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N. Ireland woes

Catherine Hamill, 9, sits on the doorstep of her home in Belfast, Northern Ireland. She was 11 months old when a masked gunman barged through the door and killed her father. Her letter to President Clinton brought tears to many eyes during a ceremony in Belfast where Clinton visited violence-scarred neighborhoods on both sides of the area's long conflict. Story, page 2A.

No matching funds

WASHINGTON — For the first time, a cash shortage will keep the government from giving presidential candidates all the federal campaign dollars they are entitled to in January — just as campaigns enter the most expensive portion of the primary season. Campaign officials estimate they may get as little as 60 percent of the federal matching funds they are due when the Federal Election Commission sends out the first checks Jan. 2. **Page 5B.**

Marine rescued

KARACHI, Pakistan — He swam for more than 20 hours. He slept, floating on a life preserver made from his pants. He thought about his family and how he never got to say goodbye. And he prayed. With bags under his eyes and a sunburnt face, Lance Cpl. Zachary Mayo recounted Thursday how, after a strong wind knocked him off the aircraft carrier USS America, he floated alone for 36 hours in the Arabian Sea until his rescue. **Page 7A.**

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Bosnia cost rises to $2 billion

Peacekeeping mission also would require 32,000 troops, Perry says

■ Skepticism, resignation pervade House National Security Committee hearing on plan.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary William Perry raised the price tag Thursday for the Bosnia deployment to $2 billion and said the mission will require 32,000 American troops in and around the former Yugoslavia.

There was a mix of skepticism and resignation as the House National Security Committee opened a hearing on the plan. "The proverbial train has left the station and our troops are already on board," Rep. Floyd Spence, the panel's chairman, said.

Spence, R-S.C., said that "we will all eventually regret allowing American prestige and the cohesion of the NATO alliance to be put at risk for a Bosnian peacekeeping mission."

Administration officials did not try to play down the risks.

"The mission will be tough and there's no doubt about it, and we have to be prepared for casualties," Gen. John Shalikashvili, the nation's top military officer, told the House International Relations Committee at a separate hearing.

The National Security session brought a brief, tense exchange between Perry and Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa.

The defense secretary said that when he spoke to U.S. troops who will be part of the peacekeeping force they asked him, "When we go into Bosnia will our Congress support us? Will we be able to keep this issue separate from partisan politics?"

Minutes later, Weldon responded angrily that "we'll be there for our troops, make no mistake about it."

Weldon noted allegations that the U.S. commander in Somalia was turned down when he asked for more equipment, which prompted Perry to reply in a voice tense with anger: "I don't need anybody to tell me what our soldiers need. When our commanders need weapons and equipment, I will see that they get it."

"I was referring more to the president than you," said Weldon.

"I sign the deployment orders, send those troops out and I go to the families when they are injured or killed and talk to them and explain to them," said Perry. "So I take this very personally."

Although members of Congress peppered Perry and other top officials with questions about dangers as well as the cost, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said on the Senate floor that "we should find a way if possible to support the men and women ... on the way to Bosnia."

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Unseasonable weather





Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

It may be the first week of December but the balmy days, with temperatures forecast to be around 80 this weekend, are bringing out not only the butterflies, above, but homeowners, like Carlos Esquevel, above left, to rake fall leaves. Despite the unseasonably warm weather, that doesn't mean there won't be a winter. It doesn't arrive until Dec. 22.

Forecasters expect spring-like weekend

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

You never know about the weather in Texas.

Except that it may be about to change, but not much lately.

And instead of experiencing frigid cold at late autumn only three weeks before the onset of winter on Dec. 22, Midlanders are enjoying a bout of Indian summer.

"The unusual is usual in West

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GM to call back some Cadillacs, pay penalties in EPA settlement

WASHINGTON (NYT) — General Motors Corp. agreed on Thursday to recall nearly a half-million late-model Cadillacs and spend nearly $45 million in fines and other costs, settling a federal complaint that the automaker had installed devices that caused the cars to emit illegal amounts of carbon dioxide.

The company agreed to pay $11 million in fines, about $30 million on recalling and repairing the cars and almost $4 million in compensatory spending on programs to help control air pollution, senior officials of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Justice Department said.

Government lawyers said they believe the company knew the design change would cause pollution problems, an assertion the company denied.

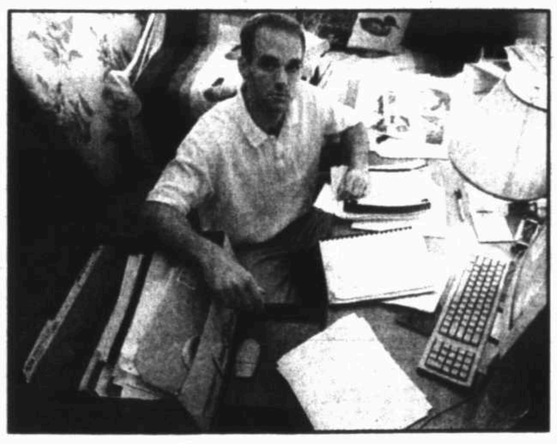
In a statement, General Motors called the case "a matter of interpretation" of complex regulations. But the statement said the company had "worked extremely hard to resolve the matter and avoid litigation."

The civil penalty of $11 million is the third largest ever assessed in a pollution case, the second largest in a case under the Clean Air Act, and the largest involving pollution from motor vehicles, the officials of the environmental agency and Justice Department said.

The settlement, if approved by the Federal District Court in Washington, D.C., where it was filed Thursday, would be the first time a court has ordered a recall of automobiles in order to curb pollution, rather than to improve safety or dependability.

According to the government agencies,

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Wade Burnett sits with the legal files he has accumulated in his attempt to win freedom for his mother, Susie Mowbray. Thursday, a judge overturned her conviction for killing her husband.

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Murder or mistake?

Judge rules woman's conviction should be overturned

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — The 1988 murder conviction of a Brownsville woman accused of shooting her husband while he slept should be set aside because of tainted evidence, a judge ruled Thursday.

State District Judge Darrell Hester ruled "fundamental fairness" requires that the conviction of Susie Mowbray be set aside and she be granted a new trial.

The ruling will be forwarded to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals for a final decision that could bring to a close one of the most sensational murder cases in South Texas.

"We've been waiting for this for a long time," Mrs. Mowbray's son, Wade Burnett, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from his Louisiana home. "Justice has finally prevailed."

Mrs. Mowbray is serving a life sentence for the 1987 murder of her husband, Bill Mowbray, a prominent Brownsville car dealer.

Prosecutors said the blond socialite shot her husband in the head while he slept because she wanted his insurance money. Mrs. Mowbray contended her husband killed

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Landers apologizes for calling pope 'Polack' after remark spurs Polish-Americans' protest

CHICAGO (AP) — It's 40 lashes with a wet noodle for Ann Landers for referring to the pope as a "Polack."

"I should not have used a slang term for Polish," the advice columnist said in a statement Thursday. "It was poor judgment, and I apologize."

Landers drew howls of protest from Polish-Americans after The New Yorker this week published a profile of her in which she was asked for her impressions of Pope John Paul II, whom she has met.

"Looks like an angel. He has the face of an angel," she said.

"His eyes are sky blue, and his cheeks are pink and adorable-looking, and he has a sweet sense of humor. Of course, he's a Polack," she laughingly told the interviewer. "They're very anti-woman."

Edward G. Dykla, president of the Polish Roman Catholic Union of America, a fraternal organization of about 100,000 members, said he was stunned.

"Ethnic groups throughout this country have fought to get rid of these slurs against all of us, and then Ann Landers throws one out," he said. "I think people will take this as an insult, as they have, and stop reading her."

Edward Moskal, president of the Polish American Congress, which represents about 1 million people, had his own advice for Landers: "She should have shut up after she made the nice remark about the

Please see **LANDERS**/4A



'The Last Christmas'

Each holiday season, lawmakers could anticipate huge casks of goodies from various companies and groups such as this flavored popcorn from an office-supply chain last year. But as of Jan. 1, the gifts will be banned from the House. Story, page 9A.

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Clinton urges Irish Catholics, Protestants to 'stand firm against terror'

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Celebrating a 15-month cease-fire, President Clinton visited violence-scarred neighborhoods on both sides of Northern Ireland's long conflict Thursday and declared, "Surely there can be no turning back."

The first American president ever to come to the troubled province implored Roman Catholics and Protestants alike not to surrender to the impulses of "old habits and hard grudges."

There was a poignant reminder of the horror of the past and the promise of the future when Catherine Hamill, a 9-year-old Catholic schoolgirl, shyly read a letter to the president:

"My first daddy died in the troubles. It was the saddest day of my life. I still think of him. Now it is nice and peaceful." Her father was slain by gunmen who burst into his home and shot him in front of his family in 1987.

In his main speech of the day, Clinton addressed several thousand people at Mackie metal plant, located along a "peace line," a wall of steel and stone dividing Catholic and Protestant neighborhoods. The plant's workforce is mixed but mostly Protestant. Workers are instructed to leave their politics at the door.

"You must stand firm against terror," Clinton urged. "You must say to those who still would use violence for political objectives: 'You are the past. Your day is over.'"

Clinton's peace appeals were loudly applauded, though a lone heckler, Cedric Wilson, twice called out, "Never." Wilson is aligned with Protestant firebrand Ian Paisley, leader of the most extreme pro-British party, the Democratic Unionist Party.

Despite the truce observed by paramilitary groups, security was intense.

Nearly 3,000 officers were put on duty to protect Clinton during his 24-hour stay. Dozens of roads were closed, sewers were searched and sealed, and metal detectors were erected in Clinton's Belfast hotel, bombed 37 times since the troubles began in 1969.

A crowd estimated at more than 50,000 braved the evening cold to watch Clinton switch on the Christmas lights on a 45-foot fir tree outside Belfast's city hall. The tree was cut in Belfast's sister city, Nashville, Tenn., and shipped here courtesy of the Air Force.

"This year must be especially joyous for you," Clinton said, "for you are entering your second Christmas of peace."

In the crowd, Naomi McCay, a Protestant, said, "He's renewed hope, he's inspired us all." Catholic Seamus McFadden said Clinton's presence proved that "America's behind the peace process. They're calling the shots. They're putting pressure on every side."

Steeped in symbolism, Clinton's visit was designed to build momentum in the peace process and a sense of accomplishment in the cease-fire.

The journey — with a stop today in Dublin — also had political reverberations for Clinton, since 44 million Americans claim some Irish ancestry.

The visit required a diplomatic balancing act.

Arriving here on the heels of a breakthrough agreement between London and Dublin on Northern Ireland, Clinton stopped first in a hard-line Protestant neighborhood, where he bought apples and flowers for his wife.

Later, the president visited a Catholic neighborhood, dropping by a bakery for a handshake with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, the political voice of the outlawed IRA. "A hundred thousand welcomes," Adams said in a Gaelic greeting.

The brief one-on-one encounter was a step up for Adams from a group meeting with the president last March on St. Patrick's Day. Clinton's attention is a reward for the IRA's September 1, 1994, halt to a 24-year violent campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland. Pro-British Protestant gunmen announced a matching cease-fire the following month.

Throughout the day, Clinton talked with leaders of all major political parties.

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Tuzla's residents hope for helping hand from expected U.S. soldiers

By Bryan Brumley
Associated Press

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — This smoggy Communist-era town, where 20,000 U.S. soldiers will base their mission in Bosnia, is sinking into old salt mines and flooded with refugees who resent the peace plan that will bring the GIs here.

U.S. soldiers will be greeted by residents with open arms and high expectations that American know-how and dollars will solve many of the problems caused by nearly four years of war.

Atop the list is an end to the fighting, in which an estimated 200,000 people have died or disappeared.

"If the NATO troops can bring peace, I'll be happy," said Eldin Tabucic, 38, the director of Tuzla's only theater.

Mayor Selim Beslagic has higher hopes — and expectations.

He wants the Americans to repair the roads over which their armored vehicles will pass. He wants them to rebuild power lines, destroyed in the fighting, and reopen the railroad that once carried the coal and chemicals that formed the city's prewar industrial base.

Tuzla's coal-fired power plant is turning out only 8 percent of the electricity it did before the war. The area's coal mines yield just a quarter of what they used to. Factory production is down 70 percent.

The mayor dreams that peace and foreign aid will get the factories running again and restore the rail line that runs through mountains that until September were held by Serbs, and bridges all along it have been destroyed.

When will it be fixed?

"Ask the American generals," said Beslagic, smiling.

Roads and structures throughout the Tuzla region have been battered not only by war, but by another man-made disaster: The collapse of the salt mines on which Tuzla's wealth was once based.

Houses and shops throughout the 19th-century town, near the block-like concrete city hall, are badly cracked from the settling of the mines below, which were never shored up after they were abandoned. A cluster of mine entrances are still visible on one of the green hills above the city.

During the day, the air is clouded with smog from the electrical plant and from the factories that still use the salt to make chemicals.

The old town, picturesque if crumbling, boasts several dozen cafes, virtually the only form of entertainment in a city where the three movie theaters are closed because of the war.

Young people still find some amusement at the House of Youth, a forbidding concrete-and-glass behemoth designed by the same generation of Socialist architects that fashioned Tuzla's stark apartment blocks, office buildings and factories.

The drab backdrop pales before the human tragedy on stage at Tuzla.

Bosnians and Serbs alike gather near the town hall every day to sell off personal possessions and second-hand goods. Some are Serbs, peddling the contents of their houses to raise money for the move to Serb-held areas across the frontline, 7 miles away.

But the most serious problem facing Tuzla, and the Americans who will land here, are the city's 50,000 Bosnian refugees who have swollen the city's population to 160,000.

"The refugees must go back. America must help them," said Jamal Velagic, 63, a former driver who ekes out a subsistence selling used clothes at the open-air market.

Most of the refugees are terrified of returning to the Serb-held lands they fled. Many are angry that the peace deal reached in Dayton, Ohio, legitimizes the rebel Serb hold on 49 percent of Bosnia.

"We can't go back to Srebrenica, because most of us lost our husbands, brothers and fathers there," said Vahida Muic, 22. "We can't live with Serbs."

Muic's father, her six uncles and her six male cousins died last July when Serbs brushed aside peacekeepers and overran the U.N.-designated "safe area" of Srebrenica, 40 miles to the southeast. The United Nations estimates that 5,500 Muslim men and boys are missing from the town.

Muslims in Tuzla remember well, and pray that such slaughter will not be repeated.

"The American soldiers are coming here because we need some protection," said Muic. "But what happens after a year" when the GIs are gone?

"I hope there will be peace."

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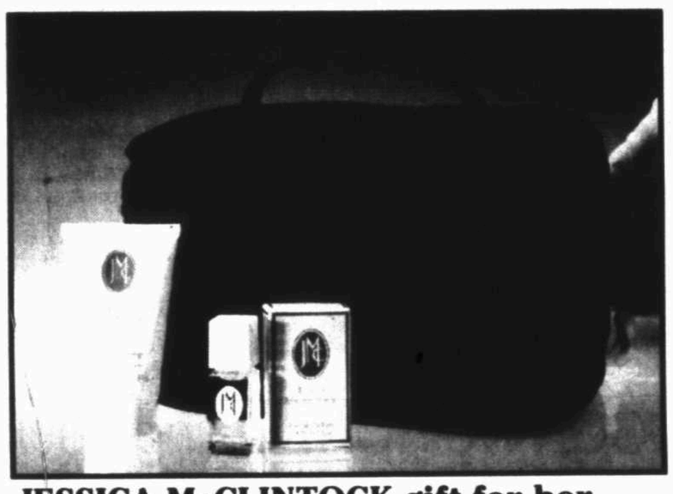


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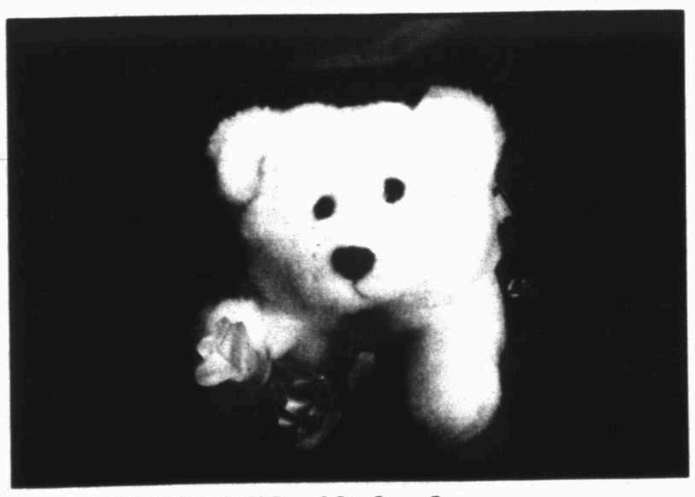
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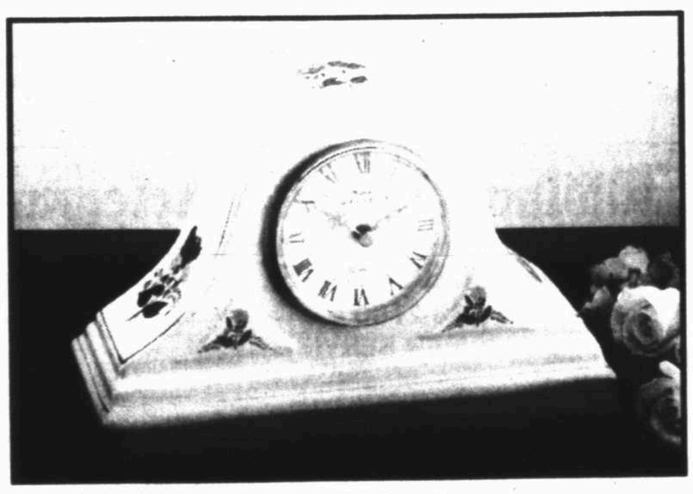
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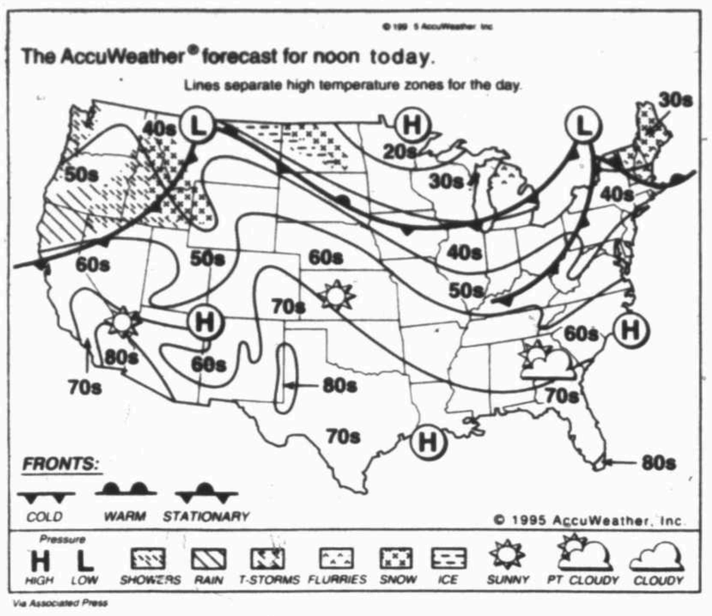
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WEATHER WATCH



Via Associated Press

BOSNIA: Administration officials testify at panel hearing

(From 1A)

Dole said that "Congress cannot stop this troop deployment" and troops already are expected to be on the ground next week. He and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., another strong critic of the troop deployment, said they would work to pass a resolution supporting the troops.

Appearing together before the two House committees, Perry, Shalikashvili and Secretary of State Warren Christopher made these points:

■ The peace agreement worked out at Dayton, Ohio, among the Bosnian Muslims, Serbs and Croats will be signed in Paris on Dec. 14, and within six weeks the NATO peacekeeping force including 20,000 Americans will be deployed in Bosnia.

■ The U.S. troops will travel by rail to a staging area in Hungary and then by road to Tuzla in northern Bosnia. Perry said the units will travel "fully armed, ready for any contingencies as they go in."

