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Dallas Cowboys lose at home for the first time this season when the New York Jets kick a field goal in the last two minutes./1C

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Countdown to Christmas

Shoppers find lots of reasons to be cheerful

With crude oil prices more than double year-ago levels, Midland is looking less like the Grinch's cavern and more like Whoville in the Dr. Seuss tale.

Frank Flores, store team manager with Midland's Big Kmart, said sales are running 50 percent over last year, an increase he attributes to the recent remodeling of the store.

Still, he said, customers tell him they're more confident about the economy and their situation as they buy everything from toys to candy, clothing to holiday merchandise.

The week before Christmas, many stores and customers are upbeat.

"We've been doing well," said Lisa Rodriguez, manager of Beall's department store in Midland Park Mall. "People are doing a lot of shopping this year. They've been spending money, you can tell, because our days are good and people are buying a lot of gifts."

She said clothing and jewelry are big sellers, and shoppers are flocking to the company's sales opportunities.

David Bruner with Ivy Cottage said sales for 1999 are up 20 percent over 1998, and he attributes that growth to a better economy and the fact that "people are looking for more unique gifts. Here, we sell everything from Beanie Babies to Sabeno Crystal."

The store sells food products, lawn and garden decorations, home decorations, stationery, clothing, jewelry and a wide range of collectibles.

He added that while the store has a regular clientele, "We are seeing a lot of new faces. We've even had people from New York City say they've never seen anything like this."

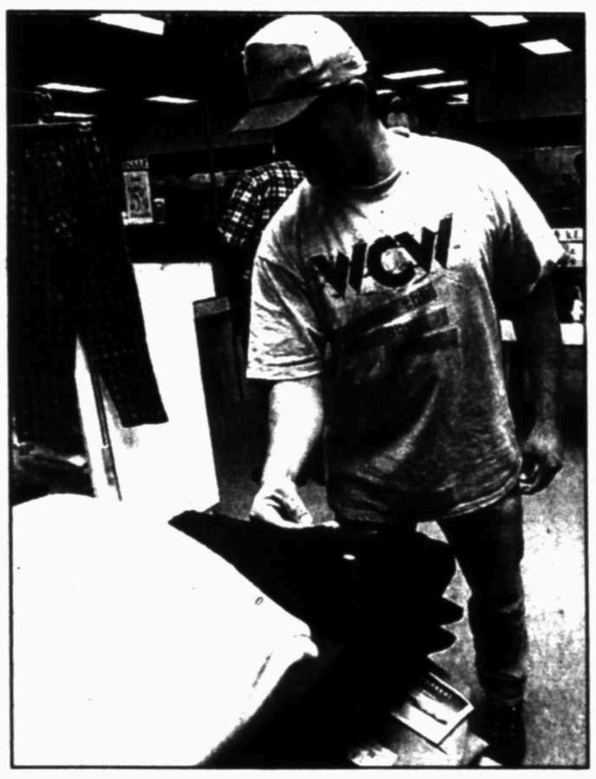
He said he found it interesting that the store has seen an increase in men coming into the store.

"Because of that, we're carrying more men's items, golfing items, wallets, accessories. Since last year, we've seen a 50 percent increase in

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Cindy Osborn of Odessa carries purchases to her vehicle at the crowded parking lot of Midland Park Mall Saturday.



Martin Ramos looks at pants at Beall's at Midland Park Mall Saturday.

Story by Mella McEwen

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Painter counters Texas Observer article on posse

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, who observed that "certainly enough people ... have tried to run my business," charged Sunday that the most recent issue of The Texas Observer reflects efforts of "people who are trying to stir up a negative atmosphere and trying to get me out of office.

"It's a left-wing publication," Painter, 52, said of the Austin-based biweekly journal. "It's a trash article and a trash publication."

The Dec. 10 article, headed "The New Texas Posse" and subtitled "The Law West of the Pecos," carries "too many inaccuracies and misstatements," alleged Painter, who has been sheriff since 1985 following his 1984 election.



Sheriff Gary Painter claims that an article in the Dec. 10 issue of The Texas Observer contains inaccuracies and misstatements.

A major thrust in the article is on the West Texas-focused Sheriffs of Texas Agreed Response (STAR) coalition, of which Painter's chief deputy, former Texas Ranger Clayton McKinney, is commander.

"Clayton is one of the finest law-enforcement officers I ever met in my life," Painter said. "He makes decisions based on a lot of analysis and thought."

Law-enforcement representatives, including sheriffs and deputies and city police officers, from about 60 counties have joined STAR, Painter said.

The outfit sprang from the spring 1997 Fort Davis standoff in which rebellious so-called "Republic of Texas" corps members, including ROT leader Richard McLaren, confronted the might of Texas law enforcement and lost. Lawmen there included sheriffs and deputies, Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, and Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) teams.

APC as a 'lifesaver'

The armored personnel carrier (APC) used by lawmen in the standoff "was a lifesaver," said Painter, who uses the APC in STAR. "When the people from the Republic of Texas saw that APC, it made a considerable amount of difference."

Painter said that he and his agency "have not done anything wrong, never."

The sheriff and his procedures, he noted, have withstood (outside) investigations.

Of the Observer heading, "The Law West of the Pecos," Painter noted that it is obvious on a "map ... that we (in Midland County) are east of the Pecos" River.

However, STAR's training has included open land west of the Pecos River near Big Bend National Park and in the Pecos area.

Contrary to the article, Painter said that a recent exercise was not on rangeland owned by McKinney but was on other private property allowed by the owner for tactical exercise. The exercise was not "training for an open-air drug bust in the back country," as the article suggested, Painter said.

Rather, the exercise was "training to develop relationships" among law-enforcement agencies "and to instill discipline. The training covered many, many areas."

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Number of older Americans with AIDS increasing, say health officials

■ AIDS rates for senior citizens are up 22 percent between 1991-96, compared to a 9 percent increase for those 13-49, CDC says.

Associated Press

HOUSTON — An aging population, life-extending treatments, and a misperception that AIDS is a disease of the young have fostered an increase in AIDS infections among older Americans, the Houston Chronicle reported Sunday.

Nationally, about 11 percent of reported AIDS cases are in people 50 or older, the newspaper reported.

Seniors citizens are the age group with the fastest-growing AIDS rates — up 22 percent between 1991 and 1996, compared with a 9 percent increase among people age 13-49, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

However, health officials warned that the increases seem dramatic because the numbers are small. A 106 percent increase in the number of older women infected through sex, for example, is based on an increase from 340 cases to 700 cases.

"At this point, the numbers are so small that they really have not been perceived as a problem," said Dr. Rose Brownridge, acting bureau chief of the Texas Department of Health division that deals with AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases. She added, however, that the issue needs further study.

About 72,000 Americans age 50 and over and about 4,500 Texans have been diagnosed with AIDS.

No one knows how many seniors are infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, because not all states require HIV reporting and because older people are thought to be tested far less often than their younger counterparts.

According to the CDC, slightly more than one-third of older people with AIDS are gay or bisexual men. About one of five was infected by using a dirty needle to inject drugs.

While popular attention has been focused on declining infection rates among children, AIDS among seniors has been virtually ignored. That must change, said Marcia Ory, chief of social science research on aging at the National Institute on Aging.

"The point is that society cannot ignore AIDS in that pediatric population, in the young adult population or the older population," Ms. Ory said. "For people living longer or getting infected at an older age, these people are incredibly isolated, and they may not get the treatment

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Pat Barr has been collecting Santas for 17 years and at last count had more than 500./1B



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Agency wants to expand ombudsman program

■ Texas Department of Aging wants more advocates for nursing home residents.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

ODESSA — The Texas Department on Aging is launching an ombudsman campaign, "Tough Enough to Care: Be There," to increase the volunteer ombudsmen as advocates for elderly people in Texas.

"Ombudsman is a federally mandated program that seeks to identify, investigate, and resolve complaints on behalf of nursing-home residents," John Willis, Texas state nursing-home ombudsman for the Texas Department of Aging, said Sunday at Parks Methodist Retirement Village in a program sponsored by the Permian Basin Area Agency on Aging and honoring ombudsman volunteers.

"Ombudsmen are advocates," said Willis, who is seeking to increase the number of statewide volunteers of 850 by at least 50 percent.

Meanwhile, Midland County District Attorney Al Schorre said that there is a move afoot for Midland law-enforcement agencies, including the District Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Department, and the Midland Police Department, to "adopt" nursing homes and retirements centers.

"The officer will drop in and get to know the administration of the center as well as the residents," Schorre said. "After the initial assessment, we are hoping they (the volunteers) will coordinate a crime-prevention program in that facility and serve as liaison to different law-enforcement agencies.



Schorre

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter applauded the idea.

"They (the seniors citizens) are the ones who blazed the trail for rest of us," Painter said. "We owe homage to the elderly citizens."

Midland Police Department Lt. Jeff Marugg said that his agency intends to "adopt three nursing homes or retirement centers and to make acquaintance of the residents, the staff, and the administration and to give advice" in such matters as how "to avoid being victims of various types of crimes against the elderly."



Craddick

Bob Stokes, the retiring Area Agency on Aging regional ombudsman program director, said that "through our volunteers

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Fair skies	Partly cloudy
High 39	High 41	High mid-40s
Low 21	Low 30s	Low 30s

A cold front is expected to hit the area today and will hold the high to about 39 and tonight's low to 21, according to forecasters at the National Weather Service. There will be cloudy skies and northerly winds at 10 to 20 mph, becoming easterly at 5 to 15 mph by this afternoon.

Tuesday's forecast calls for sunny skies and a high of 41.

After an overnight low of 41, Sunday's high reached 59, compared to the record high for that date of 78 set in 1978. The record low was 10 set in 1996.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.	High	59
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.	low	41
Total for month	0.00in.	Normal high	58
Total for year	7.6 in.	Normal low	30
Normal total (year to date)	14.76 in.		

Sunrise ... 7:44 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:48 p.m.

National forecast

United States temperatures

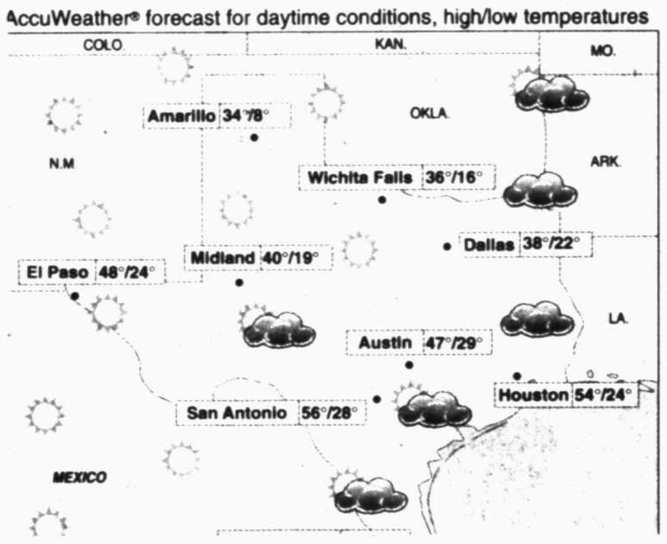
	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk		Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Akron,Ohio	48	22	rn		Little Rock	47	32	sno	
Albany,N.Y.	32	16	cdy		Los Angeles	76	48	clr	
Albuquerque	46	34	cdy		Louisville	46	29	rn	
Allentown,Pa.	41	28	cdy		Madison	32	11	sno	
Anchorage	27	10	.01	sno	Medford	44	30	cdy	
Asheville	51	39	cdy		Memphis	56	36	rn	
Atlanta	55	45	.04	cdy	Miami Beach	84	71	cdy	
Atlantic City	47	33	cdy		Milwaukee	35	23	sno	
Baltimore	44	37	cdy		Mpls-St Paul	31	23	.10	sno
Baton Rouge	52	39	cdy		Mobile	53	46	rn	
Billings	20	19	.02	sno	Montgomery	55	47	.74	cdy
Birmingham	62	44	.23	cdy	Nashville	58	45	rn	
Bismarck	27	27	.04	clr	New Orleans	53	47	cdy	
Boise	42	30	cdy		New York City	40	33	cdy	
Boston	36	24	cdy		Newark	41	32	cdy	
Buffalo	38	17	rn		Norfolk,Va.	54	45	cdy	
Burlington,Vt.	28	11	cdy		North Platte	32	19	cdy	
Caribou,Maine	24	6	cdy		Oklahoma City	48	32	cdy	
Casper	21	21	.02	cdy	Omaha	34	24	.11	sno
Charleston,S.C.	57	48	1.52	cdy	Orlando	77	59	.02	cdy
Charleston,W.Va.	60	35	rn		Paducah	52	28	sno	
Charlotte,N.C.	52	42	.06	cdy	Pendleton	49	37	cdy	
Chattanooga	64	41	.22	cdy	Peoria	44	24	sno	
Cheyenne	26	26	.02	cdy	Philadelphia	46	34	cdy	
Chicago	40	17	sno		Phoenix	70	47	clr	
Cincinnati	44	29	rn		Pittsburgh	49	27	cdy	
Cleveland	50	22	rn		Providence	37	24	cdy	
Colorado Springs	39	23	sno		Pueblo	49	22	sno	
Columbia,S.C.	53	46	.61	cdy	Raleigh-Durham	49	39	.13	cdy
Columbus,Ga.	54	47	.16	cdy	Rapid City	27	26	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	50	28	rn		Reno	52	24	clr	
Concord,N.H.	33	8	cdy		Richmond	49	40	cdy	
Dayton	46	24	.01	rn	Roanoke	48	39	rn	
Daytona Beach	76	62	.02	cdy	Rochester	36	16	rn	
Denver	35	26	cdy		Rockford	33	9	sno	
Des Moines	32	23	.22	clr	Sacramento	72	35	clr	
Detroit	44	22	rn		St Louis	47	25	sno	
Duluth	28	20	sno		Salem,Ore.	50	44	cdy	
Erie	47	20	rn		Salt Lake City	41	36	cdy	
Eugene	51	41	cdy		San Diego	73	50	clr	
Evansville	44	26	.02	sno	San Francisco	68	43	clr	
Fairbanks	0	-30	sno		San Jose	70	39	clr	
Fargo	33	23	clr		Santa Fe	44	21	cdy	
Flagstaff	42	28	clr		St Ste Marie	32	19	sno	
Flint	41	16	sno		Savannah	61	51	.95	cdy
Fort Smith	57	34	cdy		Seattle	44	40	.08	cdy
Fort Wayne	40	20	.01	sno	Shreveport	61	32	rn	
Green Bay	31	4	sno		Sioux City	34	22	.02	cdy
Greensboro,N.C.	49	37	.01	cdy	Sioux Falls	33	21	cdy	
Harrisburg	43	31	rn		South Bend	39	19	sno	
Hartford Spgfld	m	20	cdy		Spokane	33	27	cdy	
Helena	22	19	cdy		Springfield,Ill.	46	23	sno	
Honolulu	79	68	cdy		Springfield,Mo.	49	28	cdy	
Indianapolis	45	29	sno		Syracuse	33	12	cdy	
Jackson,Miss.	51	44	rn		Tallahassee	65	53	1.13	cdy
Jacksonville	70	57	.04	cdy	Tampa-St Ptrsbg	73	62	cdy	
Juneau	36	27	.31	rn	Toledo	44	18	rn	
Kansas City	42	29	.12	cdy	Topeka	40	28	.08	clr
Knoxville	62	40	cdy		Tucson	68	44	clr	
Lake Charles	63	40	cdy		Tulsa	50	28	cdy	
Lansing	41	13	sno		Tupelo	52	41	.03	m
Las Vegas	63	42	clr		Washington,D.C.	44	38	cdy	
Lexington	49	32	rn		W.Palm Beach	81	65	cdy	
Lincoln	34	25	.13	sno	Wichita	38	28	cdy	
					Wilkes-Barre	42	28	cdy	

State forecast

Texas weather

Monday, Dec. 20

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.		Hi	Lo
Abilene	60	42		Hondo	70	29
Alice	75e	36		Houston Intrctnl	68	35
Amarillo	51	36		Huntsville	66	35
Arlington	61	36		Junction	67	25
Austin-Bergstrom	71	26		Kingsville	77	39
Beaumont	65	38		Laredo	73	45
Brownsville	78	43		Longview	62	31
Burnet	67	37		Lubbock	56	34
Childress	52	34		Lufkin	64	30
College Station	69	34		Marfa	57	21
Conroe	66	33		McAllen	82	44
Corpus Christi	75	42		McKinney	60	34
Corsicana	62	34		Midland	59	41
Dalhart	51	24		Mineral Wells	65	35
Del Rio	69	39		Navy Corpus	74	42
Denton	60	35		New Braunfels	72	30
DFW Airport	62	40		Odessa	60	42
El Paso	55	44		Palacios	71	38
Fort Stockton	61	45		Paris	59	32
Fort Worth Alliance	63	34		Rockport	73	43
Galveston	65	49		San Angelo	67	41
Georgetown	57	30		San Antonio	70	31
Guadalupe Pass	62e	40		San Marcos	72e	28
Harlingen	80	40		Terrell	59	37

SHOP: Many say they are buying more in '99

(From 1A)

the number of men coming into the store. And I think that's because their wives are saying 'If you want to buy me something, go there.'"

A number of shoppers said they were spending about the same as previous Christmases.

Standing in the toy aisle at Wal-Mart, Marva Willis, a Greenwood resident who works at Century 21 Midtex, said she would be spending about the same amount this year on Christmas gifts for her husband, daughters, parents, and her husband's grandchildren.

On her shopping list are clothes, "toys for the little ones," makeup or jewelry for the teens and clothing or "something nice for the house" for the older daughters.

"We try to manage our money," she said, adding that though this has been a better year for her and her husband, "I like to keep the spirit of Christmas. I want the little ones to keep that twinkle in their eyes, but I'd like everyone to remember the true meaning of Christmas, which is Christ and Christ's birth and to love one another and treat each other like they would want to be treated."

An aisle over, Steve Davenport, on the other hand, said he would "definitely" spend more this Christmas because he said he was working more and earning more money.

The Topographic Land Survey employee said he was buying toys and video games for family members.

Shopping with him was Tyler Edwards, who said he would spend about the same for Christmas this year, mainly on toys and gifts for family members.

At Beall's, Retha Prazan said her Christmas purchases included a camera and a lot of clothes. Because she and her daughter will be going to London with the Midland High School Band, she explained "We've bought lots of winter clothes."

Spending this year, she said, "is about the same" for her daughter, husband, brother, sister and brother-in-law and sister-in-law as previous years, mainly because of the trip to London.

Beall's customer Amparo Holguin, accompanied by her children Elenna and Eliazer, said she'd be buying about the same amount of gifts this year and would be buying "a lot of clothes for family members."

As he tried on pants, Martin Ramos said he would be buying "something nice" for his wife of one year and for their parents.

The real estate student at Midland College said "I think every Christmas is good. I get all the love, gifts and food I need."

Bob Miller, manager of Sam Goody's music and video store in Midland Park Mall, said "We're very, very pleased" with Christmas sales. "It's been difficult to tell with all the negatives that have been floating around, but we had a good month in November and it looks like we'll have another one in December."

He said hot sellers are "anything with Britney Spears and the teen groups like Britney, Christina Aguilera, the Backstreet Boys. Pokemon is hot, too."

Lucian Rudd at the Hickory Farms booth at the mall said the booth was starting to run out of merchandise as Christmas nears.

"We have a lot of people come here regularly. One man came by and said he always has 10 or 12 people he gets gifts for here every year."

John Peterson, inventory manager at Best Buy, estimated that sales growth this year over last year is in double digits, which he said is very strong.

Customers are buying digital cameras, the MPEG3 handheld music player that downloads, stores and plays music off the Internet, Peterson said. He added that the store cannot keep Color Gameboy computer game players in stock. Also contributing to sales are the new Sprint Cellular service the store added.

Looking at sweaters at Wal-Mart, Janet Hall, a Midland College employee, quipped that she would spend less this year "because my husband said to."

She said she would be buying just for family members, primarily clothing, and that she had spent "quite a bit" for her Secret Santa at work.

Tanya Bishop, manager of KB Toys in the mall, said sales this year are close to expectations.

Pokemon and Toy Story 2 merchandise is selling well, and standard toys like Barbie dolls and baby dolls are also strong sellers, she said, observing that, "We've sold more toys than videos this year. Usually our video sales are up this time of year, and they're strong this year, but we've sold more toys."

Like Best Buy, she said she cannot keep Color Gameboys in stock and has sold out of a few Pokemon items.

"But there hasn't been a craze this year like the Furbys last year," she said. Perhaps it was because of the difficulty of finding Furbys last year, but she noted that "customers' attitudes seem better this year. Last year they seemed to walk in mad because they knew they wouldn't find a Furby. This year, I can think of one or two who have been unhappy because we couldn't find some things for them, but service has been top-notch."

Dawn Martin, manager of Mervyn's California, said that "business is doing really well and meeting expectations. Our floors are filled and our guests are finding what they need."

Hot sellers, she said, are millennium merchandise. "Our men's department is blowing the stacks off and we're selling a lot of holiday merchandise — decorated clothing and decorations. We're also selling a lot of electronics in home fashions."

In talking with customers, she said, "I think they feel more confident. They're more into the season and the holiday spirit."

In the children's department at Mervyn's, Mary Ann Galindo and her daughter, Kristin, 4, were shopping for clothes and toys for nephews and nieces.

"I'll probably spend about the same," said the Department of Human Services employee. "We have a big family and we don't do brothers and sisters anymore, we do for the nieces and nephews."

Greenwood resident Dale Smith said he would "probably buy about the same" for his wife, children and parents this year. Smith, who works in the health care industry, said he's buying a little of everything this year.

POSSE: Article is more fiction than fact, Painter says

(From 1A)

The lawmen were donned in surplus military outfits and used surplus military equipment, including an armored personnel carrier, he said.

"There were some automatic weapons," which were supplied by the agencies, among the firepower there, Painter said.

Painter said that the Observer article's author, Nate Blakeslee, who Painter said did not interview him for the article, "starts off his article with a lie. The rest of it is not very truthful.

"It's a very left-wing publication," Painter said. "That stuff that is in there is more fiction and satire than it is true."

Painter said that he and his officers "have never intentionally done anything wrong and have never done anything intentionally to harm another person."

Painter said that Blakeslee was "reporting rumors and not the truth" in writing that McKinney had hosted the STAR exercise on his property.

STAR, which is an emergency "tactical response team," is about cooperation with other agencies to combat crime and to help out in times of emergencies.

"Ever since I've been in office, I have cooperated and worked with other agencies," Painter said.

The article refers to Painter as getting "back in the drug-interdiction business" through the formation of the Trans-Pecos Drug Task Force in 1998 following woes with the Permian Basin Drug Task Force.

"We will fight drugs on every front," Painter said. "That's our job. If it is the commissioner's family or anyone else (in criminal activity), I will enforce the law."

2000 sheriff's election

In his bid for re-election, Painter is opposed in the March 14 Republican Party primary elections by two peace officers, Sheriff's Patrol Deputy Mike Hall, 52, and District Attorney's Investigator Patrick Bostick, 42.

Louisa Valencia, a 67-year-old Democrat county commissioner who has been the sheriff's nemesis since her 1988 election, is supporting Hall for sheriff. But, as a Democrat, she can't vote for the Republican candidate.

"We need some fresh blood in there, some fresh ideas," said Ms. Valencia. "He (Hall) is saying if he is elected sheriff, he will reorganize the law-enforcement part of the Sheriff's Department. I think he will be able to do a more efficient running of the law enforcement in there than what is being done."

Painter said that Ms. Valencia is "still attacking me, trying to intimidate me."

Ms. Valencia claimed that she years ago was the victim of a foiled "sting" operation by which a drug task force undercover officer had tried to sell her food stamps. She rebuffed the effort and defeated the sting, which apparently had been set up following a confidential Crime-Stoppers' tip to the task force.

If the 2000 election "gets too hot," as it did in the 1992 and 1996 elections, he (McKinney) is going to say he is going to retire like he did when (Mike) Kaufman was running (for sheriff in 1996)," Ms. Valencia said. "When Gary won, he (McKinney) still stayed with him. He is going to do the same thing this time."

Painter in 1996 defeated Kaufman, a retired U.S. Air Force pilot, by gaining 57 percent of the vote to Kaufman's 43 percent in the primary.

Four years earlier, in 1992, Painter garnered 63 percent of the vote in a four-way race for the nomination.

Painter was unopposed in the 1992 and 1996 general elections.

Focus on law enforcement

In his campaign, Hall noted that he is focusing on bringing "law enforcement back into Midland County.

"It's about money and resources," Hall said. "We need to spend the taxpayers' dollars on the taxpayers in Midland County — the people who are paying for the service and protection. We need to put our resources into that service and protection in Midland County.

"The resources of Midland County need to be utilized in Midland County — not in other counties, not in counties completely up and away from our neighboring counties," Hall said in apparent reference to STAR.

"Every county has a sheriff. Every county has a commissioners' court. Every county has a budget — big, little or small. We need to utilize our resources in Midland County for Midland County citizens."

If greater resources are needed, Hall said that the citizenry has on call the "National Guard, and we've got state guard, and we've got DPS and their task force, the SWAT team. We have their air power ... if we have a search going on. We need to concentrate our efforts right here in Midland County, locally."

Bostick, who has not been openly critical of the sheriff, has said that he would have his own management style.

'Lot of changes'

"There's going to be a lot of changes and not all of them are going to be in personnel," Hall said if he is elected sheriff. "This department needs to get the right people in the right positions to take care of business in the most efficient and productive manner. There are some good folks there now."

Hall said that he was "put on midnights (for patrol duty) after I announced that I was running for sheriff."

However, Painter said that Hall was reassigned to the night shift after Patrol Lt. Lee Blair had left his job to work with peacekeeping forces in Kosovo and before Hall had announced his candidacy.

Of Painter, Hall said, "He's still the boss. When I'm on duty, I'm still working for Midland County. I'm not out politicking on duty or anything else. But come daytime, it's my world. He (Painter) hasn't drummed me out of the corps."

Painter said that STAR is geared to "training. It's being prepared. It's being proactive rather than reactive. And if he (Hall as sheriff) is going to sit back and wait until something happens before he's ready, he's going to be behind in the game. You have to be prepared. You have to be trained. Training reduces liability."

And "combined training," as in STAR, "gives you better opportunity to interact with other agencies, to interact with other officers," Painter said. "You get more ideas. You get more scenarios. You get better training. It happens all over the country. There's nothing wrong with it, nothing out of the ordinary. And there's nothing in state law that prohibits us from working together and trying to set up a group of people that responds to natural or man-made disasters.

"If we (in Midland County) need help here, I will put out a call, and I will have response like you wouldn't believe," Painter said, "because of the reputation that the Midland County Sheriff's Office has for being available and for being a top-notch law-enforcement organization. And you can't have that and the fine reputation that you have unless you are active and go out there and work and earn it."

INCREASE: Viagra adds to concerns

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they need."

That is likely to change with the onslaught of baby boomers nearing retirement age, said Kathy Nokes, a New York nurse who works with infected older patients and editor of a book on seniors with AIDS.

"Baby boomers talk about everything, try everything, demand everything," she said. "To a 60- or 70-year-old, that's not polite."

Ironically, the drug Viagra that has allowed many older men to revive dormant sex lives also has heightened concern about the spread of AIDS.

"They are pretty AIDS-unaware as they venture out into the world of sexual activity," said Sara Selber, executive director of AIDS Foundation Houston. "AIDS wasn't really on their screen at the time they were (previously) sexually active."

AGING: Legislature working to protect the elderly, Craddick says

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visiting and being friends to residents and staffs in nursing (home) facilities, they (the residents) are talking more" and interacting. "Our residents are getting better care than they were 10 years ago."

Christie Gesell, who is succeeding Stokes as regional ombudsman, said the ombudsmen, who also are friendly troubleshooters, are helping to "break down the barriers of communications" among the residents, the families and the staff and seek to preserve their rights. The residents have quite a few rights."

State Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland noted that the Texas Legislature is working to "protect ... the aging population.

"Many of them are frail and have problems," he said. "The Legislature wants to make sure that the dollars that we put into these programs (such as Medicare and Medicaid) go to the people who need them and that they are not misspent or misused. We want to make sure that they (the funds) are spent right.

