leonard 0-1), Texas 2-7 (Sare 1-3, Hill 1-4). Fouled out—none. Rebounds—Arizona St. 29 (Holt 9), Texas 38 (Godfrey 8). Assists—Arizona St. 14 (Tucker 5), Texas 16 (Hill 8). Total fouls—Arizona St. 10, Texas 14. A—5,045.

Texas Men

Texas Tech 77, Southwest Texas St. 68

SW Texas St. (3-5): Polyblank 1-6 0-0 3, Blair 8-15 5-7 21, Hobbs 0-2 0-0 0, Flores 2-5 8-12 13, Williams 4-14 1-2 10, Sykes 0-3 0-0 0, Lane 1-2 0-0 2, Flick 0-2 0-0 0, Smith 2-5 0-0 5, Click 2-4 0-0 6, Hamilton 1-4 1-2 3, Richeson 2-3 0-0 4, Scott 0-1 1-2 1. Totals 23-66 16-25 68.

Texas Tech (6-2): Layne 5-10 2-2 12, Kennard 0-2 2-2 2, Ellis 9-16 4-8 22, Young 2-13 16-18 21, Ware 4-10 2-4 13, Hobbs 0-1 0-0 0, Phillips 0-0 0-0 0, Mitchell 2-3 2-3 7. Totals 22-55 28-37 77.

Halftime—Texas Tech 40, Southwest Texas St. 21. 3-Point goals—SW Texas St. 6-13 (Polyblank 1-2, Flores 1-3, Williams 1-2, Sykes 0-1, Smith 1-1, Click 2-3, Richeson 0-1), Texas Tech 5-16 (Young 1-6, Ware 3-7, Hobbs 0-1, Mitchell 1-2). Fouled out—Layne. Rebounds—SW Texas St. 45 (Blair 18), Texas Tech 40 (Ellis 11). Assists—SW Texas St. 13 (Hobbs 3, Flores 3, Williams 3), Texas Tech 11 (Young 5). Total fouls—SW Texas St. 24, Texas Tech 18. Technicals—SW Texas bench. A—9,738.

DAYTON 81, TEXAS A&M 68

TEXAS A&M (3-5): Scott 5-9 0-0 14, J. Brown 0-4 0-0 0, Jack 3-6 2-2 8, Gilchrist 2-8 0-1 4, King 7-16 3-4 19, Boeker 0-0 0-0 0, Ress 3-5 0-2 8, C. Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Jacobs 3-4 1-2 7, Slocum 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 27-61 6-11 68.

DAYTON (9-1): Green 1-3 1-5 3, Hall 4-8 0-0 12, Ashman 4-9 9-9 17, Stanley 4-9 2-2 12, Young 3-7 5-6 14, Fritz 0-0 0-0 0, Morris 2-4 7-8 13, Holland 3-3 2-4 8, Cooper 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 21-44 28-36 81.

Halftime—Dayton 40, Texas A&M 25. 3-point goals—Texas A&M 8-22 (Scott 4-7, J. Brown 0-2, Gilchrist 0-2, King 2-7, Ress 2-4), Dayton 11-23 (Hall 4-8, Stanley 2-6, Young 3-6, Morris 2-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas A&M 35 (Jack 11), Dayton 30 (Green, Hall 7). Assists—Texas A&M 12 (King 8), Dayton 16 (Young, Morris 5). Total fouls—Texas A&M 24, Dayton 14. A—12,824.

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST
North Texas 90, SMU 77
Oklahoma 84, San Diego 39
Rice 73, Cornell 48
Texas 76, Arizona St. 63
Texas Tech 77, SW Texas 68

FAR WEST
Colorado St. 60, Oregon St. 51
Denver 49, Weber St. 43
Fairfield 63, Hawaii 61
Loyola Marymount 71, Baylor 55
N. Arizona 78, Mississippi 65
New Mexico 71, Arkansas 66
S. Utah 64, Western St., Colo. 52
UNLV 78, Sacramento St. 64

MIDWEST
Creighton 64, Northwestern 53
Dayton 78, Xavier 77
Florida St. 73, Chicago St. 49
Illinois 88, CS Northridge 69
Kansas 71, Arizona 68
Louisville 82, Butler 50
Michigan St. 87, Ohio 78
Valparaiso 81, Loyola, Ill. 65
W. Illinois 66, E. Illinois 60
Wis.-Green Bay 68, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls 51

SOUTH
Cent. Florida 79, Radford 65
ETSU 87, Davidson 74
Louisiana Tech 94, Purdue 62
Louisiana-Monroe 66, New Orleans 65
Marshall 80, Morehead St. 77
Middle Tennessee 74, N.C.-Asheville 61
N.C. State 70, New Hampshire 44
SW Missouri St. 74, Fla. International 61
South Alabama 56, East Carolina 53
Tulane 81, Nicholls St. 51
UNC-Greensboro 78, Clemson 67, OT
Vanderbilt 85, Princeton 30

EAST
American U. 65, Navy 54
Buffalo 74, Youngstown St. 65
Georgia Tech 91, St. Francis, NY 60
Penn St. 79, Pittsburgh 56
Rider 66, Temple 63
Rutgers 72, UCLA 46

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST
Baylor 91, North Texas 74
Houston 72, Sacramento St. 70
Louisiana Tech 63, Stephen F.Austin 54
TCU 107, E. Michigan 101, 2OT
Texas Tech 77, SW Texas 68

FAR WEST
Arizona St. 74, Santa Clara 55
Boise St. 70, S. Utah 57
Colorado 76, New Mexico St. 53
New Mexico 70, Arizona 68
Stanford 76, Mississippi St. 56
Weber St. 86, Utah St. 73

MIDWEST
Akron 89, Buffalo 67
Ball St. 101, Chaminade 79
Benedictine,Ill. 69, Manchester 52
Dayton 81, Texas A&M 68
Evansville 84, Morgan St. 60
Hanover 63, Thomas More 60
Missouri 78, Illinois 72
N. Illinois 70, Wright St. 58
Ohio Dominican 56, Baldwin-Wallace 49
St. John's, Minn. 90, Nebraska Wesleyn 75
UC Santa Cruz 70, Rockford 52
Wayne, Mich. 92, Siena Heights 60
Wichita St. 79, Stony Brook 48
Xavier 92, St. Mary's, Cal. 48

SOUTH
Alabama 97, Alabama A&M 74
Brescia 70, Oakland City 62
Cabrini 71, Marymount, Va. 59
Coll. of Charleston 52, Armstrong Atlantic 43
Duke 109, Davidson 65
ETSU 99, Montreat 71
Eckerd 72, Morehouse 48
Faulkner 63, Mobile 61
Florida Southern 71, Ohio Northern 68
George Mason 79, Drexel 54
Georgia 65, Ark.-Little Rock 63
Indiana 82, North Carolina 73
Jacksonville 101, High Point 86
LSU 80, Centenary 52
Memphis 76, Louisiana-Monroe 61
N.C.-Wilmington 74, Cent. Florida 60
Nicholls St. 101, Southwestern, Kan. 60
South Alabama 64, BYU 63
Southern Miss. 61, Troy St. 46
UAB 91, Tenn.-Martin 84
UNC-Greensboro 93, Winthrop 88, 2OT
Va. Commonwealth 101, VMI 86
Virginia 69, Richmond 65
W. Carolina 85, Mercer 78

EAST
Cent. Connecticut St. 54, Providence 50
Colgate 80, Hobart 57
Delaware 97, Howard 52
Florida 85, Rutgers 65
Fordham 110, Quinnipiac 73
Harvard 96, Sacred Heart 83
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Harrah's Odds

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Odds for the college bowl games and this week's NFL football games as provided by Harrah's Reno Casino & Sportsbook:

NCAA Football
Dec. 22
Mobile, Alabama Bowl

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
East Carolina	4 1/2	TCU

Dec. 25
Aloha Bowl

Arizona St.	3	Wake Forest

Oahu Bowl

Oregon St.	9	at Hawaii

Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl

Marshall	3	BYU

Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl

Penn St.	6	TexasA&M

Dec. 29
Music City Bowl

Kentucky	3	Syracuse

Holiday Bowl

Kansas St.	11 1/2	Washington

Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl

Louisville	3	BoiseSt.

Micron PC Bowl

Virginia	2 1/2	Illinois

Peach Bowl

Clemson	2 1/2	Mississippi St

Dec. 31
Insight.com Bowl

Colorado	8	Boston College

Sun Bowl

Minnesota	2 1/2	Oregon

Liberty Bowl

Southern Miss.	4	Colorado St.

Independence Bowl

Oklahoma	4	Mississippi

Jan. 1
Cotton Bowl

Texas	7 1/2	Arkansas

Outback Bowl

Purdue	5 1/2	Georgia

Gator Bowl

Miami	5	Georgia Tech

Citrus Bowl

Florida	1	Michigan St.

Rose Bowl

Wisconsin	11 1/2	Stanford

Orange Bowl

Alabama	2	Michigan

Jan. 2
Fiesta Bowl

Nebraska	4	Tennessee

Sugar Bowl

Florida St.	6	Virginia Tech

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FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Friday		
Dallas	8 1/2	at NewOrleans
Saturday		
at Detroit	4 1/2	Denver
Sunday		
Minnesota	2 1/2	at N.Y. Giants
Buffalo	3	at N. England
Arizona	3	at Atlanta
Jacksonville	3	at Tennessee
Carolina	3 1/2	at Pittsburgh
at St. Louis	10	Chicago
at Baltimore	7	Cincinnati
Indianapolis	13 1/2	at Cleveland
at Seattle	3	Kansas City
Oakland	3	at San Diego
at Tampa Bay	3 1/2	Green Bay
at San Francisco	OFF	Washington
Monday		
at Miami	4	N.Y. Jets

NFL Possibilities

By The Associated Press

The possibilities for the NFL playoffs entering Week 16:

AFC EAST

Indianapolis — Have clinched AFC East division title and a first-round playoff bye.

Miami — Can clinch AFC playoff berth with a win AND a Seattle loss or tie.

Buffalo — Can clinch AFC playoff berth with a win AND EITHER a Miami loss OR Seattle loss or tie.

AFC CENTRAL

Jacksonville — Have clinched playoff berth. Can clinch AFC Central division title and a first-round playoff bye with a win or tie. Can clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win and an Indianapolis loss or tie.

Tennessee — Have clinched a playoff berth.

Note: Eventual AFC Central champion has clinched a first-round playoff bye.

AFC WEST

Kansas City — Can clinch AFC West division title with a win.

NFC EAST

Washington — Can clinch NFC East title with a win AND a Dallas loss or tie. Can clinch NFC playoff berth with EITHER a win OR a Green Bay loss; a Carolina loss; and either a N.Y. Giants loss or a Dallas loss.

NFC CENTRAL

Tampa Bay — Can clinch NFC Central division title with a win AND a Detroit loss or tie and a Minnesota loss or tie. Can clinch a first-round playoff bye with a win AND a Detroit loss or tie; one Minnesota loss or tie; and a Washington loss or tie. Can clinch an NFC playoff berth with a win OR a Carolina loss or tie and either a Minnesota loss and Detroit loss

Baseball denies Beltre's request for free agency

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — Baseball refused to grant Los Angeles third baseman Adrian Beltre free agency on Tuesday, a move that will almost certainly lead to a grievance from the players' association.

Commissioner Bud Selig admitted Beltre was 15 when he was signed, a year younger than baseball's rules permit, but said the player participated in the scheme and made the claim for free agency too late.

"You waited five years to bring your claim," Selig wrote in a five-page letter to Beltre, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press. "Your claim is more than four years too late. ... Lack of awareness is not a valid justification or excuse. ... It defied credibility that you were unaware of the age limits at the time of your signing and remained so for almost five years."

The Dodgers were fined $50,000, according to a high-ranking baseball official who spoke on the condition he not be identified. Los Angeles was ordered to pay Beltre $48,500, according to Selig's letter.

In addition, Selig banned the Dodgers from scouting or signing any amateur players who reside in the Dominican Republic for one year, and told the team it must close its Dominican Republic training camp at Campo Las Palmas for one year.

Selig also told Ralph Avila, the semiretired vice president of Campo Las Palmas, he must serve a one-year suspension if he ever returns to baseball, another baseball official said, also on the condition of anonymity. Pablo Peguero, the scout who signed Beltre, was suspended for a year, the second source said.

Beltre and his agent, Scott Boras, claimed the Dodgers knew Beltre was underage when they signed him in 1994. Selig, in his letter to Beltre, cited five instances in which Beltre indicated his birth date was April 7, 1978, rather than April 7, 1979.

"These documents demonstrate your awareness that the Dodgers had falsified your birth date and that you, at least at times, were cooperating in that deception."

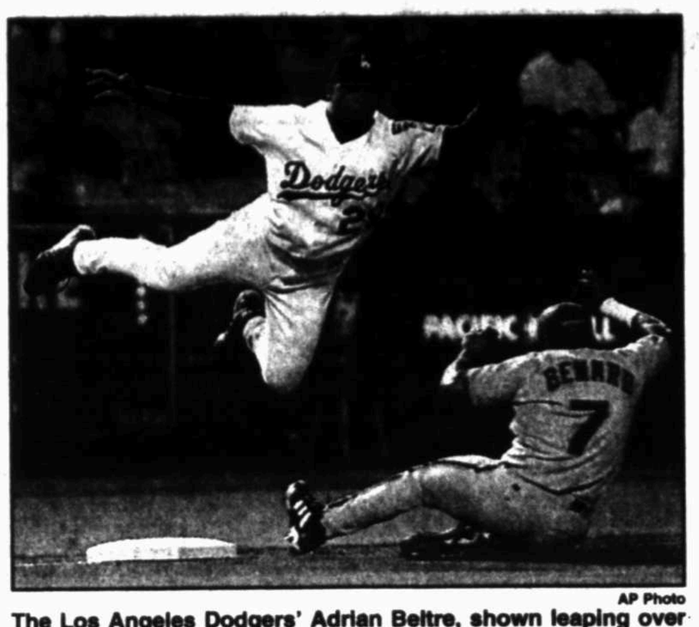
When Beltre signed, he received a $17,000 signing bonus. Selig estimated Beltre would have gotten $50,000 if he had signed the following year and awarded him the difference — $33,000 — plus $15,500 for estimated interest.

Beltre hit .275 with 15 homers, 67 RBIs and 18 steals this year in his first full season with the Dodgers.

"In light of the evidence, we're very disappointed," Boras said. "On the other hand, we knew this is one step of the process. To get to a neutral decision-maker, we had to go through this step in the process."

The players' association is moving toward filing a grievance, which would move the matter before Shaym Das, baseball's independent arbitrator.

"Obviously, we want to move quickly," said Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official. "We also want to give the decision the attention it deserves. We're going to study it, interview the players, do some legal analysis, make sure we're on firm ground. I assume we'll have an answer within 48 hours."



AP Photo

The Los Angeles Dodgers' Adrian Beltre, shown leaping over San Francisco's Marvin Benard, will be in a Dodgers uniform again next year after baseball denied his request to be granted free agency.

The Dodgers admitted during the investigation they had purposely falsified Beltre's birth date and signed the player in 1994 when he was 15.

"This is a serious violation of major league baseball rules," Selig said in a statement. "There are those who would like to dismiss this kind of behavior as 'business as usual.' We will not allow such an attitude to prevail in our game, and we will vigorously enforce the rules.

"Although these violations occurred under prior ownership, the club must accept responsibility for the consequences of the acts, no matter when they were committed."

The Fox division of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. purchased the Dodgers from Peter O'Malley's family in March 1998.

Selig invoked Major League Rule 22 (c), which provides that "any disputed monetary claim, claim for free agency or complaint which any party may desire to submit for consideration, action or decision by the Commissioner must be presented within one year from the date the claim arose."

"We ... will abide by his findings and his rulings," Dodgers president Bob Graziano said. "The Dodgers respect and strongly endorse the rules and regulations of major league baseball, and we fully intend to comply with those rules. We have and will continue to improve our structure and to strengthen our policies so that similar issues will not arise in the future."

Said Los Angeles general manager Kevin Malone: "We respect Adrian as an individual and a ballplayer and we're pleased he will remain in a Dodger uniform in 2000."

Selig did not return a call seeking comment. The Dodgers said the two suspended scouts were in the Dominican Republic and not available for comment.

Earlier this year, the team lost two Cuban players because they signed before they were 16. Infielder Juan Diaz and outfielder Josue Perez were declared free agents by Selig, and the Dodgers were fined $200,000. Perez later signed with Philadelphia for $850,000.

Selig ordered the Dodgers to pay Beltre the $48,500 by Jan. 31, but said they could hold off on the payment if the decision is challenged.

Spurrier concedes he handed Gators too much criticism

By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — After two months of browbeating his team into believing it was bad, Florida coach Steve Spurrier had a stunning change of heart Tuesday.

He admitted he was wrong.

"There was probably a little too much criticism on my part," Spurrier said.

The 10th-year coach did everything but apologize to his players for the constant criticism he rained down on them as a promising season turned sour and a once-potent offense stopped moving.

Telling it like it is has always been one of Spurrier's specialties, and he had no qualms in doing it through most of the season. He chided the players for making "dumb, stupid" mistakes and harped on the theme that the Mighty Gators weren't so mighty anymore.

But in the down time following the No. 10 Gators 34-7 loss to Alabama in the Southeastern Conference title game, he realized that tact had been a failure.

He conceded as much during a short, awkward monologue in which he seemed fidgety and uncomfortable at the podium.

"Maybe it was something I didn't handle as well as I could have," he said. "But then, on the other side, I handled it about like I always do. But maybe this team didn't respond that way to the negative talk. We usually always come to the ballpark thinking we're just as good as the other guy. So, if somehow or another we thought maybe we weren't as good as the other guy, then that was my fault."

Not only did Spurrier admit he handled the team the wrong way, he committed to do something about it come the Citrus Bowl on New Year's Day.

In another stark turnabout from a few weeks ago, Spurrier said all the seniors that contributed this season will get their starting jobs back.

Most notably, that includes quarterback Doug Johnson, whose aching shoulder has recovered.

"Doug has played most of this year," Spurrier said. "Just looking back, I think he deserves the game."

Johnson said he is looking forward to the opportunity. He caught a good portion of the criticism late in the year, when Spurrier replaced him with Jesse Palmer.

After failing to bring a title to Florida in nearly three full years at the helm, the senior quarterback also recognized the need for an attitude adjustment before he plays his final game.

"You don't want to have a bitter taste in your mouth when you leave as a senior," Johnson said. "It's your last game and you want to be able play well and perform well. It's going to be your last memory you'll have as a Gator."

Receiver Darrell Jackson said the players understood where Spurrier was coming from when he criticized them mercilessly as the season progressed. The performances got no better, however. Jackson suggested that maybe the coach's motivational tactics finally took their toll.

"Sometimes you think about it as a player," Jackson said. "But he's just trying to pick us up. Different people have different perceptions on how to pick people up, and that might just be the way he tries to motivate us."

Rhodes gets $13 million from Mariners

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It sure pays to be a left-handed reliever.

Arthur Rhodes agreed Tuesday to a $13 million, four-year contract with the Seattle Mariners and Baltimore replaced him by agreeing to a $4 million, two-year deal with Buddy Groom.

Rhodes, 30, spent nine seasons with the Orioles but left because Baltimore offered only three guaranteed years.

"I had to do what I had to do. I'm not going to worry about the Orioles," Rhodes said.

Rhodes was 3-4 with a 5.43 ERA with three saves in 43 games for the Orioles last season. Left-handed hitters batted .206 (14-for-68) against him. He joins a bullpen bolstered by Saturday's $9.5 million, three-year contract with 31-year-old Japanese closer Kazuhiro Sasaki.

Rhodes has a 43-36 career record with a 4.86 ERA and nine saves. He gets a $1 million signing bonus, $2.5 million next year, $3 million in 2001 and $3.5 million in each of the final two seasons.

■ Baseball Roundup

Since Pat Gillick replaced Woody Woodward as Seattle's general manager six weeks ago, he agreed to a $20 million, three-year contract with free agent first baseman John Olerud, then agreed Monday to a $2.25 million, one-year contract with second baseman Mark McLemore and a $1.8 million, one-year deal with outfielder Stan Javier.

Groom was 3-2 with a 5.09 ERA last season with the Oakland Athletics. Used almost exclusively against left-handed hitters, Groom pitched a total of 46 innings in 1999, facing one batter in 28 outings and exceeding one inning only eight times.

Toronto agreed to a minor league contract with right-hander Frank Castillo.

Twenty-eight players became free agents Tuesday after teams failed to offer them contracts for next season by Monday's deadline, among them Boston outfielder Butch Huskey and St. Louis right-hander Ricky Bottalico.

Also let go were three Mariners: third baseman Russ Davis, right-hander Rafael Carmona and infielder Rafael Bournigal. And, in a procedural move, Cincinnati made a free agent of Deion Sanders, who long ago gave up baseball for the NFL's Dallas Cowboys.

Among players eligible for salary arbitration, left-hander Mike Myers agreed to a $3 million, three-year contract with Colorado, right-hander Jimmy Haynes agreed to a $900,000, one-year deal with Milwaukee and left-hander Matt Whisenant agreed to a $450,000, one-year contract with San Diego.

Astros sign infielder Tripp Cromer

HOUSTON — Infielder Tripp Cromer and the Houston Astros agreed Tuesday to a minor league contract.

Cromer, 32, played with St. Louis from 1993-1995 and Los Angeles from 1997-99. He batted .192 in 33 games with the Dodgers last season, hitting two homers and driving in eight runs.

Cromer originally was a third-round draft pick of St. Louis in 1989. His primary position is shortstop.

TCU: Pirates' defense must slow Tomlinson

(From 1C)

C-USA.

The school is already kicking around ideas for a Heisman Trophy campaign for Tomlinson next season, which doesn't surprise East Carolina coach Steve Logan.

"This kid is a great player and I know they are talking about a Heisman Trophy run for him next year," Logan said. "I think that is an appropriate conversation for them to be having."

Logan isn't overly worried about stopping Tomlinson because of the Pirates' much-improved defense.

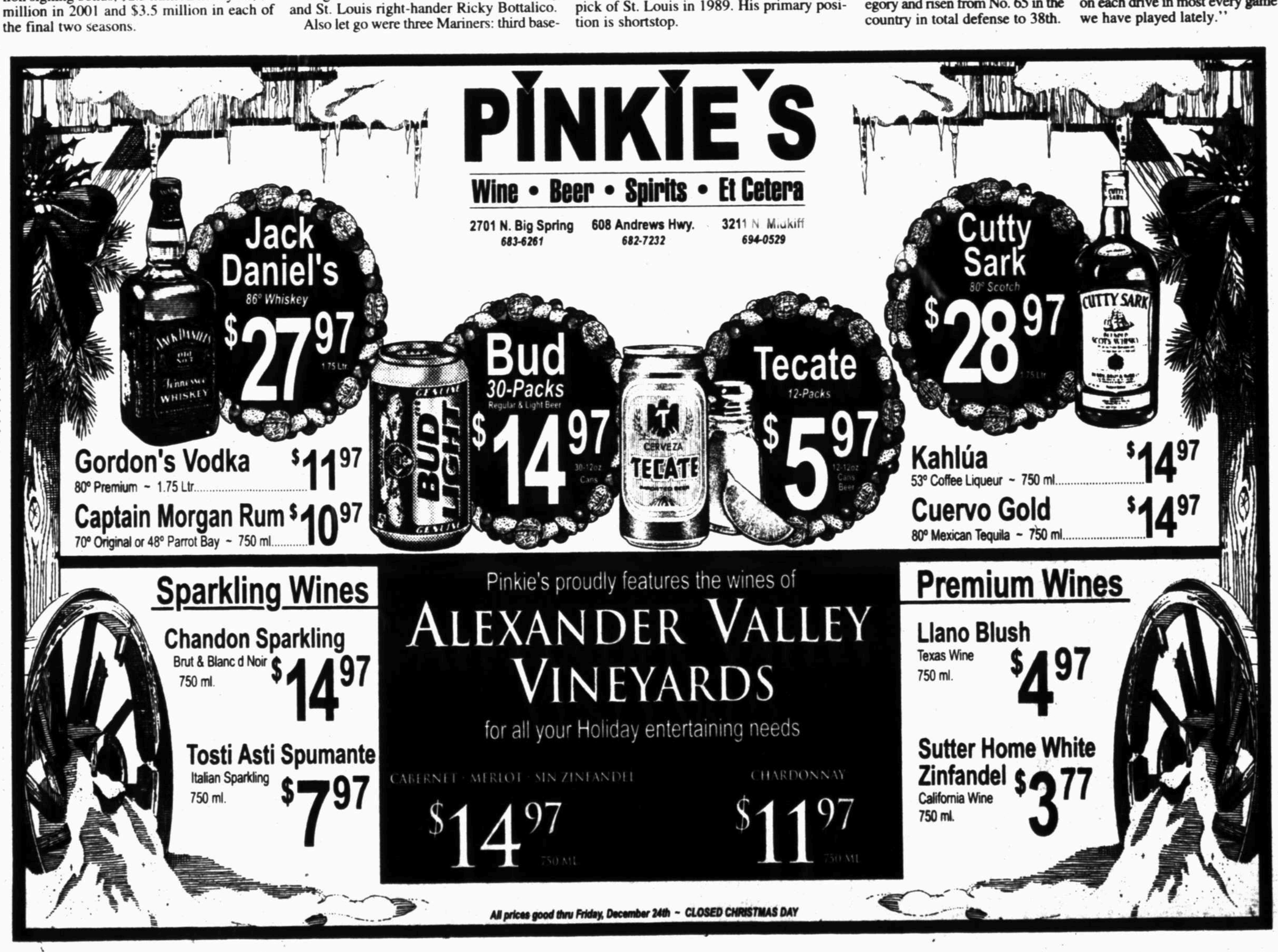
Under first-year defensive coordinator Tim Rose, East Carolina has improved in every recognized defensive statistical category and risen from No. 65 in the country in total defense to 38th.

Rose said Logan's faith in him started the turnaround.

"We were provided autonomy by Steve for the defensive staff to do our jobs," Rose said. "That's been a big plus. He's let us do what we want to do and allowed us to employ an aggressive approach to stopping opponents."

East Carolina — which returned only six defensive starters this season, two of whom were lost early in the season with injuries — is one of only three teams this season to hold at least five teams to nine points or less in a game. And the Pirates are only allowing opponents 3.2 rushing yards a carry.

"We're not a dominating defense but we have the ability to make big plays," Rose said. "Someone has made a big play on each drive in most every game we have played lately."



Hospitalized Brown can't read apology

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Orlando Brown, his right eye covered with a metal patch, looked down at his handwritten apology and said he couldn't even read it.

The Cleveland Browns offensive tackle walked out of his hospital room Tuesday to speak publicly for the first time since pushing a referee to the ground after a penalty flag hit him in his eye.

Accompanied by his wife, Myra, Brown prepared to read a statement on notebook paper at an impromptu news conference at the Cleveland Clinic.

When he glanced at the lined sheet, he said softly, "I can't see. My wife will read it."

In the statement, which he and his wife wrote, Brown said he was sorry and deeply regretted pushing referee Jeff Triplette.

"I want the fans to understand that I attempted to return to the play, not to confront the official," Brown said in the statement. "I hope to regain all of my eyesight so I can continue to play for the Browns, the Cleveland fans and to continue to care for my family."

While Brown remained hospitalized, the NFL was deciding whether to punish the 6-foot-7, 350-pound player, known to his teammates as "Zeus."

While it did not announce its decision Tuesday, the league did say it will review the way referees throw flags.