■ No Americans will be involved in the arming and training of Bosnian Muslim forces, an activity that would put them in the position of helping one side in the 43-month ethnic war.

■ All foreign troops not part of the peacekeeping force, including some Iranians who have fought with the Bosnian army, must leave within 30 days of the signing of the agreement.

■ NATO should complete its mission in about six months and then take another six months to complete withdrawal.

The administration witnesses used elaborate charts and maps to support their case that all care has been taken to minimize the risks to U.S. forces.

"We do not live in a world in which there are no risks," said Perry, adding that "we can avert our gaze and not watch the killing and atrocities but we cannot avoid the consequences if this war spreads south and north. It inextricably involves us, it involves us in a much worse, bigger war and a much more dangerous situation."

Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., responded by recalling the death of Marines in Lebanon. "What are you going to do if a truckload of dynamite rolls through a barricade and kills 235 Americans over there? How are you going to explain that to the American people?" he said.

In discussing the Bosnia operation, the administration has talked in terms of $1.2 billion as the cost for the troop deployment.

Before the International Relations Committee, however, Perry said that in addition there would be $500 million for support operations and $300 million for continuing air operations such as enforcing the "no-fly zone." The $300 million is not a new cost.

Perry also said that in addition to the 20,000 troops in Bosnia there would be 5,000 in support units in Croatia and 7,000 in nearby countries, primarily Italy and Hungary.

WEEKEND: Midland gets taste of Indian Summer

(From 1A)

Texas," observed Midland-Odessa horticulturist Deborah Benge Frost.

Winter seems intimidated, as if hiding from the inescapable sun.

Recent daytime temperatures have been into the warm 70s, almost caressing the 80s, and sneaking back to the moderate 60s, and the coolish 50s.

One night this week, the day's high temperature was at nighttime.

And the season's coldest cold so far was 30 degrees on Tuesday. Briefly. It was a not-so-hard "hard freeze" and outperformed or tied earlier mild freezes that were short of "hard hard."

Nighttime temperatures have been in the 50s, 40s, and, occasionally, the 30s.

Meanwhile, days mostly have been sunny and warm, which ought to bode good things for the annual Christmas parade and tree lighting, set for 4 p.m. Saturday and 6:15 Saturday, respectively.

"It's going to continue to be warm (for a spell)," saidforecaster Wade Earle at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport.

However, these Indian summer days pose virtually "no significance as to what it is going to be like over the winter," he said.

"We will probably get a real good cold spell because Mother Nature does have to equalize herself out, so when it is real warm for a period, it is going to be real cold for a period."

Blum's Farmer's and Planter's Almanac for 1996 is calling for some severe storms in the Midwest and "blizzard-like conditions" reaching into Texas in January.

"That is always possible (to get a severe winter in the wake of a mild autumn), and, then again, it could be the warmest (winter) on record," Earle said. "Who knows?

"Just because it is warm now doesn't mean it is going to be a warm winter or a cold winter or anything like that," Earle said. "It doesn't really bear anything on what is going to happen in the future."

The ups-and-downs of weather's extremes "is very hard for the plant life, because we go from being real cold and having a freeze to 80 degrees," said horticulturist Nancy Lanham.

"A plant doesn't know that it is not spring. It thinks, 'OK, We've had cold. Now, it is getting hot.' Lots of time you will see new growth even this late."

She recalled that Midland had "an early cold spell in October; we did get to 32 degrees. But it wasn't a frost. And then it warmed back up. It has been unseasonably warm."

For Midland, the average killing-frost date is Nov. 9. The earliest killing frost on record for the Midland area came on Oct. 19, 1989. The latest first killing frost on record was on Dec. 6, 1954.

Midland farmer-rancher Alvey Bryant, who has been in this country since 1925 — long before many records of any sort had been set or recorded — recalled that "back in the early 1930s on Christmas Day, we had mesquite still living" and all greened up.

It was a mild autumn and winter until January and then cold set in.

"We didn't have enough cold weather to kill mesquite, and they were still green on Christmas Day," Bryant remembered.

Bryant noted that so far this year, Midland hasn't not experienced a really hard freeze.

And the season's mild autumn while heading into winter is "awful, awful unusual," Bryant figured. And the mesquite trees "are just as green now as they have ever been, nearly."

Midland statistics

FORECAST
Today: Sunny with a high in the upper 70s. Winds variable at 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight: Clear skies with a low near 40.
Saturday: Sunny with a high near 80.
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:
Yesterday's High...74degrees
Overnight Low...35degrees
Sunset today...5:44p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow...7:32a.m.
Precipitation:
Last 24 hours...00.00
This month to date...Trace
Year to date...10.46inches
LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	62	6 a.m.	38
7 p.m.	57	7 a.m.	36
8 p.m.	53	8a.m.	38
9 p.m.	48	9 a.m.	46
10 p.m.	47	10 a.m.	55
11 p.m.	42	11 a.m.	63
midnight	46	noon	67
1 a.m.	45	1 p.m.	70
2 a.m.	44	2p.m.	73
3 a.m.	37	3 p.m.	73
4 a.m.	40	4 p.m.	74
5a.m.	39	5 p.m.	73
		6 p.m.	62

Area forecast

WEST TEXAS: Permian Basin — Today, sunny. Highs in the upper 70s. Tonight, clear. Lows around 40. Saturday, sunny. Highs near 80. Saturday night, fair. Lows in the mid 40s. Extended forecast. Sunday, sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. Monday, sunny. Lows 40-45. Highs near 70. Tuesday, sunny. Lows 40-45. Highs in the lower 70s.

Border forecasts

NEW MEXICO — Today, mostly sunny and continued unseasonably warm. Highs mid 50s and 60s mountains and north with 70s to near 80 lower elevations east and south. Tonight, increasing high cloudiness northwest, otherwise mostly clear. Lows teens to lower 30s mountains and northwest with mid 30s to near 40 east and south. Saturday and Saturday night, partly cloudy northwest, otherwise fair. Continued mild in the afternoon. Locally breezy north. Highs 50s and 60s mountains and northwest, upper 60s to lower 80s east and south. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, partly cloudy and locally breezy north, fair skies south. Not quite as warm. Lows teens and 20s mountains and northwest, 30s to mid 40s east and south. Highs upper 40s to around 60 mountains and northwest, 60s to mid 70s east and south.

OKLAHOMA — Today, mostly sunny and continued warm. Highs in the 70s. Tonight, fair. Lows lower 40s to near 50. Saturday and Saturday night, clear to partly cloudy and continued warm. Highs in the 70s. Lows lower 40s to lower 50s. Extended forecast, Sunday, partly cloudy and cooler. Highs mid 60s to mid 70s. Monday, partly cloudy. Lows lower 30s northwest to mid 40s southeast. Highs mid 50s northwest to upper 60s southeast. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Lows lower 30s to lower 40s. Highs mid 60s to lower 70s.

Correction

The Salvation Army's Dress-a-Live-Doll program can be reached at 697-7262. The number was listed incorrectly in an article Nov. 30.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

Weather elsewhere

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:31 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	66	34	clr	
Anchorage	23	15	clr	
Baltimore	43	29	cdy	
Boston	35	23	sn	
Charleston,S.C.	54	37	clr	
Chicago	47	25	cdy	
Cincinnati	45	21	cdy	
Denver	68	42	cdy	
Detroit	39	22	cdy	
Flagstaff	66	19	clr	
Grand Rapids	39	18	m	
Honolulu	85	76	.16	cdy
Indianapolis	48	23	clr	
Kansas City	72	33	clr	
Las Vegas	68	41	clr	
Little Rock	63	29	cdy	
Los Angeles	81	57	clr	
Louisville	50	26	cdy	
Memphis	58	29	clr	
Miami Beach	75	62	cdy	
Nashville	54	23	cdy	
New Orleans	60	41	clr	
New York City	37	24	cdy	
Oklahoma City	71	34	clr	
Orlando	71	55	cdy	
Philadelphia	40	26	cdy	
Phoenix	76	47	clr	
Portland,Ore.	55	52	.24	m
Reno	67	41	clr	
St Louis	65	33	clr	
Salt Lake City	68	44	cdy	
San Diego	76	53	clr	
San Francisco	69	52	cdy	
Santa Fe	62	m	clr	
Seattle	50	46	.08	m
Shreveport	65	28	clr	
Tucson	80	42	clr	
Washington,D.C.	42	30	cdy	

Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	69	40	
Amarillo	69	28	
Austin	68	37	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	62	37	
Bryan-College Station	68	37	
Corpus Christi	71	49	
Dallas	70	40	
El Paso	69	31	
Fort Worth	69	36	
Galveston	62	51	
Houston	66	40	
Laredo	73	40	
Longview	65	26	
Lubbock	72	31	
Marfa	69	26	
San Angelo	69	35	
San Antonio	68	34	
Victoria	71	41	
Waco	68	30	
Wichita Falls	73	33	
Wink	76	26	

Pick 3 Texas

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

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RECALL: GM agrees to pay $45 million in fines

(From 1A)

General Motors in 1990 designed a new computer chip for the engine controls on Cadillac Seville and DeVille models, after customers complained that the cars had a tendency to stall when the system that operates heating and air conditioning was running.

The new chips were programmed to inject additional fuel into the engine whenever this climate control system was in operation.

But the resulting exhaust was too rich in carbon monoxide for the cars' catalytic converters to clean, and the tailpipe emissions rose to double or triple allowable levels, the officials said.

The cars are typically driven with climate control on but, like other cars, when they are certified at the factory as meeting the pollution control standards, they are tested with the systems off. Therefore, the Cadillacs' the high pollution levels would not register in those tests, the officials said.

Under the Clean Air Act, the officials said, General Motors should have informed the agency that it had changed the car's design in a way that resulted in pollution violations during normal driving. The agency directed automakers in the 1970s not to take advantage of the testing rules to design cars that would cause unnecessary pollution, and GM's competitors obeyed, the officials said.

"GM's actions constituted a serious violation of the Clean Air Act and undermined EPA's efforts to improve air quality," said Steven Herman, assistant administrator of enforcement at the environmental agency. "Since the vehicle certification program depends on complete and accurate information supplied by automobile manufacturers, GM's conduct jeopardized the integrity of the program."

The settlement was announced at the Justice Department by Attorney General Janet Reno, emphasizing the importance that the administration placed on it.

EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner said it was exactly the kind of case that would be hampered by proposed cuts in the agency's spending on enforcement.

Carbon monoxide is one of the six main air pollutants governed by the health-based standards of the Clean Air Act. It can contribute to heart and lung ailments.

Betsy Hemming, a GM spokeswoman, said that there was no reason for the company to ever have tested emissions with the car's climate control operating.

"It was not in the rules, not in the regulations; it's not in the Clean Air Act," she said.

But Lois J. Schiffer, assistant attorney general for environment, said: "We think GM knew what it was doing."

Thomas P. Carroll, a Justice Department environmental lawyer, was particularly critical of General Motors for continuing to build the chip into the 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995 Cadillacs after discovering the problem in 1991.

"They should have gone back and re-engineered it to improve the emissions," he said.

He said three separate violations of law took place: the cars were equipped with a device that overwhelmed the emissions control system, the devices were not identified in descriptions of the vehicles provided to the Environmental Protection Agency, and with the installation of the computer chips at repair shops, the cars from the 1991 model year were tampered with after their sale in a way that reduced their compliance with emissions standards.

The pollution was detected during testing for research purposes by the EPA.

The company agreed on Thursday to recall and fix more than 470,000 Cadillacs — those built from 1991 to 1995 with a 4.9 liter engine that is no longer produced.

The company said it had designed a way to control the original stalling problem without increasing pollution.

The corrective measures involve "new fueling calibrations," the company said, which will meet expected future emissions standards and "should have no adverse effect on the driveability of the vehicles involved."

The company also agreed to to carry out remedial projects such as paying to replace school buses with cleaner models or buying older cars and junking them.

The only bigger civil penalty under the Clean Air Act was levied against Louisiana-Pacific Corp. in 1993 for air pollution violations at its wood-products plants.

Texas Eastern Natural Gas Pipleline Co. in 1987 paid a $15 million penalty for violating federal toxic and hazardous waste laws.

CONVICTION: Ruling could bring close to sensational case

(From 1A)

himself because of his own financial troubles.

New evidence presented in Hester's court in August may support Mrs. Mowbray's suicide argument, the judge said in his ruling.

At that hearing, the state's forensics expert admitted that his trial testimony concerning blood on Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown was scientifically invalid because a follow-up test was not conducted.

"I assumed the reaction I was getting was blood; however, it was turned back over to the lab for further testing. ... I assumed the tests were done," Austin police Sgt. Dusty Hesskew testified at the August hearing. He added that he knew the second test had not been conducted when he testified at Mrs. Mowbray's trial.

When asked whether his trial testimony would be scientifically invalid without the second test, Hesskew responded, "Based on the fact there was not a ... test done, yes sir."

Hesskew did not return telephone messages left by The Associated Press at the Austin Police Department.

In his ruling, Hester said that without Hesskew's testimony, "there was another equally reasonable hypothesis other than the applicant's guilt: Mowbray's death was suicide or an accident."

Hester also criticized the state's conduct in connection with Herbert MacDonell, whom prosecutors initially asked to examine evidence in the case.

MacDonell, an internationally recognized blood spatter authority and expert witness at the O.J. Simpson trial, testified at the August hearing that he found no blood on Mrs. Mowbray's nightgown when he examined it in 1987.

In a report to prosecutors, he wrote, "Because of the absence of blood on the garments and the trajectory ... it is more probable that it is a suicide than a homicide."

However, prosecutors never called MacDonell as a witness and "chose to suppress MacDonell's evidence" until days before trial, Hester said in his ruling.

Mrs. Mowbray's original defense attorney testified at the August hearing that he knew of MacDonell's report but didn't call him as a witness because prosecutors led him to believe they planned to use him as a state witness.

Prosecutors' actions "in large measure thwarted" the effectiveness of Mrs. Mowbray's defense and was "at best questionable trial strategy and, at worst, intentional deception of applicant's counsel," Hester said.

"If the jury had heard MacDonell, and Hesskew had testified as he now does or not testified at all, there is a substantial probability a verdict of not guilty would have ensued," the judge said.

Cameron County District Attorney Luis Saenz, who helped prosecute the Mowbray case, said prosecutors followed the law. He said he planned to ask the Court of Criminal Appeals for a hearing to dispute Hester's ruling.

"I firmly believe that she is guilty," Saenz said. "The fact of the matter is that 12 people heard the evidence, followed the law and found her guilty beyond a reasonable doubt."

Saenz would not say whether he would pursue a new trial if the appeals court agrees to set aside Mrs. Mowbray's conviction.

The Mowbray case fascinated residents in the Rio Grande Valley, one of the poorest regions in Texas. Prosecutors focused on the couple's wealth and social status, noting that Mrs. Mowbray was a cheerleader and homecoming queen in her hometown of Shreveport, La.

Her trial was a dramatic production, complete with the couple's king-size bed set up in the courtroom during testimony.

Adding to the sensationalism was an accusation that Mrs. Mowbray tried to blackmail county officials in 1993 into supporting her bid for clemency by sending them transcripts of a district attorney's investigator in a suicidal episode. No charges were filed in connection with the allegations.

Mrs. Mowbray's son, Burnett, was 16 years old when his mother was convicted of his stepfather's murder. A first-year law student at Louisiana State University, he's been working ever since to get her released.

After two failed appeals, Burnett sought out a new attorney, and together they convinced the Court of Criminal Appeals to consider the case.

He said he believes the appeals court will abide by Hester's recommendation and free his mother.

"It's a formality that we've got to go through," he said.

Mrs. Mowbray's attorney, Robert Ford of Fort Worth, said he planned to ask the appeals court to set bond for Mrs. Mowbray so that she may be released pending their final decision.

"I want to get her out as soon as possible," he said.

Burnett said he's hoping to have his mother home by Christmas but won't mind if it's a little later.

"Whether she's out for Christmas or not, she's getting out. The difference between one week or three weeks is not that much now," he said.

LANDERS: Interview remark draws ire

(From 1A)

pope."

In apologizing, she used one of her trademark phrases: "It's time to get out the wet noodle and give myself 40 lashes."

The article, by Christopher Buckley, described Landers' Jewish upbringing in Sioux City, Iowa, and her rise to become the columnist a World Almanac poll once found to be the most influential woman in the United States.

Landers' real name is Eppie Lederer. Her Chicago-based column is published in about 1,200 newspapers. Her twin sister, Pauline "Popo" Phillips, writes the "Dear Abby" column.

In the article, Landers commented on a number of other famous people, including President Kennedy, whom she described as "the womanizer from hell. I mean, this guy had women all over the place. In the swimming pool, the locker room. Of course, he had a bum back, for one thing, and the women had to do all the work."

About President Clinton, she said: "I don't think he's fooling around anymore. Nor do I think he will. I read that Hillary threw a lamp at him. ... You know something? I think she did."

During her 40 years as a columnist, Landers has weathered other storms. In 1982, several newspapers temporarily stopped running her column when it was revealed that Landers had recycled 15-year-old material. Landers promised to discontinue the practice.

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Volcanic ash blankets area in Nicaragua, traps many

LEON, Nicaragua (AP) — The Cerro Negro volcano spewed hot ash, steam and 50-pound rocks 1,000 feet into the air Thursday, blanketing the area with what looked like black snow and sending people fleeing with the few belongings they could carry.

The likelihood of an explosive, full-scale eruption from the volcano, located 75 miles northwest of the capital of Managua, was not clear. A group of American volcano experts arrived in Nicaragua Thursday to assess the situation.

But ash from the volcano's continual belching piled up across thousands of acres of fields and forests and on the roofs of peasant huts.

Trees, shrubs, harvest-ready sugar cane, corn and other crops have collapsed under the weight of the ash. People covered their heads with hats or rags; those on horseback resembled desert Bedouins.

"We are facing an ecological disaster. This area will have a hard time recovering from this," said federal deputy Omar Cabezas as he toured the stricken area.

Civil Defense workers struggling to evacuate families at the foot of the 2,200-foot volcano were frustrated Thursday because the heavy ash, dampened by rain, downed tree limbs that blocked roads.

About 6,000 people live in the immediate vicinity of the volcano, which is dumping ash and soil over a 30-mile radius that includes Leon, a city of 150,000 people 15 miles away.

The government on Monday began to evacuate people near the volcano, which rumbled to life Nov. 19 after a three-year lull. It declared a state of emergency in the region Wednesday.

"The water has run out," said Ernestina Delgado, 70, who took refuge with 75 others Thursday in the town of Lechecuagos. "The wells are full of sand and we don't have anything to eat."

Farmers were worried because their animals were refusing to eat grass covered with the sulfuric-smelling ash.

Jairo Vargas, a young peasant from the village of El Porvenir, said at least three families there wanted to leave but could not because fallen trees and limbs left them trapped.

Vargas reached his brother's farm and helped him and his family leave in an ox cart piled high with bedding, pots and pans, a dozen chickens and a pig.

His 2-year-old niece, her face blackened from the falling ash, cradled a baby chick.

"People who don't leave now aren't going to leave with their things because they will have to go on foot," his brother said.

"It has never rained mud and that is what worries me," said Victor Bonifacio Delgado, 76, who lives in one of the huts closest to the volcano. "But I'm not leaving yet."

He said when the volcano erupted in 1992 he was among the first to leave "and they stole everything that I had left."