"It is up to the Legislature to make sure that the Texas Department of Human Services is inspecting the nursing homes to make sure the facilities are properly being taking care of and that the care they (seniors) are getting is proper," Craddick said.

Cookie Wetendorf, who said that 56 ombudsmen are in the Area Agency on Aging program that she directs out of Midland, said that the volunteers are "giving back to the community and to people who are truly in need. And that's when you really understand the spirit of Christmas."

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DEATH NOTICES

Juanita Martin

Juanita Martin, 70, died Sunday, Dec. 19.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Resthaven North with the Rev. Gale Wilson officiating. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 21, at Pipkin Funeral Home & Chapel.

She was born Feb. 17, 1929 in New Castle.

She was a homemaker. She lived in Stockton, Calif., 27 years, moving to Midland in 1978. She was a Methodist.

Survivors include her husband, W.H. Martin of Midland; two sons, Larry Martin of Midland and Terry Martin of Montana; two daughters, Sharon G. Hale of Midland and Arana Bowker of Odessa; three brothers, Pat O'Neal of Lake Arthur, N.M., Vernon O'Neal of Marlow, Okla., and J. B. O'Neal of Midland; a sister, Catherne Russell of Midland; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Doris Knocke

BIG SPRING — Doris Knocke, 73, of Big Spring, died at 5 p.m. Dec. 18 at a Lubbock hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel, with the Rev. Carroll Kohl and the Rev. Steve Stutz officiating. Private family burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born April 18, 1926 in Dunn, Texas. She was the daughter of Bonnie Smith Hunter and Earl Hunter. She graduated from West Texas Hospital School of Nursing in Lubbock and had worked for Cowper Hospital and then for 26 years as a nurse for Big Spring Independent School District. She was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church and Howard County Retired Teachers' Association.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Knocke of Big Spring and Barry Knocke of Marble Falls; four grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Jean Ellison

Jean Ellison died Sunday, Dec. 19, at her Midland residence.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

POLICE REPORTS

Body found in car

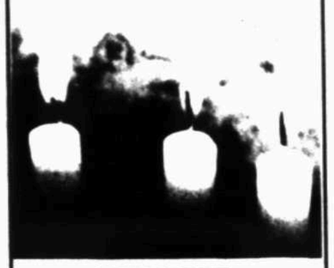
Janet Wilkins Duncan, 51, of Midland had been dead for "several days" when security guards at Westwood Medical Center at 1:30 p.m. Sunday found her body in a car in the hospital's south-side parking lot at 4214 Andrews Highway in Midland, according to Tina Jauz, Midland Police Department spokeswoman.

An autopsy is to be performed on the body today in Lubbock, she said.

Westwood security guards found the woman's reclining body in the front passenger seat of a four-door 1986 Nissan automobile, Ms. Jauz said.

The car was registered to the woman, Ms. Jauz said.

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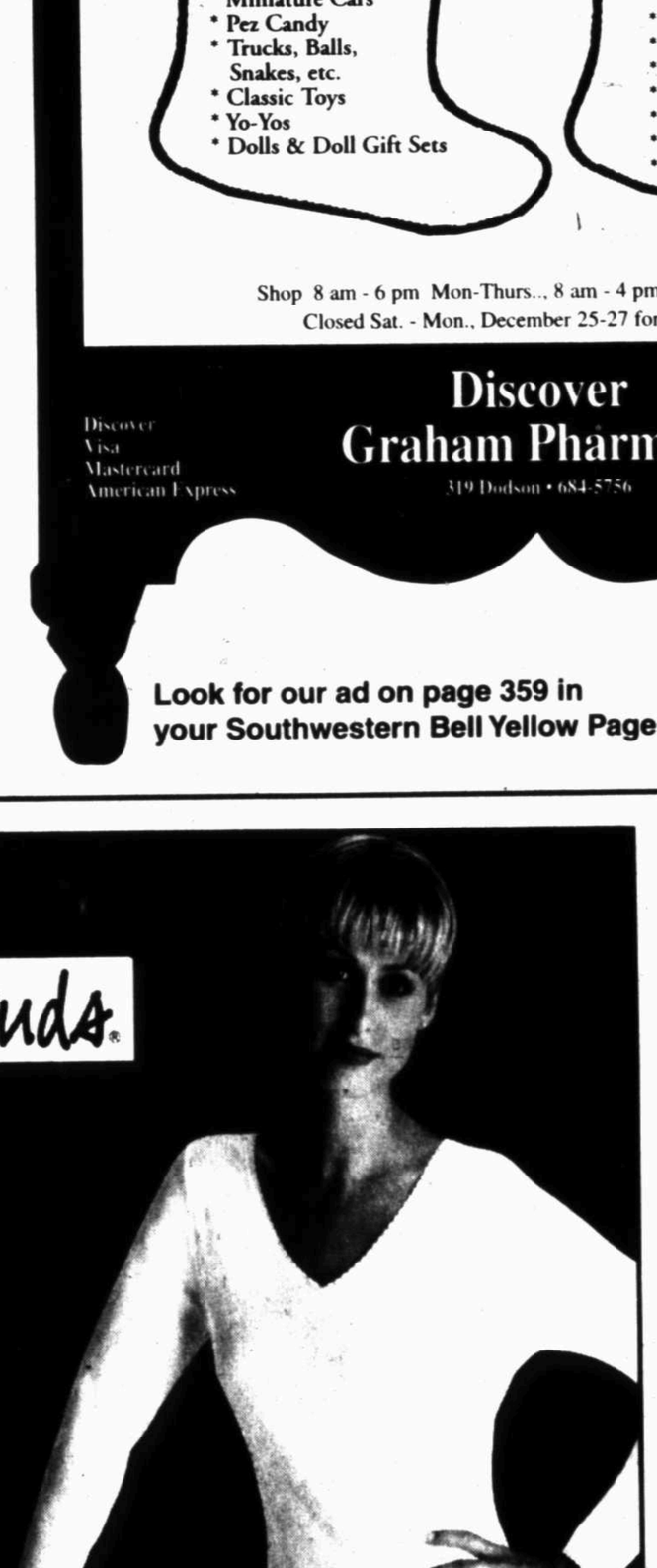
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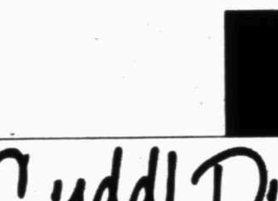
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Whistleblower's lawsuit claims state lax on collection of Medicaid

HOUSTON (AP) — The state's failure to collect money from private insurers who owe the Medicaid program may have cost taxpayers as much as $1 billion in the last decade, according to a whistleblower's lawsuit.

The Houston Chronicle, in a copyright story for Sunday's editions, detailed the allegations of James M. Churchill, a former Texas Department of Health staff attorney who filed the lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Pecos.

Churchill, 58, says that for years Medicaid, the tax-funded program that provides health coverage for the poor, has footed the bill on patients' claims that should have been paid by private insurers.

He says supervisors at the Health Department ignored his repeated warnings about collection problems and that National Heritage Insurance Co., the state's Medicaid claims contractor, destroyed documents that might have helped recover the lost funds.

"The state and NHIC kept saying they would work on the recovery of Medicaid funds and fix it, but they never did," Churchill said. "Once you trash records, it is difficult to open an investigation or continue attempts to recover money."

The disputed claims typically stem from traffic accidents. In Texas, most accident patients are covered by their own insurance or someone else's. That is because of a law that requires auto insurance applicants to have personal injury protection unless they explicitly reject it. Also, Texas drivers are required to carry minimum liability insurance.

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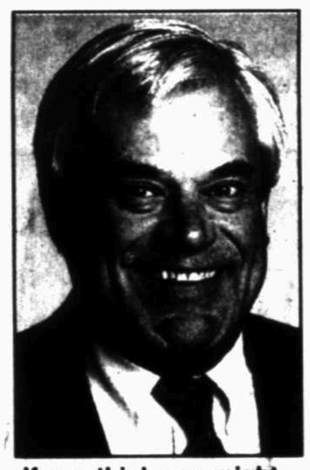
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Do you have TMD problems? Simple self-test gives clues

A surprising variety of face, neck, head, jaw and even shoulder pains often can be traced to problems with the temporomandibular joint in the jaw, abbreviated at TMD or TMJ. Dr. Grant E. Giles has developed two simple tests that can suggest whether you need further evaluation by a professional.

If you suffer from one or more of the following symptoms, the self tests would be a good idea: headaches more than once a week; pain in the jaw, side of your face or ear while chewing; sore teeth and/or a tired jaw upon awakening in the morning; pain in the face muscles from simply pressing on them; noises such as clicking or popping in the jaw joints when opening or closing the mouth or when chewing or yawning; if the jaw sticks open or closed; soreness or stiffness in the jaw or general face pain.


If you think you might have temporomandibular joint disorder, call Dr. Grant E. Giles for an evaluation.

TEST 1

Stand in front of a mirror.

Using the first two fingers of each hand, place your fingers directly in front of your ears. Locate the "bump" on each side of your face and press against them using medium force.

While looking at yourself in the mirror, open and close your mouth slowly.

Your lower jaw should open and close straight up and down on an imaginary vertical line.

Any pain or deviation to the left or the right could indicate a TMJ disorder.

TEST 2

Again, standing in front of a mirror, place the pinky finger of each hand in the corresponding ear. With the finger, pull up and forward simultaneously.

Open and close the jaw slowly.

The lower jaw should open and close on an imaginary vertical line.

Any deviation to the right or the left may be an indication of a TMJ disorder.

Whatever the results of these home tests, only an evaluation by a doctor or dentist can accurately determine whether or not you have TMD problems.

Dr. Giles reports that TMD can have many contributing factors. Malocclusion, or a problem in how the teeth fit together when the mouth is closed, is a major contributor, but there can be others. Clenching or grinding teeth, arthritis of the jaw, head or jaw injuries, an abscessed tooth or a tumor can also be causes. Some habits can contribute, such as gum chewing, phone cradling and nail biting.

Dr. Giles specializes in TMD diagnosis and in many types of treatment. You may see him on your own or by referral from your dentist or physician.

After a thorough office examination and health history to determine if you have TMD, Dr. Giles usually continues with diagnostic therapy. The goal of this procedure is to target symptoms that may be reversed by noninvasive therapy such as the wearing of an oral appliance. This allows Dr. Giles to determine whether support and stabilization of the joint will reduce the symptoms to an acceptable level.

After approximately 10 weeks of therapy and re-evaluations, Dr. Giles is able to determine if there is a need for changes or continuation of therapy. When appropriate, he will refer a patient to another specialist to complete treatment.

Even if you have been treated for face, neck, jaw or other related pain before, without success, it's worth letting Dr. Giles give you an evaluation. Because he specializes in TMD, he may be able to spot problems that were overlooked by others.

Dr. Grant E. Giles, DDS, FAES, FAGD, FICCMO, DAAPM is director of Cranio-Mandibular Affiliates of Midland and San Antonio. He has lectured internationally on TMD diagnoses and treatments. His office is located in the Westwood Medical Building at 4214 Andrews Highway, Suite 201. For an appointment, call 1-888-263-2631 toll free.

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Christmas gift helped youths, CIA recipient

There are plenty of reasons for Midland residents to be pleased with the community-related efforts of their young people, but one example that was particularly inspiring was the sixth-grade class at Midland Christian School that undertook a Christmas in April project recently.

The classmates, students of teacher Jena McClaine, painted a home and got the emotional fulfillment of doing something for the benefit of someone else. That is particularly a good lesson for this season of the year with Christmas less than a week away.

What better way to teach a group of youngsters about human compassion and the art of helping others who are less fortunate than by allowing them to actually do the work themselves.

What better way to teach a group of youngsters about human compassion and the art of helping others who are less fortunate than by allowing them to actually do the work themselves. In that way, they can experience the joy of the people who are the recipients of the project, see the good the work truly does and reap the reward of having actually performed a good deed for someone who truly needed the assistance. What a wonderful teaching tool!

Mrs. McClaine said she started the service projects "to help these kids realize how blessed they've been. They have been so blessed and they need to know how good the heart feels when you give."

That is so true. And those sixth-graders are lucky to have a teacher like Mrs. McClaine who truly wants them to experience the joy of feeling good because they have helped someone else.

That is a wonderful Christmas gift — for the students and the recipient of their good deed.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Dec. 20, the 354th day of 1999. There are 11 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Dec. 20, 1860, South Carolina became the first state to secede from the Union.

On this date:

In 1790, the first successful cotton mill in the United States began operating at Pawtucket, R.I.

In 1803, the Louisiana Purchase was completed as ownership of the territory was formally transferred from France to the United States during ceremonies in New Orleans.

In 1864, Confederate forces evacuated Savannah, Ga., as Union Gen. William T. Sherman continued his "March to the Sea."

In 1879, Thomas A. Edison privately demonstrated his incandescent light at Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1945, the Office of Price Administration announced the end of tire rationing, effective Jan. 1, 1946.

In 1963, the Berlin Wall was opened for the first time to West Berliners, who were allowed one-day visits to relatives in the Eastern sector for the holidays.

In 1968, author John Steinbeck died in New York at age 66.

In 1976, Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley died at age 74.

In 1980, the government of the Soviet Union confirmed that former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin had died two days earlier at the age of 76.

In 1987, the Dona Paz, a Philippine passenger ship, collided with a tanker off Mindoro island, killing more than 3,000 people.

Ten years ago: The United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Five years ago: Former President Jimmy Carter succeeded in getting Bosnia's warring factions to agree to a temporary cease-fire. Marcelino Corniel, a homeless man, was shot and mortally wounded by White House security officers as he brandished a knife near the executive mansion. Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk died in Athens, Ga., at age 85.

One year ago: Nkem Chukwu gave birth in Houston to five girls and two boys, 12 days after giving birth to another child, a girl; The tiniest of the babies died a week later.

CAL THOMAS

Gov. Bush puts Christ back in Christmas

Asked during the Iowa Republican presidential candidate debate "what political philosopher or thinker do you most identify with," George W. Bush shocked the journalistic, political and possibly some in the religious establishment when he unhesitatingly replied: "Christ, because he changed my heart."



Thomas

MSNBC's Chris Matthews expressed shock, wondering why Bush didn't name someone else. Matthews cited a biblical passage: "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:21). His implication was lost on me, unless he meant to suggest that Bush's answer was a cynical ploy to win Christian Coalition votes. Would such a statement have been made about a Jew or a Muslim who practiced his faith?

Appearing on CNN's "Inside Politics," analyst Bill Schneider predicted Bush's remark would be "controversial." On the same program, Ronald Brownstein, a political reporter for the Los Angeles Times, said he wished Bush had had a backup answer, like his father, implying that President Bush might have gone down easier with some folks — meaning the media elite — than Jesus Christ.

Some may recall a similar controversy 23 years ago when Democratic presidential candidate Jimmy Carter said that he had been "born again." At the time, NBC's John Chancellor employed the vast resources of his news division, announcing on the air they had "checked this out" and found the experience to be a "fairly common" one, "known to millions of Americans, particularly if you're Baptist."

Wesley Pippert, who covered the Carter campaign for United Press International, recalls that the press' lack of understanding of Carter's religious faith prompted one journalist to inquire whether Carter would ever "demand Baptist standards of behavior and morals from everybody else." Funny how they never ask that of atheists and agnostics, or people who have fallen away from an intense faith, like Bill Bradley, or practice it only when convenient, like Bill Clinton.

Pippert remembers Carter spokesman Jody Powell telling him that the American people, on the whole, are better equipped to understand the spiritual aspects of Carter's life than "the people who are trying to explain it to them." In his book, "The Spiritual Journey of Jimmy Carter," Pippert writes: "We in the press, among others, have seriously misunderstood Carter's faith in Christ and have therefore portrayed him erroneously as an enigma."

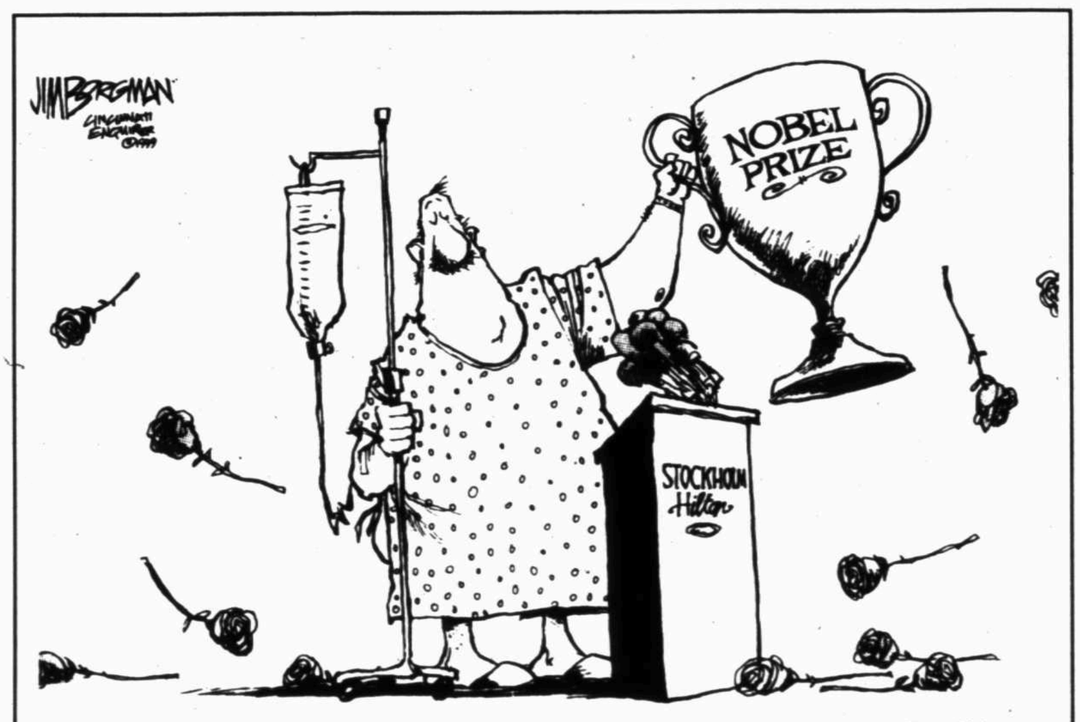
In a New York Times op-ed piece in 1978, Pippert said that if Carter took his faith so seriously that it affected his world view, the press had an obligation to learn more about it so the press could better explain Carter to the public.

One might think the press would have learned something in the nearly two decades since Carter left office. But remarks about Bush's comments in the debate indicate either that they have learned nothing or their prejudice runs deep. At a time of social upheaval and moral degeneracy in high and low places, the public is hungrier than ever for a person who takes his religious faith seriously enough to at least impose it on himself and to take instruction from it in ways that can promote the general welfare. The nation's problems are not the result of too much religion practiced too fervently but of too little religion practiced infrequently.

Bush was asked a personal question and he responded in a personally appropriate way (Gary Bauer and Orrin Hatch dittoed Bush's statement). Rather than ridiculing and attempting to intimidate Bush into silence on his beliefs, the press should investigate what difference Bush's often-declared faith has made not only in his personal life but in his world view. For example, some believe that Bush has been too "weak" in his debates. But could this be mistaken for civility, which we are told is in short supply? Is Bush willing to win the White House at all costs? Apparently not, according to his wife, Laura. Is this an extension of his faith? I think it is.

Bush has cut through the crass commercialism and the religiously empty shopping malls by putting Christ back in Christmas. Most of the press doesn't get it. They are in good company. Some in Jesus' time neither followed the star nor the Man whose unique life the star and the angel announced -- but only to eyes willing to see and ears open to hear.

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DAN RATHER

With Y2K, we have nothing to fear but fear

On March 4, 1933, a date that marked almost exactly the one-third point of the 20th century, the newly elected president, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, delivered his inaugural address. FDR used the occasion, famously, to assert his belief that "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself" — that paralyzing terror and national self-doubt posed a greater threat to an America mired in the Great Depression than any one thing to be feared.



Rather

More than 66 years after FDR spoke those words, we have run out the string on this century. The Great Depression is a fading memory in the midst of an economic boom without precedent. And, though circumstances could not be more different, those words from FDR's first inaugural come back to your reporter now as we head into the new year, new century, new millennium.

Y2K is almost upon us. As is the Y2K computer bug that, as you must have heard by now, threatens computer systems running everything from your automatic drip coffee maker to the nation's air-traffic control systems. Computers that misread the "00" in 2000 as "1900" could crash, causing untold problems that might include blackouts, material shortages and late paychecks.

Computer experts tipped businesses and governments off to this problem several years ago, and they've been doing what they can, most of them that could, to get ready in the time since. Well, the hour is nigh. So how's it looking?

The answer is: Pretty good, but no one can be sure. The world's most industrialized nations have, not surprisingly, generally done best in repairing the glitch in their essential systems. But they also tend to have a significantly greater reliance on computers than do most developing nations.

And some nations with great infrastructure reliance on computers are woefully unprepared — like India, Brazil and China. Russia, too, has been slow to make the necessary changes.

Russia could face problems in transportation, telecommunications and the power grid. But when it comes to nukes, we can find some reassurance in the knowledge that United States and Russian delegations will be spending New Year's Eve together to safeguard against an accidental launch or false launch detection.

In the United States, the White House estimates that we're 97 percent compliant in essential areas. But there are departments that still need some upgrading, including Defense, Health and Human Services, Justice and Treasury. Many businesses, too, are still scrambling. Programmers like to leave a few months, optimally, to ensure that rewritten code is correct, so we should concede that some things could go wrong. Probably will.

But your reporter keeps thinking of FDR's words and wondering if we, as people, are Y2K complaint.

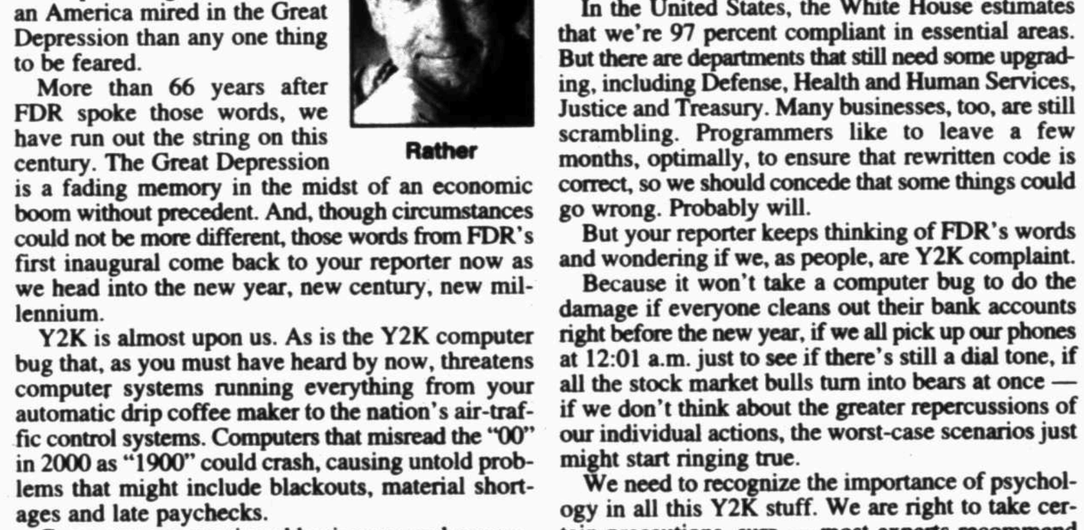
Because it won't take a computer bug to do the damage if everyone cleans out their bank accounts right before the new year, if we all pick up our phones at 12:01 a.m. just to see if there's still a dial tone, if all the stock market bulls turn into bears at once — if we don't think about the greater repercussions of our individual actions, the worst-case scenarios just might start ringing true.

We need to recognize the importance of psychology in all this Y2K stuff. We are right to take certain precautions, sure — most experts recommend preparing the way one would for a heavy storm, with a couple of days' supply of water, food and cash — but we should also do our utmost to act responsibly, as individuals and as a society. Take what measures you feel comfortable with but take them in advance to avoid runs on banks and supermarkets, to avoid panic, to leave the bugging out to the computers.

Fear itself should be our greatest fear.

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CHARLEY REESE

Book sheds light on real economic numbers in U.S.

I suggested in a recent column that Americans are living in an illusory world created by corporate propaganda fed to them from the government, the news media, think tanks and the entertainment industry.



Reese

A good antidote to this propaganda is a book that came out three years ago. The title is "America: Who Stole the Dream." It's written by Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele. The publisher is Andrews and McMeel.

As I said, it is a fine reality check that effectively and factually puts the lie to this constant propaganda that Americans are living not only in the best of all possible worlds but the best of all possible times.

Example: Americans are among the lowest-paid workers in the industrial world. In 1975, compensation for U.S. production workers averaged $6.36 an hour compared with $6.35 for Germany, $6.09 for Switzerland, $4.51 for Austria and $3 for Japan. These are government statistics.

By 1993, after all this prosperity, U.S. average compensation is $16.79 an hour — compared with $25.56 for Germany, $22.66 for Switzerland, $20.20 for Austria and $19.20 for Japan. Looks like some Americans got left out.

Look at consumer debt. In the 1950s, consumer debt was only 65 percent of total wage-and-salary income. By 1995, consumer debt had risen to 166 percent of wage-and-salary income. In other words, the average American owes $2 for every $1 he earns. That is a false prosperity.

In the 1970s, personal bankruptcies averaged 183,000; by the 1990s, after all that prosperity, the average was 811,000. All of these examples are provided by the authors, who write how government has shifted from being an ally of the middle class to being its enemy:

"Pick a government policy or a corporate business practice encouraged or abetted by a government policy, and it's likely to be working against the average America. Foreign trade and imports. Immigration. Taxes. Deregulation. Antitrust enforcement. Mergers and layoffs. Self-employment. Retraining."

Misnamed free-trade policies have accumulated consecutive and record trade deficits, now measuring in the billions of dollars, and we are only industrial nation to do this. This has cost Americans 3 million manufacturing jobs, which always has the effect of putting people either on welfare or on jobs that pay half or less than the ones they lost.

At the same time, Americans have been laid off by the millions, and the government has opened the borders to millions of immigrants — more in the 1990s than during the previous high period at the turn of the century. Oh, you say, but unemployment is so low. Yes, if you believe the government that has changed the definition of unemployment, the Consumer Price Index, even the Gross Domestic Product. But employed can mean a temp job or poverty-level service job. It can also mean that if you've given up looking for a job, the government doesn't even count you as unemployed.

Prosperity propaganda is for everyone, but true prosperity is for the elite at the expense of everyone else.

In short, the rich are getting richer, the poor are getting poorer and the middle class is doing a disappearing act. By 1992, just 10 percent of the population controlled 67 percent of the total wealth. That left 33 percent of the wealth to be divided by the other 90 percent of the population. Wake up. Get out of the matrix.

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Death toll passes 5,000 in Venezuela flooding; search for survivors continues

LA GUAIRA, Venezuela (AP) — Trained rescue dogs scoured debris Sunday and searched for survivors of massive mudslides and flooding in Venezuela as the death toll surpassed an estimated 5,000 people, making it the worst natural disaster to strike the nation this century.

Disaster relief workers scurried across the tarmac with the wounded at Caracas' international airport, which a week ago was bustling with travelers and duty-free shoppers. The smell of decaying bodies wafted through the airport.

Nearby Caribbean beaches, devastated by landslides and floods from last week's torrential rains, were turned into cemeteries, and widespread looting broke out across the northern coastline.

Foreign Minister Jose Vicente Rangel on Sunday raised the estimated death toll to 5,000. The only other event this century that compares to this was an earthquake that killed about 300 people in 1967.

It's not clear how many bodies have been recovered, but most of the dead remained buried under rubble and mud. The death toll was expected to rise.

Workers at the Southern Cemetery in Caracas were digging some 1,500 graves Sunday for the cadavers flowing in, most of whom were unidentified. Pictures of the dead — disfigured faces, some of which still had pieces of jungle vegetation lodged in their mouths — were posted at the cemetery's gates.

Hundreds of anxious relatives gathered at the gates praying that none of the photos belonged to a loved one — and crying when they did.

With 150,000 people rendered homeless and 6,000 still missing Sunday, the magnitude of the calamity overwhelmed Venezuela's capacity to respond. Dozens of nations from around the world rushed aid to the South American nation, including two planes and nine helicopters from the United States, which receives much of its petroleum from Venezuela.