Brown was injured in Cleveland's game Sunday against the Jacksonville Jaguars when Triplette's flag — weighted with BBs — hit the tackle directly in the eye.

In obvious pain, Brown staggered to the sideline before walking back onto the field and flattening Triplette with a two-handed shove to the chest.

Brown said in a statement Monday that his family history drove him to push the referee. His father, Claude, lost his sight to glaucoma in 1993.

Brown said he has been told by doctors that because there is a family history of vision-related problems that he could have permanent damage in his eye.

His agent, Tom Condon, said doctors had not yet determined how long Brown would be hospitalized.

He said his client wanted to speak publicly because all his previous comments had been delivered through "third-party statements" and the fans "wanted to hear it from him."

However, Brown had little to say other than he couldn't read his apology himself.

After his wife read the statement, Brown was asked whether he could put it in his own words, but Condon interrupted him as he began answering. Brown then abruptly left, saying "These (TV) lights are killing me."

Condon was hesitant to answer a question concerning a possible lawsuit against the league should Brown's injury be career-ending.

"Our main concern right now is just to have him regain his vision and be able to continue to play," he said. "But certainly we're going to discuss some of those type of issues with the league and the player's association."

Several teammates visited Brown on Tuesday, including Lomas Brown, Ty Detmer, Kevin Johnson and John Thierry, who earlier handed out Christmas gifts to children in the pediatric wards.

When he was taken to the hospital Sunday night, Brown was accompanied by Lomas Brown, who is out for the season with a knee injury.

"He was hurting real bad and he knew it wa bad because of how swollen it was," said Brown, a 14-year veteran. "Then, when the eye specialist came in and started talking about the pressure around his eye, that's when I really knew how bad it was."



AP Photo

Cleveland Browns offensive tackle Orlando Brown appears before reporters Tuesday at the Cleveland Clinic, where he is being treated for impaired vision after being hit by a referee's flag.

NFL plans to instruct officials on how to properly throw flag

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL will review the method of throwing flags following the injury to Cleveland's Orlando Brown, who was hit in the eye by a flag and retaliated by shoving referee Jeff Triplette.

League spokesman Greg Aiello said Tuesday that the instructions given to officials would be part of the standard review that follows any problem on the field.

Brown, a 6-foot-7, 350-pound offensive tackle, was struck in the eye by Triplette's flag on an illegal procedure call

Triplette immediately rushed to Brown's side, pulled the flag out from between the facemask and helmet and apologized. Brown staggered to the sideline, then returned to the field and shoved the 6-5, 203-pound Triplette to the ground.

Brown was ejected and escorted from the field by security guards. He was then hospitalized with impaired vision and said a family history of eye problems — his father is blind — had caused him to react the way he did.

Triplette, in his first season as a referee, is a fourth-year NFL official who in his first three seasons was a back judge, the official stationed farthest from the line of scrimmage. As such, he was used to throwing his flag a long way on penalty calls to mark the spot of the infraction.

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DALLAS: Cowboys can't lose to Saints

(From 1C)

groin muscle. "I'm more concerned with what we need to do. When you think about it, we control our own destiny from start to finish anyway."

If the Cowboys lose to the Saints (2-12), they don't deserve to make the playoffs anyway. New Orleans has lost five straight and 12 of 13. The Saints' starting quarterback will be Jake Delhomme, who has never taken a snap in the NFL.

Then again, the Saints were only marginally better last season when they dominated a Dallas team that was coming off a 10-day layoff. The Cowboys played those four quarters as if they were still on vacation.

Dallas gained a season-low 182 yards, including a pathetic eight yards rushing, and scored its fewest points since a September 1991 shutout by Philadelphia.

Although the Cowboys won the NFC East last year, they never really recovered from losing to the Saints.

Fifty-three weeks later, the Dallas offense is still gagging and wheezing.

Three weeks ago, the Cowboys again didn't score a touchdown in a 13-6 loss to New England. This past Sunday, they blew an eight-point lead because they couldn't sustain any drives after scoring on their first possession of the second half.

Smith ran 68 of his 110 yards in the final two quarters, but Dallas was betrayed by a rotten passing game.

Quarterback Troy Aikman was 4-of-13 for 37 yards and threw two interceptions in a span of three attempts. One of the turnovers was in the New York end zone.

Gailey defended Aikman, saying injuries and a rotating-door receiving corps are partly to blame, too.

"I think we're constantly trying to adjust and search for things that are going to work best for the people in the ballgame," Gailey said. "When you search and adjust to what's good, you don't have that consistency and that working relationship on specific routes."

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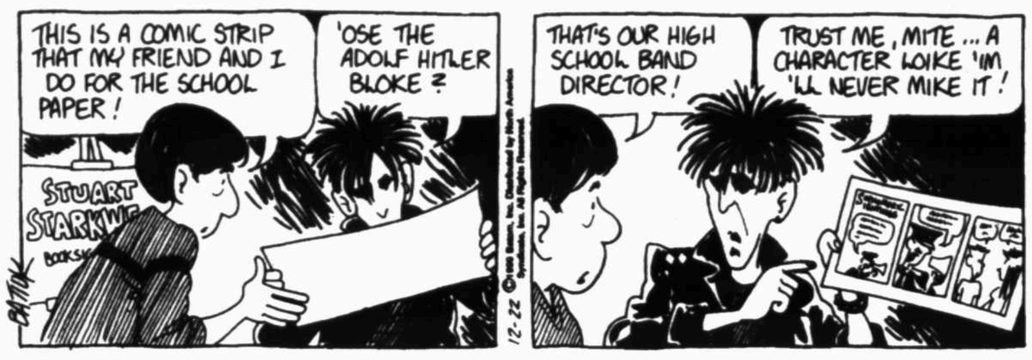
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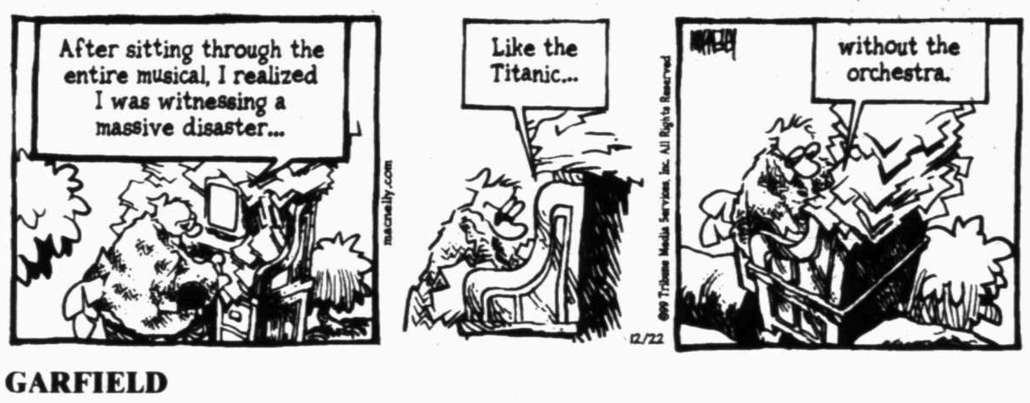
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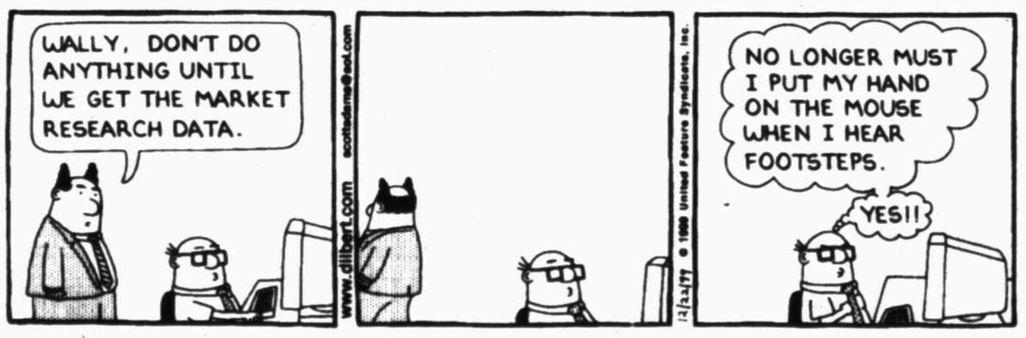
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your optimism comes through, even if you are a bit crazed today! You land on your feet because of your high-voltage energy and strength. You might not be sure how to handle the demands of work and home. Think less. Just get it all done! Tonight: Homeward bound.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for others, even if you want to pull back and do some thinking. Not everyone understands how much you come from a gut level. Calls flood your desk; friends seek you out. You might feel like you are glued to your cellular phone! Tonight: Handle last-minute details.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ An unexpected get-together with friends could put additional pressure on your checkbook. Center on the feelings of Christmas and do what is necessary to make others feel comfortable. Indulge others, but remember that gifts don't have to be material purchases. Tonight: Go to extremes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your ebullient personality melts others and draws much activity. However, a boss might find it difficult to get any work done. Remain on top of responsibilities and quickly clear them out. It's time for some fun and enjoyment. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take a back seat. Let others express their thoughts and caring. You might not be sure what to do with a visitor or special friend from a distance. You are clearly overwhelmed. Take time to slow down and shoot the breeze. Tonight: Make it easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Knowing what you want helps when a partner takes the cap off of what is possible. Fun and frolic mark your interactions. Express your caring in ways others can hear. Use words to express your affection for the apple of your eye. Tonight: Get into the spirit of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You're in the pressure cooker. As you try to deal with different situations, you could easily feel frayed at the edges. Others really mean well, but they could be coming on too strong. Stay centered and do your best. Tonight: Vanish as early as you can.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. Pitch in where others can't. In many ways, you are the mainstay, as you attempt to deal with different situations. Don't get caught up in trivia. Look at the big picture. Your caring warms hearts. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Taking a risk could backfire, especially if it involves your finances. Get past the moment and honor a change. Don't cause yourself a problem. Express your caring. Use your imagination when creating gifts, not your wallet. Tonight: Don't let another push you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others are acting in a cantankerous manner. Don't react if you can help it. Instead, steer a steady course. Dote on a family member who needs your time and attention. Juggle different concerns. Understand a loved one's tension. Tonight: Go with another's plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Lie low, and you will be a lot happier. Emphasis is on work. Get your desk cleared, and be willing to absorb another's responsibilities as well. You are cared for. A conversation is very important. You can make another understand. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You are tugged in many different directions. Listen to friends as well as a loved one. You might need to shell out more than you had wanted to. Understand what another feels. Be indulgent. Romance will survive. Tonight: Under the mistletoe.

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BORN TODAY
Actor Hector Elizondo (1936), TV journalist Diane Sawyer (1946), former baseball player Steve Garvey (1944)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

A Touch of Deception

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♡ K 6 5
◇ A K Q 3
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♠ 7 3
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The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
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Opening lead: ?

Looking at all four hands, it seems impossible for South to go down in four spades. However, that is what happened when the hand was played, and we feel sympathy for declarer's cause. Can you spot the opening lead that led to the contract's defeat?

South first probed to see whether North might hold four spades, then made a game-forcing jump to three spades. North might have opted for three no-trump with a balanced hand, but with a maximum 18 points opener was afraid of missing a possible slam, so he cue-bid four clubs to show a maximum in support of spades. South had no aspirations beyond game.

No lead from the West hand is appealing. The defender decided that it was very likely that the no-trump bidder held the king of hearts and elected to attack with the queen of hearts! Not surprisingly, declarer ducked to set up a tenace position and, when the queen won, West continued with the four which, naturally, declarer chose to run to the 10. Declarer was shocked to see East produce the jack and return a heart to West's ace. Now the 13th heart completed declarer's discomfiture.

Declarer discarded a club from dummy, East ruffed with the jack and declarer overruffed with the king. It is only fitting that a completely rattled South now chose to play West for 10-x-x in trumps by cashing the ace of trumps and then finessing the eight. Down one.

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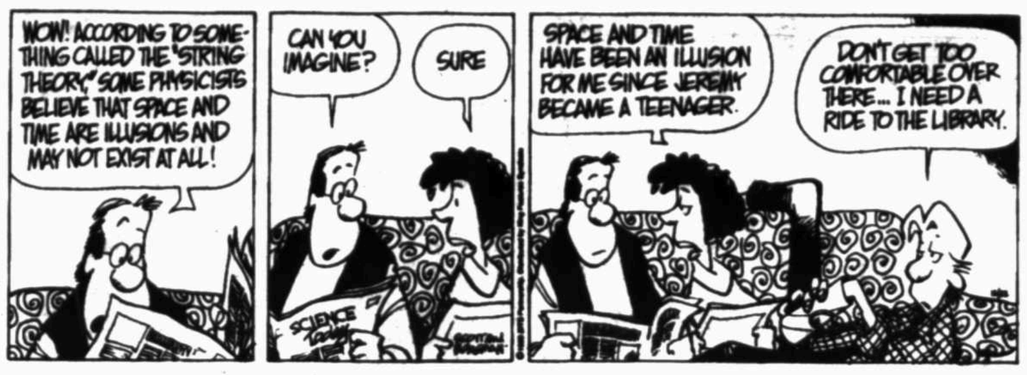
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FAMILY CIRCUS



"Remember, Jeffy, every time you open a card you hafta say, 'Did we send them one?'"

TV TONIGHT

WEDNESDAY EVENING — December 22, 1999

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	B	6PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	2	News 777	Wheel of Fortune 867	Two Guys and a Girl	It's like, you know ...	The Drew Carey Show	Norm 7349 (TV14-DL)	20/20 9819		News 1817938	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Cheers (11:35)
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 61919	Beverly Hills, 90210 43174		Get Real: Denial 52822		Mad About You 34984	The Nanny 90803	Jerry Springer 42445		NewsRadio 19629	Unhappily Ever After
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 7193	Entertainment Tonight	Cosby 4660	The King of Queens	The Christmas Wish ('98) (Will Patrick Harris, Debbie Reynolds) 69532				News 5309280	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 7299071		Late With Craig Kilborn
(9) KWES	9	9		News 4025	Seinfeld 5377 (TVPG)	Adventures in Time: The National Geographic Millennium Special 92483 (TVG)				Law & Order: Refuge (Part 1 of 2) 34822 (TV14)		News 2891025	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 4608174		Late Night With Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 83754	John Hagee 74008	The Light of the Southwest 19254				Richard Roberts 41754		News 53822	Joyce Meyer 86342	Faith Pleases God Church 19218	
(13) KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 973551		Christmas Gloria With Mormon Tabernacle Choir		Jessye Norman: A Holiday Homecoming 589261 (TVG)			Encore! 985396 (TVG)	Telecourse 352919			
(6) CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 5896290		Rivers Live 5701700		The News With Brian Williams 5894464		Hardball With Chris Matthews 5897551		Rivers Live 4257445	
(10) WGN		10		Caroline in the City	Caroline in the City	King Solomon's Mines (PG-13, '85) * (Richard Chamberlain, Sharon Stone) 788776				MacGyver: Prisoner of Conscience 480087 (TVPG)		MacGyver: Hellfire 483174 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 658700 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	NBA Basketball: Utah Jazz at Miami Heat 325667					Inside the NBA 145716	A Force of One (PG, '79) ** (Chuck Norris, Jennifer O'Neill) 6777097			
(14) FAM		14		Richie Rich's ... (6)		Clarence (G, '00) ** (Robert Conrad) 692269				Christmas Miracles 341938		The 700 Club 344025		Who's Boss?	Comedy
(20) DISC		20	26	Alaska: Wilderness		The Real LAPD 616629		The Science of Christmas		Raging Planet 532613		The Real LAPD 535700		The Science of Christmas	
(21) AMC		21	31	The Shattered Incident (6)		Angel and the Badman ('47) *** (John Wayne) 662659				What Price Glory? ('52) ** (James Cagney) 763272				Hotel (PG, '67) ** 6665209	
(22) TNN		22	35	The Waltons 123700 (TVG)		The Gathering ('77) *** (Edward Asner) 116760				The Waltons 319990 (TVG)		Dallas 329377 (TVPG-LV)		Dukes of Hazzard 716764	
(23) TNT		23	28	ER 229938 (TV14-L)		Evita (PG, '96) ** (Madonna, Antonio Banderas) 919494						One Love: The Bob Marley All-Star Tribute 691006			
(26) BRAV		24		Inside Actor's Studio (5:30)		Marriage Italian Style ('64) *** (Sophia Loren) 799629				Smack Pony	Awful Truth	Marriage Italian Style ('64) *** (Sophia Loren) 799629			
(28) BET		26	33	Hits From the Street		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 984303		Live From L.A. 889759		Tonight With Tavis Smiley		Midnight Love 386822	
(27) DISN		27	41	The Thirteenth Year ('99) ** (Chris Sturbuck, Dave Coulier) 3957526		Great Santa Clarkstone (7:30) (PG, '99) * (Jim Varney, Douglas Seale) 21449760				Troop Beverly Hills (8:15) (PG, '89) ** (Shelley Long, Craig T. Nelson) 94823483				Zorro 765280 (TVG)	Mickey Mouse Club
(29) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 256261		Larry King Live 272209		CNN NewsStand 252445		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 442657	
(29) ESPN		29	30	Games of the Year		NFL 2Night 982071		College Basketball: Cincinnati at Oklahoma 418385				SportsCenter 991342		College Basketball 194483	
(30) USA		30	38	JAG: Pilot Error 137533 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 258629 (TV14-V)		The Morrison Murders ('99) ** (John Corbett, Jonathan Scarfe) 281189				Walker, Texas Ranger: Bounty 177700 (TV14-V)		Silk Stalkings: Black and Blue 715795 (TV14-S)	
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 9064358		The X-Files 9073006		Married ...	Married ...	The X Show 9063629		The X-Files 7483532	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order: Virus 524208 (TVPG)		Biography 634025 (TVG)		Investigative Reports 610445		American Justice: Murder in the Family 630209 (TVPG)		Law & Order: Savior 633396 (TVPG)		Biography 490803 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33		Trauma: Life in the ER 221396 (TVPG)		The Operation: Hair Transplant 315174 (TVPG)		The Operation 324822 (TVPG)		The Operation: Cross-Eye Surgery 311358 (TVPG)		The Operation: Hair Transplant 314445 (TVPG)		The Operation 104280 (TVPG)	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 725716	Rugrats 746396	Deeds Eddie	Rocket Power 738280	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore
(36) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait: Ally Sheedy 704483		Chicago Hope: On Golden Pons 245700 (TVPG-L)				Kaleidoscope ('99) ** (Jaclyn Smith, Perry King) 356584		Golden Girls 464939	Golden Girls 464759	Designing Women	Unsolved Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39		The Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Adventure Quest: Chasing the Midnight Sun 9186754		Danger Zone 8576483	High Country Climber	To the Edge 4467700	Breaking the Ice	Adventure Quest: Chasing the Midnight Sun 9184025		Danger Zone 4542445	High Country Climber
(42) UNI		42	13	Sonadoras 97754 (TVPG)		Nunca Te Olvidare 25716		Tres Mujeres 34464 (TV14)		?A Que No Te Atreves? 41700 (TVPG)		Primer Impacto Extra	Noticiero: Ultima Hora	Vivlana a la Medianoche 19272 (TVPG)	
(43) FSN		43	29	Football News 12629	The Last Word 36209	This Is the PGA Tour 35254		Hardcore Football 10822		Goin' Deep 35218		Fox Sports News 85795		Fox Sports News 36667	
(44) COM		44		Daily Show/ Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	Just One of the Boys (PG-13, '98) *** (Joyce Hyser, Clayton Rohner) 8214938				South Park 6876880	The Man Show	Daily Show/ Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 5203822 (TVPG-D)	
(46) ANIM		46		Fun. Animals	Aquanauts	From Cradle to Grave		The Crocodile Hunter		Emer. Vets	Wild Rescue	From Cradle to Grave		The Crocodile Hunter	
(47) E!		47		Emergency	Search Party	Talk Soup	Mysteries	Hulk Hogan: True Story		Jim Carrey: Profile		H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild on the Wild West	
(48) TVL		48	24	Taxi	Taxi	Taxi	Taxi	Andy's Funhouse 6028629		All in Family	Maude	Sanford/Son	A. Hitchcock	Andy's Funhouse 7016358	
(49) ODSY		49		Avonlea 121342		Snowy River: McGregor		Fourth Wise Man 377209			Mr. Krueger	Lonesome Dove: Outlaw		The Young Riders 117754	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	Workshop	ChrisCas	Appraisal	Treasure	Design Becs.	Masters/Holidays		ChrisCas	Appraisal	Treasure	Design Becs.
(51) MSNBC		51		Hardball: Chris Matthews		Special Edition/Ann Curry		News With Brian Williams		Legends With Matt Lauer		Special Edition/Ann Curry		News With Brian Williams	
(52) TELE		52		Catalina y Sebastian		Senora 482445		El Amor de Mi Vida 491193		Ocurrio Asi de Noche		Noticiero	Estrellas de Milenio 869990		
(60) TOON		60		Scooby Doo	Laboratory	Powerpuff	Chicken	Bugs & Daffy 3053174		Tom & Jerry	Flintstones	Powerpuff	Chicken	Batman	Dragon Ball
(61) TCM		61		All Mine to Give (6)		Seven Days in May ('64) *** (Burt Lancaster) 5697944				Birdman of Alcatraz ('62) *** (Burt Lancaster, Karl Malden) 1365199				Movie	
(62) HIST		62	32	High Points/History (5:30)		The History of Christmas		Sell & Spin: A History of Advertising 6024803 (TVG)				The Great Ships 6043938		The History of Christmas	
(63) ESPN2		63		GameNight	College Football: Mobile Bowl: East Carolina vs. Texas Christian 4299803							NFL Moment	NHL 2Night	NBA 2Night	NFL Moment
(64) SCIFI		64	39	Tales/Crypt	Tales/Crypt	Tales/Crypt	Tales/Crypt	Tales/Crypt	Tales/Crypt	Tales/Crypt	Tales/Crypt	Galaxy Q'st	Monsters	Friday the 13th 4194087	
(53) PLEX				Family Business (5:30) ('98) ** (Sinbad, Phylicia Rashad)		Lone Ranger	Wanted: Dead or Alive	The Outlaw Josey Wales (PG, '76) ** (Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George)					Beat of the Badman (10:30) ('91) ** (Robert Ryan, Claire Trevor)		
(65) FLIX		65	20	Pete's Dragon (G, '77) *** (Helen Reddy, Jim Dale) 7726		Lovin' Molly (R, '74) ** (Anthony Perkins, Beau Bridges) 7699				Smooth Talk (PG-13, '85) ** (Laura Dern, Treat Williams) 6965159		Andromeda (10:30) (PG, '80) *** (Kirstie Alley, Don Cheadle) 81161784			
(66) SHOW		66	16	Overnight Delivery (5:30) (PG-13, '98) * 2883566		Ghosts and Monsters (R, '98) *** (Ian McKellen, Brendan Fraser) 7799174				Age Proof (5:30) (R, '98) ** (Ian McKellen, Brad Renfro) 3494566		Lateline (10:35)	Beggars and Choosers (11:05) 31574377 (TVMA-LS)		
(67) TMC		67	15	Movie (4:55)	Harry Dragon (5:30) (R, '98) ** (Steven Weber, Cindy Pickett) 6966159			Hockey Confidential and the Montreal Men (R, '99) ** (Mike Myers, Rob Lowe) 1319957			A Bronx Tale (5:40) (R, '93) ** (Robert De Niro, Chazz Palminteri, Lillo Brancato) 82272659			Jack Nicholson On Broadway (11:10)	
(68) HBO		68		Home Price (6) (PG-13, '98) ** 6272948		A Century of Living 513759 (TVG)		You've Got Mail (PG, '98) *** (Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan) 6169938				Chris Rock Show	Shock Video 2000 345280 (TVMA)	New World Disorder	
(69) HBO 2		69		Major League (4:35)	Starship Troopers (R, '97) * (Casper Van Dien, Denise Richards) 7737648			The Peacekeeper ('97) (Dolph Lundgren, Michael Sarrazin) 7737648				Indictment: The McMartin Trial (8:40) (R, '95) (James Woods, Mercedes Ruehl) 33210288			
(70) HBO 3		70		And the Band Played On (4:55) (PG-13, '93) 1079948		Larry Sanders Show	Dennis Miller Live	Outrageous Fortune (R, '87) *** (Shelley Long, Bette Midler) 7737648				The Bowling Star (6:40) (PG-13, '98) ** (Shirley MacLaine, Bill Paxton) 13136299			
(71) MAX		71		Beaches (6) (PG-13, '88) ** (Bette Midler) 7492938		The Last Exhibition II ('98) (Dean Stockwell, Don O'Neill) 4761174		John Carpenter's Vampires (8:45) (R, '98) ** (James Woods, Daniel Baldwin) 44597484					Emmanuelle in Space	Emmanuelle in ... (R, '99) (Monet Mazur, Bruce Payne) 6545484	
(72) MAX 2		72		Picture Perfect (6)	Lucky Larget (R, '91) ** (Tomorrow (T.D.) Dawson, Lisa Arrindell) 2724497			Shaky Dogs (R, '75) *** (Sharon Hellman, Susan George) 4905941				5 1/2 Weeks (R, '89) * (Mickey Rourke, Kim Basinger) 4357946			

PEOPLE TODAY

Celebrities cleaning out garages

LOS ANGELES — Make room in your garage. Celebrities are clearing out theirs.

A 1933 Ford hot rod owned by **Nicolas Cage** and the James Bond "Goldfinger" Mustang are among the show business vehicles up for bids Jan. 20-23 at the Barrett-Jackson Classic Car Auction.

The selection of rare cars available includes a 1957 Chrysler convertible and 1955 Ford Thunderbird owned by **Richard Carpenter,** half of the 1970s brother-sister singing duo.

There's also a 1991 Lamborghini Diablo custom built for late billionaire publisher **Malcolm Forbes** and the 1965 gold Mustang from "Goldfinger."

In total, more than 800 vehicles will be offered at the Barrett-Jackson auction, which is considered a barometer for collector car values at the start of each year.

"This is where Hollywood has traditionally sold its toys for the last quarter-century and we expect that to continue into the new century," auction president **Craig Jackson** said Tuesday.

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LONDON — The pop group Pet Shop Boys will receive undisclosed libel damages Tuesday over an author's claim that they made only a minimal contribution to songs recorded in their name.

Neil Tennant and **Chris Lowe**, who make up the group, had sued **Roger Scruton**, author of "An Intelligent Person's Guide to Modern Culture," and the book's publishers, Gerald Duckworth and Company Ltd.

The defendants' lawyer, **Jane Phillips,** said the book mistakenly suggested that there was compelling evidence that songs recorded by the Pet Shop Boys were almost entirely the work of sound engineers.

Ms. Phillips said that the allegations were baseless, and that her clients would pay Tennant and Lowe damages and reimburse them for their legal costs.

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SPARKS, Md. — Tennis star **Jennifer Capriati**, who has bounced back after a drug arrest five years ago, has signed a multimillion-dollar endorsement deal with Fila U.S.A. Inc.

Capriati, 23, will compete wearing Fila tennis shoes and apparel, appear in Fila advertising and conduct tennis clinics for young players.

Capriati, a top-10 player as a teen-ager, went through drug rehabilitation after her arrest and has had a strong year. She is ranked 23rd on the Women's Tennis Association Tour.

"She's making a comeback, we're making a comeback," said **Howe Burch**, spokesman for Sparks-based Fila. "We see Jennifer as a metaphor for what we're doing as a company."

Fila's apparel sales fell 20 percent during the third quarter of 1999, and the company lost $132.9 million last year.

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MONTECITO, Calif. — Rare surfing medals awarded to **Shaun Tomson** were stolen from the former world champion's home.