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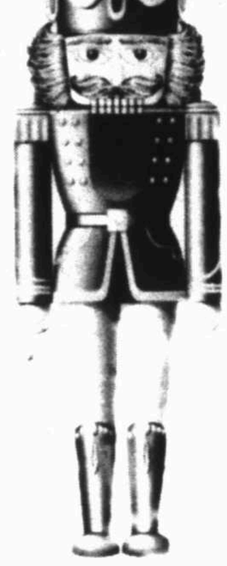
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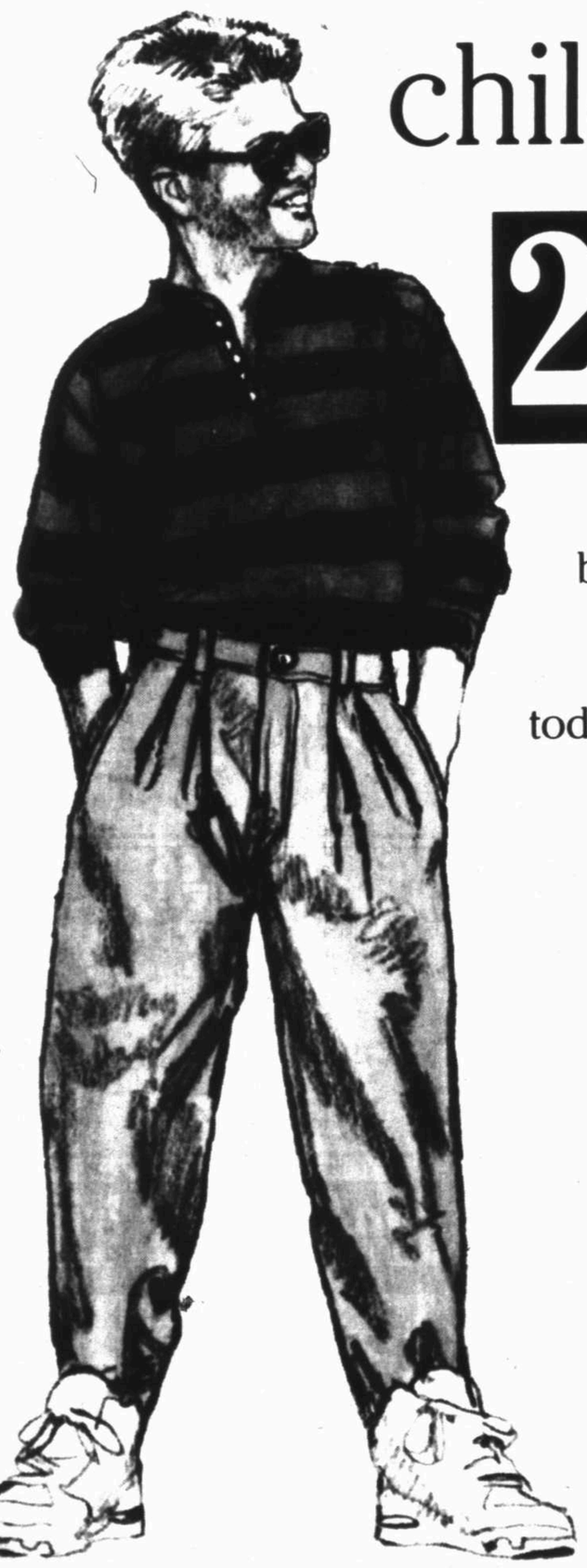


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Ex-trader admits guilt in Barings fraud case

SINGAPORE (AP) — Former Barings trader Nick Leeson today admitted fraud and forgery in an apparent plea bargain on charges that he broke Britain's oldest merchant bank with $1.38 billion in debts from a bungled trading scheme.

"I plead guilty," Leeson, 28, calmly told Judge Tan Siong Thye in a packed courtroom after charges of fraud and forgery with the intention to commit fraud were read aloud.

The former financial whiz kid entered the plea to two of the 11 counts against him a week after being formally charged and sent to jail, where he was interrogated by Singapore's fraud squad.

The remaining charges were taken under consideration, indicating that Leeson entered into a plea bargain with the prosecutors.

The two charges together carry a maximum sentence of eight years in prison. Leeson originally faced up to 14 years behind bars if convicted on all 11 counts, but lawyers predicted he could get off with one or two years.

Leeson was arrested on a flight home to London on March 2, three days after 232-year-old Barings was collapsed under the weight of the debts Leeson racked up as head of futures trading operations in Singapore.

Trading at the Singapore International Monetary Exchange, Leeson guessed incorrectly on the future of Japanese stocks, and doubled his bets to cover losses.

Singapore had been anxious to prosecute Leeson to protect its reputation as an Asian trading hub. Although only Leeson has been charged in Barings' collapse, a Singapore government investigation also accused the bank's top executives.

It is likely that Leeson told investigators about the role of Peter Norris, head of Barings' investment banking arm in London, and James Bax, Leeson's Singapore boss, in the financial scandal.

The Singapore investigation, by Price Waterhouse auditors, alleged that Norris and Bax ignored warning signs, continued to provide Leeson with more and more money for his losing bets, and later tried to cover up his losses.

Neither Norris nor Bax, who still lives in Singapore, have responded to the allegations.

Both left Barings after its remnants were bought by the Dutch financial conglomerate ING.

Leeson was accused of forging documents and deceiving Barings and stock exchange officials in a bid to make them believe he was backed by enough funds to cover his losses.

He fled Singapore on Feb. 23 after he depleted Barings' cash reserves. Frantic officials and police in at least three countries searched for him for a week, before his capture at a Frankfurt airport.

After spending nine months in German custody, he was extradited on Nov. 23.

Leeson faces up to a year in prison on the charge of cheating auditors by telling them that he had enough money to cover his activities. Leeson falsely told the auditors that an American firm had deposited a large amount into a Barings account in February, prosecutors said.

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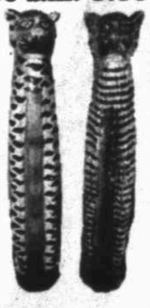
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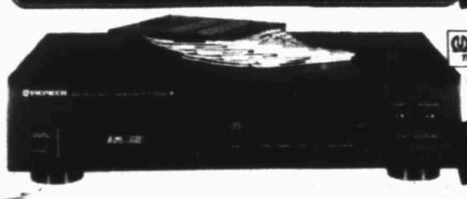
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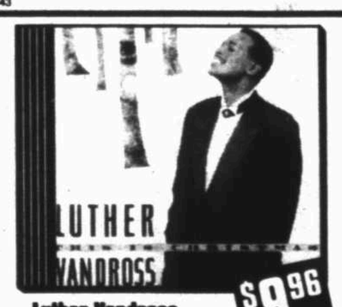
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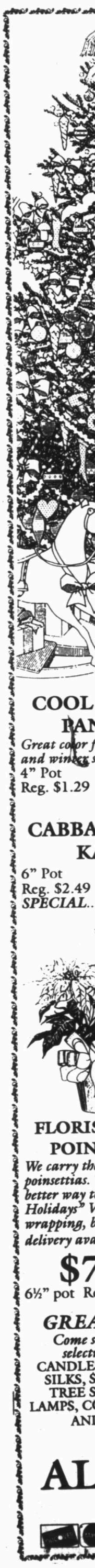
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U.S. Marine tells of rescue at sea after going overboard

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KARACHI, Pakistan — He swam for more than 20 hours. He slept, floating on a life preserver made from his pants. He thought about his family and how he never got to say goodbye. And he prayed.

With bags under his eyes and a sunburnt face, Lance Cpl. Zachary Mayo recounted Thursday how, after a strong wind knocked him off the aircraft carrier USS America, he floated alone for 36 hours in the Arabian Sea until his rescue.

"I never expected I would be off the ship," the 20-year-old Marine told reporters here. "I prayed to God every minute I was in the water. That helped me to keep going."

The aviation maintenance crewman from Osburn, Idaho, had insomnia early Saturday so he stepped outside for a breath of fresh air and a peek at the stars. A strong wind and a jolt from a swinging door knocked him overboard; his shouts weren't heard on the empty deck above.

The Navy gave him up for lost after a lengthy search, and Mayo bobbed helplessly for a day and a half in the ocean until Pakistani fishermen picked him up and took him to their village.

U.S. consulate officials brought him to Karachi on Thursday. On Friday, Mayo is to fly to Bahrain for a check-up with U.S. military doctors. If deemed fit, Mayo said he hopes to return to his ship, still in the Arabian Sea en route to the Persian Gulf.

Mayo enlisted in the Marines in 1993 and, after boot camp, attended school to become an aircraft hydraulics mechanic. He was assigned to the Marine Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron Three, a group of EA-6B radar jamming planes based in Cherry Point, N.C.

Neatly shaved and wearing civilian clothes, Mayo fidgeted nervously during a press conference at the U.S. Consulate. He briefly described his thoughts as he floated alone at sea.

"What came to mind were all the things I've never done before," he said. "I thought that I would never be able to say goodbye to my parents and to my friends."

Mayo said he swam for "20 hours, maybe 30." Overcome by exhaustion, he put his Marine training to use by tying his pants in a knot and inflating them as a life preserver.

The Pakistani fisherman who found him took him to Gwadar, their remote village close to the Iranian border on the Arabian Sea coast. As soon as he could find someone who spoke English, he called his parents. He said village residents welcomed him as a celebrity.

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Art sleuths continue search for missing masterpiece

GHENT, Belgium (AP) — In 1934, a Belgian stockbroker collapsed from a stroke at a political rally. As he lay dying, he hinted at the whereabouts of a panel from the missing Adoration of the Mystic Lamb, one of the masterpieces of Western art.

"Only I know where the Adoration is," he stammered.

They were his last words.

Sixty-one years later, the hunt for the Jan and Hubert Van Eyck masterpiece is still afoot. The crime has mocked the authorities, eluded divining rods and defied a slew of theories.

Now, equipped with hi-tech tools, art sleuths hope to solve what has been called the perfect theft.

They plan to drill minute holes in the wood paneling of the gothic St. Bavo cathedral in Ghent and insert tiny, laser-guided cameras. The idea is that the masterpiece may be hidden in the same church from which it was stolen in 1934.

Art lovers are raising money for the endeavor with a new exhibition: "The Audacious Theft of the Mystic Lamb."

"There is good hope," said Doreen Gaublomme, one of the exhibit's organizers. She put the chances of finding the panel at 80 percent.

The full painting, 24 panels completed in 1432 after a dozen years of work, is considered the high-point of Flemish Primitive art — a jewel of meticulous detail, vivid color and allegorical meaning. The stolen panel depicts the 10 Just Judges on their way to venerate the Mystic Lamb.

But it is the perfection of the theft as much as the perfection of the art that drew Karel Mortier to the case. The retired Ghent police chief has spent four decades trying to solve the crime, and provided the initiative for the latest effort.

"Arthur Conan Doyle had Sherlock Holmes say, 'I found it because I was looking for it,'" said Mortier, 69, who started his search in 1956. "I may not think about the theft when I wake up in the morning, but when I go to bed, it is on my mind."

The Just Judges panel was stolen along with a lesser panel on April 10, 1934. Soon after, extortion letters sent to the bishop of Ghent demanded 1 million francs — then worth about $33,000. The writer returned the second panel to prove he had the Just Judges.

Authorities refused to pay and 12 more letters followed.

Seven months later came stockbroker Arsene Goedertier's untimely death. After hearing of his mysterious last words, police searched his house and found copies of ransom letters in the study.

They quickly concluded that the stockbroker, acting on his own and out of financial need, had stolen the panel. The case was closed in early 1937.

That wasn't good enough for Mortier.

He discovered that Goedertier suffered from a rare eye disease that made it hard for him to see at night — and almost impossible to have pulled off the theft on his own. Documents also showed that Goedertier was in good shape financially.

Mortier believes the stockbroker must have had at least one accomplice. He also thinks he knows where it is.

In Goedertier's final extortion letter, which was never sent, he wrote: "It is in a place where neither I nor anyone else can recover it without drawing attention."

Mortier theorizes that it would have taken the thieves little time and effort to hide the painting behind the woodwork in the church.

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Lobbying reforms to ban handouts to lawmakers after 'last Christmas'

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WASHINGTON — On Capitol Hill, they're calling this "The Last Christmas."

Each holiday season, lawmakers could anticipate such goodies as wooden barrels full of snacks from RJR Nabisco, bottles of chardonnay wine from the Securities Industry Association and pewter serving plates from the United Transportation Union.

As of Jan. 1, those gifts will be banned in the House.

The birthday cakes that retail giant Sears sends to every member of Congress? Gone.

The annual trips to the Danny Thompson Open in Sun Valley, Idaho, for three days of golf and a grab-bag of clothing and equipment, in the name of charity? Gone, too.

And, beginning in the new year, those armies of expensive lobbyists who have worked Capitol Hill so quietly for years will have to disclose who they work for, what they do and how much they're paid.

All of this comes in reaction to public anger and disgust.

The House, pushed by reform-minded freshmen, has banned most gifts; the Senate has limited them to $50. Both passed a lobbying disclosure law closing gaping loopholes that evaded change for nearly five decades.

Life is certain to change on Capitol Hill. How much remains to be seen.

Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., a backer of the changes, acknowledges "tradition dies slowly."

"We'll have the 'old drinking buddy' phenomenon," Goss predicted. "You invite me out for a beer, and that makes us old drinking buddies. Then I can take you out for dinner.

"Influence peddling is not going to change. Those determined to skirt the rules still will."

Wright Andrews, president of the American League of Lobbyists, says his colleagues are already looking for ways around the new rules.

"Those with the biggest bucks will have even more disproportionate influence," Andrews said.

Special interests could simply use their political action committees to schmooze politicians, calling the expenses "campaign contributions" instead of lobbying expenses. The line between the two already is blurred.

"The world is unfair," Andrews said. "The reality is, any big interest is always going to have more influence than the citizen on the street because it has the interest, it has the money, it has the sophistication."

Still, lawmakers hope they will have mollified a public outraged by TV clips of senators and House members frolicking with lobbyists on all-expense paid trips to the Caribbean.

"Lobbyists' contacts with members will have to take place in a businesslike setting, rather than in an atmosphere of entertainment," said Rep. John Bryant, D-Texas, a leading advocate of both reforms.

"The industry of building personal relationships with members, so the benefit of the doubt will always go your way, will be much more difficult."

One certain victim will be the lunches at Club 116, the members-only haunt where lobbyists secretly hold court just a block from the Hart Senate office building, or at other nearby expense-account eateries such as The Monocle or La Brasserie.

"It's going to be a hell of a hit on the restaurants," Andrews said.

Andrews predicted powerful interests will pour even more money into grass-roots lobbying, which isn't regulated under the new disclosure law — such as using phone banks, advertising and computer-generated mail to solicit public calls and letters to Congress.

And he noted that exemptions for gifts from "personal friends," or for "fact-finding" trips to sunny destinations still can occur.

Supporters of the reforms acknowledge the changes won't work miracles. But on low-profile, day-to-day issues, they say the new rules will change the climate.

"On the midrange issues, ones where there is an economic interest at stake and no pressing public opinion, it will diminish the influence that money has in those areas," Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said.

Reform advocates welcomed the changes, but said more needs to be done.

"Now that the special interests will lose their ability to influence the legislative process in secret, it is time to remove their purchasing power as well" by passing campaign finance reform next year, said Joan Claybrook, president of Public Citizen.

Other lawmakers believe Congress has gone too far.

"It means members aren't going to be able to have a hot dog with somebody," groused Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., who made no secret of his support for charity golf tournaments. "It's going to cut off access with constituents."

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Support Clinton with conditions

President Clinton's decision to commit 20,000 U.S. ground troops to what is being called a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia didn't bring rousing approval from either Congress or the American people. That's entirely understandable with this nation's history of participation in questionable military operations in years' past.

Yet few Americans can fault Clinton for what he is endeavoring to do in Bosnia, namely stop the genocidal-scale slaughter of mainly Muslim Bosnians and the rape and murder of women and children. Anyone with a conscience must ask upon learning that, "Can America realistically stay out of this war?"

The unavoidable answer to that question is no, and thus we are redirected to the question of what the U.S. role in Bosnia should be. Yes, the United States should be involved and while we shudder at the thought of sending our military personnel into what some observers concede will be only a short-term peace, Clinton believes they must be there if the peace agreement initiated in Dayton, Ohio is to have any chance at all of working.

Americans and their elected representatives in Congress should support Clinton in this decision because support for the president sends the message to our troops who will be on the ground in Bosnia that Americans also support their effort there. That is an extremely important point.

In addition, it's important that the U.S. follow through with the initial leadership we exerted at Dayton. We are, after all, the only true super power remaining.

All that said, however, Clinton must be aware that the American people will not support U.S. troops being left there if fighting breaks out again and they become targets of the warring ethnic factions as Marines did in Somalia during the Bush administration. In that regard, Clinton does not have a blank check in Bosnia and he will be held accountable by American voters for what happens there.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

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On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. Adams was eventually declared the winner.

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In 1942, nationwide gasoline rationing went into effect in the United States.

In 1965, an airlift of refugees from Cuba to the United States began in which thousands of Cubans were allowed to leave their homeland.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

JACK ANDERSON

Algeria's chief export may soon be terrorism

WASHINGTON — The greatest threat to American security in 1996 may not come from Iran, Iraq or North Korea. U.S. foreign policy-makers are privately fretting about the North African nation of Algeria.

This potential powderkeg has drawn close attention from U.S. officials after eight recent terrorist bomb blasts in France were linked to Algerian rebels. A total of nine people have been killed and more than 160 have been wounded in France since July.



Anderson

American officials worry that it's just a matter of time before the threats spread to America. These officials also fear that the rise of Islamic radicalism in Algeria will hamper American policy interests in North Africa and the Middle East — where the peace process is still reeling from the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The growing threat of Algerian terrorism should come as no surprise to our readers. We've been warning of this danger as far back as February 1981. Four years ago, we revealed U.S. intelligence reports warning that Iran was trying "to establish Iranian-style Islamic states" in Algeria and other nations that would wreak havoc on the world.

Those predictions have turned out to be all too true. Because of the rise of Islamic radicals — known as "Islamists" — Algeria is locked in a bloody civil war that has taken nearly 40,000 lives since 1992. The war began when the Algerian army forced President Chadli Benjedid out of office and canceled parliamentary elections to prevent the Islamists from seizing power.

While neither side is close to victory, the war has now spilled north into France, Algeria's former colonial master. French authorities believe most of the recent terrorist bombs were planted by Islamic militants in protest of France's ties to Algeria's military government.

No matter how the war is resolved, experts warn, things look bad for American interests. If the war continues to drag on, massive political chaos could destabilize the entire region. If the Algerian military prevails, the Clinton administration will have to deal with a regime that it has openly criticized.

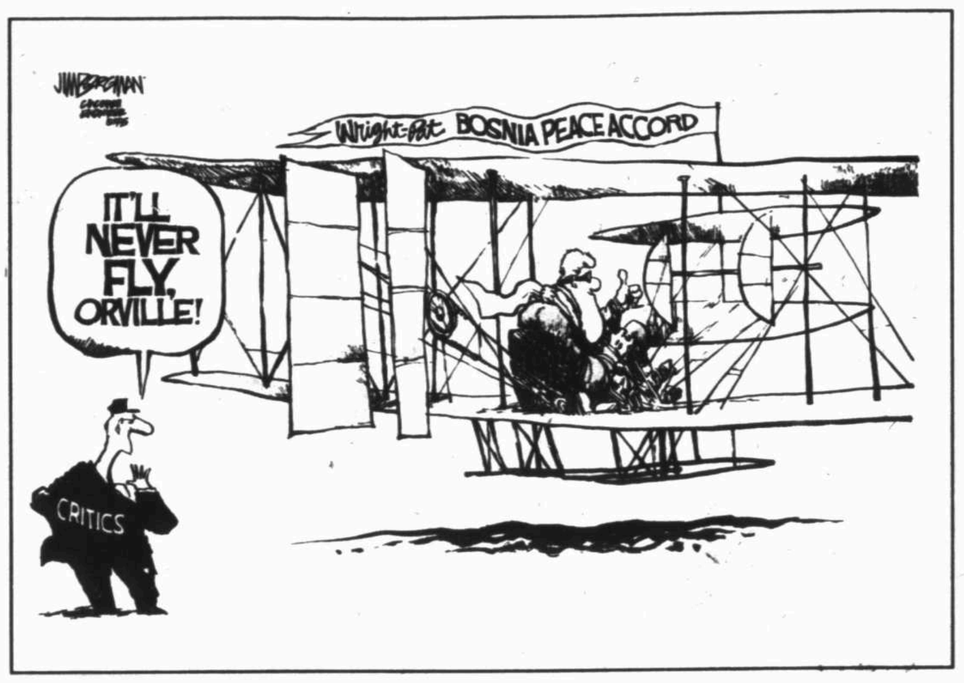
But the worst scenario by far has the Islamic radicals taking over. Should this happen, the Mideast peace effort would come under further assault and America would once again become a target for terrorists.