On Wednesday, large swaths of Venezuela's northern coast were swept away when torrential rains triggered landslides that crashed down from a mountain that separates the capital city of Caracas from the Caribbean coast.

"When I saw the wave coming at me, I didn't have time to remember I was an old lady," said 74-year-old Blanca Rosa Giraldo, who ran for her life and, unlike many others, made it to high ground.

Thousands of people remained cut off Sunday, stranded on rooftops or in mud-buried villages or underground parking lots where they'd tried to flee with their cars.

President Hugo Chavez dispatched hundreds of paratroopers who descended by rope from helicopters to rescue survivors and provide food and medicine. Navy ships were also moving up and down the coast to rescue survivors.

Many of the dead and wounded were poor people living in shacks made of tin, wood and cinderblock at the foot of Mount Avila. Millions had built homes on the mountainside because they couldn't afford to live anywhere else. For decades, government officials did little to stop them.

In the port city of La Guaira, a posh golf course, a country club and elegant marinas with yachts were also wiped out.

Thousands of survivors wandered through La Guaira on Sunday looking for food and water amid the stench of dead bodies. When trucks or volunteers carrying supplies appeared, residents clamored desperately for a bottle of drinking water or a piece of bread.

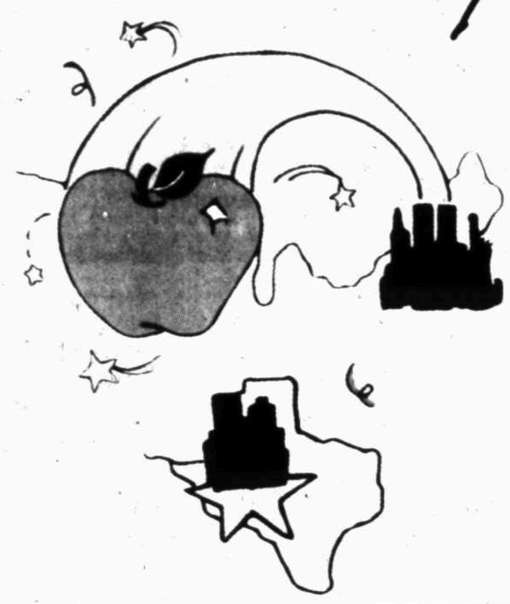
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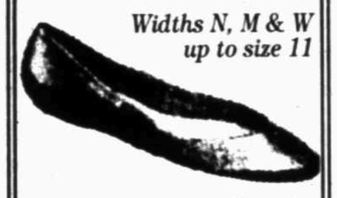
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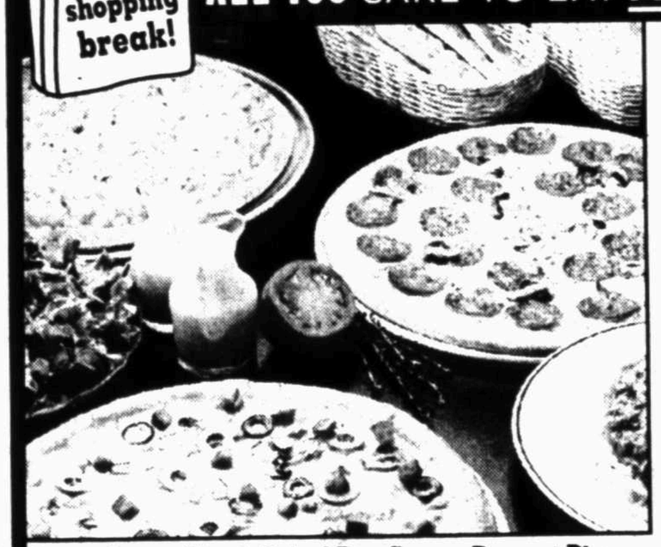
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Centrist groups make major gains in Russian parliament, exit polls show

MOSCOW (AP) — Centrist parties made major gains Sunday in parliamentary elections in an apparent breakthrough, according to an exit poll, that could change the face of Russian politics and boost hopes for economic reform.

The election for the State Duma, the lower chamber of parliament, also appeared to be a major step forward for Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's hopes of succeeding President Boris Yeltsin. A pro-Putin party soared in the election, benefiting from his handling of the war in Chechnya and his promise to give the country strong leadership and restore national pride.

With 10 percent of votes counted, Unity was ahead with 28 percent, followed by the Communists

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with 25 percent, election officials said.

The results suggested Russians were willing to continue with some type of democratic and market reforms, even though the economy is in shambles. That would be a surprise because many Russians see market reforms as a failure that have made their lives worse since the Soviet collapse.

"For the first time in 10 years, the Duma will not be controlled by the Communists. This victory is hard to overestimate," said former premier Sergei Kiriyenko, leader of the Union of Right Forces, one of the four centrist groups.

The Communists appeared likely to remain the largest party in the new Duma with 25 percent of the vote, but four centrist parties looked set to take 54 percent of the vote, according to an exit poll for the NTV television network. The actual distribution of seats could be different because half are decided on party lists and half on constituency races.

The nationwide poll conducted in 115 precincts showed the newly formed Unity Party, which is allied with Putin and the Kremlin, in second place with 24 percent of the vote. If confirmed, the three-month-old party's performance would be an astonishing feat.

Like many voters, retired economist Lydia Alexeyeva said she backed Unity because she believes it would revive the economy and ensure stability.

"These are healthy young people, who always strive for victory," she said of the party after casting her vote.

Where Putin, a former KGB officer, has been the strongest public advocate for a merciless offensive against Chechen militants, Unity leader Sergei Shoigu, who heads the Emergency Situations Ministry, has been credited with helping handle the humanitarian crisis unleashed by the war.

Most of the main parties said during the election campaign that they alone could provide the tough leadership many Russians want to crack down on rampant corruption and ensure stability. But Putin and Shoigu appeared to have won the contest.

"Wherever Shoigu is, there is order," said Yevgeny Ishchenko, a Cossack leader in the southern city of Azov. "Wherever people suffer, he comes to help."

Yeltsin has said he wants to be succeeded by Putin. The Kremlin helped form Unity in September, providing it with funds and extensive support on state-controlled TV. A Duma dominated by centrist parties will be a major boost for the Kremlin, which has attempted to build a market economy.


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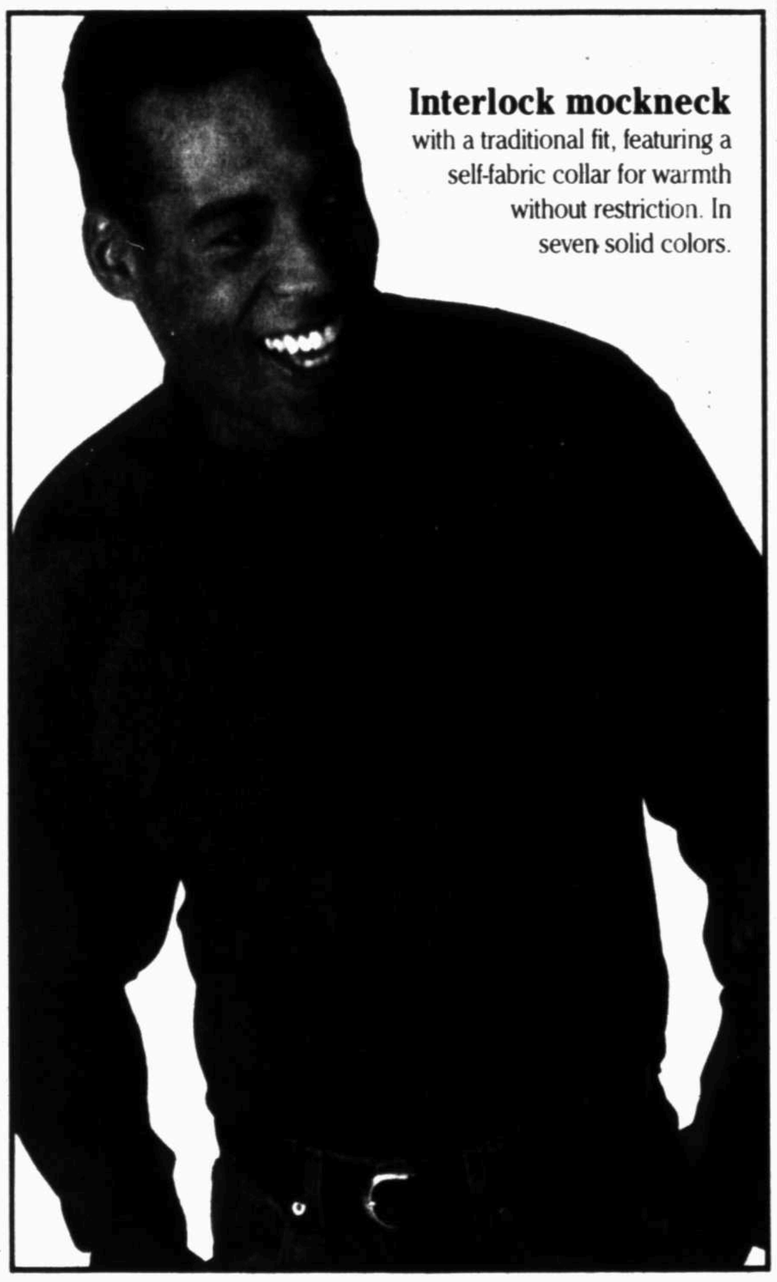
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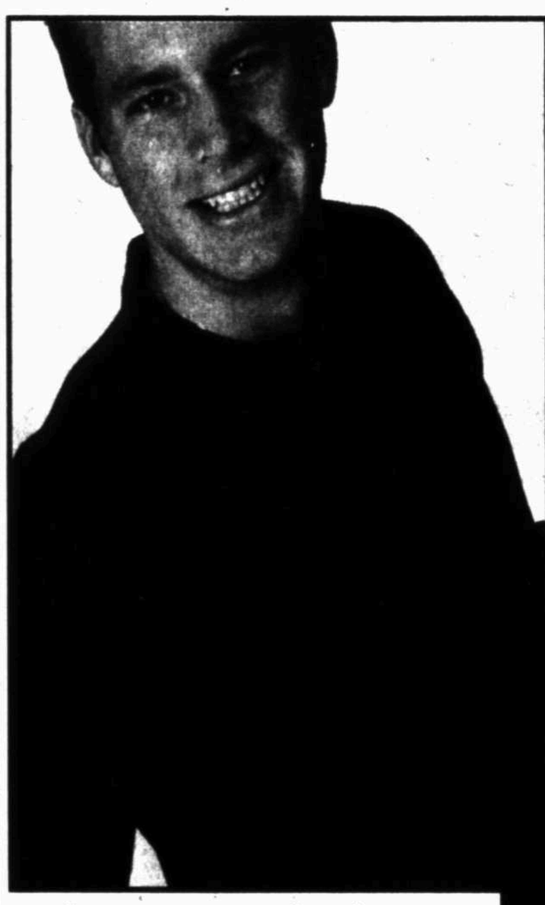
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'In England, we had an open fireplace where we burned coal, not wood, and it was a custom that when we wrote letters to Father Christmas, we burned them in the fireplace, and the smoke went up the chimney and that was how he read them. Then he went down the chimney on Christmas Eve.'

— Pat Barr,
native of Great Britain



Pat Barr has been collecting all kinds of Santas for the past 17 years. At last count she said she had 526.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Pat Barr: Collector of Santa Clauses

A sign on the front door of the home of Chris and Pat Barr reads "This house believes in Santa Claus." Immediately upon entering the home, visitors are greeted by the smell of cinnamon and ginger.

Then Pat, speaking in a distinctly English accent, will lead a tour of a wonderland populated by Santa Claus figures — 526 at her last count.

She's been collecting them for 17 years, which is how long she and her husband have lived in Midland.

She said Christmas has been a magical time for her since early childhood.

"I was born in wartime, and we didn't have a lot of money, but Christmas was always very special to us. I would go out with my father on Christmas Eve, and we would buy a Christmas tree and presents for my mother and other members of the family. In England, we had an open fireplace where we burned coal, not wood, and it was a custom that when we wrote letters to Father Christmas, we burned them in the fireplace, and the smoke went up the chimney and that was how he read them. Then he went down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

"We lived all over England, but we would all gather at my grandmother's house on Christmas Day for lunch. There would be 26 of us sitting round the table."

She said the gifts weren't lavish, but they were magical just the same.

"I would hang one of my father's socks at the end of my bed Christmas Eve and when I awoke the next morning, the sock would be filled with treats — always fruits, a piece of coal for good luck and perhaps some coins.

"That was what Father Christmas had left," she recalled. "Then I would go downstairs and my parents would give me gifts, and then we would travel by underground in London to my grandmother's house, and there we would meet everybody.

"Later that evening, my uncle would disappear, and go and dress up as Santa Claus and go around by the back gate to come down the road, jingling his bells. The young children would hear the bells, and open the front door, and there would be Father Christmas. It was just a magical time."

Now, Pat makes the season magical for her own grandchildren, aided in no small part by the collection of Santa figurines.

Santas crowd the bookshelves, the windowsills, sit on tables, and hang on walls. Pat arranges them by theme. A window shelf holds Santas in various vehicles. Santas pedal old-fashioned high-wheel bicycles, sit in surreys with the fringe on top. An Olympic commemorative bobsled holds Santa and two of his reindeer. He drives a Jeep in a camouflage pattern, a reminder to Pat that her son served in Desert Storm. He rides an English open tour bus. He flies in planes and rockets and floats in hot air balloons — in the kitchen in wicker and in the living room in cloth and metal.

Another shelf features Santa on the roofs of structures such as butcher shops, castles and cottages. He crouches inside an English telephone box (known to Americans as a telephone booth) and reads a newspaper in front of another house.

Many of Pat's Santas are utilitarian, such as the Santa potholders, towels, refrigerator magnets, mugs on the mug tree in the kitchen, cookie jar, plates and the salt and pepper shakers that line another window shelf.

The Santa collection is only a part of Pat's Christmas decorations, some of which hearken back to her childhood.

"My aunts always decorated my grandmother's house so beautifully," she remembers. "They would have a Christmas grotto of all kinds of different things — that must have been very difficult during the war years — but they would make every room so special and beautiful."

The Barr family also observes English customs such as Christmas pudding and Christmas crackers.

The pudding is laden with fruit and eggs and though traditionally it would contain alcohol, Pat's variation does not.

"I remember that my grandmother would make her Christmas pudding a year ahead of time and fill it with beer, and the alcohol would evaporate out, but the pudding would keep."

Christmas crackers are decorated cylindrical paper packages filled with candies and treats, a party hat and a little motto such as you would find in a fortune cookie. It is all tied in ribbon and contains minute amounts of explosive in between the sheets of paper, so that when they're pulled they pop, or crack.

"That's why they're named 'Christmas crackers,'" said Pat.

The Barr tree is a traditional one, with ornaments that have been brought out every year since Pat's children were in kindergarten.

"These are the most precious ornaments on the tree," she said, reaching for a small homemade animal made of a spool and heavy paper. "My daughter, Alison (Haley), made this when her class was chosen to decorate a tree at Valley View Mall, and this one, my son, Simon, made of an egg carton when he was in kindergarten.

"They place them on the tree every year themselves."

And now there are ornaments for the grandchildren.

"My daughter and her husband, Jim, have two boys, Stuart and Bobby; my son and his wife, Dawn, have two girls, Alexandria and Samantha," said Pat, who is manager at James Avery Craftsman Inc.

"They are 7, 6, 5 and 3, and they've only broken one Santa. But if a Santa gets broken, it's all right. My grandchildren are more precious by far than the Santas."

Every year she buys each grandchild a Christmas tree ornament that they can take home with them.

"When they have their own families, they'll have ornaments to start out with," said Pat.

Pat said that since her collection has grown so extensive, she stores the Santas in the garage every year until December.

She does make one exception — a needlepoint visit from St. Nicholas created by Alison.

"It took her 18 months to do that, and it is so precious to me," Pat said. " I keep it hanging on the wall all year long."

TALKIN' TEXAN

Brownwood artisan carves line of Santa Clauses

By Tumbleweed Smith



Smith

J.B. Taylor of Brownwood carves a line of Santa Clauses. He does different styles, from caricature to traditional.

"I'm doing a set of 26 Santa Clauses," he says. "The name of each one begins with a letter of the alphabet. I've got Amos, Benjamin, Caleb, Dominique, Emil, Festus, Gideon, Hiram and Ishmael."

He has come up with two new ones this year: one beginning with J, the other with K.

He's been carving the wooden Santa Clauses 10 years.

"People who buy Santa Clauses are not buying a Santa Claus. They are buying an addition to their collection."

There was a woman in J.B.'s store the other day who looked at his work and told him she would be back to start a collection of his Santa Claus carvings. She said she collected Santa Clauses but was real picky about what she chose to collect.

"She told me she liked mine because they were unique and different from anything else she had found in the Santa Claus line."

He says people who have Santa Clauses never put them up. "They're on display somewhere in their home all year round because it's a collection they love to enjoy."

Each Santa Claus is different. "Different colors, different designs, different sizes, different shapes, different facial expressions, different purposes. Emil is a big, heavy--set, pot-bellied traditional Santa Claus with a glass of milk in one hand and a chocolate chip cookie in the other one.

"Hiram is another Santa Claus who has a pair of overalls on, got his foot on a stack of lumber, got a red paint brush in his hand, and he's called the Toy Maker.

"The real unique one I've got is Festus. He's my cowboy Santa Claus. He's wearing long-handle underwear and boots, got a pillow stuffed up under his long handles to pad his mid-section, got his cowboy hat on, has a Santa Claus hat on top of his

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Doctor is drawn to rural N. Dakota town

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Dressed in his medical scrubs and white coat, a stethoscope swaying from his neck, Don Grenz is far from what he intended to be.

"I never planned to leave farming. I liked that rural, small-town life. That's what I wanted," says the 37-year-old doctor.

He gave up his dream and left the land in 1992 because of the slumping farm economy. Now, just two months shy of finishing his medical residency, Grenz is returning to rural life — not as a farmer, but as one of only two doctors in the south-central North Dakota town of Linton, population 1,300.



AP Photo

Don Grenz, 37, goes over patients' records with Dr. Teresa Levitski at MeritCare Hospital in Fargo, N.D. Forced out of farming because of the economy, Grenz is in residency in Fargo and will be one of two doctors in the town of Linton, N.D., which has a population of 1,300.

"When I knew I had to get out of farming, I started thinking, 'What can I get into where I can still live in a small town, but have some control in my life?'" said Grenz, who farmed near Maddock, about 100 miles northeast of Bismarck. "Medicine seemed to jump out."

Few new doctors choose to work in small towns such as Linton, at least partly because of the demanding work schedule and isolation from their peers.

But Grenz, an internal medicine doctor, sought out the Linton job. He got a four-year scholarship through the National Health Service Corps, which paid for his medical education in exchange for his commitment to practice for at least four years in a community desperate for doctors.

Grenz intends to stay in Linton much longer than four years. It is the kind of place he, his wife and four kids have wanted to call home.

"I knew before I ever got into medical school that I wanted to work in a small town," he said.

While the number of doctors in North Dakota has tripled in the past 30 years — from 500 to more than 1,400 — most still work in the state's four largest communities: Fargo, Minot, Bismarck and Grand Forks.

North Dakota had 57 hospitals in 1945, and 41 maternity homes, facilities staffed mostly by midwives. The maternity homes had vanished by the late 1960s, and today the number of hospitals, including those operated by the Indian Health Service and two Air Force bases, has dropped to 54.

Doctors and hospitals have worked to overcome the shortage of physicians in rural areas, said E. David Wilson, dean of the University of North Dakota medical school. Larger institutions have set up and staffed satellite clinics in smaller communities.

One of the first hospitals in the state to operate a satellite clinic, West River Regional Medical Center in Hettinger, now runs eight throughout its broad service region in southwestern North Dakota. Its dozen doctors are required to spend at least two days a week at one of the clinics.

Foreseeing a shift in health care from inpatient to outpatient services, administrator Jim Long said his hospital made sure it was ready for the change.

"With the lengths of stays and hospital admissions on the decrease, we've tried to put increased emphasis on outpatient, ambulatory and even home-based services," Long said. "I think it was a smart move for us."

Larger institutions also have made broad use of computers and closed circuit television so doctors in small towns can get live consultations.

"I think we're right around the corner from what I like to call the virtual house call," Wilson said. "Routine matters could be handled without the patient or the doctor ever having to travel.

"Obviously there's no substitute for personal, in-office communication for some cases, but I don't think that has to occur every time," Wilson said. "If you and your doctor have a good relationship and you're looking at him on a computer screen right in front of you, it's like he's right there."

The challenge is finding doctors like Grenz who want to work in those rural areas.

"It isn't for everyone," Grenz says. "A lot of doctors aren't ready to commit to that lifestyle. But I think we can do it."

DEAR ABBY

Volunteering can be enriching experience

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Please print my letter about volunteering on suicide prevention/crisis hotlines.



Van Buren

Suicide affects most of us at some time in our lives. Most of us know someone who has considered suicide, attempted it or killed himself or herself. While it is a challenge to talk with someone about suicide, doing so opens communication in an amazing way. It is an enriching experience for both the person in crisis and the volunteer. I hope the U.S. surgeon general's recent statements on this issue will draw nationwide attention to its importance. There IS something that can be done about it — become a volunteer! Contact your local suicide prevention/crisis hotline and find out how. -- A VOLUNTEER IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR VOLUNTEER: Your letter is an important one. I'm often asked to recommend worthy causes to which people can donate time or money. I can think of no more meaningful way to fill one's extra time than by literally saving the lives of others. It takes some time and training to become a hotline volunteer; however, the emotional payoff is beyond description.

DEAR ABBY: Here's how we solved the "appropriate gift" problem for our elderly parents.

Knowing that my mother-in-law was having difficulty keeping her house cleaned (vacuuming, floor scrubbing, etc.), we decided to give them one gift that would last all year. We eliminated Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthday, anniversary and Christmas presents, and instead hired someone to come into their home and clean it once a month. My husband, his sister and I pay for the service each month.

We lost my mother-in-law last year, and the day after her funeral, my father-in-law asked if we could continue the service because it was so very much appreciated.

No longer do I have to wrack my brain to buy something I'm not sure would be wanted or needed. -- ANN MANOS, GRAVETTE, ARK.

DEAR ANN: I can't think of a more practical gift. Thanks for an ingenious solution to a problem that crops up every year. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: A reader asked you how to stop elderly relatives from sending useless gifts without hurting their feelings.

I would suggest that the reader tell them how much a record of their own history and personal recollections would mean to younger members of the family. These stories could be written or taped, but should always be identified as to who the person is and all the proper dates. They could also be recorded in installments and given on various gift-giving occasions. Many families would deeply appreciate such gifts. Historical societies could no doubt help the elderly with suggestions, if needed.

My mother was born in the late 1800s to pioneer parents. I am grateful that she allowed me to tape her recollections of her parents as well as her own experiences. Many children and other relatives would appreciate similar gifts. -- HARRIET FROM TAMPA

DEAR HARRIET: That's a terrific suggestion. A collection of written recollections would make a unique bound volume after a few years -- and the collection of tapes becomes a one-of-a-kind library or oral history.

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

DAVE BARRY

Mr. Language Person answers grammar questions

It is with great verisimilitude that we present another installation of "Ask Mister Language Person," the column that answers your common questions about grammar and punctuation. This is the ONLY language column to receive the coveted Lifetime Bathroom Pass from The American Society of University Professors Who Are Never in Their Offices.



Barry

We will commence today's column by beginning with our first question, which concerns a basic rule of business grammar:

Q. What is the proper way to begin a formal letter?

A. The proper beginning, or "salutatorian," for a formal business letter is: "Dear Mr. Or Ms. Bob Johnson As The Case May Be." This should be followed by a small dab of imported mustard.

Q. What if the person's name is not "Bob Johnson"?

A. Then he or she will just have to change it.

Q. What is the correct way to conclude a formal business letter to a cable-television company?

A. "I Spit On Your Billing Department."

Q. Like millions of Americans, I cannot grasp the extremely subtle difference between the words "your" and "you're."

A. Top grammar scientists are often confused by these two words, which are technically known as "bivalves," or words that appear to be identical and have hinged shells. The best way to tell them apart is to remember that "you're" is a contraction, which is a type of word used during childbirth, as in: "Hang on, Marlene, here comes you're baby!" Whereas "your" is, grammatically, a prosthetic infarction, which means a word that is used to score a debating point in an Internet chat room, as in: "Your a looser, you moron!"

Q. What about "yore?"

A. That refers to "the days of yore," when there was a lot of yore lying around, as a result of pigs.

Q. What is the correct usage of the word "compunction"?

A. It may be used as a medical term ("a compunction of the left exterior vestibule") or in the name of a rock band ("DeWayne Hurlmont and the Compunctions of Soul")

Q. Speaking of music, does it make you suspicious that "Barry Manilow" and "Busta Rhymes," in addition to sounding *exactly* alike, have "conveniently" never once appeared on stage together?

A. It is time to end the charade.

Q. While viewing ESPN's Sept. 18 broadcast of the Indiana-Kentucky football game, did you hear an example of language usage so excellent that it caused you to spew beer from your nose?

A. Yes. The color commentator referred to a former coach as "a living legend when he was still alive."

Q. Can you give some other examples of powerful language, sent in by alert readers?

A. Certainly:

■ Trudy McDaniel sent in the instructions for putting together an Ikea desk, which state: "It is advisory to be two people during assembly."

■ Doug Gordon sent in the instructions for a set of Tama brand drums, containing this warning: "Stay away from the drum set if an earthquake occurs."

■ Dave Zarrow reports that he saw a sign making this appealing offer: "I Lost 40 Lbs. In Two Months! Call For Free Samples!"

■ Joe Bays sent in a glossy color brochure for the American Standard "Cadet II" model commode, featuring the slogan: "Get more out of your toilet."

■ Sandra Bowers sent in a story from the Akron Beacon-Journal headlined, "Police find man dead to death in motel."

■ Paul Morrill sent in a story ffom the Santa Cruz County Sentinel, concerning a man who was arrested when he attacked some sea lions "because they constantly defected on his boat."

■ Jeanne Reed sent in a bulletin from Weatherby Health Care, a physician-placement firm, with this headline: "Born and Raised in the Midwest, This Very Talented Surgeon is Looking for his Nitch Back Home."

Q. You hate it when a surgeon loses his nitch.

A. Let's hope he didn't leave it inside a patient.

TODAY'S "TIP" FOR FICTION WRITERS: To make your writing more vivid, insert a literary device.

WEAK: "Detective Jake Turmoil slowly opened the door to the killer's room."

STRONG: "Detective Jake Turmoil slowly opened the door to the killer's room and a metaphor sliced off his head."

GOT A QUESTION FOR MISTER LANGUAGE PERSON? He truly does not care.

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SANTAS: Carver looks like walking caricature

(From 1B)

cowboy hat and he's got a tow sack full of toys over his shoulder."

All the Santa Clauses are available. "By having my own reproduction company right here where I reproduce them myself, if I run short, all I have to do is make some more."

J.B. is a former Baptist minister who has worked for many years as a church camp director. He updated some old buildings in Brownwood and made them into a Texas arts and crafts complex he calls Tuf Time, which is worth visiting just to see the frontier architecture he designed. He has some outstanding Texas souvenirs.

J. B. sort of looks like a walking caricature himself. He wears a beard and a hat that appears to have lived several lives. Small reading glasses are perched on his nose. His boots and apron are well-used. He moves and talks quickly, like one of Santa's elves. He is short in stature but tall in talent. He is excited about everything and laughs easily. His eyes sparkle. Come to think of it, he could be the real thing.

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Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist. His radio show, "The Sound of Texas," can be heard 11:23 a.m. weekdays on KMCM (96.9 FM).

Time honors man who founded Amazon.com

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeff Bezos, the Amazon.com founder whose company — while losing millions of dollars — has helped foster the revolution that is changing how Americans shop, was named Time magazine's person of the year on Sunday.

"This year it was easier than most," said managing editor Walter Isaacson. "Because there were two great themes of the year — online shopping and dot-com mania. The minute we thought of Bezos it was obvious that he embodied both."

Time dubbed Bezos, 35, the "king of cybercommerce" and said his ambitious, ever-expanding online venture has "helped build the foundation of our future."

