

SPORTS

A&M loses

Coach Jackie Sherrill's Mississippi State Bulldogs beat Texas A&M 43-41 in overtime on Sunday night in the snowy Independence Bowl./**1C**



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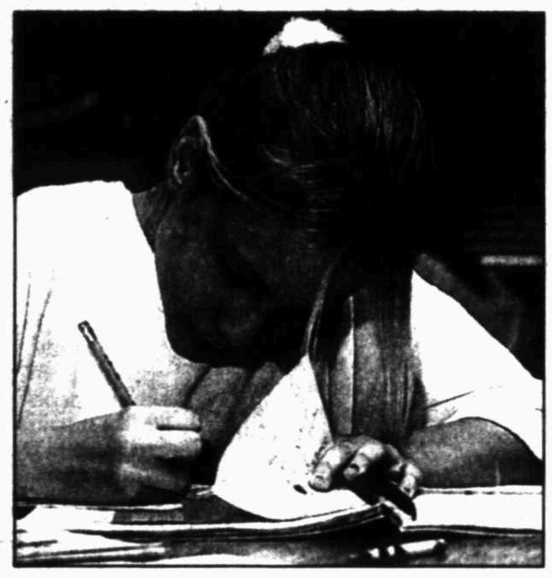
Repairs

For local body shops, the next few days are expected to begin showing the results of this past week's ice storm that caused more than 115 accidents in Midland County alone./**1B**

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BELOW: Jerry Hernandez, 11, and Steven Bautista, 10, work together in their archaeology class at Carver Center recently. AT RIGHT: Brittany Koehl, 11, goes through her notes in archaeology class.

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Gifted programs continue to grow with student need

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

They're raising worms.

They're creating their own ecosystems. They're publishing their own newspaper.

They're playing with the little balls of fuzz that owls cough up after swallowing mice.

They're elementary students in the Midland Independent School District's magnet school program where already talented and smart students are pushed even further to engage their intellect.

Once upon 20 years ago, MISD's gifted program was nothing like it is now, according to Patricia Mauer, MISD director of talent, gifted and magnet schools. Students once were tested to get in with IQ tests and other standardized testing. This, according to Ms. Mauer, kept it where only a certain group of students were getting into the program. Now all MISD kindergarten students start out in the gifted school program.

"What we found was that that method of identifying gifted kids tended to identify kids who were middle-class or white," Ms. Mauer said. "Gifted programs are not limited to one group of kids."

Called "Project THINK" — an acronym for Thinking Higher Learning is Necessary Kid stuff — kindergarten through third-graders are enrolled in the program. By placing all kindergartners in the program, Mauer said they are able to easily identify those special students who needed to remain in the gifted program.

Project THINK is a critical thinking skills program. Ms. Mauer said students are selected through the gifted program on the basis of collected samples of work over time as well as test scores.

"We'll have samples of a child's work," Ms. Mauer said. "Not only can we look at a child's work over time, but how far they have come."

Ms. Mauer is also principal of the Carver Center, where classes are held for gifted students. Many of the students are in the Gifted Education in Midland program. Students in GEM are identified for the program while they are in the third or fourth grade. GEM covers students from fourth to sixth grade.

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Officials: Stable oil, gas prices necessary

By Leslie Burleson
Staff Writer

Cautiously optimistic city officials looked back at 2000 as a successful year, and forward to 2001 as a time of possibility.

"We had a very strong, a very solid 2000," Mayor Bobby Burns said. As for 2001, he said, "I feel very confident that we're going to have a very strong year."



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—Mayor Bobby Burns

One necessity for Midland's future financial health is stable oil and gas prices, city manager Rick Menchaca said. As long as the oil price stays up around the $27 mark, Midland can maintain or increase its level of services, he said.

"The price of oil and gas is strong," said Burns, adding, "I've learned not to predict (their prices)."

The year 2001 will be "a year of challenges and tremendous opportunity and potential," said Assistant City Manager Tommy Hudson. "We have that commitment to provide the best possible services we can — we've created a level of expectancy and we have to come through with it."

In a 2000 retreat, city officials set forth some goals for the next year. "We set out what our high priorities are and we watch them pretty close," Burns said.

Included as top priorities were some planning details for the Scharbauer Sports Complex, a 4 percent cost-of-living raise for police officers, the implemen-

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County officials hoping to work smarter in 2001

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

As Midland County government journeys into 2001, its 116th year, "We are trying to work smarter instead of longer," said Midland County Judge Bill Morrow.

And the county wants to be "more proactive" rather than reactive in its budget-determining process. Goals for 2001 include bolstering harmony and communications within county government's ranks and upgrading salaries of the county's 471-person work force, Morrow said.

"As much as you can, we have it — peace and harmony," Morrow said. "We've got far better communications. You are going to have people fussing with one another here and there."

Prospects for a healthy economy to fuel county government in 2001 seem to bode well. The community's economy depends largely on the rise and fall of petroleum prices.

Midland County's Fiscal Year 2001 general-fund budget — which considers $22.57 million in revenue and expenditures of $23.39 million — is largely funded by property tax revenue at 48 percent of the budget and sales tax revenue at 31 percent. Other revenue sources include fines and fees, licenses and interest on invest-

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Off the wire

■ Yasser Arafat agreed Monday to go to Washington for what Palestinians called a last try at a peace breakthrough before President Clinton leaves office in three weeks./**7A**

Study suggests cutting back on smoking won't help health

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Your New Year's resolution was to cut back on cigarettes this year, hoping to lower those nasty health risks. Don't be too sure simply smoking less will truly improve your health.

Cutting back vs. completely quitting is a hot new debate among tobacco specialists. Quit and your body starts healing. But when heavy smokers refuse to quit, the theory is that helping them to smoke less surely is healthier than doing nothing.

A major drug company even is poised to sell Europeans nicotine inhalers to help heavy smokers not quit but just drop below, say, a pack a day — very different than how Americans use such medicines.

Now one of the first studies to test that theory suggests just cutting back instead of quitting won't help your health.

It's a surprise finding and won't settle the controversy. But the Mayo Clinic's study — which found levels of toxins in heavy smokers' bodies didn't decrease when they cut smoking in half — is getting serious attention.

"That's very important because what it means to the lay public is that if you reduce (daily cigarettes), we're still not sure how much benefit you're going to get," says John R. Hughes, a well-known University of Vermont smoking expert. "So don't fool yourself."

About 48 million Americans smoke, an addiction that kills 400,000 each year. Smoking causes heart disease, lung diseases like emphysema, and lung cancer, and also increases people's risk of seven other cancers.

'...If you reduce (daily cigarettes), we're still not sure how much benefit you're going to get. So don't fool yourself.'
— John R. Hughes, University of Vermont smoking expert

Quit smoking and those risks start dropping. Seventy percent of smokers say they want to stop, but only about 35 percent try in any given year. It can take repeated attempts to finally succeed.

Yet many smokers won't try to quit. Hence the "harm reduction" theory: If hard-core smokers could go from, say, 40 cigarettes a day to 20 — helped by long-term nicotine-replacement therapy — maybe they'd be somewhat healthier.

Or would it just deter them from ever quitting, without significant benefit?

Pharmacia Corp. is investing in the theory. Its studies say up to 30 percent of smokers who refuse to quit cut their smoking in half by using nicotine inhalers, nasal sprays, gum and under-the-tongue pills to curb cravings between cigarettes.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Cloudy	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 36	High 52	High 64
Low 28	Low 30	Low 30

Today's forecast calls cloudy skies with light drizzle possible. the high will be near 40 with winds from the northeast at 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight is to be cloudy with the low in the mid-20s.

Wednesday should be sunny and warmer with the high in the lower 50s.

Wednesday night calls for clear skies with a low near 30.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Monday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.00 in.
Total for year	.0.00 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.0.02 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

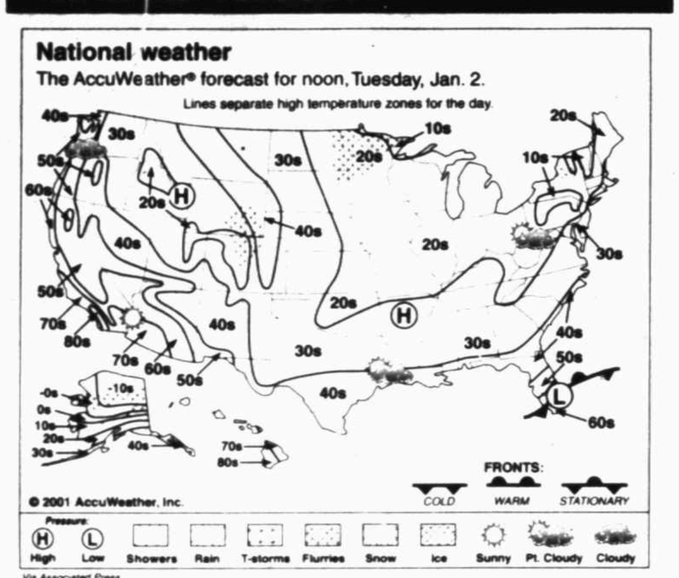
High	45
Low	28
Normal high	56
Normal low	29

Sunrise ... 7:49 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:56 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Jan. 2.



Via Associated Press

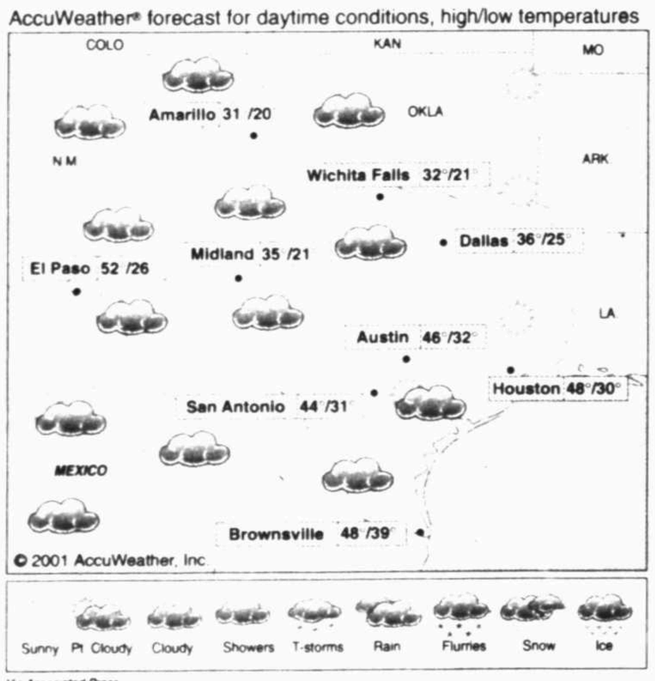
United States temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	22	18	clr	
Albuquerque	45	25	cdy	
Anchorage	36	27	.01	cdy
Asheville	30	15	cdy	
Atlanta	32	24	cdy	
Atlantic City	32	21	cdy	
Baltimore	37	18	cdy	
Billings	40	26	cdy	
Birmingham	28	26	.01	cdy
Bismarck	4	-18	cdy	
Boise	28	28	cdy	
Boston	35	23	clr	
Buffalo	23	16	.01	clr
Burlington,Vt	19	17	.01	cdy
Casper	33	18	.07	clr
Charleston,S.C.	45	22	clr	
Charleston,W.Va.	28	22	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	38	21	clr	
Cheyenne	34	4	clr	
Chicago	24	5	clr	
Cincinnati	30	21	cdy	
Cleveland	25	21	.03	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	43	19	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	26	6	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	30	19	clr	
Dayton	25	20	cdy	
Denver	35	14	clr	
Des Moines	14	5	cdy	
Detroit	24	19	cdy	
Duluth	14	-16	cdy	
Evansville	21	21	.03	clr
Fairbanks	4	-5	cdy	
Fargo	-2	-23	cdy	
Flagstaff	52	17	clr	
Grand Rapids	24	11	cdy	
Great Falls	46	32	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	38	18	cdy	
Hartford Spgfld	28	20	clr	
Helena	40	14	cdy	
Honolulu	81	74	mm	
Indianapolis	26	20	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	32	25	.01	cdy
Jacksonville	51	23	clr	
Juneau	41	30	.08	rn
Kansas City	11	2	clr	
Las Vegas	62	42	clr	
Little Rock	29	13	cdy	
Los Angeles	76	52	clr	
Louisville	28	22	.04	cdy
Memphis	23	13	.03	cdy
Miami Beach	67	42	cdy	
Milwaukee	26	11	clr	
Mpls-St Paul	17	9	cdy	
Nashville	27	23	.05	cdy
New Orleans	45	35	clr	
New York City	35	24	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	36	25	cdy	
North Platte	19	2	clr	
Oklahoma City	25	16	cdy	
Omaha	15	-3	cdy	
Orlando	57	30	cdy	
Pendleton	32	27	cdy	
Philadelphia	35	19	clr	
Phoenix	69	46	clr	
Pittsburgh	25	16	cdy	
Portland,Maine	32	21	clr	
Portland,Ore.	44	37	cdy	
Providence	33	19	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	42	21	cdy	
Rapid City	32	2	cdy	
Reno	49	19	clr	
Richmond	38	23	cdy	
Sacramento	59	32	clr	
St Louis	16	7	clr	
Salt Lake City	25	19	cdy	
San Diego	67	52	clr	
San Francisco	58	41	clr	
San Juan,P.R.	85	72	cdy	
Santa Fe	39	10	cdy	
St Ste Marie	15	0	clr	
Seattle	50	38	rn	
Shreveport	33	27	.11	clr
Sioux Falls	9	-11	sno	
Spokane	31	28	.01	cdy
Syracuse	21	17	.01	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	56	32	cdy	
Topeka	15	8	cdy	
Tucson	69	39	clr	
Tulsa	29	14	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	37	23	cdy	

State forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

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

	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	31	27	
Alice	50	38	t
Amarillo	28	23	0.02
Austin	35	32	
Beaumont	39	32	0.09
Brownsville	61	46	0.03
Childress	29	25	
College Station	34	31	0.06
Corpus Christi	48	40	0.08
Corsicana	31	27	0.06
Dalhart	27	10	
Dallas	31	27	
Del Rio	47	42	t
El Paso	54	25	
Fort Stockton	54	33	
Fort Worth	29	25	t
Galveston	39	35	0.05
Georgetown	34	30	
Guadalupe Pass	49	23	
Harlingen	61	43	0.01
Houston	39	34	0.18
Huntsville	33	31	0.02
Junction	39	33	0.01
Kingsville	m	m	
Laredo	48	41	
Longview	34	26	0.15
Lubbock	30	25	t
Lufkin	33	29	0.08
Marfa	55	19	
McAllen	64	42	0.03
McKinney	30	25	t
Mineral Wells	27	26	
New Braunfels	37	33	t
Paris	30	25	0.23
Rockport	47	38	0.33
San Angelo	37	30	
San Antonio	40	35	0.02
San Marcos	37	34	
Tyler	32	26	0.05
Victoria	42	37	0.19

Pick 3 Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — The Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-0-0

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery:

12-13-22-23-34

COUNTY: Major source of revenue is half-cent sales tax

(From 1A)

ed funds.

The $820,000 built-in deficit would be wiped out by drawing from the county's $10.64 million fund balance or so-called surplus or reserve funds.

Steady . . . on the upswing

Oil prices, which pretty well set the tone for Midland's economy, last week were in the $25-a-barrel range.

"I don't want it to be like $70 a barrel," noted Midland County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy McCourt Reeves. "I certainly don't want it $8 a barrel, but a steady increase due to inflation."

Ms. Reeves did note a slight increase in the county-wide tax base, to $4.7 billion from $4.6 billion, which fuels the county's property tax revenue.

"I don't foresee a great jump in property values," she said. "The market seems to be decent and good — no wild swings, pretty steady. I hope mineral values continue to increase."

Since 1988, a major source of county revenue is the half-cent sales tax, which in FY 2000 brought in $7 million in revenue. That was up from the $6.7 million in FY 1999 and down from the record $8.02 million in FY 1998. The revenue dropped "fairly severely" from FY 1998 to FY 1999 — by 15 percent, noted County Auditor Carole Wayland.

The county's fiscal year begins each Oct. 1 and ends Sept. 30.

Rebound in 2000

"The year 2000 showed a little bit of a rebound back up to $7 million," Ms. Wayland noted of the sales-tax revenue. "I'm hopeful that it is going to climb back, maybe gradually, to where we were. We have budgeted $7.2 million for this year, but I'm hopeful it's going to be somewhere around $7.5 million."

Sales-tax revenue "depends on continued good oil and gas pricing and high employment in our area and . . . just general optimism of the economy," Ms. Wayland said. "Hopefully, the state Legislature won't do anything drastic such as reducing things that are subject to sales tax."

She noted the state's "sales tax holidays" to encourage consumer spending on taxable goods, such as clothing and hardware, made inroads into sales tax revenues.

"The state had the luxury of having a little bit of a surplus, so they were trying to do something favorable for the taxpayers and maybe bolster, a little bit, the economy," Ms. Wayland said of the sales tax holidays.

The state's portion of the 8-cents sales tax on Midlanders is 6.25 cents or 6.25 percent of each dollar spent. The city of Midland gets one cent, Midland County gets a half-cent, and a quarter-cent goes toward paying off the sports complex indebtedness.

At the outset of 2000, Midland County's elected officials cited a list of 20 weighed necessary improvements.

Of the top 10, six were realized or substantial progress was made in those areas in 2000. Those included updating personnel policies, effecting employee pay raises based on merit and longevity, recognizing employees' achievements, prioritizing employees, evaluating and assessing facilities such as archival storage for records and focusing on leadership.

"The employees are our most valued asset," said Morrow, who noted in 2000 the Commissioners' Court awarded employees with about $1 million in pay raises.

A year earlier, many of the county's 26 elected officials adopted "core values" that included:

- Serving the community.
- Personal integrity.
- Accountability for performance and action.
- Teamwork.
- Problem-solving, looking forward, creative thinking.

Making Headway

In the economic-development realm, Midland County is taking the lead in developing the West Texas Exposition Center for family-style entertainment that, for example, would encompass events dealing with livestock and horses.

"That's our big contribution" to economic development, Morrow said. "We will operate it." Building the center would be financed through certificates of obligations, he said.

Major factors in reducing populations of the county's two jails and solving the overcrowded conditions were in establishing the Midland County Pretrial Bonding Program and in the trial judges "moving cases," Morrow said. Oversight of the pretrial-bonding program beginning in 2001 has been switched to the Texas district-court judges from the Commissioners' Court. Program director is Tim Long.

Morrow said County Treasurer Jo Ann Carr has played major roles in helping the county make "substantial progress on a lot of those" needed improvements and especially so in reviewing and rewriting personnel policies and in developing the tiered pay raise system that peaked out at $1,800 per year per employee. "Jo Ann stays after it."

Morrow applauded the assistance of Ms. Wayland, the county auditor.

"It's a combination of everybody," Morrow said of realizing goals. "I'm not doing this. The people are doing this — the employees, elected officials, appointed officials.

"We are talking to each other," Morrow said of progress in county efficiency. "I am proud of our elected officials, our appointed officials and employees — the way that they are pulling together."

Ms. Carr, whose job includes investing county funds through Tex Pool, noted it is "the responsibility of each elected official and department head to make sure that they use their budget conservatively.

"Just because money was allotted to us doesn't necessarily mean that it needs to be spent," she said. "If there are things that we see that our offices can get by without for another year, it's important that we do that."

Of the county's progress in 2000, County Clerk Shauna Brown said from her perspective, "The employee raise was the highlight.

"It enables us to keep qualified staff — to help the public, to help keep it (county pay) at a competitive salary so that we can employ qualified people to work in our offices and to show appreciation for people who have stayed with the county," Ms. Brown said, "because they love their jobs and not because of the pay." The pay raises "show them appreciation for the job they have done in staying with the county when there was no raise."

Ms. Brown is among the nine-member Salary Schedule Committee that is dedicated to reviewing the county's pay schedule. The Morrow appointments to the committee are Ms. Brown, Ms. Carr, Ms. Reeves, Morrow, Sheriff Gary Painter, Commissioner Mike Bradford, Barbara Culver, Juvenile Justice Center Director Adolfo Salcido, District Attorney Al Schorre and District Clerk Vivian Wood. Ms. Wayland is an ex-officio committee member.

"I'm hoping that when we revise the salary schedule that the employees will see some kind of forward progress and hopefully some kind of yearly money set aside for merit raises," Ms. Brown said. "Merit raises to me are so important because it gives the employees something to work for and rewards the ones that make the extra effort."

CITY: Officials added money to reserve fund in 2000

(From 1A)

tation of a community growth fund, and a city efficiency effectiveness and action plan. A six-month report showed progress in all four areas.

Also implemented was a 2005 Strategic Plan, which set forth five goals for that year: strong diversified economy; credible and trusted city government; people feeling safe and secure; financially strong city government; and expanded leisure, recreational and cultural opportunities." City officials are moving toward those goals now, Menchaca said.

"(The year) 2000 was better than '99," Menchaca said. "The problem we still saw was 1 1/2 percent increase in property valuation growth. The growth was very, very slow."

Counting births, deaths, people moving out and people moving in, "in 1999, we actually lost some population, 1 percent," Menchaca said.

In the past year, Burns said, "We did very well — we put money back in the reserve when we got more money in." The city returned $1.1 million to the General Fund Reserves. Fines and forfeitures accounted for about $200,000 of that sum, and about $200,000 were sales taxes. "We had about $200,000 higher (sales taxes) than what we expected," Menchaca said. "We were up about 4 percent in calendar year 2000."

Menchaca said a variety of cost-cutting measures resulted in that boost to the reserves. "We had about $700,000 in expense saving," he said.

Money-saving programs included:

- Freezing 15-20 positions of Midland's 900-strong staff. "You're constantly evaluating your positions, can we get by with three inspectors instead of four?" Hudson said. "We reviewed the work load and the manpower of the vacancies we had, except for public safety (police and fire personnel)," Menchaca said. "Tommy approves all vacancy filling.
- Reduction of the take-home fleet of cars used by city personnel, except for public safety employees. "You did have some employees that didn't like that," Menchaca said. "We had to look at what's best for the city as a whole." The city formerly automatically replaced every car after 100,000 miles. "We felt we could extend that life to 10 to 12 years," Menchaca said.
- Implementing a pavement management system for Midland's 400 miles of paved streets. Such a program takes into account the type of street, traffic, water and the age of the street. In past years, "We would sealcoat every street every six years," Menchaca said. "We've been able to cut the expenses, doing some sooner, some later." The measure has saved between $150,000 and $175,000, he said.
- Auditing the city's cell phone and long-distance service. "We got about a $30,000 refund from the telephone company" after the audit, Menchaca said.

The budget for fiscal year 2000-2001, which began in October, is "a very conservative budget," Menchaca said. Predicting sales tax revenue "is not an exact science, it's somewhat difficult," he added. "You have to make sure you have a tight ship. Because we have so much petroleum-based industry, we're subject to bigger swings."

One bright spot for Midland is sports-based tourism. "Sports tourism in general over the last 10 years has helped diversify this economy to a certain extent," Menchaca said. Nationally, he added, sports tourism is now the 11th highest category of economic venture, rising from a 25th ranking. Baseball at the Scharbauer Sports Complex will begin in the spring of 2002, and football in the fall of that year.

Midland has assets that extend beyond budgets and ball fields and progress reports, all the men agreed. "City Hall just did a good job (this year) — our department heads handled it well," Burns said.

"In the city of Midland, we do common things uncommonly well," Hudson said. "Never underestimate or take for granted the Midland spirit."

SMOKE: Study finds no benefit when heavy smokers cut down

(From 1A)

Here, nicotine replacement is approved only for short-term smoking cessation. But Denmark in 1998 let Pharmacia market those products for smoking reduction, too. The company says three more European countries just issued similar approvals, which it will unveil early this year when it begins more widely marketing the harm-reduction concept. (Nicotine patches, however, remain just for quitting because they supply continuous nicotine.)

"If they reduce the consumption significantly, then one will see a health benefit," says Pharmacia's global policy director David Graham.

But the Mayo Clinic study found no health benefit when hard-core smokers cut their puffing in half.

The problem: People apparently smoked their remaining cigarettes harder, trying to suck in more addictive nicotine from each one and consequently inhaling more carcinogens.

Dr. Richard Hurt recruited 23 people who smoked between 40 and 50 cigarettes daily but refused to quit, to see if nicotine inhalers helped them cut back to 10 cigarettes a day.

Then he measured levels of two potent cancer-causing chemicals and two other cigarette toxins — carbon monoxide and a byproduct of cyanide — in smokers' bodies.

On average, smokers cut their daily cigarette intake in half after three months of trying, but only two got down to 10 a day. Weeks later, their smoking inched up again.

Only one cancer-causing toxin decreased slightly as smoking dropped. Yet those chemicals dissipate within weeks when smokers quit completely.

Hughes cautions that larger studies must prove whether cutting back really could help some people's health. Even if it doesn't cut cancer risk, Hughes suspects it could be a confidence-building step for some smokers to eventually quit completely, something he's studying.

But "we know heavy smokers can quit cold-turkey" if helped by the right dose of nicotine patches and other medicines such as antidepression pills that fight the smoking urge, Mayo's Hurt says.

So for now, he advises that New Year's resolution ought to be to quit, not just cut back: "Set a date and go for it."

On the Net:
Government tips on quitting smoking:
http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/

THINK: MISD goes extra mile with gifted program, Mauer says

(From 1A)

Students spend two days a week at Carver Center doing everything from conducting science experiments with earth worms to learning how to write and publish their own newspaper. The curriculum is designed to help educate the students as well as provide them with new challenges that cannot be posed in their normal classroom environments.

"You're working with children who are accustomed to being correct," Ms. Mauer said.

Regular textbooks are passed over for original texts and books. Students are weaned from grades as teachers work with students in the program. Both academically and intellectually children fill the classrooms. Ms. Mauer said they go the extra mile with the gifted program and their students are often engaged, always asking questions.

"They're doing unique content and then reinforcing those initial knowledge and skills," Ms. Mauer said.

Currently more than 650 students are in the GEM program, while approximately 1,500 students are in Project THINK.

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Pastor's lesson inspires acts of charity

By Chelsea J. Carter
Associated Press

ALISO VIEJO, Calif. — By any measure, Lisa Panzica was struggling.

After fleeing an abusive relationship and a home-invasion robbery, she lived day to day to make ends meet — to pay rent, provide food for her children, attend college night classes.

Across town, Terry Zwick had few worries, living in a comfortable, spacious home in one of Orange County's most affluent communities.

Their lives intersected after Zwick was given money by her pastor and told to do a good deed.

"It seems like such a simple act. But it's having a ripple effect," Zwick said. "People are ... paying it forward. We helped Lisa, and she helped her family."

Zwick was one of 100 people selected from the Coast Hills Community Church by the Rev. Denny Bellesi to participate in a living biblical lesson.

"I wanted to teach this principle of stewardship," Bellesi said. "I wanted to leave an impression they would never forget."

In November, the pastor gave out $100 bills — a total of $10,000 — with the instruction that recipients go forward and do good. He was partly inspired by the recent movie "Pay It Forward," about a child's efforts to change the world with good deeds.

"I told them it had to be invested outside the church. It had to be glorifying to God and it had to be benefiting to others," he said.

What began with 100 people has since involved hundreds of people. Their actions include small acts of kindness — such as helping a family get on their feet



AP Photo
The Rev. Denny Bellesi, pastor of Coast Hills Community Church, in Aliso Veijo, Calif., stands in front of a large cross inside the church last week. In November, Bellesi gave out $100 bills to 100 people selected from the church to participate in a living biblical lesson, the parable of the talents.

— to the large — funding construction of a church in Asia.

But deciding how to spend the money wasn't easy.

"It was the most important $100 I had ever held in my hands," said Bill Shedd. To add to the pot, Shedd's 13-year-old son donated $100 of the allowance he had saved. Then his daughter pitched in money. Soon, the Shedds had collected $1,000.

After weeks of debate, the family donated $800 to a shelter for abused women and children.

Then Shedd read a newspaper article about 15-year-old Javier Zambrano in nearby Santa Ana, who was collecting holiday gifts for children even though he didn't have enough money himself to buy soccer shoes.

"I thought, 'This kid already got what Pastor Denny was trying to teach us.' Here he was without much himself and doing things for others. It seemed like the right thing," he said.

Shedd gave Javier the remaining $200 for soccer supplies.

Michael Rodriguez, 33, used the $100 to begin a donation drive at his job at an Internet consulting company to help a family with funeral costs for two daughters who had died.

Gene Shook, 47, used the money to buy Bibles and study guides to train pastors in Asia.

Alex Bentson, 9, sent the money to a 4-year-old Oregon girl to help her family defray the expenses of a needed heart transplant.

In Zwick's case, she was introduced to Panzica by a friend who had met the 33-year-old single mother while taking community college classes.

Panzica told Zwick about her struggles and how she was happy that at least her children were now safe.

A week later, Zwick and two friends showed up with $700 in gift certificates for clothing and food and a $1,100 check to cover the January rent.

In turn, Panzica used the gift certificates to buy her family and another needy family food and clothes.

"It felt good ... for the first time to have received and to have been able to give unto others because of it," she said.

The act reminded Zwick of something she said she had forgotten.

"I know it wasn't much. But it made people feel cared for. It gave them hope," she said.

Issues abound for legislatures of 2001

Associated Press

Here come the lawmakers, proposals in hand to craft genetic policy, improve taxes, toughen crime laws — and don't forget plans to reform the nation's election system.

Nearly all of the state legislatures begin new sessions in the next few weeks, many with newly elected members. And they've got a great deal of work on their desks.

Topping most legislatures' lists is something up close and personal — redistricting. Though few constituents pay attention to how the state's legislative and congressional districts are divided, they can decide the fate of the legislators. Expect a great deal of debate. According to census findings released last week, 10 states are losing congressional seats and eight are gaining.

Health care issues also promise to be near the top of state agendas, as they have for several years running. Prescription drug assistance for seniors will be considered in Arkansas, Indiana and Wisconsin, while California lawmakers will be asked to pay to improve the state's emergency rooms and trauma centers. Massachusetts lawmakers will look at raising the state's 76 cents-a-pack cigarette tax by 50 cents to expand health insurance to an additional 100,000 people.

On the tax front, some 30 states are examining ways to streamline tax collection procedures, much of it a response to the increasing growth of Internet commerce.

Money questions will face every legislature — with added worries because a number of states have seen signs of a weakening economy, with revenue not growing as quickly as expected. Cuts in government agency requests will be debated in Louisiana, Indiana and South Carolina.

Crime, as always, is an issue. Gun control questions return in California, where control advocates want to license handgun owners. Drug money, and what happens to it after police seize it, is a concern for Missouri lawmakers, who will be asked for a law to better track the money. Racial profiling by police will continue to be an issue for New Jersey lawmakers.

In Texas, lawmakers will consider several measures that died in the past: strengthening the hate crimes law, and giving jurors on capital cases the choice of sentencing someone to life without parole, as an option to the death penalty. (Currently, a life sentence allows the possibility of parole after 40 years).



AP Photo
Steve Grimes rides a sled with Zackary Grimes, 5, as Christian Grimes, left, rides his own sled down a hill in North Little Rock, Ark., Monday.

Lights coming back on in Arkansas; East digs out

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — As the lights slowly came back on in thousands of Arkansas homes, Gov. Mike Huckabee, who himself had lost power after the Christmas Day ice storm, urged residents to be patient.

Huckabee told state legislators in a conference call that he believed the storm was the worst in state history. "A lot of folks are under an extreme amount of stress," Huckabee said. "Tempers are frayed and people are angry after going without electricity for a week."

About 46,000 Arkansas homes and businesses remained without electricity into New Year's Day. At its peak, the storm had knocked out power to about 315,000 Arkansas customers.

Oklahoma still had about 58,000 homes and businesses blacked out yet on Monday. The number of customers in northeast Texas still without power was down to about 4,500 — down from more than 23,000 on Friday. Texarkana has the bulk of the Texas outages with nearly 4,100 customers affected.

A fresh layer of snow fell across the region late Sunday, with even northern Louisiana getting 4 inches, that area's deepest accumulation in 15 years. Louisiana temperatures fell into the 20s overnight and slippery sections of Interstates 49 and 220 remained closed Monday morning in Caddo Parish, state police said.

Americans Airlines canceled 120 flights in and out of Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport on Sunday.