"The triumph of Muslim militance in Algeria ... would embolden Islamists elsewhere in the Islamic world to redouble their revolutionary efforts, increase subversive pressures on pro-Western secular regimes and encourage further opposition to the Arab-Israeli peace negotiations," one written analysis explains. "In the worst-case scenario, a radical Islamic Algeria could become another Iran — a base for actively exporting anti-Western revolution, terrorism and anarchy."

Clinton advisers believe the political turmoil in Algeria is likely to grow in the coming months, which could draw two American allies — Morocco and Tunisia — into the conflict. That would destabilize NATO's southern flank and damage U.S. military operations in the region.

It would also bring Washington one step closer to the type of indiscriminate violence that's already turned Paris into a battleground.

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RUSSELL BAKER

Economists think statistics, not people tell real story

It's time to give class warfare a chance. The Republicans had me muzzled a long time on this subject, but no more.

"Let the class warfare begin!" is my cry to all who are fed up with outrageously overpaid rock stars and industrial tycoons, with $12 million lunkheads in jockstraps and overgrown boy billionaire egomaniacs from Hollywood.



Baker

And let's not forget investment bankers and Wall Street lawyers drawing down zillions for merger-and-acquisition paperwork. It's time for class warfare on them all.

Let there be class warfare too on the gazillionaires for whom the above-mentioned overpaid flunkeys toil so that great companies may be successfully merged, acquired and ruined and flattering newspaper articles composed to honor these masters of the superbuck way of life.

The Republicans say it is demagogic to complain about this disgusting redistribution of the country's wealth. A few years ago Republicans would have called such discussion "Communistic." A few years ago, however, is ancient history as Americans now measure time, and few can remember the shivers of terror that racked us when someone in that ancient past said "Communistic."

Instead, Republicans now talk of "class warfare." It invites "class warfare," they say, to mention the obvious about the economy; to wit, that while the rich are getting richer and the poor getting poorer, middle-class families now need two incomes just to stand still.

What finally emboldens me to cry out for class warfare is the news that the AT&T Corp. is going to dump 77,800 workers — half its supervisory work force. For people like me, it is a murderous blow to our faith in American capitalism.

For people like me, faith in AT&T was once as unshakable as the faith of our fathers in ages past. Neighbors and relatives who had jobs with "the telephone company" were thought to be blessed. Even people who hated Wall Street owned a few shares of AT&T, if they could afford it.

It was the great corporation as the embodiment of security, dependability, loyalty and competence. It was capitalism as an ideal. It was big business as everyone's friend.

And now — nearly 78,000 workers gone. And managerial workers too. All to be dumped on a labor market offering few hopes for the kind of people accustomed to thinking of life as a steadily upward progress.

It tempts me to shout, like some demented football coach, "Hey! What's happening to America when AT&T dumps on its own people?"

Well, the usual answer is: "Good things are happening to the country, coach. It's just people that bad things are happening to."

The misfortunes of people are what economists dismiss as "anecdotal evidence" about the state of the nation. It is statistics, not people with their irrelevant anecdotal problems, that tell the real story. Which goes like this:

The "downsizing" of the country's work force has been under way for several years, and for sound and excellent reasons. To compete in a world market, American industry must increase productivity, and firing people is one way of doing it. If the economic statistics are right — and sometimes they are — productivity has indeed risen in the United States since the "downsizing" began.

So runs the comfy tale of the statistics. If you are in the market for class warfare, there are other statistics that may sharpen your urge to set up the guillotine. For instance, though productivity has increased, wages have barely risen at all, except among top corporate executives who in some cases have treated themselves to startlingly big paydays, presumably to reward themselves for the agonizing toil of firing so many.

A rash of recent articles on the changing economy deals with the fact that there is a new overclass, of which the C.E.O.'s are only one element. What distinguishes this overclass is that it is raking down money at constantly increasing rates just when most Americans are struggling not to lose ground.

Is the guillotine the proper weapon for dealing with this new aristocracy? Or is it time for the ultimate weapon — a new obscene-income tax?

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

American president should love own people most

For American intervention in Bosnia, President Bill Clinton made out a good Wilsonian case — if you like Wilsonian cases. The Wilson in question is Woodrow, not Pete.

President Thomas Woodrow Wilson, in 1917, enjoined his countrymen to "make the world "safe for democracy." We see how well that turned out. Nevertheless, here is Clinton to invoke, Wilson-like, America's embodiment of "an idea that has become the ideal for billions of people throughout the world" — an idea "about life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."



Murchison

"My fellow Americans," the president continued, "in this new era, there are times when America and America alone can and should make the difference for peace."

"Can," certainly. "Should" — that's where the argument lies. We should because we can, Clinton argues. But that is an exquisitely dangerous claim to make. The United States is a nation, not a philanthropic society. Its national business isn't to run around looking for other nations to save. There will always be plenty of these. For instance, Clinton is already in the process of "saving" Haiti. Now Bosnia. There, we are poised to Do Good by endangering the lives of American military personnel. Bosnia, for better or worse, is now Clinton's War.

It sounds harsh, but these interventions make sense only in terms of what's good for other countries and peoples, not what's good for Americans. The first business of any nation is and always has been looking after its own people: guaranteeing their security and their freedom. It's fine to love the Bosnians and to feel their pain, but an American president should love his own people most of all.

Clinton's speech, though it purports to do so, never made the vital connection between Bosnia's interests and our own. The president spoke of a conflict that, untreated, "could spread like poison throughout the region." But why should it? No one in Europe has a dog in this fight, save the Serbs, Croats and Bosnians (which is one reason why the Europeans have done comparatively little to stop the fight).

The reason we will swallow hard and send troops to Bosnia — a dead certainty, now that our president has promised the world we will do so — is to avoid showing up our president in front of the world. Here lies our national interest, and it isn't edifying to contemplate. Because Clinton never previously had a coherent idea about resolving the conflict, we end up brokering a peace agreement — possibly a good one, possibly not — on whose outcome our national prestige now rides. We send troops now because, when we could, we didn't procure the lifting of the United Nations arms embargo. Thus, the Bosnians fought with one hand tied behind them.

If nothing else, Clinton's conversion from Vietnam peacenik to Bosnian semi-hawk is fun to watch. "We must not turn our backs on Bosnia now," Clinton declares. But, when Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon made similar declarations about South Vietnam, the young Bill Clinton marched in protest, as he said, "against a war I opposed and despised." To avoid assisting such a wicked enterprise, he signed a letter of intent to join ROTC and then reneged on his promise once it became clear he was in no danger of military induction.

Ancient history, goes the murmur, ancient history. Yet, it's not so ancient when the protagonist is the one making ready to send American troops — as he himself said, quoting John Paul Jones without attribution — "in harm's way."

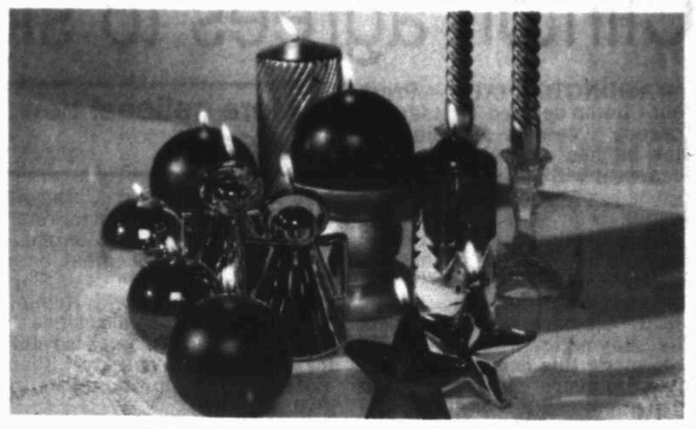
At the center of this whole nutty drama we find not just the local nuts but also that oddity, an American commander in chief barely aware of how to command and when — a president full of Wilsonian babble about American ideals but unable to articulate a consistent strategy for giving proper effect to those ideals.

The Bosnian thing may not end too badly, provided the local nuts are as exhausted as they look. What next, even so? When do we stop and think — really think — about the things America should be doing and not doing, and why, and how? One can take an educated guess: About a week after Bill Clinton leaves the White House.

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Clinton agrees to sign defense spending bill despite high cost

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton decided Thursday to approve a defense spending bill that he has said is too costly because it will provide the money to send troops and other support to Bosnia.

"This legislation is vital to fund our national defense so that the United States remains the strongest force for peace in the world," Clinton said in a statement Thursday night.

"I made this decision because my administration has reached agreement with congressional leaders to provide funding, out of the funds contained in this bill, for the troop deployment and other efforts to secure peace in Bosnia."

Clinton repeated his strong reservations about the bill, which he said contains "excessive spending for projects that are not currently needed for defense."

"I will forward to Congress rescission legislation that would eliminate funding for those projects, and I urge Congress to act on it," he said.

Clinton could not actually sign the defense bill because it was in Washington and he was in Northern Ireland, said a White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "But had he been here, he would have signed it," the official said. The legislation therefore would become law at midnight.

Clinton's announcement came hours after budget talks on Capitol Hill broke down, with Republicans saying they would not give the president what he wanted in return for his signature, namely, billions of dollars extra for domestic programs.

"The decision I am making tonight is consistent with our understanding that these discussions will continue with the goal of reaching a satisfactory conclusion as rapidly as possible," Clinton said.

One administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said talks with congressional Republicans might continue Friday on the remaining domestic spending bills.

Instead of giving Clinton the money he wants for domestic programs, GOP leaders said they would consider easing planned cuts in education, job training and other administration domestic initiatives only after the two sides strike a budget-balancing deal.

"You can't divorce the two," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. "It's all the budget."

The GOP strategy further complicated an enormously tangled decision for the president, who was traveling in Northern Ireland. Clinton was worried that vetoing the Pentagon spending measure might jeopardize Republican support for his plan to send a 20,000-troop U.S. peacekeeping force to Bosnia.

The $243 billion defense bill contains $7 billion more than Clinton wants, mostly for weapons programs. The president had until midnight Thursday to veto the bill or sign it, or it would become law automatically.

As he pondered his decision, bipartisan budget negotiators broke off talks until Monday, with each side accusing the other of not bargaining seriously. The negotiations, which began Tuesday, are aimed at finding a compromise plan for balancing the budget by 2002.

As they stalked out of their Capitol meeting room, Republicans said Clinton had not yet proposed a true balanced budget, and Democrats said the GOP was refusing to discuss the impact on the public of their plans to carve savings from Medicare, Medicaid and other social programs.

"It probably understates it to say this is off to a rocky start," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., one of the bargainers.

A senior administration official agreed, accusing Republicans of deliberately "blowing up" the session.

"I think these guys aren't ready to negotiate," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "They clearly made a decision before the meeting began that they didn't want to have any real negotiations before next week."

Republicans see linking the budget talks to the administration's desire for extra domestic money as a way to pressure the president to take the budget bargaining seriously.

"He s looking for cooperation in many areas these days, and we'd like to see a two-way street," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan. "We're talking about the budget, we're talking about appropriations, we're talking about Bosnia, we're talking about a whole host of things."

The White House fired back that the administration was not the obstacle to reaching an agreement for eliminating federal deficits.

"The key to an agreement is the willingness of the Republican leadership to adequately protect the president's priorities," Vice President Al Gore told reporters. He referred to administration demands that Medicare, Medicaid, education and other programs be protected from excessive cuts.

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Credit counselors offer holiday tips

Consumer Credit Counseling Service advises budgeting, credit-card caution

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

Shopping on a budget during the holidays needn't be a hassle if you prepare yourself ahead of time, according to counselors at Consumer Credit Counseling Service.

"You don't want to still be paying for Christmas 1995 in the year 2001," said CCCS Counselor Martha Norris.

Ms. Norris said people should not rely on credit cards for their holiday expenses because credit should not be used as a source of income, but as a convenience.

Credit cards should be paid off every three months, Ms. Norris said. The reason is that most expenses occur every three months — Christmas, then spring expenses, then vacation and finally, school clothes, she said.

She said that when a budget for shopping is established, it's easier to overspend when using checks. Additionally, if checks are overdrawn, presents can cost twice as much with the fees.

CCCS counselors say people who have not formulated a sensible plan for their holiday spending are the most likely to have serious debt problems after the New Year. Now is the time to begin executing their strategies.

The first step — which should have been done a few months ago, she said — includes establishing a budget and spending plan, saving cash for purchases, reducing reliance on credit and having a plan for repaying the debt.

The next step is working the plan.

By establishing and utilizing a workable budget and spending plan and following strict guidelines for shopping and other expenses, consumers may achieve a more enjoyable holiday season free from worries of credit and debt problems due to overspending, counselors said.

The key to follow a budget is to avoid impulse shopping, Ms. Norris said.

"Impulse purchases are a bad deal," Ms. Norris said. "It's best not to get caught up in the holiday season and forget your finances."

CCCS suggests the following tips for consumers to avoid financial problems during the holidays:

- Review the budget to make sure it's still reasonable.
- Prioritize how much to spend on gifts for each person. Explore cost-saving alternatives such as making gifts, giving homemade baked goods or even donating a small amount to charity in someone's name. Suggest new family traditions that help with expenses, such as drawing names or setting spending limits.
- Start shopping early; take advantage of layaway.
- Finalize travel plans and budget accordingly.

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FRIDAY DAY WATCH

Cozy log cabin

A "cozy log cabin" playhouse will be on display outside Wal-Mart Saturday as part of the Playhouse Special Event fund-raiser for Centers for Children and Families. Four other playhouses can be seen at Midland Park Mall and the sixth is on display at Builders Square. For a $3 donation, shopppers will have an opportunity to win the playhouse of their choice on Dec. 17. For more information call 699-4262.

Children's show

The Magic of Christmas Children's Show is set for 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Yucca Theatre. The show, sponsored by the Midland Suburban Lions Show, features Dal Sanders and other magicians. Tickets, $10 for a family of five, are available by calling 684-7233. Proceeds will benefit Lions community projects.

Show planed

ODESSA — Odessa's Brand New Opree presents on stage "A Homecoming Christmas" at The Globe Theatre, 2308 Shakespeare Road, 8 p.m. Saturday. Tickets for the show are $6 reserved, $4 open seating. For more information and advance tickets call 332-1586.

Texas Exes

The Midland Chapter of the University of Texas Exes has set a "Game Watch" 2:30 p.m. Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave., for the game between the University of Texas and Texas A&M.

Open House

STANTON — Stanton Care Center, 1100 W. Broadway, is hosting an open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. Dec. 10. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be the featured guests. Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.From Staff Reports

World AIDS Day will be observed 7 p.m. today at the chapel of First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.

The observance will include music, singing, worship and a presentation of quilt panels made in remembrance of local people who have died because of AIDS. A candle-lighting ceremony will honor those who are living with AIDS or HIV.

Local family members will speak in remembrance of loved ones. Midland Mayor Bobby Burns is also to be a featured speaker.

The event is sponsored by Midland AIDS Area Support Inc.

The public is invited to attend.

Midland will join 199 countries around the world in observing World AIDS Day. Communities throughout the United States will dim lights as a visual demonstration of the commitment to the fight against AIDS. The White House lights will be dimmed 15 minutes during the evening in honor of the event.

Board selection

Midlander Earl Erdmann has been appointed to the Texas Radiation Advisory Board by Gov. George W. Bush. As part of the 18-member board, Erdmann, regional salesman with Apollo Perforators, will advise the Texas Department of Health on radiation matters — use of radioactive materials, safety factors and disposal of the materials. His term will expire in the year 2001.

Art Show

Folger Galleries will host its 12th annual Christmas Art Show Saturday. On display will be works in oils, watercolors and bronze sculptures. The public is invited. For more information call 683-3778.

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Auto accident kills pedestrian

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff writer

An 83-year-old Midland man was fatally injured Thursday when he was struck by a van on Rankin Highway south of Midland as he attempted to cross the roadway, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Pascual Betancourt, who suffered a broken neck and internal and head injuries, died at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

The accident occurred at 10:42 a.m. at County Road 114 and Rankin Highway in front of the Texas Ranch House Restaurant.

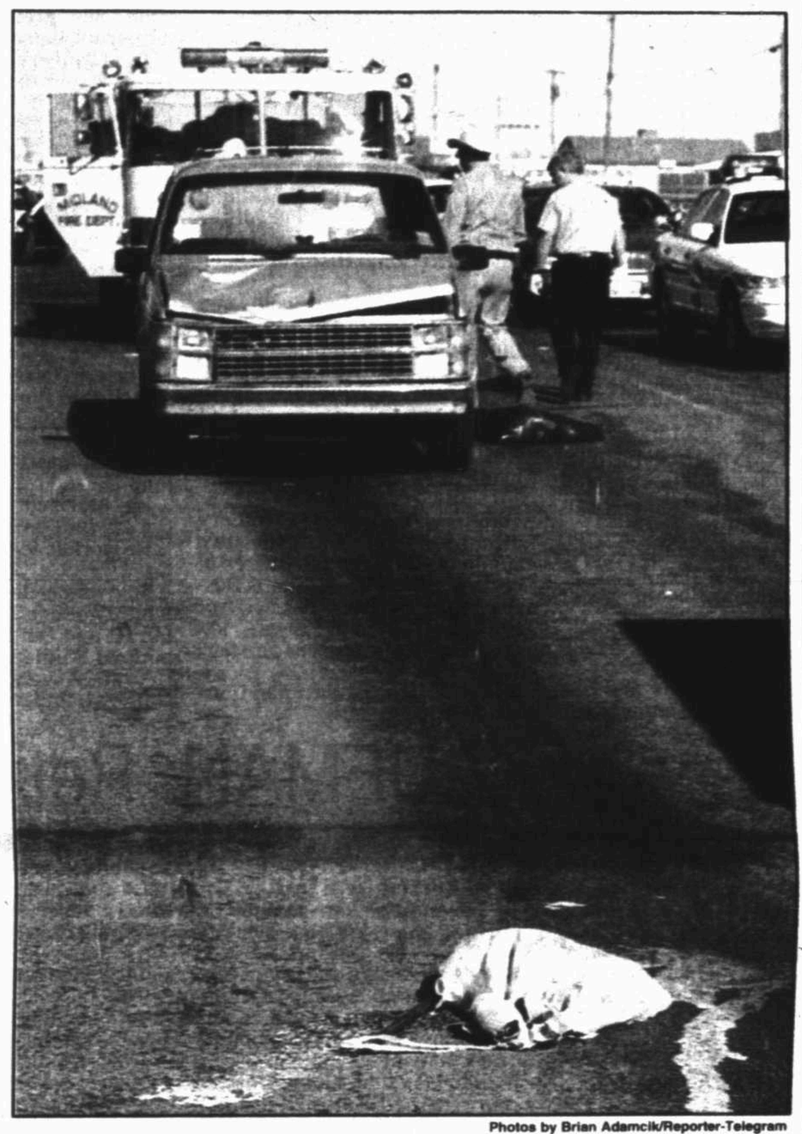
The man was hit by a southbound van driven by 16-year-old Rebecka Washburn. DPS Trooper Jim Swain said the speed limit through the area is 55 mph, and he had no reason to believe the girl was negligent.

The trooper said that a witness in the car behind Ms. Washburn told officers that Ms. Washburn was driving appropriately when Betancourt stepped into her lane of traffic.

He was walking east to west across Rankin Highway. A witness said Betancourt was in the turning lane when, at the last minute, he tried to beat the vehicle across the street.

Swain speculated that Betancourt may have been carried on the van's hood for some 40 feet before Ms. Washburn was able to stop the vehicle. Skid marks indicated she tried to stop but was unable to do so.

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Photos by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

A pack belonging to Pascual Betancourt, who was struck by a vehicle while crossing Rankin Highway, lies in the roadway after he was transported to Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Thursday.

Kaufman to run against Painter for sheriff's spot

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Mike Kaufman, a retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, on Thursday announced his candidacy for the Republican Party's nomination for sheriff of Midland County on a platform of enhancing public safety, establishing "solid financial controls," and developing a "spirit of cooperation between the Sheriff's Office and other city and county agencies."