Tomson, who moved from South Africa to California to escape the high crime rate, returned home after dinner Friday night to find intruders took $50,000 worth of jewelry and surfing gold medals.

"I was going to pass the medals on to my son," the 44-year-old Tomson said. "This really hits us hard. These things were very precious to us."

The medals were given to Tomson by the South African government in 1975 and 1977.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A collection of watercolors attributed to **Georgia O'Keeffe** that had fetched millions of dollars is not the work of the world-famous painter, art experts say.

Experts from the National Gallery of Art in Washington deemed the collection inauthentic because the age of the paper on which the works were painted wasn't consistent with the dates attributed to the art.

The so-called Canyon Suite exhibit features 28 watercolors in all and is on display at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art.

Four of the works were a gift to the museum from New York art dealer **Gerald Peters**. The other 24 had been sold by Peters to the museum's founder, **R. Crosby Kemper Jr.,** for $5.5 million.

Doubts about the works' authenticity have swirled since early November, when it became known that they were among 210 works omitted from a new catalog of the artist's complete works.

Kemper Museum director **Dan Keegan** said Monday that the museum had accepted the experts' findings.

"It's not the outcome we would have hoped for," he said, "but one we were prepared for, after having done our own research."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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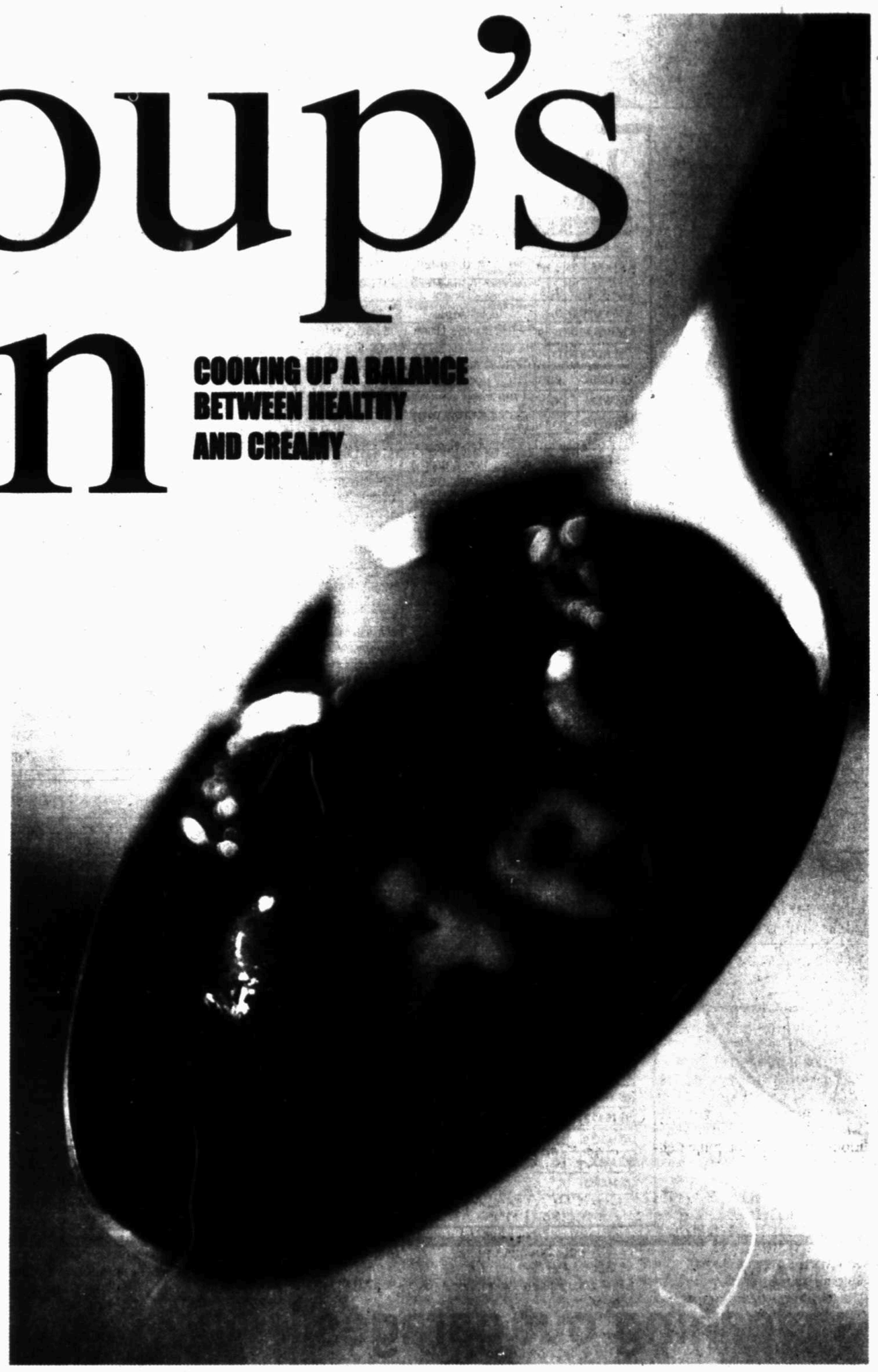
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By Marty Meitus
Scripps Howard News Service

When a writer at *Martha Stewart Living* magazine polled her co-workers on what soups they found most comforting, she learned the following: "The same soups were favored over and over again, as soothing and familiar as an old nursery rhyme. Gooey French onion, creamy potato leek and vegetable soup with tiny alphabet noodles were all popular.

"Almost everyone had a chicken noodle soup on his or her list – variations were made with pastina, dumplings or elbow macaroni. And everyone longed to curl up with tomato soup and a grilled-cheese sandwich."

I had two thoughts:

First, how do you bludgeon normal people into giving an answer like "gooey French onion" soup and "creamy potato leek"? Second, what yo-yo would say "pastina" in any context?

Those random thoughts notwithstanding, soup is the ultimate comfort food, and everyone has his or her favorite, usually based on the Mom-and-apple-pie concept. If Mom (or Dad) dished up tomato soup when you were young, that's probably embedded in your mind as the ultimate comfort food. If chicken soup was the norm, that's probably your standard.

In fact, Campbell's chicken noodle soup and Campbell's tomato soup are the No. 1 and No. 2 top-selling items at the grocery, respectively (excluding beverages).

Good soup begins with good stock, and therein lies the rub: Whereas gourmets and the truly organized will plan ahead, the rest of us usually decide that soup would be nice now.

If you're industrious, you can make stock and freeze it for use on a moment's notice. The rest of us have to make do with plan B: using a prepackaged base. Choose a good brand of broth, such as the new Kitchen Basics in those soft-sided, aseptic packages; a good canned variety, such as Hain's or even Swanson's (there's a lot of personal preference in that department); or a good soup base, such as Minor's. If you're worried about sodium, check the labels and choose a low- or no-salt brand.

These days the adult within us wants low-fat soup, although the inner child wants rich and creamy. Here are soups to satisfy everyone, including one of my favorites, made with, of all things, apples and pureed rice. Double the recipe — it goes fast.

Tips for making super soup

- If you're making a long-simmering stock: Once the initial boil has taken place, immediately lower the heat so that the stock simmers for the remainder of the cooking time. Boiling causes the solids to disintegrate and makes the soup cloudy.
- Saute dried spices with the vegetables before adding any liquid ingredients so that they'll give off maximum flavor.
- Fresh herbs will lose their flavor with long cooking. Add extra herbs just before serving.
- Instead of adding flour to thicken soup, puree half the vegetable mixture along with a small amount of the liquid. Return the mixture to the pot for a flavorful soup with a little chunkiness.
- Garnish individual portions with homemade croutons. Cut day-old bread into cube-size pieces and saute in butter until golden. Dust with freshly grated Parmesan cheese.

Facts about soups

- Americans consume more than 10 billion bowls of soup a year.
- The first archaeological evidence of someone's stirring soup for dinner dates to 6000 B.C. The stock was made from hippopotamus bones.
- The word "soup" derives from the Middle Ages word "sop," which means a piece of bread over which roast drippings are poured.
- The ladies of the French court of Louis XI ate mostly soup because they worried that chewing would cause facial wrinkles.

BOULDER BLACK BEAN SOUP

Yield: 8 servings, 1 cup each

2 teaspoons olive oil
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried whole oregano
1/2 teaspoon dried whole thyme
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/4 cup teaspoon cayenne pepper
3 cups canned black beans, rinsed and drained
4 cups low-sodium chicken broth
GARNISHES
2 tomatoes, chopped
1/2 cup onion, chopped, optional
1/2 cup reduced-fat Monterey Jack cheese, shredded, optional

Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Saute onion and garlic until tender (about 5 minutes). Stir in oregano, thyme, cumin and pepper; cook 1 minute longer. Place half of beans in a blender and puree until smooth, adding chicken broth as needed to make a smooth puree. Add puree, remaining whole beans and broth to saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat, then simmer, uncovered, for 20 to 30 minutes. Serve garnished with diced tomatoes and, if desired, onion and shredded cheese.

— Simply Colorado

RED PEPPER SOUP

Makes 4 or 5 servings

3 tablespoons butter
3 large red bell peppers, seeded and chopped
1 medium onion, finely chopped
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin
Pinch cayenne pepper
3-1/2 cups chicken or vegetable stock or 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each)
2 teaspoons lemon juice
Salt (optional)
Few sprigs Italian (flat-leaf) parsley, for garnish

In a 3-quart saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Add bell peppers and onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft but not browned. Mix in cumin and then add chicken stock. Bring to a boil, cover, reduce heat and simmer for 20 minutes.

Puree, using blender or food processor. Return puree to cooking pan. Mix in lemon juice. Taste; add salt if needed. Reheat; serve in warmed bowls, garnished with parsley.

— Western Dairy Farmers' Promotion Association

BUTTERY CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP

Makes 6 servings, 1-1/4 cup each

3 tablespoons butter
1 cup diced carrots
1 cup diced celery
1/2 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup teaspoon freshly ground pepper
1-1/4 cups sliced white mushrooms
6 cups low-sodium chicken broth
1 cup cooked chicken cubes
2 cups cooked wide egg noodles
2 to 3 tablespoons chopped fresh dill or parsley

In a large pot, heat butter over low heat until melted. Add carrots, celery, onions and pepper. Cook and stir over medium heat about 5 minutes. Add mushrooms and cook 2 to 3 minutes longer or until carrots are tender. Add broth. Heat until hot. Add chicken and noodles. The flavors meld together in the butter, producing a soothing, satisfying base. Heat 2 to 3 minutes longer. Add chopped dill. Note: For a richer soup, double the butter. For a lower-fat soup, use half the amount of butter.

— Western Dairy Farmers' Promotion Association

THE ULTIMATE VEGETABLE SOUP

Yield: 6 servings, 1-3/4 cups each

2 tablespoons butter
2 cups sliced carrots
1-1/2 cups chopped onion
1 cup sliced zucchini
1 cup sliced mushrooms
2 cups fresh spinach
3 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) Italian-style diced tomatoes
4 cups water
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter over medium heat in a large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add carrots and onion and saute over medium heat until onions are soft, but not brown, 5-8 minutes. Add remaining ingredients and simmer, covered, 10 minutes or until vegetables are just tender. Adjust seasoning to taste.

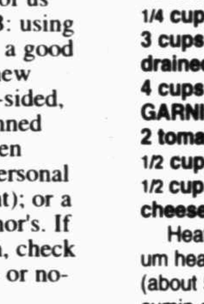
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CONSUMING INTERESTS

Potato-topped pot pie proves to be good from the oven, microwave

By Linda Anderson

I've always loved Shepherd's Pie — you know, with the beef-type stew on bottom and the mashed potatoes on top? (OK, I suppose to be authentic, it would have to be made with mutton, but that's not going to happen at *my* house.)



Anderson

I've also always been a fan of pot pies with the stew in the middle and a pie crust surrounding it.

Imagine how intrigued I was to discover Swanson's frozen Potato Topped Pot Pies — both beef and chicken. Ask me how fast I bought one of each to take home and sample.

The pies were kind of expensive though — $1.69 each. That's a lot more than I'm used to paying for pot pies. In fact, that's almost as much as frozen entrees cost.

On the back of the box, the advertising claims say that "These delicious new pot pies are topped with a layer of mashed potatoes that is golden outside and soft and creamy inside." That sounded good, but it was kind of redundant since the pot pies' first name is "Potato Topped."

Label advertising also says that the pot pies' "Mashed Potato Top Browns in the Microwave." Well, it may but I didn't want to trust the microwave that much, so I baked the beef pie in the ordinary oven. Took longer, but I felt better about it. I did bake the chicken pie in the microwave, and it turned out fine. Live and learn.

The beef pie, according to its nutrition label, contained 450 calories with 200 of them from fat. That's not exactly something you want to eat every day if you are watching your fat intake, but it was perfect on one of those days when I didn't get any lunch and was starving, starving, starving.

So I tried the beef pie first. (I knew I would be sampling both the beef and the chicken pies, since my kids don't really like anything with a crust on it. Unless it is a graham cracker crust.)

The potatoes were tasty, even though they started out frozen. The beef filling was too. Only thing was, there seemed to be more potato topping than beef filling. And the bottom crust was very, very thin. Which I suppose is OK since potatoes on top and crust on bottom is almost too much of a good thing.

I found I liked the chicken pie better, even though all of the complaints above go ditto here. Maybe there was a little more chicken filling in the middle or maybe the chicken went better with the potatoes on top, I'm not sure. Or maybe I just like chicken pot pies better than I like beef ones; that could be it too.

The potato-topped pot pies took a little getting used to — just a little. They are not quite the norm. They were good though, but too expensive.

P.S. I found this statement on the side of the box: "This product must be cooked prior to eating." Which is a good thing, since if you tried to eat it *before* it was cooked, you'd probably break your teeth — it's frozen after all.

Price listed is from a local supermarket. Prices at other locations may vary.

Linda Anderson is Lifestyle editor for the Reporter-Telegram.

AROUND TOWN

National Arbor Day Foundation's Through the Trees In Celebration program is accepting donations.

For every $10 donated to the Arbor Day Foundation, 10 trees will be planted in Targhee National Forest. The Foundation will also send a gift certificate to each person being honored or to the donor for personal presentation.

The program is designed to reforest areas that have been destroyed by fire, disease and other natural causes.

For more information write The National Arbor Day Foundation, Attn: Trees In Celebration, 211 N. 12th Street, Lincoln, Neb. 68508, or call (402) 474-5655...

...SAVE THE Manatee Club (SMC) is sponsoring the Adopt-a-Manatee program.

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This adoption program is the primary source of funding for SMC, a nonprofit organization established in 1981.

Proceeds go to education and public awareness programs; manatee research, rescue and rehabilitation; and lobbying and legal efforts to protect manatees and their habitat.

For more information call 1-800-432-5646...

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For more information call 522-2273...

...GIRL SCOUT Troop 121 will again be picking up Christmas trees. Pick-up dates are Dec. 26-Jan. 4.

Cost is $5 per tree; call 550-7947 to arrange a pick-up...

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All area Tri Delts and their mothers and daughters are invited to attend...

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This program trains volunteers in horticulture to work with the extension service in educational activities and projects.

For more information call 498-4071...

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...ARCO ARTICULATORS Toastmasters will meet 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Jan. 5 in Suite 584 of the Arco Building, 600 N. Marienfeld.

For more information call 697-8354, 687-3232 or 688-5819...

Holiday season more festive with cookies

By Natalie Haughton
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — For many, it just wouldn't be the holidays without Christmas cookies. While cookies are baked throughout the year, they have a special place in holiday traditions for lots of families. They come in a myriad of flavors, colors and shapes — and fancy, simple or complex.

Some are perennial favorites made yearly while others are treasures that catch our eye in newspapers, magazines or cookbooks — and become cherished additions. If you're looking for some good last-minute ideas, a trio of new cookbooks — "Alice Medrich's Cookies and Brownies," "Cookies for Christmas" by Jennifer Dorland Darling, and "The Magnolia Bakery Cookbook" by Jennifer Appel and Allysa Torey — offers plenty of good, fast-fix options for time-stressed holiday cooks. If you choose recipes carefully, you can whip out several batches in no time flat.

Although the seasonal time crunch may take its toll on your yearly cookie efforts, opt for preparing the easiest, yet most sophisticated-looking cookies in a variety of textures and flavors. Forget complicated cookies that require lots of fussing — and rely on bar or drop cookies with a minimum number of ingredients.

Keep in mind that bar cookies are a boon to the hurried cook as lots can be turned out in short order with minimal effort — and they are virtually fail-proof.

To yield a variety of different looking cookies, custom-cut them into various size squares, strips, rectangles, triangles or diamonds, depending on how you plan to serve and use them.

In recipes calling for nuts and jams, it's feasible to vary the choices — and sometimes even combine flavors in a single pan, making half of it with one flavor and the other half with another.

Also, consider setting aside a chunk of time and doing your holiday baking assembly-line style in a couple of sessions. Once you put one recipe together and get a batch in the oven, start preparing the next.

It's not too late to turn your kitchen into a holiday cookie-baking factory. Add some of the winning creations that follow to your own treasured holiday traditions. You're in for some delicious eating.

FUDGE BROWNIES WITH WHITE CHOCOLATE, TOFFEE AND PECANS

BROWNIE:
1 cup all-purpose flour
1-1/2 teaspoons baking powder
3/4 teaspoons salt
12 ounces unsweetened chocolate
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter
3 cups sugar
6 large eggs, at room temperature
2 tablespoons vanilla
TOPPING:
3/4 cup toffee pieces
3/4 cup finely chopped pecans
1-1/2 cups white chocolate, coarsely chopped

Grease a 12x18-inch jellyroll pan.

To make brownie, in a large bowl, sift together flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

In a medium saucepan, over low heat, melt chocolate with butter, stirring occasionally until smooth. Cool 5 to 10 minutes. Transfer mixture to a large bowl and mix in sugar, eggs and vanilla. Add dry ingredients. Pour batter into prepared pan. Sprinkle toffee and pecans evenly over batter. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 25 to 28 minutes or until a cake tester inserted into center of pan comes out with moist crumbs attached. Do not overbake.

Let cool 20 minutes, then sprinkle white chocolate chunks over brownies.

Allow to cool to room temperature, or overnight, before cutting and serving. Makes 24 (3-inch) brownies.

From "The Magnolia Bakery Cookbook" by Jennifer Appel and Allysa Torey.

RASPBERRY CRUMB BARS

1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, at room temperature, cut up, plus extra for preparing pan
1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar
2 cups unsifted all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup old-fashioned rolled OR quick-cooking oats (not instant)
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
3/4 cup seedless raspberry preserves

Butter a 9x9x1-1/2-inch baking pan. In a large mixing bowl, using a sturdy spoon or an electric mixer, beat together butter and powdered sugar until completely smooth and well blended. Sift in flour and salt and blend all together just until dough forms crumbs or large clumps. Turn dough out onto a piece of wax paper. With lightly floured hands, squeeze dough into a rough ball. Warmth of your hands softens butter and brings dough together. Divide dough ball into thirds. Crumble one portion into a bowl and press remaining portions in an even layer on bottom of prepared pan.

Bake on center rack in preheated 375-degree oven 15 to 18 minutes, or until golden brown around edges and pale gold on top. Remove pan to a heat-proof surface and cool.

Add oats and nuts to dough in bowl and pinch all together to form crumbs. Spread preserves over baked dough in pan, then top evenly with crumbs.

Return pan to oven and bake an additional 20 to 24 minutes, or until crumbs are golden brown on top. Cool pan on a wire rack, then divide each side into quarters and cut into 16 bars (2-1/4x2-1/4 inches). When bars are cold, use a spatula to lift onto a rack or plate, or serve directly from pan. Bars are extremely fragile while warm. Makes 16 (2-1/4-inch) squares.

From "The Family Baker" by Susan G. Purdy.

CHOCOLATE-ALMOND BONBONS

1 (12-ounce) package (2 cups) semisweet chocolate pieces
1/4 cup butter
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 (8-ounce) can almond paste (made without syrup OR glucose)
Almond Glaze OR Chocolate Glaze
Assorted small candies (optional)
Purchased decorator icing (optional)

In a medium saucepan, combine chocolate pieces and butter. Cook and stir over low heat until melted and smooth. Stir in sweetened condensed milk and vanilla. Stir in flour until well combined.

Shape a slightly rounded teaspoon of dough around 1/2 teaspoon almond paste. Repeat with remaining dough and almond paste. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 6 to 8 minutes or until chocolate is soft and shiny (do not overbake). Transfer cookies to a wire rack; cool. Drizzle or spoon Almond Glaze over cookies. If desired, substitute Chocolate Glaze for Almond Glaze and decorate with small candies and decorator icing. Makes about 90 cookies.

ALMOND GLAZE: In a small mixing bowl, stir together 1 cup sifted powdered sugar, 1/2 teaspoon almond extract and enough milk (about 1 to 2 tablespoons) to make glaze of drizzling consistency. If desired, tint with a few drops of red food coloring.

CHOCOLATE GLAZE:: In a small mixing bowl stir together 1/2 cup sifted powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa powder and enough milk (about 2 to 3 teaspoons) to make of drizzling consistency.

From "Cookies for Christmas" by Jennifer Dorland Darling.

BUTTERSCOTCH SHORTBREAD BARS

1-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons plus 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
3/4 cup butter
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/3 cup light corn syrup
1 tablespoon water
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
1/2 cup coarsely chopped cashews
1/4 cup whipping cream
1 teaspoon vanilla

Line a 9x9x2-inch baking pan with foil; extend foil over pan edges. Butter foil; set aside.

For crust, in a medium mixing bowl combine flour, 3 tablespoons brown sugar and baking powder. Using a pastry blender, cut in 1/2 cup butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Press crust mixture into prepared pan.

Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 25 minutes or until golden brown.

Meanwhile, for butterscotch sauce, in a heavy medium saucepan melt remaining 1/4 cup butter. Stir in granulated sugar, remaining 1/3 cup brown sugar, corn syrup, water and salt; stir in walnuts and cashews. Bring to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring constantly. Boil, uncovered, 5 minutes, stirring often. Remove saucepan from heat. Stir in whipping cream and vanilla.

Spread butterscotch mixture evenly over baked crust. Bake 12 to 15 minutes more or until most of surface is bubbly. Cool in pan on a wire rack. Lift foil out of pan; cut into bars.Makes 24 bars.

From "Cookies for Christmas" by Jennifer Dorland Darling.

VISIONS-OF-SUGAR-PLUMS PIZZA

2/3 cup butter, softened
3/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 egg
2 tablespoons molasses
1-3/4 cups all-purpose flour
1-3/4 cups halved small AND/OR cut-up large gumdrops
1/2 cup white baking pieces
1-1/2 teaspoons solid butter-flavor OR vegetable shortening

Lightly grease a 12- or 13-inch pizza pan or a 13x9x2-inch baking pan; set aside.

In a large mixing bowl, beat butter with an electric mixer on medium to high speed 30 seconds. Add sugar, ginger, baking soda and cinnamon. Beat until combined, scraping sides of bowl occasionally. Beat in egg and molasses until combined. Beat in as much of flour as you can with mixer. Using a wooden spoon, stir in any remaining flour.

Spread dough evenly into prepared pan. Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 12 minutes. Sprinkle partially baked cookie with gumdrops. Return to oven. Bake about 8 minutes more or until edges are browned (do not overbake). Cool completely in pan on a wire rack.

In heavy small saucepan, melt white baking pieces and shortening over low heat. Drizzle over cookie. Let stand about 20 to 30 minutes or until set. Cut into wedges or bars. Makes 16 wedges.

From "Cookies for Christmas," by Jennifer Dorland Darling.

CHERRY-COCONUT DROPS

1 (7-ounce) package (2-2/3 cups) flaked coconut
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/2 cup sweetened condensed milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 cup chopped red AND/OR green candied cherries

Grease and flour a cookie sheet; set aside.

In a medium mixing bowl, combine coconut and cornstarch. Stir in sweetened condensed milk and vanilla until mixture is combined. Stir in candied cherries.

Drop by small rounded teaspoonfuls about 1-inch apart on prepared cookie sheet.

Bake in preheated 325-degree oven 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned on bottoms. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute. Transfer cookies to a wire rack; cool. Makes about 24 cookies.

From "Cookies for Christmas" by Jennifer Dorland Darling.

CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT BROWNIES WITH MILK CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT FROSTING

CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT BROWNIES:
3 ounces bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
2 large eggs
3/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
2 tablespoons Italian hazelnut liqueur, such as Frangelico
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup (5 ounces) skinless hazelnuts, toasted and coarsely chopped
MILK CHOCOLATE HAZELNUT FROSTING:
5 ounces Lindt milk chocolate, finely chopped
1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder
1/3 cup heavy whipping cream
1 tablespoon Italian hazelnut liqueur, such as Frangelico

To Make Chocolate Hazelnut Brownies, butter bottom and sides of an 8-inch-square baking pan. Line bottom of pan with parchment or wax paper and coat paper with butter.

Place chocolate and butter in top of a double boiler over hot, not simmering water. Stir mixture until it is completely melted and smooth. Remove top part of double boiler from bottom and allow mixture to cool.

In a medium bowl, whisk together eggs and sugar. Whisk in cooled chocolate and hazelnut liqueur. With a rubber spatula, stir in flour until just blended. Stir in hazelnuts. Scrape batter into prepared pan. Smooth over top with rubber spatula.

Bake in preheated 350-degree oven 25 to 30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out with a few moist crumbs clinging to it. Cool brownies on a wire rack 15 minutes. Run a paring knife around edges of pan and carefully invert brownies onto a flat surface. Peel off paper and then reinvert brownies onto a cooling rack. Cool completely.

To make Milk Chocolate Hazelnut Frosting, place chocolate in a medium bowl. Sift cocoa powder over chocolate. In a small saucepan or in microwave, bring cream to a boil. Pour hot cream over chocolate and gently whisk until smooth. Stir in hazelnut liqueur and allow mixture to cool to a spreadable consistency, about 2 hours.

Using a metal spatula, spread frosting over top of brownies. Using a long serrated knife, trim approximately 1/4 to 1/2 inch off each side. Cut brownies into 9 squares. Store in airtight food container. Makes 9 (2-1/2-inch) brownies.

From "Chocolate Passion" by Tish Boyle and Timothy Moriarty.

GINGERBREAD CUT-OUTS

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup light (mild) molasses
1-1/2 teaspoons ground ginger
1 teaspoon ground allspice
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground cloves
2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter OR margarine, cut up
1 large egg, beaten
3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
Ornamental Frosting (recipe follows)

In a 3-quart saucepan, heat sugar, molasses, ginger, allspice, cinnamon and cloves to boiling, over medium heat, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon. Remove pan from heat; stir in baking soda (mixture will foam up in pan). Stir in butter until melted. Stir in egg; add flour and stir until dough forms.

On floured surface, knead dough until combined. Divide dough in half; wrap 1 half in wax paper and refrigerate.

With a floured rolling pin, roll remaining dough half a scant 1/4-inch thick. With floured 3- to 4-inch assorted cookie cutters, cut as many cookies as possible; reserve trimmings. Place cookies, 1 inch apart on an ungreased large cookie sheet. If desired, with a skewer, make 1/4-inch hole near edge of each cookie for hanging as an ornament.

Bake in preheated 325-degree oven 12 minutes or until edges begin to brown. With a wide spatula, transfer cookies to wire racks to cool. Repeat with remaining cookie dough and trimmings. When cookies are cool, prepare Ornamental Frosting. Use frosting to decorate cookies; let dry completely, about 1 hour, before serving. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

ORNAMENTAL FROSTING
1 package (16 ounces) powdered sugar
3 tablespoons meringue powder
1/3 cup warm water
Assorted food colorings (optional)

In a bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat powdered sugar, meringue powder and water until blended and mixture is so stiff that a knife drawn through it leaves a clean-cut path, about 5 minutes.