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Discovery blasts off to fix Hubble after nine delays

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After an unprecedented nine delays, space shuttle Discovery blasted into orbit Sunday night to put the Hubble Space Telescope back in working order.

It was NASA's last chance this year to send the shuttle and seven astronauts to Hubble's rescue. One more postponement would have bumped the flight into January.

Everything finally came together, and Discovery soared at 6:50 p.m. (CST), lighting up the sky for miles around. It was a fine evening for a launch; bad weather had forced delays the previous two days.

"We appreciate your patience in hanging in there with us," launch director Dave King told the crew just before liftoff. "We hope you have a great mission to Hubble, and we'll see you back here before the next millennium."

Replied commander Curtis Brown Jr.: "We have one request — we'd like you to send a note to Hubble to get ready, because we're on our way!"

Hubble was passing more than 370 miles above Africa when Discovery took off. The shuttle should catch up with the $3 billion telescope on Tuesday.

NASA never intended to launch so late in the year.

The Hubble mission originally was scheduled for October but was repeatedly changed because of a barrage of equipment trouble: damaged wiring, a contaminated engine, a dented fuel pipe and, just last Thursday, welding concerns. Once Discovery finally was cleared for flight, rain and clouds interfered Friday and again Saturday.

The mission racked up the most launch delays — nine — in 18 1/2 years of space shuttle flight, according to NASA statistics.

Officials had insisted for weeks that Saturday would be the last opportunity this year to send Discovery and seven astronauts to Hubble's rescue. (The telescope has been out of commission for the past month.) Although confident all its computers are Y2K compatible, NASA did not want to risk having a shuttle in orbit on New Year's Eve.

But managers changed their minds following Friday's launch delay, and said they would consider making a Sunday run if the team wasn't too tired. They also wanted to make sure the team could handle a touchdown on Dec. 27 as well as one or two days beyond that in case of poor landing weather, and have all operations shut down by New Year's Eve.

On Sunday morning, officials said they worked out a plan to accommodate all landing options, including a possible detour to California if necessary.

To make a Dec. 27 landing, NASA had to cut two days off the 10-day mission and cancel one of four planned spacewalks.

NASA has had a particularly trying year, and not just in the shuttle program. Two Mars spacecraft were lost, and the international space station was stalled because of Russian problems. Hubble quit working in mid-November when its pointing system faltered.

That's why NASA wants to get to Hubble as soon as possible, even if it means flying a space shuttle over Christmas for the first time ever. The astronauts will install six new gyroscopes to steady the telescope for precision pointing, and also put in a new computer, data recorder, radio transmitter and other equipment.

Even with Sunday's liftoff, 1999 will end up being NASA's slowest year for launches since flights resumed in 1988 following the Challenger disaster.

Discovery hauled supplies to NASA's fledgling space station in May, and Columbia carried up the Chandra X-ray Observatory in July. It was during Columbia's launch that the wiring problems first surfaced, resulting in a grounding of the shuttle fleet.

Bradley calls Gore's no-TV ad challenge a ploy

WASHINGTON (AP) — In bristling, televised debate, Vice President Al Gore challenged Bill Bradley on Sunday to cancel all broadcast advertising in their campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination and debate twice a week instead, an idea the former New Jersey senator dismissed as a ridiculous ploy.

Their second network TV confrontation of the holiday season was a testy hour on NBC's "Meet the Press." Each man told the other not to interrupt, but to no avail amid instant denials and rebuttals.

They argued about health care and education, while avoiding firm proposals to guarantee the long-term financing of Social Security. Bradley flatly ruled out a future increase in the entitlement age for benefits, something he earlier said he might consider. Gore said he would not consider doing it — ever. "I'll say ever, sure," he promised. Gore said he had never discussed that option when the administration was considering Social Security financing.

"No one ever did?" Bradley said scornfully. "Give me a break."

Gore didn't spare the scorn, either. He sighed loudly and laughed sardonically while Bradley was describing his proposal to replace Medicaid with a subsidized health insurance program to help many of the nation's 44 million uninsured buy coverage. Gore called the plan flawed and too costly.



AP Photo

Democratic presidential candidates Bill Bradley, left, and Vice President Al Gore debate on the set of "Meet the Press" Sunday.

"Wrong, that's not correct. ... False," Bradley snapped when Gore said his health insurance proposal would undermine coverage of the needy. Bradley said his plan would cover everybody while Gore's would help only 7 million of the uninsured — a figure the vice president disputed.

A diffident debater when he and Gore first met in Hanover, N.H., seven weeks ago, Bradley came on strong in rebuttal and retort Friday night, in a rematch broadcast on ABC's "Nightline," and stronger still on "Meet the Press."

Sitting side by side, in blue suits and red patterned neckties, Gore issued his ad-ban challenge when one of Bradley's key issues came up: campaign finance reform.

Bradley sought to dramatize his stand against big money politics by shaking hands with Republican Sen. John McCain in New Hampshire on a joint pledge to forgo the use of unregulated campaign funds funneled through the political parties, the soft money they, and Gore, say should be banned.

Campaign reform is playing well in New Hampshire, which holds the first presidential primary on Feb. 1, and there, Bradley is running even or better with Gore in the public opinion polls. Nationally, Gore is far ahead, 53 percent to 28 in a CBS News poll of Democrats.

Gore said neither he nor Bradley would reject the use of soft money for the 2000 Democratic ticket unless the Republican nominee did so, too. So, he said, they have exactly the same position.

Then he issued his challenge, saying, "We don't have to wait for the Republican nominee to be picked, Bill. I'll make you this offer right now: If you will agree, I will stop running all television and radio commercials until this nomination is decided."

"It sounds to me like you're having trouble raising money," Bradley said to Gore, who has had to trim campaign spending in the past couple of months to ensure he doesn't run out of funds.

"No, as a matter of fact, I'm not," Gore said.

"I mean, this is a ridiculous proposal," said Bradley.

He said ads are one of the ways he communicates with people.

"In 30-second commercials?" Gore asked.

"That's not so difficult if you know what you believe," Bradley said.

Inmates going back to Cuba, State Department says

ST. MARTINVILLE, La. (AP) — The Cuban inmates who held hostages at a jail for nearly a week to demand their release will be sent back to Cuba, the State Department said Sunday.

Five Cubans and one Bahamian surrendered peacefully late Saturday at the St. Martin Parish jail, freeing the warden, a female guard and five female inmates.

"We're gratified that the situation has been resolved in a peaceful manner," the State Department said in a statement read by a spokeswoman who asked not to be identified by name. "The detainees turned themselves in without harming hostages and in accordance with their request, we contacted the government of Cuba which has agreed to take these individuals back."

The inmates were in federal custody Sunday while details for their return were being worked out. It was unclear if the Bahamian would be going to Cuba.

"We believe this resolution is in the best interest of the United States and is consistent with our long-standing practice of removing deportable aliens to their country of origin," the State Department statement said.

The Cubans were being held indefinitely in a state of legal limbo. Before the surrender, the U.S. government wouldn't release them because it considers them subject to deportation and the Cuban government would not take them back.

There also was no word on the agreement from Cuba. Government offices in Havana were closed Sunday and calls to the office of Foreign Ministry spokesman Alejandro Gonzalez rang unanswered.

Earlier Sunday, the warden said he wasn't seriously hurt during the ordeal but never doubted his captors' threats of violence.

"When someone is holding a knife to your throat, you believe him," Warden Todd Louvierre said.

He had a black eye and a welt on his cheek that he said he suffered when he was captured Dec. 13 while trying to radio for help. "Besides what you see on my face, they didn't do anything, and that's really nothing," Louvierre said at a news conference.

The uprising began last Monday when the inmates armed themselves with homemade knives and took the warden and three guards hostage while being escorted to an exercise area. One guard was released after about six hours. A second was released Thursday night.

Two Cuban hostage-takers surrendered late Thursday, the day the five female inmates were taken hostage.

The mother of one of the Cubans said she was assured Saturday that a deal had been reached.

"They surrendered because they are going to Cuba," said Mercedes Villar, who had been credited by FBI spokesman Charles Mathews with persuading her son, Roberto Villar-Gana, and the others to give up.

Ruby Feria, director of Mothers for Freedom, a Cuban support group in Miami, was asked if the agreement could encourage other inmates to take hostages. She replied: "I think they realize that creating such a problem again will only bring criminal charges and worsen their situation."

Insistence by the hostage takers' relatives that Fidel Castro had agreed to let the men return to Cuba came as the Cuban president pressures the U.S. government to return a 6-year-old Cuban refugee.

The boy was rescued off the Florida coast last month after his mother drowned.

Loggers sue over 'religious' groups' appeals

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)— The feud between environmentalists and loggers over commercial tree-cutting in Minnesota's forests is being transformed into a fight over the separation of church and state.

A group of loggers has filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Forest Service and two environmental groups, claiming the Forest Service has buckled to the groups' philosophy of "deep ecology," which regards the natural world as sacred.

That philosophy, the lawsuit maintains, amounts to a religion. And that means the Forest Service has violated the First Amendment prohibition on government favoring or endorsing one religion over another, it claims.

The loggers want a federal judge to stop the environmentalists and the government from limiting access to timber unless they can prove they are acting for nonreligious reasons. They also are asking for $600,000 in damages to make up lost business.

"It's so ludicrous," said Ray Fenner, executive director of St. Paul-based Superior Wilderness Action Network, one of the groups being sued. The other is New Mexico-based Forest Guardians.

"If this goes any further, every U.S. citizen should be scared to death," Fenner said.

All three defendants have asked the court to dismiss the case, saying it is meritless.

The heart of the case is whether "deep ecology" is religious at all.

"Of course not," said Michael Pinto, president of the Institute for Deep Ecology based in Occidental, Calif. "Religion is faith-based. Deep ecology is not."

Pinto says the philosophy, which has attracted worldwide interest since being introduced in the 1970s, is simply an insightful way of looking at the interconnectedness of human beings and nature.

But the loggers argue that it is similar to American Indian religions that place nature at the center of creation.

Bron Taylor, A professor of environmental studies, religion and earth ethics at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, said deep ecology could be considered a religion — if a court's definition didn't require a belief in divine beings.

"Much environmentalism draws upon the idea that nature is sacred," says Taylor, who has written and taught extensively on the subject.

Forest Guardians, a 10-year-old Santa Fe, N.M.-based group that wants to end commercial logging in national forests, has challenged about 300 federal timber sales in the last three years but has won only about 50.

Superior Wilderness Action Network has filed about 12 challenges but Fenner counts just one outright victory.

Still, to loggers even delays can mean a big financial loss, said Larry Jones, executive director of the Tower-based Associated Contract Loggers, a coalition of individual loggers and companies that filed the lawsuit.

"If I lose a month of production, that's 10 percent of my revenue," Jones said.



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Listen Up!

Good advice for young drivers: How to handle icy roads

By Royal Ford
N.Y. Times News Service

Winter driving should be a carefully thought out, cautiously executed, top-to-bottom exercise.

That's top to bottom as in, first, use your head, understand that the mistakes you make driving in summer are mistakes you won't get away with in winter; and, second, put the right tires on your car.

Of course, far too many folks will neglect the first, the second, or both. When that happens, and you get into trouble — can't stop quickly when you have to, or go into a skid on a slippery turn — you have to know how to get out of the mess you've put yourself in.

The head part involves common sense, says Tim O'Neil of the Team O'Neil Rally School in Franconia, N.H. O'Neil, winner of multiple rally championships in the United States and Canada, did most of his racing on gravel, snow, and ice courses, so he knows something about dancing on the edge of control.

His first advice: Don't get to that edge. That means paying attention to road conditions, knowing you can't stop or turn the way you can on the good-gripping roads of summer. Watch the outside temperature reading gauge that is offered in so many cars now. When it drops from a warm day to 32 degrees and below, slow down.

When it comes to tires, snow tires on all four wheels is best, especially if you're on the road a lot or your weekends take you north for winter recreation. Snow tires are soft, so the rubber moves around. They are "stiped" — covered with thousands of tiny sliced grooves that open to form thousands of little edges that help them grip. And their treads are designed to "work" the snow by packing it into strong Vs that give the tires bite.

Don't be fooled by mud-snow tires. Tires that do well in mud do not do well in snow. Their clunky treads are made to spit out mud, not work snow. Picture snow tires as boat shoes with all their tiny slits giving grip on slippery surfaces. Picture mud tires like clunky-treaded hiking boots.

If you want all-weather tires, O'Neil advises, get soft ones — sometimes the cheaper tires. Don't go for high-mileage all-weathers because they are built harder to last longer. When it's slippery, harder is bad. Check tires with your thumb. See if you can get the rubber to move. These are best for winter.

Now think about what kind of car you drive: all-wheel drive, rear-wheel drive, front-wheel drive, four-wheel drive. For the most part, says O'Neil, consider them all the same.

At their base, he says, cars with all four wheels driving are "incredibly helpful" and driven properly, he says, "are much safer."

The problem is, their performance breeds overconfidence and people think they can drive them faster. But many of these vehicles are heavier (SUVs, pickup trucks, vans), less stable in turns, and harder to stop in an emergency. And when they do get into skids, it is nearly impossible to drive out of that skid as you might do with a front-wheel- or rear-wheel-drive vehicle.

So know they perform better, but drive them as carefully as you would any other auto.

But since we won't all "be careful out there," as the Sarge used to say on "Hill Street Blues," here's what to do when the two most likely emergency situations — emergency stop, loss of control in a slippery turn — happen to you.

■ You're driving down a straightaway, are distracted a moment, and see a car stalled ahead of you when you look back at the road. Get ready to let go of your instincts.

If your vehicle does not have ABS, use the pumping technique. Touch your brakes until you feel the wheels are about to lock up, release, pump again — hopefully with a bit lighter touch on the pedal. Release, and continue this diminishing pressure of pumping until you either have to, or now safely can, attempt to steer around the object ahead of you.

When you're steering, don't hold the brakes on. This is where you are going against instinct.

"You've got to release when your brain says, 'I want to stop,' " says O'Neil.

If you do have ABS, slam the brakes on hard. The ABS system will do the pumping for you. With the brakes on, steer around the danger.

■ This time, you're in a corner, wheels turned, when you realize the car is not going where you want it to. Instinct tells you to let off on the gas or maybe hit the brakes. Either action transfers weight from the rear to the front of your vehicle. Now you are skidding. One of two things is likely happening.

Say you are making a left-hand turn. Your rear end glides out toward the right and is trying to pass your front (oversteer).

Turn your wheels smoothly back to the right. Let off the brakes — and against instinct again, you may want to give it a bit of gas. Gain control by turning into the turn. In bad skids, you may find yourself going back and forth, right-left-right to fully halt the alternating skids. But it works. Try it in a slippery abandoned parking lot sometime.

Now say you are making that left-hand turn but the nose keeps going to the right (understeer). Don't think that by turning the wheels more to the left that the car will suddenly catch on and go that way. What you must do is let off the gas and turn to the right until the car begins to go where you point it. You'll know this is happening because you will feel the front wheels begin to grip again. Now you can gently steer the car back to your intended line — or at least away from looming trouble.

O'Neil says understeer is more common in front-wheel-drive cars while oversteer is more common in rear-wheel drive. All-wheel drive has what he calls "flat spin," in which the car will most likely go immediately off the road. It's rare, but if you're not careful, it can happen.

O'Neil describes his technique of teaching winter driving as showing people "how to avoid getting in the goo and what to do when you are in the goo."

American drivers, he says, need to develop a better feel for their cars and the skills needed in driving.

"Too many people die because they don't have the ability to get out of a skid," he says. "We should approach driving the way pilots approach flying."

But the best advice — though it will go unheeded by far too many — is this: Folks, be careful out there.

We wish you a Merry Christmas ...

And a Happy New Year!



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Members of Midland High School's choir performed at the Midland Reporter-Telegram's second annual Community Christmas Party Tuesday evening. "Legend" choir members Kim Hales (from left), Evan Rogers, Kindell Carter, Albert Hall, and Anya Baker sang carols at the party.

Daniel's Poetry Corner

The Gift of Christmas

By Daniel San Miguel

Christmas, Christmas everywhere,
People now have time to spare.
They now have time to greet people and say,
How much they appreciate each other on this glorious day.

Under the Christmas tree there are many toys,
Some for girls as well as boys.
They wake up their parents showing them what they found,
To spread joy, happiness and love all around.

Under the mistletoe, Mom and Dad kiss,
For seeing their children happy is their greatest wish.
Gathering around the Christmas tree, they all prepare to sing,
To tell of the great joy which only Christmas can bring.

Christmas is a time of love unknown,
For a Savior was found from a star that shown,
All in all, God gave us His greatest sacrifice,
His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Homeless

By Daniel San Miguel

There are a lot of people today,
who have nowhere to stay.

They are forced to live on the street,
with nothing at all to eat.

Sometimes living in cardboard boxes,
they curl up like little foxes.

And when they are cold,
they have nothing but clothes so old.

There are places where they go for dinner,
because they are getting thinner and thinner.

And when they have had enough,
they go back outside where the weather's rough.

They also have to live on welfare,
because they have no money to spare.

And when they look like they're going to die,
people pay no attention and just walk on by.

They're also banned from some places,
because people just can't stand to see their faces.

So next time don't look down on them,
but look inside and deep within.

For they are also human beings with real true feelings.

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Matt Josefy

The intrinsic worth of debate is skill learned in reasoning, communication

By Matt Josefy

Everyone is an arguer, but only the few and the proud can be debaters.

For the past two years, I have been a member of the debate team at Midland High School. I'll be quite honest — at first I just wanted to be in the class, get a good, easy grade, and then get out. That plan of action never quite materialized.

Josefy

From the moment I actually began debating, I loved every minute of it. Many people assume that the debate team exists solely for a bunch of nerds who aren't good enough to play sports. Quite the contrary. You might want to watch out because it is quite possible that debate "gods" will one day rule the temporal realm.

The skills learned through debating are numerous, most notably reasoning and communication. I have encountered many debaters who quite likely will be presidents, governors, and CEOs in the near future.

Another misconception that many people hold of debate is that these social outcasts do nothing but argue and contradict one another. Actually, today's high school debate teams consist of a number of events, from duet acting to original oration. It's a far cry from the free-for-all screaming match between siblings in the kitchen, which is the only form of debate most people ever encounter.

In the actual debate events — of which there are two: Lincoln-Douglas and Cross-Examination — there are strict rules which turn debate into more of an intellectual war than a mere verbal battle.

Lincoln-Douglas debate, my personal favorite, is a debate of value. It is here that the world's most unanswerable questions are answered, sort of. Each debater must be prepared for either the affirmative or the negative position on a particular topic, otherwise known as a resolution.

Resolutions vary from the morality of capital punishment to the fairness of Internet regulation to the ethics issues of economic sanctions against other countries.

At first glance — and maybe at second or third — these appear to have little or no bearing on today's teen-agers. Really, they probably don't. But that's why debate proves to be such a valuable experience. For each topic, a case must be prepared, based on factual evidence and quotes from authorities.

Then the debater must visualize him- or herself as a victim of both sides to create a reasonable form of logic to be the underpinning of the case. With each case that I have written, I get more and more frustrated. It's kind of like playing chess — your movements or arguments have to be based on what your opponent might do. Sometimes I wind up closing my eyes, trying to imagine the loopholes in every possible argument.

Since most of my cases are written late at night, that mental deliberation winds up turning into a long nap the night before the tournament.

Speaking of which, if you haven't ever participated in a debate tournament, you have haven't lived. Every time I return from a tournament, I vow never to put myself through the misery again. And yet I do.

The procedure varies slightly from tournament to tournament, depending largely on how far we are traveling. Most of the time, we leave early on a Friday morning, missing school, which happens to be about half of the students' motivation for participating. But don't complain — they're still involved in a learning experience, more than others realize.

For the first hour or two of the trip the bus is quiet, but then the scene turns into a deafening roar, as every student frantically attempts to put final touches on his or her case, memorize oratories or interpretative pieces, get important evidence from team members, or brain-storm "squirrel-killers" for key arguments.

After getting the noon-time meal, which is typically the last nutritious food obtainable for the rest of the weekend, we check into our hotel.

A bunch of guys, most of whom don't know how to tie ties, frantically shower and put on coats and ties. Then it's off to the host school. Each student runs around looking for a posting that indicates the time of his or her next event.

Some brave souls then set out on a Lewis and Clark expedition to find the assorted room numbers. Debaters have an advantage over their classmates in that, by the time they graduate from high school, they can find any classroom at any school campus in District 4-5A.

Then the upward climb begins. Against all odds, students do their best to remember their pieces, try as hard as they can to act professionally, and basically just kiss-up to the judges.

When the clock strikes midnight, Cinderella's masquerade ends and the hotel becomes the next destination both for the debaters and the pizza delivery boy. After madly pigging out, it's time for that impossible task of sleeping, in a bed, with people who kick and snore and aren't even related to you.

Saturday repeats much of Friday night's action, but with one more interesting twist added — the moment of death. There is nothing worse than sitting in a cafeteria waiting, and waiting, and waiting to find out how your rounds went.

You speculate: "If that judge picks him over me when he was wearing that Pokemon tie, I'm gonna be so mad I could..."

You worry: "If I don't break to the next round I'm going to have to sit here the rest of the day and do nothing."

You hope: "Maybe I'll get second in that room and be in finals."

You criticize: "That girl's voice was so annoying. His arguments were retarded."

You sympathize: "That girl almost started crying when I tore her case up."

You complain: "They're selling water for $2. All I want is a little drink and they think they can take my money."

You justify: "That judge had never done this before. If I had a real judge, I would have won."

Finally, the much-awaited decisions are announced, to the heartbreak of some and the pure joy of others.

In the end, there are two possible outcomes. You either come home with a trophy, or you don't. But either way, the majority of debaters have decided and will eventually prove that no matter what, they never lose because of the experiences they take home.

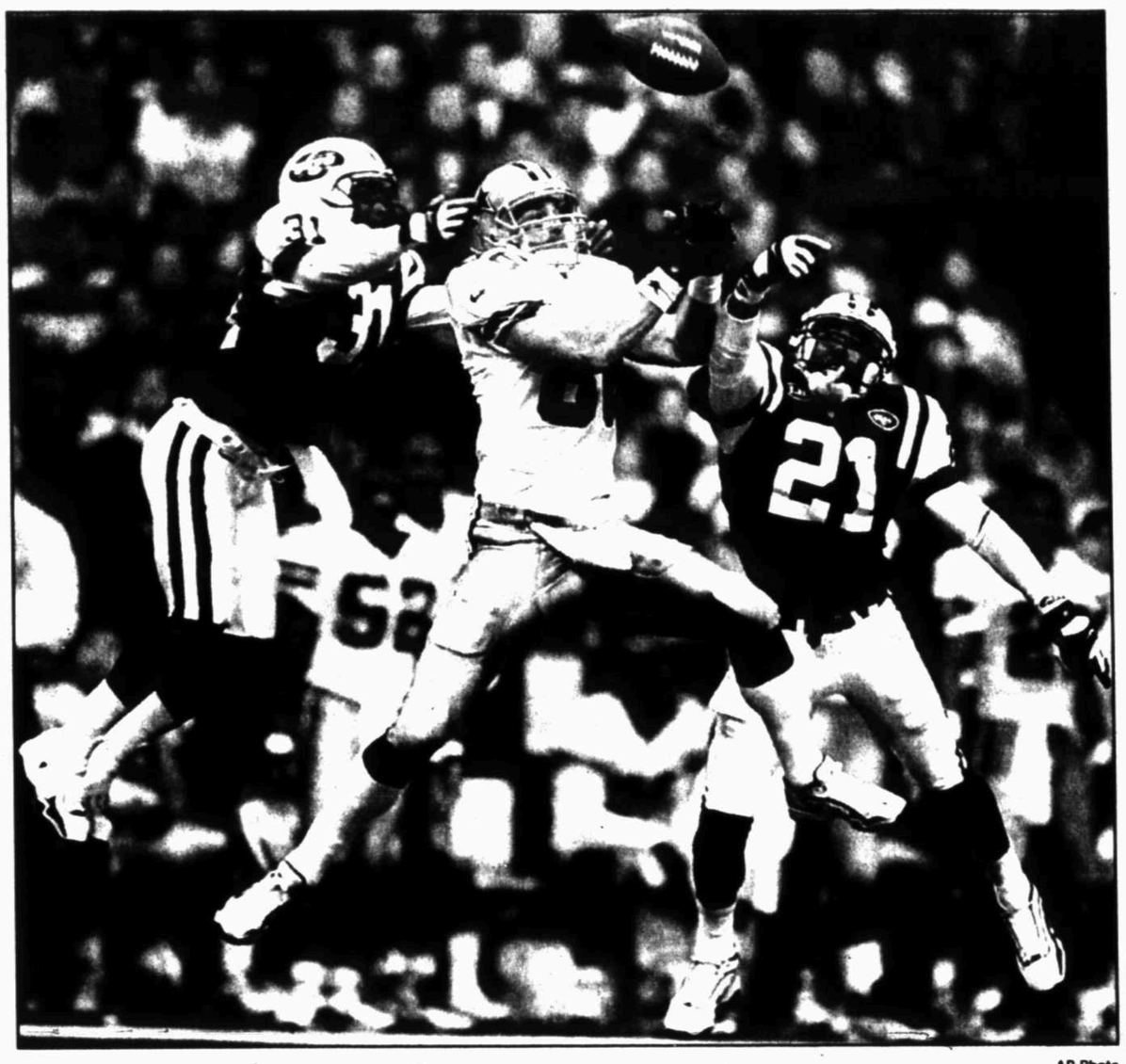
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DALLAS COWBOYS FOOTBALL

Wasted Opportunity



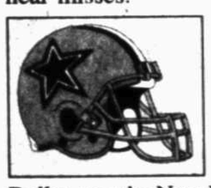
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Dallas Cowboys tight end Eric Bjornson (86) misses the pass while being covered by New York's Aaron Glenn, (31) and Victor Green, (21) at Texas Stadium. The ball was batted away and intercepted by the Jets.

Cowboys fall to Jets, blow chance to gain control of NFC East division

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Add another near-miss to a Dallas Cowboys season filled with near-misses.



On a day when a victory would've given the Cowboys some breathing room in the NFC playoff picture, Dallas saw the New York Jets pull out a 22-21 victory Sunday with a 37-yard field goal by John Hall with 1:35 left.

"We had a real opportunity, and we let it go," said Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman, who had a lousy day. "We dug ourselves in a real hole."

This was the fourth time this season the Cowboys (7-7) have lost by four points or less. Their first home loss couldn't have come at a worse time because a victory would've tied Washington for first place in the NFC East and helped them pull away in the wild-card race.

Instead, Dallas stayed in a second-place tie with the New York Giants, who lost to St. Louis. The Redskins hold a one-game lead.

East Standings

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	8	6	0	.571	396	347
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	264	298
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	302	227
Arizona	6	8	0	.429	207	296
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	234	326

Sunday's Games
Philadelphia 24, New England 9
St. Louis 31, New York Giants 10
Indianapolis 24, Washington 21
New York Jets 22, Dallas 21
Buffalo 31, Arizona 21
Friday, Dec. 24
Dallas at New Orleans, 2:05 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 26
Arizona at Atlanta, noon
Minnesota at New York Giants, noon
Washington at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.
OPEN: Philadelphia

"No one in this division wants to step up," Cowboys offensive lineman Erik Williams said. "We have to keep pushing."

The Jets (6-8) did another nice job of playing spoiler, a role they've been forced into since a 1-6 start. New York beat Miami 28-20 with a big fourth quarter last week.

"It's a misconception among lay people that you have nothing to play for," Jets coach Bill Parcells said. "If you like competition and you like football, you're going to be ready to play. That's not always going to happen, but there's never nothing to play for."

The Cowboys led 21-13 one drive into the second half, but couldn't put the Jets away — not even after taking over at the New York 36 after a fumbled snap. Aikman wasted that chance with an interception in the end zone. It was his second interception in three throws after going 216 attempts without one.

Aikman finished 12-of-28 for 158 yards with a touchdown. He completed only one of five passes on Dallas' final drive.