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Mike Kaufman has announced his intention to run on the GOP ticket against Sheriff Gary Painter.

Kaufman, 44, and his family moved to Midland in 1993 following his retirement and joined his brother, Bob Kaufman, a certified public accountant, in the Kaufman Financial Group.

"I will work to mend the fences with the County Commissioners' Court and avoid wasting even more taxpayer dollars on lawsuits between our county officials," Kaufman said in a press conference at Centennial Plaza.

As sheriff, Kaufman said he would "seek out and listen to good ideas coming from any quarter" and would "not work in an isolated empire."

Kaufman will be pitted against 48-year-old Gary Painter, who has been sheriff since 1985, in the March 12 primary elections.

The sheriff, who draws a $45,000-a-year salary, manages a $6 million budget and directs a staff of 156, including 106 jail-

Please see **KAUFMAN**/2B

Pecan show to start Sunday

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

West Texas pecan fanciers will have a prime opportunity to examine and perhaps savor, the best kernels from the 1995 pecan crops in Midland, Ector, Glasscock and Upton counties in the 18th annual Pecan Show and Food Competition at Kingsway Center Sunday through Tuesday.

The show's pecan selections will be choice among an abundance in a heavy-crop year.

"The quantity is up, but the quality is down," said Morris "Dave" Davis, former president of the Midland Pecan Growers Association. "The trees are overloaded."

Each entry, which is by variety, is to include 40 to 42 unshelled nuts, which may include such varieties as Western — the most common — and Wichita, Burkett, Kiowa, Comanche, Podsednik, Sioux, Squirrel's Delight, Stuart, Mohawk, Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Grazona.

Of the estimated 30,000 pecan trees in Midland County, approximately 10,000 are planted within the city limits.

"Some varieties vary in quality from year to year," said Boyd Reece, who is president of the Midland Pecan Growers Association. "They are cyclic. They are very unpredictable" year to year.

Reece said his main delight in growing pecans, other than eating them, is in "seeing them open," as the shuck peels from the pecan.

Davis said caring for pecan trees is a challenge.

"It gets you on your knees, literally," in working and in thanksgiving, Reece said.

Claude Reames, who is vice president of the pecan association, said this year "I've got more pecans than I've ever had and maybe one in a hundred is usable," meaning marketable as whole, shelled pecans. The bulk would be used in foods as chopped pecans.

Cleaned, shucked, but unpolished pecan entries may be dropped off before 5 p.m. Saturday at the homes of Charles Green, 3915 Cottonflat Road; Boyd Reece, 2010 Rankin Highway; Howard Scott, 3232 Cimmaron Drive; Claude Reames, 2601 Cessna Drive; Dave Davis, 3012 Whittleway, or Art and Marge Shaw at 408 E. County Road 127.

Entries also may be taken to the Texas Agricultural Extension Service offices in Midland, Odessa, Garden City and Rankin

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Curt Wilcott/ Reporter-Telegram

Midland Pecan Growers president Boyd Reece shakes pecans loose from one of his trees. The pecan growers association is getting ready for an upcoming pecan show.
Boyd Reece holds two varieties of pecans grown locally — the world's largest pecan, the Podsednek, left, and the more traditional Western pecan.

Local college scholarship to get boost from brewer: Coors Co. to share in profits

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

The local campaign will coincide with Coors Brewing Company's national literacy campaign promoted by super lightweight champion Juilo Cesar Chavez.

A local college scholarship program will get a boost from the sale of Coors Light this holiday season.

"Through the month of December, they will contribute 10 cents of every case of their product sold in Midland County," said Roger Robles, president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce-founded Educational Development Foundation.

The local campaign will coincide with Coors Brewing Co.'s national literacy campaign promoted by super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez.

"I'm projecting we'll do a minimum of $5,000 in scholarships by the end of December," said Tony Valadez, president and general manager of Permian Distributing Co.

The non-profit Educational Development Foundation — founded in 1987 — awarded about $8,000 in scholarships last year.

"The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Educational Development Foundation has been one of the leading organizations in Midland in making sure that our adults of today and the youth of our future are given opportunity to achieve their educational needs through the scholarships they award," said Charlene Romero-Wurtz, executive director of the Hispanic Chamber.

Dollars raised this December will be awarded next year to high school students going to college and adults continuing their education. "These scholarships will be available to everyone" in Midland County, Robles said.

Money raised for the foundation also includes an annual all-male fashion show fund-raiser, set for February, and private and corporate donations.

The literacy theme will also be part of a Christmas business mixer hosted by the Hispanic Chamber 5:30-7:30 p.m. Dec. 21 at Venezia Restaurant. Admission will be a wrapped book for kindergartners through sixth grade. The books will be donated to Crockett Elementary School.

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POLICE REPORTS

Wednesday

Robbery: Cash and checks were taken from Kentucky Fried Chicken, 1814 N. Midland Drive, by an armed man, it was reported at 9:02 a.m. Person fleeing with the money was described as a black male, 20-30 years old, 6 feet, to 6, feet 2 inches tall, slender build with moustache and light complexion.

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Vandalism: Damage to driver's side window of a vehicle at 3125 Delano Ave. was reported by Linda Wells at 7:40 p.m.

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Vandalism: Juveniles were throwing rocks at three vehicles parked at 505 W. Parker Ave., it was reported at 8:40 p.m.

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Vandalism: Grafitti was painted on a fence behind Best Buy, 2511 W. Loop 250. It was reported at 10:12 p.m. Two juveniles were apprehended and taken to Culver Youth home.

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Thursday

Vandalism: Passenger side window was broken out of a vehicle at 407 Waverly Drive. It was reported by Jean Cleavenger at 7:40 a.m.

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Burglary of a vehicle: Window ws broken and stereo taken from a vehicle at 4200 W. Wall St. It was reported by Wiley Meador at 8 a.m.

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Vandalism: Glass was broken out of a vehicle camper shell at 501 Beckley Drive. It was reported by Howard Williams at 8:03 a.m.

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Vandalism: Grafitti was painted on a fence at 4411 Lanham St. It was reported by a Mrs. Summers at 10:14 a.m.

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Burglary of a residence: Residence at 2612 Cessna Drive was ransacked. Front door was left open. It was reported by Janel Holcomb at 12:31 p.m.

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

Officer witnesses drive-by shooting

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

A drive-by shooting in westside Midland about 8 p.m. Thursday resulted in the wounding of a 16-year-old Hispanic youth and the near miss of two innocent bystanders.

"Just by the grace of God, the innocent could have easily been victims," said Midland Police Department Sgt. David Garcia.

In an apparent exchange of gunfire within sight of a police officer and his cruiser, the youth was struck in the right calf by gunfire from a passing car.

Possibly returned gunfire from a band of Hispanic teen-agers, including the 16-year-old injured boy, struck a house across the street and barely missed two women, ages 69 and 44, Garcia said.

"It's a pretty serious matter," Garcia said.

The officer was directly across the street, at 3804 Thompson Drive, from where the youth was shot when the officer heard a dozen or more firearm reports that sounded liked fireworks blasting, Garcia said.

"He (the officer) sees several individuals across the street, and everybody was scrambling," Garcia said.

The officer had been advising another person of his or her rights, Garcia said.

Following the shooting, police officers were trying to determine where the other bullets went and the motive behind the apparent exchange of gunfire.

"Everything was in disarray," Garcia said. "By the grace of God," he said again, "innocent bystanders didn't get shot."

Following the shooting, police officers found a firearm or firearms in another car and are investigating any connection to the shooting.

The wounded youth was being treated at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Thursday night. His wound was not life-threatening, Garcia said.

Monthly Gospel Jubilees set for 7p.m.

From Staff Reports

Gospel Jubilee is set for 7 p.m.-9 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the Midland Suburban Lions Club building, 2550 Flynt Ave.

The event is for those who like to sing, play or hear gospel music.

Tickets are $1 to receive door prizes; otherwise admission is free. Barbecue sandwiches, soft drinks, tea, coffee and desserts will be sold.

For more information, call Pat Merritt at 682-9844 or Leonard Hanson at 684-7233.

African Children's Chior to perform

From Staff Reports

The African Children's Choir will present a free concert at Christian Church of Midland, 2608 Neely 7 p.m. today

They perform a wide variety of songs, including gospel tunes, children's songs and traditional African melodies.

The African Children's Choir is a group of children, ages 5 through 12, selected from among especially needy orphans and destitute children from East Africa.

They were honored in 1992 with a Grammy Award nomination in the category of "Best Gospel Choir."

PECAN: Anual show opens this weekend

(From 1B)

before 4 p.m. today.

The show's pecan-laced foods are in the following categories: appetizers, breads, cakes, candies, cookies, and pies. Divisions are youth, junior and adult.

Foods are to be brought to Kingsway Center between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday and between 7 a.m. and 9 a.m. Monday for judging, which starts at 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Entries are to include two copies of each entry's recipe and 3-by-5-inch cards bearing the cook's name, address, telephone number, division and category.

The pecan growers association and Midland and Ector counties Texas Agricultural Extension Service offices are sponsoring the show.

ACCIDENT: Van collides with pedestrian

(From 1B)

As the ambulance left the scene, Betancourt's hat, sunglasses, a shoe and a glove were scattered around the van. A garbage sack full of cans and a knapsack containing milk were also left at the scene.

People at nearby businesses said Betancourt roamed the area collecting aluminum cans, a trooper said.

Crisis Intervention Unit volunteers were called to the scene to console Ms. Washburn. She was visibly shaken and crying following the accident.

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Jacob Williams III

Services for Jacob Lory "Jake" Williams III are to be 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Ann's Catholic Church with the Rev. Fred Nawarskas officiating. Rosary will be recited 7:30 p.m. today at Ellis Funeral Home. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.


Williams

Williams died Monday at a local hospital following a brief illness.

He was born Nov. 7, 1920, in Milford, Iowa, where he was raised and educated.

He graduated from Iowa State University at Ames with a bachelor's degree in geology. He completed his graduate studies at the University of Oklahoma.

He served on the staff of Gen. Douglas MacArthur during World War II and completed tours of duty in the Philippines and Japan.

He married Angela C. Peters on Sept. 21, 1947, in Midland.

He was an exploration geologist for Phillips Petroleum Co.

Williams was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, West Texas Geological Society, the Midland Genealogy Society — for which he served as president — Midland Historical Society, Friends of the Library, Historical Society of England and National Historical Society.

He was active in Boy Scouts and tutored students for Graduate Equivalency Diploma tests. He served on the founding committee of the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum — Library & Hall of Fame.

Survivors include by his wife, Angela C. Peters Williams of Midland; two sons,Stephen L. Williams of Waco and Jacob Lory Williams IV of Midland; two daughters, Kathryn Buckberry of Lubbock, and Mary Williams Busby of Austin; a sister, Pat Leigh of Arrowhead Beach, Iowa; six grandchildren, six nieces and four nephews.

In lieu of flowers, any donations may be made to Friends of Midland Librarye P. O. Box 1191; Midland, Texas, 79702.

Richard Earl

Memorial services for Richard" Dick" Earl have been set for 3 p.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Art Oeastman officiating.

Earl died Wednesday at his Midland residence.

He was born on Feb. 27, 1935, in Borger. He was raised and educated in Stockton, Kan.

He married Frances Kay McCord in Kansas in 1955.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Earl worked for Rock Island Railroad in Illinois for 11 years as an engineer.

He worked at Midland Memorial Hospital for eight years. In 1991, he and his wife began their own business, Kaylee Courier Service of Midland.

Survivors include his wife of Midland; a son, James Earl of Midland; two daughters: Patricia Christy and Cynthia Walker, both of Midland; a brother, Lester Earl of San Antonio; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be sent to the Kelsey Logan Angel Fund, P. O. Box 5072, Midland, Texas, 79704.

Leonard Washington

Services for Leonard Washington Jr., 50, are to be 1 p.m. Saturday at Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church with the Rev. Raph Mills officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

Washington died Nov. 22 at a Houston hospital.

He was born Oct. 22, 1945, in Midland.

He married Mary Cherry on Oct.22, 1993, in Midland.

He worked for Newton Trucking Co.

Suvivors include his wife of Midland; two sons, Leonard Washington III and Demarcus Chambers, both of Midland; two brothers, George Woodbury and Leonard Dale Washington, both of Midland; five sisters, Erma Woodbury, Evelyn Johnson, JoAnn Washington, Carolyn Garnett and Janice Washignton, all of Midland; and several nieces and nephews.

Delia Cazares

STANTON — Services for Delia Saenz Cazares, 57, are to be 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Terence Brenon officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home. Rosary will be recited 8 p.m. today at the church.

Mrs. Cazares died Thurday at a Stanton hospital after a lengthy illness.

She was born March 16, 1938, in Garcenio.

She lived in Stanton for 30 years.

She married Jose Cazares on July 18, 1959, in Stanton.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband of Stanton; four sons, Ruben Cazares, Andres Cazares and Jose Luis Cazares, all of Stanton, and John Raymond Cazares of Midland; three daughters, Guadalupe Cazares, Micaela Cazares and Paula Cazares Villa, all of Stanton; three sisters, Celia Saenz Clarke of Freer, Rosa Rubio of Caldwell and Eliay Rodriquez of Stanton; three brothers, Juan Saenz, Adan aenz and Rogelio Saenz, all of Stanton; and five grandchildren.

Eva Acosta

KERMIT — Services for Eva Urias Acosta, 73, are to be 2 p.m. today at Cooper Funeral Home Chapel with Carlos Dominguez and Natividad Montoya officiating. Burial will follow at Kermit Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home.

Mrs. Acosta died Tuesday at a Midland hospital.

She was born March 20, 1922, in Redford.

She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, a brother, Ramon J. Urias, and a sister, Josefa U. Montoya.

Survivors include three daughters, Lydia Carlson of Eugene, Ore., Nellie O. Murray of Alpine and Amparo Saenz of Kermit; a son, Carmen U. Orozco of Atoka, Okla.; two sisters, Celia Catano of Marfa and Maria U. Dominguez of Kermit; three brothers, Livorio Catano of Marfa, Bernabe Urias of Artesia, N.M., and Jesus Urias of Kermit; 11 grandchilden and eight great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers are to be her grandchildren.

Arrie Drake

ROSCOE — Services for former Midlander Arrie M. Drake of Roscoe are to be 2 p.m. Saturday at McCoy Chapel of Memories in Roscoe with Phil Collard officiating. Burial will follow at Garden of Memories in Sweetwater under the direction of McCoy Chapel of Memories.

Mrs. Drake died Wednesday in Goldthwaite.

She was born Feb. 22, 1909, in Oklahoma.

She married Frank Edgar Drake in 1927 in Sweetwater.

She moved to Roscoe in 1971 from Midland. She was a member of Roscoe Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband on June 14, 1992, and a son, W.L. Drake in 1979.

Survivors include two daughters, JoAnn Moore and Frankie Blair, both of Comanche; a son, Robert E. Drake of Roscoe; three brothers, Robert Jennings of Farmington, N.M., T.W. Jennings of Old Glory and Ralph Jennings of Stinnett; 13 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Joyce LaNelle

Services for Joyce LaNelle (Peddy) Murphree of Midland have been set for 11 a.m. today at Crestview Baptist Church with the Rev. Marlin Hawkins of Council Road Baptist Church in Oklahoma City officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Murphree died Tuesday at a local hospital.

Pallbearers are to Fred Neal, Bill Bynum, Frank Wolfe, Charles Hedges, Bill Thompson and J.W. Hunter.

KAUFMAN: Retired pilot challenges sheriff

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related workers.

In seeking the four-year term, Kaufman said his top priority would be to "maintain and enhance the safety and security of the residents of Midland County just as I dedicated myself during my military career to the safety and security of our nation."

While he cited his leadership experience and ability, Kaufman, who is a 1973 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, noted that "obviously my background is not in law enforcement."

However, Kaufman said that as sheriff, he would undergo law-enforcement training as prescribed by the Texas Constitution.

"But the Sheriff's Office already has many talented law-enforcement officers who are doing a great job," Kaufman said. "I will continue to use their talents, and I will add my administrative ability to help our Sheriff's Office reach its full potential."

In that role, Kaufman said he would "work in close coordination with the Midland Police Department to enhance our combined capability and avoid overlapping activities, which can defeat our efforts, waste our taxpayer dollars on duplication costs, and even create dangerous situations for law-enforcement officers."

The lack of such cooperation "can be beneficial only to the lawbreakers," he said.

However, a coordinated effort between the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department "cannot help but strengthen our crime-fighting capability, secure the safety and property of our residents, and reduce costs to our taxpayers."

In addressing conflicts between the Sheriff's Office and the five-member Commissioners' Court, Kaufman acknowledged that "disagreements between government agencies are to be expected and naturally arise from our system of checks and balances."

Even so, those disagreements "can and should be worked out cooperatively for the common good of our residents. Lawsuits between our government agencies make losers of us all."

Kaufman said he would seek to "avoid the annual cost overruns that plagued the Sheriff's Office" from 1985 through 1994.

Kaufman said his financial controls would "reduce budgetary inflation and bring our expenses in line with other West Texas counties of comparable size and population."

Furthermore, those controls would help to "reduce the budget strain on our county and lower pressures to either raise taxes on our residents, who are already paying more than enough, or curtail other county services," including those of the Veterans Service Office.

Declaring himself a "fiscal conservative," Kaufman reasoned that Midland County "deserves to have a fiscal conservative in charge of one-third of its tax dollars."

The county's annual budget is $18 million.

Kaufman, who was born and raised in Kansas, has a bachelor's degree in history and a master's degree in political science. He logged more than 3,600 hours as a command pilot in fighter and trainer aircraft, piloted the F-15 Eagle supersonic jet fighter in the Persian Gulf War, and has experience in operations, budgeting, planning, scheduling, and training. He retired from the Air Force with the rank of lieutenant colonel.

An ordained Southern Baptist deacon, Kaufman described himself as a "dedicated Christian businessman" and family man.

As sheriff, Kaufman said he would offer taxpayers "the prospects of more efficient and more effective law enforcement while also respecting and protecting the rights of our citizens and elected officials."

Kaufman said "it is possible to be financially responsible and, at the same time, increase our ability to fight crime and to maintain the security of our homes and families through cooperative teamwork.

The bottom line is to achieve those goals "with integrity, competence, and service," he said.

CREDIT: Holiday tips can save money all year

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Ms. Norris said early shoppers — who already have gifts wrapped and under the tree — should add up what they spent and measure that by the gifts and determine if they were worth it.

"I'm the kind of person if I buy gifts ahead of time like that, then I'll buy something extra or I won't like the present when the holidays come around," Ms. Norris said.

She said a smart thing to do is to figure out how much is spent for gifts, travel, food or other holiday expenses, then set up a budget for the next Christmas and start putting that money away like a "Christmas Club."

A recent trend toward a more natural and healthy lifestyle can also lead to more cost-conscious gift-giving, Ms. Norris said.

She suggested that instead of giving fudge to friends and neighbors, present nine-bean soup — it's not only healthier, but less time-consuming and expensive to make.

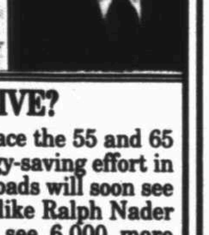
For children, make homemade gifts like bird-feeders made of pine cones and peanut butter and birdseed.

"These are gifts of love, made from the heart," she said. "People who love you don't want you to go in debt."

Another consideration in gift-giving may be to purchase all-cotton clothing that can be worn year-round in West Texas rather than a more-expensive all-wool sweater that can only be worn here for a month or two.

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So, what's the potential outcome? Just how fast can I drive and still get by with it? Some folks drive 70 and more now, and ignore laws. In Montana, they have declared there will be no speed limit! Will logic and reason fill the gap?