If desired, tint frosting with assorted food colorings; keep covered with plastic wrap to prevent drying out. Use a small metal spatula, artists' paint brushes or decorating bag with small writing tips to decorate with frosting. (You may need to thin frosting with a little warm water to obtain right spreading or piping consistency.) Makes about 3 cups.

From "Good Housekeeping Baking."

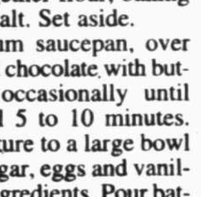
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DEAR ABBY

Happy feet are great comfort to bride on wedding day

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I read with interest the letter from "Wishing for Comfortable Shoes" and wondered why the mother of the bride is dictating what the bride should be wearing. This is the bride and groom's special day — not the mother's. Mother needs to lighten up, or she not only will spoil the bride's entire day, but also everyone at the affair will notice how miserable the bride is. That's not a healthy way to start off a marriage.



Van Buren

I married 3-1/2 years ago. I wore a beautiful white dress with plain white sneakers, and replaced the shoelaces with blue ribbon that matched the dresses worn by my bridesmaids. And I was comfortable the entire day. — COMFORTABLE IN DELAWARE

DEAR COMFORTABLE: I received a bushel of mail from like-minded, practical women such as you. I hope the bride-to-be sees this column and heeds what you — and they — have to say. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Whenever I'm invited to a bridal shower, or hear of an upcoming wedding, I not only buy the happy couple a shower gift, I also take the time to decorate some plain white lace-up sneakers with ribbons, lace, roses and bows to match the color of the bride's dress. I also enclose a little poem. It's a special and personal gift for the bride to keep forever. (It gets many ooohs and ahhhs from everyone who attends the shower.)

I am the mother of three daughters, and I'll make sure that their wedding will be what they choose, not what I choose. — PAM T. IN DANIELSVILLE, GA.

DEAR PAM T.: You have hit upon a terrific idea for a shower gift. You must be a very talented lady. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have been a professional wedding photographer for more than 15 years. I have seen every kind of footwear, from cowboy boots to simulated "glass" slippers.

A few weeks ago, one of my clients came up with a clever solution to the wedding-day shoe dilemma. The bride wore traditional dress shoes for the ceremony, but before the couple left the reception, she changed into a pair of adorable white sneakers that her mother had hand-decorated with lace, sequins and beads. (She applied them using a glue gun.) The photo we took of mother and daughter with those shoes is one of their favorites. Those who noticed them at the reception thought it was a great idea.

I hope that "Wishing's" mom will loosen up. The best thing any bride can do for herself is wear comfortable shoes. — DALLAS WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHER

DEAR DALLAS: I agree. One reader told me she wore Isotoner slippers that matched her gown. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Wishing for Comfortable Shoes in Parsippany, N.J." should have been, "Elope!" A mother as selfish, self-centered and inconsiderate as she is should be left holding the high heels.

Whose wedding is it, anyway? — ELAINE T., PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR ELAINE: I think we all know the answer to that question. But don't be so hard on the mother. Almost every woman who gives birth to a daughter has a fantasy of how she'd like her daughter's wedding day to be. "Wishing's" mother is just having a little trouble letting go of her dream. I'm willing to bet that after she sees this column she'll compromise.

CONFIDENTIAL TO EDWARD JAY: Happy birthday, son. Your father and I are so very proud of you.

For everything you need to know about wedding planning, order "How to Have a Lovely Wedding." Send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

PE PPE Name Last Chg

11 9 AAR 18⅞ +½
... ... ABN pfA 21 7/16 –⅜
... ... ABN pfB 20⅝ –½
7 6 ACE Ltd 18¼ –⅛
... ... ACMIn 8⅜ +⅛
... ... ACM Sc 6 7/16 +1/32
... ... ACMMO 8⅜ –⅛
18 16 ACNielsn 22 –11/16
66 24 AES Cp u70⅜ +2⅞
22 20 AFLAC 45⅝ +⅜
... 25 AGCO 13 5/16 +¼
13 15 AGL Res 17⅜ +⅛
13 7 AK Steel 18⅝ +⅛
... ... AMF Bowl 2¾ +⅛
... ... AMFM 75½ –⅞
11 11 AMR 65¾ –⅞
... ... APT Sat 4
26 24 AT&T s 54⅓ +1/16
... ... ATT D28 n23¾ –⅛
15 13 AbitA Fn s 32⅝ +⅛
... ... Aames 13/16 –1/16
24 21 AbtLab 37 13/16 +⅜
21 15 AberFitc s 25¼ +⅛
30 2 Acptins d5 5/16 –5/16
18 16 Acuson 12⅛ +⅜
... ... AdaEx 32 3/16 +⅝
... 33 AMD 30½ +¾
12 11 Advoinc 22¼ +¼
38 ... Aegon 94 –⅞
17 11 Aeroflex 9 7/16 –⅛
10 9 Aetna Inc 51⅛ +1⅜
22 17 AffCmpSv38 15/16 +1/16
35 38 Agilent n 46⅝ –¼
14 13 AirProd 29 5/16 –1¼
9 9 AirbFrt 20 15/16 –⅛
10 12 Airgas 8 11/16 –1/16
... ... AlaPC pfQ 21 –⅛
6 7 AlskAir d34⅛ +⅛
26 12 Albertsn 30⅝ –
24 16 Alcan 37¼ –⅞
13 ... Alcatel 41 1/16 +⅝
30 20 Alcoa s 76⅛ –⅞
18 ... AlexREE28 11/16
11 10 AlgEngy d26⅝ +5/16
... 12 AlegTch nd20 5/16 –1¼
... 29 AlienTel 11⅛ –5/16
40 30 Allergan s 46¼ +27/16
... ... AllWrld2 8 7/16 –⅛
12 12 AlliantEgy 27⅝ +⅜
9 9 AlliantTch 61⅛ –⅜
17 ... Allrish sd21 11/16 –1/2
... 6 AldWaste d67/8 +3/16
10 9 AlmrFn 49⅜ –⅜
7 9 Alstate 24⅝ –⅛
37 26 Altel 64⅛ –5/16
21 16 Alpharma26 15/16 –1 9/16
30 17 Alza 31 13/16 –⅞
13 11 AmbacF 52⅜ +⅞
71 46 Amdocs 34 13/16 +5/16
... ... AmdocsTr/31 5/16
... 16 AmHes 55 –⅞
11 11 Ameren 33⅛ +½
... ... AmOnline s 87 –⅛
7 7 AmWest 20 5/16 –⅛
13 13 AEP 32⅜ +13/16
30 26 AmExp 157 13/16 +2¼
... ... AExp pfA 20⅛ –⅜
17 9 AFnclGp d25⅛ –¼
21 14 AGenCp 71⅜ +2⅜
16 9 AGreet 23 –⅜
... 21 AHomeP40 9/16 –2½
35 29 AmIntGp s105 3/16 +3 9/16
7 10 AMedSec 6 +1/16
... 7 ANatCan n12 11/16 –1/16
... 6 ARetire 4 5/16 –1 3/16
32 11 AmStd 41⅛ –⅞
... ... AmSIP2 11¼ –1/16
... ... AmTower 30⅝ –1 5/16
15 12 AmWtr d21⅜ –¼
15 11 Ameriodt 17 7/16 –1/16
26 14 Amerigas 15¾ –3/16
9 7 AmerSrc s13 1/16 +⅜
12 10 AmSouth s19½ +3/16
80 43 AmwyAs17 9/16 –⅞
18 ... AmwayJ 61/16 –11/16
... 41 Anadrk 31 5/16 +⅜
74 39 Analog u81⅛ +4 1/16
18 ... Angiogid 25⅞ +1
23 21 Anheus 66¾ –1¾
18 13 AnnTayl 33 7/16 –⅞
22 5 AnthCap 6 11/16 +1/16
22 16 Aon Cp s 39½ +⅛
... 17 Apache 35 1/16 +1 3/16
... ... Apach pfC 33¾ +½
... ... Aptinv 35¾ –1/16
... ... AppIMg ⅞ –1/32
18 13 ApldPw 33¾ +1/16
18 10 Apria 15 15/16 –1/16
15 14 Aptargp 25 15/16 –⅞
... ... Aracruz 23⅞ +11/16
5 7 ArcadiaFn 4½ +1/16
36 18 ArchDan 11¾ –⅜
13 ... ArchstnC20 7/16 +3/16
13 ... ArdenRlt 19¾ +15/16
... 9 Argosy 14 9/16 –⅞
70 5 ArmWl 30⅜ –9/16
17 11 ArrowEl 20⅜ –⅛
7 6 Arvin 25 5/16 +⅞
5 ... Ashanti 2⅞ +1/16
8 8 Ashland 31⅜ –3/16
... ... AsiaPR u15/16
10 ... AsiaPtp 7 13/16 +5/16
15 12 AscFCap29 3/16 +1/16
... ... AstraZen 40¼ –5/16
... 19 AtiRich 84 3/16 +9/16
37 12 ATMOS 21 3/16 +3/16
12 8 AuroraF 7 13/16 –⅜
... ... Austria 11 9/16 +1/16
11 10 AutoNatn 9⅛ +1/16
47 38 AutoDatau52 15/16 +11/16
19 15 AutoZone30 7/16 –1/16
22 ... AvalonBay33 9/16 –7/16
60 ... Aventis 59¼ –1 5/16
34 24 AveryD 67 15/16 +1/16
3 7 Avnet 7 5/16 –7/16
7 6 Aviation 16
9 8 Avis 22 1/16 +13/16
13 11 Avista 15½
11 14 Avnet 57–1 5/16
26 18 Avon 32 7/16 +7/16
32 15 Aztar 10½ –1/16
... 14 Azurix n 6 13/16 –1/16
15 13 BB&T Cp 28 +3/16
... ... BCE g u84 11/16 +4 15/16
... 39 BJS 39½ +1 9/16
27 22 BJs Whls s36½ +¼
11 11 BMC 4 13/16 –1/16
34 ... BPAmoc s60 7/16 –5/16
15 ... BRE 22⅝ +7/16
47 34 BakrHu 18½ +1/16
19 10 Ball 36⅜ +⅜
10 ... BncoFrn 23⅛ ...
19 11 Bancwst s 19⅝ +⅜
12 10 BankOne 33⅜ +3⅜
12 9 Bk of Amd49 5/16 +1 5/16
... ... BkTokyo 14 3/16
17 20 BkNY 38⅞ –5/16
12 ... BkAtlA 37⅜ –1/16
84 10 Banta 21 15/16 +11/16
11 19 Bard 50 3/16 +1⅛
13 14 BarnNbl 21 3/16 +1/16
15 12 BarrLab 29 15/16 –3/16
... 25 BarrettRs27 11/16 +11/16
22 ... BarrickG 18¼ +7/16
... ... BatlMt 2 5/16 +1/16
19 19 Bauschl. 62⅛ +1/16
22 18 Baxter 59 11/16 –1/16
8 9 BearSt 40 3/16 +5/16
16 12 BeckCoult 47⅜ +1/16
23 15 BectDck d24¼ –1
... 18 Beico 53⅛ –3/16
24 20 BellAtl 65 9/16 +1 9/16
... ... Bellind s 5 5/16 –⅜
25 22 BellSo s 47 9/16 +1 1/16
18 20 Belo 18 9/16 –⅝
15 13 Bemis 31⅞ +1/16
17 16 BenchEl 21 +7/16
... ... BengtB 9½
... ... BentonOG1 9 5/16 –1/16
13 9 BergBr 7⅞
30 ... BerkHa A54000–800
38 16 BerryP 15 1/16 –1⅛
32 24 BestBuy 43 15/16 –1½
22 19 Bestfds 51⅛ –2½
... 41 BethSt 7⅞ –1/16
... 8 Beverly 3¾ –1/16
20 9 BindlyW 12¼ +¼
22 16 Biomtrx s 19⅜ +⅜
37 24 Biovail u78 1/16 –1/16
... 8 BirStl 6 1/16 +5/16
15 12 BlackD 48 3/16 +1 7/16
17 13 BlkHlCp 22⅛ +⅜
... ... Blk2001 8 13/16 –1/16
... ... BlkIT 5 15/16 –1/16
... ... Blk2008 13⅜ –1/16
... ... BlkIMT 9⅛ +1/16
... ... BlkIQM 12⅛ +1/16
... ... BlkIQT 7⅞ ...
... ... BlkMTar 9⅜ ...
... ... BlkTT 9 9/16 ...
40 14 BlckHR 43½ +1/16
... 15 Blckbstr n15 11/16 +5/16
13 11 Blyth 23⅜ +⅜
17 18 Boeing 38 11/16 –⅛
19 12 BoiseC 37 5/16 +½
15 12 BoisCOff 14⅜ –1/16
29 13 Bombay 4 1/16 +⅛
... 6 BordCh 4 9/16 –1/16
16 11 Borders 14 15/16 +⅛
... ... BostProp 29⅞ +1/16
24 17 BostSci 20 +⅛
35 18 Bowatr 50 7/32 +2 1/32
24 10 Bowne 12 13/16 +⅛
10 ... BoykinL 11 9/16 –3/16
14 ... BradRE 16¾ –1/16
... ... Brahma 13¾ +⅛
20 ... Brandyw 16⅜ +1/16
... ... Brazil u18 3/16 +5/16
12 7 BrilCnA s 3 9/16 +1/16
15 12 Brinker 20 5/16 –1/16
34 26 BrMySq s 60 1/16 +⅛
38 35 Brdwing s32 15/16 +1⅞
18 ... BrwnFA 53 9/16 –⅞
20 ... BrwnFB 58⅜ –⅜
10 8 Brunswick20 11/16 –11/16
9 7 Buckle 13 5/16 +15/16
... 8 BudgetGp 7¾
11 7 BurlCoat 12 5/16 +1/16
... 5 Burlinds 3 11/16 +1/16
10 9 BurlNSF d23 1/16 –1 11/16
... 24 BrlRsc 32½
19 ... BurnPP 9⅛
9 8 Burns Intl 10¾ –⅛
16 ... CANTV 22½ +¾
... 15 Bickbstr n15 11/16 +5/16
13 11 Blyth 23⅜ +⅜
17 18 Boeing 38 11/16 –⅛
19 12 BoiseC 37 5/16 +½
15 12 BoisCOff 14⅜ –1/16
29 13 Bombay 4 1/16 +⅛
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... 5 Burlinds 3 11/16 +1/16
10 9 BurlNSF d23 1/16 –1 11/16
... 24 BrlRsc 32½
19 ... BurnPP 9⅛
9 8 Burns Intl 10¾ –⅛
16 ... CANTV 22½ +¾
... 9 CIGNA Hl 5⅝ +1/16
9 8 CIT Gp 21⅜ +1/16
32 9 CK Witco10 15/16 +13/16
... 7 CKE Rst 5 15/16 +3/16
14 17 CMP Grp27 5/16 +5/16
11 9 CMS Engd30½ –½
... ... CMS Tr nd33 9/16 –7/16
10 9 CNF Tran29 1/16 +¼
10 14 CNH Glbl 11⅝ –3/16
13 6 CSK Ato 14 +⅛
34 10 CSX d29 –5¼
74 25 CTS s 67 1/16 +17/16
22 18 CVS Cp 32+1 11/16
25 ... C&W HKT 28⅛ +⅜
... ... Cabl&Wrls50 1/16 +2⅝
... ... Cablvsn 75 9/16 –1/16
50 ... Cablitn 28¾ +1¼
67 51 Cadence 19½ +¾
... 15 CallGolf 16 11/16 +11/16
40 31 Calpine s 59⅝ +2⅝
21 ... CamdnP 26 +1/16
... ... CmpR g 1 1/64 +1/64
24 19 CampSp d37⅝ –1
... ... CdnRy gs 27 3/16 –1 5/16
... ... CdnPc g 21 11/16 –5/16
19 11 CandgBrA 53 +1/4
29 21 CapOne s 46 1/16 –1/16
... 6 CapRe 13⅞ +1/16
8 6 Capstd 4 5/16 –1/16
25 16 CardnlH 44¾ +⅞
... 9 CaremkRx 41 5/16 –1/8
11 10 Carlisle 34 15/16 +1/16
27 23 Carnival 45⅝
12 10 CaroPw 30¼ +⅜
17 9 CarpTech 26 +⅞
... ... CarrAmR 19 –3/16
18 15 CashAm 7⅞ –1/16
18 9 Catelus 12 13/16 –3/16
16 13 Caterpillr 44 3/16 –15/16
11 9 CedarF d18½ –3/16
... ... Celestic g 97⅛ –¾
... ... Cemex n 27⅛ +1/16
15 21 Cendant 23 15/16 –5/16
... ... Cendnt pfI35 5/16 –1/16
6 5 Centex 23 3/16 +¼
10 10 CenSoWst 20 +5/16
75 12 CentPrkg 18 1/16 –1/16
29 26 CntryTel s47 11/16 +1⅛
90 ... ConocoA 22½ +¾
91 ... ConocoB n22 3/16 +1 1/16
5 6 Conseco d17 –⅜
11 11 ConEd 35 +¾
9 6 ConsGph 20 3/16 +1 11/16
39 17 ConsNG 64½ –1/16
43 18 ConsPap29 13/16 +7/16
16 12 ConStor 13 15/16 –13/16
14 11 ConstellEn 29 +9/16
... ... Contlfinc 7/32
8 8 CtiAr B 4 17/16 +⅜
31 23 Cnvrgys 28 1/16 –11/16
36 29 CoopCam42 5/16 +1 11/16
10 11 Cooper 40 1/16 –⅜
7 7 CooprTr 14 +⅜
25 19 Coors B 51 11/16 –1/16
... ... Copel 8 9/16 +1/16
... ... CoramH 11/16 –1/16
7 7 Cordant 29 13/16 +7/16
89 23 CoreLab 19⅝ +1/16
16 13 CornPdts 31⅜ +1/16
15 ... CorPrpt 14 9/16 –1/16
1 ... CornerRit 9⅝
62 48 Corningin112 5/16 –1⅜
... ... CorpHY 9 1/2 +3/16
... ... CpHYIII 9 15/16 +¼
4 ... CorusGr s25 7/16 –1 11/16
... 20 Cotellignt 5 15/16 –⅛
7 7 CntwCrd 25⅞ –5/16
12 10 Covance 9½ +3/16
25 ... CoxCom s 48 –13/16
9 8 Crane 17 11/16 +1/4
... ... CrSuisInco5 15/16 –1/16
... ... CresRE 18⅜ +1/16
10 ... vjCrimiM 1½
... 13 CroseTbr 9⅛ –1/4
9 8 ... CroseTim 9 7/16 –1/16
13 8 CwnCorkd19 15/16 –7/16
15 13 CullnFr s 25½ +11/16
10 8 CumEng43 15/16 +2 9/16
83 21 CypSem 29 15/16 +1 3/16
... ... DLJ HlY 7⅛ +1/4
13 12 DPL 17¼ +1/4
14 12 DQE 34 7/8 +5/16
5 4 DR Horton 12¾ +⅛
42 29 DST Sys68 15/16 –1/8
11 10 DTE 32 3/16 +5/16
... 11 DaimlrC 73 3/16 +1 7/16
29 23 DalSem 59 7/16 +1 3/16
7 6 DanaCp 27⅞ +1/16
26 21 Danaher 44⅛ +1/16
15 13 Darden 17 3/16 –13/16
8 8 DaveB 6⅜ +5/16
30 25 DaytnHud 70 3/16 –13/16
31 24 DeVry 18 +2 1/16
9 12 DeanFd 36⅛ +½
... ... DebtStr2 7 –1/16
... ... DebtStrt 6⅛ ...
40 21 Deere 40 1/16 –⅜
17 10 DelMnte n11 7/16 –9/16
... ... DelaGp 10 13/16 +9/16
11 12 DelhaizeA19 15/16 –1/4
11 11 DelhaizeB 20 3/16 –5/16
... 7 DelphiA nd14 3/16 –⅛
8 6 DelphiFn 27 3/4 +⅛
86 16 DeltPne d15 1/2 –11/16
6 7 DeltaAir 48¼ –½
10 9 Deluxe 26⅜ –⅛
... ... DeutTel 61 11/16 +15/16
14 ... DevDv 12 5/16 –7/16
11 15 Dexter 39¼ –⅜
... ... Diageo 33 1/16 –¼
21 18 Dial 24 1/16 +5/16
12 32 DiaOffs 28 1/16 +3/16
12 11 Diebold 21 11/16 –⅛
10 7 Dillards 19¼ +¼
7 6 DimeBcp 15 1/16 ...
... 6 Dimon 31⅝ +5/16
46 39 Disney 28 7/16 –1⅛
9 8 Dole 15 3/16 –1/16
31 24 DollarG s23 15/16 –¼
27 13 DomRes 40 15/16 ...
... ... Domtar g 11½ –⅛
26 12 DonLufJen 49 +7/8
... ... DLJ Dir n 14 5/16 –⅛
11 11 DKaran 7 5/16 –⅛
12 10 DonlleyRR24 1/4 ...
... ... DotHill 5 1/16 –1/16
26 22 Dover 45 3/16 –½
23 20 DowCh124 3/16 +3¼
28 25 DowJns 64 15/16 –1/16
... ... DryHYSt 10 –3/16
... ... DryStrt 7 9/16 ...
... ... DrySM 7 3/16 ...
7 22 DuPont 63 1/16 –13/16
17 17 DuaneR 22¼ +1
... ... DufPutIII 8⅝ +⅛
15 13 DukeEngy50 7/16 +1
14 ... DukeWks18 5/16 –⅝
17 16 DunBrad 29 5/16 +3/16
26 22 Dycom 44½ –11/16
25 9 Dynegy 20 15/16 +¼
... 13 E4L 2 9/16 –3/16
... ... EEX Cp 2 9/16 –1/16
99 70 EMC s 99+59/64
... ... ENI 52⅝
4 21 EOG Res 17 –1/16
15 10 Earthgr 16⅜ +3/16
36 17 EastChm44 15/16 +½
16 10 EKodak d57 3/16 –2 7/16
11 10 Eaton 70¾ –⅝
... ... EV MulT n11 11/16 –3/16
... ... EV Srlnc 9 9/16 ...
28 24 Ecolab 35⅞ –1/16
13 12 Edisonint26 3/16 +7/16
8 9 Edwards 30 1/16 +1¾
24 15 ElPasEn 37 3/16 +3/16
30 18 ElPasEPt18 5/16 –1/16
38 ... Elan s 25 –⅞
23 16 Elcor s 28 5/16 –11/16
60 28 EDS 62½ –2⅞
... ... Embratl 19 1/16 –11/16
... ... EMInco2 10½ +⅜
19 17 EmrsnEl 58 7/16 –5/16
... ... EFIChile 13⅞
4 ... Empica 3 5/16 +1/16
11 10 EgyEast sd21 3/16 –3/16
12 11 EnglCp 17 11/16 –5/32
37 29 Enron s 40½ ...
... ... EnrLLC pf23¾ ...
... 88 ENSCO 21 +⅜
... ... Entercm n 65+2 15/16
8 11 Entergy 25¾ +¼
... ... Entrade 40 1/16 +2 3/16
... ... EnzoBio 32 1/2 –1 9/16
22 18 EottEng 12⅞ –1/2
... ... Equant 100⅝ +3/16
15 12 Equifax 21 1/16 –⅝
10 ... Eqtylnn 7 +1/16
... ... EqOffPT 23 7/16 +⅝
... ... EqtyRsd 40½ –3/16
43 36 EsteeLdr s 48+1 1/16
15 13 EthanA s30 7/16 +7/16
5 5 Ethyl 3⅝ +1/16
... ... EurWtFd 16 5/16 –1/16
7 6 EverestRe 23 +7/16
... 7 ExideCp 8 3/16 –½
16 14 ExtStayA 7¾ –¾
38 25 ExxonMob80 3/16 –1 5/32
19 17 FDX Cp s39 15/16 ...
... ... FEMSA 43 1/16 +⅝
10 8 FMC 51⅞ +⅜
11 10 FPL Gp 42 1/16 +1/16
... 52 FairCp 7¾
... 26 FrchldS n 29 7/8 +31/16
... 7 FairfCmts 9 15/16 –3/16
18 14 FamDlr 14⅜ –⅛
18 15 FanniMae62 7/16 +1 3/16
5 4 FedMog 17¾ –⅛
... ... FedRlty 18 +1/16
13 10 FedSignl15 1/16 +1/16
14 13 FedrDS 49 5/16 +1 11/16
11 ... FelCor 17 15/16 ...
35 16 Ferrellgs 13⅛ +1/16
12 11 Ferro 21⅝ ...
5 6 FidelFin 14 1/16 +3/16
10 9 Finova 33⅜ –7/16
6 8 FAFnci 12⅛ +1/16
33 25 FstData 48⅝ +⅛
... ... FFinFd 7½ ...
14 ... FstInRT 26¾ +1/16
13 15 FstTenn 28⅞ +⅝
10 9 FstUC 33⅝ +1¼
14 14 FtVaBk 41 9/16 +11/16
... ... FWshR pf 23⅞ –⅛
14 ... Firstar s 20 15/16 +⅝
10 9 FirstEngy 22⅝ –1/16
13 11 FleetBost36 7/16 +¾
7 6 FleetEn 19⅛ –1/16
... 9 Flemng 10⅝ ...
... ... FletFD 4 –1/16
13 13 FlaProg 42⅜ –¼
... 14 Flowers 15⅝ +1/16
31 15 Fluor 42 +3/16
10 9 FordMot 50¾ ...
44 34 ForestLab57 9/16 +3½
... 12 ForestOil 9½ +⅛
... 14 FtJames 28⅛ +3/16
... 13 FortuneBr 31¾ –1/16
27 9 FostWh 9⅝ –1/16
... 7 FoundHS 9½ ...
... 57 Fox Ent 25¾ +¼
9 ... FranFin 22 15/16 +⅝
18 14 FrankRes30 13/16 +7/16
... ... FrkUnv 6 13/16 ...
17 14 FredMac46 11/16 –⅜
18 17 FMCG 18½ –¾
36 5 Fremont 6 9/16 ...
4 10 FGoldmnd8 13/16 –1/16
... 31 FriedBR 6¼
... 3 Frntrins 3⅛ +1/16
17 4 FrontrOil 5 –1/16
... ... FruitL 1⅜ +1/16
10 8 FurnBrds20 9/16 +⅜
... ... GHI
11 9 GATX 31⅛ –⅝
8 9 GPU 29 15/16 +7/16
19 19 GTE 74¾ +2⅝
... ... GabelliET 11⅝ +1/16
... ... GabGloMu17 1/16 +1
15 ... GablRsd21 11/16 +⅜
12 10 Galileo Int26 13/16 +⅜
... ... Gallaher 15¾ +¼
24 21 Gannett 77½ +⅝
38 29 Gap s 43 7/16 +1⅛
16 16 Gartner 13 13/16 +⅜
... 13 GartnrB n 13 +⅛
54 39 Gateway s 72 –1
4 3 GenCorp sd8 15/16 –⅝
... ... Genentc s132 3/16 +8¾
... ... GAlnv 35 15/16 +⅜
... ... GAlnv pf 20⅝ ...
4 4 GnCable 8⅝ –⅛
... 14 GnData 8⅝ +⅜
10 12 GenDynd48 15/16 –2 1/16
51 43 GenElecu157¾ +4¾
14 ... GnGrth 26⅞ –⅜
100 67 GenInst u78⅞ +⅜
18 16 GenMills s33 11/16 –3/16
7 8 GnMotr 70⅝ –2⅛
... ... GM H 90 –⅛
41 14 GenSemi13 3/16 +1/16
6 10 Gensco 11 7/16 –1/2
... ... GenesisH 1 15/16 –⅛
12 11 GnRad 17⅛ ...
11 10 GenuPrt d23 1/16 –⅝
37 15 GaGulf 29½ +⅛
14 10 GaPcGP s46 11/16 +11/16
9 9 Giantin 8⅝ +1/16
34 32 Gillette 41⅜ +1 1/16
... ... Glamis 1⅞ +1/16
31 ... GlaxoWel 52 1/16 –1 1/16
17 ... GlenRT 12½
13 ... GlimchRt12 15/16
24 27 GlobM 15 5/16 +⅜
... ... GlbITele s 33 +2⅛
... ... go.com n 28 +6⅛
10 7 GoldStBc 16⅞ +⅜
12 11 GoldWF s 32⅜ +⅝
... 18 GoldmnS n80 15/16 –3/16
15 8 Goodrch 24⅜ +⅜
13 7 Goodyear25 1/2 –15/16
... 8 Grace 13⅛
20 18 Graingr 46¾ +⅛
... 11 GtAtPc 26 5/16 +⅝
13 13 GtLkCh 36 9/16 –3/16
12 9 GreenptFn23 15/16 +3/16
... ... GreenwSt9 13/16 –1/16
13 ... GElektra 9 11/16 +⅛
... ... GTelevsa u71 –⅜
... ... GTribasa ⅞ –1/16
9 8 Gtech 21 5/16 +5/16
31 ... Gucci 113 15/16 –4⅜
48 28 Guidant s 44⅞ +1
... ... GlfCda g 3 5/16 –1/16
... 36 HA–LO s 7 15/16 ...
... 31 HNC Mnt 38¼ +3/16
13 8 HangrOrthd9 1/16 ...
12 9 Hanna 9¾ –⅛
29 24 Hanfrd 66½ –1¾
30 21 HanovC 36 3/16 +1¼
15 20 HarcGn 38 7/16 +11/16
... 12 HarInd 17 15/16 –⅞
36 29 HarleyDav59 1/16 +½
19 15 HarrahE 25 +3/16
56 23 Harris 24½ +½
10 10 HartfdFn42 15/16 +⅞
13 11 HartfdLf 40¾ +⅜
13 12 Hasbro s d17 3/16 –5/16
11 11 HawEl 28¾ +⅞
8 8 HawkCp 5¾ +3/16
9 ... HlthCP 22 15/16 +1/16
... ... HltCP pfB15 9/16 –1/16
7 ... HlthCr 15⅝ +1/16
21 18 HltMgt 12½ +⅜
8 ... HltcrRty 15 45/64 –3/32
23 4 HlthpInSv d3 –11/16
84 7 Hithsth 5½ +3/16
99 38 HrstArT 26 11/16 +⅛
... ... HeciaM 1 11/16 +1/16
... 7 Heilig 2⅞ +⅛
16 15 Heinz d40 –⅝
... ... HelinTel 11 +5/16
9 8 HellrFn 19 3/4 +11/16
23 19 HelmPayn 19½ –⅜
... 9 Herculs 24 3/16 –⅜
15 20 Hershey 50⅜ +5/16
17 15 Hertz 49⅜ +1⅝
33 31 HewlettPk108 3/4 +4½
10 8 Hibern 10 9/16 +3/16
... ... HilncoOp 8⅝ +1/16
... ... HighwdP 22 +3/16
14 13 Hillenbd 32 +3/16
13 11 Hilton s 8 5/16 +3/16
34 ... Hitachi 132⅝ ...
6 17 Hollinger12 15/16 –5/32
68 53 HomeDp95 31/64 –1 17/32
7 9 Homebase 3⅜ +⅛
... 47 Hmstke 8⅜ +⅛
14 11 Hon Ind 20 3/4 –1 7/16
22 18 Honwillntl56 11/16 +1/16
... 10 HorMand19 15/16 –⅛
18 17 Hormel 40½ +3/16
... 9 HospPT 18⅛ –1/16
9 9 HostMar n8 3/16 –⅛
30 14 HoughtM 41 +1
31 13 HoushInt 37 1/4 –11/16
... 8 HuanPw 9⅝ ...
11 ... HubbelB 27¼ +5/16
11 8 HudsonUtdd25 13/16 +3/16
... 8 Huffy 5⅞ +⅛
... 7 HugotnR n 8 ...
13 10 Humana 73⅛ +1/16
12 9 Hussmn d13 1/16 –1/16
... ... Huttig n 3 11/16 –5/16
... ... HypT02 8⅛ ...
5 7 IBP 18¼ –1/16
1 ... ICF Int 5⅜ ...
... ... ICICI n 16¼ –5/16
12 ... ICN Phrm 23⅛ –3/16
... 11 IMC Glo 15 1/16 ...
27 27 IMS Hlth 26½ –½
9 ... IRT 7⅝ +5/16
8 6 IT Gp 8 9/16 ...
17 13 ITT Ed 15½ –1
... 12 ITT Inds 32¾ –¾
11 11 Idacorp 26⅝ +⅛
10 8 IkonOffSol 6 +½
22 19 ITW 64½ –1/16
... 15 Illinova 30¼ +¾
23 13 Imation 32½ +⅛
15 14 ImprBc 23⅜ +½
13 ... ICI 41¼ –½
... 19 Inacom 7⅝ –5/16
... 21 INCO 20½ –⅛
... ... IndoSatel 20 7/8 +1 5/16
... ... IndoTel 10 15/16 +⅛
... 9 Indymac 11¼ +3/16
92 83 InfinityB n 36⅝ –⅝
... ... Infonet n 25 +¾
14 13 IngerRd 49 15/16 +15/16
11 10 IngrmM 12⅞ +3/16
10 ... Innkeepr 8¾ +3/16
... ... InputOut d4⅞ +¼
... ... InsMuni 11⅝ +1⅛
... ... IntgHS d⅛ ...
18 12 Interim 23½ +9/16
26 26 IBM s 110 1/16 +2 1/16
24 19 IntFlav 36⅛ –⅛
31 12 IntGame 20 3/16 +5/16
13 9 IntHFds 16 +⅛
36 8 IntMult d12 –¾
... 17 IntPap 53 5/16 +1 1/16
... 22 IntRect u24 5/16 +15/16
44 37 IntpubGp s54⅞ –⅞
10 8 IntstBak 16⅜ –⅝
... 19 Intrtan 23⅝ –⅜
25 20 Intimate 40 9/16 –1 1/16
11 9 Invacare 18 –¼
... ... InvesGHS13 9/16 ...
22 16 InvTech s27 9/16 –7/16
... 11 Iomega 3 9/16 ...
12 10 Ipalco s d16 1/16 +7/16
... ... IronMnt 38¼ +3/16
13 8 IsptIntl u15 1/16 +½
7 7 IvaxPkg 9¼ –⅛
... ... JKL
11 ... JDN Rty 15¾ –5/16
11 9 JLG 15⅛ ...
10 ... JP Rity 15 1/16 +1/16
67 44 Jabil s 73 1/16 +2 5/16
10 10 JackInBox20 3/16 +⅞
12 10 Jacobs 30 –⅜
... ... JpOTC 11 3/16 +1/16
15 15 JeffPilot 64 1/16 +2
36 27 JohnJn 91 –⅞
12 11 JohnsnCtrl53 1/16 –7/16
11 11 JonesApp 27 1/16 +⅝
15 10 Jostens d17 3/16 –3/16
... ... KCS 15/16 ...
14 8 K mart 10 3/16 –3/16
9 ... Kaneb 4 5/16 +1/16
17 11 KCtyPL 21 3/16 +1/16
29 17 KC Sou 61+1 1/16
9 6 KaufBH 23 13/32 +25/32
12 12 Kaydon 26 3/16 +⅛
30 16 Keebler 26⅞ ...
47 20 Kellogg 32 3/16 +7/16
... 30 Kemet 40⅞ ...
... ... KmpiGv 6½ ...
... ... KmpMl 7 5/16 ...
... ... KmpMu d9½ –3/16
15 13 Kennmtl 30 3/4 –7/16
83 23 KentEl 22 5/16 +⅜
... 17 KerrMc 59 15/16 +1 3/16
... ... KeyEng 4 5/16 ...
9 8 Keycorp d21 3/4 +⅜
22 12 Keyspan22 15/16 +⅛
23 20 KimbClk65 3/16 +11/16
15 ... Kimco 34 1/4 ...
... 19 KindMorg20 9/16 +13/16
... ... Kinross g 1 3/4 –1/16
19 16 KnightR 58½ +7/8
47 37 Kohls 66 3/4 +2 3/4
... ... KoreaElc 15 9/16 –¼
... ... Korea 16 1/16 +7/16
... 57 KoreaTel n597 5/16 +15/16
... 32 KornFer n34 7/16 +1/16
... 45 Kranzc 8½ +1/16
26 13 Kroger s 16 11/16 +7/16
25 19 L–3 Com 38¾ +1/4
... ... LMN
16 9 MBIA 47 25/32 +1 25/32
23 18 MBNA 25 7/16 +9/16
... 17 MCN Engy24 3/8 +⅛
18 11 MDU d19¼ –1/4
... ... MEMC 12+1 7/16
... ... MCR 7⅞ +1/16
... ... MGF 5 3/4 ...
... ... MIN 6⅛ +1/16
... ... MMT 5⅝ +1/16
... ... MFM 6⅝ +3/16
15 12 MGIC 59 3/16 +2 1/16
38 19 MGMG 49 –11/16
... 9 MMI Cos 8 13/16 +1/16
18 18 MSC Ind 13 3/16 +1 7/16
13 ... MackCali 25 1/16 –1/16
38 6 Magellan 5 11/16 –5/16
... ... Magnal g d40 5/8 +¼
6 9 Magntk 7 1/16 +⅛
... ... Malaysa 6 9/16 +½
12 11 Malinckr 29 7/16 –⅝
... ... MgdHi 8 5/16 +1/16
... ... MgHYP 10 11/16 ...
... ... MgdMun 9 7/32 +1/32
... ... MgdMun2 9⅛ –⅛
36 14 Mandalay21 11/16 –1/16
36 17 Manpwl 35⅜ –⅝
22 ... Manufkhm 24⅛ +⅛
... ... Manulif gn 12½ –⅛
... 32 MarineDrl 18⅝ +1 1/16
10 9 MarkIV 18 9/16 –3/16
16 14 MarintA 30 5/16 –5/16
28 22 MarshMcL87 9/16 +3 3/16
20 17 Marshlls 60⅜ +⅜
... ... MStewrt n25 1/16 –1/4
15 13 MartMM 40 9/16 +1½
19 13 Masco 24 1/16 –9/16
6 6 MascoTch d11 ...
... ... MassCp 23 –5/16
... 20 Mastec 43⅛ +¼
... 12 Mattel 12⅜ –3/16
... ... MaximGp 6 –⅜
12 11 MayDS s 30 –¼
13 12 Maytag 48 7/16 +1/16
21 15 McCorm 28 11/16 ...
... ... 4 McDerl 7½ +1/16
32 26 McDnlds s41 5/16 –5/16
31 27 McGrH s 59 3/4 –15/16
34 13 McKHBOC20 9/16 +3/16
27 15 Mead 39⅞ +⅜
... ... MediaOne78 7/16 +5/16
28 28 Medicis s41 5/16 +2 5/16
12 ... Meditrust d5 7/16 –3/16
65 33 Medtronic s34 5/16 +1 1/16
18 17 MellnFnc s33 9/16 +5/16
28 24 Merck s 66 1/16 –7/16
9 9 MercGn 22½ +9/16
... 9 MerchRes 3 +1/16
7 ... MerlStHsp 16⅜ +⅜
6 6 Meritor 18 1/16 –1/16
15 14 MerrLyn 78 +1/16
... ... MLIGL01 16¼ –¾
... ... MerL pfD 20 –⅝
... ... MerL pfF 21 ...
... 13 MetrisCo s33 5/16 +½
... ... MGM 23 1/16 +½
... ... MexEqt 8 11/16 –¼
... 17 MicrnT 80½ +4⅞
13 13 MidAmEn33 9/16 +1/16
... 16 MidwGm 21⅛ +⅜
7 7 Milacron 14⅛ +⅛
9 15 MillenChm 18 1/16 +⅛
... 13 Millerin 27⅜ –⅜
33 21 Millipore 36 7/16 ...
15 ... MillsCp 17 7/16 +⅞
24 20 MMM 92 –1¾
15 11 MinnPwr s 17 +7/16
52 16 MirageRst14 9/16 –½
14 12 ModisProf 13 7/16 +15/16
11 8 Mohawk 25 3/16 +1/16
... ... MolBio 1 –1/16
... 29 Monsanto 36 1/16 –⅜
... ... Monsn03d32 11/16 –1 7/16
... ... LCM Intl n 12¼ +⅜
... ... LaBarg 1 15/16 ...
... 8 Lancer 4 1/16 –⅛
... ... LaserTech 13⅜ +3/16
6 ... LeathFac 1 ...
20 10 LifVern 11 7/8 ...
11 10 LG&E 18 3/16 +7/16
3 ... LLE Ry 1 5/16 ...
... 30 LSI Log 64 13/16 +5 1/16
7 ... LTC Prp 8 3/16 +1/16
... ... LTV 3 9/16 ...
20 14 LabrRdy s13 7/16 –3/16
16 18 LabCp 3 9/16 +1/16
... 7 LaBrnch n 10 1/4 +3/