The turnovers didn't hurt the Cowboys as badly as their other season-long bugaboos: penalties (seven for 92 yards, including a 34-yard pass interference that led to New York's first touchdown) and failure to convert third downs (3-

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Colts defeat Redskins, win AFC East title for first time since '87

By Steve Herman
AP Sports Writer

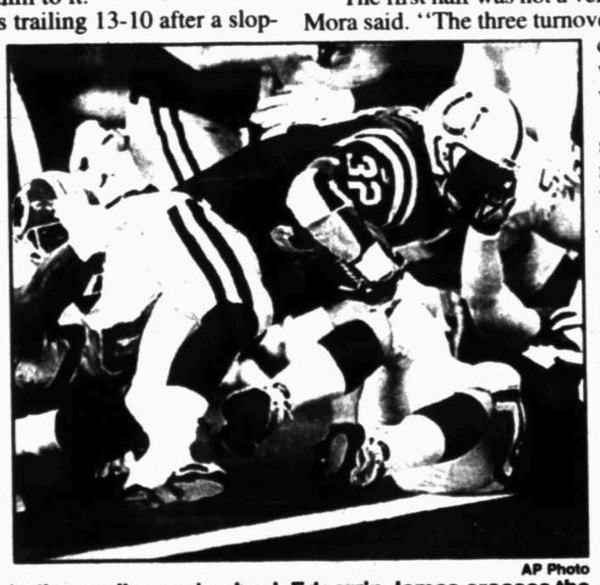
INDIANAPOLIS — Jim Mora scrapped his halftime pep talk. Cornelius Bennett beat him to it.

With the Indianapolis Colts trailing 13-10 after a sloppy first half, the team's oldest but one of its newest players had something to say to his young teammates.

"I told the guys, 'Let's stop thinking about winning the AFC East championship. Let's just go out and beat the Washington Redskins. If we beat Washington, the championship will take care of itself,'" the 34-year-old linebacker said.

Bennett's advice worked.

Peyton Manning passed for 298 yards and two touchdowns and Edgerrin James scored twice as the Colts survived three early turnovers and one huge mistake at the end to beat the Redskins 24-21 Sunday. It was the 10th straight victory for the Colts (12-2), who clinched their first AFC East title since 1987.



AP Photo

Indianapolis running back Edgerrin James crosses the goal line for a fourth-quarter score during the Colts' victory over Washington on Sunday afternoon.

"This is what you work for," said Bennett, who was drafted by the Colts in 1987, but went to Buffalo as part of a three-way trade that brought Eric Dickerson to Indianapolis. Bennett, who has played in five Super Bowls, losing them all, was let go by Atlanta in February and signed with the Colts in March.

The victory gave the Colts a bye into the second round of playoffs next month in the RCA Dome. The Colts also tied the 1929 New York Giants' and the 1963 Oakland Raiders' record nine-game improvement from one season to the next.

"The first half was not a very impressive performance," Mora said. "The three turnovers really hurt. We had some critical penalties, didn't run very well, didn't stop the run very well.

"At halftime, I had my speech all planned and Cornelius Bennett called them together, so I just let it go."

The Redskins (8-6), who had won three of four in trying for their first playoff spot since 1992, remained in first place in the NFC East when Dallas lost.

Washington played the final two quarters without Stephen Davis, the NFL's leading rusher, who sprained an ankle in the second period.

A 23-yard completion to Marvin Harrison, coupled with a roughing-the-passer penalty against Kenard Lang and a 20-yard gain by James set up the go-ahead score. Manning got it on a 1-yard pass to Ken Dilger on the first play of the fourth quarter.

James came into the game 24 yards behind the Davis for the league lead. With 89 yards on 22 carries, he finished 5 yards behind Davis at a Colts rookie-record 1,400.

Harrison, the league-leader in yards receiving, caught nine passes for 117 yards.

Sun Bowl game, Y2K party turn El Paso into top 10 Millennium City

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

EL PASO — If you don't have a lot of time to take for New Year's Eve, but you can manage a weekend, you might try out the Wells Fargo Sun Bowl weekend.

No. 12 Minnesota will face Oregon 12:15 p.m. (MST) on New Year's Eve, but the game is only the tip of the events that are scheduled for the Millennium weekend.

"Minnesota is ranked No. 12 in the nation and that is the highest ranked team we have ever had for the Sun Bowl," said Rachel Armbruster of the Sun Bowl planning committee. "We're really excited about the matchup, but we have a lot planned for the football fans of Minnesota, Oregon and West Texas."

On Dec. 28-29, college basketball will reign in the Sun City with the Sierra Providence SunClassic tournament which has host UTEP in the field against Rhode Island, Murray State and Kent State, all of which were in the NCAA tournament a year ago.

On Dec. 30, the annual noon Rotary Team Luncheon will be held downtown and offers an opportunity to sit with players from participating teams. Tickets are $25.

Action moves to the Fan Fiesta street festival in the Sun Bowl parking lot at 3:30 p.m. with a Minnesota pep rally. An Oregon pep rally will be at 4:30 p.m. and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Radio Flyer will entertain with a fireworks program to follow. This is free admission.

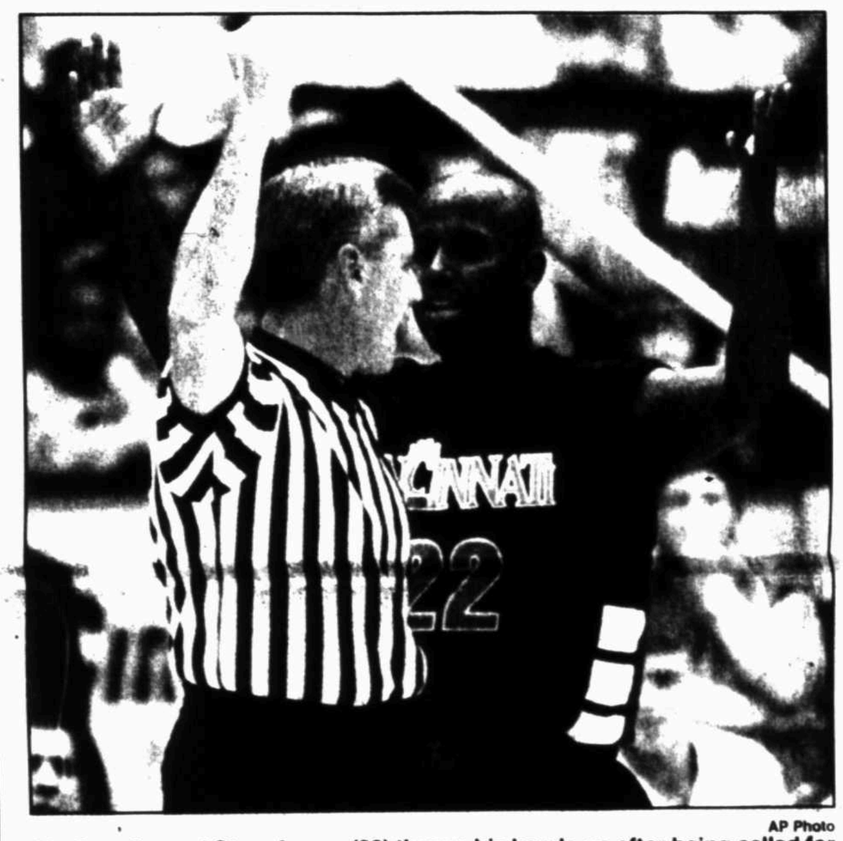
Fan Fiesta opens again after the Sun Bowl game on Dec. 31 where Emilio will perform and a $35,000 fireworks display will bring in the New Year.

Even if the game activities aren't your bag, El Paso has been chosen as one of the 10 Millennium Cities and a slew of other activities are planned for the New Year festivities.

"El Paso has been chosen by President Clinton as one of the nation's 10 Millennium Cities," said Terry Bullock of the El Paso Convention & Visitors Bureau. "We have many events planned for the entire family in addition all the great activities being planned for the Sun Bowl.

San Jacinto Plaza in the downtown area will be turned into a Winter Wonderland, a planned event for the entire family. That event opens at 5 p.m. on

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Cincinnati guard Steve Logan (22) throws his hands up after being called for a foul in the second half against Xavier, Saturday night in Cincinnati. Logan had a right to be frustrated. Xavier upset the top-ranked Bearkats, 66-64.

Xavier again owns city's bragging rights following upset of No. 1 Cincinnati

By Joe Kay
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — Kevin Frey stood in a narrow hallway next to the interview room, a fan's blue body paint still smeared across this neck and forearms.

The forward had been hoisted and hugged in a delirious on-court celebration by hundreds of fans who couldn't believe what they had just seen: The Musketeers did it to their crosstown rival again.

Frey's two free throws and his driving bank shot sent Xavier to a 66-64 victory Saturday night over top-ranked and previously unbeaten Cincinnati, a team the Musketeers love to beat more than any other.

It was a replay of 1996, when Xavier went onto the Bearcats' home court and pulled out a two-point win over a Cincinnati team that also was unbeaten and ranked No. 1.

The only difference Saturday was the setting. This time, the upset came at Xavier, leading to that mad rush as Lloyd Price rebounded his missed free throw and put up a shot that burned off the final 3.3 seconds.

"It's one of the best feelings I've ever had," said Frey, who scored 12 points. "It's indescribable. I don't know where to begin."

As Frey spoke, Cincinnati center Kenyon Martin — the player he scored on most often — walked past. He glanced at Frey, their eyes met momentarily, then Martin moved on.

Martin was around for the upset in '96, though he wasn't eligible to play in Xavier's 71-69 win. He knows how deeply a loss to Xavier can hurt — being No. 1 in the country is less satisfying when someone else owns the city's bragging rights.

And for three of the last four years, Xavier has done the bragging.

"We had a ball game on our hands," Martin said. "We were challenged. That's the first time we've been down all year. We got back into it, but I don't know ... I guess our final push was just a little bit too late."

It was stunning that the Bearcats were even in that position to begin with.

Cincinnati (8-1) had its way in the first half against Gonzaga and North Carolina earlier this season, setting up convincing wins that solidified the Bearcats'

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Rangers' Sele, Guzman decline salary arbitration

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — David Segui and Rudy Seanez accepted salary arbitration offers from their former teams on Sunday night, and outfielder Gerald Williams agreed to a $5.75 million, two-year contract with Tampa Bay.

Williams was among 12 players rejecting salary arbitration offers in the hours before Sunday's midnight EST deadline, a group that included pitchers Aaron Sele, Juan Guzman and Arthur Rhodes.

Also rejecting were pitchers Norm Charlton, Chris Haney, Graeme Lloyd, Omar Olivares, Darren Oliver and Steve Trachsel, along with outfielders Shawon Dunston, Thomas Howard and Williams.

Free agents who accepted arbitration are considered signed, while those who

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Cowboys' might is just a memory

By Randy Galloway
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Final proof has come. Let there be no more debate, and no more cross-examination of the witnesses. Clear the courtroom. Dismiss the jury. Case closed.

The Dallas Cowboys are guilty as charged, and as of Sunday have been convicted of heartless, gutless, and disgraceful football behavior. They are hereby sentenced to join the San Francisco 49ers in that NFL hell-hole known as Memory Land.

Trapped on one side by the salary cap, and the other side by overpriced and fading former superstars, there is no known escape from Memory Land.

Falling from the top to the bottom in one decade is a long way down. Getting back up again is a long time coming.

When the Cowboys lost, 22-21, to the New York Jets here Sunday, it wasn't, of course, exactly the first hint that the end of a once-great dynasty had arrived. The obvious has been obvious for awhile.

And it wasn't about Jets backfield coach Maurice Carthon giving receiver Keyshawn Johnson a playful shove on the way to the victorious locker room, then telling him, "I told you so — they are all hype."

In Memory Land, the Cowboys won't be subjected to such verbal abuse. Time was, they were a big deal.

Yet it all came down Sunday to Jets' head coach Bill Parcells' postgame answer of "If you like football and you like competition, you're ready to play."

Parcells was replying to why his team, far out of the playoff hunt, had displayed more gumption over 60 minutes than the Cowboys. The answer is not pretty for the losers.

Before the kickoff, the Cowboys had been rewarded with divisional riches. The Redskins had lost. The Giants had lost. By continuing their seasonlong homefield dominance, the Cowboys would control the NFC East. They already knew the playoffs were assured by winning out in the final three games, but the early news Sunday provided even more incentive.

Despite it all, the competitive juices didn't flow. Or at least the flow didn't equal that of the Jets. And that tells you everything you didn't want to know about the demise of the Cowboys. Now known as the official demise.

"I'd like to believe we're better than this, but maybe we're not," quarterback Troy Aikman said of the 7-7 record.

What's this "maybe" stuff? They're not. Period. And you could see that coming weeks ago with those back-to-back losses to the Eagles and Giants in October. Homefield flashes delayed the inevitable, until the Jets ended the charade.

When a team with nothing to play for is more competitive than a team that has had a division handed to it — even a very weak division — then there's nothing else to discuss. Memory Land, here come the Cowboys.

They lost Sunday because Aikman threw two senseless second-half interceptions, the second one eliminating at least a field-goal opportunity. Seeing Deion Sanders one-on-one at receiver, yet well-covered, Aikman tried the jump ball gamble in the end zone. It didn't work.

"There is no way I expected that ball to be intercepted," Aikman said.

"Don't get me caught up in that mess," said Sanders, typically passing the blame to someone else. But in this case, he's right.

The Cowboys lost Sunday because the defense, even as heralded as it has been, could not make a game-saving stop when necessary. And didn't again Sunday on the final Jets' drive to a field goal.

The defense was also beaten by a gutty backup quarterback, Ray Lucas, and by an offensive line that has two rookies starting. Curtis Martin went for 113 yards rushing, helping the Lucas case.

When the Cowboys went ahead 21-13 early in the second half, the defense caved immediately as Lucas brought the Jets right back on a touchdown drive.

Johnson (six catches, 96 yards) was very good, as expected. Wayne Chrebet, however, was even a bigger factor at receiver (eight catches, 108 yards.)

The Cowboys lost because coverage and penalties on special teams was not acceptable. But as always, penalties (six for 92 yards) were an overall killer.

Mostly, however, the Cowboys lost this one because the offense was not up to NFL standards. The Cowboys scored the three touchdowns on a fake field goal, an end-around, and the dreaded dinkeroo pass to the flat.

But no matter the 110 yards rushing by Emmitt Smith, if you can't throw the ball effectively, there will be no win. Or if you don't commit to the pass, you also don't win. Chan Gailey called five pass plays in the second half until the last fruitless series once the Jets had the lead.

None of these negatives are new — not the passing game, the penalties, the defense, the Gailey offensive philosophy.

But Sunday, they all hit home with an embarrassing thud. Sunday was the worst of the season for all the obvious reasons. And now the final sentence has come. The Cowboys will be locked away forever in Memory Land.

Jets 22, Cowboys 21

N.Y. Jets	6	7	9	0	—22
Dallas	0	14	7	0	—21

First Quarter
NY—FG Hall 47, 11:41.
NY—FG Hall 33, 6:10.
Second Quarter
Dal—E.Smith 14 pass from Aikman (Murray kick), 12:44.
NY—Anderson 1 pass from Lucas (Hall kick), 7:42.
Dal—Bjornson 20 run (Murray kick), 4:16.
Third Quarter
Dal—Ismail 27 run (Murray kick), 11:18.
NY—Spence 2 pass from Lucas (run failed), 8:16.
Fourth Quarter
NY—FG Hall 37, 1:35.
A—64,271.

	NY	Dal
First downs	19	16
Rushes-yards	35-126	31-195
Passing	229	152
Punt Returns	3-18	2-26
Kickoff Returns	4-100	5-110
Interceptions Ret.	2-30	1-10
Comp-Att-Int	20-35-1	12-26-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-6
Punts	4-48.0	7-39.6
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-20	8-92
Time of Possession	30:41	29:19

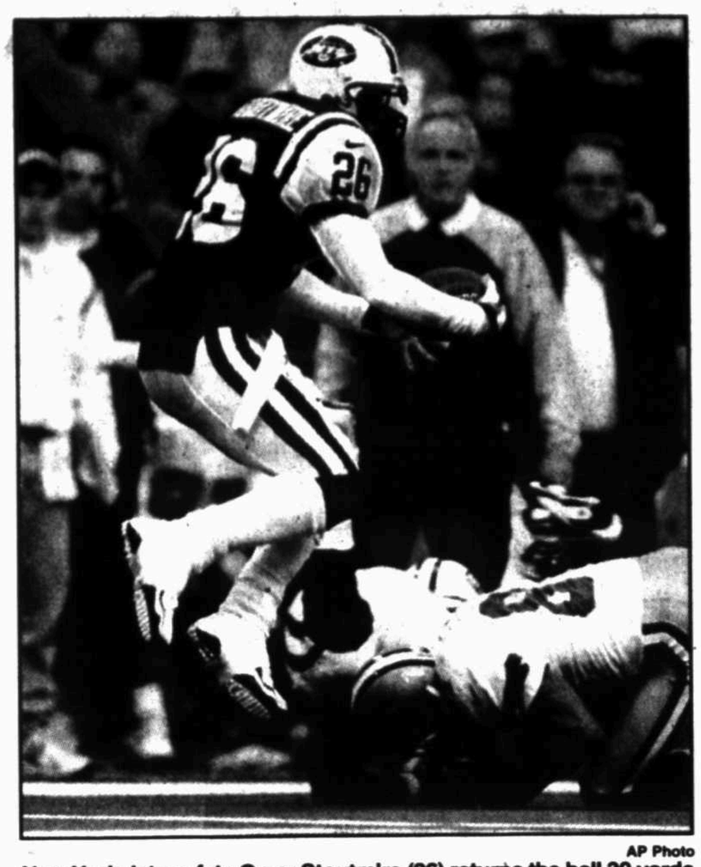
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New York, Martin 26-113, Lucas 5-10, Anderson 2-5, Parmele 1-6, Johnson 1-(minus 8). Dallas, E.Smith 19-110, Warren 5-20, Thomas 4-22, Ismail 2-23, Bjornson 1-20.

PASSING—New York, Lucas 20-34-1-229, Tupa 0-1-0-0. Dallas, Aikman 12-26-2-158.

RECEIVING—New York, Crebet 8-108, Johnson 6-96, Parmele 2-6, Ward 1-10, Martin 1-6, Spence 1-2, Anderson 1-1. Dallas, E.Smith 3-36, Brazzell 2-62, LaFleur 2-18, Warren 2-6, Ismail 1-23, Odgen 1-9, Bjornson 1-4.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—New York, J.Hall 49 (WL).



AP Photo

New York Jets safety Omar Stoutmire (26) returns the ball 30 yards after intercepting a pass intended for Dallas tight end Eric Bjornson. The Jets handed the Cowboys their first home loss.

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MONDAY NIGHT PREVIEW

GREEN BAY (7-6) AT MINNESOTA (7-6)

Time, TV — 8 p.m., ABC

OPENING LINE — Vikings by 4 1/2.

RECORD VS. SPREAD — Packers 5-8; Vikings 2-9.

SERIES RECORD — Vikings lead 38-37-1.

LAST TIME MET — Packers beat Vikings 23-20 on Sept. 26 at Green Bay.

LAST WEEK — Packers lost to Panthers 33-31. Vikings lost to Chiefs 31-28.

PACKERS OFFENSE — RUSH (21), PASS (7), OVERALL (10)

QB Brett Favre was 26-for-38 for 302 yards and 2 TDs. WR Bill Schroeder had 6 catches for 84 yards. FB William Henderson had 5 catches for 58 yards with 1 TD rushing. WR had 4 catches for 46 yard and 1 TD. RB Basil Mitchell had 88 total yards. Had just 79 yards rushing. Had 3 TDs in 5 red zone trips.

VIKINGS OFFENSE — RUSH (16), PASS (3), OVERALL (3)

Had 175 yards rushing. Had been averaging 103.4 per game. QB Jeff George was 13-for-23 for 190 yards with 2 TDs. RB Robert Smith had 21 carries for 118 yards. WR Randy Moss had 5 catches for 76 yards with 1 TD. WR Jake Reed had 3 catches for 41 yards. WR Chris Carter had 1 catch for 22 yards, but left with an ankle injury. He is doubtful. Allowed 4 sacks and lost 4 fumbles.

PACKERS DEFENSE — RUSH (26T), PASS (19), OVERALL (21)

Allowed just 13 yards rushing. Had been allowing 125.9 per game. However, gave up 373 yards passing. Had been allowing 197.8 per game. DE Keith McKenzie had 1 INT for an 18-yard TD return. CB Antuan Edwards had 6 tackles. LB Jude Waddy had 4 tackles and 2 assists. S LeRoy Butler and S Darren Sharper each had 3 tackles and 2 assists.

VIKINGS DEFENSE — RUSH (19), PASS (31), OVERALL (30)

CB Antonio Banks and LB Dwayne Rudd each had 7 tackles. CB Jimmy Hitchcock and CB Kenny Wright each had 6 sacks. DE Chris Doleman and DT John Randle each had 3 tackles and 1 sack. Randle also recovered a fumble. LB Ed McDaniel had 5 tackles. Allowing 356.3 total, 247.2 passing, yards per game, both worst in NFC.

SPECIAL TEAMS — Packers K Ryan Longwell had a 40-yard FG and KR De'Mond Parker had 108 yards on 5 returns. Vikings KR Robert Tate had a 76-yard return for a TD. PR Moss had a fourth-quarter 64-yard return for a TD.

KEY MATCHUP — CB Mike McKenzie vs. WR Moss.

STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Last 9 games between teams have averaged 51.4 points. ... Favre topped 30,000 career yards passing yards, becoming the 23rd quarterback, third youngest, to reach the mark. He needs 1 TD passing for sixth straight 20-TD season. ... Freeman needs 98 yards for third 1,000-yard season in a row. ... DE McKenzie has TD in each of past 2 games. ... Vikings have totaled 1,213 in past 3 games vs. Packers. ... Moss has 15 catches for 356 yards and 4 TDs in last 3 games vs. Packers. ... Vikings have sacked Favre 32 times. ... Vikings DE Duane Clemons had 2 sacks vs. Packers in Week 3.

Browns lineman flattens referee

By Tom Withers
AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND — Orlando Brown wasn't going to let this one slide, and his instincts told the Cleveland Browns offensive tackle to strike back at his attacker — a game official.

In a fit of uncontrolled anger, Brown stormed onto the field and shoved referee Jeff Triplette to the ground during the first half of Sunday's game against Jacksonville after accidentally being struck in the eye by Triplette's weighted penalty flag.

"I saw it coming and I tried to get out there to stop it," Browns running back Karim Abdul-Jabbar said. "I could tell by his walk. I was too late."

The moment was surreal and scary for players, coaches and 72,000 fans.

"I've never seen anything like that," Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said. "I was shocked."

After he flattened Triplette, Brown was immediately ejected and had to be restrained by several teammates and members of Cleveland's security staff.

The 6-foot-7, 350-pound Brown then had a heated argument with Browns coach Chris Palmer before kicking over a sideline marker as he was ushered to the locker room.

Brown, whose right eye was nearly swollen shut moments after the incident, was taken to the Cleveland Clinic to be examined.

His conduct is certain to be reviewed by the NFL and the Browns.

"There is no question that we agree with the officials' response in ejecting Orlando Brown," Cleveland president Carmen Policy said in a statement. "It is unfortunate that he was injured by the official's flag, perhaps even seriously."

Brown's actions are certain to draw him a hefty fine and possible suspension. NFL rules prohibit players touching officials and league spokesman Greg Aiello said that the incident will be reviewed.

Press box observers couldn't remember an NFL player striking an official. Similar player-official incidents in the NBA involving Nick Van Exel, Magic Johnson and Dennis Rodman have resulted in multigame suspensions and fines.

With 12:37 remaining in the second quarter, Triplette blew his whistle on a false start by Cleveland backup center Jim Bundren and threw his penalty flag loaded with BBs toward the line of scrimmage.

It somehow flew inside Brown's facemask, striking the lineman in the right eye.

BOYS: Dallas loses first game at home

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of-12, just one in the first three quarters).

The Jets weren't very smooth either until their final drive: 11 plays, 41 yards over 4:16, forcing Dallas to burn all three of its timeouts.

Curtis Martin, who had 49 fourth-quarter yards last week, had 38 on nine carries during the drive to finish with 114 yards.

"I was looking at the faces of our offensive linemen and knew we would drive the ball down there and at least get a field goal," New York quarterback Ray Lucas said. "They were fantastic and that's why we won it."

The Cowboys defense ended a five-game streak of holding foes to 13 or fewer points; allowed a 100-yard rusher for just the third time and gave up 355 yards, their most since the opener.

"We just didn't get it done," defensive coordinator Dave Campo said.

Hall gave the Jets a 6-0 lead with field goals of 47 and 33 yards on their first two drives. He also missed a 49-yarder as the first half ended that would've put New York up 16-14.

Dallas led 7-6 on a 14-yard touchdown pass to Emmitt Smith, then made it 14-13 on a 20-yard touchdown by Eric Bjornson on a fake field goal. A 27-yard touchdown on an end-around by Raghib Ismail made it 21-13.

New York almost tied it on the next drive as Lucas threw a 2-yard touchdown to rookie Blake Spence, but the quarterback was stopped a yard short on a 2-point conversion attempt.

From then on, it was a stalemate. The teams traded turnovers twice, including two interceptions within three snaps.

The anticipated showdown of Keyshawn Johnson vs. Deion Sanders never materialized. Sanders covered Johnson about 15 times, and Lucas threw elsewhere every time.

Wayne Chrebet was the beneficiary of the Sanders-Johnson duel as he caught eight passes for a season-high 108 yards. Johnson, often freed from Sanders on clever play-calling by Parcells, caught six passes for 96 yards.

Lucas finished 20-for-34 and 229 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. His other scoring pass was a 1-yarder to Richie Anderson.

Smith, playing on a strained groin that limited him to one carry last week, had 110 yards on 19 carries.

His touchdown catch was the 146th TD of his career, passing Marcus Allen for No. 2 on the career list behind Jerry Rice. It also made him the leading scorer in Cowboys history.

NOTES: The Jets improved to 2-5 against the Cowboys. The last time they played at Texas Stadium was 1971 in the fourth-ever game of the stadium. ... Smith has now rushed for 100 yards against 20 teams. His second-quarter touchdown also moved him past Tony Dorsett for No. 8 on the career rushing-receiving list. ... Bjornson scored on a fake field goal run almost exactly a year before.

NFL NOTES

Stars

Sunday
Passing

—Cade McNown, Bears, was 27-for-36 for 301 yards and four touchdowns in Chicago's 28-10 victory over Detroit.

—Kurt Warner, Rams, completed 18 of 32 passes and threw for 319 yards and two touchdowns to Az-Zahir Hakim as St. Louis clinched homefield advantage throughout the NFC playoffs with a 31-10 victory over the New York Giants.

Rushing

—Olandis Gary, Broncos, ran for 183 yards, including a 71-yard touchdown with three minutes left that gave Denver a 30-20 lead, and the Broncos held on for a 36-30 overtime victory over Seattle.

—Napoleon Kaufman and Tyrone Wheatley, Raiders, combined for 233 yards and four touchdowns on 27 carries in Oakland's 45-0 rout of Tampa Bay. Kaufman had 122 yards and two TDs on eight carries, and Wheatley 111 yards and two TDs on 19 rushes against a defense that entered the game ranked No. 2 in the NFL.

Receiving

—Marcus Robinson, Bears, caught three touchdown passes from Cade McNown and finished with 11 catches for 170 yards in Chicago's 28-10 victory over Detroit.

—Jim Smith, Jaguars, had eight catches for 134 yards in Jacksonville's 24-14 victory over Cleveland.

—Qadry Ismail, Ravens, had seven catches for 115 yards and a 47-yard touchdown in Baltimore's 31-8 victory over New Orleans.

Kicking

—Olindo Mare, Dolphins, accounted for all of Miami's points with four field goals in a 12-9 victory over San Diego. He increased his season total to 37, which matches the NFL record set by John Kasay of Carolina in 1996.

Stats

Marshall Faulk surpassed the 2,000-yard mark in total yardage — he has 2,065 — with six catches for 97 yards and 68 yards rushing on 16 carries in the St. Louis Rams' 31-10 victory over the New York Giants. Last year, he led the NFL with 2,227 yards. ... Tampa Bay's 45-0 defeat at Oakland was the worst loss in Bucs history and the biggest margin of victory for the Raiders since they joined the NFL in 1970. ... Tennessee DE Jevon Kearse's two sacks gave him 13 1/2 this season and the NFL rookie record. ... Chicago has beaten Detroit, Green Bay and Minnesota in the same season for the first time since 1991.