By Monday morning, the snow showers had moved eastward, causing traffic accidents in Mississippi and giving a dusting to northern Georgia.

Monday was the eighth day in bitter cold without power for thousands of people in Arkansas. Many in the hardest hit parts of the state also were without running water because water plants didn't have electricity to run pumps.

"The big problem is that the storm affected major electric transmission lines. It has destroyed the infrastructure of the state's distribution system," Huckabee said.

Workers were struggling to repair damage in remote areas, said Sheila Yount, spokeswoman for Arkansas Electric Cooperatives. "One of our cooperatives had 2,000 poles broken by the storm," she said.

Last week, President Clinton issued an emergency declaration for 52 counties, making aid available to local governments. He also declared 22 counties disaster areas, making financial help available to property owners.

The Northeast was cleaning up from its own holiday mess.

A powerful snow storm dumped more than 2 feet of snow Saturday on New Jersey, closed every major airport in the New York City area for much of the day and forced Philadelphia to declare a snow emergency.

Jennifer Roe, 27, a high school math teacher from the Houston area who was in New York City for the holidays, said she was considering renting a car and driving to Texas after a Sunday morning in which she tried to get on about a half-dozen planes as a standby passenger.

"I have a job, and people depend on me," Roe said after she heard there might not be room for her on a flight until Wednesday — the day students are scheduled to return to school in her district.

The Port Authority, which runs the New York City area's airports, provided 200 cots and 500 blankets to travelers stranded Saturday night at LaGuardia International Airport's main terminal "and they were all put to good use," said spokesman Allen Morrison.

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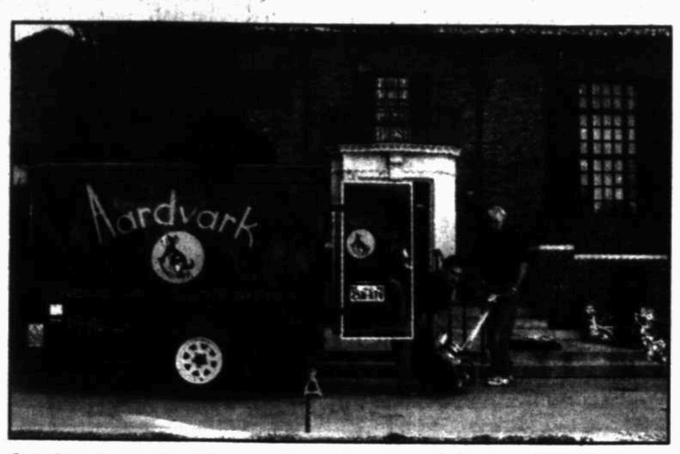
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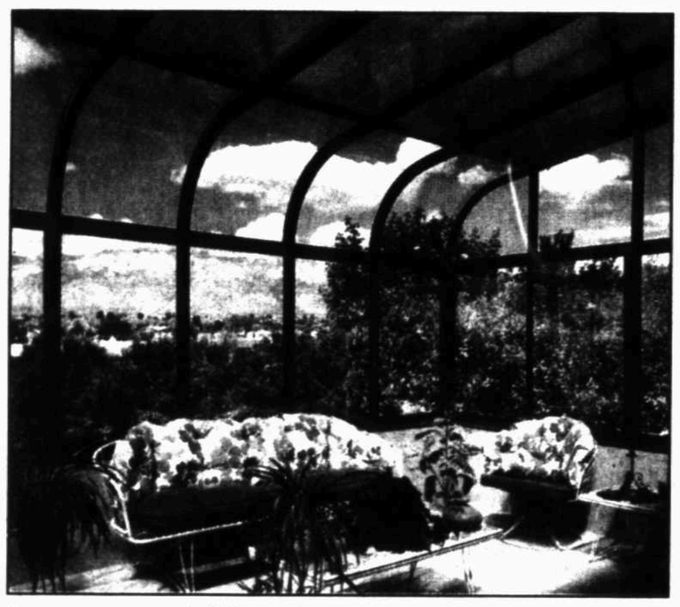
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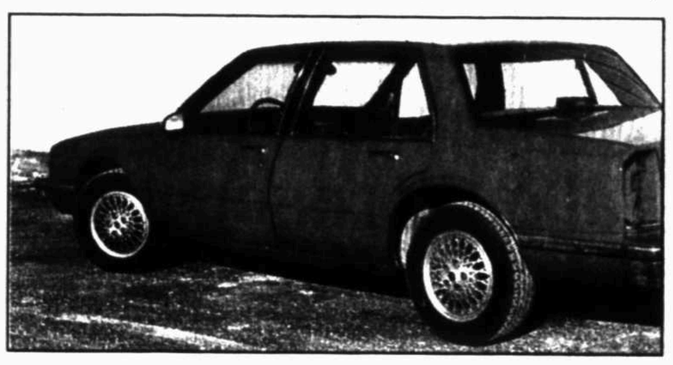
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A patio enclosure can be a great place for kids or grandkids to play during the abundance of great weather in West Texas. Lots of people treat their patio enclosure as a sort of "best of both worlds," getting the openness of the outdoors and the protection from wind, rain, dirt and some sunshine provided by the indoors. It's also a wonderful place to put potted plants in the winter, to protect them from the cold. That way, you can still enjoy the plants without them crowding your main living areas.

"One popular idea is to put in very nice, padded lawn furniture," says Brandon. Then you can enjoy extra comfort without worrying about damage from weather or outside pets.

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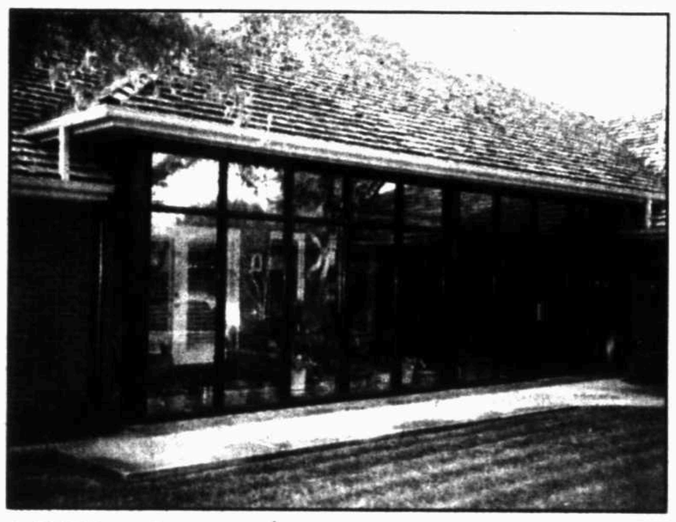
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Bush team plans to look at our economy

In the weeks before his presidency begins, George W. Bush has been laying some important groundwork for his White House administration.

His Cabinet choices have shown Bush's natural strength for choosing innovative, experienced professionals.

Bush and his team of advisors also have been laying the groundwork for a summit on the economy. It has been described as a two-day summit that will focus on the state of our economy with day 2 focusing on technology and where our nation is heading.

Throughout his campaign, Bush talked about a sweeping $1.3 trillion tax cut he believes will get our nation moving again.

As we close the books on 2000, we look back on a year that kicked off with the continuing pie-in-the-sky euphoria on Wall Street, but the failure of speculative dot-com businesses and subsequent portfolio losses brought everybody back down to earth. Wall Street analysts who are looking a little silly in the wake of their optimistic 2000 predictions, are now retrenching and predicting a "blue collar year" in the market in 2001.

For a while, many investors were lulled into believing making money was easy and painless.

Still, we see across the nation unemployment remains low and inflation still remains in check.

Here in Midland, we have seen a softening in the housing market and predictions here and across the rest of the country suggest car sales may not be as strong as we've seen in the past 12-24 months.

When Bush calls experts together in his planned economic summit, the nation will be anxiously watching.

There is notable tension between the Bush team and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan who has sent signals he is not enamored with Bush's huge tax cut plan.

Meanwhile, the outgoing Clinton administration has wagged its finger at Bush and urged him to stop "talking down" the state of the economy.

We wonder if President Clinton, who took to the podium this past week to boast about the nation's surplus, isn't worried that a downturn in the economy might put a damper on his farewell party.

Will a tax cut work?

Is an economic recession in our future?

Only time will tell.

But we are pleased to see the Bush team is ready to roll up its sleeves and get to work.

ANOTHER VIEW

Improvement is needed for senior health care in Texas

The poor way Texas cares for its very old and very young came into national focus during George W. Bush's run for the presidency.

Without a doubt, Texas has a dismal record and had it long before Bush was governor.

The Texas Legislature made some progress for children in 1999, joining the federal-state Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, which makes health care available to the hundreds of thousands of young Texans who don't have health insurance.

This month, lawmakers should find ways to help Texans at life's other end the approximately 90,000 seniors in nursing homes and 130,000 who receive home health care.

Both services rely on Medicaid, a roughly 60-40 federal-state funding mechanism. The more Texas puts in, the more federal money it receives. But presently Texas ranks 45th in Medicaid funding for nursing home care and last in home health care.

The low funding translates to low salaries in this health-care sector, typically $6 an hour or less, in home care.

Nearly one in four of Texas' 1,100 nursing homes are in Chapter 11 bankruptcy, and home-care agencies have serious staffing problems.

Most of their patients, mainly senior citizens but also the disabled, have Medicaid. Meanwhile, if home care becomes less available, more patients will need nursing home care.

With all signs pointing to major health-care inflation in 2001, Washington must revisit the daunting task of comprehensive national health-care reform. This is a rich nation. Americans should be able to get affordable cradle-to-grave health care, and caregivers should receive salaries commensurate with the sensitive tasks they perform.

Until that happens, though, the Legislature must generously fund Medicaid so Texas can maximize federal matching funds to improve patient care and caregivers' pay.

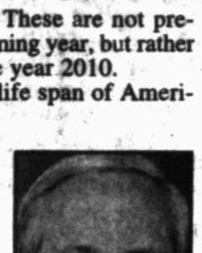
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JACK ANDERSON

Top five predictions for the year 2010

WASHINGTON — These are not predictions for the coming year, but rather predictions for the year 2010.

1. The average expected life span of Americans who are 30 years old in 2010 will be 100 years, and it will increase dramatically from there.



Anderson

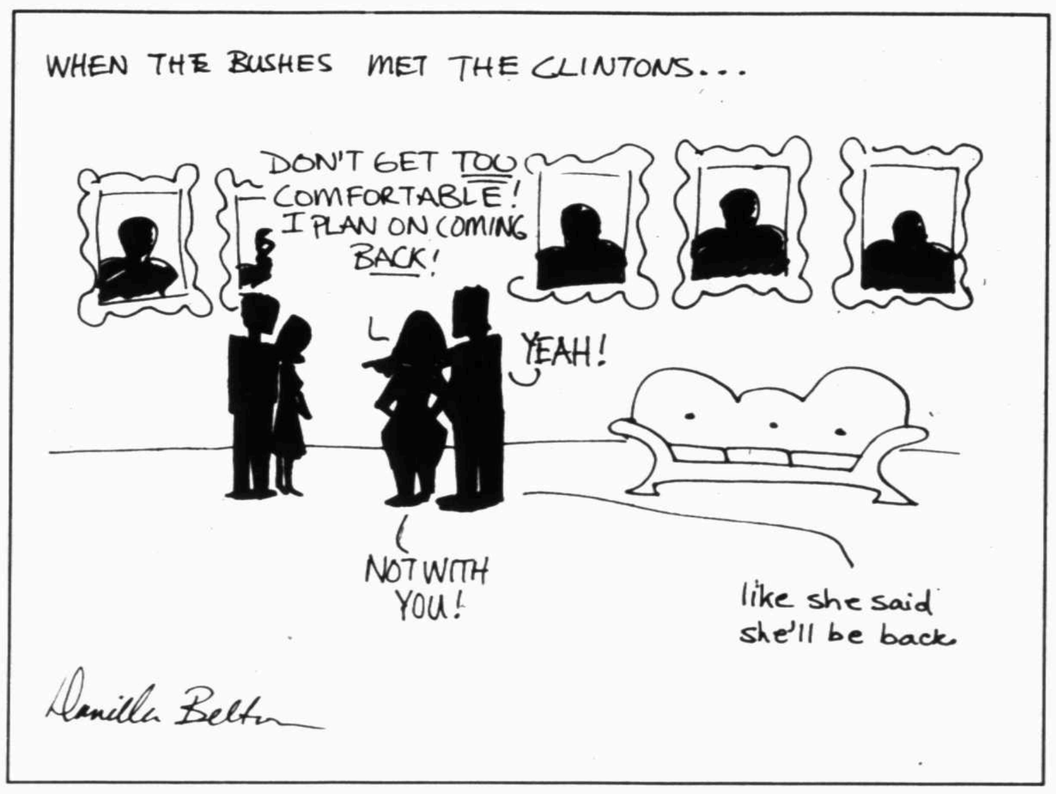
2. Personal transportation will change dramatically. The automobile has become safer and more fuel-efficient but is otherwise little changed from the cars our grandparents drove. That will change as gasoline-powered cars are replaced with electric-powered cars. We may even see hover technology enter the marketplace. Already, hovercraft are used by the military in sea-land vehicles. A bed of air replaces tires, and a type of jet engine powers them along. These sort of vehicles in the military are surrounded by rubber, and a similar civilian vehicle would prove to be far safer than any car on the road today. Electricity, air and rubber would create a completely new vehicle, and the look would be equally different.

3. Public transportation. The friendly skies are not so friendly anymore. Congestion at airports is creating hazards, inefficiencies, excessive fuel use and interminable delays. The wave of the future is elsewhere. We predict that high-traffic corridors such as the Washington, D.C./New York/Boston route will encourage the building of something already in use: the monorail. A monorail cannot jump the track, and it is easily powered by electricity making it safer and more fuel efficient. Just as significantly, by being elevated, it does not encounter the crossing problem that faces most trains, and so it will be able to travel at much higher speeds than trains. We can imagine a trip from Washington, D.C., to New York in an hour for a monorail traveling at 200 mph. The typical plane trip between those two cities, including landing and takeoff and travel to and from airports, takes about two hours.

4. Healthcare will improve dramatically. All Americans will be covered through a government-sponsored health insurance plan that combines the best of Medicare and private insurance. Medical science will continue to achieve major breakthroughs, finding cures for cancer, AIDS and most other major afflictions. The number of hospitals will increase substantially and become more user-friendly because they will be smaller and community-based.

5. Foreign affairs will continue to pose a problem, with China looming as the greatest threat. However, due primarily to U.S. technological advances, China will not be able to pose a serious military threat. The result will be a sort of technological containment that will hold until the Chinese political system deteriorates or democratizes. Various rogue states such as Iraq will become increasingly less threatening as America aggressively asserts its military advantages, creating a true Pax Americana (Peace of America), an event not seen since the Pax Romana 1,800 years ago.

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CHARLEY REESE

Hype is benchmark of new millennium

OK, now you can celebrate the new millennium. The 21st century began one second after midnight Dec. 31.

It's a telling comment on the power of commercial interests in the United States that they simply decided — irrespective of reality, tradition and the calendar — to proclaim falsely that last year marked the new millennium. Apparently, they thought the year 2000 was a more marketable date than 2001.



Reese

Alas, what is, is, even if nobody chooses to recognize it. All dates are meaningless in the sense that they are arbitrary and are based on whatever calendar that people choose to keep. It is somewhat unusual, however, for people who have used a calendar for centuries to decide suddenly to disregard it.

That's what happened last year. The traditional Western calendar starts new centuries with the 01 year, not the 00 year. Nevertheless, people simply decided to disregard that and celebrate the new millennium a year ahead of time.

Changes in dates don't mean anything, really, and I've never been one to celebrate even the new year, much less the new millennium. The world is the same on Jan. 1 as it was on Dec. 31, and so are we.

Many people are calendar-conscious because they measure their age by the calendar. That, too, is a human convention. Our biological clocks, which determine our biological age, don't pay any attention to paper calendars. you lined up a lot of people who were the same age according to the calendar, you would see that they age biologically at different rates. That's genes, not Day-Timers.

Whether "senior citizens" lead "active lives" in their "golden years" (all three phrases are marketing terms) depends on their genes and their general health, not on where they live or who handled their investment plans.

Some years ago, a 107-year-old man filed a workers' compensation claim. He had hurt his back unloading a freight car. This man was poor, not very well educated and apparently oblivious to his age. He just went on living his life as he always had, and good fortune and good genes had kept him in remarkable health without benefit of an investment counselor, a senior-citizens retirement home or a wellness spa.

Probably the best thing we could do for ourselves would be to emulate him — eat less and worry less and stop thinking of ourselves in categories dreamed up by advertising copywriters who are trying to sell us something.

And remember all that hype and hoopla last year about how the world was going to come to an end as computers crashed and then crashed planes, trains and elevators? A good lesson. The truth is getting as hard to find as a camel with three humps.

My own city, Orlando, Fla., is all in a dither over a "drought" even though nearly 30 inches of rain have fallen, everything is still green that's supposed to be green, and cacti and tumbleweeds have not sprouted in front of City Hall.

Drought, you see, is a relative term. Normal rainfall here is about 50 inches. Hence, we're 20 inches short. Of course, the 30 inches we have gotten would seem like a deluge in some areas and a great blessing in others.

Andrew Lytle, a Southern writer, once said he had moved to a mountain, had no television or radio sets and subscribed to no newspapers or magazines.

"If anything really important happens," he said, "I figure I'll hear about it by rumor."

Maybe that's not such a bad idea. We could at least escape wrong millenniums and wet droughts, not to mention all the commercial hype aimed at our wallets.

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ART BUCHWALD

'Landslide George' may prove more of challenge than fun

I find more and more people coming up to me and saying, "You're going to have a lot of fun the next four years with George Bush."

"How can I have fun with him?" I always reply. "He comes from Texas, and he believes in his heart that he is a conservative."

"For starters why don't you refer to him as 'Landslide George'? That's something you can have fun with."

"Landslide George. That does have a nice ring to it and people will understand it."



Buchwald

"How about referring to George Bush as the son of a president who started a dynasty."

"I don't see any laughs there."

"You won't hear any from Republicans, but you'll have the Democrats in stitches. Besides, Bush is bound to make mistakes and you can't pick up on one of them."

"Is picking Senator Ashcroft as his attorney general a big mistake?"

"He's a conservative, so it's not going to be easy."

"I don't want to make fun of Bush because he is my president."

"He's everybody's president. That's what he told us when he accepted the job. But he would be the last person who would tell you not to make fun of him. The press has to do its job."

"What about education reforms and budget cutbacks and a tax deduction?"

"You better get to tax reform before Jay Leno and Dave Letterman. They have a lot of writers on their staffs whose job it is to make fun of George."

"They are just in it for the laughs, not the money. If I am going to belittle the leader of our country over something like North Korea, nobody's going to understand."

"George has no idea where North Korea is and neither does anyone else in the country. If you're going to really score, it's on how a man from Texas came to Washington and cleaned up the mess there and brought dignity to the government."

"That's not humorous."

"It isn't now, but when he starts doing it people will die laughing."

"I can have fun for a year, but I don't see doing it for four."

"If it doesn't work, you can always go back to writing stuff on Cheney."

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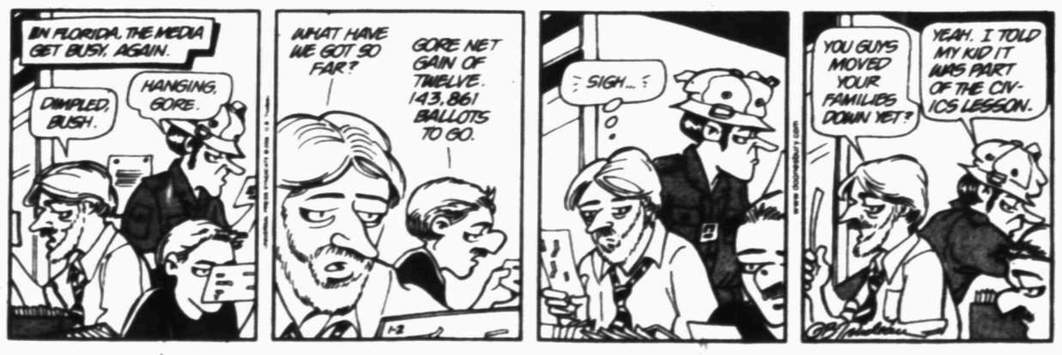
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Arafat heads to Washington for talk with Clinton

■ Car bomb explodes in coastal Israeli city, injuring dozens.

By Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Yasser Arafat agreed Monday to go to Washington for what Palestinians called a last try at a peace breakthrough before President Clinton leaves office in three weeks. A car bomb exploded in a coastal Israeli city, injuring dozens.

Arafat spokesman Nabil Aburedeneh called the Palestinian leader's trip "a decisive visit at which the future of the peace process will be determined."

Palestinian officials announced today's early-morning trip after a new phone call from Clinton putting pressure on Arafat to say "yes" to the U.S. leader's invitation to peace talks.

While Arafat's planned meeting with Clinton didn't mean he accepted the invitation to talks, it kept alive the prospect that such acceptance would come before Clinton leaves office Jan. 20.

Israel has already agreed to Clinton's slate of terms for negotiations for a final peace deal, with reservations, making for a possible three-way summit if Arafat does sign on.

Monday's bombing — and the prospect of Israeli retaliation — raised tensions as the clock ticks away on Clinton's term.

The bomb detonated in a parked car in the city of Netanya, 20 miles north of Tel Aviv, sending off three rapid-fire blasts that shattered windows and blew apart vehicles on a crowded shopping street.

"Cars were ripped up, women (were) screaming," a witness told army radio. Police ordered people from the area for fear of more bombs.

Israel radio said 54 people received treatment. Only one was seriously hurt. Israeli Police Commissioner Shlomo Aharonishki told reporters police suspect he was involved in the bombing. Hospital spokesman Etty Shiling said the man was in critical condition.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility. The Hamas militant group denied involvement but called such attacks a "holy right' for Palestinians.

Israel quickly threatened retaliation.

"I think the time has come to stand up and say enough," Deputy Prime Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer, a retired general, said.

"Our forbearance cannot go on, and in my opinion the reaction has to be vigorous and immediate ... it has to be made clear to Arafat, whom I still see as responsible for all that is happening in the territories."

Israel immediately closed Gaza's airport, sealing off the territory entirely after closing West Bank and Gaza's land borders following two bombings Thursday.

More than 350 people have been killed in three months of near-daily bloodshed, most of them Palestinians.

Clinton's invitation to peace talks have been stalled for more than a week on Palestinians' demand for clarification of the terms. U.S. officials have refused to go into details of the terms before the Palestinians give a clear 'yes' to the talks invitation.

Aburedeneh, the Arafat spokesman, said Clinton and Arafat "will discuss the American ideas and the clarifications the Palestinians are requesting concerning these ideas."

P.J. Crowley, a spokesman for the president's National Security Council, said the Palestinian and U.S. leaders decided they should meet face to face to seek a "common understanding" about what the talks would cover.

Palestinian officials said Israel's closing of the Gaza airport would not effect the trip, planned for just after midnight Monday.

Earlier Monday, Arafat declared his people would keep resisting what he called Israeli aggression.

"I say that our people are very strong and will continue their struggles and confrontations," Arafat said in Gaza.

Clinton's proposals include asking Israel to surrender sovereignty over a Jerusalem site revered by both Muslims and Jews, and asking Palestinians to renounce their claim of the "right of return" of 4 million Palestinian refugees and their families.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak raised the possibility Monday of a "unilateral separation" from the Palestinians if the peace efforts fail.

"We must part from the Palestinians. It is one of our highest priorities to do so in an agreement, but we will have to prepare to do so without an agreement if it becomes clear that the Palestinians are not interested in an agreement," Barak told army radio, speaking before tne new blasts.

Unilateral separation would entail Israel setting borders between Israel and Palestinian land — a harsh prospect for both sides absent negotiations to resolve the difficulties involved.

For Israel, it would mean the dilemma of what to do for the 200,000 Jews living in settlements in the West Bank.

Also Monday, about 1,500 Jewish settlers inflamed by two high-profile killings in their own West Bank community barricaded a route near the site of the deaths, vowing to "take back the roads." Binyamin Kahane, son of late extremist U.S. Rabbi Meir Kahane, and his wife Talia died Sunday when suspected Palestinian gunmen opened fire on their vehicle.

Waiting in the wings for Israel's Feb. 6 elections, frontrunner and right-winger Ariel Sharon held out assurances of security Monday for Israeli voters.

Sharon has been widely blamed for the current violence, which began with protests against his Sept. 28 visit to a hotly disputed Jerusalem holy site known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as Haram es-Sharif.



AP Photo

Israeli police officers investigate a destroyed car at the scene of an explosion in the Israeli coastal city of Netanya, 35 kilometers (21 miles) north of Tel Aviv, Monday. At least 34 people were injured when the bomb was detonated in a parked car, sending off three rapid-fire blasts that shattered windows and blew apart vehicles on a crowded shopping street.

Suspects in church attack say God told them to do it

By Guy Ellis
Associated Press

CASTRIES, St. Lucia — Two men who attacked worshippers in a cathedral on this small Caribbean island, setting them ablaze and killing an Irish nun, told police they were sent by God to combat corruption in the Roman Catholic Church.

"The way they're talking is that the world is going to end and that the time had come for what they had to do," police Inspector Gregory Montoute, who interrogated the men, said Monday.

The suspects — 20-year-old Kim John, and 34-year-old Francis Phillip — both identified themselves as Rastafarians, Montoute said. Police spokesman Albert Fregis said St. Lucia's Rastafarian leaders denounced the Sunday attack at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in the port town of Castries.

Monsignor Theophilus Joseph, the cathedral's administrator, said John told police "that God asked him to do it because there is so much corruption in the Catholic Church."

The men told police they were "prophets" sent by Haile Selassie, the late Ethiopian emperor worshipped as a God by Rastafarians.

Police said they don't believe the men belonged to an organized group.

"No one gave any indication that they belonged to a sect with extremist beliefs or violent tenets," Montoute said.

Rastafarianism, followed by perhaps 1 million people worldwide, emerged in Jamaica and spread throughout the Caribbean in the 1930s out of the anger felt by descendants of slaves with the colonial powers' oppression of blacks. It is based on peaceful principles. Adherents are often noted for their belief that marijuana encourages the calm necessary for religious meditation.

Sunday's attack came during Holy Communion while more than 400 people were inside the cathedral. The men burst in carrying machetes and a blowtorch while many worshippers were lined up in the aisles, police and witnesses said.

One of the attackers doused people with a flammable liquid, apparently kerosene or gasoline, while another used a blowtorch to ignite the flames, witnesses said. Police said the attackers hacked at people with the machetes. But Joseph, the monsignor who runs the cathedral, gave a different account, saying the intruders beat people with pieces of wood and used torches to set worshippers afire.

The attackers then made their way to the altar, where they set fire to the Rev. Charles Gaillard, injured an altar server and burned the altar. Gaillard, who suffered burns on his face, was flown to the nearby island of Martinique for treatment, Joseph said.

The priest was in critical condition, said Monsignor Patrick Anthony, a church spokesman. At least 12 other people were hospitalized after the attack, police said.

Two parishioners who suffered burns and blows were flown to Barbados for treatment, Joseph said.

The slain nun was identified by police as Sister Theresa Egan, 72, of Ireland. Witnesses said she was hacked with a machete, but Joseph said an attacker struck her in the head with a piece of wood while she was giving Communion.

New governor promises to resolve relations with U.S.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — With promises to build consensus, Puerto Rico's new anti-statehood governor said Monday she'll hold true to pledges to oust the U.S. Navy from a bombing range and resolve the island's conflicted relationship with Washington.

"It's not a collision course, it's not a confrontation. It's about working within the respect that we must have for each other," Sila Calderon said as she prepared to take over the reins of government today.

Calderon, a glamorous 58-year-old executive who wears signature suits in hot tropical colors, spoke as grandstands were being constructed and celebrities arrived for her inauguration.

Some Puerto Ricans are comparing her upcoming administration to the Kennedy era.

"Many people think she can bring the glamor and sophistication that the Kennedys brought to the White House," said artist Manolo Diaz.

Calderon is opposed to statehood, which was championed by outgoing Gov. Pedro Rossello. Her victory in November and her Popular Democratic Party's success in winning the majority of seats in both houses of the local legislature were seen as a collective "No" to making Puerto Rico the 51st state of the union.

It was also viewed as a popular rejection of an agreement between Rossello, the White House and the Navy that would delay any withdrawal of the Navy from its bombing range on Vieques until 2003 — even if islanders vote against the Navy's presence in a referendum next year.

"Unfortunately this agreement is not in accord with the general consensus in Puerto Rico," Calderon said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We have to bring this message to Washington, and I want to do it in a way that is open and honest and democratic."

On Sunday, Navy Secretary Richard Danzig informed Rossello that the Navy would not transfer 8,000 acres of Vieques land to the government, planned for Dec. 31, until Calderon promised to stand by the agreement.

Calderon says Navy should get out immediately. "We have fulfilled our responsibilities for the common defense ... with the bombing which has been going on for 60 years," she said. Ending it was part of the mandate she received when she was elected, she said.

The presidents of Venezuela, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Panama will participate in her inauguration, an indication of the respect commanded in the region by the woman who helped make Puerto Rico a tax haven for U.S. companies and used funds from the project to provide some $1.2 billion in aid to Caribbean Basin countries.

Calderon, a business executive and former vice president of Citibank in Puerto Rico, was an architect of the plan while she was Puerto Rico's secretary of state in the last Popular Democratic administration in the 1980s.

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Israeli soldier, Palestinian civilian: With shocking speed, encounter turns violent

By Laura King
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — One minute the middle-aged Palestinian man is standing at an Israeli military barricade, talking with a young soldier. Seconds later, he lies grievously wounded on the ground, his foot hanging from his leg by shreds of mangled flesh.

Monday's shooting of a 50-year-old Palestinian named Jadallah al-Jabari in the West Bank town of Hebron — which left him hospitalized, with doctors unsure whether his foot and lower leg could be saved — showed the shocking speed with which encounters of Israeli troops and Palestinian civilians can turn from innocuous to bloody.

Captured in part by an Associated Press Television News cameraman, the incident offered a brief but searing glimpse into the nature of the violence that has raged for three months in the West Bank and Gaza Strip: the hair-trigger sensibilities of tense young Israeli troops, Palestinians' feelings of humiliation and fury — and how disastrously the two can sometimes collide.

When al-Jabari, a retired garbage collector, approached the Israeli military checkpoint not far from his Hebron home just before 9 a.m., he was empty-handed except for a handkerchief, clad in a long gray Arab robe.

Standing in front of the concrete block barrier, he looked wary. So did the Israeli soldier questioning him.

"Where are you going?" the soldier asked in Hebrew. "Why are you asking me, 'Where are you going?' " al-Jabari retorted, speaking in Arabic but repeating the soldier's own phrase back to him in Hebrew.

Few on either side expect such encounters to be friendly. Hebron's center is under military curfew, and 30,000 Palestinians have been under virtual house arrest since the start of the current fighting in late September, while the 400 Jewish settlers in their midst can move about freely.

Al-Jabari, though, left his house every day to shop in the part of town not under curfew, his brother Ahmed al-Jabari said. Because he had worked for municipality, he had a pass he would show to soldiers, and almost invariably, they would let him past their checkpoints.

Until now, the incident had been routine — so much so that the Associated Press Television News cameraman shooting the scene started to walk away to film elsewhere. That was when things took an abrupt and violent turn.

The cameraman, a Palestinian who did not want his name disclosed, said only about a minute had elapsed when he heard two shots, followed by screams.

The camera found al-Jabari lying on the ground near the checkpoint, clutching his leg in agony as blood pooled around him. Shrieking, he used both hands to hoist his leg, showing the soldiers his dangling foot, hanging only by shreds of flesh and bone.

As al-Jabari writhed in pain, one Israeli soldier briefly covered the camera with his hand and asked for the cameraman's identity card. The troops talked among themselves for some minutes. A breathless arriving soldier ordered: "Treat him!"

As soldiers bent over him, al-Jabari flailed out and cursed them. "Shut up. Shut up!" one told him. Finally he was taken away in an ambulance, with the numbers "9:05" inked on his forehead — so doctors would know what time the tourniquet had been applied to his leg.

An army spokesman who viewed the APTN footage, Lt. Col. Olivier Rafowicz, called it "horrible," and said the army was investigating.