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

PE PPE Name Last Chg

A B C

... ... ACTV 33+2⅛s
... 39 ADC Tel 70⅜s +2⅞s
... 38 APACC 11⅝s +⅜s
... ... ASD Sys n 15 –⅜s
... 5 ... ASE Am 7⅛s –⅛s
... 30 ... ASM Intl u22⅝s +2⅜s
... 52 ... ASM Lithu110¹¹/₁₆s+8¹⁵/₁₆s
... ... AT&T Cd s 38 –⅛s
... ... AXSLtd 7⅛s –9⅜s
96 25 ... ATMI Inc 28⅞s +⅝s
... ... Aastrom 9⅜s –1⅝s
... ... Apogenx 1¼s +⅛s
... 7 ... AbleTel 7⅝s –⅜s
... 3 ... AccessWs2⅛s –⅛s
... 8 ... Acclaim 5⅜s –⅛s
... 4 ... ActPerf 9⅝s +1⅛s
26 20 ... Acxiom 22 +⅛s
33 24 ... Adaptec 49⅞s +1⅞s
... ... Adelphiau50⅝s+1⅞s
... ... Adelph h 65+1¹⁵/₁₆s
34 34 ... Adobesy s83⅜s –1⅜s
... ... AdvAg&S g 3⅞s +1
... ... AdvAg wtA 3⅜s +⅜s
... ... AdvAg wtB 3⅜s +⅜s
... 31 ... AdvEngd 44+5⅛s
... ... AdvFCm u443⅜s+8¹⁵/₁₆s
... ... AdvRadio 13½s +⅛s
... ... AdvTtgs 2⅝s –⅛s
... ... AerialC u48⅞s+3⅞s
... ... AffTech ⅝s
... ... Ahymet u130⅝s+12⅛s
... ... Agcy.cm nd54⅛s –⅛s
... ... AgriBio d1⅝s –⅛s
23 19 ... AirExp 31¾s
... ... AirNet n 29 –2½s
38 6 ... AirTran 4⅜s +⅛s
... ... AkamaiT nu301⅝s+15⅝s
... ... Akzo 50⅝s –1
26 12 ... AlexBld 22 +⅛s
... ... Alexion u25¼s +8⅞s
... ... Alkerm u51¼s +2½s
... 2 ... AlskGam s 2⅞s –⅛s
... 30 ... AlsnPh u8⅛s+1⅝s
... ... AltRiser n17⅞s –⅜s
... ... Alscrpts n42½s +6¼s
43 42 ... AlphaInd s58⅛s –⅝s
... ... Alpnet 3⅜s +⅛s
54 36 ... AlteraCp s51⅞s +1⅛s
... ... Amazon s 99⅞s +2⅞s
... ... AmBiogn h 9½s –⅛s
... ... AmChmp ¹¹/₁₆s –1/32
31 23 ... AcEagleO s49⅝s+2⅛s
... ... AmInfPt 2⅝s –1/32
... ... AmMedSat16⅜s –1⅛s
6 ... ... AmPac 8⅜s +⅛s
30 23 ... AmPcSys u19⅛s +2⅛s
... ... AmrTrde s24⅛s –⅛s
... 9 ... AmesDS 29¼s –2⅝s
51 46 ... Amgen su50⅞s +1⅛s
44 25 ... AmkorT 26⅞s +⅛s
... 4 ... Amresco d1½s –⅛s
... ... Amylin 8⅛s+1⅞s
... ... AncorCm 75 –7⅛s
... ... Andover n48⅜s –1⅜s
51 25 ... Andrew 18⅝s+2⅛s
17 31 ... AndrxCp s 42 +½s
... 14 ... Anicom 4¹¹/₁₆s +⅜s
... 59 ... AnsThnk 34½s +3⅛s
32 33 ... Antec 46⅝s –⅜s
27 22 ... ApolloG 21⅞s +⅞s
... ... AppNet n 40⅜s –2⅛s
28 31 ... AppleC 102½s +4½s
16 12 ... Applebee27⅜s +3⅛s
... ... ApldDig n 6³¹/₃₂s –1/32
... 28 ... AppFlms u11⅞s+2½s
65 36 ... AphdMatu123⅝s+7⅛s
... ... AMCC s111⅝s –⅜s
86 43 ... Applix 19 –1½s
38 10 ... ArcticCat 9⅞s
95 25 ... ArdentSft u38⅛s +1¼s
... ... AriadP 1⅛s +⅛s
... ... Arbas s u143 +9⅝s
5 ... ... AriesCp 7⅛s –⅞s
... ... ArtTech n u105 +13
19 14 ... Artesyn 19½s +⅛s
... ... Ashford n 14⅝s –⅜s
... ... AshtnT 7¹³/₁₆s+1⅞s
... ... AskJvs n 126½s+10¼s
... 79 ... AspectCm 34⅞s –⅛s
... ... AspenTc 28⅝s +⅜s
14 7 ... AstoriaF 29⅝s+1½s
... 38 ... AsysstTchu60⅛s+2⁴⁵/₆₄s
... ... AtHome s 47⅛s +⅞s
... 17 ... Atmel s 26⅞s +1½s
... 98 ... AuroraBio 16⅝s –⅛s
... ... Auspex 8¼s –⅛s
... ... Autobytel n19⅞s +⅜s
... 19 ... Autodesk 31⅝s +½s
... ... Automtu 2⅜s –⅛s
... ... Autoweb n11¹³/₁₆s+1⅞s
... 93 ... Avanex 34⅝s –2⅞s
... 61 ... AvantT 19 +½s
... ... AvgDPhm 37⅞s –⅛s
... 5 ... AvigenI n 15 –⅛s
... ... BEA Sys 67⅛s+5⅛s
64 31 ... BMC Sft 74⅛s +1⅛s
... ... BOSLtd 7⅞s –9⅜s
... ... BackWb n 34 +4½s
... ... BallardPw 29⅜s +1⅜s
... ... BncGalic 19⅝s +⅛s
8 7 ... BnkUnidd28⅞s –1
... ... BarrysBy u19⅛s +2⅜s
... ... barrBl.cm n16¹³/₁₆s–⅝s
... 16 ... BasExpl 15⅝s –⅜s
... ... BeFree n82⅜s+15⅜s
... ... Be Inc n 28⅞s –⅛s
... ... Bid.com gm4¹³/₁₆s–⅜s
... ... BidCnt 21½s +1⅛s
15 20 ... BillConc 6⅛s +⅜s
13 9 ... BindView 39¹³/₁₆s+1½s
... 13 ... BioPharm19⅝s–2⅜s
61 44 ... Biogen s 73⅛s +6½s
33 22 ... Biomet 38 +⅞s
... ... Biomira 4⅛s +⅛s
32 24 ... BioToG 12⅝s +⅜s
... ... Bitstrm 5⅞s –⅛s
... ... Bitwise 18⅞s–1⅞s
... ... BlackBox 47⅞s +⅛s
30 20 ... Brooktrt 18+1⁵/₁₆s
... 45 ... BrownTom12⅝s –⅜s
79 72 ... C_COR.netu76+12⅜s
43 36 ... C_CUBE 53⅜s –⅛s
... ... CAIS Int n23¹¹/₁₆s+3¹¹/₁₆s
10 8 ... CBIS Grp8⅝s+1⅛s
... ... CBridge n 45½s +5½s
... ... CDnow 11⅝s –⅛s
32 27 ... CH Rbn u39 –⅜s
86 ... ... CMGI s u270+47¹⁵/₁₆s
81 ... ... CNET s 67⅞s–8⅝s
... ... CNS 4⅛s –⅛s
22 28 ... CSG Sys.s 41 –⅛s
... ... CacheFl n1333⅞s +6
... ... Calico n 43 –3⅛s
... ... CalMicr 12¾s –⅜s
... ... CalperT nu45⅝s+5⅞s
42 66 ... CambTch 25 +1⅛s
... ... Candies ¹¹/₁₆s –1/32
... 12 ... CapFedF n9⅝s –⅛s
... 4 ... CaptecNt d6¼s –⅛s
13 10 ... Caraustr 22⅞s +⅜s
8 12 ... Caseys 10⅞s +⅞s
... ... CelleTk u12⅜s +1
... ... CellGeng u10⅞s –⅞s
... ... CellNet 1⅞s –⅛s
21 8 ... Cellstr 10⅛s +⅛s
... ... CentraSft 5½s –⅛s
15 11 ... CentBusnd8⅝s –⅜s
... ... Cephln u30⅜s+2⅝s
56 58 ... Cerner 19¾s –1
24 14 ... ChrmSh 8¼s +⅛s
... ... ChartCm n20⅞s –1
... 23 ... ChiTck n 13 +⅜s
... ... ChkFree 95⅜s +5⅞s
... ... Chemdex n101¼s+11¼s
13 9 ... ChildPlcd15⅛s –⅛s
... ... China.cm s89⅜s+2⅝s
13 47 ... Chiron u36⅝s +2⅛s
... ... Cidco 4⅛s –⅛s
... ... CinnFin 32⅞s –⅛s
38 26 ... Cintas 49¹⁵/₁₆s+2⅜s
27 18 ... Ciprico 11 ½s –⅞s
... ... Crcl.cm n 12⅛s –⅛s
... 41 ... Cirrus 12⅜s +⅜s
... 93 ... Cisco 104½s+⅞s
... 77 ... CitrixSy su129¼s+12⅞s
... ... Clarent n 75 –3⅜s
... ... Clarify u125⅞s+9⅞s
... ... Clarus 59⅜s+15⅜s
... ... ClassCm n 32 +2½s
... ... ClayEng 12 –⅛s
... ... Clearnet u31⅞s +½s
... ... clck2Irn 12⅞s +⅛s
77 33 ... Cognex 35⅜s +1⅛s
57 24 ... Cohersnt27⅞s–⅜s
... ... Com21 25⅞s –⅜s
24 ... ... Comp.sp s 51 +1⅛s
... ... ComOnline n2 –⅛s
... ... CompOnTrk n80 +⅜s
10 8 ... CmpRsn 41¼s –⅜s
13 11 ... CompuBo s23⅞s+1⅛s
... ... Compuscn n13⅝s –⅜s
... ... Cmps.cm n6⅝s –⅛s
... ... CpiConc 2⅞s+1/32
... ... CmpInt 16½s +⅛s
18 19 ... CmpuSys n13⅞s –⅜s
69 35 ... CptNetx 24⅞s –1⅜s
37 23 ... Computer s37⅝s+2⅛s
82 50 ... Comvers s125⅛s+1⅜s
... ... ConcNet s 29½s +⅞s
47 38 ... ConcrDem 41⅞s –2⅛s
64 31 ... ConcEFS s28⅝s+2⅛s
... ... ConcurTch26⅜s +⅜s
... ... ConcCm 15¹³/₁₆s+5¹⁵/₁₆s
... 87 ... Conexnt s 74+7¹¹/₁₆s
... ... ConPort 1⅜s +⅛s
... ... Convrgnt n11⅝s +1⅜s
... ... CopMkTn s40¹¹/₁₆s –⅜s
... ... CorTher 22⅞s +⅜s
66 ... ... CornerCp 18⅞s –⅛s
... 12 ... Corsair 7 –1
37 30 ... Costco 87⅛s –1⅜s
... ... CovadCm s 55+1¹⁵/₁₆s
... 28 ... CredSys 7⅝s +⅛s
4 2 ... Creditrst n 6⅝s –2⅛s
... 99 ... CreaRsh su75⅞s+8⅛s
... ... CritPath n 91 +3⅛s
... ... CrwnCstl 28⅝s +⅜s
... ... CumlMed 43 +2⅜s
... ... CybrCsh 9¹³/₁₆s –⅞s
... 52 ... CyberCareu10⅝s–⅞s
... ... Cybergld n17⅝s –⅛s
... ... CyberOpt 12 –⅜s
... ... CyberShp 7⅞s –⅜s
... ... CycloSrx n49⅝s –⅞s
... ... Cygnus 18 +⅜s
... 35 ... Cymer 45¼s+2¹¹/₁₆s
... ... Cytogn 2¹⁵/₃₂ +1/32
... ... CytRx 1⅞s –1⅜s
... 46 ... Cytyc 51⅝s+1⅜s

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48 28 ... Dll Grp 65⅝s –⅝s
... ... DSL.net n17¹³/₁₆s–1½s
... ... DaleenT n 22⅞s–5⅞s
... ... DatBdcst 8¼s +⅛s
18 36 ... DtaDimn 3⅞s–1⅝s
81 28 ... Datastr 21⅞s +⅛s
... 28 ... Datatec 5⅝s–1½s
... ... DataRce 2⅜s
37 25 ... Davox 22½s +⅝s
... ... Dawson 8⅞s –⅛s
15 ... ... DBeer 30½s –1½s
... ... Delicious 2+1/32
83 50 ... DellComr s 49⅜s+1⅝s
... ... dMarTfr n 27½s –½s
64 39 ... Dendrite s 27 –1½s
1 ... ... DiamHSrv 19/32 +1/32
... ... Digex n u83⅞s +5⅛s
50 13 ... Digimtl 11½s –⅜s
... ... DigSonic n 63⅝s +5⅞s
... 47 ... DiskRite 20½s +⅜s
... ... DigRiver 36⅛s –⅛s
... ... Divrsnt g 20 +1½s
43 29 ... DltTree 50⅝s –⅜s
... ... DobleClck s216½s+15½s
... ... Docucon 14⅝s –⅛s
47 26 ... DuPont 60¼s +2⅛s
... 16 ... DunnCm 4⅜s +⅛s
... 14 ... DuraPh 12⅞s +⅜s
... ... DurbanRo1 19/32 –1/32
... ... ETrade s 29½s +⅛s
... ... e-Net 11 –⅛s
... ... EStamp n 28 +3⅛s
... ... ETkDyn u103⅜s +6⅜s
... ... E-loan n 20⅝s +1⅞s
... ... e.spire s 51½s –3⅜s
... ... eBayInc 144⅜s–4⅝s
28 11 ... ECI Tel 31½s +⅛s
... ... eFax.com 8⅛s –⅜s
... 15 ... ESCMed 7½s +½s
30 25 ... ESSTech n22¼s +⅝s
... ... eShareTch22⅜s +6½s
... ... Ethlink 48¼s –2⅛s
... ... EthShld 41½s –⅜s
... ... EthWeb46¹¹/₁₆s+1¾s
... ... EchoStar s87⅜s +1⅜s
96 29 ... Eclipsys 26 +⅜s
... ... eCollege n d11 –1
... ... EffNtwk n 77 –1½s
... ... eGainCm n39½s+1⅜s
... ... EgyBasd 14 –⅜s
... ... Elmer n d8⅝s –1⅛s
... ... EmisTch u22½s +1⅛s
... ... EmmisCmu103 +5
... ... EmpSit 23½s +½s
... ... EmulexCp 133 +8⅛s
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... ... EndoTech 22½s +⅝s
... ... EngageT n57½s +2½s
... ... EnhanS 51¼s –2⅞s
... ... Enzon 39⅛s +1⅜s
... 42 ... EpicorSft 4⅞s +⅛s
... ... EricTel 59½s +1½s
... ... eSoft 32⅝s –1¹³/₃₂
... ... eSpeed n 43½s +1⅜s
... ... eTotal n 32⅜s –1⅜s
41 23 ... EuroWeb 6⅛s +⅜s
... ... Exactis n 25 +1
... ... Executone4 ⅝s +1/32
... ... ExodusC s80¹¹/₁₆s+1⅞s
... ... Expedia n11¹³/₃₂s+2¹⁵/₃₂
44 27 ... ExpScript81²¹/₃₂s+4⅝s
... ... ExtNetw n64⅞s –1
21 17 ... FYI n 32⅛s +⅛s
... 9 ... FamGolf 17⅞s –1/32
30 25 ... FifthThrd 70⅞s+2¹¹/₁₆s
... ... Finet.com 14⅜s –⅛s
... ... Finsear n 64 –⅜s
12 10 ... FtFCap 13⅜s –⅛s
... ... FstPrior 21¼s –⅞s
20 18 ... FSecCp 28⅞s +1⅛s
... 20 ... FstSierra 14 –⅝s
... ... FirstCom 39⅜s –3⅛s
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12 6 ... Flanders 14⅛s –⅜s
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... ... FlycstCm nu125⅞s
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... ... Foundry n 31¼s +2⅜s
35 ... ... FoxMkt n s33⅛s –⅜s
... ... FreeMkt n290⅞s +1
... ... FreeShp nu59⅝s
+12⅝/32
... ... FrontlnC n 5¾s +½s
16 5 ... FrozenFdd3⅝s +⅜s
... ... Ftrmdia 1⅛s –3⅛s

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... ... GST Tele 6⅞s +½s
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... ... Gadzoox n50 9⅝s –15⅞s
43 28 ... GalileoT s 22¼s –⅝s
... ... GeilTex n 10⅜s +⅛s
... ... Gemstar s65⅞s –1⅛s
... ... GeneLTx 4⅝s +2⅜s
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... 46 ... GenesyTelu53¾s+⅝s
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30 26 ... Gentex 26½s +½s
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... ... GenzTisRp2 ⅞s –⅛s
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More Sports/3D

Ditka seeks Warner-like quarterback

By Mary Foster
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Jake Delhomme has never taken a snap in an NFL regular season game. He hasn't even suited up for one this year. Coach Mike Ditka has cut him twice.