For Christians, it's clear. God says in I Corinthians 6:12 about life's decisions, "everything is permissible for me, but not everything is beneficial." If traffic is heavy, road is wet and slick, logic says "slow down." Too, that 2 ton thing I'm driving might hurt someone else! So, I apply the Golden Rule and say, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Yep, I can still drive as fast as I want, or as fast as the vehicle will travel. Question is, "is it beneficial?" Yes, God, I hear you. I do care about others and their lives. So, I'll decide based on God's logic and reason...not the road sign!

GOP to hold primary elections in all Texas counties

AUSTIN (NYT) — For the first time, the Texas Republican Party will conduct primary elections in all 254 counties next year, officials say.

The achievement caps the buildup of a party that as recently as the mid-1960s had no primaries and virtually no elected county officials in the Lone Star State.

Party officials have quipped that, in that era, their state conventions could have been held in a phone booth.

GOP officials plan to announce their milestone at the State Republican Executive Committee meeting in Austin on Saturday but disclosed it to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in response to an inquiry.

"As far as I know, this is it," said GOP organization director Mary Ann Collins in Dallas, after ascertaining that Republicans in King County, which has 367 residents including 224 registered voters, agreed to conduct their first primary.

"There have been many, many people to show an interest in the Republican Party. It's just a matter of it working its way out this far," said Stephanie Daniels of the 3/86666 Ranch in King County in Northwest Texas, who will conduct the GOP election if candidates sign up to run. "We're all pretty conservative out in this neck of the woods and it just stands to reason that we should be Republicans."

Republicans in adjacent Cottle County had already agreed to run their first primary. Cottle and King were the last two counties that have never had a GOP primary, Collins said.

As a result of reaching the plateau, Republicans hope to make unprecedented gains in the 1996 general election, especially in countywide races. Party officials said there will be fewer unopposed Democrats and more competition to carry the GOP banner.

Texas Democratic Party Executive Director Ed Martin downplayed the significance of the GOP expansion, saying his party usually has primaries in all 254 counties.

"For some people, being a statewide party is news. For us, it's not," Martin said. "In this case, a grassroots movement means you get one person to accept filings. They've finally removed one horrible source of embarrassment, if this in fact happens."

State GOP Chairman Tom Pauken said the party inadvertently discouraged county-level organization by focusing on statewide candidacies.

"For a number of years, our party emphasized the sexy races at the top of the ballot like the president's race and senatorial races," he said. "Clearly what is happening is we're building up a Republican infrastructure at the grassroots level across the state."

Allen Saxe, an associate professor of political science at the University of Texas at Arlington, said the growth of GOP primaries "shows how irrelevant political parties have become." He theorized that many of the GOP primaries will serve to keep several party-switching former Democrats in office.

"The Republican Party is really on the move. There is no question about it. I don't think they're going to take over the Legislature, but they're certainly within striking distance," he said. "It's being driven by a very strong ideological split about the nature of government."

GOP strategist Karl Rove said the development is reflected not only in the record number of counties holding GOP primaries, but also in the possible record number of GOP candidates. Party officials expect about a 20 percent increase in GOP candidates.

To secure a position on primary ballots, candidates in both major parties will be filing for office between Dec. 3 and Jan. 2.

"A lot more people are talking about running as Republicans in places where we've never had candidates before, and we're going to have more primaries than ever before, especially for county offices," Rove said.

He said it is "ironic" 3/8that the top of the GOP primary ballot won't be as heavily populated as usual. Nearly all the Republicans elected statewide have scared off formidable opponents, Rove said.

He called the changes a continuation of a broad realignment of conservative Democrats into the GOP. Areas of significant gain for the GOP include the Texas Hill Country, West Central Texas and counties near urban areas and along the Red River.

Also benefiting the GOP is that President Clinton tops the Democratic side of the 1996 ballot, Rove said.

"That's driving a lot of it. The perception is that he's not going to do well in Texas.... Local Democrats are scared to death because they see Bill Clinton at the top of the ticket," Rove said.

Political consultant Bryan Eppstein called the GOP milestone a "good symbolism."

Many voters have been voting Democratic in the primaries and Republican in the general elections for years, Eppstein said. That some are willing to vote entirely Republican is significant, he said.

"There is a lot of activity afoot with the momentum of the Republican Party, and where I see the biggest momentum is in the rural areas," he said.

Tarrant County has been a Republican stronghold for the last two election cycles. The GOP controls most of the offices elected countywide, including those of sheriff, district attorney, district and county clerks. and tax assessor-collector. The Tarrant County judiciary is largely Republican.

As a result, most of the contested primaries in Tarrant will be in the GOP.

The Republican rise began in the 1960s in the wake of the 1961 election of John Tower to the U.S. Senate seat vacated by Lyndon B. Johnson when he became vice president. Tower, who died in a 1991 plane crash in Georgia, was the first Republican senator elected in Texas since 1875.

Texas drivers encouraged to obey speed limits during transition

Huston seeks to keep 55 m.p.h. limit in town

HOUSTON (AP) — Officials plan to put the brakes on motorists' hopes for 70 mph speed limits within the Houston city limits.

A plan that allows the speed limit to be increased to 70 mph on some parts of interstate highways, divided four-lane roads and larger divided roads was approved 2-0 Thursday by the Texas Transportation Commission,

But Houston traffic experts have recommended this week a speed limit of 55 mph inside Sam Houston Parkway, which nearly rings the city and loosely corresponds to city boundaries.

Two city lawyers, two city engineers and a state engineer agreed Wednesday that the city is responsible for setting the speed. The current 55 mph posted speeds have been legally enacted by past city ordinances.

"We're going to work with the sections of freeway, but we have legitimate ordinances at 55 mph," said Tom Rolen, city deputy director of public works.

Under state law, City Council could act to raise the city's freeway speeds to 60 mph. Anything higher would have to be approved by the state transportation commission.

The state could override the lower city speed limits and set its own, Rolen said. But state engineers have indicated that they do not intend to do so.

The questions arose after President Clinton signed a bill Tuesday abolishing the federal 55 mph speed limit, set as an energy conservation measure in 1974.

Over the next several months, the three-member transportation commission will update farm-to-market roads and other rural roads that make up most of the 77,000-mile state highway system.

Harris County controls speeds on its toll roads — the Sam Houston Tollway and Hardy Toll Road. A spokeswoman has indicated that speed limits would remain at 55 mph pending further study.

AUSTIN (AP) — The speed limit on major Texas roads is going up, but state officials say drivers should obey posted signs until they are changed.

The Texas Transportation Commission voted 2-0 Thursday on a plan that allows the speed limit to go up to 70 mph on some stretches of interstate highways, divided four-lane roads and larger divided roads. The plan also maintains some 55 mph and 65 mph zones and creates more 60 mph zones.

Signs noting the changes should be posted within days of the Dec. 8 end of the national speed limit and other stretches of undivided roads, state roads and farm-to-market roads will be studied and recommended for changes in the coming months, state traffic officials said.

The 22-year-old national speed limit was repealed in a law signed by President Clinton on Tuesday. The law gives states the power to set speed limits and puts Texas' former 70 mph and 65 mph speed limits back into effect.

The commission's action allows some of those 70 and 65 zones to go back into effect and maintains lower limits in other areas.

"There will be confusion as we move into and through this system," said commission chairman David Laney. "The highest priority is safety. In that regard ... signage should be taken at face value. It is effective until it is changed. There should be no assumption that it has been changed."

Laney said he agreed with Washington lawmakers that states could do a better job setting speed limits, and he said there are some areas where the national speed limit is too slow.

But Laney added that the Transportation Commission would monitor traffic accident and fatality records where speed limits are raised and will take action if there are too many injuries and deaths.

"We are very encouraged by the responsible action of the commission that if they do see traffic accidents go up, that they will take some kind of action," said Jerry Johns, head of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, an insurance group. "At this point, that is our only hope."

Johns said in the last five years, accident-injury rates have increased by 20 percent under 65 mph speed limits.

"If we go to 70, heaven only knows what we will see," he said. "We feel like what we are going to see is hundreds of more lives lost in Texas. We feel there is a real possibility of higher insurance rates if we see accidents continue."

The changes affect some 8,100 miles of interstate and four-land divided roadways that carry nearly 60 percent of the state's traffic, said Tom Newbern, acting director of the state Traffic Operations Division. He said there are nearly 77,000 miles of roadways in the state.

The faster speed limits mostly affect areas just outside the urban center of nearly all of the state's major cities as well as rural areas, Newbern said.

"We encourage motorists to continue to obey posted speed limits while we continue to implement the 70-65 system," he said.

Island drivers beware: Many cars lost to shifting dunes every year

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — There're transmissions in them thar dunes. Corpus Christi wrecker drivers estimate there are eight, 20 or even more cars buried under the sands of local beaches — especially at Padre Island National Seashore.

"You drive over them. You walk over them. People don't even know they're there," said Joe Dees, owner of Statewide Wrecker Service.

More and more cars have become entombed by the island's constantly shifting sands after getting stuck or abandoned. "Ballpark figure, over a long period of time, I'd say there are at least 20 cars down under there somewhere," said 36-year-old Don Brandon, a wrecker driver who has been pulling cars out of the sand on the island for 17 years.

Craig White, manager of Airline Wrecker Service in Corpus Christi, said he knows of eight cars buried at the beach. He suspects that there are more. Dees said he knows of six or eight cars buried in the sand.

Buried vehicles are the exceptions. Nearly all vehicles that get stuck on local beaches are pulled out — often by wreckers, according to wrecker drivers and beach officials. Then there are the unlucky few.

White recalled a fisherman who got his station wagon stuck 10 years ago about 45 miles south of the last paved road at Padre Island National Seashore. That's four-wheel-drive territory. The car owner walked to get help and called White the next day. White and the fisherman searched for the station wagon but couldn't find it where it had been stuck.

"He said, 'Well, I know it's right here.' So we started digging around and started shoveling," White said. "And there it was." In less than 24 hours, the entire vehicle had been swallowed by the sand.

"When they're down that far, we just leave them," White said. "They're non-salvageable."

Randy Reader, a ranger at Padre Island National Seashore, said he knows of only one car that has become completely buried at the seashore. It is a 1960s-era Cadillac whose skeletal fins occasionally poke up out of the sand at low tide.

Reader said he finds it hard to believe wreckers' claims that there are as many as eight or 20 vehicles buried at the beach. But he added that he trusts the judgment of the wrecker drivers because some of them have been towing cars from the beach for years.

Tom Crowson, supervisory park ranger at the seashore, said he knows of no vehicles that have been buried in the sand at the park in the five years he has been working there. He said park officials have tow trucks remove every vehicle they discover stuck or abandoned. However, Crowson would not dispute the wreckers' estimates of eight or 20 vehicles buried. He said he did not know what happened at the park before he arrived.

Nick Kraus, a coastal engineer whose specialty is sediment transport, said he had not heard of cars' being buried at local beaches. "But it is completely reasonable," he said.

"The object does not get buried. It sinks like quicksand. But it isn't quicksand," said Kraus, director of the Conrad Blucher Institute for Surveying and Science at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. Wave action pulls sand out from under and away from the sides of heavy objects, Kraus said. It's called "scouring."

It takes an unusual combination of factors for a car to be buried in sand at the beach, Reader said. Such factors include high tides, strong currents and parking in soft sand. With those factors in place, a car might be buried in 48 hours, Reader said, emphasizing that that would be an odd case.

Dees said people are more likely to get their cars stuck at Big Shell, a 10-mile stretch of beach near the middle of the 68-mile national seashore, because the said.

The area is so remote that it may take hours or even more than a day to get a tow truck out there, he said, and by then, the shifting sands may have dug a grave for the car. Dees said a car could be buried in 72 hours if parked at the water's edge at Big Shell.

Brandon, who works for Airline Wrecker, recalled a friend who once saw what appeared to be a camper shell resting on the beach. Three days later, the friend took a closer look.

"It was connected to a brand-new Dodge pickup," Brandon said. "The camper was still above ground and the truck was completely under the sand."


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Senators Hutchinson, Gramm opposed to troop deployment

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole's call on Congress to support President Clinton's deployment of troops to the former Yugoslavia is unlikely to be heeded by Texas' two senators, who are staunchly opposed to the military action.

Dole took to the Senate floor to announce his support for the deployment — albeit with a lengthy criticism of Clinton's past and current policy in the war-torn region.

"The president intends to send these troops one way or the other. He's made it very clear," the Kansas Republican said. "And so I think we have the responsibility ... in the Congress to try to ensure to our best ability that as this deployment goes forward that we create the conditions to end it quickly and successfully so that U.S. forces can return to their families."

His stance runs counter to that of many other Republicans, including two other rivals for the GOP presidential nomination: Texas Sen. Phil Gramm and Pat Buchanan.

In a letter Thursday to Dole, Buchanan predicted the mission could be "Beirut all over again."

Dole's pivotal support for the White House plan comes as the Senate nears debate next week on a resolution expressing support for deployment of 20,000 U.S. soldiers to join a NATO peacekeeping force.

In a floor speech shortly after Dole's, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, indicated her disagreement with the Senate leader.

While praising the "statesmanlike" stance by Dole and fellow Senate Armed Services Committee member John McCain, R-Ariz., Mrs. Hutchison said: "I disagree totally with the conclusions that they have reached."

She expressed hope that senators will be allowed to vote on a "clear alternative" to Dole's resolution, opposing sending U.S. soldiers as enforcers of the U.S.-brokered peace.

"I think it is very important that we have an alternative because many of us feel that this is the wrong decision and that for us to exercise our responsibility as members of the Senate that we must speak out against deploying troops to Bosnia," she said.

Speaking through a spokeswoman later, Mrs. Hutchison declined to say she would oppose the Dole-backed plan, saying she hadn't seen it yet. "If she finds that she is still at odds with what she thinks is going to be in there, she is going to work with a group that will offer either a substitute or an amendment" opposing deployment, said Hutchison spokeswoman Missi Tessier.

Gramm's press secretary, Larry Neal, said his boss is adamant that the Senate have a straightforward vote that doesn't allow members any wiggle room.

"Sen. Gramm is determined that one thing will occur: that there will be a clear, definitive resolution covering the troop deployment, that it will be devoid of ducks and dodges and squishy provisions and that each member of the Senate will vote yes or no," Neal said. "Such a resolution will be offered and it will be voted on regardless of what Sen. Dole or the Democrats do."

Meanwhile Thursday, the composition of a bipartisan congressional delegation making a weekend fact-finding mission to Bosnia was announced.

Irregular work shifts may be risky for women's hearts

DALLAS (AP) — Working irregular shifts may be hazardous to women's hearts, a new study suggests.

The study, to be published in Friday's issue of The American Heart Association journal, "Circulation," says female nurses who worked rotating shifts for more than six years appeared to be at increased risk of heart attacks.

The study was done by a team at the Harvard Medical School and authored by Dr. Ichiro Kawachi, an assistant professor of medicine.

"Shift work is a type of stress," he said. "If you disrupt the body's daily biological clock, the body responds by pouring out stress-related hormones ... and these things generally do bad things for the body."

Kawachi said "rotating night shifts also are associated with reduced job-related performance and higher levels of perceived stress."

The study focused on nursing because it is one of the few professions having a large number of women working night shifts.

In 1976, the Harvard team began tracking more than 121,000 female nurses, ranging in age from 30 to 55, who were free of diagnosed coronary heart disease and stroke.

In 1988, researchers asked them how many years they had worked rotating night shifts, which was defined as at least three night shifts each month in addition to day and evening shifts

Of the 79,000 nurses who responded, about 59 percent had done shift work and 41 percent had not.

From 1988 to 1992, 292 of the respondents had heart attacks, 44 of which were fatal.

"After adjusting for cigarette smoking and a number of other risk factors such as whether they had hypertension, whether they were overweight or had high cholesterol, whether they drank alcohol, et cetera, we found a moderately increased — up to 70 percent higher — risk of heart attack among women who had worked rotating shifts six years or more," Kawachi said.

While the overall risk of having a heart attack was low for the entire group, it was 70 percent higher among the women who reported they were still working rotating shifts. It was 50 percent higher in the overall group, which included women who had not worked the night shift six years or more, and women who were no longer involved in nursing. That figure implies "that when you stop doing shift work, the risk might come down somewhat," Kawachi said.

The study appears to corroborate an earlier study of male paper mill workers in Sweden. Published in the British medical journal "The Lancet" in 1986, that study showed an 80 percent increase in risk of cardiovascular disease among shift workers compared to day workers.

Kawachi and his colleagues admit the "overall magnitude" of their study is "modest."

"Because only a few studies have examined the association between heart disease and shift work — and those have focused mostly on men — our findings are not conclusive and need to be confirmed by future studies," Kawachi said.

Dr. James Ferguson of the Texas Heart Institute in Houston agreed that more studies need to be done.

Dole claims $1 million from Texas campaign donations

AUSTIN (AP) — Sen. Bob Dole, a Kansan, said Thursday that his presidential campaign has raised more than $1 million in Texas, home state of GOP rival Phil Gramm.

The Texan's campaign wasn't impressed.

"We've raised a whole lot more than that in Texas," said Gary Koops, Gramm's campaign press secretary.

Dole's campaign announced that he had received contributions from more than 6,900 Texans, and it pointed to a month-old Texas Poll that showed Dole leading President Clinton in Texas by a larger margin than Gramm.

"Bob Dole's fund-raising success in Texas shows just how popular Sen. Dole's conservative agenda for change is in Texas and across the nation," said Scott Reed, Dole's national campaign manager.

Not so fast, Koops responded.

"He doesn't have a campaign office in Texas, he's not campaigning in Texas, and we're absolutely confident that on March 12, Phil Gramm will win all the Texas delegates to the Republican National Convention," he said.

Gramm, a former Democrat, has served in the Senate since 1985. He's running for president and re-election simultaneously under Texas' "LBJ Law," first passed to allow then-Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson to run dual campaigns in 1960.

In other political news:

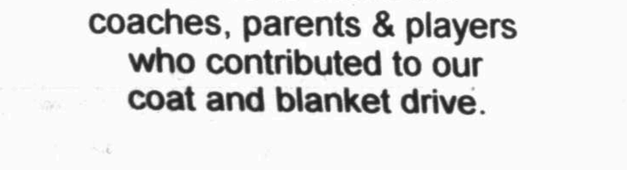
— Houston lawyer John Odam, one of the Democrats who hopes to challenge Gramm, declared that he is the only candidate in either party who is pro-choice on abortion. "My position is uncomplicated. I support a woman's right to choose. Period," Odam said.

He charged that one of his primary opponents, Rep. Jim Chapman, has a muddled record on the issue. "I'm not sure if he's pro-choice, no-choice or multiple choice," Odam said.

Tom Stewart, a spokesman for Chapman, said, "Jim Chapman is pro-choice and the record demonstrates that. For John Odam to suggest anything other than that is just a flat-out lie."

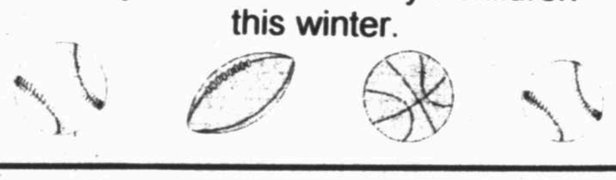
Stewart said the National Abortion Rights Action League had given Chapman ratings of 60 percent to 80 percent on pro-choice votes in Congress since 1991.

— Gov. George W. Bush endorsed the re-election bid of U.S. Rep. Greg Laughlin, who switched from the Democratic Party in June. The governor's move drew fire from two other Republicans in the 14th District GOP primary race.



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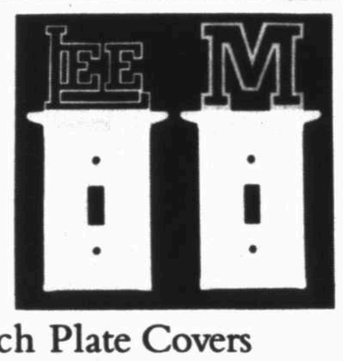
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Cash shortage to deprive presidential candidates of campaign funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, a cash shortage will keep the government from giving presidential candidates all the federal campaign dollars they are entitled to in January — just as campaigns enter the most expensive portion of the primary season.

Campaign officials estimate they may get as little as 60 percent of the federal matching funds they are due when the Federal Election Commission sends out the first checks Jan. 2.