Unless soldiers believe they are in immediate danger, army policy calls for them to fire a warning shot before taking direct aim at anyone. But soldiers manning checkpoints and roadblocks are also under orders to react quickly to any potential threat.

Later, a senior Israeli officer, Maj. Gen. Itzik Eitan, said the soldiers involved had been deployed in Hebron, a frequent flashpoint for clashes, only 24 hours earlier.

"You have to remember we have been in battle for a long period. At the moment we are under very heavy threats of terror attacks in Hebron and other places inside Israel," said Eitan. He said it was his understanding the man had "acted in a suspicious way," perhaps the way a suicide bomber might. He did not elaborate.

The army did not immediately answer questions including whether al-Jabari had made any threatening gesture or produced a weapon of any kind.

Confrontations of this kind are by no means uncommon; more than 350 people have been killed and several thousand hurt in the fighting that broke out in late September, nearly all of them Palestinians.

But so graphic a record of an individual incident — especially one beginning in relative calm and ending in carnage — is highly unusual.

On Monday evening, the footage was the lead item on Israeli TV's five o'clock news, although the goriest images of al-Jabari's half-severed foot were digitally blurred. Alon Ben-David, the military correspondent for Channel One television, told his audience that from what he could see, the shooting did not appear justified.

The APTN cameraman said the shots could have come from one of the Israeli soldiers a short distance away, guarding the entrance to a Jewish settlement, rather than the soldier to whom al-Jabari initially spoke.

Al-Jabari underwent several hours of surgery and ended the day in intensive care at Jerusalem's Hadassah hospital. Sedated and heavily bandaged, he was wheeled into a recovery room, hooked up to an intravenous drip and with oxygen tubes in his nose. His surgeon, Meir Libergal, said doctors hoped the lower leg and foot could be saved, but that it was too soon to tell.

The army said it did not know how long its probe might take.

"According to the pictures I saw ... it looks like a very bad and very grave incident," said Rafowicz, the spokesman. "Because we don't know the whole story, we are going to check very deeply."

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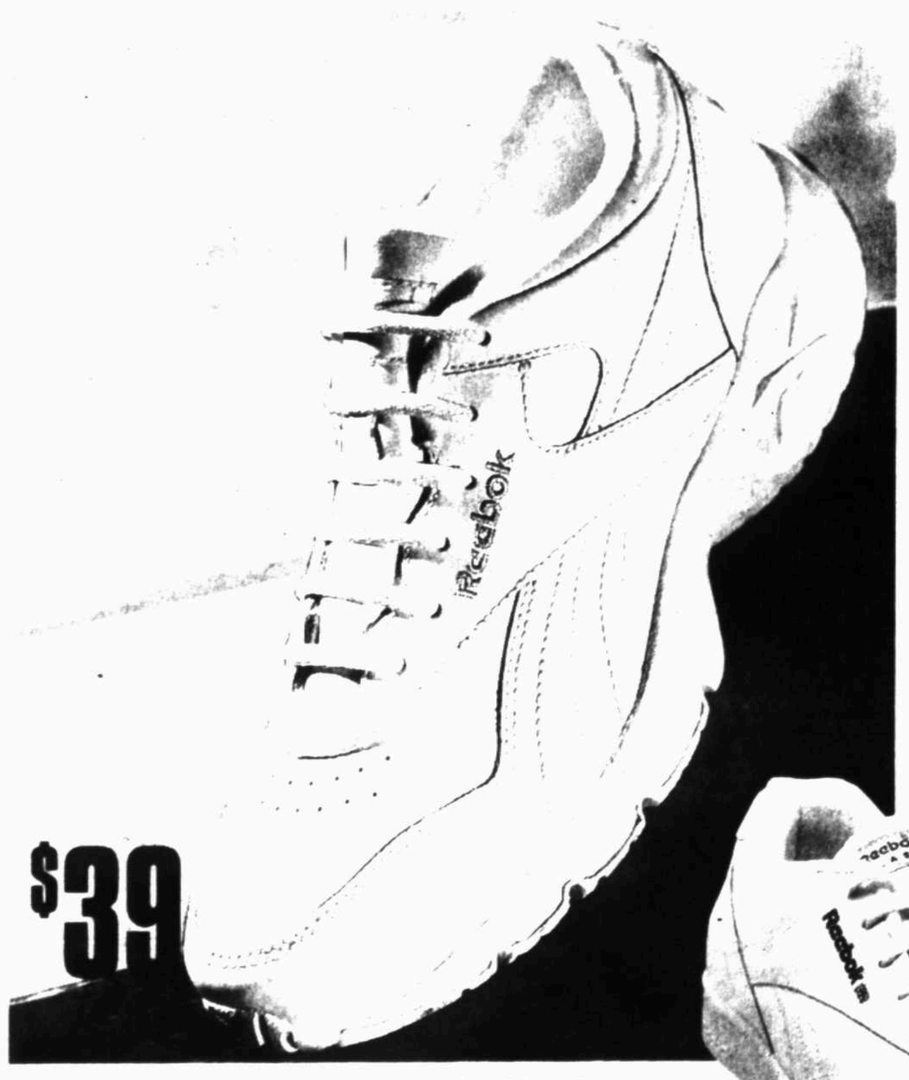


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Population increase benefits Texas

■ **Texas will pick up two new congressional seats thanks to Census 2000 results.**

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

Texans are beginning to harvest the fruits of Census 2000.

The latest U.S. Census results are in and Texas has gained two congressional seats thanks to a 22.8 percent population increase over the past 10 years. Texas is now the second most populous state behind California.

"Based on the Texas population growth we will get two new additional members of Congress," said U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas. "The additional two House seats will increase Texas' influence in Washington, continuing the trend toward more political power and the growth in the southwest."

Texas will now have 32 members in the House of Representatives. Deciding which districts will receive the two new seats will be up to the Texas Legislature when it meets in 2001.

According to the Census data office in Dallas, the state's redistricting committee will make its recommendation to the Legislature of which two districts the new congressional seats will represent. Midland's state representative Tom Craddick is betting those two new seats will have a good chance of becoming Republican seats. Craddick is predicting the redistricting committee will recommend the additional seats go to suburban districts in the north Dallas area and the central Texas area — both considered Republican havens.

"They're definitely going to be Republican seats," said Craddick. "You're seeing growth in the suburban areas and those areas are basically Republican."

Craddick said he is anticipating some important movements that may work in favor for Texas Republicans as the redistricting committee prepares its suggestions. He believes that a fair redistricting will lead to more Republicans being elected to state and congressional seats.

"When we do redistricting we'll see a considerable increase in the number of Republican seats," Craddick said.

Craddick voiced his excitement over the two new House seats for Texas. He said it will help the state by giving Texans more voices at the congressional level.

"It always helps Texas when you pick up congressional seats," Craddick said. "It gives us more say for our problems and needs in Texas."

SANDHILLS STOCK SHOW & RODEO









ABOVE: Aaron Brewer competes in the saddle bronc competition Friday night at Ector County Coliseum, site of the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo. TOP LEFT: Stran Smith flips over a calf at the Ector County Coliseum. Calf roping was one of many events at the rodeo. MIDDLE LEFT: Dusty Powell, right, leaves the safety of his horse to wrestle down a steer. BOTTOM LEFT: Connie Morris makes a turn in the barrel racing competition. The rodeo resumes Tuesday at 9 a.m. and continues through Saturday at the Ector County Coliseum.

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Redistricting to be key item this legislative year

By Margaret Rendall
MRT Correspondent

When the Texas legislature convenes for its 77th session on Jan. 9, redistricting will be at the top of the agenda.

"Redistricting is going to loom foremost in everyone's mind because state representative and senatorial districts will be refigured in addition to congressional districts which have been terribly gerrymandered in the past," former Midlander Lou Brown, a Republican party leader said.

According to census information released Thursday, Texas will gain two congressional seats.

Tom Craddick, Texas representative from Midland, plans to focus on redistricting.

"I think redistricting will be a major issue and I think it will consume the majority of the session," Craddick said.

State Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, agrees with Craddick, according to his public relations officer Cathy Teague.

"Sen. Bivins believes that redistricting will consume a lot of time among the elected officials during the session," she said.

In addition to redistricting, water issues such as conservation and the necessity for adequate supplies for growing cities are expected to be addressed during the 77th legislative session.

"Water will become an increasingly big issue in Texas," said Frank Cahoon, who represented Midland in the Texas House from 1964-1968.

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— Lou Brown, former Midlander

Craddick agrees looking into water will be a major priority of the Legislature.

"We have definitely not seen the last of major water bills," said Warren Gardner, an associate history professor at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"Issues that surfaced during the presidential election are not going to go away, they will have to be addressed," Gardner said.

Education is one of these issues.

"The Legislature will be concentrating on education from kindergarten through graduate school," Gardner said.

He believes teachers' salaries and continuing education will be of particular importance.

"A lot of people want to go to college and they have to figure out how to use all of the campuses more effectively, including com-

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Local body shops prepare for influx of vehicles

By Timothy V. Kreitz
MRT Correspondent

For local body shops, the next few days are expected to begin showing the results of last week's ice storm that caused more than 115 accidents in Midland County alone.

Because of the necessary insurance involvement required, there is a delay between the time the accident occurs and when the work is actually done.

But the time for the work to begin is drawing near.

Tall City Body Works manager Yvonne Sosa said although her business had already begun to see a small increase in repairs by last Thursday, the biggest influx of vehicles won't begin arriving until this week.

"After the first of the month, we should start getting busier," she said. "People usually go to their insurance companies first, then they start shopping around for a body shop. So the quicker they make their claims, the better."

Some body repair establishments, such as the Berg Auto Body Center, have standby personnel ready to go, just in case the flow of incoming repairs gets extremely

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Wayne Harrell sands down a replacement quarter-panel on a Suburban at Pat Gray Body Works last week. Mechanics all over town are probably going to get extra business after ice storms caused several accidents early last week.

U. Frank Williams Jr. Reporter-Telegram

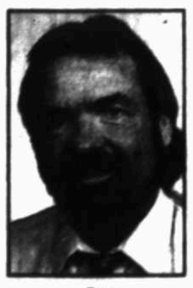
GARY OTT

As with an athlete, it's good to know when to exit

The icy streets that blanketed Midland a week ago today, causing many out-of-town guests, especially family members, to delay their return drives home, created quite a stir all over town.

And at first, that was a good thing.

After all, it meant more time for family members to spend with their loved ones ... and with a festive holiday scene serving as the perfect backdrop.



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More than one person, looking out the window at the wintry conditions, could be heard saying, "Why, it looks as pretty as a Christmas card."

Then everybody sat down in front of the roaring fire, sipped another cup of coffee and resumed the telling of old stories from Christmases past. Everyone was having a wonderful time. Yes, icy streets had turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

The family was getting to spend an extra day together.

What could be better?

Well, now that you ask, getting on the road and heading back home might work for starters.

Let's face it, most of us — especially those of us who come from large families but now choose to live alone — plan those visits back home VERY carefully. We decide on the arrival date and then we mentally determine our departure date. We know exactly how long — usually right down to the minute — we can handle a family gathering.

In a nutshell, our schedule generally goes something like this:

- Day 1: Arrive, usually mid-afternoonish.
- Day 2: Visit.
- Day 3: Get the heck out of Dodge.

Now, you might be thinking, "Gee, Gary, I thought you loved your family?"

I do. Very much so. It is just that too much of a good thing is not necessarily good.

And it's not just me. I've heard the same sentiment expressed many times. Indeed, the success of a good homecoming often is dependent on knowing the proper time to leave.

It is like the star athlete who knows the right time to retire. In short, you want that athlete to end his career while you, the fan, still hungers for more. Michael Jordan is a good example. When he quit playing basketball for the Chicago Bulls, fans all over the world longed to turn on their television sets and watch him fly through the air one more time.

And the reason we wanted to see that is because we knew he could still do it.

In other words, he left while still at the top of his game and, as a result, we will forever have those wonderful memories of him to cherish.

Willie Mays, on the other hand, continued playing baseball way beyond when he should have. He even switched teams late in his career, going from the San Francisco Giants to the New York Mets.

Unfortunately, because Willie — the original "Say Hey Kid" — played well after his marvelous talents had eroded to an embarrassing level, many fans, especially those with short memories, remember him best as a bumbling, aging shadow of his old self.

And that's too bad.

Willie Mays, in his prime, might very well have been the best pure baseball player of all time.

But because he didn't know when to leave the stage, not everyone realizes that. In other words, he overstayed his welcome.

And that, my friends, brings us back to the house guests who had their departures delayed by icy streets.

Granted, in some cases, there were no problems. They were still in the "prime" of their visit, having arrived only a day or two before. As a result, their hosts were hungry for more of their presence. As with Michael Jordan, they couldn't get enough of their special guest. He was a star. And they wanted more of him. And more. And more.

But for others, those who had already spent several days with their "loved ones," it was like a sad reminder of Willie Mays near the end of his career. As he hobbled about in center field, chasing lamely after a fly ball, you felt embarrassed for him. You found yourself shaking you head sadly and thinking, "Gee, Willie, why didn't you go home when you were still a hero."

So it was for the poor guest who got stuck here one day longer than he should have. Like Willie, he overstayed his welcome.

And for what it's worth, here's my gut feeling: By late afternoon last Tuesday, there were more Willie Mayses in this town than Michael Jordans.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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OBITUARIES



Rheba Brashear

Rheba Jo Brashear was born September 6, 1932 in Abilene, Texas, to John Clinton Brashear and Willie Carlyon Robertsen Brashear. She was a member of the VFW Post 7208, Ladies Auxiliary, where she served as President, Vice President, and Treasurer for 25 years.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Jerry Don Brownlow and Jamie Lee Brownlow. Survivors include a son, Wayne Benton Weeks of Derrington, Washington; two daughters, Malinda Sue Harris of Midland and Patricia K. Martin of Independence, Missouri; grandchildren, Tia Dawn Fritz of Virginia Beach, Virginia, Colt Cliffton Leonard of Midland, Kimberly Weeks and Missy Weeks, both of Kerrville, Texas; and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brashear died Friday, December 29, 2000, at her Midland residence.

Visitation with the family will be 6:00-7:00 p.m. Tuesday in Ellis Funeral Home.

Funeral services are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bob Porterfield, of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Treva Green

Treva Jewell Green was promoted into glory on December 29, 2000, in Midland, Texas.

She was born May 6, 1933 in Eastland County, Texas, to Maggie (Hamilton) and Jewell Snider. On July 28, 1962, she married Jessie Green in Midland. Mr. Green preceded her in death in 1995. She was a soldier in good standing for 25 years in The Salvation Army Church. She was also an active member of the Ladies Home League.

She was preceded in death by her mother; a son, Tommy Green; a brother, Tommy Snider; a sister, Marie Smith; and a granddaughter, Tina Green. Survivors include her father, Jewell Snider of Gorman; tow sons, Curtis Green of Midland and David L. Green of Booneville, Arkansas; three daughters, Debby Vincent of Houston, Patricia Biver of Midland, and Paula Green of Big Spring; two brothers, Larry Snider of Gorman, Texas and Kenneth Snider of Rosebud, Arkansas; three sisters, Maudie Husband and Peggy Ingram, both of Cisco, and Diana Snider of Gorman, Texas; 18 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Captain Edward Alonzo of The Salvation Army Church officiating, assisted by Richard Friday. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jeromy Green, Daniel Harmes, Billy Friday, Jr., Stanley Friday, Jessie Green, Robert Smith, Bobby Friday, and Michael Green. Honorary pallbearer is B.F. Stewart.



Winifred Cheves

Winifred Cheves was born September 30, 1916 in Cook County, Texas, to Annis and Ruebin Forrest Russell. She was reared and educated in Snyder, Oklahoma. Mrs. Cheves graduated college from Central State Teachers College in Edmond, Oklahoma. She moved to Midland in 1945 and married Orville Cheves on November 15, 1946. Mrs. Cheves was a teacher in the Midland Independent School District for forty years.

Mrs. Cheves was preceded in death by her parents; and her husband, Orville Theo Cheves. She is survived by her son, Bill Forrest Cheves of Cypress, Texas; a daughter, Cheryl Cheves of Redrock, Texas; and a granddaughter, Leigh Anne Cheves of Cypress, Texas.

She died Sunday, December 31, 2000, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside services have been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, at Resthaven Memorial Park with visitation to be held at Ellis Funeral Home Tuesday, January 2, 2001, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Marilyn Haynes

Marilyn Ann Haynes was born August 20, 1936 in Borger, Texas, to Marion and Martha Zachry. She married Richard Don Haynes in Borger, Texas, August 26, 1955. During their years of marriage, they co-owned Service Drug of Midland.

Mrs. Haynes was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Martha Zachry. She is survived by her daughter, Kimberly Davis and her husband, John L. Davis of Midland; and a brother, Dan Zachry of Amarillo; as well as three grandchildren, John B. Davis, Zachry Davis and Michelle Davis of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

She died Sunday, December 31, 2000, in Midland, Texas.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Thursday, January 4, 2001, at 11:00 a.m., to be held at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with Rev. Richard Edwards officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be John L. Davis, John B. Davis, Zachry Davis, Buddy Haynes, R.E. Haynes, Mike Fleck, Bob Conly, Tom Harrell, and A.G. Nelson.

The family requests that memorials be directed to St. Luke's United Methodist Church and to the Scleroderma Foundation.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

Barbara McDaniel

Barbara Ellen McDaniel was born April 3, 1936 in New York to Lowell Fox and Bertha Frick Fox. Mrs. McDaniel died Saturday, December 30, 2000, in Midland, Texas.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Dana Doody of Midland and Leslie Dee Gann of Austin; a granddaughter, Cheryl Dee Gerthe of Rockdale, Texas; and a son-in-law, Robert Doody of Midland.

Graveside services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, January 3, 2001, in Fairview Cemetery with Reverend Gale Wilson of Hospice officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Bose Jones

Funeral Services for Bose O. Jones will be Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Hollowell Methodist Church with the Rev. Dennis Bode conducting and Rev. Larry Bledsoe officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

Born February 18, 1917, he was a Veteran of WWII, serving in the US Army. He owned and operated the Lee St. Gas Station for many years, and also worked for Wood Oil Company.

Preceding him in death were his brothers, Sam, Gilbert, Sullivan and Albright; his sisters, Dorothy, Augusta, and Mozelle; and a grandson, Patrick La Bose Jones.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Gertrude N. Jones of Midland; a daughter, Joyce E. Smith, and husband, Douglas, of Midland; his grandchildren, Debra Jackson of The Colony, Texas, Barbara Walker of Carrolton, Texas, and Darlene Walker of Dallas; nine great-grandsons, five great-granddaughters, and two great-great-grandsons.

Pallbearers will be Troynard Jones, Justin Spraglin, Michael Dorsey, Christopher Walker, Louis Walker, and Joseph Walker. Honorary pallbearers are Willie Wilson, Herman Harris, Jr., Rodney Harris, Marvin McDonald, Beaty McDonald, and Louis McDonald, Andrew Herrera, Douglas Smith, Eddie Riley, Joe L. Williams, Delmon Lyons, and Raleigh Jones.

DEATH NOTICES

Glada Reel

Glada Reel, 92, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, in Midland.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Richard Braun officiating under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born March 4, 1908 in Princeton, Mo.

She lived in Tripoli, Libya, for 10 years, before returning to Midland. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil E. Reel in 1994.

Survivors include a daughter, Sheila A. Patteson of Midland; two sons, David A. Reel of Louisville, Ky. and Edward W. Reel of Borger; and three grandchildren.

Marcia Goodyear

ANSON — Former Midlander Marcia Lynne Goodyear, 50, died Monday, Jan. 1, at an Anson hospital.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 3, at Elmwood Memorial Park with the Rev. Bill Reynolds officiating under the direction of North's Funeral Home of Abilene.

She was born in Breckenridge.

She lived in Midland until moving to Anson six years ago. She she was a member of St. James United Methodist Church in Abilene.

Survivors include a daughter, Theda N. Goodyear of Midland; a sister, Becky Stewart of Palestine; her stepmother, Frances Bolen of Abilene; a stepbrother, Buddy Meyer of Abilene; a stepsister, Jonnie Beasley of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center, 4601 Hartford, Abilene, TX 79605; or the National Sclerosis Society.

Arnold Wells

DURANT, OKLA. — Arnold Preston Wells, 82, father of Midlander Sylvia Daniel, died Thursday, Dec. 28, in Durant.

Services will be 2 p.m. today, Jan. 2, in Brown's Funeral Service Chapel in Durant with the Rev. Freddie Waldrep officiating. Burial will be at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Colbert, Okla.

He was born May 19, 1918 at Albany, Ky.

He was of the Baptist faith.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Reba Tidrow Wells.

Survivors include two daughters, Glinda Wade of Clarksville, Tenn. and Sylvia Daniel of Midland; a son, Carlos E. Wells of Durant, Okla.; 10 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Roy Jones

BROWNWOOD — Former Midlander Roy Clyde Jones, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 31, at a local nursing home.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. today, Jan. 2, in the Heartland Funeral Home Chapel in Early with the Rev. Art Allen officiating. Burial will be at Greenleaf Cemetery in Brownwood.

He was born May 15, 1911 in Mosheim.

He worked in the oil industry and ranching.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Birtie Lee Whiteley Jones in August 1992.

Survivors include a son, Roy Raymond of San Angelo; three daughters, Betty K. Odstrcil of San Angelo, Twila Walker of Early, and Clydene Olson of Brownwood; 11 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

George Grimes

HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE, ARK. — George Sidney Grimes, 95, formerly of Big Spring, died at a local hospital Sunday, Dec. 31.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 5 in the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Patrick officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the funeral home.

He was born in 1906 in Marshall, Mo.

He worked for the Railroad and Marlin Refinery (now Continental Oil Co.), both in Ponca City, Okla., Josh Cosden Refinery in 1929, in Oklahoma and Graham; was night superintendent in Big Spring in 1936; superintendent of the Big Spring Refinery in 1945; and retired in 1965. He built a refinery in Ponce, Puerto Rico for British Commonwealth Industries; consulted from 1965-1980 for Worldwide Construction, Brown and Root Construction, and W.R. Grace Company. He was a member of United Methodist Church in Big Spring, and its Men's Bible Class; and Village United Methodist Church in Hot Springs Village, Ark. He was Rotarian and a 50-year member of Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, and York Rite of Freemasons in Dallas; Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Texas; B.D. Commander of #31 Suez Temple AAOWMS of San Angelo for 50 years, and Staked Plains Lodge #598 AF&AM of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Emma Sherbon Grimes on March 16, 1965.

Survivors include two sons, Richard S. Grimes of Hot Springs Village, Ark. and C.R. Grimes of Longview; a daughter, Helen B. Gilmore of Big Spring; eight grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Fla. 33631-3356; or Village United Methodist Church, 200 Carmona Road, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909.

Jane Boone

Jane Marie Boone, 71, died Monday, Jan. 1, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Robert Morris

Robert James Morris died in Rochester, Minn.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Helen Nipp

Helen Nipp died Sunday, Dec. 31, at an Arlington hospital.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

REDISTRICTING: Pre-election issues may be addressed during 77th session

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munity colleges and vocational institutes like the one in Sweetwater," Gardner said.

Craddick recognizes the urgency of the higher education issue.

"We will look at higher education more than we have in the past," he said. "We have to put more dollars into higher education because institutions are busting with enrollment and we need to put more dollars and classes into the system. Schools are also having a hard time retaining professors because they are being pulled away to other states where they can make more money."

Health care also will be a top priority for the Legislature.

"Reimbursement on health care services will be a big issue," Craddick said.

Gardner feels that transportation to health care facilities will be discussed.

"In Midland 25 percent of patients who cancel their appointments do so because they do not have transportation," Gardner said. "One of the major problems with Texas health care is just getting people to the clinics."

Gardner also feels that pollution problems, particularly in Houston which was cited during the presidential campaign as being one of the most polluted cities in the nation, will come up.

Developers, environmentalists spar over proposal to dredge North Padre channel

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A $30 million plan to dredge a boat channel through North Padre Island that would help developers transform part of the barrier island into a resort is being met with opposition by environmentalists and area residents.

Leading the call for the dredging is Austin developer Paul Schexnailder, who has proposed building a $677 million resort called "The Great Texas Resort."

It would transform 400 acres of island property into beachside hotels, shops, restaurants and other amenities including a golf course and an amusement park.

The plan calls for dredging a channel through a popular beach on the island that would link the Laguna Madre to the Gulf of Mexico via Packery Channel.

Packery Channel once was a natural pass used by meat packeries until it silted shut in the 1920s. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers later dredged a deeper ship channel between Aransas Pass and Port Aransas, about 15 miles north.

Scientists and residents said the new project would benefit only a handful of wealthy residents.

Opponents have launched a petition drive to put the project's fate on the April 7 city ballot. The group Let Us Vote Corpus Christi needs about 9,000 signatures by Feb. 11.

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Ellis Chapel
BETTY BANISTER
11:00 a.m.
Graveside-Fairview
OLA CHADWICK
1:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
MARY COMBS
3:00 p.m.
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
WINIFRED CHEVES
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Visitation
VERA DUFFY
7:00 p.m.
Wake — Ellis Chapel
RHEBA BRASHEAR
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Visitation
The Funeral Home
683-5555

REPAIR: More than 115 accidents reported during ice storm

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heavy. "I have to manage my schedule a little more closely during situations like this," said Berg manager Joe Kunkel. "But between having standby people and keeping things running smoothly, we can handle a lot of work."

Insurance agencies also are urging patience on the part of claimants, promising to handle claims in as timely and precise a manner as possible.

Insurance agent Brent Kennedy said although his company had not experienced an overwhelming number of claims the first couple of days after the storm, he did say increases are always expected after a storm such as the one that occurred right after Christmas.

"It usually takes a few days after things have thawed out before we start to see the effects of such a winter storm with regard to claims," Kennedy said.

He added that it might take a bit more time than usual to process claims, but that filing as quickly as possible and planning ahead can expedite the process and help make it easier to deal with.

"After a claim is filed, it is usually sent to an independent adjuster," Kennedy explained. "And the adjusters usually end up getting very, very busy after a major storm. Being patient will help everyone involved to minimize any inconveniences that may arise."

'It usually takes a few days after things have thawed out before we start to see the effects of such a winter storm with regard to (insurance) claims.'

— Brent Kennedy, insurance agent

National Weather Service senior forecaster Perry Martin said this week's storm was an even worse event with regard to driving conditions than the winter storm of December 1998. During that storm, more than 9 inches of snow fell in only a few hours, bringing the city to a virtual standstill. With that in mind, those in need of auto repair may be wise to act quickly. Otherwise, they could be in for a long wait.

DEAR ABBY

Weddings can be beautiful and still come in on budget

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for setting "Singing the Wedding Bell Blues" straight. She's the young woman who was miffed because her parents offered her "only" $7,000 to spend on her wedding when she wanted four times that amount. How dare she assume that her parents are financially responsible! They do not "owe" her anything.



Van Buren

I am a wedding coordinator and have been involved in many weddings where the bride and groom had a limited budget. They were some of the most beautiful and romantic weddings I've seen. I have also done a wedding where the parents spent $100,000 to impress 2,000 people. That couple isn't any more married than a couple who spends very little.

"Singing" should wake up and rethink her plans. Allow me to offer a few suggestions:

(1) Consider having her wedding at a bed-and-breakfast or other facility that provides everything needed for a wonderful event.

(2) Have a double ceremony with her brother. (They have the same family members and probably share some of the same friends.)

(3) Change the wedding date so she and her fiance have more time to save for the splashy wedding of their dreams.

(4) Hire a wedding coordinator who will help her stay within a budget.

Abby, even if this bride-elect is a 4.0 graduate, she's showing neither maturity nor common sense, not to mention gratitude for the $7,000 her parents have offered. She is more concerned about having a wedding than a marriage, and that is sad. — KATHY IN ATLANTA

DEAR KATHY: Mail poured in after that young woman's letter appeared. While none of the other letters came from professional wedding planners, all of it came from readers shocked by "Singing's" attitude of entitlement. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I commend you for your response to "Singing the Wedding Bell Blues." If I were writing your column, I might have chosen a few four-letter words to emphasize the selfish immaturity displayed by those young adults. Keep shooting straight. — DOING ALL I CAN — AND THAT'S ALL, OKLAHOMA CITY

DEAR ABBY: My parents worked hard during my entire childhood to ensure that my sisters and I had a comfortable upbringing, only to lose everything in a business they bought for their retirement after the three of us left home. When my sister and I were being married, neither of us expected financial assistance from our parents. We were delighted they could even ATTEND our weddings.

My parents drew upon their life insurance policies so they could give us each $1,000 as a wedding gift. I will never forget how wonderful it was to have them with me when I married my husband, nor the heartbreak at opening their card and having to accept their gift, knowing what a tremendous sacrifice it was for them.

"Singing" should be happy that her parents are able to retire comfortably and that she won't have to worry about their future. For years, I could not say the same. — GRATEFUL DAUGHTER IN OHIO

DEAR ABBY: When I married in May 1977, my parents couldn't afford an elaborate wedding either. We had an outdoor wedding on my father's property. We spent the entire spring building trellises and planting flower beds. My husband and I invited 150 guests at a cost of $1,500. Two weeks before the wedding, several aunts and I made up 300 tamales. The day of our wedding, we had a huge Mexican feast.

Our wedding was gorgeous, and I have the pictures to prove it. "Singing" should quit sulking and use her imagination. — MADE DO IN KANSAS

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Smugglers face sentencing for involvement in prostitute ring

HOUSTON (AP) — In run-down houses only blocks from Houston's gleaming downtown office buildings, brothel owners held young Asian women captive in a modern form of slavery, federal officials said.

The Chinese and Thai women smuggled into the country were handcuffed, chained or tied with leather restraints behind barred windows in at least three brothels and were forced to have sex with about 15 men daily until each raised $40,000 to pay the smugglers, authorities say. They were not allowed to make phone calls, write letters or leave secret compartments in the houses where they were hidden.

"Even when they weren't physically restrained, they were held captive psychologically, by threats and by fear in a country where they had no papers and couldn't speak the language," Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward Gallagher said.

Two people convicted of smuggling the women into the United States and selling them into prostitution are set to be sentenced Thursday before a federal judge.

They are among seven people charged as a result of Operation Little Dragon, a two-year undercover investigation by the Houston district of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, the FBI and officials in Thailand and Chile.

Richard Kuniansky, the attorney representing Sriwan "Sonya" Sakyai, a prostitute and ring member, said federal officials are misinformed if they believe the women are exploited.

"What they view as horrible smugglers taking advantage of women, these girls look at it as the break of a lifetime," he said. "These women make less than $1,000 a year in Thailand. Here they make enough money to pay off their $40,000 contract in a year. The government should quit wasting astronomical amounts of money on victimless crimes."

Kuniansky said the women commonly are locked in at night and have limited access to a single phone, although they sometimes go on group shopping trips to a mall. He said he knows nothing of restraints or abuse.

Like federal agents, Kuniansky, a former assistant U.S. attorney and state prosecutor, said Houston is a hub for prostitute-smuggling groups.

"It goes on more in Houston than any other city, although Los Angeles and Atlanta are also big," he said.

The ring, suspected to be headed by a Bangkok woman, smuggled about 30 women a month over at least two years, says Roger Piper, director of the Houston INS office.

Their journey would begin in the hold of a ship that took them from the Far East to Chile, Ecuador or Guatemala. They would either travel north through South America overland or fly to Los Angeles or Houston.

That's how Sakyai came to Houston, working as a prostitute, then joining the smuggling ring, Gallagher said.

Sakyai, 28, pleaded guilty to 17 counts of conspiracy, encouraging unlawful immigration, document fraud, and causing others to travel internationally for prostitution. She faces up to 120 years in prison and up to $4 million in fines.

Co-conspirator and brothel boss, Ratiporn "Tomboy" Tantirojanakitkan of Los Angeles, pleaded guilty to 14 counts, including encouraging others to unlawfully immigrate, transporting illegal immigrants and causing others to travel for prostitution. Tantirojanakitkan, 30, faces up to 90 years in prison and fines of up to $2.5 million.

Women of Thai, Chinese, South African, and increasingly, Russian and Eastern European descent are most commonly sold into the Houston sex trade, Piper said.

"There hasn't really been a country we haven't seen, though," Piper said. "It (shows) what the world thinks of women."