But with the New Orleans Saints at 2-12, Ditka's job on the line and time running out, the coach is hoping Kurt Warner isn't the only guy who can go from NFL Europe to state-side stardom.

"It's not a public relations ploy," Ditka said. "It's nothing like that. I want to see how he plays. I said he was going to play and we're going to see, that's all."

So on Friday, against the Dallas Cowboys, on national television, Delhomme — who has a total of five games on the active roster, all in 1998 — will be calling the plays.

"I came in early Monday morning to look at film, and Coach called me up to his office and said, 'Do you want the ball?' And I said, 'Yeah, I sure do,'" said Delhomme, who was cut by the Saints following training camp and re-signed Nov. 23. "I feel like I was in the right place, now I want to make it the right time."

Delhomme left Southwestern Louisiana as the state's career passing leader, throwing for 9,216 yards in four years. NFL scouts weren't impressed, so Delhomme spent time shuffling between the Saints' practice squad and unemployment.

As recently as Sunday, Delhomme was the Saints fourth-string quarterback, clutching a clipboard and charting plays in New Orleans' 31-8 loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

"I was watching every play, trying to learn everything I could," Delhomme said. "I try to use every scrap to get better. I wasn't there just for the trip."

Delhomme spent two springs in NFL Europe, backing up Warner with the Amsterdam Admirals in 1998, and alternating as the starter of the Frankfurt Galaxy this spring, when he finished near the top of the league in passing.

"I always thought I just needed to be in the right place at the right time, and this could be it," Delhomme said. "Playing with Kurt and being on the same team with him, it really gave me a lot of confidence. I played with him, and I played against Damon Huard. I see them and I think, 'I can play like that.' I just need a chance."

Warner, the season's leading passer, has helped the Rams to a 12-2 record after 4-12 and 5-11 seasons. Huard played quarterback in place of the injuried Dan Marino in midseason for the Miami Dolphins.

Delhomme's opportunity comes as Ditka searches desperately for anything to help his struggling team. These might be his last two chances. The Cowboys are the Saints' final home game, and they close out their fourth straight losing season, three under Ditka, on Jan. 2 at Carolina.

Despite consistently defending a string of ineffective quarterbacks, Ditka — possibly inspired by 32 losses in the 46 games he's coached — now says beefing up that position is a top priority.

Ditka has started four quarterbacks each of his three seasons with the Saints. This year's first three were Billy Joe Hobert, Billy Joe Tolliver and Danny Wuerffel.

None succeeded. Hobert played only the first two games before being injured. Tolliver has been playing in a knee brace because of sprained ligaments and now has bruised ribs. Wuerffel has been little more than a target for defenses.

"Billy Joe got hurt, then the other Billy Joe got hurt, so we have to look at that a little," Ditka said. "That has to become a priority, regardless of what happens."

The Saints will not have a first- or second-round pick in the draft. Those were traded to Washington as part of the deal for running back Ricky Williams. That means finding a free agent to lead the team, unless Delhomme can follow in Warner's or Huard's footsteps.

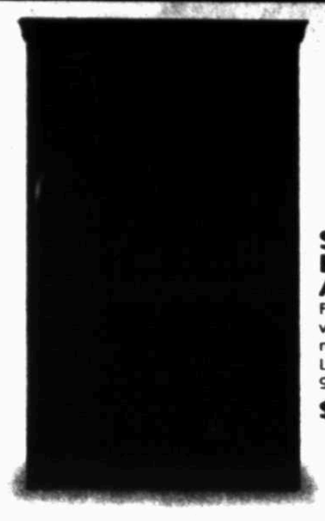
"How many people would have thought of the Kurt Warner story or the Damon Huard story?" Delhomme said. "Nobody thought of that. But that's the way the NFL is this year for quarterbacks. And hopefully that's the way it will be for me."

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Energy futures

NEW YORK — Energy futures settled lower in light trading Tuesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange with little market-moving news ahead of the release of a key weekly inventory report.

Crude oil for February delivery fell 8 cents to $26.26 a barrel.

After the market's close, the American Petroleum Institute reported that U.S. crude oil stocks declined by a smaller-than-expected 199,000 barrels, to 294.922 million barrels in the week ended Dec. 17.

Gasoline inventories fell by 2.364 million barrels, to 193.005 million barrels.

Refineries operated at 90.2 percent capacity, down slightly from 90.8 percent the previous week.

Heating oil for January delivery fell .30 cent to 69.14 cents a gallon; January unleaded gasoline fell .84 cent to 72.40 cents a gallon; January natural gas fell 10.7 cents to $2.522 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, North Sea Brent crude for February delivery fell 1 cent to $25.29 a barrel on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Coffee futures

Coffee futures plummeted 11 percent Tuesday after a Brazilian government report indicated that drought damage to the coming crop will be severe but not as bad as some had feared.

The much-awaited Brazilian coffee forecast came after weeks of speculation by investors on just how bad the crop would be. An extended dry spell in the coffee-rich south had long ago killed hopes for a record year in the world's No. 1 coffee-growing nation.

Once pegged at 40 million 60-kilogram (130-pound) bags, Brazil's 2000-01 crop had been estimated at 25 million bags or below by some doomsayers.

But the Brazilian government estimated it will be around 28.9 million bags — still some 1.7 million bags higher than this year's projected crop.

Since the government traditionally is conservative with such forecasts, some investors assumed that means the crop may still top 30 million, and dumped coffee futures in a wild trading session on New York's Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange.

Coffee for March delivery plunged 14.6 cents to $1.207 a pound, the largest fall since October.

Gold futures

Gold prices rose 1 percent in what traders attributed to a short-covering rally ahead of the holidays. Prices had dipped to a two-month low on Dec. 6 on news of a sale by the Dutch Central Bank.

February gold settled up $2.90 to $288.90 an ounce on the COMEX division of the New York Mercantile Exchange after reaching $289.30, the highest in nearly three weeks.

Grains futures

Wheat futures turned lower on the Chicago Board of Trade in a modest selloff following five straight days of gains. Prices had been rebounding after hitting 22-year lows.

Wheat for March delivery fell 3 cents to $2.46 a bushel.

Other grains and soybeans also mostly declined. March corn fell 1 cent to $2.02 1/4 a bushel, March oats rose 1/2 cent to $1.09 a bushel and January soybeans fell 1 3/4 cents to $4.56 3/4 a bushel.

Fed focuses on Y2K problems

By Martin Crustinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve left interest rates unchanged Tuesday even as it voiced concerns about inflation, saying a more pressing problem is making sure the financial system gets through the Year 2000 date change without serious mishap.

While economists warned that the central bank clearly left the door open for future rate hikes in coming months, the stock market surged on the Fed's decision to bypass a fourth rate increase this year.

The Federal Open Market Committee, composed of Fed board members and regional bank presidents, concluded its closed-door deliberations with a brief announcement saying that "in light of market uncertainties associated with the century date change" it was important to focus policy on "ensuring a smooth transition into the Year 2000."

The Fed said it was keeping its policy directive, intended to signal future rate moves, at neutral. But economists said the wording of the statement left little doubt that the central bank was declaring only a temporary cease-fire in its campaign to battle inflationary pressures with higher interest rates.

"The tone in the Fed announcement was more hawkish than usual and strongly implies that we can expect further rate hikes," said David Jones, economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. in New York. "The Fed will have to tighten more aggressively than many had expected."

The stock market, however, rallied as investors cheered the Fed's decision to keep its policy directive at neutral. The Dow Jones industrial average finished the day up 56.27 points at 11,200. The Nasdaq composite index, dominated by technology stocks, had its best day in history, rising 127.28 to finish at 3,911.15, its 56th new record of 1999.

Bond investors, however, read the Fed warnings about inflation as a clear signal of future rate increases. The yield on Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond climbed to 6.46 percent in late afternoon trading, its highest level in more than two years.



AP Photo
A trader yawns while working on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday. The Federal Reserve, after bumping up interest rates three times this year to slow the red-hot economy, decided to leave rates unchanged, even though it expressed continued worries about inflation down the road.

The Fed has already raised interest rates three times over the past six months, boosting its federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans, from 4.75 percent to 5.5 percent currently. Those changes have pushed commercial banks' prime lending rate, the benchmark for millions of business and consumer loans, from 7.75 percent, before the Fed began raising rates, to 8.5 percent today.

However, those rate increases have yet to slow the economy, which is being powered by a booming stock market, tight labor markets and consumers willing to spend with abandon.

Unemployment is at a 30-year low of 4.1 percent. While gains in productivity this year have offset rising wages, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has been warning that it is unrealistic to expect productivity to keep rising fast enough to offset wage pressures as the supply of available workers keeps dwindling.

In its statement, the Fed said that it "remains concerned with the possibility that over time, increases in demand will continue to exceed the growth in potential supply" and trigger inflation pressures.

The Fed statement promised to assess these threats at its next meeting on Feb. 1 and 2 and review "the possible need for adjustment in the stance of policy to contain inflationary pressures."

Many economists took that phrasing as a signal that a fourth quarter-point rate increase was likely at that meeting.

Sung Won Sohn, economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, said he was looking for two or three more rate increases by the end of May.

"The Fed has a narrow window next year to boost rates again between the end of the Y2K season and the beginning of the presidential election season," Sohn said.

Bruce Steinberg, chief economist at Merrill Lynch in New York, said the economy in the final three months of this year is probably growing at a robust annual rate of 4.5 percent, still above what he perceived was the Fed's speed limit for noninflationary growth — 3.5 percent to 4 percent.

"Until growth slows to that pace, further tightening moves are likely," Steinberg said, predicting two more rate increases that will leave the funds rate at 6 percent by midyear.

As for the Y2K problem, Greenspan and other banking regulators have expressed confidence that the $10 billon spent by U.S. banks to upgrade their computer systems has virtually eliminated the risk of a major computer malfunction because of an inability to distinguish between the year 2000 and the year 1900.

However, analysts had widely predicted the Fed would not raise interest rates out of concern that the uncertainty that would cause might undermine the Fed's efforts to give banks enough resources to meet any unusual demands by depositors fearful about Y2K.

Retired sports stars make marketing 'dream team'

CHICAGO (AP) — Call it a "dream team" for online marketing.

Three retired sports superstars — Michael Jordan, John Elway and Wayne Gretzky — are teaming up to back MVP.com, an online retail site where they'll dispense advice and peddle sporting goods.

MVP.com Inc., which will be based in Chicago, plans to launch the site in January. It has forged a $205 million deal with CBS Corp. to market the site and its products on CBS's SportsLine.com, a sports information Web site.

SportsLine, which is selling its online sports retail business to MVP.com as part of the deal, will give the online retailer an immediate potential customer base of 4 million Internet users a month, company officials said Tuesday.

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NEW YORK — The nation's retailers may be getting the Christmas gift they wished for all year.

Thanks to strong optimism about the economy, consumers have been on a buying binge this holiday season at the mall and on the Web, and new data indicates that many merchants will likely meet or exceed their sales forecasts.

Unlike in years past, many retailers are even doing well enough that they aren't slashing prices across their stores and won't have to rely as heavily on a surge in after-Christmas buying to achieve respectable sales.

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CHICAGO — Sproing! Pogo stick sales are leaping again.

Pokemon trading cards may draw the biggest toy-shopping crowds, and other late-'90s blockbusters such as Furbys are still flying off store shelves. But the plain old pogo stick is making a modest jump in popularity of its own.

The pogo doesn't appear on top-selling toy lists, and analysts say its growth is hard to quantify. But evidence points to it following the lead of the hula hoop and Etch-a-Sketch as old-fashioned toys riding a wave of nostalgia to reach new generations of children.

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Export-Import bank said Tuesday it will reject for now $500 million in loans to the Russian oil industry at the Clinton administration's request.

The bank board was awaiting a letter late in the evening from Secretary of State Madeleine Albright which would call for the action "in the national interest," a bank spokeswoman said.

The administration said the decision was related to concerns about the Russian company involved, not Russian military aggression in Chechnya.

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SAN JOSE, Calif. — This country may not run out of cash or electricity on New Year's Eve, but it's definitely going to run out of baby sitters.

Parents looking for someone to watch the kids while they toast the Year 2000 are finding greatly inflated prices, or no baby sitters at all.

Many teen-agers and professional baby sitters are forgoing "parties of the century" for the chance to make good money — $200 to $300 for the evening, about 10 times the usual for a Friday night.

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CHICAGO — John B. McCoy is stepping down as the head of troubled Bank One Corp., and Wall Street responded by sending its stock soaring more than 11 percent Tuesday amid speculation that the move raised chances of a takeover of the nation's fourth-largest banking company. Bank One announced that McCoy, the 56-year-old chairman and chief executive officer, has "decided to retire" after 15 years at the helm. Verne Istock, the president, was named acting chief executive pending a search for a permanent chairman and CEO.

McCoy was under fire for problems that surfaced last summer involving slowing growth in the bank's First USA credit-card unit, the nation's second-largest issuer of credit cards after Citibank.

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NEW YORK — The former top executive of a New York investment bank and a porn star with whom he was allegedly intimately involved have been charged with engaging in insider trading, federal authorities announced Tuesday.

James J. McDermott Jr., the former CEO at Keefe, Bruyette & Woods, and Kathryn B. Gannon, 30, known as "Marylin Star" in the sex-peddling trade, were charged by the U.S. Attorney with conspiracy to commit securities fraud and securities fraud after benefitting illegally from tips in the stock market.

According to court papers unsealed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, a co-defendant identified as Anthony P. Pomponio told investigators that Ms. Gannon not only worked in adult films but was also a prostitute.

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SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Canada sued R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Holdings Inc. for $1 billion Tuesday, charging that it and related companies conspired to smuggle tobacco products into Canada to avoid millions of dollars in taxes.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Syracuse, alleges the companies set up an elaborate network of smugglers and offshore companies to flood Canada with cheap cigarettes after the government doubled taxes and duties on tobacco in 1991.

Seth Moskowitz, a spokesman for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco in Winston-Salem, N.C., said company officials could not comment until they had seen a copy of the lawsuit.

Ben & Jerry's sale protested

BURLINGTON, Vt. (NYT)— A poignant cry is rising from many a Vermonter's heart these days, a plaint for local purity in the face of cold cash and the forces of globalization: "Say it ain't so, Ben and Jerry!"

Ever since Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. announced on Dec. 2 that it had received "indications of interest" from potential buyers and was considering them, the entreaties of "Don't sell out!" have sounded from the Statehouse to the Internet to the streets of this lakeside city where the company began in 1978 as a little ice cream shop in a converted gas station.

Perhaps no other for-profit company is so known for its green, community-oriented virtue, typified by the 7.5 percent of pre-tax profits it gives away. It would be hard to name another company as symbiotically synonymous with its state. Ben & Jerry's sweet, dappled-and-tie-dyed image helps market Vermont, and vice versa, says Gov. Howard Dean.

"Anywhere I go in the country or the world," said Dean, who is fighting the possible sale, "when you say, 'I'm from Vermont,' they say 'Ben & Jerry's!' So it really is a signature corporation for the state."

And the state is reacting in its signature utopian way — with homemade protests and calls to idealism.

Peter Clavelle, the Progressive mayor of Burlington, went to a protest, as did Rep. Bernard Sanders, the independent congressman whose district includes Burlington.

BUSINESS SCENE

Best Buy boosts Junior Achievement with $2,500 grant

By Mella McEwen

BEST BUY, with a store in Midland at 2511 W. Loop 250, has committed $2,500 to **JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT OF MIDLAND** through its Best Buy Children's Foundation.



McEwen

The grant is designed to help Junior Achievement reach more students in the coming years, and the $2,500 local grant is part of a $140,000 grant to the national Junior Achievement organization. The grant is earmarked for efforts to help the local Junior Achievement organization reach 20 percent of the students in West Texas by the year 2005 and is part of Junior Achievement's growth plan, ImpAct 2005.

Locally, the grant will be directed toward the seventh grade program Economics of Staying in School, which is designed to help students understand the importance of completing their education. Volunteers from local businesses and the community will present the program at all four local junior high schools during the current school year.

Best Buy's Children's Foundation supports Junior Achievement in 74 cities through funding, employee volunteers and participation in Groundhog Job Shadow Day.

Junior Achievement, active since 1919, educates students about free enterprise, business and economics. In West Texas programs are active in Midland, Odessa, Big Spring, Kermit and Lubbock and reach over 14,000 young people.

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MIDLAND PARK MALL has extended its shopping hours through Thursday to help last-minute Christmas shoppers. The mall will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. through Thursday. Christmas Eve, the center will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and open the day after Christmas at 10 a.m. for after-Christmas sales.

Santa Claus will continue to be available in Center Court until 6 p.m. Friday, when he has to leave to make his deliveries.

Shoppers can also see the 2000 model of the Ford Taurus, on display in Sears Court, with a promotion video playing highlights of the car.

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Daughters of Frazier, Ali could fight

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Jacqui Frazier Lyde knows a shot at Laila Ali is more than just another boxing match.

"It's about history, competition, family and legacy," said Lyde, the daughter of former heavyweight champion Joe Frazier. "I love it. But don't get me wrong, I'm gonna love watching her go down."

Lyde is training to become a professional boxer — she sent her state application in on Tuesday — while still practicing law and taking care of her family.

"I want to be a positive influence on this sport and be good to my family name," she said.

The 38-year-old lawyer takes her training seriously — she leaves her law office above Joe Frazier's Gym on North Broad Street and heads downstairs for a two-hour training session.

Even her father is impressed with her ability. After Lyde hit the speed bag and notched a few hits, Frazier turned and said in disbelief, "This is after two months, can you believe it?"

Frazier said that any man with Lyde's determination would be a world champion.

Her husband Pete said she reminds him of her father, Joe.

"She has his desire for the sport," Pete Lyde said.

And Frazier agrees.

"She has a family. She's a lawyer. She works out every day," Frazier said. "That sounds like Joe Frazier to me."

Lyde said she still needs to work on her defense, though Frazier notes that his trainer once told him, "your offense is your defense."

Her first fight is scheduled for February in Scranton against an undetermined opponent, but she is looking forward to fighting Ali.

"It would be a great draw," Lyde told the New York Post. "It would establish Laila financially, and then I would establish her horizontally."

Ali, 3-0 with three knockouts, wouldn't comment on Lyde's challenge.

"We're not addressing it until Jacqui Frazier is a professional fighter," said John McClain, Ali's trainer. "Let her get in the ring and become a professional. Then we'll deal with it."

The two daughters also are not necessarily compatible in the ring. Ali is 5-foot-10, 168 pounds, and Lyde is 5-9, 186.

Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier fought three times in the 1970s, with Ali winning twice — including the famous "Thrilla in Manila" fight in October 1975.

Bond revoked for Morrison

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — A judge revoked bond Tuesday for former boxer Tommy Morrison after prosecutors said he was a flight risk.

The boxer faces charges from two recent incidents and prosecutors said during a hearing in Washington County Circuit Court that documents found after Morrison's most recent arrest indicate he planned to flee.

■ Boxing Briefs

Fayetteville police arrested Morrison last September when he was allegedly caught with cocaine, guns, marijuana and drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop. The boxer pleaded innocent and is to undergo a psychological evaluation to determine whether he is competent for trial.

Out on bond, Morrison was arrested Thanksgiving Day after he was a passenger in a car crash in Madison County. Police charged him with public intoxication, possession of marijuana, criminal impersonation and carrying a concealed weapon.

Circuit Judge William Storey revoked Morrison's bond after hearing that documents in the vehicle — owned by Morrison's wife — included a fake Kansas driver's license, an application for identification and an application for a passport.

Morrison was present but did not speak. He was led away to jail after the proceeding.

Trial in the Fayetteville case had been set to begin Tuesday but was delayed pending the outcome of Morrison's mental evaluation.

Morrison has also been in trouble in other states.

On Sept. 10, Morrison received a two-year suspended sentence for drunken driving in Oklahoma after pleading guilty.

Hasek rethinking retirement decision

By Bill Porter
Associated Press Writer

BUFFALO, N.Y. — This is not how Dominik Hasek planned his farewell, and he is having second thoughts about retiring after the season.

And his Buffalo Sabres teammates would love to have the star goaltender for another year.

"That would be great," Sabres forward and captain Rob Ray said Tuesday. "He's the best."

He is the NHL's top goalie five of the last six seasons and the only goalie with two MVP trophies.

The Sabres lost to the Dallas Stars on a disputed goal by Brett Hull in the Stanley Cup finals last season. He said in July he intended to quit after the 1999-00 season. But he has not played since injuring his groin Oct. 27.

In an interview in the Czech newspaper Sport, Hasek said that while he is not definite about postponing his retirement, he is thinking about it.

"I was looking forward to my last season," the 34-year-old goalie said. "I was planning how fine everything will go,"

What followed was a 1-4-1 start and a groin injury this season.

"I would mind very much to quit after a poor season," said Hasek, who has a career 2.28 goals-against average and .926 save percentage.

Hasek was on his way back to Buffalo from Prague on Tuesday, and Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said Hasek had not mentioned his apparent change of heart.

"Darn right, it would be a good thing," Ruff said. "But I'm not getting excited about it until something is confirmed. It does look like he's having second thoughts, though."

Buffalo is in fourth place in the NHL's Northeast Division with a 13-15-5 record.

Hasek has wavered on the subject of his retirement before.

"The last game for the Buffalo Sabres this season will be my last one," he told The Associated Press in September.

But he added: "I don't know how I am going to feel. I won't play hockey for six or seven months, and then I'll see how I feel. It's hard to say."

Hasek spoke of a possible change of plans in Prague.

"Nothing is final. If everything goes well for me, I might continue," he said at the ceremony in which he was honored as one of the top Czech athletes of the year.

Ruff said nothing Hasek decided would surprise him.

"Final in this business is when it's finally over," Ruff said.

Hasek is not expected to be back in goal before January.

Rookie Martin Biron has played well in Hasek's place, posting a record of 11-6-1 and a 2.26 goals-against average.

"Now, when I don't play, I'm thinking much more," Hasek said. "My current priority is my comeback in full strength."

Hasek underwent surgery in Germany in August to repair a hernia and missed 12 games last season because of a strained groin.

"Maybe the injury has played into this scenario," Ruff said.

Hasek cautions that officially he hasn't changed his summer decision.

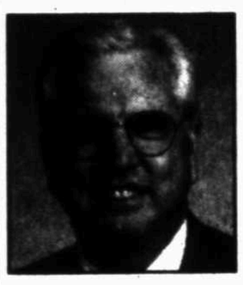
"The alternative that I would retire later is possible," he said. "I'm thinking about it."

Hasek has talked before of retirement.

"He mentioned it a long time ago," Ray said. "A lot of guys were surprised to see him come back this year."

Hasek has a tendency to agonize over decisions, but he usually sticks to them.

"That's why, if he does come back next year, it would be a big surprise," Ray said.



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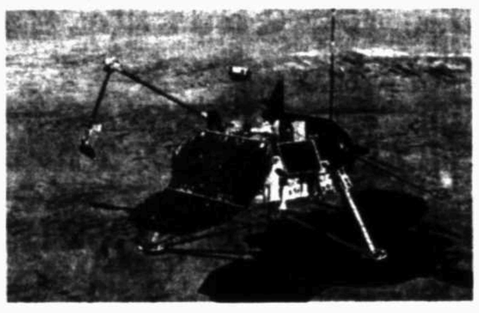
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WORLDSCOPE (10 points for each question answered correctly)



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2) Thousands of people from around the world paid tribute to six dead firemen who were trapped in a burning warehouse in the city of (CHOOSE ONE: Worcester, Springfield), Massachusetts.

3) Israel and the nation of (CHOOSE ONE: Jordan, Syria) renewed talks that had ended in 1996 over ownership of the Golan Heights, which Israel seized in a 1967 war.

4) A Tennessee jury has found that the assassination of ...?... in Memphis in 1968 was a conspiracy, and not the act of a lone gunman named James Earl Ray.

5) Russian troops said they had routed Chechens in the lowland areas of the breakaway province, as Russian president ...?... defied international pressure to stop the fighting there.

MATCHWORDS

(2 points for each correct match)

1-inkling	a-slope
2-incline	b-feeble
3-inert	c-clue
4-infirm	d-fortify
5-innervate	e-torpid

PEOPLE/SPORTS

(5 points for each correct answer)

1) Houston Rockets star ...? took an early retirement from the game when he ruptured a knee tendon during a game with the team he started with, the Philadelphia 76ers.