Rams clinch home field in NFC playoffs

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The glamour boys played supporting roles as the St. Louis Rams clinched home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs.

Interception runbacks by Devin Bush and Mike Jones gave the Rams' defense its sixth and seventh touchdowns of the season, helping end the New York Giants' December winning streak with a 31-10 victory Sunday.

Kurt Warner added two touchdown passes to Az-Zahir Hakim and Marshall Faulk had 165 yards in total offense for the NFL's top-rated offense.

The Giants (7-7), who came into the game 9-0 in December in three seasons under coach Jim Fassel, got most of their 328 yards after the game was decided. Kerry Collins, who threw for 581 yards and four touchdowns the previous two weeks in victories over Buffalo and the New York Jets, handed the Rams (12-2) two scores.

Bush, the stand-in starter at free safety for the injured Keith Lyle, intercepted an overthrown ball and returned it 45 yards to give the NFC West champions a 17-3 third-quarter lead. Jones, a linebacker, tied a team record when he scored his third touchdown of the season on a 22-yard return in the fourth quarter to make it 31-3.

All of Jones' touchdowns have come in the last three games. He also converted on a 37-yard fumble return against Carolina on Nov. 14 and a 44-yard interception return against San Francisco on Nov. 21.

Entering the game, the Rams were tied for the league lead with 23 interceptions.

The Rams tied a franchise record for victories in a season set three times previously and won their eighth in a row at home, where they've rolled by an average score of 35-10, despite being held back by five dropped passes.

Warner was 18-for-32 for 319 yards and now has 36 touchdown passes, tied for fifth on the NFL's single-season list.

Marshall Faulk surpassed the 2,000-yard mark in total yardage — he has 2,065. Last year, he led the NFL with 2,227 yards.

Jaguars 24, Browns 14

Jacksonville (13-1) won its 11th straight game and remained in position to have home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. Fred Taylor rushed for 136 yards and had a 41-yard TD run early in the fourth quarter to finally put away the expansion Browns (2-13).

The Jaguars, can clinch the AFC Central title next week with a win at Tennessee, the only team to beat them. However, the Jaguars' win was overshadowed by the ejection of Brown, who became enraged when Triplette threw his lead-weighted penalty flag toward the line of scrimmage and accidentally struck the offensive linemen in the right eye.

Titans 30, Falcons 17

Steve McNair threw for one touchdown and ran for another, and Al Del Greco kicked three field goals for the Titans (11-3). They still have a shot at their first AFC Central Division title since 1991. They are two games behind Jacksonville with two games left.

Broncos 36, Seahawks 30 (overtime)

Seattle, down 30-20 with 1:47, rallied to tie the game on a 36-yard Jon Kitna-Derrick Mayes touchdown pass, then recovered an onside kick that set up Todd Peterson's game-tying 45-yard field goal with 9 seconds left in regulation.

The Seahawks (8-6), moved to the Denver 47 in overtime, but Kitna was sacked by Ray Crockett on a third and four and Cadrez picked it up and scored to give the Broncos (5-9) the victory.

Raiders 45, Bucs 0

Hoping to clinch their second playoff berth since 1982, the Bucs (9-5) instead suffered the worse loss in their history in Oakland.

Tyrone Wheatley ran 30 yards for a TD for the Raiders (7-7) following Mike Alstott's fumble. The Raiders got two touchdowns apiece from Wheatley and Napoleon Kaufman.

Bears 28, Lions 10

Marcus Robinson caught three of Cade McNown's four touchdown passes as the Bears (6-8) stayed barely alive for the playoffs and hurt the chances of the Lions (8-6).

Bills 31, Cardinals 21

Visiting Buffalo (9-5) solidified its playoff chances as Jonathan Linton, subbing for Antowain Smith, gained 81 yards in 21 carries as the Bills controlled the clock. Doug Flutie completed 21 of 32 passes for 239 yards and two touchdowns against Arizona (6-8).

Eagles 24, Patriots 9

Koy Detmer threw three touchdown passes as the Eagles (4-11) bettered last season's win total and put New England out of the playoff race.

New England (7-7) lost for the fifth time in six games. Drew Bledsoe was sacked six times, threw four interceptions and lost one of the Patriots' three fumbles.

Dolphins 12, Chargers 9

The Chargers' John Carney hit the left upright with a 36-yard field goal attempt with five seconds remaining as the Dolphins (9-5) broke a three-game losing streak.

Olindo Mare made all four field goal attempts, increasing his season total to 37 to match the NFL record set by John Kasay of Carolina in 1996.

Ravens 31, Saints 8

Tony Banks threw three touchdown passes, and the Ravens (7-7) won their third straight game and tied a team record with four interceptions.

DEADLINE: Saenez returns

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rejected can still negotiate with their former teams through Jan. 8.

In all, teams offered 21 players arbitration on Dec. 7. Seven signed before Sunday.

Segui goes back to the Toronto Blue Jays, who acquired him from Seattle on July 28. The 33-year-old first baseman hit .298 last season with 15 homers, 27 doubles and 52 RBIs.

Seanez, a 31-year-old right-hander, returns to the Braves. He was 6-1 with a 3.35 ERA and three saves in 56 relief appearances.

Williams joins a revamped Devil Rays, who last week acquired Vinny Castilla from Colorado and agreed to a $34 million, four-year contract with Greg Vaughn.

Sele is considered the best of the free-agent pitchers still on the market. The 29-year-old right-hander was 18-9 with a 4.79 ERA for the Texas Rangers last season.

Guzman went 6-3 for Cincinnati in the season's final two months.

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East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Indianapolis	12	2		0.857	388	274
Buffalo	9	5		0.642	276	213
Miami	9	5		0.643	285	277
New England	7	7		0.500	289	268
N.Y. Jets	6	8		0.429	251	269

Central

y-Jacksonville	13	1		0.929	358	169
Tennessee	11	3		0.786	304	274
Baltimore	7	7		0.500	299	257
Pittsburgh	5	9		0.357	251	253
Cincinnati	4	10		0.286	276	414
Cleveland	2	13		0.133	189	408

West

Kansas City	9	5		0.643	338	258
Seattle	8	6		0.571	306	265
Oakland	7	7		0.500	329	268
San Diego	6	8		0.429	231	290
Denver	5	9		0.357	291	299

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Washington	8	6		0.571	396	347
N.Y. Giants	7	7		0.500	264	298
Dallas	7	7		0.500	302	227
Arizona	6	8		0.429	207	296
Philadelphia	4	11		0.267	234	326

Central

Tampa Bay	9	5		0.643	221	219
Detroit	8	6		0.571	298	282
Green Bay	7	6		0.538	278	264
Minnesota	7	6		0.538	317	281
Chicago	6	8		0.429	254	287

West

x-St. Louis	12	2		0.857	461	192
Carolina	7	7		0.500	356	338
San Francisco	4	10		0.286	246	393
Atlanta	3	11		0.214	214	337
New Orleans	2	12		0.143	216	365

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games

Kansas City 35, Pittsburgh 19
Carolina 41, San Francisco 24

Sunday's Games

Tennessee 30, Atlanta 17
Chicago 28, Detroit 10
Jacksonville 24, Cleveland 14
Philadelphia 24, New England 9
Baltimore 31, New Orleans 8
St. Louis 31, New York Giants 10
Miami 12, San Diego 9
Indianapolis 24, Washington 21
Oakland 45, Tampa Bay 0
New York Jets 22, Dallas 21
Denver 36, Seattle 30, OT
Buffalo 31, Arizona 21
OPEN: Cincinnati

Monday's Game

Green Bay at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Raiders 45, Buccaneers 0

Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	— 0
Oakland	10	7	21	7	— 45

First Quarter

Oak—T.Brown 20 pass from Gannon (Nedney kick), 11:02.
Oak—FG Nedney 26, 1:58.

Second Quarter

Oak—Wheatley 30 run (Nedney kick), 3:51.

Third Quarter

Oak—Johnstone 13 fumble return (Nedney kick), 13:18.
Oak—Kaufman 17 run (Nedney kick), 9:11.
Oak—Wheatley 3 run (Nedney kick), 3:17.

Fourth Quarter

Oak—Kaufman 75 run (Nedney kick), 10:47.

	TB	Oak
First downs	10	21
Rushes-yards	19-34	37-262
Passing	103	138
Comp-Att-Int	17-29-1	15-28-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-39	1-3
Punts	9-44.6	6-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	9-60	3-35

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Tampa Bay, Abdullah 4-12, Dunn 7-11, Alstott 7-6, King 1-5. Oakland, Kaufman 8-122, Wheatley 19-111, Crockett 8-32, Hoying 2-(minus 3).

PASSING—Tampa Bay, King 17-29-1-142. Oakland, Gannon 15-26-0-141, Hoying 0-2-0-0.

RECEIVING—Tampa Bay, Dunn 5-36, K.Williams 4-44, Moore 3-26, Green 2-20, Emanuel 1-10, Alstott 1-4, McLeod 1-2. Oakland, Brown 4-47, Jett 4-42, Dudley 2-30, Mickens 1-9, Crockett 1-7, Ritchie 1-4, Kaufman 1-1, Wheatley 1-1.

Eagles 24, Patriots 9

N. England	0	6	3	0	— 9
Philadelphia	10	7	7	0	— 24

First Quarter

Phi—FG N.Johnson 43, 14:10.
Phi—Small 50 pass from Detmer (N.Johnson kick), 3:34.

Second Quarter

NE—FG Vinatieri 23, 14:57.
NE—FG Vinatieri 43, 3:41.
Phi—Small 11 pass from Detmer (N.Johnson kick), 3:02.

Third Quarter

NE—FG Vinatieri 46, 10:17.
Phi—Jells 44 pass from Detmer (Akers kick), 1:06.

	NE	Phi
First downs	20	11
Rushes-yards	27-62	38-122
Passing	288	181
Comp-Att-Int	23-49-4	10-29-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-43	0-0
Punts	6-49.5	11-33.2
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	3-1
Penalties-Yards	3-15	7-85

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Allen 14-31, Warren 9-22, Bledsoe 2-7, Ellison 1-2, Floyd 1-0. Philadelphia, Staley 29-93, Bieniemy 3-12, Watson 3-11, Caldwell 1-8, Detmer 2-(minus 2).

PASSING—New England, Bledsoe 23-49-4-331. Philadelphia, Detmer 10-29-2-181.

RECEIVING—New England, Brown 5-105, Ellison 4-50, Glenn 4-27, Warren 3-31, Coates 2-42, Allen 2-14, Jefferson 1-41, Rutledge 1-12, Brisby 1-9. Philadelphia, Small 3-62, Brown 3-60, Jells 1-44, T.Smith 1-14, Lewis 1-4, Martin 1-(minus 3).

Titans 30, Falcons 17

Atlanta	7	7	3	0	— 17
Tennessee	14	6	0	10	— 30

First Quarter

Ten—Sanders 48 pass from McNair (Del Greco kick), 11:49.
Atl—German 16 pass from Kanell (Andersen kick), 6:06.
Ten—Byrd 61 pass from Wycheck (Del Greco kick), :42.

Second Quarter

Ten—FG Del Greco 38, 10:54.
Atl—German 6 pass from Kanell (Andersen kick), 1:28.
Ten—FG Del Greco 27, :13.

Third Quarter

Atl—FG Andersen 32, 7:39.

Fourth Quarter

Ten—McNair 3 run (Del Greco kick), 14:19.
Ten—FG Del Greco 43, 6:28.

	Atl	Ten
First downs	23	14
Rushes-yards	18-65	28-131
Passing	282	268
Comp-Att-Int	24-43-3	16-30-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-28	2-9
Punts	4-42.3	7-44.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-46	14-90

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Atlanta, Oxendine 12-41, Christian 3-20, Oliver 3-4. Tennessee, McNair 9-76, E.George 19-55.

PASSING—Atlanta, Kanell 18-29-2-237, Graziani 6-14-1-73. Tennessee, McNair 15-29-0-216, Wycheck 1-1-0-61.

RECEIVING—Atlanta, Christian 6-55, Mathis 5-79, Baker 5-66, Harris 3-45, German 3-35, Santiago 1-20, Oxendine 1-10. Tennessee, Sanders 5-100, E.George 4-26, Byrd 2-84, Wycheck 2-29, Thomas 1-26, Mason 1-8, Dyson 1-4.

Ravens 31, Saints 8

New Orleans	0	0	0	8	— 8
Baltimore	3	14	0	14	— 31

First Quarter

Bal—FG Stover 36, 3:04.

Second Quarter

Bal—Holmes 34 pass from Banks (Stover kick), 14:12.
Bal—Armour 6 pass from Banks (Stover kick), :24.

Fourth Quarter

Bal—Ismail 47 pass from Banks (Stover kick), 14:14.
NO—Poole 20 pass from Tolliver (Cleeland pass from Tolliver), 10:35.
Bal—Harris 24 interception return (Stover kick), 1:49.

	NO	Bal
First downs	8	15
Rushes-yards	16-11	24-61
Passing	237	274
Comp-Att-Int	21-49-4	24-39-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-15	5-24
Punts	11-37.2	9-25.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-48	7-60

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New Orleans, Perry 11-11, Tolliver 2-2, Davis 1-2, Franklin 1-0, Philyaw 1-(minus 4). Baltimore, Holmes 10-28, Rhett 11-21, Evans 1-7, Banks 1-6, Case 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—New Orleans, Tolliver 16-35-3-207, Wuerffel 5-11-1-45. Baltimore, Banks 24-36-3-298, Case 0-3-1-0.

RECEIVING—New Orleans, Kennison 5-67, Poole 4-51, Dawsey 3-73, Hastings 3-9, Philyaw 2-23, Davis 2-13, Cleeland 1-11, Perry 1-5. Baltimore, Ismail 7-115, Armour 4-50, Rhett 4-22, Holmes 3-44, Johnson 3-43, Collins 1-21, Ecvans 1-7, DeLong 1-(minus 4).

Broncos 36, Seahawks 30, OT

Seattle	7	7	3	13	0 — 30
Denver	14	3	6	7	6 — 36

First Quarter

Den—Watson 81 punt return (Elam kick), 12:51.
Sea—Pritchard 16 pass from Kitna (Peterson kick), 10:43.
Den—R.Smith 14 pass from Griese (Elam kick), 5:54.

Second Quarter

Den—FG Elam 28, 6:48.
Sea—Watters 1 run (Peterson kick), 4:07.

Third Quarter

Den—FG Elam 46, 9:01.
Sea—FG Peterson 40, 5:41.
Den—FG Elam 33, :01.

Fourth Quarter

Sea—FG Peterson 32, 11:19.
Den—Carswell 9 pass from Griese (Elam kick), 1:47.
Sea—Mayes 36 pass from Kitna (Peterson kick), :54.
Sea—FG Peterson 45, :09.

Overtime

Den—Cadrez 37 fumble return, 12:17.

	Sea	Den
First downs	19	26
Rushes-yards	17-114	33-260
Passing	250	170
Comp-Att-Int	22-42-0	20-39-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-28	2-10
Punts	6-43.2	3-48.7
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties-Yards	12-118	8-62

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Seattle, Watters 16-115, Galloway 1-(minus 1). Denver, Gary 22-183, Griese 4-52, Loville 7-25.

PASSING—Seattle, Kitna 22-42-0-278. Denver, Griese 20-39-2-180.

RECEIVING—Seattle, Dawkins 5-88, Mayes 4-70, Galloway 3-34, R.Brown 3-20, Watters 3-20, Pritchard 2-27, Fauria 1-11, Mili 1-8. Denver, R.Smith 7-82, McCaffrey 3-40, Carswell 2-19, Gary 2-16, Loville 2-7, D.Smith 2-7, Griffith 1-8, Chamberlain 1-1.

Rams 31, Giants 10

N.Y. Giants	0	0	3	7	— 10
St. Louis	3	7	7	14	— 31

First Quarter

StL—FG Wilkins 47, 3:24.

Second Quarter

StL—Hakim 3 pass from Warner (Wilkins kick), 13:31.

Third Quarter

NYG—FG Blanchard 23, 10:08.
StL—Bush 45 interception return (Wilkins kick), 5:25.

Fourth Quarter

StL—Hakim 65 pass from Warner (Wilkins kick), 13:58.
StL—M.Jones 22 interception return (Wilkins kick), 7:10.
NYG—Hilliard 7 pass from Collins (Blanchard kick), 4:48.

	NY	StL
First downs	20	19
Rushes-yards	19-67	27-100
Passing	261	312
Comp-Att-Int	21-37-2	18-32-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	1-7
Punts	5-39.8	3-41.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	6-50	8-88

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New York, Montgomery 12-41; Barber 5-33, Collins 1-(minus-1), Hilliard 1-(minus-6). St. Louis, Faulk 16-68, Holcombe 8-20, Warner 2-10, Hodgins 1-2.

PASSING—New York, Collins 21-37-2-273. St. Louis, Warner 18-32-0-319.

RECEIVING—New York, Toomer 9-162, Hilliard 5-51, Barber 3-43, Mitchell 2-16, Comella 2-1. St. Louis, Faulk 6-97, Holt 5-70, Hakim 3-79, Bruce 2-39, Proehl 1-30, Williams 1-4.

Colts 24, Redskins 21

Washington	3	10	0	8	— 21
Indianapolis	7	3	0	14	— 24

First Quarter

Ind—James 37 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick), 6:48.
Was—FG Conway 23, 2:11.

Second Quarter

Was—Connell 48 pass from B.Johnson (Conway kick), 11:20.
Ind—FG Vanderjagt 43, 7:20.
Was—FG Conway 32, 1:54.

Fourth Quarter

Ind—Dilger 1 pass from Manning (Vanderjagt kick), 14:56.
Ind—James 2 run (Vanderjagt kick), 5:57.
Was—Mitchell 6 run (Westbrook pass from B.Johnson), 1:24.

	Was	Ind
First downs	21	25
Rushes-yards	32-151	23-88
Passing	208	291
Comp-Att-Int	16-30-0	23-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-29	1-7
Punts	4-44.8	3-51.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	3-2
Penalties-Yards	6-60	5-62

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Washington, Davis 14-70, Mitchell 5-42, Hicks 11-39, B.Johnson 2-0. Indianapolis, James 22-89, Manning 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Washington, B.Johnson 16-30-0-237. Indianapolis, Manning 23-37-1-298.

RECEIVING—Washington, Mitchell 6-61, Connell 4-97, Fryar 2-23, Centers 2-16, Alexander 1-25, Westbrook 1-15. Indianapolis, Harrison 9-117, James 4-59, Pollard 3-50, Dilger 3-35, E.G.Green 2-19, Wilkins 2-18.

Jaguars 24, Browns 14

Jacksonville	0	14	3	7	— 24
Cleveland	0	7	7	0	— 14

Second Quarter

Jac—D.Jones 3 pass from Brunell (Hollis kick), 13:18.
Jac—Brunell 9 run (Hollis kick), 8:13.
Cle—Kirby 1 run (Dawson kick), 5:52.

Third Quarter

Jac—FG Hollis 41, 9:36.
Cle—Chiaverini 10 pass from Detmer (Dawson kick), 1:20.

Fourth Quarter

Jac—Taylor 41 run (Hollis kick), 10:10.

	Jac	Cle
First downs	20	19
Rushes-yards	33-181	20-72
Passing	261	197
Comp-Att-Int	21-33-1	24-41-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	6-44
Punts	3-43.0	8-42.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-57	5-40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Jacksonville, Taylor 26-136, Howard 4-29, Brunell 3-16. Cleveland, Abdul-Jabbar 13-36, Detmer 2-22, Kirby 4-14, Couch 1-0.

PASSING—Jacksonville, Brunell 21-33-1-267. Cleveland, Couch 10-16-0-86, Detmer 13-24-0-153, Kirby 1-1-0-2.

RECEIVING—Jacksonville, J.Smith 8-134, McCardell 8-96, D.Jones 2-16, Taylor 2-13, Shelton 1-8. Cleveland, Chiaverini 10-108, K.Johnson 4-54, I.Smith 4-36, Edwards 2-10, Kirby 2-4, Davis 1-25, Abdul-Jabbar 1-4.

Dolphins 12, Chargers 9

San Diego	0	3	0	6	— 9
Miami	3	3	0	6	— 12

First Quarter

Mia—FG Mare 32, 7:19.

Second Quarter

SD—FG Carney 23, 14:57.
Mia—FG Mare 21, 5:28.

Fourth Quarter

SD—FG Carney 22, 14:57.
SD—FG Carney 31, 10:11.
Mia—FG Mare 30, 6:06.
Mia—FG Mare 31, 3:22.

	SD	Mia
First downs	13	11
Rushes-yards	21-26	23-53
Passing	160	231
Comp-Att-Int	20-40-0	22-36-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-18	2-10
Punts	9-46.2	7-38.4
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	4-40	11-106

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—San Diego, Fletcher 5-12, Means 9-8, Harbaugh 2-6, Bynum 5-0, Miami, Pritchett 15-38, Denson 5-13, Jacquet 1-4, Marino 2-(minus 2).

PASSING—San Diego, Harbaugh 20-40-0-178. Miami, Marino 22-36-0-241.

RECEIVING—San Diego, Fletcher 9-66, Ricks 3-29, F.Jones 2-10, McCrary 2-4, Davis 1-26, Penn 1-24, Bynum 1-13, Graham 1-6. Miami, Martin 8-86, Gadsden 4-83, Pritchett 3-22, Goodwin 2-17, Drayton 2-14, McDuffie 1-10, Green 1-7, Denson 1-2.

Bills 31, Cardinals 21

Buffalo	14	0	3	14	— 31
Arizona	0	14	0	7	— 21

First Quarter

Buf—Moulds 15 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 11:36.
Buf—Linton 6 run (Christie kick), 1:03.

Second Quarter

Ari—Bates 1 run (Jacke kick), 9:31.
Ari—Bates 2 run (Jacke kick), 1:15.

Third Quarter

Buf—FG Christie 33, 4:07.

Fourth Quarter

Buf—Riemersma 4 pass from Flutie (Christie kick), 3:01.
Ari—Moore 26 pass from Plummer (Jacke kick), 1:49.
Buf—Jones 37 kickoff return (Christie kick), 1:44.

	Buf	Ari
First downs	25	14
Rushes-yards	41-159	21-70
Passing	217	108
Comp-Att-Int	21-32-2	11-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-22	2-11
Punts	3-37.3	6-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-58	5-20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Buffalo, Linton 21-81, Thomas 13-53, Flutie 7-25. Arizona, Murrell 12-47, Bates 8-24, Plummer 1-(minus 1).

PASSING—Buffalo, Flutie 21-32-2-239. Arizona, Plummer 11-29-1-119.

RECEIVING—Buffalo, Moulds 6-73, Riemersma 5-62, Reed 3-42, Price 3-34, K.Williams 2-19, Gash 1-7, Thomas 1-2. Arizona, Sanders 5-57, Moore 2-38, Hardy 2-6, Boston 1-13, Murrell 1-5.

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	15	8	.652	—
New York	15	10	.600	1
Orlando	12	11	.522	3
Philadelphia	13	13	.500	3 1/2
Boston	10	13	.435	5
New Jersey	8	17	.320	8
Washington	8	17	.320	8

Central Division

Charlotte	16	7	.696	—
Indiana	15	9	.625	1 1/2
Milwaukee	14	10	.583	2 1/2
Toronto	13	11	.542	3 1/2
Detroit	12	12	.500	4 1/2
Cleveland	11	12	.478	5
Atlanta	10	14	.417	6 1/2
Chicago	2	19	.095	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	8	.692	—
Utah	16	8	.667	1
Denver	12	11	.522	4 1/2
Minnesota	8	13	.381	7 1/2
Dallas	8	17	.320	9 1/2
Houston	8	17	.320	9 1/2
Vancouver	5	19	.208	12

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	21	5	.808	—
Portland	18	6	.750	2
Seattle	17	7	.708	3
Phoenix	16	7	.696	3 1/2
Sacramento	13	8	.619	5 1/2
L.A. Clippers	6	18	.250	14
Golden State	5	18	.217	14 1/2

Sunday's Games

L.A. Lakers 94, Toronto 88
New Jersey 96, Atlanta 88
Vancouver 85, L.A. Clippers 84

Monday's Games

Detroit at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Utah at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

Nets 96, Hawks 88

ATLANTA (88): Jackson 6-12 0-0 15, Henderson 6-13 1-2 13, Mutombo 1-2 2-4 4, Rider 8-19 3-4 20, Coles 2-7 0-0 4, Crawford 4-11 5-5 13, Terry 5-9 2-2 12, Johnson 2-4 3-4 7. Totals 34-77 16-21 88.

NEW JERSEY (96): Gill 6-13 1-2 15, Van Horn 9-21 0-2 20, McIlvaine 1-2 0-0 2, Kittles 6-14 1-1 14, Marbury 5-13 2-4 12, Harris 0-1 0-0 0, Feick 8-13 0-0 16, Burrell 2-3 0-0 5, Newman 3-5 0-0 8, Douglas 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 42-89 4-9 96.

Atlanta	24	32	17	15	— 88
New Jersey	30	24	19	23	— 96

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 4-7 (Jackson 3-5, Rider 1-2), New Jersey 8-20 (Van Horn 2-3, Newman 2-4, Gill 2-5, Burrell 1-2, Kittles 1-5, Marbury 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 54 (Mutombo 13), New Jersey 46 (Feick 13). Assists—Atlanta 13 (Henderson, Coles, Rider 3), New Jersey 24 (Marbury 11). Total fouls—Atlanta 15, New Jersey 17.

Lakers 94, Raptors 88

L.A. LAKERS (94): Rice 6-11 8-8 22, Green 0-1 0-0 0, O'Neal 9-20 6-13 24, Bryant 9-20 8-11 26, Harper 4-11 4-6 12, Salley 0-2 0-0 0, Fisher 0-0 0-0 0, Horry 1-3 0-0 2, Fox 3-6 0-0 6, Shaw 0-1 2-2 2. Totals 32-75 28-40 94.

TORONTO (88): V.Carter 11-28 7-10 29, Oakley 0-2 1-2 1, Davis 9-17 1-2 19, McGrady 2-10 4-5 8, Brown 2-6 0-0 5, Curry 3-7 0-0 8, Bogues 4-9 0-0 8, Willis 4-9 2-2 10, Jo.Thomas 0-1 0-2 0. Totals 35-89 15-23 88.

L.A. Lakers	30	22	21	21	— 94
Toronto	17	17	22	32	— 88

3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 2-5 (Rice 2-3, Fox 0-1, Harper 0-1), Toronto 3-11 (Curry 2-4, Brown 1-5, V.Carter 0-1, Bogues 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 56 (O'Neal 15), Toronto 61 (Davis 16). Assists—L.A. Lakers 13 (Rice 4), Toronto 19 (Brown 5). Total fouls—L.A. Lakers 20, Toronto 30. Flagrant fouls—Oakley.

Grizzlies 85, Clippers 84

L.A. CLIPPERS (84): Taylor 6-12 8-10 20, Odom 12-21 2-8 28, Olowokandi 3-8 0-0 6, Nesby 6-9 0-0 16, Hudson 4-12 1-2 10, Piatkowski 0-2 0-0 0, Murdock 1-5 2-2 4, Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Closs 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-69 13-22 84.

VANCOUVER (85): Abdur-Rahim 6-14 8-10 20, Harrington 3-12 1-2 7, Reeves 1-3 0-0 2, Dickerson 10-19 3-4 26, Bibby 6-14 0-0 13, West 2-4 4-4 8, Parks 0-1 3-4 3, Scott 2-7 0-0 6, Palacio 0-1 0-0 0, Price 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-75 19-24 85.

L.A. Clippers	22	17	28	17	— 84
Vancouver	22	17	26	20	— 85

3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 7-12 (Nesby 4-5, Odom 2-4, Hudson 1-3), Vancouver 6-13 (Dickerson 3-6, Scott 2-5, Bibby 1-2). Fouled out—Odom. Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 44 (Olowokandi 11), Vancouver 52 (Harrington 12). Assists—L.A. Clippers 17 (Hudson 9), Vancouver 18 (Bibby 6). Total fouls—L.A. Clippers 19, Vancouver 19.