According to the United Nations, an estimated 4 million people worldwide are smuggled each year to work against their will, about 50,000 of them to buyers in the United States.

In the Houston cases, the extent to which the women were victimized varied.

Most of the Thai women already were prostitutes and understood they would resume their occupation in the United States. Chinese women more often were kidnapped or deceived by smugglers who came to their rural villages promising jobs as waitresses or maids, Gallagher said.

"We see so many 14- and 15-year-old girls who were tricked into thinking they would work as waitresses or nannies," says Lilian Care, a member of Women Against Global Trafficking at Houston's First Unitarian Universalist Church. "It is so stigmatized and there is so much shame," Care said. She plans to start a community center where prostitutes can find safety and rehabilitation.

Charles Foster, honorary Thai consul in Houston, said the country is working to educate women to avoid traffickers.

Oklahoma's death chamber faces busiest month

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — The already busy death chamber at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary is about to log its busiest month ever. But not even a record eight executions causes much stir in this strongly pro-death penalty state.

"Look at what those eight people did," said Aaron Cook, 24, a Tulsa student.

"I think sometimes you have to look at the victims and say, 'How else are they going to get justice?'" offers Don Trolinger, a retiree from Miami in northeast Oklahoma.

"I'm a Christian and it really bothers me ... but no, I wouldn't want to do away with it completely," says JaDeanna Farris, who owns a dress shop in the small town of Alva and favors capital punishment in certain circumstances.

Texas set a record with 40 executions in 2000. Oklahoma, with one-sixth the population, ranked second with 11. This month it will tie Texas' one-month record when it sends seven men and one woman to be put to death, according to the Death Penalty Information Center in Washington, D.C.

Reforms that have shortened the appeals process and the fact that five of the condemned inmates have been on death row for more than 11 years have contributed to the surge.

Johnnie Cabrera, chairwoman of the Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, sees little outcry: "People really don't care," she said. "It's out of sight, out of mind."

Cabrera has a strong personal interest in one death row inmate, and plans to be at the penitentiary on Jan. 16 when Floyd Medlock is to be put to death. Judy Busch will be there too.

The women stand on opposite sides in the death penalty debate, but they share one thing: Medlock stabbed and killed their granddaughter, 7-year-old Katherine Ann Busch, in 1990.

Busch routinely makes the 120-mile trip from Oklahoma City to McAlester. Her group, the Homicide Survivors Support Group, erects a display of victims' photos outside the prison gates and share their tearful stories.

Cabrera attends clemency hearings on behalf of the condemned and would prefer Medlock live out his life in prison.



AP Photo

Death row inmate Wanda Jean Allen, 41, scheduled to be executed Jan. 11, talks to a reporter last Friday, in the interview room of the Mabel Bassett Correctional Center in Oklahoma City. Texas set a record with 40 executions in 2000. Oklahoma, with one-sixth the population, ranked second with 11 and in January will tie Texas' one-month record with eight executions, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Death Penalty Information Center.

She plans to witness his execution, hoping to offer him solace from the front row.

"I do not condone what he did," Cabrera said. "But killing this person is not going to bring her back. It's just going to make another family in pain."

Busch said the two women haven't spoken since she confronted Cabrera during an anti-death penalty rally years ago.

"It really appalls me that she fights for this person's life, that did all the horrible things he did to Kathy," Busch said. "She died a cruel painful death, and he's going to be gently put to sleep."

Busch said she won't have peace until she knows Medlock no longer breathes.

Oklahoma is so strongly pro-death penalty that even Gov. Frank Keating, a Roman Catholic, called the pope's stance against it wrong.

Still, the busy January execution pace combined with a national re-examination of death penalty errors has opponents speaking out. State leaders of Catholic, Episcopal and United Methodist faiths have called for a death penalty moratorium.

Some Oklahomans say they aren't sure what side to take.

"I wouldn't want to be the one to decide if a person was to die or not. Too many people have died who may not have committed a crime," said Barbara Jenkins, a convenience store manager in McAlester, home to the penitentiary where executions are held.

Jim Fowler has lived both sides of the death penalty debate and speaks against it.

His son, Mark Fowler, is to be the sixth inmate put to death in January. He received the death penalty for his role in the 1985 slayings of three people during a grocery store robbery.

In 1986, Jim Fowler's mother was murdered. Robert Lee Miller Jr. spent 10 years on death row for that killing, but DNA evidence exonerated him and he was freed. Another man is scheduled for trial.

"We're putting ourselves on the map of being the most backwards, barbaric area in the world," Fowler said. "That's premeditated murder, and we do it with a big grin on our faces."

More than 3,700 people in the United States are waiting on death row.

Wanda Jean Allen has been there for more than 11 years for killing her roommate outside a police station in 1988. On Jan. 11, she is scheduled to become the first woman executed in Oklahoma since statehood.

"Please let me live. Please let me live," Allen, 41, begged in a whisper during a clemency hearing in December. Clemency was denied.

Oklahoma State Penitentiary Warden Gary Gibson has given the command "Let the execution begin" more than 20 times. But he has never faced a month like January and said he plans to watch his employees closely for signs of fatigue.

"It's a trying situation for everybody," he said.

On the Net:
Oklahoma Department of Corrections: http://okcntx.doc.state.ok.us
Oklahoma attorney general's office: http://www.oag.state.ok.us
Oklahoma Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty: http://www.ocadp.org
Death Penalty Information Center: http://www.deathpenaltyinfo.org

A year later, DotComGuy emerges

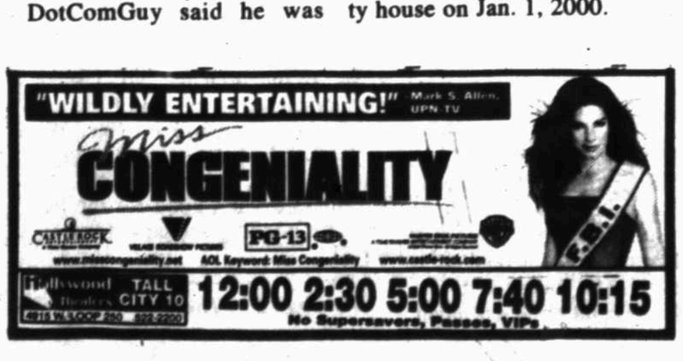
DALLAS (AP) — DotComGuy, who legally changed his name to reflect his online life, emerged from his Dallas town house early Monday after a year of self-exile.

DotComGuy, who never ventured past his tiny backyard for a year, bought all his necessities online and completely furnished the home. His daily life was recorded by 20 cameras that broadcast to the world at www.DotComGuy.com.

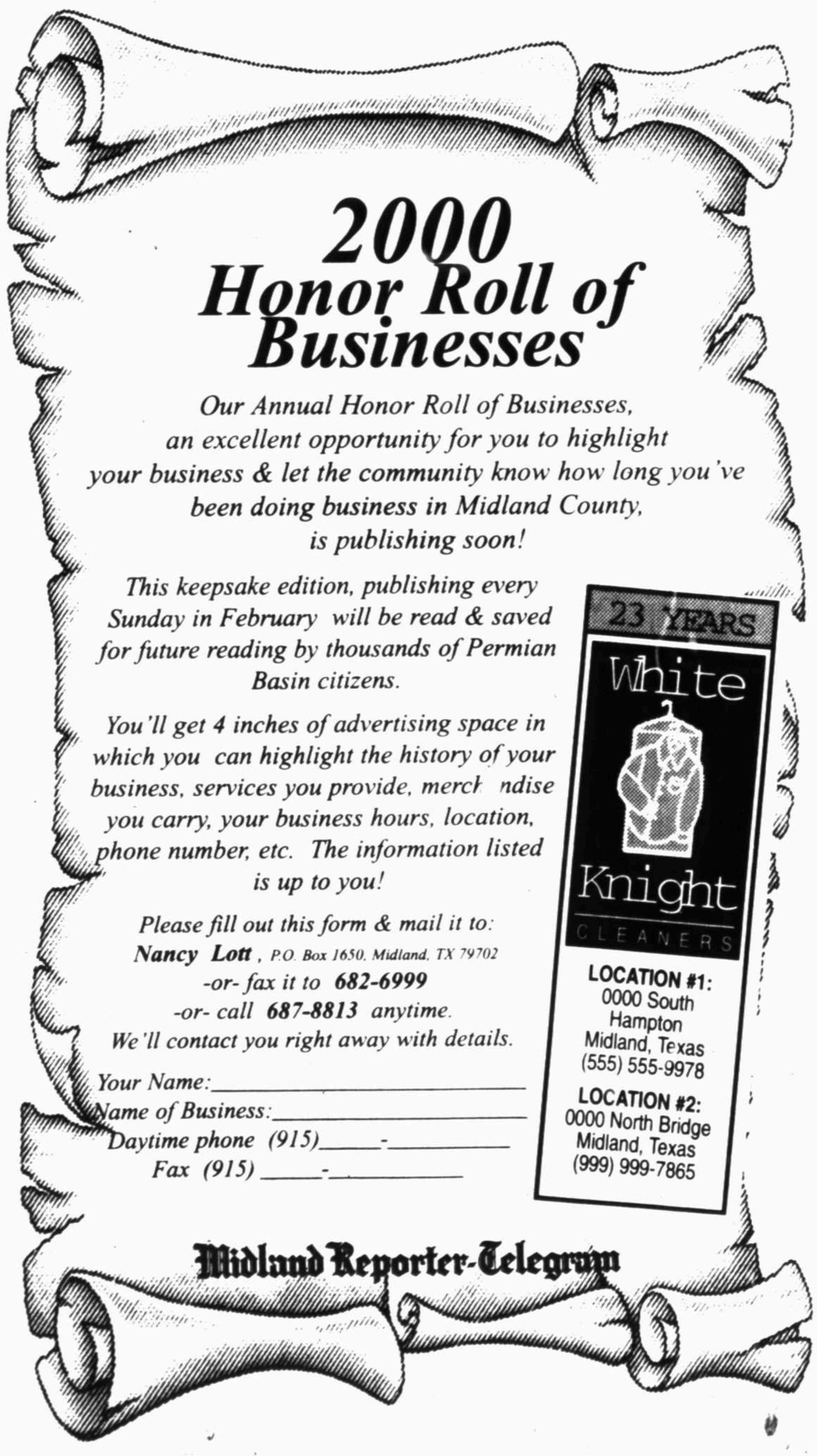
DotComGuy said he was bored at times, but that the year passed quickly as he answered e-mails and questions from reporters.

The living arrangement had corporate sponsorship from online interests that hoped DotComGuy's life — and its dependence on the Internet — would encourage others to use cyberspace for transactions normally reserved for the storefront.

He moved into the then-empty house on Jan. 1, 2000.







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PARENTS

FAMILIES TODAY

Talk about loss to help children deal with grief

By T. Berry Brazelton, M.D.
N. Y. Times News Service

QUESTION: I recently lost my 3 1/2-year-old son to a very tragic hit-and-run accident. This left his 9-year-old sister and 2 1/2-year-old brother devastated.

My 2 1/2-year-old was so close to his brother, who was his best friend and the one he looked up to. Since that loss, he's been throwing tantrums and is afraid of anything with flashing lights. (When the accident occurred, he came out from the house and saw the police and paramedics and his brother on the ground.) I've tried everything I know to comfort him.


Brazelton

The whole family is devastated at the loss of a very happy person. I recently had a baby girl, and I'm feeling the loss of my son very deeply. I go to counseling, but I was wondering if there is anything I can do to comfort my son and older daughter. I understand the pain never goes away, but is there any way we can cope with the loss? — J.R., Puunene, Hawaii

DR. BRAZELTON: What a terrible thing to have to face. I'm very glad to hear that you are trying to handle your own grief with a counselor, for then you will be better able to help your children with theirs. You certainly don't want to hand on your inevitable depression and sense of loss to this new baby, so keep working on it.

For the other children, I'd suggest that you let them talk about their feelings of sadness and loss. You should be as honest as you can with them about where their brother has gone and why.

A small child is bound to feel the accident may have happened because of something he did or didn't do, so be ready to handle your son's feelings of being responsible and to explain in terms that he can understand that it was an accident and not his fault. It might help to ask the older child whether she has an idea about how to memorialize her brother. Share your grief with her and let her talk out hers.

For more guidance about what to say to the children, you may want to read my colleague Maria Trozzi's book, "Talking With Children About Loss: Words, Strategies, and Wisdom to Help Children Cope With Death, Divorce, and Other Difficult Times" (Perigee, 1999).

QUESTION: Because of many stories in the press, I have become suspicious of many grandparents' relations to their grandchildren. For example, a recent letter in your column began: "My son and daughter-in-law recently put my 4-year-old grandson into preschool ..." Why did the writer say "my grandson" instead of "their son?"

My wife and I have reared three children, and we occasionally offer advice and suggestions to our daughter and son-in-law concerning their two preschoolers, but always with the understanding that the final decision is theirs. And we never interfere in front of the children. Our attitude toward their marriage and children is supportive but not intrusive.

I believe the extended family can be a very important contributor toward developing a child into a properly functioning adult. But it can also be severely counterproductive! — R.D.L., Bowie, Md.

DR. BRAZELTON: I agree with your statements about the need for grandparents to leave decisions to their own children. I have found this out through my dealings with my own children. They want to hear my thoughts but not to bepressed to follow them. I admire that in them and think it appropriate.

I believe, however, that you overreacted in regard to the grandmother calling the child "her grandson." She cares about him as "hers." Don't we all feel that way about our grandchildren?

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Questions or comments should be addressed to Dr. T. Berry Brazelton, care of The New York Times Syndication Sales Corp., 122 E. 42nd St., New York, N.Y. 10168. Questions of general interest will be answered in this column;

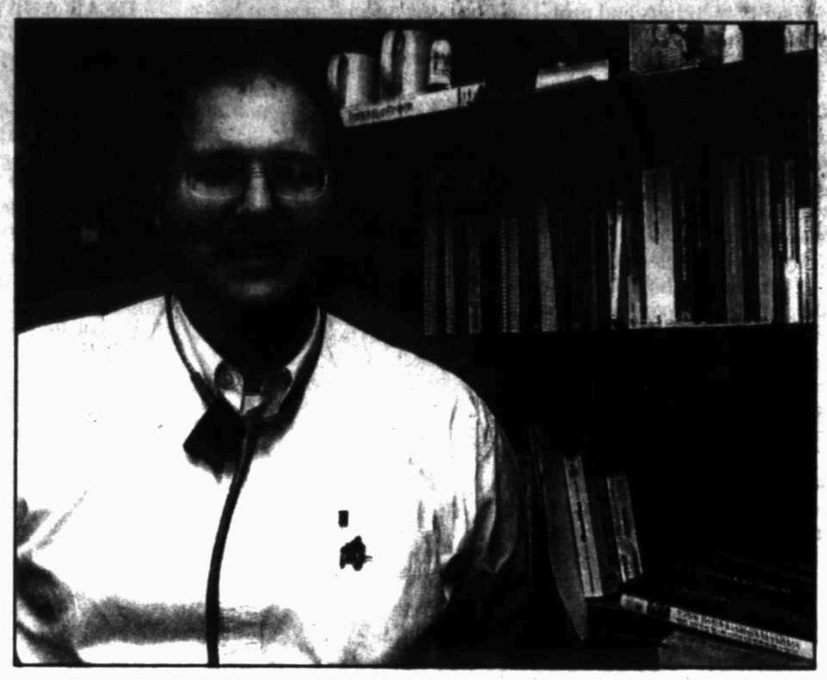
Dr. Brazelton regrets that unpublished letters cannot be answered individually.

Dr. Brazelton heads the Brazelton Foundation, which encourages and supports education and training programs that implement preventive health-care practices for children and families. For more information, write to: Brazelton Foundation, 4031 University Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

"Mommy, my tummy hurts!"

Stomachache could be appendicitis

Prolonged pain could mean that child has more than an ache



'The symptoms of appendicitis usually start with vomiting, mid-abdominal pain that moves from the belly button down to the right lower part of the abdomen and is exquisitely painful to the touch, loss of appetite and fever over 101 degrees. If the pain is consistent for more than one hour then the child should see a doctor.'
— Dr. Jay Schwartz

The publicity surrounding Jenna Bush's recent ordeal with appendicitis brings to the surface the concern felt by parents to be more informed about health issues concerning their children.

"Mommy my tummy hurts!" is a familiar refrain heard by parents who, as their child or children grow, have learned by trial and error when it is time to see the doctor. Many parents jokingly admit to being paranoid and overly protective of their children's health. Yet, even when there is a hunch that it's a minor illness, they go with child in hand to hear words of comfort from an experienced physician.

One such ailment that concerns parents is appendicitis. Children often complain of tummy aches that are usually attributed to eating too many sweets or a virus. Those occasions when the stomachache could be a forewarning of a serious illness such as appendicitis are the ones parents dread.

"The symptoms of appendicitis usually start with vomiting, mid-abdominal pain that moves from the belly button down to the right lower part of the abdomen and is exquisitely painful to the touch, loss of appetite and fever over 101 degrees," according to Dr. Jay Schwartz, a pediatrician. "If the pain is consistent for more than one hour then the child should see a doctor.

"The pain will progress over several hours," he said. "Appendicitis can occur in all school-aged children. The course of action after a doctor suspects appendicitis is usually a surgical consultation, at which time the surgeon would decide whether surgery was necessary," said Schwartz.

Other tests used to help diagnose appendicitis are blood tests to check the white blood count and X-ray testing, specifically an ultrasound, of the appendix, he said.

Some signs to look for in young children are "loss of appetite sometimes before they even start hurting" said Dr. Carolyn Rhode, a family practitioner. "No eating or (not) wanting to run around are good signs that it may be appendicitis."

Mrs. Rhode explained that a key to differentiating between a normal stomachache and appendicitis is that the pain associated with the latter will intensify with time. Most stomach aches do not involve a fever and will generally go away after the child vomits or goes to the bathroom.

Younger children are harder to diagnose and therefore should be seen by their pediatrician or family physician. It is better to be safe than sorry, especially since the risk to the child increases greatly once the appendix ruptures, she said.

The Web site www.plainsense.com provides information on symptoms and what to do if appendicitis is suspected:

Symptoms may include:

(The first three symptoms usually occur in the order listed)

- Loss of appetite.
- Sudden pain that usually begins in the upper abdomen and then moves down to the lower right part of the abdomen with increasing pain.
- Nausea with or without vomiting.
- Constipation or diarrhea.
- Low-grade fever.
- Tenderness or rigidity in the abdominal area.
- Frequent urination.

If appendicitis is suspected:

- Do not give your child laxatives; they can stimulate the intestine and cause the appendix to rupture.
- Do not give pain medication to your child; the location and severity of the pain are important clues to a proper diagnosis.
- Do not apply heat to the abdomen
- Take your child to the doctor immediately.
- Have your child stand on tip-toes and bounce down on his heels. If this jarring causes pain in the lower right abdomen, call the doctor.

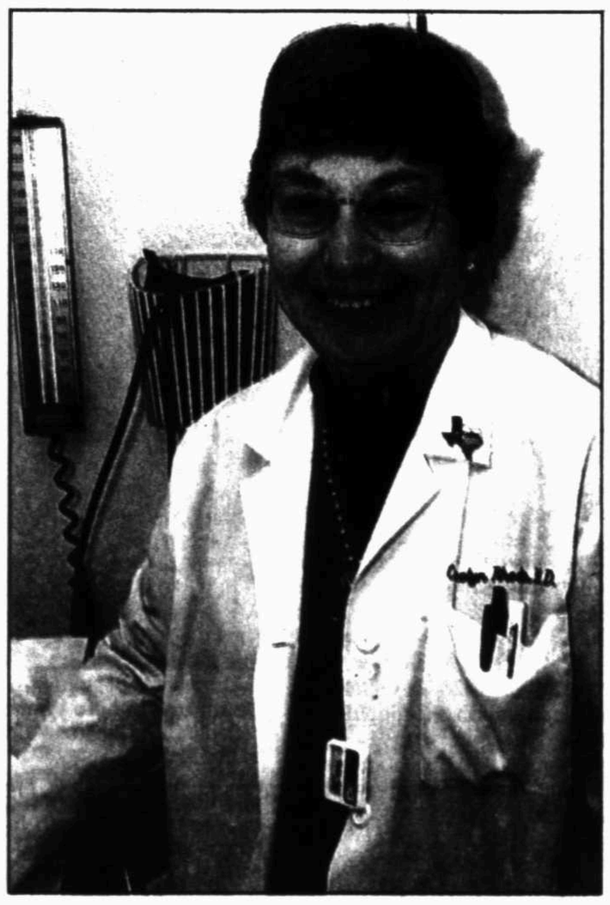
"Appendicitis is a diagnosis parents can't make on their own." said Mrs. Rhode. "We may see 10 kids whose parents are worried about appendicitis for each one that actually has it."

The appendix

The appendix is a thin, worm-shaped pouch, about 4 inches long, that projects out from the first part of the large intestine. It has no known function, but it can become diseased. Appendicitis affects 1 in 500 people each year.

Infection may occur after a viral infection in the digestive tract. The appendix can become obstructed from contents moving through intestinal tract, or by a constricting band of tissue. When infected, it becomes swollen, inflamed and filled with pus which can cause infection, a blood clot, or rupture of the appendix.

Source: National Digestive Diseases Information Clearinghouse Web site



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— Dr. Carolyn Rhode

Story by Isela Agundis

Dr. Rhode photo by Brian Adamcik; Dr. Schwartz photo by Tim Fischer

Pregnancy is no excuse to become a couch potato

By Jeany Llorente
El Paso Times

Studies show that women who exercise during pregnancy not only have easier pregnancies but also have easier labors and feel better about themselves after delivery.

EL PASO — Eduvina Mota, 31, is eight months pregnant. Like many other expectant mothers, she is concerned about her health and the health of her baby.

To make sure she is doing her part, Ms. Mota walks every day.

"I walk to keep active and in shape," Ms. Mota said.

Although her busy schedule — working at Las Palmas Medical Center and taking care of her 3-year-old son — doesn't allow a lot of time for exercise, she manages.

"I walk back and forth within the departments," Ms. Mota said. "I also walk inside the mall."

Being pregnant is no excuse to become a couch potato. Mild exercise can benefit the mother during and after pregnancy.

Dr. Christine Brandl, a faculty physician at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, said exercise during pregnancy is good if the mother doesn't overdo it.

Ms. Brandl said if a woman was physically fit before the pregnancy, she probably will be able to continue her workout with only a few modifications. If a women was not physically fit before her pregnancy, her workout could be limited.

For someone who wasn't physically fit, Ms. Brandl said "walking and swimming are good."

Ms. Brandl said pregnant women should also be aware of their center of balance while exercising.

Lying on the back is not recommended. "As the uterus gets really big, it compresses the major blood vessels," she said. "It can cause blood pressure to drop." Ms. Brandl advises women who like doing exercises like sit-ups to get on all fours and flex their backs instead.

"It will look like an angry cat," she said.

Ms. Mota is aware that exercise is important. During her first pregnancy, she was a bit more active.

"I stretched more, and I did low-impact aerobics," she said. "I would also do laps around the swimming pool."

Now in her second pregnancy, she was advised by her doctors and her husband to limit her exercise because of early contractions, but she still thinks exercising is important.

"It keeps you in shape and it gets your body ready for the delivery," she said. "It keeps your muscles active."

Studies show that women who exercise during pregnancy not only have easier pregnancies but also have easier labors and feel better about themselves after delivery, according to an article on the online magazine Fit Pregnancy, www.fitpregnancy.com.

Upper-body work is an important factor because the extra strength is needed to carry the baby after it is born.

Women should not hold their breath while lifting — this can impede blood flow to the fetus — or lie on their backs while lifting, the magazine said.

Walking is also recommended. Women should take long walks, of more than 30 minutes, three or four days a week. The walks should be at a comfortable pace, with the pace increasing after five minutes, doctors said.

Water exercises are also good. Women should try swimming laps, deep-water running or shallow-water calisthenics.

"It gives you the buoyancy effect — it makes you float and the water takes the weight off," said Donna Juarez, fitness director for Gold's Gym in El Paso.

When doing water exercises, pregnant women should get into water that is chest-high; otherwise, the buoyancy effect is missing, Ms. Juarez said.

The most important thing a woman should do when pregnant and exercising is to listen to her body and consult her doctor, Ms. Juarez said.

She said women who didn't exercise before their pregnancy should not start while they are pregnant. "In strength training, when you start you go through a period of soreness," Ms. Juarez said.

Stretching is also important.

"Women should not over-stretch, and they should always have a warmup," Ms. Juarez said. "When you do cardiovascular activities, look for low- or non- impact activities."

Ms. Juarez recommends walking with running shoes, which are designed not to slip.

She also suggests the recumbent bike and the elliptical machine, which help support the spinal cord, and water exercises.

After the delivery, Ms. Juarez suggests that women should wait at least six to eight weeks before starting their routine again.

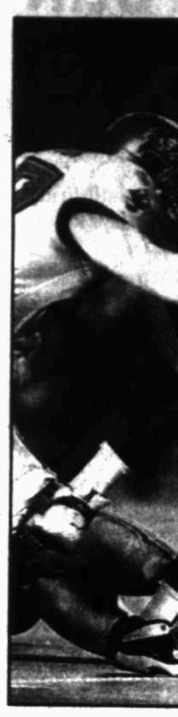
"They should start back gradually," Ms. Juarez said. "Women also have to remember it only takes three hours a week, 30 minutes for the heart and 30 minutes for muscle to get in shape."

Ms. Brandl said the No. 1 thing a woman can do to get rid of increased weight from pregnancy is to breastfeed.

"It takes the body so much energy to produce milk, it burns fat out," Ms. Brandl said. "It's good for the baby, good for bonding and good for weight loss."

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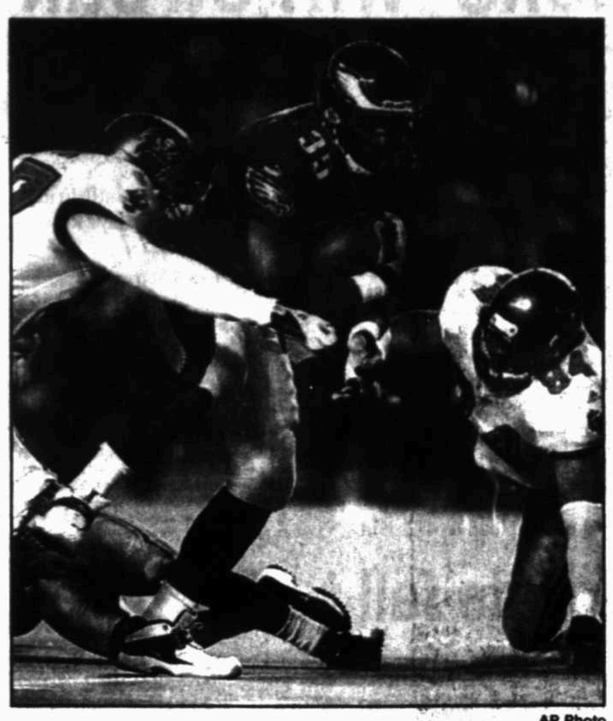
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Philadelphia Eagles running back Chris Warren, center, breaks through tackles by Tampa Bay's John Lynch, left, and Steve White, right, in the fourth quarter Sunday.

Eagles soar past Buccanneers, 21-3

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

PHILADELPHIA — When the NFL season began, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were one of the favorites to reach the Super Bowl. The Philadelphia Eagles, to put it gently, were still rebuilding.

Donovan McNabb and the Philadelphia defense took care of that Sunday.

The quarterback Philly fans booed when he was chosen second overall in the 1999 draft threw two touchdown passes and ran for a third score as the Eagles beat Tampa Bay 21-3 Sunday. That moved the Eagles two steps from the Super Bowl and sent the Bucs home to watch the title game when it's played in Tampa on Jan. 27, not to play in it.

"He has more ability than any quarterback I've every seen," Brian Mitchell of the Eagles, who's been in the NFL for a decade, said of McNabb, who was 76 percent of the Philadelphia offense this year and continued that Sunday. He passed for 161 yards and ran for 32 more on eight carries.

But McNabb, runner-up to Marshall Faulk in the league MVP voting, had to share the glory with a defense that limited the Bucs to just 101 yards in three quarters and turned the game on one play with 3:21 left in the half.

At that point, the Bucs seemed in control, even though they entered 0-19 in temperatures of 40 degrees or less. It was 34 degrees with a wind chill of 11, but the Bucs held a 3-0 lead and had the wind.

Then came an ill-advised play call — a pass attempt by Shawn King on third-and-19 from Tampa Bay's 25.

Hugh Douglas, 280 pounds, roared by 185-pound running back Warrick Dunn, who mistakenly was in the game to block instead of 240-pound Mike Alstott. The ball came loose, Mike Mamula recovered at the Tampa Bay 15 and three plays later, McNabb went in on a quarterback draw from 5 yards out.

The Bucs went three and out and the Eagles got the ball back with 1:43 left. The Eagles' offense was alive, the Tampa Bay defense sagged and Philadelphia went 69 yards on eight plays — into an 18 mph wind to score on a pass from McNabb to Na Brown with 12 seconds left.

That made it 14-3 and the Bucs were dead.

"That really gave them momentum," Tampa Bay coach Tony Dungy said. "They got 14 points going against the wind in the last four minutes of the half and that was basically the game."

If it wasn't over then, it was on the first drive of the third quarter.

Going into the wind, the Eagles ate up almost eight minutes, even though they didn't score — David Akers missed a 36-yard field-goal try.

The Bucs (10-7) were going nowhere except to 0-20 in cold weather — a stat that will play on their minds until they break it. McNabb sealed it in the fourth quarter on a 2-yard TD pass to backup tight end Jeff Thomason.

Then the Eagles ran out the clock behind Chris Warren, who was picked up when he was cut by Dallas, and then gave Philadelphia the running back it hasn't had since Duce Staley was lost for the season with a knee injury. Warren finished with 85 yards on 22 carries.

The Eagles (12-5) now travel 90 miles up the New Jersey Turnpike to play the New York Giants next Sunday in the Meadowlands for the right to play in the NFC title game against the winner of next Saturday's game in Minneapolis between the Vikings and New Orleans Saints. The Giants beat the Eagles twice this season, 33-18 and 24-7, the only two games this sea-

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Broncos' RB Anderson wins top rookie honors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Going from third-string behind two 1,000-yard rushers to rookie of the year is a long shot. Then again, so is much of what Mike Anderson has achieved.



Anderson

Anderson was selected Monday as The Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year in balloting by a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL.

The halfback rushed for 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns for the Denver Broncos after taking over for injured Terrell Davis and Olandis Gary.

"Oh, wow, I'm kind of speechless right now," Anderson said when informed he beat Baltimore running back Jamal Lewis in the balloting, 40 votes to 10. "That award, that just sums it up what kind of season it has been."

The postseason was much kinder to Lewis, who rushed for 110 yards on 30 carries Sunday as Baltimore beat Denver. Anderson was held to 40 yards on 15 carries by the Ravens' stingy defense. But the rookie voting just covers the regular season.

Last year's winner was Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James. Anderson is the first Broncos player to win the award.

Davis, like Anderson, was selected in the sixth round of the draft, although Anderson's college career at Utah was slightly more accomplished than Davis' at Georgia. And Gary, who replaced Davis in 1999 when Davis tore up his knee, was a fourth-round choice who gained 1,159 yards as a rookie. Anderson shattered that team record this season.

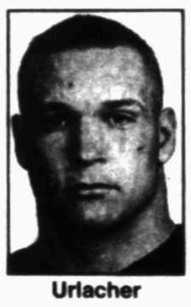
Anderson, 27, quit his high school football team during preseason drills his freshman year after a coach tried to convert him into an offensive lineman. Instead, he played drums and marched in the band in Fair-

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Bears' LB Urlacher gets rookie defensive award

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The scariest thing about Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher isn't his speed. Or his vicious hits that can be heard way up in the stands. Or how he comes out of nowhere to lay a quarterback flat on his back.



Urlacher

The scariest thing is that he's only going to get better.

"He's playing on emotions right now, a love for the game ... he's just playing on that instinct," Bears defensive end Bryan Robinson said. "And he has great instincts. Just imagine once he gets the true technique and the true factors of playing football, he's going to be a good one."

Urlacher is already pretty good. He picked up The Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year award Sunday, easily winning it with 27 1/2 votes from the nationwide panel of 50 media members. New Orleans end Darren Howard was second with 15 1/2 votes, and Philadelphia Eagles tackle Corey Simon was third with six. Cleveland Browns end Courtney Brown, the No. 1 pick, got the other vote.