2) International Olympic Committee president ...?... said he will meet with FBI agents investigating the Salt Lake City bribery scandal after he testifies before a Congressional hearing in Washington, D.C.

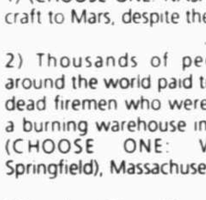
3) University of Wisconsin tailback ...?... won the Heisman Trophy following a year in which he ran for more than 1,800 yards and a four-year total of 6,397 yards, an NCAA record.

4) By providing the voice of Woody in the cartoon "Toy Story 2" and with his lead role in "The Green Mile," actor ...?... was part of the two top box office movies.

5) Rick Danko, 56, a founding member of the country-rock group "...?...," which backed Bob Dylan in the 1960s when he switched from folk singing to rock, died at his home recently.

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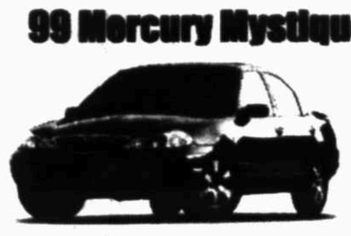
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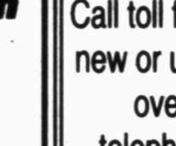
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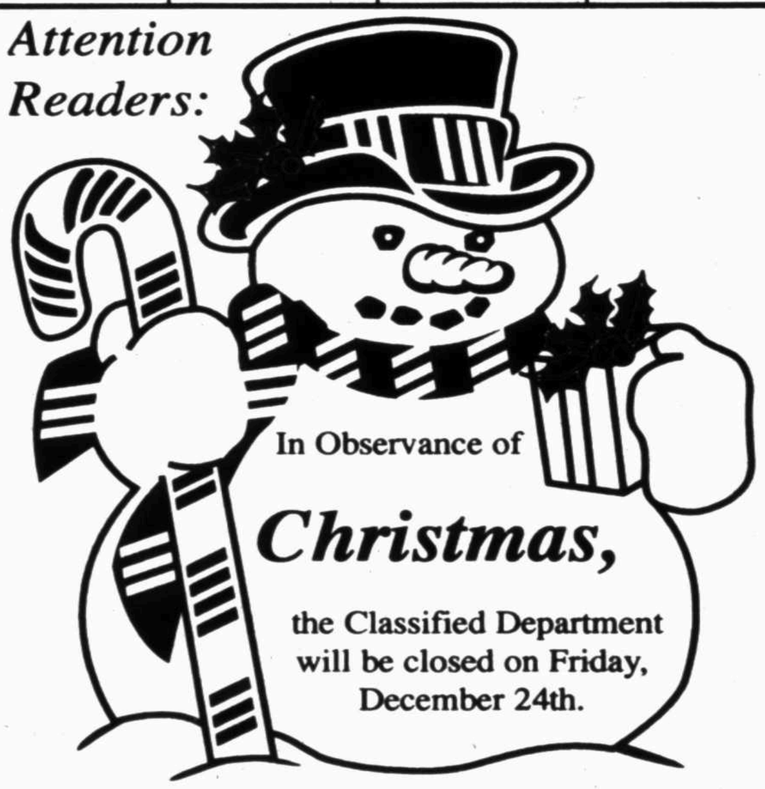
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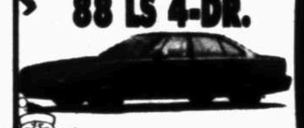
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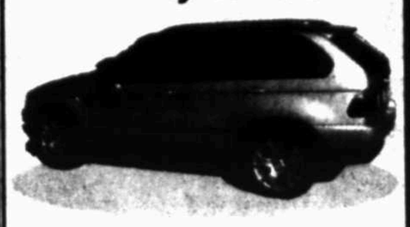


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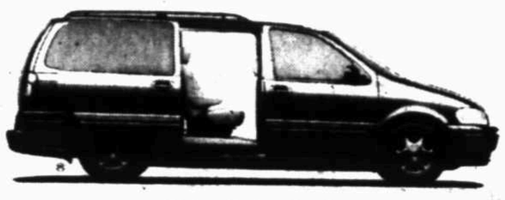
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KELLY IS YOUR JOB Connection... To Quality Jobs! Call Kelly Services 689-9801

Global Personnel Network Positions Local & Worldwide! 686-8360.

★ DP PERSONNEL ★
Temp & Perm Positions
Benefits & Bonuses Available
682-0033 or 570-0197

RECEPTIONIST: Answer telephone, perform multiple clerical task. Good people and math skills. Ability to lift boxes up to 25 lbs. Bilingual a plus. Salvation Army, 300 S. Baird.

SECRETARY
Secretary needed for family owned company. Longevity, Word, Excel, 8:00 am- 5:00 pm. Monday- Friday, Temp to Perm. Salary $7.00- 8.00/ hour, + Benefits. Please call Jo @ 682-0033.
DP Personnel
Never a Fee!

SMALL ESTABLISHED Business needs dependable, industrious worker to handle office duties. Responsibilities include, clerical work, answering phones, office organization, sales and computer input. Tuesday- Friday. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box J-5060, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Fax It! 682-6999

311 Medical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

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***ODESSA REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

Become a part of a quality healthcare team!

RN in Labor & Delivery*

Texas License and Labor & Delivery experience required

Billing Supervisor

Responsible for coordinating & supervising all billing functions. High School diploma and some college accounting preferable (may substitute with minimum three years accounts receivable management or supervisory experience in related medical field.)

***$2,500 Sign- On Bonus**

For more information please contact the Odessa Regional Hospital Human Resources Department at 915/334-8397 or stop by the office at the corner of 5th and Muskingum in Odessa. The Human Resources Department is open Monday through Friday 8 AM- 5 PM. EOE

312 Professional Help Wanted

Degreed Accountant or CPA

Bobby Cox Companies, Inc., is a dynamic growing organization comprised of more than 30 companies and we have relocated our corporate offices to Fort Worth and have an immediate opening for a **Degreed Accountant or CPA.** Excellent growth potential and benefit package including health, dental and life insurance, 401K, paid vacation, company discounts and more.

Send resume to:
Human Resources
Bobby Cox Companies, Inc.
P. O. Box 16569
Fort Worth, Texas 76162
or fax (817) 377-6201

BOBBY COX Companies, Inc.

EOE Background/Drug Screening Required

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

***ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST WE NEED YOUR SKILLS!**

Orkin Pest Control, the nation's #1 service company, is seeking a mature, well organized individual to provide administrative support for our ODESSA office.

This key position requires an individual capable of maintaining all administrative functions for our branch office to include handing customer service inquiries, processing new accounts, AR/AP functions and preparing and processing reports on a timely basis.

Selected candidate will be a high school grad possessing:

- 1-2 years administrative or general office experience
- Basic computer knowledge including MS Word & Excel
- Excellent verbal/written communication skills
- Pleasant telephone manner
- Ability to work well under pressure with minimal supervision
- Knowledge of fundamental bookkeeping
- Customer service experience a plus

In exchange for your expertise, we provide an excellent salary and complete benefits including 401(k) savings plan. If you're looking for a company that appreciates your skills, fax/mail your resume to Chris at:

ORKIN PEST CONTROL
FAX: 915-563-0654
P.O. Box 60310
Midland, TX 79711
Drug Free Workplace
eoe mfdv

320 Skilled Trades

→NEW TODAY←

CAMPBELL CONSTRUCTION Company has an immediate opening for an experienced Carpenter-Commercial experience preferred. 401(k) plan and insurance benefits available. Salary DOE. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experienced shop and field mechanic. Work on small skidded engine compressor units. send resume and salary requirements to Aztec Gas, Inc., 7824 West 1-20, Midland, TX 79706.

PLUMBER, licensed, good working and driving record. Personable individual for service work. Drug test. Ken's Plumbing, 683-3224.

WANTED ELECTRICIANS and licensed journeymen. Please call 563-2209.

→NEW TODAY←

Manor Park

a great place to work...

LVN'S 2:00PM- 10:00PM SHIFT
$250 dollar sign-on bonus!

Manor Park is expanding its nursing facilities and now has full- time positions available for the 2:00pm- 10:00pm shift on the Mabee Health Care Unit and John Younger Special Care Unit. Must be licensed in Texas.

CNA'S 2:00PM- 10:00PM SHIFT

Full- time positions available on the John Younger Special Care Unit and the Mabee Health Care Unit. Must be Texas Certified.

Manor Park, Inc. offers competitive salaries, uniform allowance, 13 days time off with pay per year, credit union membership, and 401K. Applications may be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please.
Equal Opportunity Employer

318 Sales Help Wanted

ESQUIRE TUXEDO is now accepting applications for Part Time Sales Help. Call between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on Monday through Thursday to make an appointment, 694-1288.

SALES PERSON: Experienced in the HVAC Trade a plus. Ask for Michael call 570-8105 or come by 2302 Garden City Highway.

SALES REP for pipeline and water treatment chemicals/ service. Minimum 3 years experience required. College degree with science background preferred. Salary plus commission based on experience. Please send resume to P.O. Box 3627, Odessa, TX 79760.

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

MAKE $1,500 PLUS Selling fireworks December 26th through January 1st. Call 550-2264 or cell #553-3419.

Now Hiring Asst. Managers

*401(K) plan
*Medical/Dental Insurance
*Paid Training
*Bonus Program
*Competitive Salary

Immediate Openings

Apply in person on 12/30 between 9 am - 7 pm
At: 105 West 42nd St.
Odessa, TX 79764
Attn: Kevin

CLASSIFIED CAN!

330 Situations Wanted

CNA 20 YEARS- Experience. Excellent references and resume available. Looking for live-in, week-end work. 580-3698.

336 Adult Care Providers

IN HOME CARE provides care for almost any situation at affordable rates. For more information or questions, call (915)570-4475.

→NEW TODAY←

I WILL Care For Elderly Persons. Experiences with references. Call 570-5425 6:00- 9:30 pm.

341 Child Care Providers

FORMER NANNY Available 24 hours a day in your home. References, CPR Trained. Call 689-6543.

REGISTERED CHILD Care 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM Monday thru Friday only. Meals Provided 563-1910.

OPENING FOR toddlers, 18- 30 months, in small group. Meals, love, learning. Excellent references. 694-9871

350 Business Opportunities

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

COKE/WELCH'S/ FRITO
30+ hi traffic locations.
$1500 weekly profit.
Financing free video
800-337-1375
24 hours.

ESTABLISHED CONVENIENCE Store for sale. All building upgrades are done. Pumps are state of Texas compliant. Serious inquires. call 915-268-1315 or 661-8988, ask for Luis or Yvette.

Attention Readers

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTS Photography business for sale. Package printer, processor, cameras, backdrops and lighting, photo button machine, engraver. Serious inquiries only. Call 699-2002 or 697-1693.

Fax It! 682-6999



GARAGE SALES
Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!
Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!



79701

1/2 PRICE BOOK SALE. Friends of the Library, 2305 West Michigan. Entire month of December- Wednesdays and Saturdays 9 am- 12 Noon. Please park in front or across the street.

3241 "A" Franklin; Tuesday- Wednesday- Thursday- Friday- 8:00 until 5:00. Shoes, shoes, shoes. All new. Tennis shoes, all brands, all sizes. $25 Maximum. Reebok, Niki, Vans, Converse, Fila.

BARGAINS ON VACUUM Cleaners. All brands- New and rebuilt. Repair all makes. 1005 North Midkiff, 520-6464.

79703

CLOSE OUT SALE!
Everything 50% Off!!!
[excluding candles]
Save $'s for Christmas!
Anna Marie's Gifts
3312 W. Illinois 522-2229

79705

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20.50

- ★ 7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- ★ 2 Days
- ★ Bk/Or Stand Out Emblem
- ★ Garage Sale Kit
  (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $6 Value!)
- ★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix
  (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
- ★ $3 Off Classified Coupon
  (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!

Call 682-6222 Today!

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

600 For Rent

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

Residential rental locators are required to be licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (P.O. Box 12188, Austin, TX 78711. 1-800-250-8732 or 512-465-3960).

Let Classified Work For You!

600 For Rent

RENTALS 600

600 Rooms for Rent
601 Hotel Rooms
603 Roommates Wanted
604 Want To Rent
605 Apts. Furnished
610 Apts. Unfurnished
625 Houses Unfurnished
630 Houses Furnished
635 Condo/Townhome Furnished
640 Condo/Townhome Unfurnished
650 Mobile Furnished
655 Mobile Unfurnished
660 Mobile Home Space for Rent
665 Business Office Property for Rent
667 Comm'l Prop
670 Warehouses/Storage
675 Rec /Resort
680 Out of Town
685 Hunting Leases
690 Oil/Gas Leases
695 Oilfield Misc

Call Today! 682-6222

603 Roommates Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

DISCRETE ROOMMATE- Share three bedroom downtown townhouse. Mater with bath, all conveniences. $200/ monthly, half utility. Serious inquires only. 620-0722 after 6.

605 Apartments Furnished

AVAILABLE NOW- 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset. 694-9978.

1210 COLLEGE- Efficiency, $275. 1 Bedroom, $350. $50 Deposit. Bills paid. Inquire rear apartment D.

ALL BILLS Paid, Furnished, 1 & 2 Bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

BENCHMARK Leasing. 1, 2 & 3, Bedrooms. $199 Move In Special! 522-2151.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

Enjoy your New Home at

Hunter's Ridge

with affordable rent, Free Rent-1st Month, 1 Bedroom.

Call about our new specials Today!!!

520-0023

4201 Andrews Hwy Midland, TX

✔ SUTTON PLACE

TOWNHOME Garden setting. Tired of closet size bedrooms and wall to wall beds? Don't settle for 550 square feet, our smallest unit is 1,050 square feet. Enjoy Sutton Place spacious living. A Midland tradition. Assigned covered parking. Call about our move in special! 682-2423.

ABBEY COURT Apartments, 4303 Andrews Hwy. All bills paid! 694-2549.

MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

Leading you to the best bargains in Midland and the area!

Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house?

Don't want to spend a lot of cash?



***Marty's Weekday Special**

3 Line Ad
1 Item Priced $300 or Less
Monday through Thursday ONLY
$4.00

Call or Fax Classifieds today to schedule your special Marketplace ad!

682-6222
Fax 682-6999

***Private Party merchandise ads only. 1 item per ad, Price must be in ad to qualify. Other restrictions may apply, ask consultant for details.**

410 Miscellaneous Sales

→NEW TODAY←

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL- brand new spas only $49 a month. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108 or 552-6878 after 5:00pm.

FISHER PRICE Doll House- Furniture, car, playground. $75 o.b.o. 684-9077 leave message.

SCHWINN AIR DYNE: Exercise bike like new! $500 firm. Call 688-5514.

MOVING- Amana refrigerator (3 years old). Kenmore washer/ dryer. Exercise equipment. 686-8924.

SECTIONAL WITH A sleeper, $350. 6' tall glass and wood Curio, $250. Chevy bench seat, $125. Call 425-8064.

→NEW TODAY←

OBLONG GLASS and wood dinette set, $65. Little Tikes slide, almost new, $50. Toolbox for regular pickup, $15. Isuzu 1988 4 door, $1,800. Speed Queen dryer, $50. Antique dresser Lake property at Spence, other miscellaneous items. 697-4112.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

WURLITZER Juke box- 1974 model. Excellent condition. Call 684-7188 or 684-6478

FRAMED PRINT of Windberg's Carmel by the Sea, $125. Autumn Haze Mink stole, appraisal available, $400. 699-4781.

SEARS CAR Top carrier with accessories, $25. Call 699-1222.

→NEW TODAY←

Super Nintendo with 16 games $50. Nintendo 64/ 3 games $75. Good working condition. 684-9949.

5 PAIRS Ladies name brand shoes, size 7.5- 8. $8/ each or $15/ all.- 520-2341.

→NEW TODAY←

WHY PAY RENT? 10'x16' storage buildings $42 a month. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108 or 552-6878 after 5:00pm.

BILL'S FIREPLACE used wood insert for sale. New wood stove, gas logs, chimney sweeping, 682-5157.

AIRLINE TICKETS (2). 1 Way/ round trip anywhere in the US. $139 each way, 877-359-1929.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

WOODEN DOLL- cradle, holds about 6 dolls; 12" X 48". Great Christmas gift. $40. 683-9478

★ BIBLE TALK. "Did the early church ever divide the assembly to form bible Classes for the purpose of teaching?". 915-520-0381. Free recorded message.

BARGAINS ON VACUUM Cleaners. All brands- New and rebuilt. Repair all makes. 1005 North Midkiff, 520-6464.

POWER DRIVER JEEP, Little Tikes Big Climber, $100 each. Please call 697-1693.

→NEW TODAY←

SLIGHT DAMAGE- 12'x20' workshop/ storage building. 563-3108 or 552-6878 after 5:00pm.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

GLIDER SWINGS- $70. Dog Houses- $35- $45. Book cases- $40. 2 doors- $10 each 563-0452.

413 Jewelry & Furs

SPECTACULAR 1.97 carat diamond, GIA certified, registered and laser inscribed. Priced for quick sale by private owner. 334-0482 evenings.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039

420 Good Things To Eat

FRESH PECANS- Unshelled. $1.50 per pound. Outstanding quality. Bulk pricing available. While supplies last. 915-570-7786

REECE PECANS- Just harvested and shelled. Call 684-7188 or 684-6478.

GARDENDALE PECANS, Shelling, selling and buying pecans. Fresh baked goods, Candy, Pecan crackers and pickers, Cookbooks. Hwy 158 and Gardendale. 550-7609.

DELICIOUS BAKLAVA Pastries. Great Foe Gifts/ Parties! Order through December 30th. Call Nancy (afternoons): 699-4747.

432 Household Furniture

BURLINGTON Floral sofa asking $300. Cherry wood dinette table with 5 chairs, $650. Or best offer on both. 699-4665.

COUCH IN Excellent condition. $100. Please call 634-1629.

WROUGHT IRON- Daybed/ trundle- bedding, canopy $295. Thomasville couch/ chair $325. Expensive glass/ chrome draw leaf table/ 6 chairs, $495. 915-362-2746.

↓SOLD↓

GREAT CHRISTMAS Gift! 7' pool table like new, accessories included. $300. Call xxx-xxxx.

→NEW TODAY←

FUTON LIKE new- King size velvet bed spread and upright vacuum. Call 697-0201 or 683-5593.

BEAUTIFUL Peach recliner, $285. Purchased in September for $535 from Carters. 697-3300, leave message.

432 Household Furniture

BROWN COUCH- used $25. Call 522-2559

RUG for sale.3.5'x5.5' Hand-hooked wool, floral design on ivory background. Like new, $150. 694-2711.

435 Household Appliances

WASHER AND DRYER, $150 for the set. Call 570-8347.

↓SOLD↓

KENMORE 18 cubic foot refrigerator. Gold color, good condition $100. xxx-xxxx.

KELVANATOR Refrigerator, 3 years old, $275; two standing lamps; mahogany dresser; large pet carrier. Call 689-6416 or 689-3773, leave message.

REFRIGERATOR, Small size washer & dryer, 2 vacuum cleaners. Call between 8:00 am- 4:00 pm, 687-9030. After 5:00 pm, 694-8544.

★ FREE REMOVAL Of your unwanted appliances, Sales & Service 550-6540.

3000 POUND Pressure pump with 10 HP Briggs & Stratton engine. $600. Call 682-3050.

YARD-KING Ridging mower, 12 hp Briggs & Stratton engine, rebuilt, guaranteed, body like new, $600. 682-3050.

WASHER & DRYER. $150 for set. Works good. Delivery available. Call after noon 683-7040.

DOUBLE DOOR Refrigerator, almond colored, excellent condition. $300. 694-1296.

440 Firewood

TURF SPECIALTIES
Best in town
Oak, Mesquite, Juniper. Open Saturday
Seasonally. **CALL FIRST, 684-7166.**

EAGER BEAVER Firewood- Oak, Piñon, mesquite. Delivery, Stacked. Small quantities available also. 685-3521, mobile 664-0577.

440 Firewood

SEASONED FIREWOOD; Oak or mesquite- delivered or picked up. Call Larry Tucker. 689-7151.

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

SHOCKERS FUND Raiser- Oak Firewood, $180 per cord, delivered. Call Sid 697-0372 or Kevin 570-8775.

HONDO VALLEY Firewood. Piñon and Juniper Call 520-3091 or fax 694-2263. E-mail: Terry_garrett@yahoo.com

ROCKY MOUNTAINS best seasoned and smelling Pinon. Fine firewood. Fence posts or rails. Call Skip at 915-684-8325, Cell 915-425-3875, Midland, Texas. Deliveries surrounding towns all directions.

450 Sporting Goods

ROLLER BLADE Black inline skates, lady's size 8, great condition, $60. 687-3199.

↓SOLD↓

GREENTREE Stockholder Membership, $300. Please call xxx-xxxx.

BRUNSWICK HERITAGE- Pool table, Excellent condition. $1,100. Call 570-7657.

Holiday Golf Special

Walls closing in? Holiday hustle getting a little too intense? Grab your clubs, come out to Nueva Vista Golf Club and enjoy our Holiday Practice Special. From now through January 9, a large bag of balls is only $2.00 each. Practice areas for chipping & putting available at no extra cost.

Nueva Vista Golf Club
6101 W. Wadley
Setting the new standard for Daily- Fee Golf!

→NEW TODAY←

POOL TABLE- Brunswick regulation. Accessories included. Good condition $700. call 694-1575

460 Antiques & Arts

ORIGINAL OIL Paintings at sacrifice prices. 24x36 G. Harvey, Larry Dykes (Golf Course), 24x36 Robert Woods (Waves of Laguna). Excellent Christmas gifts. See at Frontier Art Galleries, 1926 E. 8th Street, Odessa, Texas.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy & sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway. (915)687-2004.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

ORIGINAL OIL Paintings by different artists. 682-4538, if no answer, please leave message.

WANTED; YOUR Collectibles and Antiques. Fair prices, no furniture please. Call 571-3222- work/ 694-7508.

465 Collectibles

TY BEANIES, Buddies, Attic Collectables, Pillow Pals and Plushes. 699-6196.

ST. LOUIS Chantilly Crystal- 6 glasses, colored. Originally $1,800, asking $900. Perfect of New Years. 561-8196.

POKEMON- ADVANCED Kits 204 cards approximately $240 value 3 set, each arranged neatly. Asking $150 o.b.o. Monday- Saturday 682-2651. Sunday 699-7428.

470 Musical Instruments

BUY, SELL, Trade used and new pianos. Jones Piano. 682-7533.

UPGRADE YOUR flute for Concert Season. Yamaha flute model 481 with B-flat key, in very good condition $1,250. 686-5318.

YAMAHA ELECTRONE- Player piano organ. Excellent condition. $500 Cash. Call Marie 520-0200. Leave message.

CASIO Electronic Keyboard and stand. Like new. $75. Call 684-9077 leave message.

470 Musical Instruments

PIANOS- new and used- buy, sell trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0852.

VANTAGE Electric Guitar. Case and amp. Excellent condition. $200. Call 684-9077 leave message.

490 Computers/ Accessories

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-8835.

↓SOLD↓

DUAL PENTIUM II 400. 32 mega bite video card, 128 megs of Ram, 19" monitor, 18 gig hard drive, HP Photosmart Printer. CD rewriter, lots of software. $700 or best offer. xxx-xxxx.

495 FOR FREE

ABANDONED- Very sweet young male cat. Needs a safe, secure and loving home. Call 686-8587

Brittany Spaniel male dog, eight months. Not registered, full blood. 694-9510 evenings, 682-0033 days.

To good home, one year male Doberman/ Shar-pai, neutered, shots. Well trained. 1410 West Texas.

FREE FROG With his own home. Call 697-2226 for more information.

↓FOUND↓

CHRISTMAS Kittens, 1/2 Himalayan, 7 weeks old, beautiful. XXX-XXXX.

CUTE, ENERGETIC, hard headed Jack Russel Terrier, male, six months old. Call 522-2579 for information.

DACHSHUND- 7 months male, reddish brown. 697-4883.

500 Pets and Supplies

❤ A DOG IS for life not just for Christmas.

REGISTER ABLE Oriental short hair, female kitten and Siamese kittens: Chocolate and Lilac point. Call 366-5044.

500 Pets and Supplies

CARALOT KENNEL & Training Center. Boarding. Puppy, beginner, advanced classes. Board/ train service available. 683-4718.

MOST ADORABLE- Christmas Puppies! Labrador retriever/ Australian Sheppard mix. Will be ready for delivery Christmas week. $25 each. Call 684-5746.

→NEW TODAY←

BEAUTIFUL CHOW- CHOW- Puppies. Full bred only four left. $75 each. Not registered call 686-9319.

2 ADORABLE BLACK and tan Dachshund puppies. Christmas bundles of fluff! Please call 522-1304.

AKC YORKSHIRE Terriers- will be five weeks old 12/28/99. 3 Males, $300 each. No Checks! 694-5302

SHIH-TZU'S. Full blooded. No papers. All colors. Will be 6 weeks old December 24th. $60. 520-3242.

AKC CHIHUAHUA- Puppies. Very cute Parents on premises. $200. Call 563-9241 leave message.

DEAR SANTA, we want loving, lifetime homes for Christmas, WWKC Miniature Schnauzers. First shots, groomed, ready to be loved. $300. 684-8718.

GREAT FOR Christmas! AKC Black-Lab pups with shots 5 weeks old. $150. Call 686-7507

JUST IN Time for Christmas ad New Years! Six adorable puppies born October 31st. One female, five male, multi-colored mixed breed. Pager # 495-3633.

↓SOLD↓

HAND RAISED Pied Cock-a-tiels, gray and yellow, orange cheek patches. Very tame, $75 each. XXX-XXXX.

AKC CHIHUAHUA Puppies. We have smooth coats and long coats. Good temperaments. First Shots. 580-5193.

READY FOR Christmas AKC Miniature Dachshunds. 3 males, red, black/ tan, dapple, smooth coat, $200 each, 915-337-5186.

505 Livestock & Poultry

14 1/2" WESTERN Saddle $125. Please call 699-3221 for more information.

1991 BRUTON Gooseneck 3 horse slant load trailer. $3,900 or best offer. Excellent condition. ($12,000 new). 398-5478/ 263-9498 leave message.

TWO CUSTOM- Handmade saddles size 15 1/2", excellent condition! Call 684-8260 for more information.

540 Building Materials

18 HOUSE WINDOWS, $300 for all. Please call 682-4587 after 5:00 pm for more information.

550 Portable Buildings

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings.
MORGAN
(915) 563-1860

FOR SALE- 14'X26' heavy duty built. Portable field office, tandem axles, bathroom, coffee bar with sink, storage closet. $10,500. 694-7603.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

TWO 1997 130 bbl Overland Vacuum Trailers, internally coated. Excellent condition, $28,500 each. Call 688-8100 and ask for James.

→NEW TODAY←

TANKS FOR SALE; 1- 1500 hundred barrel, 3- 1000 barrel. Located 7 miles South of Brownfield on State Hwy 137. For information call Guy at (806)894-6425.