WPHL

Eastern Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Monroe	18	10	1	37	101	85
Shreveport	17	10	3	37	98	85
Lake Charles	16	9	2	34	109	88
Arkansas	13	10	3	29	99	96
Alexandria	11	11	5	27	86	101
Tupelo	9	14	7	25	99	129

Central Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Central Texas	21	9	1	43	109	81
Austin	16	9	1	33	114	90
Fort Worth	16	10	1	33	99	85
Corpus Christi	12	11	5	29	116	125
x-Waco	11	14	2	24	86	107
x-Abilene	6	16	4	16	70	115

Western Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Lubbock	21	5	3	45	141	100
New Mexico	19	10	2	40	127	99
El Paso	15	10	4	34	118	111
Amarillo	14	13	2	30	106	122
Odessa	11	16	2	24	92	120
San Angelo	10	20	1	21	92	132

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NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Sunday's Games

Arkansas 2, Tupelo 1
Amarillo 3, San Angelo 0
Lubbock 5, New Mexico 4

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	19	10	5	1	44	103	78
New Jersey	18	11	3	2	41	94	77
Pittsburgh	12	15	3	4	31	95	88
N.Y. Rangers	12	15	4	2	30	80	88
N.Y. Islanders	7	18	5	0	19	62	94

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto	19	11	4	2	44	99	74
Ottawa	16	12	5	1	38	84	76
Boston	13	12	8	0	34	83	85
Buffalo	13	15	5	1	32	81	85
Montreal	11	20	2	1	25	68	84

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	19	10	2	2	42	91	70
Carolina	13	12	7	0	33	78	82
Washington	12	14	5	1	30	77	84
Tampa Bay	10	16	5	3	28	86	101
Atlanta	7	22	2	2	18	65	115

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	21	9	3	1	46	115	78
St. Louis	20	9	3	0	43	99	68
Chicago	9	20	4	2	24	90	104
Nashville	9	20	4	2	24	81	105

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	15	15	4	1	35	92	95
Edmonton	10	15	9	5	34	82	91
Calgary	13	16	4	1	31	79	100
Vancouver	11	15	7	2	31	85	100

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	T	RT	Pts	GF	GA
Phoenix	19	11	3	0	41	102	85
San Jose	17	15	4	2	40	106	95
Anaheim	17	13	4	1	39	87	74
Dallas	17	13	4	1	39	81	76
Los Angeles	16	11	6	1	39	103	96

Overtime losses count as a loss and a regulation tie.

Sunday's Games

Phoenix 4, San Jose 3
Nashville 1, Philadelphia 1, tie
N.Y. Islanders 5, New Jersey 3
N.Y. Rangers 5, Tampa Bay 4, OT
Anaheim 3, Detroit 1
Ottawa 3, Edmonton 3, tie

Monday's Games

Pittsburgh at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Florida, 6:30 p.m.
Detroit at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Coyotes 4, Sharks 3

San Jose	1	1	1	— 3
Phoenix	0	1	3	— 4

First Period— 1, San Jose, Friesen 15 (Nolan, Suter), 15:58 (pp).

Second Period—2, Phoenix, Adams 8 (Numminen, Roenick), 4:16 (pp). 3, San Jose, Nolan 23 (Stern, Ricci), 10:14.

Third Period—4, Phoenix, Green 12 (Adams, Tocchet), :28. 5, Phoenix, Tkachuk 15 (Drake, Gill), 7:29. 6, Phoenix, Numminen 4 (Drake, Tkachuk), 10:48. 7, San Jose, Ricci 9, 17:26.

Shots on goal—San Jose 6-7-2—15. Phoenix 9-7-15—31. Power-play Opportunities—San Jose 1 of 5; Phoenix 1 of 4. Goalies—San Jose, Shields 12-10-3 (31 shots-27 saves). Phoenix, Essensa 10-3-1 (15-12). A—14,728 (16,210).

Rangers 5, Lightning 4, OT

Tampa Bay	0	2	2	0	— 4
N.Y. Rangers	2	2	0	1	— 5

First Period—1, New York, Johnsson 5 (Fleury, Graves), 11:07. 2, New York, York 10 (Fleury, Lefebvre), 15:46.

Second Period—3, Tampa Bay, Sillinger 10, 2:05 (sh). 4, New York, Schneider 4 (Fleury, Nedved), 7:57 (pp). 5, Tampa Bay, Mara 1 (Lecavalier, Petrovicky), 16:25 (pp). 6, New York

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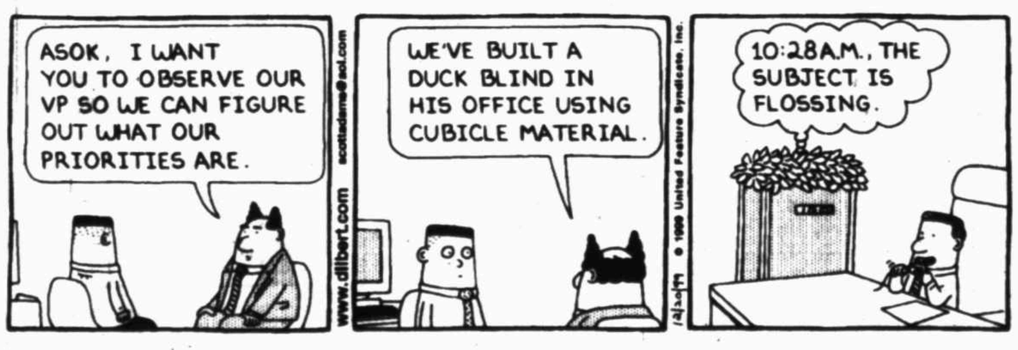
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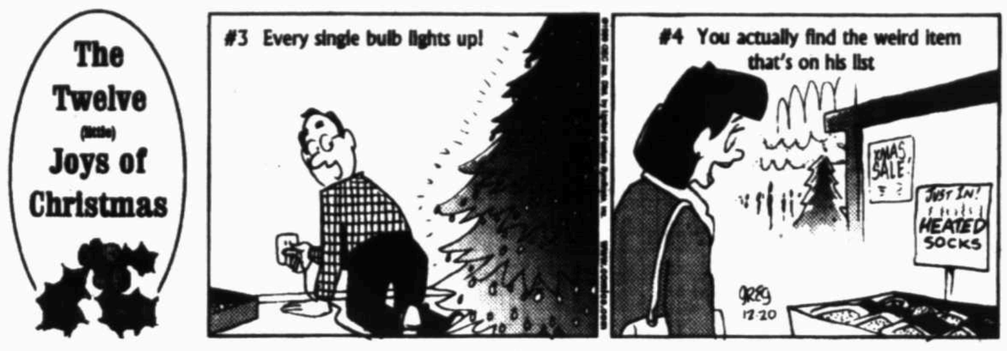
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Dec. 20, 1999:

You step into a most extraordinary year. What you dream of could easily become a reality. Be willing to verbalize, plan and go for it. You have an unusual sense of direction. You are intuitive, yet innovative. Develop a strong blending of these talents. If you are single, romance blossoms. You enter a very serious relationship this year. If attached, you could take the next step in a series of commitments. You are unusually romantic and know how to touch another's heart. GEMINI challenges you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Inspiration pushes you forward again. An idea is finally accepted. Run with it. Others will like your concept, even if it is unique. Questions will help others understand your mind better. Remain open, and keep talking. Tonight: Yipping up a storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Intuition proves to be your strength. Others might not understand how you home in on moneymaking ideas, but they appreciate it all the same. Accept a boss's behavior. Work with ideas. One-on-one discussions make you quite a team. Head forward! Tonight: Rework an investment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Bingo! You hit your jackpot, whatever it is. You get what you want. Others promote your ideas and support a venture. You break past rigid thinking — even your own. You make waves in your immediate circle. A friend is curious. Answer his questions. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Use your instincts. Know what is workable within a partnership. Money remains a key issue. Follow through on a different approach, especially at work. Brainstorm with others. Be willing to take a step into the unknown. Tonight: Take a night to yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Your efforts prove to be successful. Reach out for others; you are inspired by their ideas. Brainstorm. Let your imagination run wild, and you'll come up with some amazing new ideas. A curious child's question leads you in a new direction. Tonight: Make a must meeting.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You gain as you are willing to take the lead at work. A partner has suggestions you should listen to carefully. Work and stress are joined at the hip. Take a lunch-break stress buster. Another's question helps you reorganize. Tonight: Bring extra work home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Opt for the high road and accept responsibility. If you do, you'll be in a position to change what makes you uncomfortable. A partner is primed for a positive discussion. Make the first move, and you'll be thrilled. Tonight: Release seriousness and play with a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Get together with others one-on-one if you want to achieve success. Don't let another be hard on you. Think about what you are saying and feeling. Be willing to act on your words. You discover many alternatives. Tonight: You could have an intense conversation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A love affair that might have been on hold or broken up now resumes. Be willing to take the initiative. Others respond, no matter what your agenda is, and they value your mind. Share some of your spontaneous thoughts. Tonight: Go with popularity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Observe, then act on a matter that has been on the back burner. You have been doing a lot of thinking. Now is the time to move forward with ideas. Finances play a big role in a work decision. Don't play games with your head. Tonight: Work late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You clearly become an inspiration to someone's work, love or values. Be willing to express your concerns. Another will listen. Look at the big picture. Recognize the long-term benefits of a particular choice. Protect an important friend. Tonight: Naughty and nice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are finally in a position to clear up a financial matter. You might experience a windfall in the next few months. Bring work home, where you can clear out more than usual. Consider a strong exercise program to eliminate stress. Tonight: Happy at home.

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BORN TODAY
Psychic Uri Geller (1946), filmmaker George Roy Hill (1922), actress Jenny Agutter (1952)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K Q 6 ♡K 9 4 ◇7 4 3
♣A J 9 3
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — We have long espoused raising responder's major freely with three-card support, especially when headed by a high honor. However, this is not the hand for that. You have no ruffing value and a minimum opener, so our choice would be one no-trump despite the fact that we have no diamond stopper.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A J 6 5 2 ♡J 10 9 8 7 6 ◇9 6
♣Void
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1NT	2♠	?	

What action do you take?

A — Yes, you might do better at four hearts than any penalty you may collect from two spades doubled, but there are no guarantees that you can rack up a game in hearts or that the reward from two spades doubled will not be far more satisfying. Go for the penalty and double.

Q 3 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A 6 ♡7 ◇A Q 10 6 3
♣A Q J 7 5
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — You have a very good hand, but proceed with care because of the potential misfit. Rather than crowd the auction with a jump shift to three clubs, a rebid of only two clubs is a wiser choice. If partner passes, it is most unlikely that you have missed a game.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠A 3 ♡9 5 ◇A K Q J 9 5
♣10 6 2
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — If you rebid two diamonds, you deserve missing game at no-trump. You have seven tricks in your own hand, so you want to encourage partner to bid again on the smell of an oil rag. Jump to three diamonds.

Q 5 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K 9 3 ♡K Q 6 5 2 ◇Q J 3
♣7 4
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — A rebid of two hearts would show a minimum response with a six-card heart suit. With only 11 points, though, you do not have enough to make a game-forcing rebid. Instead, show a balanced invitational hand by raising to two no-trump.

Q 6 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A K 9 7 5 4 2 ♡7 3 ◇A Q 10 5
♣Void
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — You are in slam territory, but you have to be careful. Start a cue-bidding sequence by showing your cheapest first-round control — in this case clubs. Bidding four clubs not only confirms control of the suit but, should partner have the ace of clubs, it warns of possible duplication of values.

CLOSE TO HOME



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BABY BLUES



DENNIS THE MENACE



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TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING — December 20, 1999

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Broadcast	O	C	B	6PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	2	News 117	Wheel of Fortune 469	20/20 8865		NFL Football: Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings 761575						News 5970468	Nightline (11:35)
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 69391	Time of Your Life 41556		Ally McBeal: Blue Christmas 50204		Mad About You 12956	The Nanny 36285	Jerry Springer 40827		NewsRadio 17001	Unhappily Ever After
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 7933	Entertainment Tonight	The King of Queens	Everybody/Raymond	Everybody/Raymond	Becker 9285	Family Law: Pilot 83914		News 5372136	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 7335827		Late With Craig Kilborn
(9) KWES	9	9		News 8827	Seinfeld 2407 (TVPG)	Suddenly Susan 8962	Veronica's Closet 1391	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 36020 (TV14)		Dateline NBC 23556		News 2857681	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 4864730		Late Night With Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 65196	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest 17858				Richard Roberts 23198		News 84092	Joyce Meyer 84372	Faith Pleases God Church 23310	
(13) KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 760827		Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 2) 870643 (TVG)		Great Performances: Dance in America: La Corsaire With American Ballet Theatre 890407 (TVG)				Telecourse 165223			
(6) CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 5861136		Rivera Live 5847556		The News With Brian Williams 5850020		Hardball With Chris Matthews 5860407		Rivera Live 4213001	
(10) WGN		10		Caroline in the City	Caroline in the City	Gunfight at the O.K. Corral ('57) *** (Burt Lancaster, Kirk Douglas) 546206				News 219336		MacGyver: Last Stand 286198 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 542204 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Vail Figure Skating Festival (7:05) 3774049				The Hand That Rocks the Cradle (8:55) (R, '92) *** (Annabella Sciorra, Rebecca De Mornay) 83953730				The Chimp Channel	Special Treasures (11:40)
(14) FAM		14		Babes in Toyland (G		All I Want for Christmas (G, '91) * 466223				Sonny and Cher		The 700 Club 124001		Who's Boss?	Comedy
(20) DISC		20	26	Great White		Deadliest Job in the World		In Search of Liberty Bell 7 416469 (TVG)				Deadliest Job in the World		In Search of Liberty Bell 7	
(21) AMC		21	26	Manchurian ... (4:45)		Fashion	To Catch a Thief ('55) *** (Cary Grant) 936407				The Big Carnival ('51) *** (Kirk Douglas) 827210			Movie	
(22) TNN		22	31	The Waltons 891894 (TVG)		Holiday Celebration on Ice		Martina McBride		Dolly's Precious Memories		Dallas 125391 (TVPG-LSV)		Dukes of Hazzard 915136	
(23) TNT		23	35	ER: Blizzard 676932 (TV14)		WCW Monday Nitro Live! 415488 (TV14-DLS)						Ernest Goes to Camp (PG, '87) + (Jim Varney) 404510			
(24) BRAV		24		Inside the Actors Studio		The Jigsaw Man (PG, '84) ** (Michael Caine) 598894				Al Jolson 282285 (TVPG)		The Jigsaw Man (PG, '84) ** (Michael Caine) 871681			
(29) BET		26	33	Hits From the Street		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 820469		Live From L.A. 833933		Tonight With Tavis Smiley		Midnight Love 199136	
(27) DISN		27	41	Mighty Joe Young (PG, '98) ** (Charlize Theron, Bill Paxton) 203778				Horse Sense ('39) (Joey Lawrence, Andy Lawrence) 3203372			Johnny Tsunami (8:30) ('98) ** (Brandon Baker, Kirsten Storms) 76942310			Music Video (11:15)	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 975515		Larry King Live 975335		CNN NewsStand 575579		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 841391	
(29) ESPN		29	30	Monday Night Countdown 893594				Figure Skating: ISU NHK Trophy 133391					ESPNEWS	SportsCenter 650001	
(30) USA		30	38	JAG: Deja Vu 944827 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger: Saving Grace 670943 (TV14-V)		WWF RAW 375551 (TV14-DLV)		WWF War Zone 2478407 (TV14-DLV)		Walker, Texas Ranger (10:05) 8184010 (TV14-V)		Silk Stalkings (11:05) 31523643 (TV14-S)	
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 9020914		The X-Files 9039662		Married ...	Married ...	The X Show 9029285		The X-Files 7456488	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order: Extended Family 311575 (TVPG)		Biography 414001 (TVG)		Investigative Reports: The Cold Case Files 5 430049		Poirot: The Theft of the Royal Ruby 410285 (TVG)		Law & Order: His Hour Upon the Stage 413372 (TVPG)		Biography 203117 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33		Trauma: Life in the ER 291010 (TVPG)		World's Most Death-Defying Stunts 128488 (TVPG)		Evel Knievel: The True Story 137136 (TV14)		Motorcycles: Born to Be Wild 117372 (TVG)		World's Most Death-Defying Stunts 127759 (TVPG)		Evel Knievel: The True Story 900204 (TV14)	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 521730	Rugrats 545310	Hey Arnold! 811865	Rocket Power 541594	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore	Mary Tyler Moore
(36) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait: Jackie Onassis 591759		Weddings of a Lifetime Presents: Kennedy Weddings		The Haunting of Helen Walker ('95) ** (Valerie Bertinelli, Diana Rigg) 710490				Golden Girls 859285	Golden Girls 868933	Oh Baby 411049	Unsolved Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39		The Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Canoe & Kayak Mag	Sport Diver Magazine	Surfing 8549339	Windsurfing 8528646	Surfer's Journal	Surfer Magazine	Canoe & Kayak Mag	Sport Diver Magazine	Surfing 4508001	Windsurfing 9963759
(42) UNI		42	13	Sonadoras 13372 (TVPG)		Nunca Te Olvidare 30488		Tres Mujeres 49136 (TV14)		Cristina ... Edicion Especial 29372		Primer Impacto Extra	Noticiero: Ultima Hora	Viviana a la Medianoche 17876 (TVPG)	
(43) FSN		43	29	Football News 10001	The Last Word 34681	Sports Tonight	NBA Basketball: Miami Heat at Dallas Mavericks 122196					Fox Sports News 15117		Fox Sports News 78223	
(44) COM		44		Search of the Unsolved	Win Ben Stein's Money	Body Call (R, '97) ** (Jamie Foxx, Tommy Davidson) 5270894				Strangers With Candy	Upri'l Citizens Brigade	Daily Show/ Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 5276778 (TVPG)	
(46) ANIM		46		Fun. Animals	Aquanauts	From Cradle to Grave		Wildlife Vet 97092 (TVG)		Emer. Vets	Wild Rescue	From Cradle to Grave		Wildlife Vet 74020 (TVG)	
(47) E!		47		Emergency	Search Party	Talk Soup	Mysteries	John Lennon -The Final Days				H. Stern	H. Stern	Lingerie 253933 (TVPG-DS)	
(48) TVL		48	24	Taxi	Taxi	Taxi	Taxi	Andy's Funhouse 6084285		All in Family	Maude	Sanford/Son	A. Hitchcock	Andy's Funhouse 7072914	
(49) ODSY		49		Avonlea 691876		Snowy River: McGregor		Happy Christmas, Miss King ('96) 111199				Lonesome Dove: Outlaw		The Young Riders 913778	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	Workshop	ChrisCas	Collectibles	Bartholomew	Country	If Walls Talk	Dream H'se	ChrisCas	Collectibles	Bartholomew	Country
(51) MSNBC		51		Hardball: Chris Matthews		Special Edition/Ann Curry		News With Brian Williams		Legends With Matt Lauer		Special Edition/Ann Curry		News With Brian Williams	
(52) TELE		52		Catalina y Sebastian		Senora 288469		El Amor de Mi Vida 297117		Discovery: The Lion Share		Noticiero	Ocurrio Asi 923440		Buscando
(60) TOON		60		Scooby Doo	Laboratory	Ed, Edd	Chicken	Bugs & Daffy 3019730		Tom & Jerry	Flintstones	Ed, Edd	Chicken	Batman	Dragon Ball
(61) TCM		61		Susan Slept Here (5)		The Gold Rush ('25) **** 8663286				The Circus (G, '28) *** (Charlie Chaplin) 3372846			Chaplin at Essanay Studios I 2572894		
(62) HIST		62	32	20th Century/Mike Wallace		The End of the World		The Twelve Apostles: History's Great Revolutionaries				History's Lost & Found		The End of the World	
(63) ESPN2		63		College Basketball: Wake Forest at Arkansas 3010469				Winter X Games Classix		Bodybuilding 3024662		Fit Pageant	Fit Pageant	Boxing 4925198	
(64) SCIFI		64	39	The Outer Limits 2920778		The Outer Limits 7809952		The Outer Limits 7885372		The Outer Limits 7805136		Galaxy Q'st	Monsters	Friday the 13th 41506	43
(53) PLEX				Vol. Giorgio (4:25) (PG)	Take Your Best Shot (6:30) ('82) ** (Robert Urich, Meredith Baxter Birney)			South Pacific ('58) ** (Mitzi Gaynor, Rossano Brazzi)					The Man in the Iron Mask (10:30) ('77) *** (Richard Chamberlain)		
(65) FLIX		65	20	Hennessy (5) (R, '75) ** (Rod Steiger) 7293776		Stanley & Iris (PG-13, '90) ** (Jane Fonda, Robert De Niro) 7081952				The Last Tycoon (PG, '76) *** (Robert De Niro, Tony Curtis) 8318117				Neighbors (11:00) (R, '81) ** (John Belushi) 19269310	
(66) SHOW		66	16	The First to Go (5:15) (PG-13, '97) ** 20946049		Scream 2 (R, '97) ** (David Arquette, Neve Campbell) 864895				Urban Legend (R, '98) ** (Jared Leto, Alicia Witt) 4885386				The Hoop Life (10:45) 8369662 (TVMA-LSV)	
(67) TMC		67	15	Eden (4:30) (PG-13, '97) ** 33166966	I Got the Hook-Up (6:25) (R, '98) (Master P, Anthony Johnson) 6967662			Body Count (R, '97) (Forest Whitaker, David Caruso) 340833		Delta Force 3: The Killing Game (R, '91) + (Nick Cassavetes) 3334232				Friday the 13th, Part 3 (11:10) (R, '82) ** 41901698	
(68) HBO		68		Wyatt Earp (5:45) (PG-13, '94) ** 33166966		REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel 867933 (TVPG)		Norma Jean and Marilyn (R, '96) ** (Ashley Judd, Mira Sorvino) 142649				I Still Know What You Did Last Summer (R, '98) ** (Jennifer Love Hewitt) 8661778			
(69) HBO 2		69		The Advocate (6:15) (R, '96) *** (Colin Firth, Lynette Anthony) 78234966				Gross Anatomy (PG-13, '89) ** (Matthew Modine, Daphne Zuniga) 6994799				Reverb 6006594 (TV14)		Shock Video 2000 2733759 (TVMA)	
(70) HBO 3		70		Eve's Bayou (5) (R, '97) *** (Jurnee Smollett) 1360779		Larry Sanders Show	Dennis Miller Live	Avalon (PG, '90) *** (Armin Mueller-Stahl, Aidan Quinn) 27553391				Immediate Family (10:15) (PG-13, '89) ** (Glenn Close, James Woods) 69394723			
(71) MAX		71		Blood Guts Bullets & Octane (5:20)		Final Analysis (R, '92) ** (Richard Gere, Kim Basinger, Uma Thurman, Eric Roberts, Elizabeth Gracen) 3105319				Q Planes (R, '97) ** (Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan, Suzy Amis, Martin Short, Paul Reiser) 6 Patron) 1				Michael Schiavelli, Richard Portnow, Jennifer Tilly, Jeffrey Tambor, Jon Polito, Steve Buscemi, Peter Stormare, Kevin Corrigan, Lisa Gerstein, Mark Boone Junior, Frankie Faison, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Tom Aldredge, Ron Perlman, Jon Gries, Jennifer Coolidge, Anthony Mockus Jr., Steve Reevis, Lisa Marie Bronson, Jeffrey Wright, Jeffrey Jones, Peter Appel, Jeffrey Combs, Steve Kahan, Steve Park, Dan Hedaya, Joe Viterelli, Joe Pantoliano, Chazz Palminteri, Christopher Walken, Samuel L. Jackson, Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth, Quentin Tarantino	
(72) MAX 2		72		Hornet Gibraltar (4:45)	Shelter (R, '97) (John Allen Nelson, Brenda Bakke) 2799643			Taxi Driver (R, '76) *** (Robert De Niro, Jodie Foster) 4878117				Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves (PG-13, '91) *** (Kevin Costner, Morgan Freeman) 78682136			

PEOPLE TODAY

Retired soprano receives ovation

Audience and orchestra salutes retired soprano, Birgit Nilsson.

NEW YORK — The standing ovation at the Metropolitan Opera began 10 minutes before the show began.

When retired soprano **Birgit Nilsson** walked into her first-tier box seat before Saturday's performance of Wagner's "Tristan und Isolde," the entire audience and the orchestra rose and gave her a 45-second standing ovation.

Saturday was the 40th anniversary of Miss Nilsson's Met debut, which was as Isolde, and the 81-year-old singer was in New York this week to give master classes for the Met's young artists development program.

During the first intermission of the performance, Miss Nilsson condemned the recent installation of microphones to enhance voices at some opera houses, including the New York City Opera on the other side of Lincoln Center Plaza.

"It is like doping with the sportsmen," she said.

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LOS ANGELES — It's a busy time for "Miami" **Steve Van Zandt.**

The guitarist is touring again with old friend and bandleader **Bruce Springsteen,** has a new solo album out and a featured role in the acclaimed HBO series "The Sopranos."

"No one is more surprised at how all this has worked out than I am," Van Zandt said in an interview published in Sunday's Los Angeles Times. "After so many years of not doing anything really, it's funny to have it all happen at once, but it's coincidental. None of this was planned to happen simultaneously.

Miami Steve, as he was known when he played lead guitar at Springsteen's side, left the E Street Band in 1984 to work solo, striking it big in 1985 with the celebrated "Sun City" anti-apartheid album. He recorded four solo albums under the nickname Little Steven.

This month, Van Zandt, 49, sees his new album "Born Again Savage," released under his own label, ReneGadeNation.

He's also touring with Springsteen and now plays "Silvio" on the hit cable series about dysfunctional mafioso.

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LOS ANGELES — Her office suffered smoke and water damage, but firefighters saved **Lily Tomlin**'s Emmys.

The fire that broke out in Ms. Tomlin's Hollywood office building Saturday gutted two recording studios down the hall from her suite and caused about $1.7 million in damage. There were no injuries.

Firefighters triumphantly waved two of Tomlin's Emmys out a window of the charred building after putting out the fire. Ms. Tomlin co-wrote and starred in her own self-named comedy specials in the 1970s, and she won three Emmy awards for the playlets.

Ms. Tomlin, who most recently appeared on the big screen in this year's "Tea With Mussolini," came to the scene to survey the damage.

"They actually tried to spare and save as much of the stuff as they could," she told KABC-TV. "I'm just sort of overcome with that kind of generosity, really, that kind of sensitivity."

The cause of the blaze was under investigation.

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BLUEFIELD, W.Va. — More than 30 years after it aired, the TV program "Gilligan's Island" is not forgotten in southern West Virginia.

A crowd of 200 packed the Bluefield Holiday Inn on Saturday for an auction that included donations by Bluefield resident **Bob Denver**, known for his title role in the 1960s TV series.

Denver's donations include a "Gilligan's Island" play school set and autographed denim shorts worn by actress **Dawn Wells**, who portrayed Mary Ann.

The auctions, which also had autographed items from singer **Garth Brooks, Shania Twain** and other celebrities, netted $40,000

The sale was organized by the Bluefield Union Mission Church, and the price of admission to the auction was a can of meat.

Denver said the auction brought back memories.

"I did get a little weepy, a little misty, but it's for a good cause and I hope it helps a lot," he said.

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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10 Access for the handicapped
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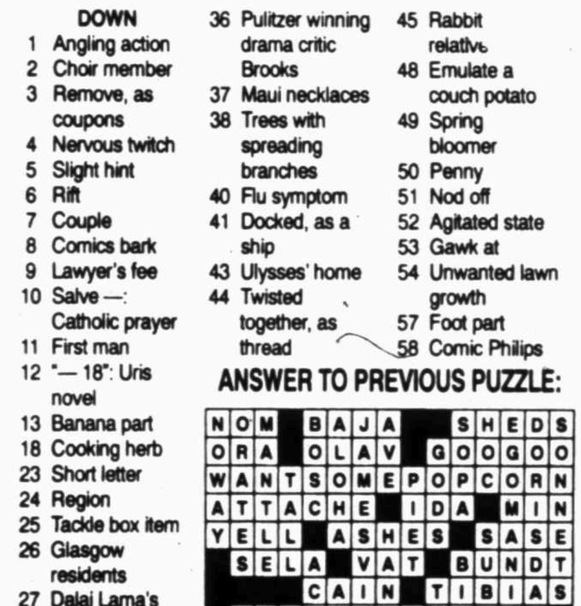
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44 Twisted together, as thread
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Versatile guard Kidd makes his point for troubled Suns team

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Phoenix's perpetual-energy point guard is tearing up the competition, despite the injuries, illness and turmoil around him.