Though he's a first alternate to the Pro Bowl, Urlacher was stunned when told of the honor. He figured Howard or Simon had rookie of the year locked up. Howard led all rookies with 11 sacks, and Simon was second with 9 1/2.

Plus, the Saints and Eagles made the playoffs, while the Bears (5-11) are settled into their couches, remote controls in hand, with nothing to do but watch TV.

"It's amazing. I'm so happy," Urlacher said. "I was pretty sure I wouldn't get it just because we didn't have a very good record. I guess not. I guess I played well enough."

That's one way to put it. Urlacher didn't even start the first two games,

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Hurricanes seek share of title at Sugar Bowl

By Eddie Pells
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS — Miami coach Butch Davis claims a one-point win would be fine and the result of the Florida State-Oklahoma game does not concern him in the least.

It's enough to make a college football fan wonder on which planet he's been coaching the past four months.

Because once all the Sugar Bowl subplots are set aside — state bragging rights, a renewed rivalry, bad blood and the Bourbon Street scuffle — No. 2 Miami (10-1) has a clear goal Tuesday against No. 7 Florida: Win a share of the national title.

In private moments with his team, even Davis has conceded that.

"He has told us you can't let good things pass you by," tight end Jeremy Shockey said. "He said everyone would love to have the feeling we're having. This is a great opportunity, a once-in-a-lifetime chance. There are 100 other schools that would love to be in the position we're in today."

But it's an awkward position at best, and again it proves the creators of the Bowl Championship Series have fallen short of crafting the perfect system.

The Orange Bowl pits the top two teams in the BCS standings, and the folks who run the coach-

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College Bowl Games

New Year's joys, heartbreaks



AP Photo

Mississippi State quarterback Wayne Madkin (9) stretches into the end zone for the game-winning touchdown in overtime as Texas A&M defender Terrence Kiel tries to bring him down Sunday during the Independence Bowl, in Shreveport, La. Mississippi State won 43-41.

Aggies get snowballed in overtime

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press Writer

SHREVEPORT, La. — If beating his former team made Jackie Sherrill's latest coaching victory extra special, he wasn't letting on.

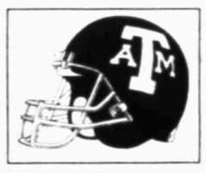
Sherrill's Mississippi State Bulldogs beat Texas A&M 43-41 in overtime on Sunday night in the snowy Independence Bowl.

Quarterback Wayne Madkin scored the game-winning touchdown on a 6-yard scramble after the Bulldogs' special teams scored a 2-point defensive conversion off a blocked extra-point attempt.

It was the first meeting between Texas A&M (7-5) and Mississippi State (8-4) since Sherrill, who coached the Aggies from 1982-88, took over the Bulldogs in 1991.

"Considering everything, it's a big, big win," said Sherrill, who dodged questions about his history with Texas A&M.

"You guys make a lot of this game that isn't there," he said. "I didn't play a down, these guys did."



Sherrill guided the Aggies to three straight Southwestern Conference championships in 1985-87, but the success was overshadowed by NCAA violations.

He downplayed the significance of facing his former employer, though he had publicly stated he was hoping to face the Aggies when the bowl pairings were being sorted.

After the game, he was carried off the field by his players.

Sherrill, the winningest coach in Mississippi State history, improved to 2-4 in bowl games with the Bulldogs and 8-6 overall. R.C. Slocum, promoted from defensive coordinator to replace Sherrill in '89, has won nearly 76 percent of his games with Texas A&M, but is just 2-8 in bowls.

While the pregame hype revolved around coaches, the game was dominated by the running of Texas A&M's Ja'Mar Toombs and Mississippi State's Dontae Walker, and the rare Southern snowfall that covered the field.

Toombs ran for 193 yards and three touchdowns on 35 carries.

Walker matched Toombs with three touchdowns, along with 143 yards on 16 carries.

Ultimately, Madkin, the junior quarterback from Huntsville, Ala., who had never played in snow, was the hero.

Toombs had a 25-yard touchdown run on the Aggies' first play of overtime to give

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Inspired Huskies defeat Purdue in Rose

By Jim Cour
AP Sports Writer

PASADENA, Calif. — Washington coach Rick Neuheisel held the Rose Bowl trophy toward the top of the stadium, tears forming in his eyes as his voice choked with emotion.

"This was for you, C.W.," Neuheisel shouted toward the press box Monday, minutes after No. 4 Washington beat No. 14 Purdue 34-24.

Curtis Williams, paralyzed in a game two months ago, was crying before the game as were several of his teammates when he visited them in the locker room before the Rose Bowl.

Some of the players kissed him on the head and some patted his shoulder. Neuheisel and a few of the players whispered into his ear.

"I'm very happy to be here," Williams said in a voice that was barely audible. "It was great to see everyone again. I've missed them."

Then the Huskies, wearing Williams' initials on their jerseys, went out and won.

"We had a dream to give our buddy a chance to get a Rose Bowl ring and we achieved it," Neuheisel said. "I promised him after the Stanford game that we'd try to get it done. It was an absolute thrill to have him here."

Williams, a fifth-year senior from Fresno, sustained a severe spinal cord injury Oct. 28 at Stanford in a helmet-to-helmet hit. He has had spinal-cord surgery and has no voluntary muscle movement.

After he arrived at the Rose Bowl on Monday, he asked to be taken to the Huskies' dressing room, something that wasn't on the schedule. He was fitted with his No. 25 game jersey and sat in a wheelchair as his teammates came up to him one

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Beavers roll over big, bad Notre Dame

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Oregon State's remarkable rise from pitiful to powerhouse is complete.

The brash, belligerent, fifth-ranked Beavers backed up their pregame boasts and then some Monday night in a 41-9 rout of Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl.

Oregon State, college football's laughingstock for more than a quarter-century, handed the tenth-ranked Fighting Irish their worst bowl defeat since a 40-6 loss to Nebraska in the 1973 Orange Bowl.

Jonathan Smith, the 5-foot-10 former walk-on who was mistaken for the team manager when coach Dennis Erickson first saw him, completed 16 of 24 passes for 305 yards and three touchdowns, then sat out the final quarter.

It was one of the most humiliating nights ever for college football's most storied program. Only a late touchdown against the Beavers' reserves prevented it from being the worst Notre Dame loss in 24 bowl appearances.

Had Oregon State (11-1) not committed a Fiesta Bowl and school record 18 penalties for 174 yards, it would have been even more one-sided as the plodding Irish (9-3) were no match for the speed of the hard-hitting Beavers.

The Beavers, who in 1999 ended their NCAA-record streak of 28 consecutive los-

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Local Basketball Today

Boys

Odessa Permian at Midland High

Where: Chaparral Center.
When: 7:30 p.m.
Records: Midland High is 11-8 overall and 1-0 in District 4-5A. Permian is 8-12 and 0-1 in district.

Notes: Midland High played three close games in its own Byron Johnston Holiday Classic, concluding the game with a 58-54 overtime win over Wasilla, Alaska, in Saturday's third place game. Leading scorer Lucquente White came up particularly big in the last two games of the tournament for the Bulldogs, scoring 27 and 21 points in the last two games of the tourney. White leads the Bulldogs with 16.2 points a game... A big factor in the win over Wasilla was the play off the bench of 6-foot-9 senior David Koss, who is usually No. 3 in Midland High's big man rotation. With 6-7 Blake Huggins (the team's third leading scorer with 10.8 points a game) unavailable because of his brother's wedding, Koss stepped up with 10 points... Permian was also in the Johnston over the weekend, but left Chap Center with more negative results, falling to another Midland team, Midland Lee, 77-51 in the consolation championship. Bruce McCowan led the Panthers with 14 points in that game.

Next: Midland High won't return to action for another week, when it hosts Abilene Cooper in a 4-5A game next Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Chap Center.

Midland High Boys Statistics
(11-8, 1-0)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Lucquente White	19	101	62	307	16.2
Jarvis Brown	19	81	29	239	12.6
Blake Huggins	18	82	30	194	10.8
Roman Conner	19	55	30	150	7.9
Anthony Jackson	19	45	19	114	6.0
Roget King	16	20	4	49	3.1
Ollie Fitts	10	9	6	24	2.4
David Koss	12	5	8	26	2.2
Will Smith	18	13	12	38	2.1
Cedric Johnson	7	5	3	15	2.1
Marcus Wright	7	4	5	14	2.0
Aaron Saddler	19	12	5	32	1.7
Jason South	18	11	2	27	1.5
Scott Winter	14	3	10	16	1.1
Colter Lange	10	3	4	11	1.1
John Alcala	19	5	1	15	0.8
Corey Green	12	2	3	9	0.8
Markist Medearis	8	0	2	0	0.3
Drew Potter	8	0	1	1	0.1
Trevor Stoltz	1	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Brown 49, White 43, Conner 7, Jackson 5, Alcala 4, South 3, King 3, Saddler 3, Johnson 2, Green 2, Lange 1, Wright 1.

Midland Lee at Odessa High

Where: OHS gym.
When: 7:30 p.m.
Records: Lee is 9-8 overall and 0-1 in District 4-5A. Odessa High is 12-5 and 1-0.
Notes: Lee had a highly successful Byron Johnston Holiday Classic over the weekend. After losing 68-66 to crosstown rival Midland Lee in the first game, the Rebels came back strong in the consolation bracket, routing El Paso Bel Air 73-51 then ripped Permian 77-51 to win the consolation championship. In both wins, the Rebels had big third quarters to pull away. "Our third quarters have been very strong the last two games," said Lee coach Mark Coffman. "We turned some close games into a very sizable lead twice."... Eric Winston, Lee's 6-7 post who recently joined the team from football, has been a big factor since returning, averaging 13 points and 9.8 rebounds a game in the last four games. Wendell Smith, who had 28 points in the win over Permian, leads the Rebels with 18.2 points a game.

Next: Lee will return home for a key 4-5A game Friday against strong San Angelo Central at 7:30 p.m. at the Chap Center.

Midland Lee Boys Statistics
(9-8, 0-1)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Wendell Smith	17	114	43	310	18.2
Eric Winston	4	18	16	52	13.0
Kyle Shatzer	17	67	43	196	11.6
Drew Coffman	16	47	24	131	8.2
Jacoby Hartley	3	10	3	23	7.7
Art Garcia	17	30	26	95	5.6
Comell Hunt	17	24	34	85	5.0
Ben Webb	17	32	11	75	4.4
Andy Brignon	17	20	44	54	3.2
Jake Kelley	17	14	11	39	2.3
Ryan Vinson	16	12	9	35	2.2
Jermain Packer	2	1	2	4	2.0
Justin Horne	11	7	6	20	1.8
Paul Logan	11	7	2	18	1.6
Jason Watlington	7	4	1	9	1.3
Andy Watkins	9	4	1	9	1.0
Jeff Hughes	2	0	1	1	0.5
Tim Norman	3	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Smith 39, Coffman 20, Shatzer 20, Brignon 9, Garcia 9, Hunt 3, Vinson 2, Logan 2.

Girls

Odessa Permian at Midland High

Opponent: Odessa Permian.
Where: Chaparral Center.
When: 6 p.m.
Records: Midland High is 15-4 overall and 3-0 in District 4-5A. Permian is 3-14 and 0-3.
Notes: Midland High used the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic to its best effect, winning two games and reaching the championship before losing to Class 4A powerhouse Plainview 72-54 in the final. That loss came after an emotional 66-62 overtime win over Amarillo Tascosa the day before. The reality is that the Lady Dawgs might not see another opponent as strong as Plainview until the playoffs start. "I think this can only help us, especially with us getting back into district next week," said MHS coach Terry Gray of the Plainview game... What Midland High may have established more than anything in that tournament was its ability to hit free throws. The Lady Dawgs made 50-of-59 attempts from the stripe, setting a tournament record with an 84.7 percentage. They also set a single game record against Tascosa by making 33-of-38 free throws for an 86.8 percent clip, another record.

Next: Midland High will take a break from district by playing at Midland Christian Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Midland High Girls Statistics
(15-4, 3-0)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Edrea Rogers	19	110	46	284	14.9
Laura Koch	19	96	25	217	11.4
Jenny Jones	19	50	49	174	9.2
Lauren Lucas	19	50	37	137	7.2
Page Price	19	49	38	136	7.2
LaQuori Harris	19	48	36	134	7.1
Valerie Wootan	9	22	3	47	5.2
Tracie Jones	19	14	18	46	2.4
Lindsey Moore	7	6	0	12	1.7
Tovah Olmo	7	4	0	9	1.3
Jessica Harkins	7	3	0	6	0.9
Amy Schantz	13	5	0	10	0.8

Three-point Goals: J. Jones 25, Rogers 18, Harris 2.

Midland Lee at Odessa High

Where: OHS gym.
When: 6 p.m.
Records: Lee is 7-12 overall and 1-2 in District 4-5A. Odessa High is 7-10 and 1-1.
Notes: Lee comes back from the Abilene Tournament, where it captured third place by defeating Ballinger 49-43 Saturday. It wasn't a particularly strong offensive showing for the Lady Rebels in the three games, as the win over Ballinger was their high water mark scoring wise. Earlier on Saturday, Lee lost to Snyder 29-23... Returning seniors Shamera Bryson and Shandi Neatherlin lead the Lady Rebels in scoring with 13.6 and 10.9 points a game respectively, while junior Wykia Wallace is close behind with 9.8 points a game... The winner of this game will still be able to count itself among the contenders in the district, while the loser will have a much tougher hill to climb.

Next: Lee returns home for a district game Friday at the Chap Center against San Angelo Central at 6 p.m.

Midland Lee Girls Statistics
(7-12, 1-2)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Shamera Bryson	19	99	48	258	13.6
Shandi Neatherlin	19	75	56	207	10.9
Wykia Wallace	19	73	41	187	9.8
Lauren Hinsley	19	42	29	125	6.6
Kim Strambler	19	19	28	66	3.5
Stephanie Byrd	2	2	2	6	3.0
LaRhonda McKee	18	21	6	48	2.7
Nicole Ramon	16	9	5	23	1.4
Heather Hendricks	16	3	10	16	1.0
Ashley Riggs	19	4	5	16	0.8
Gregnesha Webster	10	1	3	5	0.5
Neisha Washington	3	0	1	1	0.3
Misty Chapman	10	1	0	2	0.2

Three-point Goals: Hinsley 12, Bryson 12, Riggs 3.

Cotton Kings end Jacks' win streak

Staff Report

LUBBOCK — It wasn't a very happy ending to the year 2000 for the Odessa Jackalopes Sunday night.

In the final game of the calendar year, a Jacks team playing its third game in three nights on the road saw its eight game winning streak come to an end with a 5-2 loss to the Lubbock Cotton Kings. Lubbock scored the first four goals of the game in the first two periods to dig the Jacks too deep a hole to climb out of.

The Jacks didn't give up easily in the final period, as Mike Sanderson and Mike Lankshear scored to put Odessa on the board and cut the lead to 4-2. But it was too little, too late, as Lubbock padded its final margin with an empty net goal in the final four seconds.

Odessa lost despite outshooting Lubbock 37-27.

The Jacks are off until Friday when they travel to Tupelo for a 7:07 p.m. face-off.

Lubbock 5, Odessa 2

Odessa	0	0	2	—2
Lubbock	3	1	1	—5

First period: 1. Lub., Rowland (Reeves, Carper), 9:48. 2. Lub., Cava (Brownlee, Shmyr), 16:08. 3. Lub., Melichercik (Burgess, Carper), 17:43.
Second period: 4. Lub., Coombs (McGeough, Holland), ;31.
Third period: 5. Od., Sanderson (Hillman, Stalk), 13:51. 6. Od., Lankshear (Hill, Haywood), 18:14. 7. Lub., Reeves (Dupal, Melichercik), 19:56.
Shots on goal: Od. 10-10-17—37, Lub. 11-8-8—27. **Power play opportunities:** Od. 1-of-7, Lub. 2-of-5. **Penalties-minutes:** Od. 8-for-21, Lub. 10-for-25. **Goalies:** Od. (Sjerven 8 saves, Harris 14 saves), Lub. (Leslie 35 saves). **Attn.:** 3,583.

Rockets fall to T-Wolves

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett scored 21 points and Terrell Brandon had 12 of his 19 in the fourth quarter to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 106-96 victory over the Houston Rockets on Monday.

The Timberwolves beat the Rockets for a sixth straight time despite the 30 points of Cuttino Mobley, who had a career-high 33 on Oct. 31, when the teams met in the season-opener.

Wally Szczerbiak also had 19 points for the Timberwolves, who finished with a season-high 35 assists and a season-low eight turnovers.

Steve Francis, who fouled out with 6:12 to play, added 20 points for the Rockets.

The Rockets started the game with three straight 3-pointers and led by as many as eight points in the first quarter as Francis scored 10.

But Houston went cold from the field in the second quarter, going 4-of-19. Brandon hit a long jumper with just under four minutes to play in the half, giving the Timberwolves their first lead of the game. Brandon had seven points in the second quarter as Minnesota took a 48-45 halftime lead.

Szczerbiak had 10 points in the third quarter as Minnesota opened up a double-digit lead late in the period. But Mobley had 11 points in the quarter, including the five in the last minute, to keep the Rockets close. But they couldn't overcome the loss of Francis midway through the final quarter.

Mobley was 14-of-16 from the free throw line, the attempts a career-high.

Notes: Hakeem Olajuwon missed the game with a swollen right knee. He was injured during the third quarter of Houston's win in Dallas on Saturday. ... Minnesota forward Sam Mitchell made his first start of the season on Monday. He is the lone remaining member of the inaugural Timberwolves team from the 1989-90 season. ... The announced attendance of 14,779 was Minnesota's smallest home crowd of the season.

Ravens looking for encore at Tennessee

By David Ginsburg
AP Sports Writer

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — If the road to the Super Bowl travels through Tennessee, the Baltimore Ravens know they can win there.

The Ravens (13-4) are the only team to defeat the Titans in Adelphia Coliseum in 17 games over two years, rallying for a 24-23 victory Nov. 12.

That was part of a team-record winning streak that reached eight games Sunday with a 21-3 triumph over the Denver Broncos. It was the Ravens' first playoff game since moving from Cleveland in 1996 and the first time a Baltimore team won an NFL postseason game since the Colts beat the Browns in 1971.

"There are hurdles that you face," coach Brian Billick said Monday. "It's amazing, in 24 hours we've gone from a team that had never been in the playoffs to a team that now has playoff-win experience. The next experience is to play in that next level."

That means facing the defending AFC champions, and this year's top-seeded team, on the road.

"Fortunately for us, where there could be some of the anxiety of playing a team we're not familiar with, we're playing a team we're very familiar with at a place we've played before, and played well," Billick said. "It's unfolded in a very nice way for us."

Although the Titans (13-3) had the best record in the NFL this season, the Baltimore-Tennessee rivalry is evenly matched — six of the 10 games have been decided by four points or less, and the Titans and Ravens have split the series over the past two seasons.

One of the Titans' three losses during the regular season last year was 41-14 at Baltimore. One of the Ravens' four defeats this season came at home against the Titans.

"These are two teams that respect one another," Billick said. "We know each other, so there's a familiarity that makes your preparation a little easier, but it's the same thing for them. They know what our strengths are, we know what their strengths are."

Playing at Adelphia Coliseum is not easy, but the Ravens won in November on a touchdown pass by Trent Dilfer with 25 seconds left and a missed field goal by Tennessee's Al Del Greco as time expired.

Now Baltimore must do it again.

"You're always dealing with barriers," Billick said. "When I got here, it was, 'Can you beat Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh?' OK, we did. Then it was, 'Can you beat Jacksonville anywhere?' We did that. 'Can you beat Tennessee in Tennessee?' We did that, too.

"Had that not happened, that might be one additional barrier that we would have to deal with, in a playoff environment, that doesn't exist now. That doesn't mean we don't respect the fact that they're home and it's going to be tough."

The Ravens lifted weights Monday but did not practice. The only Baltimore injury of note is to safety Kim Herring, who sprained his ankle Sunday and was limping.

Dilfer, who left briefly after taking a hard hit, was fine, Billick said.

While the Titans had a bye Sunday, the Ravens played a tough game.

"This team is tired, they're sore and they're beat up, as you might expect after the first round in a playoff," Billick said. "That's why you fight so hard for the bye."

And homefield advantage, which the Titans earned by edging Baltimore for the best record in the AFC.

"It helps that we won there, that we got that out of the way," said Ravens defensive end Michael McCrary, who had three sacks Sunday. "We know we're capable of doing it."

Lute Olson's wife dies

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Bobbi Olson, the wife of Arizona basketball coach Lute Olson for 47 years, died Monday after a 2 1/2 year battle with ovarian cancer. She was 65.

Her husband has been on an indefinite leave of absence since Saturday to be with her and was by her side, along with other family members.

"Bobbi faced her illness with great courage," Olson said in a statement. "Her love of family remained her priority and even in her last moments she continued taking care of and comforting all of us as only a wife and mother can do."

Players learned of the news Monday morning at a practice that was subsequently canceled by associate head coach Jim Rosborough, who ran the team Saturday night against Mississippi State and Dec. 9 at Connecticut when Olson left the team to stay with his wife. Rosborough would not speculate on when Olson would return to the team.

Bobbi Olson played an active role in the program, joining her husband on recruiting trips and even cooking pancakes for prospective players when they came to visit Tucson. She was seen by many players as a basketball mother, and they honored her Saturday night by writing her name on their gear.

"If you were able to see our game on Saturday night and see the concern and passion that our players have," athletic director Jim Livengood said. "The fact that they went out and played at all is a testament to them."

The family has also established a memorial fund in Bobbi Olson's name at the Arizona Cancer Center.

ROOKIE: RB had 251 yards vs. Seattle

(From 1C)

field, S.C.

After graduation, he spent four years in the Marines, where he took up football again. Then came two years of junior college and two years at Utah. He rushed for more than 1,000 yards all four seasons.

"I was going against some great competition, and guys who were much better known than I was," Anderson said. "They were being talked about before the draft and I wasn't even really mentioned. But that's OK, though, because it goes to show if you just dedicate yourself to something and you put a lot of hard work into it, it pays off in the end. It might not pay off when you want it to, but it will pay off eventually down the road. It looks like it's paying off for me now and for my teammates.

"I'm just happy right now. Wow, I'm so thankful. I'm still shaking inside."

Anderson became the starter in Game 2 vs. Atlanta and ran for 187 yards against Oakland in the third game of the season.

He had 195 yards in a game against Seattle, then went for a rookie-record 251 and scored four times the next week at New Orleans. The Pro Football Hall of Fame requested Anderson's jersey from the Saints game.

In all, he started 12 games behind one of the league's premier lines, which he readily credited for his numbers.

"We do everything together as a team, on the offensive side of the ball," he said. "Pulling together and making it one unit, getting after it week in and week out."

Lewis had a major knee injury in 1998 at Tennessee, but the Ravens made him the first rookie taken in the draft, fifth overall, 184 spots ahead of Anderson. After a slow start, he came on strong, running for a Baltimore single-season record 1,364 yards in 13 starts.

"When you invest the fifth pick in a back, you have certain expectations," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "There were things we saw in Jamal that I guess the rest of the world is now seeing: his size, his speed, his power, his ability to catch the ball out of the backfield."

Anderson looks forward to working with Davis and Gary in the future.

"If all three of us are healthy, that would be great for us as a team, as an organization," he said. "But you know, when you wake up every morning, you never know what life will offer you."

DEFENSE: LB native of Lovington, N.M.

(From 1C)

yet still led the Bears with 125 tackles and eight sacks. He also had two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

He was one of the few bright spots in a dismal season for the underachieving Bears and their fans. Flying around the field, delivering hit after hit, he gave fans something to cheer about every time he took the field.

Take his game at Buffalo, where he was in on 16 tackles. Or the game against Tampa Bay, when he delivered a bone-crunching block on 340-pound Buccaneers tackle Jerry Wunsch to help clear the way for Tony Parrish's interception return, and then picked off a pass on his own to seal the victory.

"Brian Urlacher is a playmaker," Bears coach Dick Jauron said. "He can make a difference in a game."

Compared to Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary since he was drafted, Urlacher has already topped the Hall of Famers in one respect — neither Butkus nor Singletary earned rookie of the year honors. Tackle Wally Chambers (1973) and safety Mark Carrier (1990) are the only other Bears players who won the award.

"You only get a chance to win rookie of the year once," Urlacher said. "It means a lot."

The Bears knew they were getting a great athlete when they took Urlacher with the ninth pick. He'd played free safety, linebacker, tight end and receiver at New Mexico, and also returned kicks.

They wanted him on the field right away, so they made him the starter at outside linebacker, figuring it was the easiest position to learn. But Urlacher struggled in training camp, eventually losing his starting job before the final preseason game.

"I didn't know what to expect coming into this year," he said, "and then I started out so bad with training camp and it was really frustrating."

But when middle linebacker Barry Minter got hurt in the second game, Urlacher went in, and he's never come out. Though middle linebacker is tougher to learn than strongside and requires him to call signals for the defense, it's more like the rover position he played at New Mexico.

In his first start, against the New York Giants, he had 13 tackles and his first sack.

"I think I got better and better as the season went on," he said.

And he'll get better still, Minter said.

"The sky is the limit right now for him," Minter said. "He's still scraping the barrel on learning how to play linebacker. Right now, he's doing still a lot of things on straight talent and ability.

"You will probably see a different, more improved Brian Urlacher next year. With a year here working in the system, in the weight room, watching some film in the offseason, he'll be even better next year."

EAGLES: Philly battles N.Y. Giants next Sunday

(From 1C)

son in which Philadelphia wasn't competitive until the end.

Over the past four seasons, the Eagles have lost eight straight to the Giants although in the first three of them, their combined record was 11-37, so they weren't beating anybody.

Now they look at next Sunday as the best of all possible times to end that streak.

"We're 0-0 right now," McNabb said. "This is the playoffs. The others were just regular-season games."



SPORTS SCOREBOARD

College Basketball

Men
SOUTHWEST
W. Texas A&M 94, Adams St. 65
MIDWEST
Evansville 86, Tennessee St. 80, OT
Northern St., S.D. 66, Minn.-Crookston 63
SOUTH
Cumberland, Ky. 81, Brescia 53
Women
SOUTHWEST
TCU 80, Brown 42
MIDWEST
Drake 66, SW Missouri St. 63
Indiana St. 71, Bradley 69
N. Iowa 76, Illinois St. 65
Wichita St. 89, Creighton 76
SOUTH
Louisville 72, Cincinnati 58
Northwestern St. 61, Sam Houston St. 54
SE Louisiana 76, Centenary 54
DRAKE 66,
NO. 15 SW MISSOURI ST. 63

SW MISSOURI ST. (7-3): Deer 4-9 5-6 13, Cavey 1-4 0-0 2, Stiles 9-22 3-4 23, Mitchem 5-17 0-0 10, Campbell 1-4 1-4 3, Kiss 1-1 0-0 2, Vicente 1-7 0-0 2, Busbey 1-3 0-2 0, Hohenberger 0-0 0-0 0, Rante 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 26-73 9-16 63.

DRAKE (7-3): Head 1-6 0-1 2, Richards 0-7 0-0 0, Bennett 7-14 8-10 22, Santa 3-7 1-2 8, Schmitz 5-15 8-8 19, Mosley 0-0 2-2 2, Nelson 6-9 0-0 13. Totals 22-58 19-23 66.

Halftime—SW Missouri St. 35, Drake 27. 3-Point goals—SW Missouri St. 2-11 (Stiles 2-5, Vicente 0-1, Mitchem 0-2, Deer 0-3), Drake 3-16 (Nelson 1-2, Santa 1-2, Schmitz 1-6, Richards 0-6). Fouled out—none. Rebounds—SW Missouri St. 47 (Mitchem 13), Drake 43 (Bennett 11). Assists—SW Missouri St. 15 (Campbell 8). Drake 16 (Richards, Santa, Schmitz 4). Total fouls—SW Missouri St. 24, Drake 16. A—3,616.

Tennis

Gold Flake Open

CHENNAI, India (AP) — Results Monday of the $400,000 Gold Flake Open ATP Tour hardcourt tournament:

Singles
First Round

Michal Tabara, Czech Rep., def. Fernando Gonzalez, Chile, 6-3, 6-3.

Edwin Kempes, Netherlands, def. Jiri Vanek (8), Czech Rep., 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3.

Adrian Voinea, Romania, def. Fazaluddin Syed, India, 6-4, 6-2.

David Sanchez, Spain, def. Markus Hantschk (7), Germany, 6-3, 6-3.

Byron Black (4), Zimbabwe, def. Nikolai Davydenko, Russia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Cyril Saulnier, France, def. Emilio Alvarez, Spain, 6-4, 6-2.

Andrei Stoliarov, Russia, def. Mahesh Bhupathi, India, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

Doubles
First Round

Paul Rosner and Jason Weir-Smith, S. Africa, def. Magnus Norman, Sweden, and Oleg Ogorodov, Uzbekistan, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

Frantisek Cermak and Ota Fukarek, Czech Rep., def. Mustafa Ghouse and Vishal Uppal, India, 6-0, 6-4.

Qatar Open

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Results Monday of the $1 million Qatar Exxon Mobil Open ATP Tour hardcourt tournament:

Singles
First Round

Gianluca Pozzi, Italy, def. Fabrice Santoro, France, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6 (3).

Julian Boutter, France def. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.

Nicolas Escude, France, def. Younes El Aynaoui, Morocco, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Fernando Vicente, Spain, def. Rainer Schuettler, Germany, 6-1, 7-6 (4).

Doubles
First Round

Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, and Max Mirnyi, Belarus def. Lars Burgsmuller, Germany, and Sander Groen, Netherlands, 7-5, 7-5.

David Prinosil, Germany, and Nenad Zimonjic, Yugoslavia, def. Nicolas Kiefer, Germany, and Sjeng Schalken, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-2.

Alex Calatrava and Albert Portas, Spain, def. Nasser Al Khulaifi and Sultan Khalfan, Qatar, 6-0, 6-4.

Ivo Heuberger, Switzerland, and Alexander Waske, Germany, def. Karim Alami and Hicham Arazi, Morocco, 6-4, 7-6 (5).

ASB Bank Classic

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — Results Monday of the $110,000 ASB Bank Classic Sanex WTA Tour hardcourt tournament at Stanley Street:

Singles
First Round

Barbara Schett (2), Austria, def. Leanne Baker, New Zealand, 6-1, 6-4.

Marlene Weingartner, Germany, def. Nathalie Dechy (3), France, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-0.

Anne Kremer (5), Luxembourg, def. Emmanuelle Gagliardi, Switzerland, 6-2, 6-0.

Paola Suarez (6), Argentina, def. Jana Nejedly, Canada, 6-1, 6-7 (3), 6-3.

Corina Morariu, U.S., def. Jennifer Hopkins, U.S., 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Rita Grande, Italy, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Shinobu Asagoe, Japan, def. Emilie Loit, France, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2.

AAPT Championship

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP) — Results Monday of the $375,000 AAPT Championship ATP Tour hardcourt tournament at Memorial Drive:

Singles
First Round

Andrei Pavel (6), Romania def. Justin Gimelstob, U.S. 6-2, 6-2.

Christian Vinck, Germany def. Alexander Popp, Germany 7-6 (5), 6-4.

Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia def. Sargis Sargsian, Armenia 6-2, 7-5.

Alberto Martin, Spain def. German Puentes, Spain 6-2, 6-3.

Christophe Rochus, Belgium def. Andrew Ilie (8), Australia 1-6, 7-6 (2), 7-5.

Jason Stoltenberg, Australia def. Sebastien Grosjean (4), France 6-3, 6-2.

Nicolas Massu, Chile, def. Raemon Sluiter, Netherlands, 6-2, 6-4.

Doubles
First Round

David Macpherson, Australia, and Grant Stafford, S. Africa, def. Michael Hill, Australia, and Jeff Tarango (3), U.S., 0-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Paul Kilderry and Peter Tramacchi, Australia, def. Jaime Delgado and Tim Henman, Britain, 6-2, 6-4.

Paul Goldstein, U.S., and Andrew Kratzmann, Australia, def. Marius Barnard, S. Africa, and Chris Woodruff, U.S., 6-3, 6-4.