The FEC says it will make good on the unpaid portion as soon as more tax dollars flow in early next year. In the meantime, campaigns expect to borrow the missing money from banks — using the government's guarantee as collateral.

That means most of the candidates should have access to the money they expected for the primary crush, although there could delays in bank paperwork and the added expense of loan interest.

"We've already got our loan papers ready to go to the bank," said Scott McKenzie, treasurer for GOP hopeful Pat Buchanan. "Whenever you've got to go to the bank and borrow money, it's a headache. I'd much rather be receiving the full amount."

Under post-Watergate reforms, taxpayers have helped defray the cost of presidential campaigns. The money comes from taxpayers who mark the checkoff box on their tax returns to designate that $3 go to the Presidential Election Campaign Fund.

The money provides a dollar-for-dollar match for the first $250 each private contributor gives to a qualified candidate during the primaries. And in the general election, the government pays the entire campaign costs for each major-party nominee — estimated this year at about $60 million each.

Since the system took effect in 1976, the fund has always had enough money to pay the primary candidates.

The shortfall this time stems in part from a procedural change in 1991 that requires the agency to first set aside tax dollars for the general election and party conventions before payments are made for the primaries.

In addition, nearly all major primaries are scheduled this year between February and April, earlier than in the past. That means campaigns have done earlier fundraising that qualifies for matching funds.

The FEC estimates about $23 million will be available for the January payments. The GOP candidates still in the race say they are seeking at least $25.5 million as their first installment.

And President Clinton plans to apply for at least $9 million, further depleting the pot although he faces no primary challenge.

"We still have to get on the ballot in all 50 states, and we have to set up campaigns in all 50 states," Clinton spokeswoman Ann Lewis said. "None of that comes easily, and none of that comes for free."

Two GOP candidates who have dropped out, California Gov. Pete Wilson and Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, are also entitled to matching funds, and third-party hopefuls also could qualify. That means the total due in January could be as high as $35 million to $40 million.

The FEC will determine the exact amount each candidate is eligible for in December. But the campaigns already have been told not to expect the full portion in January.

"For some campaigns, that's money they need to live on," said Gary Koops, a spokesman for Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, the second highest fund-raiser on the Republican side. "For others, it's less crucial. For us, for instance, it will only be a media buy."

The FEC wrote campaigns in September that the "total duration of the shortfall should be short" because the government gets "significant" new tax dollars between February and April.

Still, some campaigns are worried about the effect of not getting all of their matching funds up front.

"Unless campaigns are raising a lot of money, they're going to be exhausting their line of credit and sitting there, waiting for the rest of their matching funds," McKenzie said.

Scientists reject first genetic test for breast cancer

GAITHERSBURG, Md. (AP) — Government scientists rejected on Thursday the first genetic test kit designed to predict which breast cancer patients could relapse after surgery and thus need tougher treatment.

The test detects a gene believed to spur cancer cell growth. Several hospitals already check Americans with small, early tumors for the gene in deciding how aggressively to treat them.

But those tests are experimental, performed with little government oversight and accuracy differs from lab to lab, said Dr. Dennis Slamon of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Oncor Inc.'s Inform is trying to become the first Food and Drug Administration-approved test for the gene.

But an FDA advisory committee on Thursday said Oncor's study of 244 women wasn't large enough to prove testing for the HER-2/neu gene either worked properly or was useful in deciding how to treat breast cancer. By a 6-1 vote, the panel said Oncor should study many more women; one panelist recommended 2,000.

The FDA is not bound by advisory committee decisions but usually follows them.

"We are very disappointed," said Dr. Sandy Wolman, Oncor's medical director, who predicted the company would get the additional data within a year. Inform already is sold in Europe.

Doctors diagnose 182,000 Americans with breast cancer every year. Some 100,000 have small, early tumors that haven't spread to the lymph nodes. Surgery can cure 70 percent of such cases, without the debilitating effects of additional chemotherapy.

But doctors don't know which women have the curable form and which have aggressive cancer that requires strong chemotherapy to fight off a relapse. So most oncologists today advise all women to take the potent drugs.

"If we can predict which ones have that aggressive form, we could target our (additional) therapy more adequately and spare other women," said UCLA's Slamon, who tests some of his patients for the gene before recommending chemotherapy.

Tumors have a unique tendency to make extra copies of certain genes. Several studies show women whose early breast tumors contain extra HER-2/neu are more likely to relapse. That gene is thought to make a protein that signals cancer cells to grow rapidly, so more genes mean the tumor contains more protein and therefore gets more growth signals, Wolman said.

Oncor's Inform test finds extra HER-2/neu in tumors. Four or more copies of the gene indicates an aggressive tumor, Wolman said.

In 244 cancer patients diagnosed in the 1980s, those with extra HER-2/neu were 3.3 times more likely to relapse within two years as women without the extra genes. They were 4.5 times more likely to die, Oncor found.

But the FDA panel said Oncor's study was too small to prove Inform worked. Also, none of the 244 patients tried extra chemotherapy until they had a relapse. Because most cancer patients today get some form of chemotherapy, the panelists wondered if the test would benefit them.

"It's an interesting investigational tool," said panel chairman Dr. Jules Harris of St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago. "But I don't think it's a tool that should yet be generally available to a community hospital."

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Volunteers continue battle with flooding in Washington

FIR ISLAND, Wash. (AP) — With the memory of 1990's floods still vivid, hundreds of volunteers joined forces Thursday to prevent the cresting Skagit River from washing across this island and destroying rich farmland.

"We're not giving up," Sheriff Ed Goodman said.

The army of people blocked the water by sandbagging and dumping loads of gravel along the soggy dikes on the island 52 miles north of Seattle.

It appeared the worst of Washington's latest round of flooding was over, though disruptions remained widespread. Some roads and highways were closed, and there were scattered problems with train travel and telephone lines.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt, on a previously scheduled visit to the Seattle area, took a helicopter tour over the swollen Tolt and Snoqualmie rivers, where low-lying homes stood like islands in the smooth brown waters.

A cold front moved in from the northwest overnight, reducing rainfall and slowing the rush of snowmelt from the mountains. The flooding was triggered by a weather system that swept into the state Sunday from the South Pacific.

The Skagit River crested early Thursday afternoon at 37.36 feet at nearby Mount Vernon, just short of the record 37.37 feet reached in 1990. All of the island's 250 to 300 residents had left late Wednesday, joining hundreds of refugees fleeing rising waters in the region.

It was too early for damage estimates, Clemens said. In 1990, when thousands were forced from their homes, damage exceeded $160 million.

Flood warnings remained in effect on 17 Washington rivers, but they were at or near their crests Thursday and expected to begin receding, said Jim Carroll of the National Weather Service in Seattle.

Things also looked brighter in the towns of Duvall and Carnation, about 20 miles east of Seattle, which were accessible again after a day of flood-imposed isolation.

"We did about three days' worth of business in one day. It was incredible," said Bob MacKay, assistant manager of the only grocery store in Duvall.

Taking a short break from sandbagging, Michaelyn Bachhuver she said she was impressed by the number of volunteers. "People are extremely nervous, but ... they know how to pull together," she said.

At Mount Vernon, a city of more than 21,000 people, sandbags snaked the length of the river through town, a testament to hours of work by volunteers ranging from teen-agers to retirees.

"If it goes over, it's just game over," said Rhonda Wagstaff, co-owner of Rhythm & Brews, a tavern along the river surrounded by water Thursday morning. Pumps and 3- to 4-foot walls of sandbags kept the worst at bay.

A sign on the front door boasted: "Come hell or high water, we are open."

Most downtown businesses were closed in Mount Vernon, sandbags piled against their doors. Hundreds of people walked the street atop the levee, watching the river's rise.

To the south, Cowlitz County Commissioner Van Youngquist credited dike-improvement work done after the eruption of Mount St. Helens for saving his area from worse damage.

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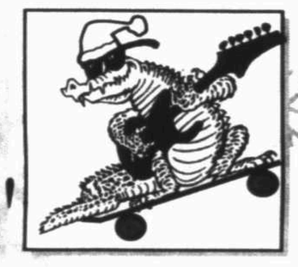


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By Deborah Baker
Associated Press

ABIQUIU, N.M. — The Monastery of Christ in the Desert is a cluster of adobe buildings in a remote river canyon, where monks spend their days praying and working and their nights reading by kerosene lamps.

It's also a stop on the Information Superhighway.

In a modern-day twist on the ancient tradition of monks as scribes, the little Benedictine monastery has a home page on the Internet's World Wide Web.

Internet surfers can learn about monastic life, browse the monastery's gift shop — even listen to a Gregorian chant.

Or they can request to be remembered in the prayers of the monks who gather in the chapel seven times daily, starting at 4 a.m.

"We get probably about 10 prayer requests a day — when we can get our phone to work," said Brother Mary-Aquinas.

Located along the Rio Chama in the Santa Fe National Forest at the end of 13 miles of narrow, rutted dirt road, the Roman Catholic monastery has no phone or electric service.

It relies on cellular phones for its computer linkup. The only electricity, to the main building, is solar generated. Heat is provided by burning wood.

In this isolated setting, the monks of Christ in the Desert carry on work begun thousands of years ago by the scribes who created and copied books — first on clay tablets, then papyrus, parchment and eventually paper.

As early as the fourth century, the scriptorium — the room where Christian monks did their copying — was a source of revenue for a monastery.

And it was that age-old concern about supporting itself that propelled Christ in the Desert into cyberspace.

A couple of years ago, the monastery contracted to computerize library card catalogs.

In June, it joined the World Wide Web, and advertised that it would design web sites for others.

"After all," says the monastery's home page ad, "we've been making pages for 1,500 years."

About eight monks do the computer work. Recent clients include a travel reservations company, a Christian singer and a Jungian conference in Switzerland.

"What we're doing now is more creative, and that's good for monks," said Prior Philip, the community's superior. "If you're doing something that's creative, it brings out a whole different aspect of the soul."

Christ in the Desert's home page is adorned with intricate and brightly colored images — reminiscent of the ornate decoration that marked the work of early Christian monks.

'This work really fits into our tradition — the ancient tracition of monks illuminating information.'

— Brother Mary-Aquinas, a former systems analyst

In the monastery's scriptorium — a small room with whitewashed walls behind the kitchen — monks in simple, hooded tunics and blue jeans work quietly on computers. They observe the "work silence" that means they talk only when necessary.

The monks — who call one another "Brother," although some are priests — spend much of the day in silence. They are encouraged to chat only during a half-hour recreation period in the evening.

At least four hours a day is spent at work: cooking, laundry, woodcutting and other household chores, as well as weaving, carving, rosary-making and now computer work.

Four hours are spent in common prayer, considered the heart of community life, and another four are set aside for private prayer and reading.

"This work really fits into our tradition — the ancient tradition of monks illuminating information," said Brother Mary-Aquinas, a 30-year-old former systems analyst.

"It's just so ideal for our life. ... We can stay here, out in the desert, and it fits into our schedule."

Yahoo, one of the gateways to the World Wide Web, put the monastery's home page on its list of "cool stuff."

And several Internet surfers have contacted the monastery to say they're interested in becoming monks.

"Cybervocations, we call it," Brother Mary-Aquinas said with a laugh.

The Internet isn't the monks' only high-tech excursion. A dozen members of the community recently went to an Albuquerque sound studio to record the chants that are a staple of their religious services.

While audio tapes made at the monastery are available through its gift shop, this will be the first compact disc — and the first time the monks have used state-of-the-art equipment to capture the centuries-old Gregorian and Byzantine chants.

The compact disc will be sold through the monastery's gift shop and catalog.

Christ in the Desert's gift shop and guest house used to provide enough operating revenue, but no longer. It costs about $200,000 a year to support the 25 monks, who come from seven countries, Prior Philip said.

And the monastery is in the midst of a $2.5 million building campaign. The sleeping rooms, called cells, that now are scattered around in small, poorly heated buildings will be concentrated in a 10,000-square-foot building attached to the chapel by an enclosed walkway.

With some monks in their 70s and winters that deliver plenty of snow and sub-zero temperatures, the improvements are a must, Prior Philip said.

Each cell in the new building will be wired for a computer — looking toward the day when monks will get their spiritual reading matter from diskettes rather than books.

"It's so obviously the way of the future," Prior Philip said.

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The Internet address of the Monastery of Christ in the Desert is: http://www.christdesert.org

Restorers ponder whether or not to save mission's famous etchings

By Paul L. Allen
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — How many years does it take for that wondrous transmogrification to change unsightly graffiti into valuable historic records?

That's the "one-man's-trash-is-another-man's-treasure" dilemma facing Patronato San Xavier, the non-profit group overseeing restoration efforts at San Xavier Mission.

The "graffiti" in question are signatures and dates scratched into and written on the walls of the choir loft at the mission.

Many of them date to the mid- and late 1800s, but some are as recent as this decade.

There are Hispanic and white names, locals and out-of-staters, some literally carved into the plaster and others little more than wispy, penciled scrawlings — some crude and some flowery — many accompanied by dates.

Some are familiar names to students of local history:

"Albert Steinfeld, 1890." "Aaron Zeckendorf, 1871."

The Zeckendorf family operated a mercantile store in Tucson before the turn of the century. They later sold to the Steinfeld family — relatives — and the business was transformed into a lavish department store that flourished until very recent times.

"Redondo y Escalante, April 5, 1864."

"The Escalantes and Redondos were related," said Bernard L. "Bunny" Fontana, secretary of the Patronato group, retired University of Arizona field historian and expert on the mission.

"Redondo was Ed and Gilbert Ronstadt's grandmother's name. The Escalantes and Redondos were from the Altar area (of Sonora)."

The Ronstadts, long a prominent local family, for many decades owned and operated a hardware company in Tucson.

One group of signatures comprises an obvious list, including Henry Levin, Luis Carrillo, Flavia Maldonado, Ivan Levin, Sarah Levin and others that are undecipherable.

The Levin family operated Levin's Park in downtown Tucson, a biergarten and popular gathering spot in the territorial days. The Carrillo family operated Elysian Grove, another popular spot that featured a lake created with water from the Santa Cruz River.

"Sarah Levin was the mother of Luisa Espinel, the singer," said Fontana, referring to singer Linda Ronstadt's aunt, who gained international renown for her voice.

The list of names, Fontana added, probably indicates that those on it came out as a group, perhaps for a picnic or a Sunday outing.

There are many other names, some familiar, some not: Drachman, Putnam, Preciado, Zepeda, Davidson, Lesher, McLochlin, Palomino, Thayer, Leon, Montenegro, Peterson.

Many have dates, and some have cities listed — Savannah, Ill.; Franklin, Ohio; Madison, Minn. — indicating visitors among the "locals."

There seems to have been a particular surge in such activity during the 1860-90 period, when the mission was largely deserted.

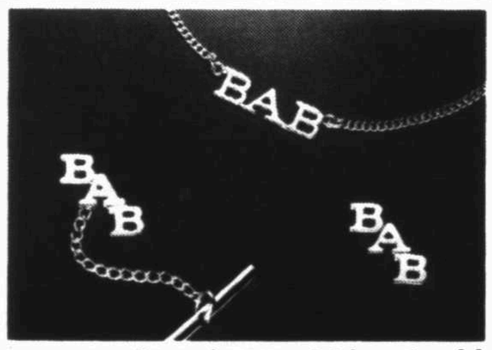
Nuns from the St. Joseph of Carondelet order went to the mission in 1873, Fontana said, and stayed a couple of years. No priest was assigned to the mission, and after the nuns left, it remained pretty much deserted until about 1890.

Fontana said the mission was the property of the Papagos (now Tohono O'odham), who assigned caretakers to watch over it — caretakers apparently willing to allow visitors to go through the structure at their leisure.

"To me what is interesting is the fact that — so far as I know — there hasn't been any serious graffiti down below in the main church," Fontana said.

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Museum of the Southwest will host its ninth annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing 7 p.m. Thursday at the museum.

Sun Country Gentlemen choral group will lead the carols. Santa Claus will be on hand to talk to children and pose for photographs. Parents are invited to bring their cameras.

Decorator trees and the exhibit, "Contemporary Art of the Navajo Nation," will be on display. Designers of the trees are A-1 Floral, Lamar Coats/Allstate Insurance, Dan Haller/Antiques Etc., Lynn Layman's fifth-grade class at Greathouse Elementary School, Sharon Spear-Smith/Permian Interiors, Westside Lions Club, and Cynthia Wolfe. Flowers by Ron will provide the door wreath...

...UNITED OSTOMY Association, Midland/Odessa chapter #590, will meet 1:30 p.m. Dec. 10 at Midland Senior Center for a Christmas party...

...WEST TEXAS Jazz Society will host Ralph Sutton and Johnny Varro in performance 8 p.m. Dec. 13 at Odessa Country Club. For more information call 683-3145...

...MIDLAND SOCIETY of University Women will meet 10 a.m. Dec. 15 at Trinity Towers, 2800 W. Illinois. Midland Independent School District's Children's Christmas program will be presented. Officers will be hostesses...

...MIDLAND ZETA Tau Alpha Alumnae Chapter will have a mother/daughter ornament exchange 4-6 p.m. Dec. 21 at 908 Citation. All area Zetas are invited to bring their mothers and/or daughters and are asked to bring wrapped Christmas ornaments. Dress is "come as you are." For more information call 682-3847...

...POP-UP TOASTMASTERS will meet 6:30 a.m. Tuesday at Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway in Midland. For information call 694-4271 or 694-3716...

...RETIRED AND Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) of Midland will host its second annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon Dec. 8 at Green Tree Country Club. All RSVP volunteers are invited. Guests are welcome. For more information call 689-6693...

...LEE FUTURE Farmers of America will host its second annual Chapter Show 2 p.m. Dec. 9 at the school farm, 2207 E. County Road 90. Lee High School and Lee Freshman High School students will show their farm animals and compete for awards. All interested people are invited to attend. For more information call 689-7906...

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. Monday at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2855...

...ALLISON CANCER Center's annual Christmas party for all cancer patients, their families and friends will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at Golf Course Road Church of Christ Family Center, 3500 W. Golf Coruse Road. Entertainment, including a visit from Santa, refreshments and door prizes will be included. For more information call 685-6606...

...UNIVERSITY GRADUATE Women's Ladies Night Out group will attend the ninth annual Tree Lighting and Caroling Celebration 7 p.m. Thursday at Museum of the Southwest. Membership in the group is open to women with baccalaurete degrees from accredited universities and colleges...

...MIDLAND SENIOR Center will host its all-day tree trimming party Tuesday at the center. Entertainment will begin with the Scharbauer Elementary School Chorus performing at 9 a.m., followed by the Senior Center Kitchenettes at 10 a.m. and the State Champion Dellwood Line Dancers at 11 a.m...

...WEST TEXAS Astronomers will host a free star party 8:30-10:30 p.m. Dec. 8, weather permitting, at Blakemore Planetarium of the Museum of the Southwest. Viewing equipment and assistance will be provided by members of the astronomers' group. Orientation will be presented in the planetarium with the viewing session in Haley Park behind the building. The planetarium is located at the intersection of K Street and Indiana Ave. in Midland. Call 683-2882 or 570-7770...

...AMERICAN LUNG Association's Better Breathing Club will meet noon Tuesday at Westwood Hospital's Lecture Hall. Call 522-2273 or 682-4229...

FAMILY MATTERS

Holiday depression may have roots in childhood

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: I'm one of those people who gets depressed starting around the first of December each year. This has gone on for the last seven years, starting right after our first baby was born. I thought that it was just post-partum depression, but it keeps coming back. We now have two more children and I need to be more excited about Christmas for all of them. All that I really want to do is go to my bedroom, shut the door, close the drapes and sleep.



May

My husband's family lives here, and they are this happy bunch of people who all get together for all the holidays but especially Christmas. It's all I can do to put on a "happy face" and go take part. I'm absolutely miserable while surrounded by all these people having a good time. Last year I wasn't able to do as well because my mother-in-law called me into her bedroom and asked if there was anything wrong. I said there wasn't but she could see that I was on the verge of tears. She just hugged me and left me alone. I felt terrible.