On Friday night in Portland and Saturday night at home against Sacramento, Jason Kidd pulled off triple-doubles, the first to do that on consecutive nights since Grant Hill in April 1997.

In his previous two games, Kidd missed a triple-double by a rebound in one game and an assist in the other. He is averaging 24 points, 12 rebounds and 11 assists in his last four games.

"He's playing as well as I've ever seen him play," Sacramento coach Rick Adelman said. "I think the thing you love about him is when he gets down on the offensive end on a break, he's really under control. Now he's making that 15-, 16-foot jumper off the dribble, and he's a handful."

His Friday totals: 32 points, 10 assists, 11 rebounds. On Saturday: 27 points, 14 assists, 14 rebounds. In 82 minutes on the court, Kidd had three turnovers.

"He's really taking care of the ball," Phoenix coach Scott Skiles said. "The guy's got the ball in his hands every time down the court. He's going to make some turnovers, but the last two nights he's been great taking care of it, and that's why we're getting good shots."

The Suns are 3-0 since Danny Ainge abruptly quit, saying he wanted to spend more time with his family. The job went to Skiles, Ainge's fiery top assistant and a former point guard who holds the NBA assist record at 30.

Skiles is emphasizing a fast-paced style that fits Kidd perfectly.

"Right now we're playing aggressively and up-tempo and taking care of the ball," Kidd said.

While the team dealt with the unexpected coaching change, the number of players dwindled.

Penny Hardaway, who is supposed to team with Kidd in what the Suns call "Backcourt 2000," has missed seven games with a sore right foot and probably won't be back for at least another week. Luc Longley has a bad back and rookie Shawn Marion, a starter earlier in the year, remains on the injured list with a bad knee.

Then after the victory Friday, Tom Gugliotta had a seizure on the team bus. While all test results were normal, he won't be back until doctors are confident there is nothing wrong with him.

With just nine players available, the Suns went out and hammered the Kings.

"Either we have a really deep team that can kind of patch things up with four starters out, or you can put any four guys out there with Jason Kidd," Rex Chapman said. "The guy's unbelievable."

More and more players and coaches are acknowledging that Kidd is the best point guard in the game. He was first team all-NBA last season. He has 28 career triple-doubles, tying him with Michael Jordan as sixth all-time. The serious flaw in his game early in his career, the inability to shoot from outside, has been rectified by hours and hours of practice.

At 26, his best years should be ahead.

"I'm going to shoot or pass or do something to get the team going," Kidd said. "My role isn't going to change with a full team or if we've got only seven players. The biggest thing is for me to keep the style of play that I've been playing all my life."

In an era of young point guards who shoot first and pass second, Kidd is a throwback.

"My job is to get guys involved, set the tempo, play hard and have fun," Kidd said.

O'Neal's 21 paces No. 7 Lady Raiders

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Katrisa O'Neal scored a career-high 21 points to lead No. 7 Texas Tech to a 77-43 victory over Central Florida on Sunday.

The Lady Raiders (9-0) blew a 13-8 contest wide open by stepping up their defensive intensity, holding the Golden Knights to just 12 points in the remaining 15 minutes of the opening half.

Texas Tech, which held a 45-20 halftime lead, attacked the basket and got to the line for 20 attempts in the first half, converting on 13 of them. For the game, the Lady Raiders finished 15-for-24.

Texas Tech also forced 30 Golden Knight turnovers.

O'Neal connected on 9-of-13 attempts from the field, feeding off her five steals. The junior guard also added six rebounds and a team-high three assists.

The Lady Raiders also got solid offensive contributions from Keitha Dickerson, who scored 13 points and grabbed a team-high seven rebounds, while Aleah Johnson added 11 points.

UCF's struggles continued into the second half, as the hosts went scoreless for over four minutes before Nancy Richter hit a 3-pointer.

Khaliah Guillory paced the Golden Knights with 14 points and eight rebounds, while Richter added 10 points.

UPSET: Xavier gets win

(From 1C)

top ranking.

When Xavier (6-2) announced before the game that leading rebounder Aaron Turner was suspended indefinitely for academic deficiencies, the Musketeers seemed to have little chance. The Bearcats were bigger, deeper and much more experienced.

With one minute left in the first half, Xavier led by 11 and no one could figure out what was going on.

Xavier had dusted off a 1-3-1 zone used maybe for five possessions all season, and Cincinnati froze up. Xavier stayed with the zone and Cincinnati stayed in neutral — Martin had only two points and two rebounds in the first half.

"We didn't really work on the zone that much (in practice)," said forward Darnell Williams, who scored all of his 16 points in the first half. "But when we used it, it became effective so we kept using it. We tried to use our quickness and make the game ratty all over the court."

It's a tired old story for Cincinnati, which has struggled against zones for years. The poor showing allowed coach Bob Huggins to harp on how far his team has to go.

"We're not the No. 1 team in the country — I've said that from Day 1. I think I know," Huggins said. "And I've told them that, but everybody else tried to convince them they were and I think they believed them more than they believed me.

"We're on course right now to be a good team. We're on course to win our 25, 26, 27, 28, whatever. But we're not on course to be great."

Once again, it was their closest and fiercest rival that got to drive the point home.

"There aren't very many times you get to play the No. 1 team in the country," coach Skip Prosser said. "And not a lot of people give you a chance to win. As I told the players, this is something they can tell their grandchildren about."

SUN: El Paso hosts game

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Dec. 31. Four entertainment stages will be set up and the lowering of the five-point star on the Franklin Mountains can be seen. Tickets are $10 per person and $5 for children 12-18. Senior citizens and all children under 12 are admitted free.

If you want to celebrate the football weekend in style, El Paso is also offering the New Year's Eve Millennium Gala Ball from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Civic Center. Cost is $125 per person, but includes the full party, including an eight-course meal.

Sunland Park also features live horse racing and a new casino outlet. Speaking Rock Casino in El Paso is also hosting a New Year's Eve celebration at $150 per person. The Village People will entertain at that event.

For information on any Sun Bowl events, call 1-800-915BOWL, or check out the web site at www.sunbowl.org.

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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TODAY

Boys

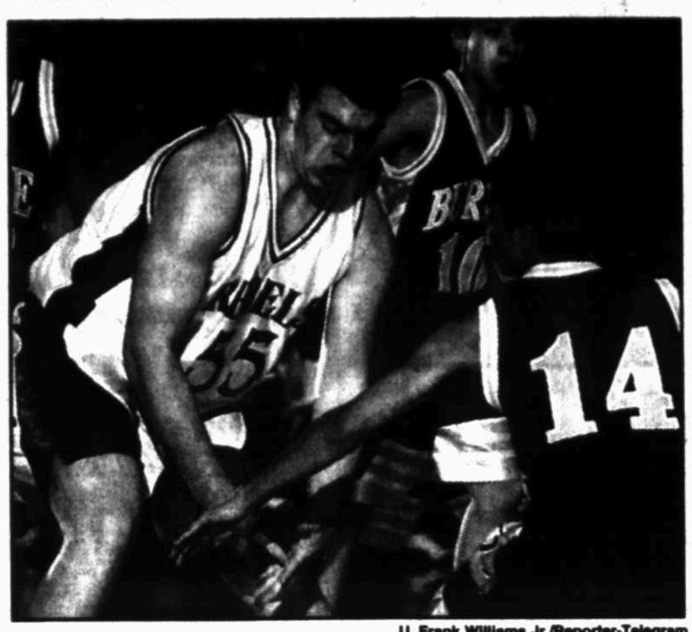
Midland Lee vs. Snyder

Opponent: Snyder is a District 5-4A school.
Where: Chaparral Center.
When: 6 p.m.
Coaches: Lee — Jon House.
Records: Lee is 7-7 on the season.
Notes: This is part of a hectic span for the Rebels, who are in the midst of a five-day span in which they will play four games at the Chap Center. They finally got back several players who had obligations to Lee's state championship football team and they made contributions in games over the weekend. Lee escaped Saturday with a 55-52 win over El Paso Burges when Cory Simmons hit a desperation 3-pointer at the buzzer... With or without the football players, the one constant this season has been junior guard Wendell Smith, who is averaging exactly 14 points a game for the Rebels, and is now the team's leading scorer.
Next: Lee returns to the Chap Center Tuesday night at 6 to face Seminole.

Midland Lee Boys Statistics
(7-7)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Wendell Smith	14	73	24	196	14.0
Chris Packer	14	69	36	191	13.9
Cory Simmons	14	48	175	139	9.9
Kyle Shatzer	14	41	22	113	8.1
Kevin Trout	14	31	19	84	6.0
Eric Winston	2	5	0	10	5.0
T.J. Glover	2	3	0	6	3.0
Brooks Stevens	2	1	4	6	3.0
Paul Logan	11	13	3	29	2.6
Justin Simpson	14	13	5	35	2.5
Cornell Hunt	13	10	4	25	1.9
Ryan Vinson	13	6	6	19	1.5
David Salgado	11	3	0	6	0.5
Isaac Washington	1	0	0	0	0.0

Three-point Goals: Simmons 26, Smith 26, Packer 17, Shatzer 9, Simpson 3, Trout 3, Vinson 1, Hunt 1.



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Midland Lee's Eric Winston tries to corral a loose ball in front of an El Paso Burges player during their game this past weekend. Today, the Lee boys will host Class 4A Snyder at the Chap. The Lady Rebels travel to Amarillo for a game with Palo Duro.

vs. Amarillo Palo Duro

Opponent: Palo Duro is a District 3-4A school.
Where: Palo Duro gym.
When: 7 p.m.
Coaches: Lee — Elise Kail; Palo Duro — A.J. Johnson.
Records: Lee is 10-3; Palo Duro is 13-2.

Notes and quotes: Lee broke even in District 4-5A play last Friday night by defeating San Angelo Central 63-54, and is now taking a break from district with a two-day road trip to Amarillo. The Lady Rebels should get a challenge with this trip, especially with tonight's game. "We're going to use it like we do for any preseason game," said Kail of the preparation this trip will give her team for district. "Palo Duro has an excellent ball club. They have a kid (Casey Jackson) who's already signed with (Texas) Tech." Jackson might be a familiar name to Midland High girls basketball fans, since she was on the Palo Duro team two years ago which eliminated the Lady Dawgs from the playoffs and reached the state finals back when it was a Class 5A team... Midland High was supposed to make this trip as well, but pulled out when it realized it would have a shortage of players due to possible violation of school rules.
Next: Lee will conclude its road trip Tuesday at 1 p.m. with a game at Amarillo Tascosa.

Midland Lee Girls Statistics
(10-3)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Adrianne Ross	13	91	43	242	18.6
Rochelle Warren	12	52	20	125	10.4
Shamera Bryson	13	40	24	116	8.9
Andrea Long	13	30	8	76	5.8
Danielle Dickey	13	23	14	63	4.8
Julie Jay	13	28	16	62	4.8
Michele Kennerly	12	15	10	40	3.3
Shandi Neatherlin	12	13	12	38	3.2
Michelle Byrd	12	8	0	20	1.7
Jade Jones	13	3	4	10	0.8
Kim Strambler	2	0	0	0	0.0

Three-Point Goals: Ross 17, Long 8, Byrd 4, Dickey 3, Bryson 2, Warren 1.

Girls

Midland Lee

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MIDLAND VISION 2000 & BEYOND's 38 goals, announced December 1, 1999, are the result of planning and study by hundreds of Midlanders.

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WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The **Midland Lee Basketball** Booster Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria. All boys' and girls' basketball fans are invited to attend...

The **Midland High Softball** Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of each month through May 4 in Conference Room A at MHS. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Contact Patti Heard at 686-9239 or David Askew at 686-7025 with questions...

The **Midland Lee Lady Rebel Softball** Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Lee cafeteria. Call Bryan Hargrove at 688-1537 for more information...

Golf...

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is looking for a **golf coach** to assist in the development of its newest team. Coaching duties will begin in January 2000 and will pay ($5,100 plus benefits). Any individual interested in applying for the position, or anyone who has questions about playing on the team should contact Steve Aicinena at (915) 522-2675...

Baseball...

The **University of Texas Winter Camp** is scheduled for two sessions in late December. A Specialty Camp for pitchers, catchers, hitting and defense is scheduled for Dec. 20-22 for ages 7-18. An Advanced Specialty Camp for players 14-18 is scheduled for Dec. 27-29. For more information, call (512) 471-3309...

The **4th Rocket Baseball Academy Winter Baseball Camp** is December 20-22 at Midland's Zachary Field. For those 12-under the camp is from 9 a.m. to noon, for 13-older the time for the camp is from 1-4 p.m. The coast is $100 per player and each participant must register an hour before the morning session. All instructors are college and professional baseball players or local high school baseball coaches teaching the "Attack Offense." Contact Danny Jordan to pre-register at 915-520-2821.

A **Winter Baseball Camp** will be held Dec. 20-22 at Ernie Johnson Field. There will be two sessions, the first for players 12 years of age and under is at 9-11:30 a.m. and the second for players 13 and over is at 1-3:30 p.m. Instructors are Jesse Benavidez, Lee baseball coach; Eric Benavidez, Lubbock Chritian assistant coach; Chris Connally, TCU undergraduate assistant coach and Jay LaFlair of the Cleveland Indians organization. Cost is $60 and instruction includes hitting, fielding and pitching. Registration is Dec. 20, one hour prior to the session you plan to attend...

Soccer...

Registration for a **spring youth league** is being accepted through the Midland Soccer Association. Players can sign up during office hours at the MSA office, with a fee of $40. New players must submit a copy of their birth certificate at registration. For more information, call the MSA office at 684-5425...

Midland's **Fusion Soccer Club** is forming an '88 team for girls under 12 as of Aug. 1, 1999. Tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 2, 9 and 16 from 2-4 p.m. at Windlands Park. A player release form for recreational players may be obtained at MSA offices and must be signed for tryout. For more information, call Andy Rickard at 520-3333...

Job vacancy

There is an opening for the **head girls soccer coach** at Odessa High School. Must have experience in soccer and have a valid teacher's certificate to teach Social Studies. Salary is based on degree and experience, $5,760 above teaching. Medical Benefits and Life Insurance. It is a 10 1/2 month contract and all other state and local benefits will apply. Interested individuals may immediately contact or send resume to: Don Ford, Athletic Director, Ector County Independent School District (915) 334-7172. Fax: (915) 334-6711 or Jim Carson, Campus Athletic Coordinator, Odessa High School, (915) 337-6655. Fax: (915) 33-6014.

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Cost is $45 per month, $65 for a couple. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Rita Simmons at 684-7755...

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COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Diving lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755...

The **Midland YMCA** offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. Private lessons are available. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

Midland YMCA is offering **water aerobics classes,** including Hydro-fit and Deep Water aerobics. Classes are available both morning and evening. Call Leaf Faller or Deborah Posson at 682-2551 for more information...

Basketball...

The Boys and Girls Club of Midland is offering an **After-school Youth Basketball Program** for third through sixth grades. Registration runs through Jan. 2. League play will begin the first week of Janaury. The cost of the program will be $10 per child and a $3 membership is required. For more information, call the Huff Park Unit at 683-5297 or the Taylor Park Unit at 683-0500...

The **Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp** is accepting applications for boys and girls ages 7-19. Players for the camp are selected by invitation only, and many past attendees have included future NBA players. One of the camps is located in Commerce. To pick up an evaluation form, call (704) 372-8610 through March 20...

A **3-on-3 tournament** for men 35 and over is scheduled for Jan. 5 from 6-9 p.m. in San Angelo. Entry fee is $30 per team for a four-man team. For more information, call (915) 223-1309...

Tennis

A **Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament** is Jan. 15-16 at the Midland College Tennis Center. The deadline for signups is Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Armstrong Racquet Club, Midland College Tennis Center. Fees are $7 per person and $14 per team. Call 687-4046 for more informations.

There will be a **Holiday Tennis Camp** at Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis club on Dec. 20-24 and Dec. 27-30 from 2-3:30 p.m. daily. Entry deadline is Dec. 19. For information call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 570-6245...

Softball...

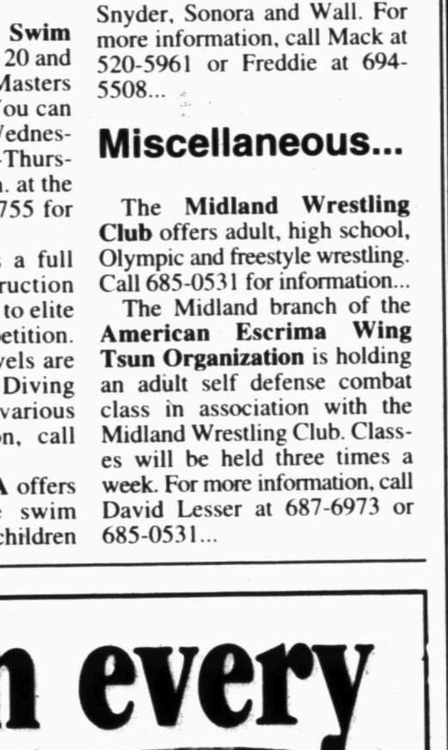
Umpires are needed to work high school games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall. For more information, call Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508...

Miscellaneous...

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

The Midland branch of the **American Escrima Wing Tsun Organization** is holding an adult self defense combat class in association with the Midland Wrestling Club. Classes will be held three times a week. For more information, call David Lesser at 687-6973 or 685-0531...

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Time: 6:00 PM, Tuesday, December 21, 1999

The meeting will be held at the facility.

Directions to the facility- From I-20 and Texas Highway 158, travel 13.1 miles east on Highway 158 to FM 1379. Turn right and travel south 5.1 miles to Midland County Road 230. Turn left and travel east approximately 1 miles to facility on the left.

All interested parties are invited to attend. For information please call (915) 368-1718.

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NOTICE

The City of Midland finds that the properties located at the following locations & addresses:

Street Address	Legal Description	Last Known Owner and Address
508 S. Lincoln St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 019 Lot: 005	Shearod, Alice P.O. Box 26216 El Paso, TX 79926
610 S. Lincoln St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 034 Lot: 006	Bracken, C.D. 1614 Hickory Ave. Midland, TX 79705
400 S. Tilden St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 016 Lot: 001	Graves, Benny L. P.O. Box 50631 Midland, TX 79710
402 S. Tilden St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 016 Lot: 002	Graves, Benny L. P.O. Box 50631 Midland, TX 79710
1407 S. Weatherford St.	Addn: South Park Blk: 023 Lot: 007	Nelson, Bob RTS P.O. Box 820843 Fort Worth, TX 76182
1514 S. Weatherford St.	Addn: South Park Blk: 026 Lot: 008	Aleman, Miguel Angel RTS 1514 S. Weatherford Midland, TX 79701
300 S. Webster St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 007 Lot: 001	Evans, Curtis 2733 Ridgeway Dr. Wichita Falls, TX 76305
302 S. Webster St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 007 Lot: 002	Evans, Curtis 2733 Ridgeway Dr. Wichita Falls, TX 76305
106 S. Adams St.	Addn: Moody Blk: 030 Lot: 004	Estep, Fred Et Al RTS P.O. Box 8731 Midland, Tx. 79708
108 S. Adams St.	Addn: Moody Blk: 030 Lot: 005	Estep, Fred Et Al RTS P.O. Box 8731 Midland, Tx. 79708
307 S. Benton St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk 007 Lots: 009	Jones, Genord 15700 Hilcroft Cv Austin, TX 78717
605 S. Benton St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk 029 Lots: 010	Thomas, Flora 136 S. Detroit Lamesa, TX 79331
305 S. Benton St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk 007 Lots: 010	Jones, Genord 15700 Hilcroft Cv Austin, TX 78717
506 S. Clay St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 022 Lot: 004	Holt, David Et Al 702 Webster St. Midland, TX 79701
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1520 S. Fort Worth St.	Addn: South Park Blk: 027 Lot: 011	McCarty, Don (RTS) P.O. Box 5057 Kingsville, Tx. 78364
1303 E. Golf Course Rd.	Addn: Arnett Annex Blk: A Lot: 006	Clay, Don 1301 E. Golf Course Rd. Midland, Tx. 79701
503 S. Jackson St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 019 Lot: 011	Payne, Lonnie J. 24-Hr Bail Bond 1604 W. Front Midland, TX 79701
305 S. Lamesa Rd.	Addn: Moody Blk: 044 Lot: 010	Pate, Tessie Mae (RTS) 305 S. Lamesa Rd. Midland, TX 79701
701 S. Lincoln St.	Addn: Greenwood Blk: 036 Lot: 016	Davis, John H. 3597 Newport St. Denver Co 80207
1004 Johnston St.	Addn: Stockard Acres Blk: 008 Lot: 001	Carlton, Nick 2001 N. D Street Midland, TX 79705

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Tom Burns, W/M
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

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John P. Cox, W/M
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LOST- Yellow Lab. Ridge Heights area. Reward 682-5456.

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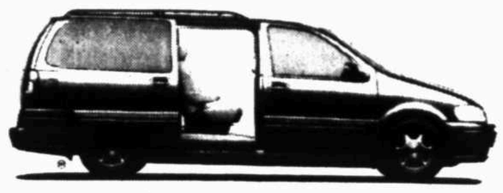
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1998 LARSON SKI- Wake Board boat, 6' wake board pole, been to lake 6X, mint condition, $11,500. 689-4113, 495-2638 pager.

1976 QUACHITA, 18' fiberglass, Fish -N- Ski, inboard/ outboad, 140 HP, trolling motor, tandem trailer. $1,850. Call 682-9007.

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1991 CAJUN. 20' Fish & ski bass boat. 200 Johnson motor, loaded. $9,000 call 683-7939 or cell 664-8353.

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270 Airplanes

CESSNA 150 1973- Pretty in and out. Leaseback available. Fly and make money at the same time. Fred at 915-682-5724.

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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.

310 General Help Wanted

Attention Readers:

See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

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310 General Help Wanted

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CITY OF LAMESA: Accepting applications for a police officer. Applicants must be TCLEOSE certified. Obtain applications from Lamesa Police Department, 601 S. 1st, Lamesa, TX 79331. (806)872-2121. EOE

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LITTLE CAESARS Pizza hiring part-time drivers Must be 18, courteous, have good driving record. Apply at 1000 North Midkiff.

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NOW HIRING Evening Shift, Thursdays through Mondays. Apply in persons Amigo's Convenience Store, 2301 W. Wadley.

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310 General Help Wanted

SONIC- Midland Drive now accepting applications for: Cooks, Carhops, for all shifts. Apply in person: 4201 Midland Drive, Midland.

TEACHER NEEDED- Must have at least 2 years experience in a Child Care Center. Great benefits, health insurance, college scholarships Earn up to 12 days off, teacher of the month incentive. Salary DOE. Nonsmoking environment. Apply 1007 Austin or call 689-6309.

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General Manager
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311 Medical Help Wanted

BUSY DENTAL Office needs Receptionist. Also looking for Part-time Dental Assistant. Please send resumes to: Box J-5059, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

DENTAL ASSISTANT Needed, experience required. Please send resume to: Dr. Philip Warlick, 3001 W. Illinois,, Ste 1B3, Midland, TX 79701.

ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT; For fast paced, youth oriented practice. Must be friendly, a good communicator, and able to work as a team member. Non smoking environment. Knowledge of dental profession preferred. Send resumes to: N-4185, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PERMANENT PART Time Exercise Instructor needed for 2- one half hour morning classes. 9:00 (Midland Senior Center) and 9:45 (Southeast Community Center) Monday- Friday. Range of motion and stretching. Ability to work with seniors. Experience. Applications at Midland Senior Center, 3303 W. Illinois. 79703.

RN's STARTING at $26 per hour. LVN's Starting at $19 per hour. CNA's Starting at $10 per hour. Quality Nursing Services. 915-570-1021, 915-553-3581.

SERA- TEC Plasma Center now accepting applications for Physicians Sub. Must be EMT certified six months experience in a health care facility. Apply in person 712 West Scharbauer, Midland.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

Career Opportunities
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
HAS OFFICE JOBS
Experience only
Full Time or Temporary
684-0527.

DATA INPUT- part time position. Must have oil and gas revenue knowledge, oil & gas revenue software a plus. Flexible hours. Resumes to: Box P-6015, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, 79702.

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RECEPTIONIST: Answer telephone, perform multiple clerical task. Good people and math skills. Ability to lift boxes up to 25 lbs. Bilingual a plus. Salvation Army, 300 S. Baird.

SMALL ESTABLISHED Business needs dependable, industrious worker to handle office duties. Responsibilities include, clerical work, answering phones, office organization, sales and computer input. Tuesday- Friday. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box J-5060, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

316 Sales Help Wanted

ESQUIRE TUXEDO is now accepting applications for Part Time Sales Help. Call between 10:00 am and 5:00 pm on Monday and Tuesday to make an appointment, 694-1288.

FULL TIME SALES. experienced preferred. Smoke free, environment. Apply at Dinette Designs and Bar Stools, 1025 N. Midkiff.

SALES PERSON: Experienced in the HVAC Trade a plus. Ask for Michael call 570-8105 or come by 2302 Garden City Highway.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN needed with some plumbing and electrical knowledge. Truck preferred. Apply at Morgan Buildings & Spas. 1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland on Hwy 80. Ask for Liz.

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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

MANAGER NEEDED

To operate Automotive Impound facility. Duties to include: All operation of facility and oversee 2 to 4 other employees. Apply in person at:

3815 S. County Road 1285
Odessa, Texas.
915-561-5606
Dec., 20 & 21 only.
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

320 Skilled Trades

LICENSED ELECTRICIAN- Experienced in residential. Must have own tools. 683-5669.

MUDLOGGER and Mudlogger trainee needed. Call 915-620-0170.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experienced shop and field mechanic. Work on small skidded engine compressor units. send resume and salary requirements to Aztec Gas, Inc., 7824 West 1-20, Midland, TX 79706.

PLUMBER, licensed, good working and driving record. Personable individual for service work. Drug test. Ken's Plumbing, 683-3224.

WANTED; EXPERIENCED Overhead Crane and hoist inspector. Call 915-689-6341 for appointment.

336 Adult Care Providers

IN HOME CARE provides care for almost any situation at affordable rates. For more information or questions call (915)570-4475.

341 Child Care Providers

FORMER NANNY Available 24 hours a day in your home. References, CPR Trained. Call 689-6543.

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LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

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Quality, profitable West Texas convenience stores with gas. Serious inquires only. Please write- Box E-3015, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.
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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

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Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!
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79701

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79705

WAGON WHEEL
Sofa chair and coffee table. Gun Cabinet, (7) dining room tables & chairs and Much More!
Lots more for your Christmas Shopping.
Judy Jackson, Consignment Collection, 3211 Wadley, #6

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

79707

4520 HILLTOP (Midland/ Bluebird alley): Huge sale. Saturday- Sunday 8:00am. Toys, games, puzzles, clothes, Christmas items.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE
$20.50

- ★ 7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- ★ 2 Days
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- ★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
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605 Apartments Furnished

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$99 Total Move In Special
Call for details
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Call about our new specials Today!!!
520-0023
4201 Andrews Hwy Midland, TX

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LARGE TWO BEDROOM flat, one bath, new paint, walk in closets, dishwasher. Clean, quiet. 687-4855.

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FOR DECEMBER
THE ARCHES
2900 W. Illinois
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625 Houses Unfurnished

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NICE THREE BEDROOM, two bath, one car garage, refrigerated air, $550 monthly, $350 deposit. 4316 Pasadena. For more information contact Debbi Harris, Realty Unlimited, 561-5615.

SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM- 2 Bath, duplex, built-ins, utility, den, fireplace, central heat, air conditioner. Carport, circle drive, yard. Lee High, no pets! $550, $200 Deposit. 3521 West Wadley. 1-915-520-6741.

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EXECUTIVE TOWNHOUSE 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fresh paint, ceramic tile, Berber carpet, small yard, 2 car garage. $750 monthly. 4504 Norwood. Call 697-2728.

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