Bob and Mike Bryan, U.S., def. Thomas Shimada, Japan, and Myles Wakefield, S. Africa, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3.

Australian Women's Hardcourt

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Results Monday of the $170,000 Australian Women's Hardcourt Sanex WTA Tour tournament at Royal Pines:

Singles
First Round

Lina Krasnoroutskaya, Russia, def. Iva Majoli, Croatia, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 7-6 (1).

Andrea Glass, Germany, def. Evie Dominikovic, Australia, 6-3, 6-4.

Meghann Shaughnessy (6), U.S., def. Sylvia Plischke, Austria, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Sonya Jeyaseelan, Canada, def. Barbara Rittner, Germany, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Silvia Farina-Elia, Italy, def. Greta Arn, Russia, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4.

Joannette Kruger, S. Africa, def. Wynne Prakusya, Indonesia, 6-4, 6-0.

Magui Serna (5), Spain, def. Alina Jidkova, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.

Maria Angeles Montolio, Spain, def. Rita Kuti-Kis, Hungary, 6-2, 6-1.

Doubles
First Round

Katie Schlukebir and Meghann Shaughnessy (3), U.S., def. Nannie de Villiers, S. Africa, and Annabel Ellwood, Australia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

Asa Carlsson, Sweden, and Silvia Farina-Elia, Italy, def. Andrea Glass and Bianka Lamade, Germany, 7-5, 6-4.

Sonya Jeyaseelan and Renata Kolbovic, Canada, def. Henrieta Nagyova, Slovakia, and Brie Rippner, U.S., 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Hopman Cup

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Results Monday of the Hopman Cup mixed teams exhibition at the Burswood Dome:

United States 3, Slovakia 0

Monica Seles, U.S., def. Karina Habsudova, Slovakia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

Jan-Michael Gambill, U.S., def. Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Seles and Gambill def. Habsudova and Hrbaty, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4).

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	20	11	6	0	46	125	88
Philadelphia	17	14	7	0	41	108	109
Pittsburgh	17	14	6	1	41	113	113
N.Y. Rangers	16	21	1	1	34	129	146
N.Y. Islanders	11	20	4	2	28	85	113

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	20	12	4	3	47	126	99
Buffalo	20	13	3	1	44	104	93
Ottawa	19	12	6	0	44	112	89
Boston	14	16	5	4	37	99	123
Montreal	10	23	4	2	26	93	119

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	18	13	7	1	44	106	98
Atlanta	15	16	6	1	37	111	127
Carolina	14	16	4	2	34	83	101
Tampa Bay	12	18	5	2	31	98	124
Florida	7	19	7	5	26	82	113

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	26	5	4	0	56	128	69
Detroit	22	13	3	3	50	119	107
Nashville	14	18	7	1	36	89	107
Chicago	14	19	3	2	33	95	112
Columbus	12	22	4	2	30	87	126

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	25	8	5	0	55	116	87
Vancouver	20	11	4	4	48	133	109
Edmonton	18	16	6	1	43	113	112
Calgary	13	15	7	4	37	95	108
Minnesota	12	17	7	2	33	83	91

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	23	9	5	0	51	108	84
Dallas	21	11	4	1	47	106	81
Phoenix	16	10	10	1	43	93	80
Los Angeles	17	14	7	1	42	132	118
Anaheim	13	19	5	4	35	99	124

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Monday's Games

Boston 4, Buffalo 3
Washington 4, Atlanta 2
Vancouver 5, Nashville 2
St. Louis 5, Edmonton 2
San Jose 3, Phoenix 2

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Colorado, 8 p.m.

Blues 5, Oilers 2

Edmonton	0	0	2	— 2
St. Louis	1	2	2	— 5

First Period—1, St. Louis, Turgeon 15 (Pronger), 19:53.

Second Period—2, St. Louis, Young 19 (Drake, MacInnis), 2:43. 3, St. Louis, MacInnis 7 (Pronger, Turgeon), 19:28 (pp).

Third Period—4, St. Louis, Turgeon 16 (Drake, Reirden), 6:42. 5, St. Louis, Pronger 5 (Eastwood, MacInnis), 10:09 (pp). 6, Edmonton, Smyth 16 (Smith, Weight), 12:19. 7, Edmonton, Laraque 7 (Moreau, Brewer), 13:50.

Shots on goal—Edmonton 5-5-11—21. St. Louis 14-13-12—39. Power-play Opportunities—Edmonton 0 of 2, St. Louis 2 of 4. Goalies: Edmonton, Salo 16-15-6 (27 shots-24 saves), Gage (0:00 third, 12-10). St. Louis, Johnson 14-1-0 (21-19). A—19,686 (19,260).

Capitals 4, Thrashers 2

Atlanta	0	2	0	— 2
Washington	1	2	1	— 4

First Period—1, Washington, Bondra 20 (Khristich, Mironov), 10:34.

Second Period—2, Atlanta, Svartvadet 7 (Tamer, Sarault), 5:25. 3, Washington, Cote 3 (Simon, Herr), 12:10. 4, Atlanta, Stefan 4 (Tapper, Domenichelli) 17:34. 5, Washington, Khristich 7 (Oates, Zednik), 17:50.

Third Period—6, Washington, Zednik 8 (Khristich, Reekie), 17:46 (pp).

Shots on goal—Atlanta 8-17-5—30. Washington 5-9-8—22. Power-play Opportunities—Atlanta 0 of 4; Washington 2 of 7. Goalies—Atlanta, Rhodes 4-6-4 (22 shots-18 saves). Washington, Billington 1-3-2 (30-28). A—13,328 (18,672).

Canucks 5, Predators 2

Vancouver	1	1	3	— 5
Nashville	0	1	1	— 2

First Period—1, Vancouver, Aucoin 3 (Druken, Stapleton), 0:19.

Second Period—2, Vancouver, Morrison 9 (Schaefer, Baron), 8:55 (sh). 3, Nashville, Walker 13 (Kjellberg, Ronning), 10:30 (pp).

Third Period—4, Vancouver, D.Sedin 10 (H.Sedin, Ohlund), 4:44. 5, Vancouver, Druken 7 (Brashear, Lachance), 12:53. 6, Nashville, Johnson 6 (Lintner, Fitzgerald), 14:36. 7, Vancouver, Bertuzzi 14 (Naslund, Cassels), 18:58 (en).

Shots on goal—Vancouver 11-14-12—37. Nashville 9-13-6—28. Power-play Opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 4; Nashville 1 of 6. Goalies—Vancouver, Essensa 9-3-1 (28 shots-26 saves). Nashville, Dunham 6-7-3 (36-32). A—16,043 (17,113).

Bruins 4, Sabres 3

Boston	1	2	1	— 4
Buffalo	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—1, Boston, Samsonov 15 (Allison, Guerin), 0:37.

Second Period—2, Buffalo, Barnes 8 (Dumont, Smehlik), 12:04. 3, Boston, Van Impe 3 (Axelsson), 16:34. 4, Boston, Axelsson 3 (Kovalenko, Thornton), 19:18.

Third Period—5, Boston, Samsonov 16 (Kovalenko, McLaren), :44. 6, Buffalo, Satan 13 (Barnes, Andreychuk), 11:42 (pp). 7, Buffalo, Andreychuk 7 (Dumont, Woolley), 18:58 (pp).

Shots on goal—Boston 12-9-6—27. Buffalo 13-9-14—36. Power-play Opportunities—Boston 0 of 3; Buffalo 2 of 8. Goalies—Boston, Dafoe 5-6-4 (36 shots-33 saves). Buffalo, Hasek 15-12-2 (27-23), Biron (18:58 3rd period, 0-0). A—17,501 (18,690).

Sharks 3, Coyotes 2

San Jose	1	0	2	— 3
Phoenix	1	0	1	— 2

First Period—1, San Jose, Hannan 2, 3:40. 2, Phoenix, Roenick 16 (Numminen), 10:39 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, San Jose, Granato 4 (Friesen, Damphousse), 6:01 (pp). 4, San Jose, Damphousse 7 (Friesen, Hannan), 15:32. 5, Phoenix, Tkachuk 16 (Doan, Roenick), 18:17 (pp).

Shots on goal—San Jose 4-14-10—28. Phoenix 10-4-10—24. Power-play Opportunities—San Jose 1 of 6; Phoenix 2 of 8. Goalies—San Jose, Nabokov 21-5-4 (24 shots-22 saves). Phoenix, Burke 13-8-8 (28-25). A—14,791 (16,210).

NFL Playoffs

Schedule

Saturday, Dec. 30
Wild-card Playoffs
Miami 23, Indianapolis 17, OT
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 28
Sunday, Dec. 31
Baltimore 21, Denver 3
Philadelphia 21, Tampa Bay 3
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
New Orleans at Minnesota, 11:30 a.m. (FOX)
Miami at Oakland, 3 p.m. (CBS)
Sunday, Jan. 7
Baltimore at Tennessee, 11:30 a.m. (CBS)
Philadelphia at New York Giants, 3:15 p.m. (FOX)
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
AFC-NFC Championship Games (CBS, FOX)
Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
5 p.m. at Tampa, Fla. (CBS)
Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4
NFC vs. AFC, 5:30 p.m. at Honolulu (ABC)

Late Game

Eagles 21, Buccaneers 3

Tampa Bay	0	3	0	0 — 3
Philadelphia	0	14	0	7 — 21

Second Quarter

TB—FG Gramatica 29, 10:16.

Phi—McNabb 5 run (Akers kick), 3:21.

Phi—Brown 5 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), :12.

Fourth Quarter

Phi—Thomason 2 yard pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 14:13.

A—65,813.

	TB	Phi
First downs	11	20
Rushes-yards	19-50	33-126
Passing	149	151
Comp-Att-Int	17-31-0	24-33-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-22	2-10
Punts	6-40.5	5-36.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-62	2-20
Time of Possession	25:07	34:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Alstott 7-42, King 4-7, Dunn 8-1. Philadelphia, Warren 22-85, McNabb 8-32, Mitchell 3-9.

PASSING—Tampa Bay, King 17-31-0-171. Philadelphia, McNabb 24-33-1-161.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, K.Johnson 6-106, Dunn 5-28, Alstott 2-14, Dave Moore 2-12, Anthony 1-6, Hape 1-5. Philadelphia, C.Johnson 5-47, Mitchell 5-37, Small 3-30, Lewis 3-24, Martin 2-8, Pritchett 2-(minus 1), Brown 1-5, Pinkston 1-5, Warren 1-4, Thomason 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Philadelphia Akers 36 (WR).

Offensive Rookie

The National Football League's Offensive Rookie of the Year named by the Associated Press and selected each year by a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters:

1957 — Jim Brown, Cleveland, RB
1958 — Jimmy Orr, Pittsburgh, WR
1959 — Nick Pietrosante, Detroit, RB
1960 — Gail Cogdill, Detroit, WR
1961 — Mike Ditka, Chicago, TE
1962 — Ron Bull, Chicago, RB
1963 — Paul Flatley, Minnesota, WR
1964 — Charley Taylor, Washington, WR
1965 — Gale Sayers, Chicago, RB
1966 — Johnny Roland, St. Louis, RB
1967 — Mel Farr, Detroit, RB
1968 — Earl McCullouch, Detroit, WR
1969 — Calvin Hill, Dallas, RB
1970 — Duane Thomas, Dallas, RB
1971 — John Brockington, Green Bay, RB
1972 — Franco Harris, Pittsburgh, RB
1973 — Chuck Foreman, Minnesota, RB
1974 — Don Woods, San Diego, RB
1975 — Mike Thomas, Washington, RB
1976 — Sammy White, Minnesota, WR
1977 — Tony Dorsett, Dallas, RB
1978 — Earl Campbell, Houston, RB
1979 — Ottis Anderson, St. Louis, RB
1980 — Billy Sims, Detroit, RB
1981 — George Rogers, New Orleans, RB
1982 — Marcus Allen, L.A. Raiders, RB
1983 — Eric Dickerson, L.A. Rams, RB
1984 — Louis Lipps, Pittsburgh, WR
1985 — Eddie Brown, Cincinnati, WR
1986 — Rueben Mayes, New Orleans, RB
1987 — Troy Stradford, Miami, RB
1988 — John Stephens, New England, RB
1989 — Barry Sanders, Detroit, RB
1990 — Emmitt Smith, Dallas, RB
1991 — Leonard Russell, New England, RB
1992 — Carl Pickens, Cincinnati, WR
1993 — Jerome Bettis, L.A. Rams, RB
1994 — Marshall Faulk, Indianapolis, RB
1995 — Curtis Martin, New England, RB
1996 — Eddie George, Houston, RB
1997 — Warrick Dunn, Tampa Bay, RB
1998 — Randy Moss, Minnesota, WR
1999 — Edgerrin James, Indianapolis, RB
2000 — Mike Anderson, Denver, RB

Voting

Mike Anderson, Denver 40
Jamal Lewis, Baltimore 10

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	21	8	.724	—
New York	19	12	.613	3
Miami	18	14	.563	4 1/2
Orlando	14	16	.467	7 1/2
Boston	12	18	.400	9 1/2
New Jersey	9	21	.300	12 1/2
Washington	6	25	.194	16

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	20	12	.625	—
Cleveland	16	12	.571	2
Milwaukee	16	13	.552	2 1/2
Toronto	15	15	.500	4
Detroit	13	18	.419	6 1/2
Indiana	13	18	.419	6 1/2
Atlanta	10	20	.333	9
Chicago	5	25	.167	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	20	11	.645	—
San Antonio	19	11	.633	1/2
Dallas	20	12	.625	1/2
Minnesota	18	14	.563	2 1/2
Denver	16	15	.516	4
Houston	14	16	.467	5 1/2
Vancouver	8	22	.267	11 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Sacramento	20	8	.714	—
L.A. Lakers	22	10	.688	—
Portland	22	10	.688	—
Phoenix	18	10	.643	2
Seattle	17	14	.548	4 1/2
Golden State	10	20	.333	11
L.A. Clippers	10	21	.323	11 1/2

Monday's Games

Minnesota 106, Houston 96
Portland 89, Charlotte 67

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.
Toronto at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Timberwolves 106, Rockets 96

HOUSTON (96): Anderson 2-6 0-2 5, Thomas 4-7 3-6 12, Taylor 5-10 2-2 12, Norris 2-6 2-2 6, Francis 7-17 4-5 20, Mobley 8-18 14-16 30, Bullard 1-5 0-0 3, Williams 1-6 0-0 3, Rogers 1-2 3-4 5. Totals 31-77 28-37 96.

MINNESOTA (106): Mitchell 1-3 2-2 4, Garnett 7-15 7-9 21, Nesterovic 2-4 0-0 4, Szczerbiak 8-13 3-4 19, Brandon 8-18 2-3 19, Billups 6-12 3-3 16, Ellis 4-8 1-2 9, Peeler 4-6 0-0 9, Slater 1-3 3-4 5. Totals 41-82 21-27 106.

Houston	29	16	30	21 — 96
Minnesota	25	23	34	24 — 106

3-Point Goals—Houston 6-17 (Francis 2-6, Anderson 1-1, Williams 1-1, Thomas 1-2, Bullard 1-4, Norris 0-1, Mobley 0-2), Minnesota 3-9 (Peeler 1-2, Billups 1-3, Brandon 1-3, Mitchell 0-1). Fouled out—Francis. Rebounds—Houston 50 (Bullard, Anderson, Thomas, Taylor 6), Minnesota 52 (Szczerbiak 10). Assists—Houston 16 (Anderson 5), Minnesota 35 (Billups 9). Total fouls—Houston 19, Minnesota 29. Technicals—Taylor, Minnesota Illegal Defense. Flagrant fouls—Slater. A—14,779 (19,006).

Trail Blazers 89, Hornets 67

CHARLOTTE (67): Mashburn 5-13 1-1 12, P.Brown 2-10 0-1 4, Thorpe 4-10 2-2 10, B.Davis 4-9 1-1 10, Wesley 5-11 1-1 12, Coleman 1-9 5-6 7, H.Hawkins 1-4 0-0 2, Recasner 0-3 0-0 0, Nailon 4-7 2-2 10, James 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 26-80 12-14 67.

PORTLAND (89): Pippen 3-5 2-2 10, Wallace 4-10 4-4 12, Sabonis 2-10 4-4 8, Wells 5-10 6-7 16, Stoudamire 5-9 0-0 12, D.Davis 3-5 1-2 7, Anthony 3-7 3-3 9, Augmon 2-5 3-4 7, Smith 1-6 4-4 6, Perdue 1-1 0-0 2, G.Grant 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-70 27-30 89.

Charlotte	12	25	12	18 — 67
Portland	19	29	19	22 — 89

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 3-10 (Wesley 1-1, B.Davis 1-3, Mashburn 1-4, Coleman 0-1, H.Hawkins 0-1), Portland 4-15 (Stoudamire 2-4, Pippen 2-4, Sabonis 0-1, Wallace 0-2, Anthony 0-2, Smith 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 44 (P.Brown 13), Portland 56 (Wallace 18). Assists—Charlotte 16 (Mashburn 4), Portland 20 (Wallace, Sabonis, Stoudamire, Wells, Smith 3). Total fouls—Charlotte 25, Portland 17. Technicals—Wallace. A—19,980 (19,980).

CBA

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
Grand Rapids	5	4	21.0	36.0	4.0
Connecticut	6	1	17.5	35.5	5.1
Rockford	4	6	17.5	29.5	3.0
Fort Wayne	4	2	13.5	25.5	4.3
Gary	1	7	11.5	14.5	1.8

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	QW	PTS	AVG
Yakima	6	2	22.5	40.5	5.1
Idaho	7	2	18.5	39.5	4.4
Quad City	4	4	18.0	30.0	3.8
Sioux Falls	2	6	13.5	19.5	2.4
La Crosse	2	7	10.5	16.5	1.8

WPHL

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Tupelo	23	14	2	48	154	117
Austin	21	10	3	45	120	90
Bossier-Shrevprt	20	12	2	42	117	93
Monroe	20	14	2	42	126	122
Corpus Christi	18	17	2	38	110	129
Lake Charles	16	17	3	35	108	135
Central Texas	14	16	5	33	100	114
Fort Worth	9	23	3	21	98	127

Western Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Odessa	20	8	5	45	131	100
Lubbock	20	12	4	44	140	115
New Mexico	20	9	2	42	129	123
San Angelo	16	16	4	36	106	144
Amarillo	15	14	5	35	123	134
El Paso	12	15	5	29	84	103

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Game

El Paso at Monroe

Transactions

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

PHOENIX SUNS—Activated C Jake Tsakalidis from the injured list. Placed F Ruben Garces on the injured list.

VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES—Activated G Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf from the injured list. Placed F Grant Long on the injured list.

International Basketball Association

DES MOINES DRAGONS—Signed F Oliver Simmons.

SASKATCHEWAN HAWKS—Released C Glenn Catchings. Activated F Harold Rasul.

SOUTH DAKOTA GOLD—Signed G Damion McSwine.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NEW YORK JETS—Announced the resignation of Al Groh, coach, to become football coach at Virginia.

XFL

LOS ANGELES XTREME—Released WR Eddie Conti, TE Wendell Davis, CB Quincy Lejay, TE Chad Levitt and K Brian Moorman.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled C Marc Chouinard from Cincinnati of the AHL.

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Placed D Adam Burt on injured reserve. Recalled D Brett Clark from Orlando of the IHL.

CALGARY FLAMES—Reassigned G Martin Brochu to Saint John of the AHL.

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Placed G Ron Tugnutt on injured reserve. Recalled G Jean-Francois Labbe from Syracuse of the AHL.

DALLAS STARS—Reassigned C Greg Leeb to Utah of the IHL. Activated RW Grant Marshall and D Gerald Diduck from injured reserve. Placed LW Kirk Muller on injured reserve.

EDMONTON OILERS—Signed C Mike Comrie to a three-year contract.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled D Rich Brennan from Lowell of the AHL.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Sent G Rich Parent to Wilkes-Barre-Scranton of the AHL.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Activated D Cory Cross from injured reserve.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Recalled G Corey Hirsch from Portland of the AHL.

East Coast Hockey League

DAYTON BOMBERS—Waived F Mark Shalawylo and F Jeremy Cornish. Activated D Blaine McCauley from injured reserve. Added F Andrei Kuznetsov to the roster.

GREENVILLE GRRROWL—Transferred F Kelly Harper from 7-to 30-day injured reserve. Placed F Sean Ritchlin on 7-day injured reserve.

JOHNSTOWN CHIEFS—Activated RW Dorian Anneck from injured reserve.

PEORIA RIVERMEN—Activated D Matt Golden from injured reserve. Placed D Didier Tremblay on 7-day injured reserve.

WHEELING NAILERS—Announced G Joel Lain has been assigned to the team by Wilkes-Barre-Scranton of the AHL.

United Hockey League

QUAD CITY MALLARDS—Announced that LW Vlad Serov has been promoted to Chicago of the IHL.

Western Professional Hockey League

AMARILLO RATTLERS—Activated F Kevin Paden from 21-day injured reserve and D Larry Empey from 14-day injured reserve. Placed D Jay Pecora on 21-day injured reserve, F Toby Harris on 14-day injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 21, and D Eric Anderson on 21-day injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 30.

NEW MEXICO SCORPIONS—Activated D Miles Van Tassel from 14-day injured reserve. Placed D Travis Van Tighem on 21-day injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 21, and D Brian Pellerin on 21-day injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 30.

ODESSA JACKALOPES—Activated D Mike Rusk from 21-day injured reserve.

TUPELO T-REX—Placed F Ryan Rintoul and D Barry McKinlay on 14-day injured reserve, retroactive to Dec. 30.

COLLEGE

MISSISSIPPI—Fired Art Kaufman, defensive coordinator; Tom Lavigne, defensive backs coach; and Benjy Pierce, conditioning coach.

WEST VIRGINIA—Named Bill Stewart assistant football coach, Jeff Casteel assistant defensive coach and Rich Trickett offensive line coach.

Ski Report

ROCKIES
New Mexico

Angel Fire — 6:00a variable 26 base 55 of 67 trails, 88% open, 6 of 7 lifts , 9a-4p

Pajarito — 6p nmsr packed powder 25 - 32 base 30 of 37 trails, 5 of 6 lifts , 8:30a-4p

Red River — 4:30p packed powder 24 - 30 base 65% open, 6 of 7 lifts, sm

Sandia Peak — 1:00a packed powder 26 base 29 of 29 trails, 5 of 6 lifts

Sipapu — 6p nmsr packed powder 18 - 25 base 90% open, 2 of 3 lifts, sm

Ski Apache — 1:12p packed powder 36 base 54 of 55 trails, 11 of 11 lifts Sun: 8:45a-4p

Ski Santa Fe — 4:40a packed powder 52 base 43 of 43 trails, 550 acres, 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts

Taos — 6:30a packed powder 42 base 62 of 72 trails, 90% open, 12 of 12 lifts

Bowl Games

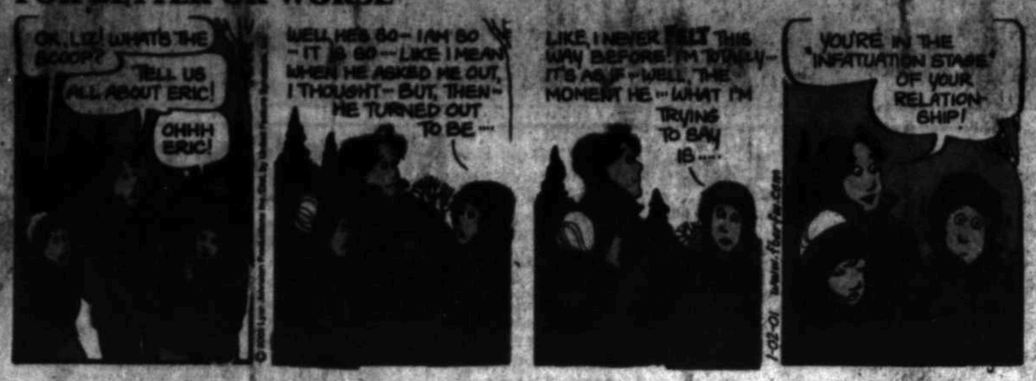
Schedule

Friday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: $1.25 million
Colorado State 22, Louisville 17

Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Payout: $1 million
Wisconsin 21, UCLA 20

Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: $1.8 million
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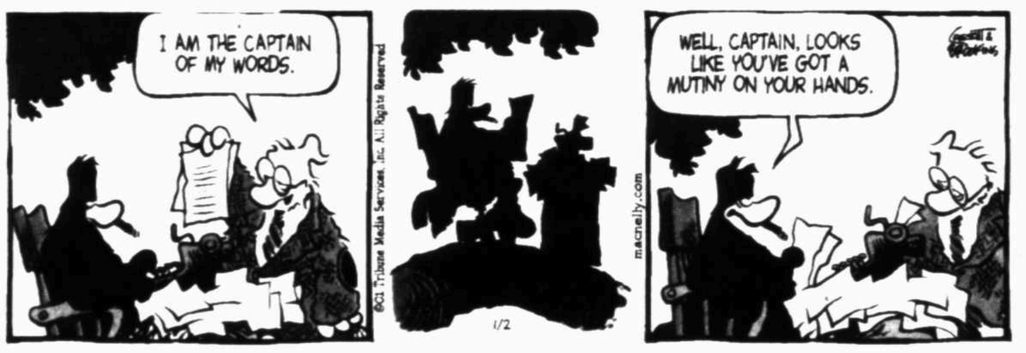
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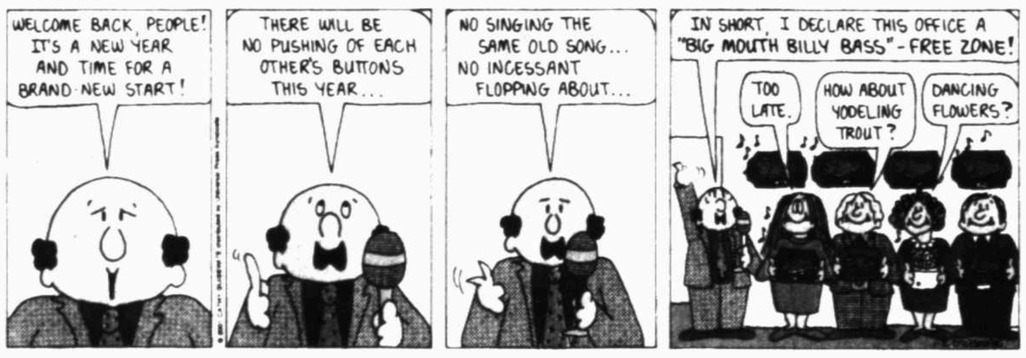
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DENNIS THE MENACE

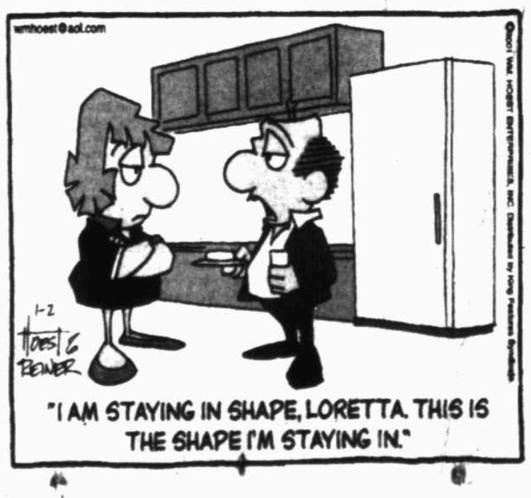


"I DON'T EVEN WANT TO KNOW WHAT THE VACUUM JUST SUCKED UP!"

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Kate Hudson marries rocker Chris Robinson on New Year's Eve

LOS ANGELES — "Almost Famous" actress **Kate Hudson**, daughter of **Goldie Hawn**, married rocker **Chris Robinson** of The Black Crowes on New Year's Eve.

The couple exchanged wedding vows during a ceremony in Aspen, Colo., Hudson spokesman Brad Cafarelli said Monday.

Actor Kurt Russell, Hawn's longtime boyfriend, gave away the bride.

Hudson, 21, was nominated for a supporting actress Golden Globe for her role as a groupie in the film about '70s rock, "Almost Famous." Robinson, 34, is the Black Crowes' lead singer. The group had a hit in 1999 with "Only a Fool."

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — Television personality **Leeza Gibbons** and comedian **David Brenner** have been sued for defamation by a former girlfriend of Brenner's.

A lawsuit filed by Charisse Brody Weason alleges that during a Dec. 7, 1999, episode of the television talk show "Leeza," Brenner made derogatory comments about Brody Weason's parenting ability.

Brody Weason and Brenner had a relationship that resulted in the birth of a son, who is now a teen-ager, an attorney for Brody Weason said. For the last several years, the boy has lived with Brenner following a custody fight with Brody Weason.

Repeated attempts by The Associated Press to reach Gibbons' publicist were unsuccessful. In an e-mail to The Associated Press, Brenner said he had no knowledge of the lawsuit.

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LOS ANGELES — A convertible owned by **Rod Stewart** and a Rolls-Royce once owned by **Howard Hughes** are on the auction block.

The collector cars will be among the stable of vehicles available Jan. 12-14 at the eBay/Kruse International auction of more than 1,000 cars in Phoenix, Ariz.

"The popularity of celebrity vehicles continues to grow in the collector car market," Kruse spokesman Bruce Knox said Monday.

The vehicles include Hughes' 1925 Rolls-Royce Pall Mall and Stewart's 1983 Ferrari 400I Spyder convertible. Malcolm Forbes' 1949 Cadillac Series 75 Sedan also will be on the block.

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PHILADELPHIA — **Sarah Jessica Parker** says her latest picture, "State and Main," a comedy about a Hollywood production invading a sleepy New England town, rings true about the movie industry.

For example, the movie shows Parker's character, Claire Wellesley, balking at performing nude, even though Wellesley had done so before. The real-life Parker has a no-nudity clause in her contracts, but she says there was one time when it was a problem.

"The producers had failed to read my contract," Parker told The Philadelphia Inquirer for Sunday's editions. "And the night before, when they were joking about the fact that I was going to be nude the next day, and I said, 'No, I'm not,' and they said, 'Yes, you are,' and I said, 'No, really, I'm actually not' — only then did a bad situation arise from that, which was really distasteful."

Parker said that happened a few years back, but she wouldn't say which movie it was.

"I've got to save it for my book," she joked. "And I remember every person's name involved, and there are some big ones! But it was a good little life lesson ... You really start to appreciate the idea of harassment and what that means to people in the workplace."

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NEW YORK — **Blue** has lost his human sidekick.

Steve Burns, the 27-year-old host of Nickelodeon's hit show "Blue's Clues," has decided to leave the cartoon stage.

"I didn't really want to become Krusty the Klown in front of the nation," Burns told Time magazine in its Jan. 8 issue, referring to the bumbling clown in "The Simpsons."

Burns teamed with the blue cartoon dog named Blue five years ago, helping TV-watching toddlers learn deductive reasoning. He made the role famous with his upbeat personality, khakis and stripped shirt.

Nickelodeon will replace Burns with his "brother" Joe, to be played by **Donovan Patton**. "The new guy is funnier and better than me," Burns said.

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PALMDALE, Calif. — MTV host **Troy Hartman** made an emergency landing on a street when the experimental airplane he was piloting lost power, authorities said.

No one was hurt, Los Angeles County sheriff's Deputy Dan McPherson said Sunday.

Hartman, host of MTV's "Senseless Acts of Video," was flying the RV-4 aircraft from Las Vegas to Los Angeles when its engine failed 10 miles from Palmdale Regional Airport, said Bruce Nelson, National Transportation Safety Board operations officer. The 26-year-old Hartman was one of two people aboard.