Find It! Buy It! Sell It! CALL 682-6222

DECEMBER 22, 1999



Females Seeking Males
1-900-656-2300

a dating column for today's successful singles, every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

LASTING MEMORIES
An open-minded animal lover who enjoys life in the country, this single white female, 33, 5'6", with brown hair and hazel eyes, seeks a single white male, 30-40, that doesn't play games. Ad#.9774

COUNTRY LIVING
This humorous and personable single white mom, 28, 5'2", red hair and blue eyes, who likes horseback riding, all outdoor activities and movies, is seeking a friendly single male, 23-37, who loves children. Ad#.5750

IT HAS TO BE YOU
Warm single white professional female, 45, 5'7", 118lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys walking, working out and collecting art, seeks a loving, family-oriented, honest, college-educated, single white male, 45-55, who appreciates a lady. Ad#.2997

THE TWO OF YOU FOREVER
Have some fun with this caring, self-employed single white female, 18, 5'11", 115lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who loves horseback riding, swimming and football. She seeks a single white male, 18-21, who's interested in a possible marriage and family. Ad#.5302

HILARIOUS
Outgoing, intelligent and humorous single white female, 37, 5'5", 103lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, quiet dinners and long walks, is seeking a humorous and compatible single white male, 38-52, for friendship first. Ad#.6296

HEY YOU, LOOK OVER HERE!
If you're an honest single white male, 40-52, who loves to have fun, then get in touch with this humorous single white female, 37, 5'5", 103lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include dancing, rodeos, cooking and horseback riding. Ad#.9059

CHOOSE ME
This outgoing single white female, 31, 5'8", 185lbs., with green eyes, who enjoys going to the movies, shopping and taking long walks, is looking for a sincere single white male, 30-50, to spend quality time with. Ad#.3117

FUN AWAITS HERE
Bubbly single Hispanic female, 23, 5'7", with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys reading, shopping and dancing, is in search of a mature single Hispanic male, 23-29, to build a relationship with. Ad#.6781

WALK INTO MY LIFE
This talkative single white female, 21, 5'10", with auburn hair and grey eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, movies and music, is seeking a sweet and sincere single white male, 21-24, for friendship. Ad#.3646

MINUTES AWAY
Honest, caring single white female, 18, 5'11", 125lbs., with auburn hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include fishing, hunting, swimming and more, is looking forward to meeting a single white male, 18-21, who shares similar interests. Ad#.6397

NOT INTO BAR SCENES
Active single white mom of one, 31, 6', with dirty blonde hair, who enjoys golfing and much more, is seeking a single white male, 30-38, for friendship first. Ad#.6697

CRAZY & FUNNY
Outgoing single Hispanic mom of two, 24, 5'2", with short dark brown hair, who enjoys socializing and watching television, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 20-28, who likes kids. Ad#.6627

INCREDIBLY CUTE
I'm a fun-loving, caring single Hispanic female, 20, 5'1", with dark brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys football, spending time with friends and watching is looking for a single Hispanic male, under 23, with similar interests. Ad#.1455

UNTIL NOW
Single Hispanic female, 23, 5'4", 164lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys basketball, watching television and movies, is seeking a single Hispanic male, 21-25, to spend time with. Ad#.9759

LOVE IN FULL BLOOM
Shy single white mom, 19, 5'6", 120lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys rodeos, photography and spending time with family, is seeking a sincere and fun-loving single white male, under 25, who likes children. Ad#.7982

THE CHOSEN ONE
This sweet, disabled, full-figured single black female, 30, 5'5", loves to enjoy sports, dining out and movies in her spare time. If you are a single black male, 40-41, who shares those interests, we encourage you to call and connect. Ad#.8732

BORED WITH TRADITION
Attractive single black professional female, 26, 5'5", 158lbs., who enjoys going to the movies, traveling and spending time with friends, is seeking a handsome single black male, 21-36, 5'10+, who shares similar interests. Ad#.5165

PROFESSIONAL
Fun-loving single white female, 40, 5'7", 120lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys bowling, skiing and having fun, is seeking an upbeat, sincere single white male, 35-50. Ad#.6821

BE PART OF MY TOMORROW
Family-oriented single white female, 46, 5'4", 150lbs, with dark red hair and hazel eyes, is a non-smoker who enjoys family time, socializing and more. She is seeking a single black male, 30-50, to share a possible long-term relationship with. Ad#.3987

FULL OF ENERGY
A little outspoken, this educated single white female, 20, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes, always has something to say. She's looking to meet a self-confident single white male, 21-27, who likes traveling and having good times. Ad#.8423

IT'S IN THE STARS
Sweet, fun, single white female, 20, 5'5", with brown hair/eyes, an employed student, enjoys computers, movies, music and astrology. She seeks a nice, outgoing, single white male, under 26, for friendship first. Ad#.9888

HERE SHE IS
It's not too late for romance because this funny single white female, 23, 5'5", 165lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is out there waiting for you if you're a single white male, over 28, who enjoys movies, dancing and horseback riding. Ad#.8706

A KEEPER
Witty, fun single Hispanic female, 35, 5'2", 110lbs., with dark brown hair, who enjoys horseback riding, biking and sports, is in search of an active, energetic single male. Ad#.6689

TOUCHED BY AN ANGEL
Caring, fun single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", 120lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys her profession, reading, movies, museums and the arts, is seeking a similar single white Christian male, 45-53, with strong values and integrity. Ad#.6942

THE RIGHT CHOICE
You'll feel at ease with this pleasant, outgoing, single black mom, 18, 5'7", who enjoys movies, taking long walks and window shopping. If you're an honest, sincere, single black male, 19-28, ready for a sharing, caring relationship. Ad#.8763

HEY, YOU NEVER KNOW
This humorous single white female, 20, 5'7", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys billiards, spending time with friends and good conversation, is looking for a loving single white male, 20-30, who has a good personality. Ad#.9403

SEARCHING
Outgoing single white female, 24, 5'4", 247lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, going to the movies and quiet times at home, is in search of an energetic single white male, 34+, who has the same interests. Ad#.6689

ENJOY ME
People and family-oriented person, this single white professional female, 47, enjoys taking long walks, seeks an educated, compassionate, single white professional Christian male, 45-50, to have lots of fun and do interesting things with. Ad#.9021

QUALITY TIME TOGETHER
Employed single Hispanic female, 20, 5'3", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies and having fun, is searching for a caring single black male, 19-24. Ad#.3172

FULL OF HUMOR
Easygoing single white mom of two, 44, 5'8", 140lbs., with brown hair, enjoys fishing, bowling, dancing, and walking. She would like to meet a sincere single white male, 40-50, who likes kids and has similar interest. Ad#.6696

GET THE ANSWER
She's a divorced white female, 41, 5'6", a very pretty, slender, blue-eyed blonde, who really enjoys craft work, music, and dancing. Are you the handsome, single white male, 41-48, with similar interests, that she'd like to share her life with? Ad#.8321

SWEET THAN SUGAR
Sweet, caring, funny, this employed single white female, 20, 5'4", 130lbs., with long blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys rodeos, horse riding, and more, is seeking a single white male, 19-28, with similar interests, for friendship and maybe more. Ad#.8753

FAMILY ORIENTED
Outgoing, employed single white Christian mother of one, 32, 5'4", full-figured with reddish-blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, church, and family times, is seeking an easygoing, expressive single white Christian male, 32-45. Ad# 1005

ARE YOU A GENTLEMAN?
Kind, caring, and humorous, this single white female, 45, 115lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys taking walks, live theater, the mountains, art, and more, is seeking a tall, dark, handsome, professional single white Christian male, 45-55. Ad# 8286

LOOKS AREN'T IMPORTANT
Humorous and loving, this employed single Hispanic female, 18, 5'5", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys poetry, playing pool and video games, is seeking a responsible, understanding, single male, 18-29. Ad# 9772

FRIENDS FIRST
Single Hispanic female, 25, 5', 100lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music, reading, and writing, is seeking an honest, caring single white or Hispanic male, 21-32, with no children. Ad# 5056

HERE SHE IS
A definite people-person who enjoys sports, reading and movies, this single white female, 47, 5'4", 110lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, hopes to meet a single white male, under 60, that shares similar interests. Ad# 6320

GIVE A CALL
Intelligent single white Christian female, 49, who enjoys meeting new people, living life to the fullest and laughter, is looking for an educated, affectionate single white professional male, 45-56, who has a great sense of humor. Ad# 4478

FAITH & HOPE
Outgoing single white female, 31, 5'4", with long brown hair and blue eyes, likes dancing, spending time with family and art, is looking to meet a loving single white male, 35-45, who shares similar interests. Ad# 6480

LONELY NO MORE
Congenial, divorced Hispanic mother of two, 23, is seeking friendship, maybe more, with a fun-loving, family-oriented single Hispanic male, 23-33. Ad# 2694

END HER SEARCH
Said to be an honest, good-natured gal who enjoys cooking, weekend getaways and antiques, this divorced white female, 31, 5'6", 120lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, hopes to meet a compatible single white male, 28-40. Ad# 7662

YOU THAT SPECIAL GUY?
Positive-minded and always smiling, this single white female, 38, 4'8", 100lbs., with brown hair/eyes, likes watching television, arts and crafts and jogging. She seeks an honest, caring single white male, 36-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 6511

NONE BETTER
Outgoing single white female, 69, 5'5", 135lbs., with salt and pepper hair and brown eyes, who enjoys spending time with friends, animals and gardening, is looking forward to meeting a single white male, 65-75, to spend quality time with. Ad# 4340

GOLDEN GIRL
From Odessa comes this sweet, single white female, 65, 5'3", 135lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes. She enjoys movies, watching television, shopping, dining out, cooking, travel, and seeks a caring, generous single white male, 60-75. Ad# 5431

SAVING YOUR SEAT
The time is here for you, a single male, to meet the woman of your dreams. She's an outgoing and caring single white female, 54, who is more than ready to enjoy sports, all types of music, dining out and more with you. Ad# 8629

GET YOUR REST
This special single white female, 65, 5'3", slim, with blonde hair, is seeking a single white male, 60-75, to enjoy television, dancing, movies and more with her. She's full of energy, so you'd better eat your Wheaties. Ad# 8316

BEST THERE IS
Divorced white Christian female, 72, 5'6", 185lbs., who enjoys dining out, sporting events and spending time with friends, would like a friendly companionship with a single white Christian male, 73-83, to go out and have a good time with. Ad# 1286

LET'S BE HONEST
To learn more about this friendly and likeable single Hispanic female, 21, 4'11", petite with brown hair and eyes, all you must be is a single male, 25-32, who shares her interests in fishing, movies, swimming and long walks in the park. Ad# 6017

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Personable, hardworking and dark-haired single black female, 39, 5', medium build, without children, who enjoys tennis, football, movies, and skating, is seeking a tall, handsome and commitment-minded single black male, 40-55. Ad# 6873

ON FIRST INSTINCT
Self-employed single white mom of one, 40, who enjoys movies, dining out, fishing, and trying new things, seeks a sincere, single white Christian male, 36-49, with similar interests, who likes children. Ad# 8155

LOVE ME FOR ME
Fun-loving, independent single black female, 31, who enjoys spending time with her children, is seeking a secure, honest single black male. Ad# 7587

JUST YOU AND I
Attractive, caring single black female, 28, 5'5", with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys music, movies, volunteer work, and more, seeks an honest single white male, 27-35. Ad# 9656

SERIOUS RELATIONSHIP
Charming, employed single white female, 40, 5'7", 120lbs., with blonde hair, non-smoker, is seeking an easygoing, fun-loving single white male, 50 or under, who enjoys travel, theater, dogs, dining out and sports. Ad# 6526

CALL FOR MORE INFO!
Single white female, 39, 5'2", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys being with friends and family, is in search of a single white male, 36-50, who would love to walk in the rain with her. Ad# 9844

YOU NEVER KNOW
Quiet at times, this single white mom, 36, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, enjoys swimming, horses, yard work, and hopes to meet a nice single white male, 34-44, for friendship. Ad# 7041

ON THE RIGHT TRACK
Congenial, employed divorced Hispanic mother of two, 35, 5'7", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, is seeking a mature, hardworking single male, 25-45, for a possible long-term relationship. She enjoys camping, fishing, dancing and candlelit dinners. Ad# 7686

HELLO IT'S ME
This caring, understanding single black female, 28, 5'5", with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys bowling, long walks and more, is seeking a sincere single male, 26-45, who knows what they want out of life. Ad# 7172

YOU'LL WANT TO MEET...
This degreed single black female, 31, 5'8", 130lbs., who enjoys sports, movies and the simple things in life, is seeking an honest, outgoing professional single white male, 30-43, a non-smoker. Ad# 8792

NEW HORIZONS
Have a great time with this fun, outgoing single white mom, 26, 5'7", with blonde hair and brown eyes, who likes landscaping, the outdoors, cooking and working out. She seeks an adventurous, creative, fun, single white male, 33-43, who likes children. Ad# 8749

YOU CAN'T DO BETTER
Friendly, caring single white professional female, 47, 5'7", 120lbs., is a green-eyed blonde who enjoys museums, comedies, theater, concerts and a variety of outdoor activities. Call today if you are an educated, stable single white gentleman, 45-57. Ad# 5547

JUST FRIENDS FOR NOW
She's a sweet, caring and funny single white female, 19, 5'5", with brown hair/eyes, who likes time with friends, music and concerts. If you're a compatible single white male, under 26, she's waiting for your call. Ad# 8522

END HER SEARCH ROMEO
Treat yourself to a wonderful time with her, this single white female, 49, 5'5", 150lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, who likes walks in the park, romantic evenings, country music and more. She seeks a sincere single white male, over 35. Ad# 4065

YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND
Personable, employed single white female, 31, 5'1", is a medium-built, blue-eyed blonde who enjoys dogs, antiques, travel and dining out, in search of a compatible single white male, 32-40, with similar interests. Ad# 2044

BRIGHT FUTURE
This sincere, quiet, intelligent single white female, 48, who enjoys movies, gardening, plays, cooking and the outdoors, is seeking an active, compatible, healthy single white male. Ad# 1082

YOUNG-AT-HEART
Friendly, outgoing single white Christian female, 72, seeking companionship with a sincere single white male, who is a non-smoker, enjoys playing cards, and the outdoors. Ad# 6621

FILL MY EMPTY HEART
Outgoing, humorous divorced white mom, 24, 140lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, skiing and the outdoors, is looking for a single male, 21-35, who has a good sense of humor, to spend quality time with. Ad# 3138

COMMUNICATION
Funny, humorous single black mom, 24, 6', 145lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, movies, and shopping, is looking for a single white male, 24-40. Ad# 9467

ALL IN TIME
A single white female, 38, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, full-figured, who can be soft-hearted, independent, and shy likes fishing, reading, swimming and outdoor activities. She is seeking a nice, caring, understanding single white male. Ad# 1009

GOING TO SCHOOL
Fun-loving and outgoing, this green-eyed single white female, 25, likes country music, movies, and more, and seeks a mature single white male, 21-38, with similar interests. Ad# 2411

NOT AT ALL BORING
Quiet, single white female, 24, 5'4", 238lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, horseback riding, movies, and quiet times at home, is seeking a single white male, 25-35, with similar interests. Ad# 6680

CLASSY LADY
She's a pretty, young-looking, physically fit single professional white female, 53, who enjoys oil painting, gardening, and reading. She's seeking a kind, mature, health conscious, educated single white male. Ad# 2144

WHAT'S YOUR SIGN?
Blonde, hazel-eyed single white female, 20, 5'5", 160lbs., enjoys hanging out, going to the lake, and more. She's hoping to meet a single white male, under 30, with similar interests. Ad# 5503

GET IN TOUCH
Attractive, outgoing, outspoken, fun single Hispanic professional mother of three, 28, 5', 135lbs., with dark hair/eyes, wants to spend time with an outspoken, caring, cool-headed, single Hispanic male, 23-36. Ad# 9114

THE NEXT MOVE IS YOURS
Single white female, 19, 5'11", a blue-eyed brunette, who enjoys industrial music, swimming, working out, movies and spending time with friends, seeks an outgoing single white male, 19-28. Ad# 8606

ONE FINE DAY
Friendly single white female, 58, 5'6", a blue-eyed brunette, who enjoys dancing, travel, sightseeing and more, is searching for a single white male, 57-65. Ad# 2860

VISION OF TWO
Single white female, 41, who enjoys flea markets, horseback riding movies, dining out and the outdoors, is seeking a trustworthy, easy-going single white male. Ad# 8328

SUGAR & SPICE
Single black female, 19, 5'4", 130lbs., with brown hair and hazel-green eyes, is interested in sharing friendship with a single black male, 18-29. Ad# 1066

JUST LIKE YOU
Single white Christian mom, 40, 5'7", 145lbs., who enjoys the outdoors, movies, dancing and quiet evenings, is looking for friendship with a single white male, 38-45. Ad# 5310

A TRUE AQUARIAN
Movies, cooking, travel, antiques and meeting new people, are interests of this single white female, 49, 5'8", with long dark hair and green eyes. She seeks an adventurous, spontaneous single white male, 44-58. Ad# 9700

FRIENDLY
Single white Christian female, 28, is seeking a nice, friendly single white male, willing to share his time. Ad# 9716

A STUDENT
Single Hispanic male, 21, 6', with black hair, who enjoys basketball, soccer and more, is seeking a single Hispanic female, 19-28, with a great personality. Ad# 5237

BE THE ONE
Humorous and good-looking single white male, 31, 6'1", 185lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys reading, music and cooking, is seeking a kind and caring single white Christian female, 25-39. Ad# 6995

LOVEY-DOVEY
This single white male, 38, 5'9", 155lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys billiards, going to the movies and boating, is looking for a nice, outgoing single white female, to spend time with. Ad# 8827

SEIZE THE MOMENT
This shy single white male, 49, 5'8", 195lbs., with brown hair and eyes, enjoys hunting, fishing, motorcycling and more. He wants to find a fun-loving single white female, under 45, for companionship. Ad# 6759

BEST THERE IS
Humorous, easygoing single white dad, 60, 5'11", 240lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, traveling and country music, is looking to meet up with a sincere single white female, to spend quality time with. Ad# 8211

SEE WHAT HAPPENS
Silly single white male, 42, who likes to laugh a lot, seeks an adventurous, open-minded single white female, 18-50, who enjoys camping, taking road trips and going for walks. Ad# 2983

IN GENERAL
Humorous single white male, 26, 5'9", 170lbs., with red hair and green eyes, who likes rodeos, dancing and dining out, is looking to meet up with a fun-loving single white female, under 28, to spend quality time with. Ad# 4575

COMMON BOND
Easygoing single white male, 30, 6', 180lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, fishing and camping, is seeking an honest, loving, old-fashioned single white female, 23-33. Ad# 3163

I DON'T BITE
This outgoing single white male, 45, 5'7", 160lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes skiing, hunting and trying new things, is looking for a fun-loving single female, under 48, to spend quality time with. Ad# 4080

BASHFUL
This shy-natured, honest and caring single white male, 49, 5'8", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who likes skiing, motorcycles and the outdoors, is seeking a sincere, attractive single female, who likes to have fun. Ad# 9715

LET'S TALK IT OVER
Introduce yourself to this single white male, 48, with blond hair and blue eyes, who likes dancing and having a good time. Would like to meet a slender single white female, under 45. Ad# 3781

DELIGHTFUL
Fun-loving and outgoing single white dad, 25, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, rodeos and traveling, is looking for a straight-forward and outgoing single white female, 18-27, who likes children. Ad# 8280

JUST SAY YES
Be sure to call this outgoing single Hispanic male, 28, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, whose life will be complete if he hears from a beautiful single white female, 19-32, who enjoys traveling, movies, sports and working out. Ad# 3670

FOR KEEPS
This outgoing single white male, 29, 5'11", 175lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who likes fishing, long walks, dancing and more, is looking for an open-hearted single white female, 25-34, for a loving relationship. Ad# 5927

NEW BEGINNINGS
As long as you're a nice single white female, under 45, then this kind, attractive, divorced white male, 29, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, would like to meet you. He has a witty personality and enjoys music, art and cooking in his spare time. Ad# 6908

NICE CHANGE
Shy-natured single white dad, 40, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes movies, dancing and spending time with family, is looking for an honest, caring and slender single white female, under 35, who enjoys children. Ad# 7647

TEXAN COWBOY
Meet this self-confident single white male, 43, 6', 185lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, traveling, dining out and NASCAR, if you're an honest, spontaneous single white female, 35-45, who shares similar interests, phone him now. Ad# 2778

DAZZLING
This friendly, hardworking single Hispanic male, 39, 5'5", 150lbs., with brown eyes, whose interests include flea markets, the outdoors and spending time with friends, is looking for an honest single white female, over 31, who lives life to the fullest. Ad# 7157

CHRISTIAN VALUES
Fun-loving spontaneous single white Christian male, 39, 6', 200lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys cooking, football and motorcycles, is seeking an understanding single white Christian female, 25-38, a non-smoker, who loves to cuddle. Ad# 5569

ALL IN TIME
This romantic, humorous single Hispanic male, 23, 5'6", 175lbs., with black hair and light brown eyes, who enjoys taking long walks, going to the movies and spending time with friends, is looking for a kind-hearted single Hispanic female, 18-28. Ad# 5166

A REAL TRUE HEART
Adventurous single white male, 43, 6', 200lbs., who enjoys NASCAR, travel, and dining out, seeks an attractive, easygoing single white female, 30-45, for quality time together. Ad# 1591

EXTRA NICE
Meet this outgoing single white male, 39, 6', 220lbs., with reddish-brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys travel, music and quiet times, seeks a good-natured, warm-hearted single white female, 25-55. Ad# 9211

PATIENTLY WAITING
Sincere, caring single white professional male, 24, 5'9", 150lbs., with short brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports, going to the lake, running and more, is looking for a slender, loving single white female, 18-26, to share a friendship first. Ad# 3841

IMPORTANT QUALITY
This kind and considerate single white dad of one, 31, 5'8", 220lbs., with green eyes and an athletic build, is seeking a single white female, 25-35, to enjoy family times, great conversations and more with. Ad# 2945

LEAVE YOUR NAME
This outgoing and employed single Hispanic male, 28, 5'9", with black hair and brown eyes, is seeking a single black female, 19-32, to share his interests in exercising, sports, reading, travel and more with. Ad# 7700

GREAT QUALITIES
Humorous single white dad, 36, 5'9", 135lbs., with brown hair and eyes, is seeking an attractive, understanding single white female, 26-35, to build a friendship first. He enjoys motorcycling, hunting, spending time with his son and movies. Ad# 2662

HEAVEN SENT
Fun-loving, caring and employed single white Christian male, 35, 6', 200lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, is seeking a single white Christian female, 25-38, who shares his enjoyment of motorcycles, dining out, movies, cooking and camping. Ad# 7147

BACK TO THE BASICS
Put your dancing shoes on and call this single white male, 20, 5'9", 185lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, because he's ready to have some fun. He'd like to start a relationship with a single white female, under 35, who's caring and compassionate. Ad# 9347

GO AHEAD AND CALL
This single white male, 25, 6'4", 195lbs., with dark brown hair and green eyes, is seeking an outgoing single female, of any age, to enjoy going out for fun, quality conversations, new adventures and more with. Ad# 3802

ALL IN TIME
This shy and sensitive single white male, 26, 6'6", 255lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys spending time with friends and family, the outdoors and movies, is seeking a sincere single white female, 18-35, for companionship. Ad# 4615

PRINCE CHARMING
This outgoing single white male, 23, 5'10", 160lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes music, sports, working out and spending time with friends, is in search of a caring single female, 18-26, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 2161

TO THE POINT
Here's a single white male, 34, heavyset, who enjoys music, dancing and having a good time, is seeking an outgoing, fun-loving single white female. Ad# 5574

TOGETHERNESS
Single Hispanic male, 45, 6', 235lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys fishing, boating and camping, is seeking a petite single Hispanic female, under 45, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 3926

IGNITE HIS HEART
Here's an easygoing single white male, 30, 6', 185lbs., with blond hair and hazel eyes, whose interests include the outdoors, sports and car races, is seeking a bright and beautiful single white female, 24-33, who is ready for a long-term relationship. Ad# 5250

HEART OF GOLD
Say hello to this sweet, compassionate single white male, 26, 5'10", 280lbs., with gray hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys lifting weights, watching movies and videotaping. He is seeking a humorous single female, 18-24, who worships the Lord. Ad# 8230

MOVE FAST!
Easygoing single white male, 43, 5'9", 160lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys music, taking long walks and movies, is seeking a single black female, 25-30, to go out and have fun with. Ad# 6763

DEDICATED
Handsome, easygoing single white male, 39, 6', 200lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who likes cooking, gardening and motorcycles, is looking for a caring, kind-hearted single white female, 25-38, non-smoker, who shares similar interests. Ad# 1824

ANGELS WELCOME
Fun-loving, caring and sincere describes this single white male 37, 6', 200lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys football, motorcycles and the outdoors. He is seeking a caring, loving single white female, 25-37, non-smoker, has he found you? Ad# 4785

IN GOD I TRUST
Fun-loving, sincere single white male, 39, 6', 200lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys walks on the beach, boating, reading the Bible and cooking, is hoping to meet an honest, single white female, 25-38, who is a non-smoker and light drinker. Ad# 5816

LOVES GOD
Single white male, 39, 6', 200lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who is interested in meeting a sincere, outgoing single white female, 25-38, for a possible relationship. Ad# 7223

CAN YOU RELATE?
This single white male, 32, with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, hunting and horseback riding, is interested in meeting up with an easygoing single female, under 33, who is family-oriented. Ad# 9439

A NICE GIRL WANTED
Outgoing single black dad, 33, 5'7", 145lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who likes football, baseball and golfing, is looking for a single female, 23-37. Ad# 7380

MAKE A DATE
This outgoing and outspoken single white male, 40, 5'10", 165lbs., with brown hair and eyes, is seeking a single white female, 25-45, to enjoy racing, fishing, bowling, country music and more with. Ad# 3330

CUPID IF YOU HEAR ME
Outgoing single black male, 30, 5'7", 135lbs., bald with brown eyes, who enjoys football, baseball and golf, is interested in meeting an honest, nice, intelligent single Hispanic female, 24-35. Ad# 9719

HEART OF GOLD
This intelligent, kind-hearted single white male, 53, 6', 185lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who likes horseback riding, long walks, traveling and more, is looking for a slender, fun-loving single white female, under 45, who shares similar interests. Ad# 3213

ONE ON ONE
Fun-loving single white dad, 23, who enjoys fishing, hunting and going for long walks, is in search of a single white female, 19-30, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 4747

SOUL MATES
Serious, dedicated single Hispanic professional dad, 39, 5'5", 150lbs., who enjoys going to the lake, boating and camping, is seeking a motivated, independent single female, over 18, who's understanding and goal-oriented, for companionship. Ad# 8160

NONE BETTER
Single white male, 25, 5'10", 160lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys hunting, fishing and the outdoors, is seeking a fun-loving, outgoing, kind-hearted single white female, 21-30. Ad# 9776

GAMBLE ON ME
Single white male, 20, 5'5", 145lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys playing the drums, singing and socializing, is looking for a slender, blonde single white female, 18-25, who has similar interests. Ad# 1191

COUNTRY LIVING
Single white male, 32, who enjoys bowling, fishing and hunting, is interested in meeting a single female, under 35, who shares similar interests. Ad# 4977

BELIEVE IN LOVE
Friendly single white male, 24, 6', 195lbs., with dark blond hair and green eyes, who enjoys a wide variety of sports, movies and music, is seeking a honest single white female, under 30, a non-smoker, with no children, who's headed in the right direction Ad# 3077

DON'T PASS ME BY
Personable, kind single Hispanic male, 20, 5'7", 165lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, enjoys football, long walks and movies. He would love to meet a pretty, intelligent single Hispanic female, 18-25, who shares similar interests, can you help? Ad# 1956

PERFECT CHEMISTRY
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FULL OF LOVE
Divorced white dad of two, 38, 6'2", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, fishing, long walks, and boating, is looking for an honest single white female, 30-39, for friendship first. Ad# 5509

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MAKE THAT CALL
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EXTRA NICE
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