"We had time to deal with the situation, which was good, but we picked a couple of roads to land on, and I realized that they were pretty heavy traffic roads, a lot of cars down there, and it got stressful," Hartman told KTLA-TV in Los Angeles. "At about 1,000 feet, I realized we were running out of time."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

TV TONIGHT

TUESDAY EVENING — JANUARY 2, 2001

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	News 21	Wheel of Fortune 73	College Football Sugar Bowl -- Florida vs. Miami. (Live) 909753							News 2141273	Nightline (N) 21605882	Politically 2510840
(5) KPEJ	Cosby 16145	Spin City 94647	That '70s Show 68734	Titus 83531	Dark Angel "411 on the DL" '14' 28289		Arrest & Trial 63051	Nanny 70227	Jerry Springer '14' 34840		Blind Date 16956	Suddenly 40173
(7) KOSA	News 3937	Ent. Tonight 4289	JAG "Body Talk" 'PG' 42227		60 Minutes II 28647		Judging Amy 31111		News 1339598	(:35) Late Show 'PG' 33916173		Late Late 9453258
(9) KWES	News 3531	Seinfeld 7111	Michael Richards 4182	3rd Rock-Sun 3395	Frasier 3340	DAG 9647	Dateline 84227		News 6909173	(:35) Tonight Show Music guest Keb' Mo'. 33412395		Late Night '14' 5210289
(12) KMLM	News 57753	John Hagee 48005	Light of the Southwest (Live) 73937				Hour of Healing 26869		News 19666	Dr. Massey 28314	Promise 61444	Church 42579
(13) KOCV	Newshour With Jim Lehrer 312840		World of National Geographic 870289		Nova "Lost on Everest" 'PG' (DVS) 889937		Frontline How the book of Revelation has affected Western thought on the apocalypse. 882024				Telecourse 838463	
(10) WGN		Fresh Pr. 823227	Suddenly 814579	Dances With Wolves (PG-13, '90) ★★★★ (Part 1 of 2) Kevin Costner. 225821			News 335647		In the Heat of the Night 338734		Matlock "Diary of a Perfect Murder" 221005	
(11) WTBS		Fresh Pr. 601111	Fresh Pr. 7978734	Last Man Standing (:05) (R, '96) ★★ Bruce Willis, Christopher Walken, Bruce Dern. 3275937			Flight of the Intruder (:05) (PG-13, '91) ★★ Danny Glover. A flight team defies orders and bombs a strategic target. 21947840					Twisted 6145192
(18) UNI		Locura de Amor 26444	Mujeres Engañadas 79111				A Millón 22043		Primer Impacto 15840	Noticiero Univ. 91260	Viviana a la Medianoche 75395	
(20) DISC		Wild Discovery: Meerkats 941376	Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice 418463		New Detectives "Invisible Death" (N) 'PG' 427111		FBI Files "22 Caliber Killer" 'PG' 414647		Justice Files "Hard Evidence" 417734		Prosecutors: In Pursuit of Justice 490227	
(21) AMC		Rock Hudson 321598	High Noon (52) ★★★★ 1717596			The Cowboys	(:35) (GP, '72) ★★★ John Wayne. 92059424				The Big Trail 286260	
(22) TNN		Martial Law 156192	Movie 609869				Bull Riding 636753		Martial Law 639840		Starsky-Hutch 698753	
(23) TNT		Pretender 149802	Father of the Bride Part II ('95) ★½ 692579				Bull 629463		ER 622550		Bull 681483	
(24) CNN	Moneyline	Crossfire (N)	Wolf Blitzer	The Point	Larry King Live 713717		Tonight	Spin Room	Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 410163	
(26) BET	106 & Park	Oh Drama! 474096	Linc's 'MA'		Comicview 975289		BET Live 988753		BET News	BET Tonight	Midnight Love 874111	
(27) DISN	You Lucky Dog ('98) Kirk Cameron, James Avery. (TVG) 61444444		Kids of the Round Table (:40) (NR, '95) ★★½ Michael Ironside. 19629181				Johnny Morina,	Caps and Robbersons (:20) (PG, '94) ★★ Chevy Chase. 52463937			Zorro 618482	Mickey 509395
(28) ESPN2		College Basketball Kentucky at Louisville. 1807647		Strongman	Strongman		Strongman	Strongman	NHL 2Night	Sportscenter 7061482		
(29) ESPN		College Basketball Notre Dame at Syracuse. (Live) 886840		World Golf Champ./Match Play Preview 894869			PGA Golf World Golf Championship Match Play -- First Day. From Melbourne, Australia. (Live) 440208					
(30) USA		JAG "Boot" 572260	Nash Bridges "Jackpot" '14' 713537		Six Days, Seven Nights (PG-13, '98) ★★½ Harrison Ford, Anne Heche. 818181				Martin 861666	Martin 870314	Strip Poker 'PG' 320734	Femme Nikita 401869
(31) FX		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 2857647		Married...	Married...	Married...	X Show '14' 2856918		X-Files 1509918	
(32) A&E		Law & Order "Privileged" 936444		Biography: Marilu Henner-Motion 403531		City Confidential (N) 429579	Investigative Reports 432043		Law & Order "Heaven" 402802		Biography: Marilu Henner-Motion 485395	
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(65) FLIX		65	Miracles (5:30) ('86) ★★ Tom Conti. 836314	Payback (R, '99) ★★½ Mel Gibson, Gregg Henry, Maria Bello. 515717				Beggars and Choosers (N) 313591		Queer as Folk 'MA' 549192		Queer 5908918	
(66) SHOW		66	20	Martin's Day 62495227	Lovedboy (:20) (PG-13, '89) ★★ Patrick Dempsey. 57071024		Varsity Blues (R, '99) ★★ James Van Der Beek. 7253376		Cobb (:45) (R, '94) ★★½ Tommy Lee Jones. Sportswriter Al Stump pens the biography of Ty Cobb. 69582986			
(67) TMC		67	16	Funny Farm (5:15) ★★½ 10656579	Anywhere but Here (PG-13, '99) ★★★ Susan Sarandon, Natalie Portman. 856869			A Murder of Crows (R, '98) ★★ Cuba Gooding Jr. 2101043		(:45) D.L. Hughley: Going Home 'MA' 6604550		LoveDown 55635005	
(68) HBO		68	15	Baby Geniuses (5:15) (PG, '99) ★ 95257869	The Brady Bunch Movie (PG-13, '95) ★★★ Shelley Long. 3098260		Deadlock (R, '91) ★½ Rutger Hauer, Mimi Rogers. 86843395			Another Stakeout (:15) (PG-13, '93) ★★★ Richard Dreyfuss, Emilio Estevez. 68632989			
(69) HBOP		69		Immortal Beloved (5:45) (R, '94) ★★½ Gary Oldman, Isabella Rossellini. 97287463		Scenes From a Mall (R, '90) ★½ Bette Midler. 6320192			Passion Fish (R, '92) ★★★ Mary McDonnell. A bitter paraplegic and her caretaker learn friendship. 45909647				
(70) HBOS		70		The Natural 5736869	Rain Man (:45) (R, '88) ★★★★ Dustin Hoffman. The Oscar-winning study of an autistic man and his brother. 72577005			Liberty Heights (R, '99) ★★½ Adrien Brody, Ben Foster, Orlando Jones. 6148802				Alien Erotica (The Secret Files) (:10) 47312444	
(71) MAX		71		Die Hard (5:45) (R, '88) ★★★½ Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia. 94293192		Julien Donkey-Boy (R, '99) ★★½ Ewen Bremner. 6530463		Black Cat, White Cat (:45) (R, '98) ★★★ Bajram Severdzan. A gangster arranges a marriage for his sister. (Subtitled) 78386753					
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2001:

As a sign, you are interested in security and power. You need to juggle these needs, because they don't always go hand in hand. You can be creative financially, but you can also do some damage if you aren't careful. Avoid unnecessary risks this year. If you are single, romance flourishes if you are open to someone in late summer. If you are attached, you two enjoy working on your domestic life and careers together. You make quite a team by late summer. ARIES can be an albatross.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Your personality wins friends. Inspiration stems from friends and groups. Talks and brainstorming only add to good ideas. Welcome differences, especially from someone you put on a pedestal. Let this person share ideas. You will only gain. Tonight: Your smile wins friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Assume a low profile, even at work. Others frequently depend on you. You can give guidance, but do not get yourself in trouble. Close your door if you want to get any work done. Establish more of what you want in a partnership. Another is changing. Acknowledge this person's spiritual growth. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep the big picture in mind, especially if you get thrown off by someone who is close to you. Dealing with others needs to be kept on a universal level. Don't get personal. Let another make the first move. Do needed research. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Think about what you expect from those in your everyday life. A friend or associate pushes your buttons. Are you expecting too much? What is happening here? Have a creative discussion with a friend or loved one. Root out the problem and solve it. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Take an overview, especially if confusion sets in. You might not grasp what someone at work is trying to do. New information points you in a new direction. Use your limitless imagination with problems, and you'll cruise through them. Tonight: Check out the Internet for a special deal.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Work with others one-on-one. Listen carefully to a friend or loved one who is always on your side. A flirtation could distract you from the main issue at hand. Your creativity bubbles forth with others and with finances. Talk money. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Let others seek you out. Face tensions among family, your domestic needs and a loved one. Work on your juggling skills. Communication surges. Seek out answers and touch base with others. You get a variety of opinions. Consider different beliefs. Tonight: Go along with another's idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might not agree with those you work with, but you need to develop better work relationships. Use your diplomatic skills to seek out answers and meld different opinions. Make time for some exercise, especially now that the holidays are over. Tonight: Do something physical.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want something that simply costs way too much. Know when to rein yourself in and say no. Indulge a loved one or child by doing something he loves. Your sense of what is happening is right on. Follow your sixth sense. Tonight: Continue romping in the year.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might inadvertently cause yourself confusion. Slow down and take your time. You could make a bad decision if you rush. If you go within, you'll come up with great ideas. You're inspired with your finances. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Keep things moving. Don't get focused on one idea. Holding too much inside could cause you a problem. Keep conversations moving, with an eye to success and extending your horizons. Your influence might be a lot larger than you think. Tonight: Meet a friend for dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Before you make a decision, take into account what is happening with a friend. You could feel tense about spending. Why not study your finances and look for other solutions? Someone shares good ideas. Actually, it is you who is vague presently. Tonight: Pay bills.

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BORN TODAY
Actor Cuba Gooding Jr. (1968), House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert (1942), author Isaac Asimov (1920)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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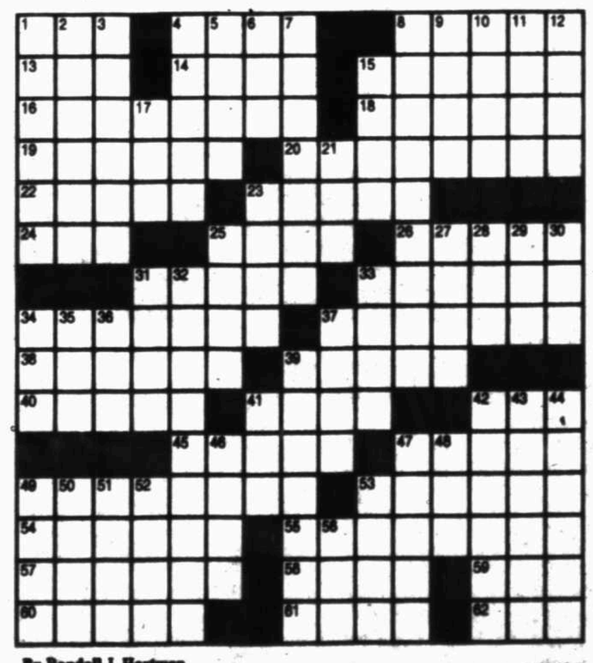
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23 Shoe inserts
25 Champagne designation
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32 Intimate friend
33 Membership fee
34 Weather that "rolls in"
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36 Dogpatch adjective
37 Provo suburb
39 In a short time
41 Morning drops
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50 Up to the task
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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Play or Defend?

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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♣ Q 9 8 3 2

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♡ J 9 8 4
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Opening lead: Nine of ◇

Study the diagram, then decide: Would you rather play or defend four spades after the lead of the nine of diamonds?

The key factor in the bidding was North's decision to raise spades with a doubleton high honor, a thoughtful bid since, on this auction, South's rebid virtually guaranteed a six-card suit. That made it easy for South to push on to game.

Suppose you elect to cover the opening diamond lead with the 10 and East wins with the queen. You win the return of the jack of clubs with the king and lead a spade to the queen, which wins, and continue with a spade back to the jack. West captures with the ace and reverts to diamonds, and you must rise with the ace. There is now no way you can avoid losing two heart tricks as the cards lie — down one.

This reasonable line does not mean you should elect to defend — a slight adjustment is available to declarer. After winning the second trick with the king of clubs, lead a heart to the queen and East's king. If East shifts to trumps, West must win and return a trump, otherwise you get to ruff a heart and so lose only one trick in each suit except clubs. But now you can come to hand with the remaining high club, draw the outstanding trump, and cross to dummy with the ace of diamonds to take a heart discard on the queen of clubs. There are too many threats for the defense to counter.



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AP Photo

Kansas State defensive end Monty Beisel shows off the 2001 Cotton Bowl trophy after Kansas State beat Tennessee 35-21 in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on Monday.

Beasley leads Wildcats in win over Volunteers in Cotton Bowl; Vick, Hokies roll past Clemson

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jonathan Beasley has a new highlight film to show NFL scouts.

Beasley gave a great display of the all-around ability that is now the rage among pro quarterbacks, as No. 11 Kansas State beat No. 21 Tennessee 35-21 in the Cotton Bowl Monday. He ran for a career-best 98 yards and a touchdown, threw for 210 yards and two TDs, and quick-kicked the ball to the 4.

Beasley's long first-half passes to Quincy Morgan softened the Volunteers' defensive front, then he and Josh Scobey spent the second half running all over a unit that was third-best in the nation.

The 297 yards rushing by Kansas State (11-3) were the most against Tennessee (8-4) since Nebraska had 409 in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl. Scobey ran 28 times for 147 yards, two shy of his career best.

Although Kansas State tried not thinking of this as the national championship it missed out on playing against Tennessee two years ago, the Wildcats played as if more was on the line than a fourth straight 11-win season.

The Wildcats scored first, then answered the Volunteers' first touchdown with one 50 seconds later and another on the next drive. With Morgan hurt just before halftime, Kansas State opened the third quarter with 10 straight runs by Beasley and Scobey and produced two more touchdowns.

Beasley finished 13-of-27 for 210 yards with an interception that Tennessee's Jabari Greer returned 78 yards for a touchdown. The senior, who redshirted as a junior two years ago when Michael Bishop was a senior, ran 17 times and was not sacked by a Tennessee defense that came in with a school-record 50.

For all his great passes and improvisational runs, Beasley might be most proud of his punt. With Kansas State facing fourth-and-8 from the Tennessee 31, he lined up under center, then pooch-kicked the ball 27 yards.

When the game ended, most of the Wildcats took a victory lap along the stands while a few others posed for pictures with a school flag at midfield.

Kansas State's defense had a big day, too, spoiling the 6-0 record in the career of Tennessee freshman quarterback Casey Clausen.

Clausen was 7-of-25 for 120 yards, his fewest as a starter, and his three interceptions were his most. He endured stretches of 1-of-8 and 1-of-12, the second beginning after hitting David Martin for a 17-yard touchdown.

Both quarterbacks struggled early on a field covered with snow and ice and a kickoff temperature of 29. The snow looked worse than it was, though, and was mostly stomped off by halftime.

Beasley got the Wildcats going on their second drive, a 74-yard march that began with a 16-yard pass and ended with a nifty 14-yard TD run that started in a clogged backfield and turned into an easy romp.

Clausen tied the score by moving the Volunteers 96 yards in only five plays. He showed why he broke all of Peyton Manning's freshman records, hitting Cedrick Wilson on a 39-yard pass, then found the wide-open Martin for a touchdown.

Beasley and Morgan then connected on a deep pass beyond two defensive backs. On the next drive, Beasley hit Morgan for 37 yards, then waited until the last possible second to throw a screen that Morgan easily turned into another touchdown.

■ Bowl Roundup

Greer's interception return with 4:13 left in the half kept the game close, but Tennessee didn't score again until Travis Henry ran 81 yards in the final minutes.

Henry, the leading rusher in school history, had 180 yards on 17 carries.

Tennessee defensive tackle Edward Kendrick was carried off the field on a motorized cart after being injured in the fourth quarter.

Kendrick fell to the ground after being blocked by two Kansas State linemen, who hit him simultaneously from both sides.

The type and extent of the injury were not immediately known.

Kendrick was transported to Baylor Medical Center for X-rays.

Rose Bowl
No. 4 Washington 34, No. 14 Purdue 24

PASADENA, Calif. — Marques Tuiasosopo ran for one touchdown and passed for another as Washington won the Rose Bowl and finished the season with eight straight wins.

Washington (11-1) gave the Pac-10 its first Rose Bowl victory in five years and second in the last nine games.

The Boilermakers (8-4) were playing in their first Rose Bowl in 34 years.

Tuiasosopo missed the last three plays of the third quarter with an apparent shoulder injury but returned for the fourth and threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Todd Elstrom to make it 27-17. Willie Hurst's 8-yard run made it 34-17 with 7:25 left.

Tuiasosopo was 16-of-22 for 138 yards, and rushed for 75 yards on 15 carries. Purdue's Drew Brees was 23-of-39 for 275 yards and two touchdowns — both to Vinny Sutherland.

Gator Bowl
Virginia Tech 41, Clemson 20

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Lee Suggs ran for three touchdowns and Michael Vick ran for one and passed for another as No. 6 Virginia Tech beat No. 16 Clemson 41-20 Monday in the Gator Bowl.

Quarterback Woodrow Dantzler was a virtual one-man show for Clemson after the Tigers (9-3) lost tailback Travis Zachery with a broken foot early in the second quarter.

Dantzler rushed 18 times for 81 yards and was 15-of-32 for 180 yards and one touchdown.

Vick was 10-of-18 for 205 yards and rushed for 19 yards for Virginia Tech (11-1), which played for the national championship last season.

Suggs' first touchdown came 2:26 before halftime and gave Virginia Tech a 21-10 lead.

Suggs' second score, a 1-yard run in the third quarter, was set up by Vick's 55-yard pass to Andre Davis. His third, a 5-yard run with 3:41 to play, made it 41-20.

The victory was the first in three bowl trips for the Hokies. The loss was Clemson's fifth in a row in a bowl.

Citrus Bowl
No. 17 Michigan 31, No. 20 Auburn 28

ORLANDO, Fla. — Anthony Thomas ran for 182 yards and two touchdowns and Drew Henson passed for two TDs as the Wolverines held on to win the Citrus Bowl.

Henson was 15-of-20 for 294 yards for Michigan (9-3), which has won bowls in four straight years for the first time.

Down 31-21, Auburn (9-4) stayed alive when Ben Leard hit a leaping Deandre Green with a 21-yard touchdown pass with 2:26 left.

Michigan's Ronald Bellamy then recovered the onside kick and the Wolverines ran out the clock.

Thomas, who carried 32 times, was named Citrus Bowl MVP for the second time and became Michigan's career rushing leader.

Leard was 28-of-37 for a season-high 394 yards and three TDs, both Auburn bowl records. He also threw two interceptions.

Outback Bowl
South Carolina 24, No. 19 Ohio St. 7

TAMPA, Fla. — The Gamecocks, winless in 1999 and losers of 21 straight entering this season, finished the most dramatic one-year turnaround in Southeastern Conference history by winning the Outback Bowl.

Ryan Brewer, an Ohio native, rushed for 109 yards and scored on runs of 7 and 2 yards, as well as a 28-yard screen pass play and gained 219 total yards for South Carolina (8-4).

The Buckeyes (8-4) avoided a shutout when offensive lineman Mike Gurr recovered Jonathan Wells' fumble in the end zone for a third-quarter touchdown.

Silicon Valley Classic
Air Force 37, Fresno State 34

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Air Force put on an air show in the first Silicon Valley Classic.

The Falcons didn't abandon the option, but they came out passing to surprise Fresno State 37-34 on Sunday in the inaugural bowl game at Spartan Stadium.

Mike Thiessen hit Scotty McKay with two touchdown passes, and ran for two more scores. He completed 12 of 24 passes for 204 yards.

Dave Adams added field goals of 37, 46 and 24 yards for Air Force, which finished the season 9-3.

David Carr threw five touchdown passes for the Bulldogs, who nearly pulled it off. With 14 seconds left, Fresno State brought in Asen Asparuhov for a 33-yard field-goal attempt to tie it.

But holder Jason Simpson pulled a fake, aiming for Giachino Chiaramonte in the end zone. The pass fell incomplete.

Fresno State (7-5) appeared unprepared for the Falcons' passing game from the start.

Thiessen threw on the first play from scrimmage, and hit Brian LaBasco with a season-long 35-yard pass on the same drive. Adams kicked a 37-yard field goal to cap the series.

Fresno State took over, but not for long. Carr's pass was intercepted by Joel Buelow. A play later, Thiessen found McKay with a 29-yard touchdown pass to put the Falcons up 10-0.

Thiessen threw for 1,687 yards during the regular season, the most for an Air Force quarterback since 1969. He had 13 touchdown passes, along with 10 scoring runs.

FIESTA: Beavers have 11-1 season

(From 1C)

ing seasons, had a 446-155 advantage in total yards and held Notre Dame to 17 yards rushing.

Oregon State linebacker Darnell Robinson forced a fumble and intercepted a pass to set up two touchdowns in the Beavers' 29-point third quarter.

Chad Johnson caught touchdown passes of 74 and 4 yards, but he got away with a big mistake on the first one when officials didn't see him drop the ball two yards short of the goal line.

Ken Simonton, Oregon State's big-talking 5-foot-8 tailback, gained 85 yards on 18 carries, including a 4-yard touchdown run. In the process, he broke his own single-season school rushing record.

Notre Dame's 18-year-old freshman quarterback Matt LoVecchio, under extreme pressure most of the night, threw two interceptions and fumbled the ball away — all in the third quarter. LoVecchio completed 13 of 33 passes for 138 yards. He was sacked six times.

LoVecchio, who was 7-0 as a starter going into the game, had thrown just one interception and Notre Dame had just eight turnovers — tying an NCAA record — through the regular season. The Irish had five turnovers against the Beavers.

The Irish, criticized for getting a Bowl Championship Series bid over teams ranked ahead of them in the BCS standings, lost their fifth consecutive bowl game.

The Beavers had a 278-98 advantage in yardage at halftime, but led just 12-3.

Any doubts ended, though, with four touchdowns in a span of 7:10 in the third quarter.

Notre Dame forced the Beavers to punt for the first time, but LoVecchio fumbled on a blindside hit by Robinson. Eric Manning recovered for the Beavers at the Irish 26.

Two plays later, Smith lofted a perfect 23-yard scoring pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh to make it 19-3 with 12:04 to play in the quarter. Notre Dame punted on its next possession.

Houshmandzadeh returned it up the middle to midfield, then fumbled. Teammate Terrell Roberts picked the ball up at the 45 and ran to the end zone. The two-point conversion pass from Smith to Robert Prescott put Oregon State up 27-3 with 9:08 to go in the third.

It got worse for LoVecchio, who threw a pass right into the hands of Robinson to give Oregon State the ball on the Irish 22. The Beavers scored in four plays, Smith throwing 4 yards to Johnson for the score and it was 34-3 with 7:02 left in the quarter.

The final touchdown came on Simonton's 4-yard run at the end of a five-play, 55-yard drive to put the Beavers up 41-3 with 4:54 to go in the third.

The most interesting play was Johnson's long touchdown catch. He raced down the sidelines and casually dropped the ball as if he had crossed the goal line. But television replays clearly showed he was two yards short of the end zone.

No official saw it, though, and the touchdown put Oregon State up 12-0 with 4:18 to play in the half.

Consecutive sacks of LoVecchio pinned the Irish at third-and-31 on their own 2, but Oregon State free safety Calvin Carlyle was called for a personal foul for shoving down a player after the play. Notre Dame got a first down, LoVecchio threw 40 yards to Javin Hunter and the Irish ended the half with Nick Setta's 29-yard field goal.

The Beavers drove to the Irish 15, 10 and 1 on their first three possessions but had to settle for field goals of 32 and 29 yards by Ryan Cesca to go up 6-0.

Oregon State drove from its own 11 to the Notre Dame 1 early in the second quarter but were stopped on fourth down. It was a momentary setback on a monumental night.

ROSE: Injured player was in attendance

(From 1C)

by one.

"I told him he didn't have a thing to worry about," linebacker Derrell Daniels said after the game. "I told him we were going to go out there and win it for him."

Since Williams was injured, his teammates have worn his initials on their jerseys and he got to watch them Monday from the press box level.

"We all knew we had to do one thing," fullback Pat Conniff said. "We knew we had to play our guts out for the guy. The guy is battling it every single day. The least we could do was go out and battle it out for four hours."

Washington quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo, who was voted player of the game, was thinking about Williams all day.

"It was a boost for all of us to see him before the game," Tuiasosopo said. "A lot of us hadn't seen him since the Stanford game."

Williams, 22, was flown from San Jose, where he is in a rehabilitation center, to the nearby airport in Burbank, and then taken to the Rose Bowl by ambulance. He slept most of the flight.

He said he was appreciative of Washington's fans.

"I miss them and I want to thank them for all their support," he said.

Several of Williams' family members, including brother David Williams, 36, of Fresno, flew to the game with him.

"For me, I wanted to get him here because he fought so hard to get his team here," David Williams said. "He's still optimistic he can get something back, but he knows he's not going to get it all back.

"He's coming to peace with things, but I think he's going to be OK."

As he watched from the press box, Curtis Williams was accompanied by a medical team from San Jose.

After the game, he was to be flown back to San Jose.

David Williams said his 5-foot-10 younger brother had lost "30 to 40 pounds" from his 200-pound frame since his injury. He said the family hopes to bring him home in February.

Former Washington coach Jim Lambright, who recruited Williams to the Huskies, has visited Williams since his injury.

"I don't think there's a day in his life where he doesn't think he will get up and walk again," Lambright said. "I'm positive it's going to happen."

SNOWED: Aggies led by 14 points

(From 1C)

Texas A&M a 41-35 lead, but Terence Kitchen's extra-point attempt was blocked by Willie Blade.

"I've been coming close all year," Blade said of his key block.

Eugene Clinton scooped the blocked kick out of the snow and before he could be pulled down at midfield, he flipped the ball back to Julius Griffith who raced to the end zone for a 2-point defensive conversion. That made the score 41-37 and gave the Bulldogs a chance to win it with a TD.

Madkin's 19-yard run got the ball to the 6-yard line, then on second-and-goal, he got loose again.

"I broke contain ... I had a guy coming at me and I was trying to stretch it as far as I could," he said. "I knew when all these guys jumped up on me and I couldn't breath that I got in the end zone."

Mississippi State rallied from 14 points down with two touchdowns in the final 8:16 of the fourth quarter.

An interception by Marco Minor deep in Texas A&M territory gave the Bulldogs a first-and-goal at the Aggies 4 with 2:50 left in the game and trailing 35-28.

On third down, Madkin faked a handoff and found Donald Lee alone in the snow-covered end zone for a 3-yard touchdown pass to tie it with 1:30 left.

Toombs was especially effective early, running for 73 yards and a touchdown on Texas A&M's first two series, and helping the Aggies grab a 14-0 lead.

"The trekking was real hard," the 255-pound fullback said. "It was hard to really burst with the ball. I had to slow down before I could get going."

But once he got going, he plowed through the snow and Mississippi State.

"For a big guy like me it's fun," he said.

Mississippi State managed to slow Toombs in the second and third quarters, but he got rumbling again in the fourth quarter. His 13-yard TD run with 9:20 left gave the Aggies a 35-21 lead.

Walker scored his third touchdown on a 32-yard run on the ensuing Mississippi State drive to cut the lead to 35-28 at 8:17.

About 30 minutes before kickoff, snow blew into Shreveport with strong winds whipping from one end zone to the other.

The game started with the synthetic grass field a mix of green and white. By the second quarter, the turf was blanketed by snow. Plows were used during timeouts to make the goal lines, end lines and hash marks visible.

Snow fell throughout, at times coming down so hard it made watching the game like looking through television static. Many of the 36,974 fans at Independence Stadium left at halftime.

SUGAR: Davis rumored for NFL jobs

(From 1C)

es' poll will award their national title to the Oklahoma-Florida State winner.

The Associated Press writers' poll has no such restrictions. If Miami beats Florida convincingly and No. 3 Florida State struggles to a victory over No. 1 Oklahoma, several voters in the AP poll have said they would rank the Hurricanes first, possibly creating the split national title the BCS was created to avoid.

So, a lopsided win would help the Hurricanes, and there's no way they can win any part of the title without an Oklahoma loss.

Listening to Davis, he might not even have the TV on when the Sooners and Seminoles kick off Wednesday night.

"I'm not concerned in the least about what happens with FSU-Oklahoma," he said. "It's one of those things that's out of our control. I can't control other teams, I can't control other games, I can't control the voters, I can't control the computers. All we can do is play the best we can Tuesday night and whatever happens is going to happen."

While the Hurricanes' motivation is clear, the Gators (10-2) come in as Southeastern Conference champions and the week's biggest spoiler. They're six-point underdogs, and playing an unlikely supporting role in this championship drama.

"I'm just worried about winning," coach Steve Spurrier said. "We need to beat those guys."

The Gators haven't been to Spurrier's favorite bowl game since winning the national title Jan. 2, 1997.

In the four years since, they have been humbled by losing their stranglehold on the SEC, falling badly to Florida State three straight times and seeing Spurrier's reputation as an offensive genius brought into question.

A lot of those issues have been smoothed over by Florida's SEC title this season when the Gators were young and thought to be a year away from returning to their prime.

"Obviously, it's a a whole different level with the national championship," said freshman quarterback Rex Grossman, one of 15 underclassmen to play significant time this year. "Hopefully in the future, we'll be there and get a shot at that. Right now we want to win a big Sugar Bowl game and get some momentum going into next season."

Miami's future isn't quite as clear.

Davis' name is associated with many NFL coaching vacancies that come up, although he virtually guaranteed Monday that he would be back with the Hurricanes next season.

Gone will be senior receiver Santana Moss and linebacker Dan Morgan, both All-Americas. Leading receiver Reggie Wayne, running back James Jackson and defensive tackle Damione Lewis are seniors, too. Left tackle Bryant McKinnie and safety Ed Reed, both juniors, are expected to make themselves eligible for the NFL draft.

Their biggest games — against Penn State, Virginia Tech and Florida State — are on the road in 2001.

Nobody at Miami will admit to thinking past Tuesday night right now. Davis claims the tunnel vision has been there since Miami sustained its only loss, Sept. 9 against Washington.

"Since Washington, our team has been in a single-game elimination situation, where we've had to take every game one at a time," Davis said. "We've approached it like we can't control a lot of the outside things and we just have to take care of ourselves."

The only question left is whether taking care of themselves will be enough.

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Whoever wins, Floridians consider their state No. 1

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — To most football fans in Florida, there's no doubt about who's No. 1: their state.

As a football hotbed, the Sunshine State may be unsurpassed. The year begins with Florida at the center of the football universe, providing a badly needed boost to the state's image, tarnished by news events in 2000.

Florida State bids for a national championship Wednesday night against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, the last of five bowl games in the state. The Florida Gators and Miami Hurricanes square off for the first time since 1987 at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on Tuesday. And the Miami Dolphins are among eight teams still in contention for the Super Bowl, which will be played in Tampa on Jan. 28.

The schedule is an embarrassment of riches, even by the standards of football-centric Florida.

"Football is the only thing Florida can get right," said Jeff DeForrest, a sports broadcaster in Miami.

It might seem that way in the wake of last year's Elian Gonzalez custody dispute and a presidential election that earned the state the nickname "Flori-duh."

"The state was an absolute fiasco," Hurricanes defensive tackle Damione Lewis said. "People were making fun of us right and left. Hopefully this will change all that and make them forget."

Football — and Florida's climate — can make scorn turn to envy. While much of the nation shivered Monday, nationally televised bowl games in Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville were played in cool but sunny weather.

That sends the kind of message tourism officials love. They also love the economic impact of Florida's bowl games and the Super Bowl, estimated at $500 million.

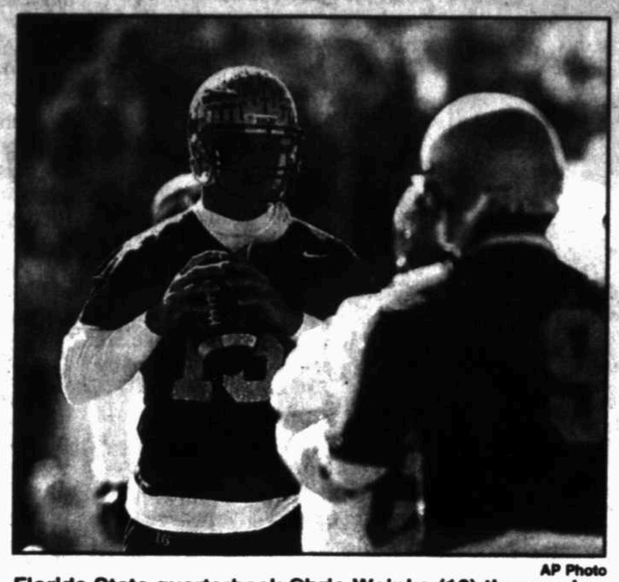
Football has long been big business and a big deal in Florida. The Orange Bowl began in 1935. The Dolphins became the state's first pro team in 1966, while the first NBA, NHL and baseball franchises came more than two decades later. And perennial college powerhouses Miami, Florida State and Florida have combined to win seven national championships since 1983.

"If the national championship is played and there is not a team from Florida in it, I don't think it's a true national championship game," Florida State linebacker Brian Allen said.

California and Texas, with much larger population bases, rank ahead of Florida in homegrown talent at the NFL and collegiate levels. But Florida reigns when it comes to bowl games, and the state's pro teams aren't bad either.

The Jacksonville Jaguars failed to make the playoffs this season but reached the AFC championship game a year ago. Tampa Bay was eliminated from the playoffs Sunday but played in the NFC title game last year. The Dolphins, who have made the playoffs each of the last four seasons, beat Indianapolis in overtime last week and play Saturday at Oakland.

Third-ranked Florida State, bidding for a second successive national championship, would be unbeaten and No. 1 if not for a loss to Miami. The second-ranked Hurricanes have a shot at their fifth national title if they beat the Gators.



AP Photo

Florida State quarterback Chris Weinke (16) throws during practice at St. Thomas University in Miami, Monday. Florida State will face Oklahoma for the national championship at the Orange Bowl in Miami on Wednesday.

Florida football excellence starts in high school, where spring practice — uncommon elsewhere — and year-round warm weather help coaches hone youngsters drawn to the sport by tradition.

"Spring ball is where you learn the fundamentals," said Florida State cornerback Tay Cody, a Georgia native. "Coaches are eager to get out in that sunshine and teach. It's very beneficial, and you can see it in the type of players they put out in Florida."

The abundance of talent attracts recruiters from most major-college programs, and more than a dozen Floridians dotted the rosters of such schools as Louisville, West Virginia, Syracuse and Houston this season.

"There are so many players from the state," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said. "Half of them are going to get out of the state."

Those who sign with the Seminoles, Gators or Hurricanes become part of intrastate rivalries that can be fierce, as last week's French Quarter fracas between players from Florida and Miami showed.

But in a diverse state that became the butt of jokes last year because it was so sharply divided, the obsession over football is something Floridians from Pensacola to Key West share with pride.

And to many fans, the controversies of the recent past were overblown anyway.

"Down here," broadcaster DeForrest said, "most people thought Elian Gonzalez was an offensive lineman."

Bowden earned early compliment from former coach Barry Switzer

By Ben Walker
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — When it comes to nostalgia and national championships, a lot of Oklahoma fans fondly remember coach Barry Switzer.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden chuckled when he recalled his first meeting with Switzer.

It was early in the 1976 season, Bowden's first after taking over the then-struggling Seminoles. They were 0-2 and went to play at Oklahoma, which was 2-0 and coming off a national title.

"So we got out on the field and, of course, when you don't have a good team, you got to coach a real good warmup program. When you hit the field to do your flexes, it's got to be, 'Look at their guys, don't they look well-coached?'" the folksy Seminole recalled a few days ago.

"So anyway, we got out there and Barry and I are standing in the middle of the field talking. So my kids come out on the field and this line comes out there and turns this way and that line comes out and turns that way and boy, it looks good.

"And ol' Barry says, 'Golly, one thing about y'all' — he was trying to say something nice, we can't win a game and he's undefeated — and he says, 'You know, y'all look well-coached,'" Bowden said.

"And I said, 'Barry, I'll swap my coaches for your players.'"

Florida State, which had lost 31 of its previous 35 games, played well that afternoon in a 24-9 defeat. The Seminoles finished 5-6 for Bowden's only losing record at the school, then began making quick progress toward national prominence.

■ Orange Bowl Notebook

Bowden and Switzer later met in two bowl games and Oklahoma won both of them — 24-7 in the 1980 Orange and 18-17 in the 1981 Orange.

Switzer is expected to be at Wednesday night's Orange Bowl when No. 1 Oklahoma takes on No. 3 Florida State.

A DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE: With an early curfew, many Oklahoma players found themselves in their hotel on New Year's Eve watching the Independence Bowl, which became the Blizzard Bowl when a freak snowstorm hit Shreveport, La.

And as they saw Texas A&M beat Mississippi State 43-41 in overtime, some of the Sooners thought back to last season. Oklahoma played in the 1999 Independence Bowl and lost to Mississippi 27-25 on the last play, finishing with a 7-5 record.

Now, the Sooners are the only undefeated major team in the nation, ranked No. 1 and playing for the national championship.

"While I was watching that game, I just kept thinking about all the things we've been through and how far we've come," offensive tackle Frank Romero said Monday. "Miami and palm trees is a lot better than Shreveport in the snow."

HAPPY NEW YEAR: While a lot of his teammates watched the Independence Bowl, Oklahoma quarterback Josh Heupel brought in the new year by studying up on Florida State.

Offensive coordinator Mark Mangino said his son, Tommy, came to him at about 10:30 p.m. and said Heupel was watching tape and had some questions about the plays for the Orange Bowl.

"I grabbed my script and got down there, and Josh is sitting there watching tape and taking notes," Mangino said.

The two spent time going over the game plan, with Heupel asking questions and reviewing various things.

"I left him about 11:30," Mangino said. "His notebook didn't look like it was full yet."

Florida State also has been working overtime to prepare for the Sooners' wide-open offense.

"Every game, our goal is the same: 'Stop the run, stop the run, stop the run,'" linebacker Brian Allen said Monday. "But they don't run out of a traditional I-formation, and they do different things. Against them, it's going to be, 'Stop the shuffle pass, stop the draw.'"

HEISMAN MATCHUP: When Florida State meets Oklahoma, it will be just the second time a major bowl has featured the Heisman Trophy winner and runner-up.

The Seminoles' Chris Weinke won the Heisman by 76 points over the Sooners' Josh Heupel.

The 1975 Rose Bowl matched '74 Heisman winner Archie Griffin of Ohio State against runner-up Anthony Davis of Southern California. The Trojans won 18-17 and claimed a share of the '74 national title — Oklahoma was the AP media poll champion, USC won the coaches' poll.

NATIONAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Majerus admitted to hospital

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah basketball coach Rick Majerus was admitted to the hospital Monday after experiencing chest pains.

Majerus, 52, who has a history of heart problems, was admitted to LDS Hospital as a precaution, according to a University of Utah news release.

Preliminary tests on his heart have been normal, said spokesman Mike Lageschulte. However, he will undergo a coronary angiogram Tuesday which will give more information on his condition, he said.

No timetable has been set for his return to the Utes.

Majerus has been away from the team for six weeks while recovering from anthroscopic knee surgery on his right knee. He had planned to return to the team practices Monday.

"Maybe it was just the excitement over coming back to the team. We'll know more tomorrow," Lageschulte said.

Dick Hunsaker, who has filled in for Majerus for the last 12 games, will continue to serve as acting head coach.

Majerus missed most of the 1989-90 season, his first with the Utes, after heart bypass surgery.

Former Rams star Woodley Lewis dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former Los Angeles Rams defensive back Woodley Lewis, who led the NFL with 12 interceptions as a rookie in 1950, has died of kidney and heart problems, his wife said. He was 76.

Lewis, who died Friday in a Los Angeles hospital, played with the Rams from 1950-55 before being traded to the Chicago Cardinals. He also played with the Dallas Cowboys before finishing his career in 1961.

"Not only was he an excellent football player, he was an authentic human being and a great community leader once he left football," former teammate Dan Towler said Monday. "He gave a lot of his time to youth organizations in South Central Los Angeles, and left his mark."

Lewis, Towler, Paul "Tank" Younger, Bob Boyd and Harry Thompson, who played for the Rams' 1951 NFL championship team, remained close.

"He could really play," Younger said. "We'll all miss him."

Olympic boxing champion killed

ALMATY, Kazakstan (AP) — Olympic boxing champion Bekzat Sattarkhanov was killed in a New Year's Eve car accident, police said. He was 20 years old.

Sattarkhanov was driving to Turkestan in southern Kazakstan for a New Year's Eve celebration when the accident occurred, said police in the Shumkent region, some 400 miles from Almaty.

Two other people in the car were injured, the police department said. No further details were available.

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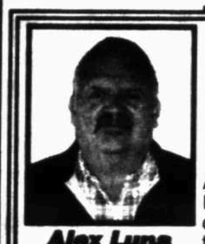
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CHEVROLET 1987 CAPRICE- Runs great! A/C & heater work. $1,000. 694-5011.

CHEVROLET 1987 Suburban. Front & rear A/C, AM/ FM cassette, power locks/ doors, towing package $2,500. 694-4697.

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FORD 1983 CROWN Victoria, $1,400. Clean body! Mostly garage kept, all new electronics. 683-6678.

HONDA 1987 Civic, 4 doors, automatic, $1,950. 520-9135.

MAZDA 1990 626. Power locks/ windows, sun roof, 4 door, alloy rims. $3,000. 697-1793.

CHEVROLET 1970 1/2 ton pickup, V8, 3 speed, $2,500 obo. Call 686-8271.

FORD 1986 Mustang, 4 cylinder, manual, air, power locks, cruise, am/ fm/ cassette, 95,000 miles, dependable $1,500. 520-7021 after 5:30pm

MERCURY 1990 Grand Marquis- one owner, fully loaded, CD, new tires, 90K, very clean, asking $2,995 obo Call 520-6270

VOLVO 1986 740 Turbo 4 door, power windows, 164K miles, medium blue, tan interior, sunroof, new turbo $3,500 620-6064 520-5723

FORD 1970 Winch Truck- 1 ton, dual tires, 390 V8, chrome wheels, power steering, headers, clean, mechanically sound $1,650 682-7587

240 Motorcycles

2000 HARLEY DAVIDSON- 883 Hugger, like new, 220 miles, lots of chrome, tons of extras, perfect condition! $10,500 Call 689-4563

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BRAND NEW 14' Utility trailer with lift gate and side rails $675 915-570-1786

BRAND NEW 18' Car Hauler- Diamond plated floor, rolled dove tail, slide in ramps, too much to list $1,895 915-570-1786

250 Recreational Vehicles

TRAVELCRAFT motor home, 22' excellent condition, self contained, generator, 460 engine, $14,500 obo Call 550-7644

1988 WINDCRUISER, 33', loaded, jacks, ice maker, camera, air bags, new tires, Driver/ passenger doors, 57K miles, $20,500 o.b.o. 689-4721

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1991 CHAMPION BASS boat, 18'10", dual console, 200hp Mariner, tandem trailer, 3 depth finders, $7,700 Call 699-4089 anytime

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290 Parts & Accessories

COMPLETE 1995 S-10 4 cyl. engine with manual transmission and computer, 50K miles $1,200 or best offer Call 634-0716

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TG's Meat Co., a division of the Bobby Cox Companies, Inc., has an immediate opening for a full-time Delivery Driver. Applicant must be able to lift 100 lbs, work efficiently in a fast-paced environment and pay close attention to detail. CDL a plus but not required. Must have a good driving record. Excellent benefits including health, dental and life insurance, 401K, paid vacation, employee discounts and credit union. No phone calls please. Pick up applications at our office or send resume to:

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10150 CR West #116 - Air Terminal
Midland, TX 79711

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EMPLOYMENT 300

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BEWARE Of Anyone who tries to sell you information about Government & Postal Job Vacancies. This info is free call 210-805-2402 (24 Hours) or 210-805-2406 (To request application forms) A public service message from the Midland Reporter-Telegram & the FTC.

307 Work From Home

ATTENTION: WORK from home, up to $25- $75/ hour, part- time or full- time (888)408-6571

CHECK BEFORE YOU COMMIT!

Ads in this classification may require some fee or cost to the respondents. We recommend that you thoroughly investigate all aspects of the offer before you commit.

310 General Help Wanted

Attention Readers:

See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction

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Great Income Opportunity Delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram in Big Spring, Sand Spring area, need someone reliable with good transportation. Call Ronnie Griffith at 687-8805.

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BEST TIPS IN TOWN- The Bar, downtown Midland, accepting applications for Waitstaff Apply in person only 606 W Missouri between 8- 10 am/ 2- 4pm Monday thru Thursday No phone calls please

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Cleaning, laundry and maintenance of home in older, central neighborhood, for couple. Must have transportation and provide references 25 hours per week, starting pay $1,000 per month. Send resume to: Box P-6103, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

CHINESE KITCHEN is hiring for all positions including Cook, Dishwasher and Counter Help. Apply in person between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. 4316 W. Illinois

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GOLDEN CORRAL is hiring for all positions full and part time, flexible hours. Apply in person Monday through Thursday between 3 pm and 5 pm. 4709 N. Midkiff.

HOTEL- Night Desk Clerk and Maintenance Person wanted. Apply at Best Inn and Suites, 3100 W. Wall.

La Bodega Restaurant is taking applications for a part time plus person and evening line cook. Apply in person. 2700 North Big Spring.

LAUNDRY- Relief must be able to read and write English and have good work history. $6.00/ hour. Apply in person. Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

LUBY'S CAFETERIA accepting applications for full or part time help, mornings/ afternoons/ evenings. Flexible hours, apply in person before 10:00am. No phone calls.

MICHAEL'S Charcoal Grill now hiring full time/ part time fry cook, cashier and counter help. Apply in person only. 723 West Wadley 9:00am- 11:00am.

NOW HIRING

Janitor & light maintenance person needed. Send resume to Box E-4258, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Pro Snips- Hair Stylist openings. Great pay. 1000 N. Midkiff. 520-9555/ 550-4696 ask for Betty.

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Responsible for maintenance, grounds, housekeeping, laundry, security, and transportation. Prepares budget and financial reports. Ensures compliance with federal and state regulates. Knowledge of fire, electrical, plumbing, heating and A/C. Responsible for safety Program. Effective communicator. Minimum 3 years supervisory experience preferable in healthcare. Excellent benefits. Salary DOE. EEO Employer. Please mail or fax your resume to:
Attention: Jimmy Johnson
Parks Methodist Retirement Village
111 Parks Village Drive
Odessa, TX 79765
Fax# (915)563-0430

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Operations Assistant

Successful candidates will assist with general office operations and must be a motivated, conscientious individual who possesses strong organizational and interpersonal skills. Excellent benefits and work environment.

Please mail or fax resume and salary requirement. No telephone calls, please.

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DRIVERS NEEDED!

Local moving company is taking applications for drivers to cover Texas and surrounding states. Must have class A-CDL drivers license and must be able to pass DOT physical. Applicant must have verifiable moving experience. Drivers never stay out more than two nights at a time. Paid vacations, Holiday Pay, and Paid sick leave. Please call XXX-XXXX between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday to set up an interview.

SONIC DRIVE-IN Midkiff Road

Now hiring all positions day & evening shift. Especially in need of daytime cooks & daytime carhops. Better than minimum wage to start. Please apply in person anytime.

TAKING APPLICATIONS For experienced make ready person, must have own tools. Appy in person Silver Creek Apartments. 2438 Whitmire.

TOP CAT Restaurant is now hiring for positions available. Pick-up applications only between 2:00- 4:00 on 805 North Big Spring.

TRINITY HAVEN is currently hiring for an experienced cook. Please apply at 3203 Sage or call 683-5403. Ask for Johnnie.

UNCLES' Convenient Stores, 2411 South Rankin Hwy., 4921 East Loop 250 North. Hiring both Part-time and Full- time positions. Please apply at either store.

V.I.P. Employment Services 686-9722 Industrial Workers needed. Long/ short term assignments.

VILLAGE CAR WASH is Accepting applications for Car wash Attendants. Please at 604 Andrews Hwy.

311 Medical Help Wanted

$100.00- $300.00 Nurse Bonuses!! * RNs: $25 to $45 * LVNs: $18 to $36 * Medical/ Dental/ 401K/ Life. Fax Resumes to 550-9398. NURSEFINDERS, 550-9399. E-mail us at NFOdessatx@cs.com & register to win a trip to CANCUN!!!

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CNA's & CMA

Terrace West Nursing Center has current opening for Certified Nurse Aides & Certified Medicaiton Aide. If you are looking for a career and not just another job we want to talk with you. We offer a competitive salary and a great place to work and a
$150 Sign-on Bonus.
If interested, please apply to: Terrace West Nursing Center 2800 N. Midland Dr. Midland, TX 79707

DENTAL STAFF Person- Experience required. Must enjoy children, smiling, be detail oriented. Non-smoking environment. Send resume to Detail Assistant, PMB 201 4706 North Midkiff Suite 22, Midland TX 79705.

LVN NEEDED immediately. Some computer experience helpful. Bring resume to 1300 W. Wall.

MANAGER NEEDED A.S.A.P. for home medical equipment company to open in Midland. Experience preferred but not necessary. Please send resume to Alliance Medical Supply, 715 E. 7th St., Odessa, Texas 79761.

Midland Dialysis Center accepting applications for RN/ LVN, a patient care technician, reuse technicians. Excellent salary and benefits. If interested fax resume to: 915-687-5008 or apply at 731 W. Wadley Bldg K, Suite 130. No phone calls please.

NURSING PROFESSIONALS

Terrace West Nursing Center has current opening for Registered Nurse/ Licensed Vocational Nurses on all shifts. Our nurses play an integral roll in the care of our patients and in the environment of our care center. If you are a career orientated person dedicated to providing quality patient care we want to talk with you. We offer an excellent salary/ benefits package and a
$600 Sign-on Bonus.
If interested, please send a current resume or contact: Terrace West Nursing Center 2800 N. Midland Dr. Midland, TX 79707

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED Evening & Saturdays. Light typing and reference required. Send resume to Mary Hunter, P.O. Box 60312, Midland TX 79711.

SADDLERIDGE LODGE Assisted Living, a gracious retirement residence for active seniors in Midland is seeking LVN's, Certified Med-Aides, and CNA's for full and part time positions. If you are courteous, attentive, and enjoy being part of a team, please stop by and fill out an application. Also, you may fax or mail your resume to: Attention: Candy Wilson, Saddleridge Lodge, 1808 W. Loop 250 N., Midland, Texas 79705, Fax: 915-687-0355. EOE.

WEST TEXAS'S only AASM accredited Sleep Lab is looking for a RPGST, RT or LVN for it's night shift. Monday - Thursday. Will train the right person for the position. Benefits and salary DOE. Please call 570-6483 or fax resume to 684-7003.

312 Professional Help Wanted

A CHRISTIAN Foster Care Agency is needing to fill a challenging yet rewarding case manager position. Bachelor's Degree required. Deadline for resumes is January 12, 2001. Please send resumes to Hope for Tomorrow. Attention: Mark Bland. 703 A. W. Indiana, Midland, TX, 79701.

316 Sales Help Wanted

SALESPEOPLE NEEDED

Do you have what it takes to sell? The Midland Reporter-Telegram is seeking neat & dependable individuals to work evenings and weekends offering subscriptions to non-subscribers. Great source for extra income. Unlimited potential. What are you waiting for? Apply today!!!
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or 201 E. Illinois, Midland

NEEDED: Tax Preparer to work 2000 tax season, 3 to 5 years tax experience necessary, CPA preferred. Send resumes and references to: P.O. Box 48, Big Spring, 79721.

SAFETY PROFESSIONAL for well established local company. Must have well service knowledge. Send resumes with references to: Box P-6104, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

INSURANCE CLERK. Experience in property and casualty insurance business. Must be computer literate, must be a people person. Box P-6101, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

KELLY IS YOUR JOB Connection... To Quality Jobs! Call Kelly Services 689-9801

PART- TIME SECRETARY for Doctor's office. Afternoons and some evenings. Typing, WordPerfect, answering phones, and other office duties. Non smoking. Send resume to: 1705 West Illinois, Midland, Tx 79701.

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RECEPTIONIST- Independent Oil & Gas Company seeks a responsible, motivated team player. Must possess excellent phone skills and a professional appearance. Requires filing, Windows 95, MS Word and Excel. Knowledge of accounting is plus. Send resume to P.O. Box 352, Midland, TX 79702.

316 Sales Help Wanted

WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

10 Salespersons are needed NOW to sell subscriptions to the Midland Reporter Telegram. Sales Season is here. Enhance your income for the holidays! Unlimited earning potential.
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687-8886

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Do you have a .....
- Desire for a new, challenging career?
- High energy level?
- Strong desire to succeed?

If you have promised yourself a new and exciting career for the New Year, we may have just the right opportunity for you to shine as never before. We are a publicly held company and the world's LARGEST funeral service provider. Our primary business is the operation of cemeteries and funeral homes throughout the world. We offer:
- Above average income
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- Thorough training

If you are aggressive, enthusiastic, self-starting and want an excellent income potential, you owe it to yourself to learn more about our tremendous opportunity! You must have reliable transportation. Professional dress required.

Call Alan at 682-3061 to schedule a confidential interview.

E.O.E.

LICENSED AGENTS Needed $75,000 + per year. 915-522-1218.

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

ASSISTANT MANAGER. Earn up to $35K. Our benefits include, bonuses, insurance, paid vacation, and flexible work schedules which provide a very good quality of life. For consideration fax resume to: Fuddruckers at 254-771-1641.

Fax It! 682-6999

GENERAL MANAGER needed for C-Store/ Truck Stop in the Midland area. Competitive salary/ bonus/ paid health plan. Send resumes to Human Resources, P.O. Box 4456, Houston, TX 77210 or fax resume to (281)444-5296; email smcclendon@sunmart.net

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY- Reliable, hard working, service tech. for all phases of the oilfield chemical business. Experience preferred but will train. C.D.L. and drug screen required. Fax resume to 915-694-8040 or mail to Precision Treating, Inc., 25 Kerry Road, Midland, TX 79706.

320 Skilled Trades

FACILITY CONSTRUCTION PERSONNEL-I needed for local and out of town projects: Superintendents, General Foreman, Pipe Fitters, Equipment Operators (Crane & Backhoes), Rig Welders, Field Clerks, Carpenters, Painters, Iron Workers, Riggers. Local applicants may come by our office. Out of town applicants may fax to (915)362-5166 or mail letter of interest and/ or resume. Master Corporation, 4682 E. University, Ste A, Odessa, TX 79762-8104

MECHANIC preferably alignment and front end experience and must have own tools. All applications in person at Midland Muffler and Brake, 3200 West Front. Talk to Mike or Bill.

NEW SHOP wants machinists, lathe or mill operators, minimum 3 years experience, great benefits, Call 352-8146.

330 Situations Wanted

CHRISTIAN LADY Seeks Day position as either a housekeeper or cook. References, dependable. Call 687-3728.

336 Adult Care Providers

A & D SITTING Service. Affordable and dependable care for the elderly. 24 hour sevice! Call Joann 570-8142.

Loving Home Care
Give us a call and we can take care of your families needs. Call 915-268-1704 or 661-0682.

340 Child Care Needed

EXPERIENCED NANNY for two toddlers wanted. Hours 7 am until 6 pm. Light housekeeping. Must have own transportation. Send resume and references to P.O. Box 60352, Midland, Texas 79711-0352. Salary DOE.

341 Child Care Providers

24 HOUR CHILD care- Week ends, also! After school pickups. Rusk District welcome. Beeper, 567-5165.

TODDLERS OPENING- Established Home Day Care. Meals, loving & learning environment. Excellent reference. 694-9871.

LICENSED CHILD Care provider will care for child Monday- Friday. Basic EMT certified. 683-8216.

CHRISTIAN MOTHER to care for children, 2 and up in home. Monday- Friday, 7:30- 5:30 pm. Call Lorelle 697-5719.

CHILD CARE (Newborn-5) Monday through Friday, 7am- 5:30pm. CPR and First Aid trained. 697-2680.

LITTLE TOTS College now has openings for 2 to 5 year olds. Join today! 561-5198.

IN HOME Child Care has openings for ages 1-4, Monday- Friday, 7:30 am- 6:00 pm. Experience & references. Call Joanna, 520-7259.

350 Business Opportunities

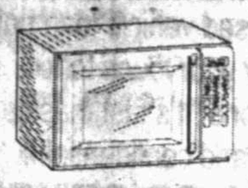
Attention Readers

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.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

Household ★ Specials:

Do you have furniture, appliances, or other unwanted household items? If so, don't let these items take up precious storage space. We've got 3 economical ways for you to turn **Clutter** into **Cash!**

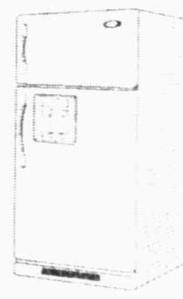


Super Seller I ... 7 days for only $10.50!

-or-

Super Seller II ... 7 days for only $5.50!

With Super Seller I, we'll advertise your household item (priced under $350) for 7 days, for only $10.50





With Super Seller II, we'll advertise your household item (priced under $150) for 7 days, for only $5.50

Write an ad with 15 words to describe your furniture, appliance, or other household item, & Call Brandi, Pam, Emily, Nancy or Jennifer Today!

Free Bee - 15 words, 4 days, FREE!

FREE! That's right, we'll advertise your household item (priced under $50) for 4 days absolutely FREE! (Monday through Thursday) Submit your 15 word ad in writing (Please fax it, mail it, or bring it in)!



Call Classified @ 682-6222

All of our specials are for private, non-commerical individuals only and some specials require pre-payment,, some do not.. 1 item per ad please. 1 Free Bee per family per week. Call 682-6222 for complete details.

350 Business Opportunities

MIDLAND PLUMBING COMPANY for sale. Building, vehicles, equipment and supplies. Liberal transition time allowed. $250K with 2/3 assumable. Call Ken at Ken's Plumbing, 683-3224. Serious inquires only.

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682-6999

600 For Rent

RENTALS 600

600 Rooms for Rent
601 Hotel Rooms
603 Roommates Wanted
604 Want To Rent
605 Apts. Furnished
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625 Houses Unfurnished
630 Houses Furnished
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640 Condo/Townhome Unfurnished
650 Mobile Furnished
655 Mobile Unfurnished
660 Mobile Home Space for Rent
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685 Hunting Leases
690 Oil/Gas Leases
695 Oilfield Misc.

600 For Rent

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Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house?

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3 Line Ad
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$4.00

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

12X60 STORAGE BUILDING- $999- 520-2177

410 Miscellaneous Sales

BRAND NEW 40 year limited warranty- 5 to 6 person hot- tubs $59 a month. Delivery/ financing available. 915-563-3108.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

45" ZENITH Smart Picture Big Screen Television, $750, O.B.O. 570-1821 or 528-9710./

410 Miscellaneous Sales

RESTHAVEN- GARDEN of Resurrection (sold out), lot #89. $800. Call (214)520-1312.

STORE YOUR Christmas trees and lights- 10'x12' storage buildings $31 a month. 915-563-3108.

SLIGHT DAMAGE- 12'x20' workshop/ storage building. Will deliver. 915-563-3108.

UNCLAIMED ORDER- 14'x24' barn with heavy duty floor. Will deliver. 915-563-3108.

→NEW TODAY←
AIRFARE BARGAINS anywhere Southwest flies! Unrestricted! 800-616-0846.

DEPARTMENT 56 accessories. Many retired. All in new condition. 684-9888.

OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR & port system, brand new wheel chair, electric hospital bed, executive desk (1 year old), Dallas Cowboy leather jacket. 697-9806.

BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

BOY'S BICYCLE- 12 speed, very nice. $30. 563-0452.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

GARDENDALE PECAN- Buying and shelling pecans. FM 554 Gardendale 550-7609.

432 Household Furniture

COUCH -$150. Excellent condition. Please Call 915-522-5277. Leave message.

Call Classified to add *NEW TODAY* on your Classified Specials for only $3.00 Extra 682-6222

432 Household Furniture

45" ZENITH Smart Picture Big Screen Television, $750, O.B.O. 570-1821 or 528-9710./

BEDROOM SUITE- Queen headboard, mirrored dresser, two nightstands and armoire. $300 or best offer. 570-5717.

6FT. ANTIQUE display case $450. 5 1/2 ft. Faux fireplace, $300. Call 6870320.

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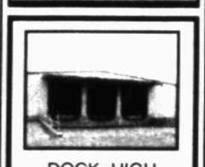
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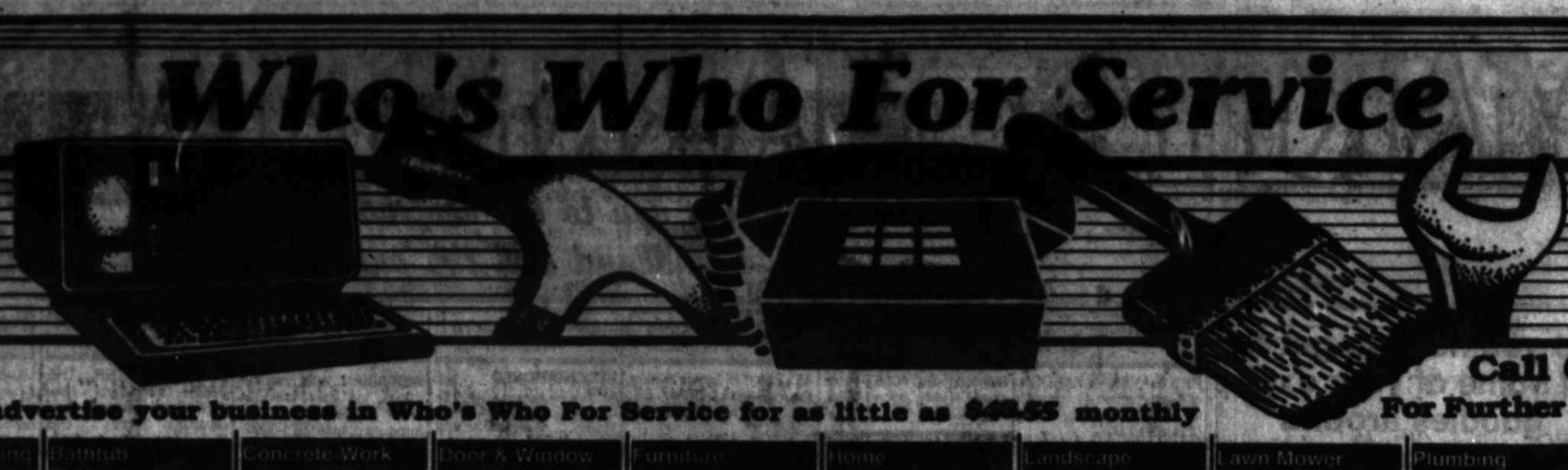
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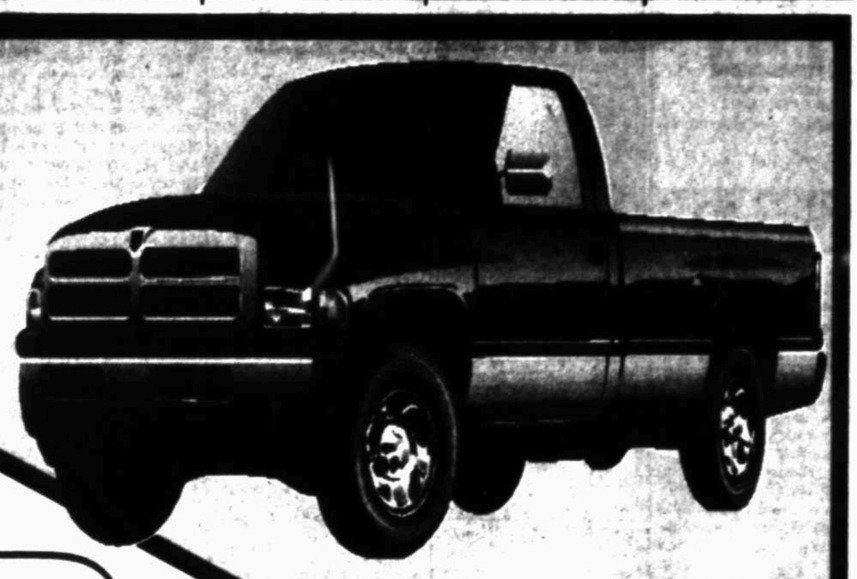
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