I don't want to do this again. My children just love Christmas, and now all three of them get really excited. I don't want to be this depressed wet blanket who doesn't want to do anything. I'm not like this the rest of the year. Can you give me some suggestions about things I could do to stop being depressed? I want to change but I just don't know what to do. SAD AT CHRISTMAS

DEAR SAD: You have taken an important step toward dealing with your depression by acknowledging that it exists. Holiday depression can be caused by a number of things, but one of the most common is based on feelings generated from one's family of origin. For example, when the family "celebrated" Christmas, father got drunk and was mean and abusive. This situation can "program" a person to have thse same kinds of feelings whenever the situation occurs, so when Christmas comes around, the set of feelings — say, depression and fear — associated with childhood Christmases are automatically generated.

Since you have said that your holiday depression started with the birth of your first child, I especially encourage you to look at family of origin issues. You may want to get a notebook and start writing about each Christmas as you remember them from childhood. Give the feelings a chance to express themselves. Often when the depression is state-dependent, numerous other feelings are underneath the depression. That is, depression is what you feel first, but underneath the depression may be disappointment, sadness, fear, agitation and so on. Once you have gotten in touch with the underlying feelings, you can take action on dealing with them.

I want to mention that many other possible sources of holiday depression exist. Some people are depressed because they experience a sense of loss — of the joyous family that was never there. For some there is a sense of not belonging to all of the perceived joy and happiness around them — that is, being apart from rather than a part of. For others, the holidays are too stressful. They do not adapt well to sudden changes in schedules and activites — parties, gift buying, crowds, children home from school, church activities, etc. Often there are financial stresses brought about by too much spending or a sense of inadequacy at not being able to buy certain gifts for others.

Do your writing as a first step toward dealing with depression. Then talk to your minister about what you find. You may want to consider seeking professional help too. There are two important things to remember: Work on it now while the feelings are available to you, and depression can be beaten. Merry Christmas!

THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAY TIPS ON SHOPPING WITH CHILDREN ARE OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- Don't go to the store unless you and your child are both rested.
- Before entering the store, explain the rules to the child ahead of time.
- Agree on rewards for good behavior before entering the store.
- Be creative. Use package labels, different kinds of foods and products, and store displays as part of special games to keep your children interested and occupied. For example, "How many kinds of tomato paste do you see?"
- Give your child some choices and responsibilities. Let him or her pick the hardest apples or find the best bargain.
- Be prepared to bargain or compromise. For example, "Can you find some tags and ribbons for grandmother's gift?"

(From Parents Anonymous of Texas)

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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Workout style puts new 'spin' on traditional aerobics

By Nancy Stedman
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — In a dimly lighted room at the Equinox Fitness Club on Lower Broadway, 40 men and women, astride stationary bicycles arranged in a circle, bob up and down in unison to rock and house music.

Their instructor, Iona Passik, saddles a bike in the center of the group and shouts out directions — "Sprint!" "Uphill!" "Faster!" — as her class responds with the hoots and hollers that come with a supercharged aerobic workout that has just hit its peak.

After 45 minutes, exhausted, they step off the bikes — and land in puddles of their own sweat.

A growing number of people think this is fun.

THIS HIGH-INTENSITY cardiovascular activity is known as spinning — some health clubs use other terms — and it is the biggest thing to hit the clubs since step aerobics swept the country about six years ago.

Last April, Schwinn Cycling and Fitness Inc. introduced the modified bicycles that are used for the exercise, and it has already sold more than 1,000 of them to 50 American health clubs. It expects to make shipments to 25 more clubs by the end of the year.

One of the gyms that recently got the bicycles, the East Bank Club in Chicago, where Oprah Winfrey works out, converted a squash court into a spinning room with 21 bikes. "We wanted to make sure we were going where the industry is going," said Nancy Fudacz, the gym's exercise programs coordinator.

Many of the elite aerobics instructors whose presence signals that a health club has arrived, like Jon Giswold, who teaches at three clubs in Manhattan, are rushing to become trained to teach the classes. "I can see this is happening," Giswold said.

WHAT IS HAPPENING in the classes are moves like "running" (cycling while standing on the pedals), "jumping" (alternately standing up quickly, then sitting down), "sprinting" (peddling with all-out intensity while seated or standing), "going up hills" (using increasingly harder resistance) and "rhythm presses" (pressing the upper body toward the handlebars), all of which increase the intensity of the workout.

At Main Street Fitness and Dance Studio in Santa Monica, Calif., exercisers have to sign up a week ahead for some classes. At the Reebok Sports Club New York, a shoving match once broke out between two women who wanted the same bicycle. The club has since set a reservations policy, as have Equinox and the Crunch Fitness Clubs in Manhattan.

Madonna takes a spinning class on Saturday mornings when she's in Manhattan. Paul Gutheim, a 40-year-old bond trader, spins every day. "Nothing else makes me sweat as much as spinning," Gutheim said.

A number of spinners have become so enamored with the exercise that they have started teaching it in their spare time. Sherry Jetter, 33, a lawyer at the Donna Karan Company, leads spinning classes at three Manhattan clubs.

"People who become regulars are driven and success-oriented," Ms. Jetter said. "Most of them have already been working out for a while, and they like to see themselves get better."

SPINNING CLASSES use stationary bicycles based on equipment first developed in 1987 by Johnny Goldberg, 39, a California long-distance cyclist. He handtooled the DX-900, a Schwinn stationary bike, so that it more resembles a road bike.

The modified bicycles, which are noncomputerized, are built with the pedals below the seat, unlike stationary bicycles, which are built with the pedals slightly in front of the exerciser.

The modified bikes also have a fixed gear so an exerciser can maintain a set speed while going into a stand-up position and not lose balance. The bottom of the bike resembles that of a standard stationary bike, but the seat and handlebars resemble those of a road bike.

For several years, Goldberg, who goes by the nom de gym Johnny G, ran spinning classes in his garage in California. He sold his altered bikes to a handful of health clubs, but his routine, which he patented in 1990, did not catch on until he worked out a manufacturing deal with Schwinn this year.

Last spring, once an affordable bike and instruction training became available, spinning took off.

SCHWINN SELLS the bicycles for $649 to both clubs and individuals, although few people have bought them for home use.

Spinning is particularly appealing to men, trainers say, because it is more macho than conventional aerobics. In spinning, they say, men make up 30 percent to 50 percent of the students; in aerobics classes, they typically account for less than 10 percent.

"Step and aerobics classes have become very choreographed and complicated," said Ms. Fudacz, of the East Bank Club. "But spinning is more inclusive because it offers a good cardiovascular workout without demanding those kinds of skills."

AND ALTHOUGH no one has apparently done the math, there is agreement among trainers that this type of workout burns more calories than standard aerobics.

Women, on the other hand, appear to be at a disadvantage when it comes to spinning, and bicycling in general. They often have broader hips, which means the bicycle pedals are too close together for them, creating an uncomfortable alignment, said Dr. Peter Francis, the director of the biomechanics laboratory at San Diego State University.

The safety issue, however, has yet to be seriously addressed. Because spinning is relatively new, no one has pinpointed exactly which moves could lead to injury.

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— Nancy Fudacz, exercise programs coordinator

"I've seen things I've questioned," said Kari Anderson, the owner of the three Pro-Robics Clubs in Seattle. "It's like the early days of aerobic dance, in that there isn't a list of contra-indicated exercises."

But for most people, spinning is still much safer than running, because there is not the constant impact of landing on the ground.

SPINNING HAS been around long enough to be the subject of controversy.

Both Crunch Fitness in New York and the Main Street Fitness and Dance Studio in Santa Monica have lost the legal right to call their cycling classes "spinning"; Goldberg objected to their improvisations on his technique. For instance, at Crunch, where the name of the class is "spin," Andy Pratt, an instructor, performs acrobatics on the handlebars. Main Street calls its classes "studio cycling."

Goldberg has ambitious ideas about the future of spinning. Already, he said, he has introduced spinning to 250 clubs across the Atlantic.

Not everyone, though, is a fan. In fact, for some, spinning is already outdated. Martin Henry, the owner of the Martin Henry Fitness Studio in West Hollywood, Calif., sniffed, "We decided not to do spinning because other places already have it, and we always want to be on the cutting edge."

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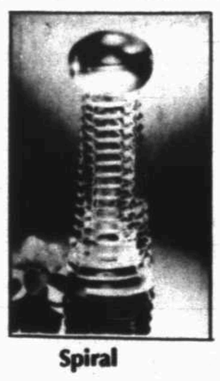
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■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults.

For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469; Town West YMCA, 1012 Andrews Hwy., 694-6821.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

■ Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

Scheduled activities for the Town West YMCA are;

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics; 10 a.m. no-impact aerobics.

■ Tuesday and Thursday; 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics.

■ Monday through Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Biking for fitness and Nautilus Weight Training for Prime Time adults is offered.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 686-1627. Activities for Dec. 4-8 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes, exercise and ceramics; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, pinochle and pitch.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. all-day tree trimming party, billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, pitch, billiards and ladies billiards.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. Just One Club; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:15 a.m. line dancing; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing; 10 a.m. benefits counseling; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Murph Watson/Adjusting to Life's Changes program; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes, quilting and wellness clinic; 10 a.m. bingo; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 2510 W. Ohio. For more information call 570-8710. Weekday schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aids present daily. Transportation is insured.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has opportunities for volunteers 55 years and older. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program operates from Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ Hospitality volunteers are needed for the Bryon Johnston Basketball Tournament, scheduled for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 28-30. Volunteers may choose their own day to help welcome and greet coaches and officials. Lunch will be provided.

■ Tour guides/docents are needed to conduct 45-minute walking tours through a museum's permanent collection. Volunteers will complete eight hours of training. Tours are for adults and children in second through fifth grades.

■ GED tutor is needed at Midland County Residential Treatment Center to help tutor residents in math, reading, writing, science and social studies. Schedule is flexible.

Volunteer spends life teaching

By Lana Cunningham

As a child, she wanted to be a teacher. And as a mother of eight children, the desire to teach continued to burn within her. Finally, as a grandmother, Johnie Shelton went to college and earned her teaching degree, specializing eventally in special education.

After 18 years with Midland Independent School District, Mrs. Shelton retired to her home, but not from the teaching world. She now volunteers her Monday evenings as a Midland Need to Read tutor.

The fourth of 11 chidren, Mrs. Shelton worked with her younger siblings, teaching them whatever she felt they needed to learn. After high school, she attended one year of college before deciding she was in love with John Henry Shelton and that it was higher riority.

Even while raising her seven sons and one daughter, Mrs. Shelton searched for a way to teach something, anything. "I took a cosmetology course and opened a beauty shop next to the house," she said. She soon earned her license to teach cosmetology and substituted a few times at Midland High School's classes.

'I still enjoy life; I enjoy what I'm doing.'
— Johnie Shelton, retired teacher and volunteer

"I thought it would solve my desire to teach, but it didn't. Nothing satisfied my craving until I got my teaching degree and started in the classroom," said the longtime Midander, her voice reflecting an inner strength.

"Anytime you get started on any project, you can't just drop it."

Getting the degree wasn't easy. But the fire inside Mrs. Shelton only burned stronger. She began working as a teacher's aide while taking evening classes, first at Midland College and later at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"I went to school at night and year-round," she said, admitting that it took a few months to get back into the habit of studying.

Majoring in English ("I *love* English") and minoring in government, Mrs. Shelton finally earned her degree. "I wanted to be an elementary school teacher for grades four through six. But I took the opening they had that year."

The opening was for special education, and that's where she stayed until retirement about six years ago. "It grows on you," she said. It wasn't long before Mrs. Shelton had taken more clases for certification in special ed.

The flame to teach still burns within her. In February, she agreed to volunteer with Need to Read. On Monday nights, she tutors at Macedonia Baptist Church. "One man not only is studying his classroom book, but also his Sunday school lessons," she said, her smile displaying her pride at the student'sdesire to learn.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Johnie Shelton has been a teacher all her life, in one way or another. First she helped raise her younger siblings then her own eight children. She taught cosmetology for a while, then she earned a degree and a teaching certificate and worked with Midland Independent School District for 18 years. Since her retirement from MISD about six years ago, she has brought her teaching skills to her volunteer service. She is a volunteer tutor with Midland Need to Read.

Nor as her own desire to learn been quenched with retirement. Mrs. Shelton is studying piano and plays during the opening session for Sunday school at Macedonia Baptist Church. "I'm in the second grade," she said of her lessons. Practicing is a priority because "I'm paying for the lessons and I don't want to pay for taking the same lesson over again.

"I have wanted to play the piano for years; I just love it. I'm not good at it — it's a hobby and it gets me out of the house." Piano lessons and tutoring aren't the only reasons Mrs. Shelton gets out of the house. She serves as secretary for the AARP chapter at Southeast Senior Center and is a member of Eta Epsilon Zeta sorority.

She takes life one day at a time. Life, she mused, is "accepting the condition you're in today and living each day Be thankful and realize life could be worse. There's someone who's always in worse shape than you are.

"I still enjoy life; I enjoy what I'm doing."

And teaching is going to be part of what she's doing — until the fire dies.

Average diet lacks sufficient calcium for health

By M. Katherine Hoy
Associated Press

Most Americans don't get enough calcium in their diet. This lack can contribute to the risk of osteoporosis, the bone-thinning disease that affects primarily women after menopause, and perhaps to high blood pressure.

The Recommended Daily Allowance of calcium is 800 milligrams a day. The average adult American gets between 400 and 500 milligrams a day in the diet.

A deficit calcium intake generally begins at adolescence, when eating habits change substantially. Adolescents have more opportunities to make their own food choices and they are more likely to go for soft drinks instead of calcium rich foods such as milk. Bones are still developing during adolescence, and calcium is a basic building block of bones. It is possible that the development of bone during adolescence may influence osteoporosis risk later in life.

The need for calcium exists in adulthood too. Other dairy products such as yogurt and cheese are good sources of calcium, but there are good non-dairy sources as well. Protein foods high in calcium include canned salmon, sardines, oysters and tofu. Broccoli, collard and turnip greens are vegetables that provide substantial calcium.

People who don't eat such vegetables or dairy products can make up the calcium defieit by taking supplements, which are widely available without prescription. Supplementation can be especially important for post-menopausal women, who are at high risk of osteoporosis because of the hormonal changes that occur at the menopause. Doctors may prescribe supplementary calcium for women with osteoporosis, but it is still important for post-menopausal women to eat calcium-rich foods.

Additionally, people who have a history of kidney stones should check with their physician before taking calcium supplements.

M. Katherine Hoy is a senior nutritionist at New York University Medical Center.

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Super seniors 'likely to be lean and mean'

By Cassandra Burrell

WASHINGTON (AP) — Forget about the sunny dispositions, the cherubic smiles and the gentle wisdom of the stereotypical senior citizens giving out syrupy advice on television commercials.

The oldest of the old — Americans who have reached and passed their 100th birthdays — are just as likely to be lean and mean, says psychologist Leonard Poon, director of the University of Georgia's Gerontology Center.

Although it's risky to generalize, most of those participating in a 10-year study of centenarians were found to be experts in the art of survival.

"They tend to be independent, they tend to dominate — they want their way," Poon said. "They also tend to be suspicious. They won't just take one's word on something. They tend to question what you have to tell them. ... It fits into what a survivor would be."

The group generally scored high for optimism; depression was rare. They scored lower for emotional stability and conformity.

"These patterns may indicate that in extreme old age individuals can be assertive and forceful," the study said. "On the other side, centenarians tended to score higher on emotionality; high emotionality may primarily reflect the diminishing resources available to meet the challenges of the day."

Celebrations of 100th birthdays used to be extremely rare, but the number of Americans that age or older more than tripled to 52,000 from 1980 to 1995, according to the Population Reference Bureau Inc., a private research group.

That number of centenarians may reach 1 million by the middle of the next century, the group said. Today, one out of every 5,000 Americans lives to see his or her 100th birthday.

So far, University of Georgia researchers have found no single reason why the study's centenarians have lived so long.

"If you ask 100 centenarians why they have been so successful in getting to be so old, you're going to get 100 answers. There's really lots of variation," Poon said. "There isn't one formula to be a centenarian, so we all have a chance, maybe."

Poon's study began in 1988 with a grant from the National Institutes of Health. In its first phase, researchers compared a group of 100 Georgia centenarians to 100 Georgians in their 80s and a third group of 100 in their 60s. In the second phase, which began in 1992, the research team is measuring participants' changes over time.

Poon wanted to explore the possible reasons for successful aging, so elderly people who suffered from dementia or who were unable to care for themselves were excluded from the study. Once admitted into the study, all participants remained part of the projeet, regardless of any changes in health or cognitive status.

Researchers looked at a number of characteristics, including family longevity, coping skills, religious faith and cognitive and intellectual functioning. They also examined personalities, diet, physical condition and the amount of emotional support participants received from friends and family.

"One centenarian was writing her autobiography, another published a history of family stories and one other was working from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily as a tour guide at a historical landmark," the study said.

One centenarian continued to manage his own investment portfolio by communicating daily with his stock broker, and another practiced weekly with a chamber music group, the study said.

"One, though lacking formal education, raised and sold rabbits to bring his poverty level income into a livable range," it said.

As expected, however, the study revealed that as people age, some functions deteriorate.

"We see decline in health and certainly in physical moving around, in hearing and in vision," he said. "We're looking at the cream of the crop, but we still find cognitive and intellectual decline."

Three-quarters of the centenarians were female. That was expected since women generally outlive men in the United States.

Participants generally didn't follow low-cholesterol, low-fat diets, but they didn't overindulge either, Poon said. None was vegetarian.

"Because they come from Georgia, they have an eating pattern which is very typical. Southern cooking uses a lot of fat," Poon said. "They do not shy away from it, but on top of that they tend to eat breakfast maybe a little more regularly. ... They tend to maybe eat things in moderation."

Most are lean, and few had major diseases, he said.

"If they did, they would not have lasted this long. And they hardly take any medication. The average number of medications for our group is two," he said.

"They tend to be fairly healthy even if there is kind of the normal and expected decline of the senses," Poon said. "In terms of blood pressure, it was in the normal range."

Webster's takes food words out of our mouths

By Tom Sietsema
N.Y. Times News Service

"How do you spell portobello?" a woman wants to know.

"Portobello? Portabella? Portabello?"

The question crops up with increasing regularity among restaurateurs, chefs, food scribes and diners as more of us serve, cook, write about or eat the large, meaty, dark-brown mushroom that is simply a fully mature form of the crimino.

But the woman posing the spelling question isn't a chef and doesn't run a restaurant. Rather, Kathy Soltis is a Cleveland-based lexicographer for Webster's New World Dictionaries. As the editor who handles culinary terms for the source — currently about 153,000 entries strong — it's her job to keep track of words such as portobello and verify how they're spelled, pronounced and used by others.

Portobello may or may not be introduced into the dictionary's next revision, but Soltis has prepared a citation card that lists the different ways she's seen it appear. Just as she keeps an eye on how people are spelling that popular ring-shaped fried pastry. "Donut" may eventually replace "doughnut" as the word of first choice.

At Webster's New World Dictionaries, file cards on more than a million words are filed away in alphabetized drawers that are periodically checked by a senior editor; when it comes time to update the dictionary, about every two years or so, that person reviews lists of citations and more than a few of the cards, selecting those words that enjoy wide use before drawing up a list for the editorial director to review for consideration.

Other words that have been advanced and may end up in the next revision include basmati rice, deglaze, etouffee, extra-virgin (as in olive oil), drizzle (as a verb) and choux (the French term for cream puff pastry).

The 1996 update of Webster's New World College Dictionary hit the bookstores recently, and among the hundred or so new entries are those defining biscotti, balsamic vinegar and microbrewery — food terms that "reflect the increasing attention people pay to this part of life," says Mike Agnes, editorial director of the dictionary.

"I am not a foodie," he's quick to add, using the slang introduced in his source in 1988 to describe "a person having an enthusiastic interest in the preparation and consumption of fine foods, especially in restaurants."

To winnow 350 suggestions for new entries down to less than a third in the most recent round, Agnes relied on a staff of 15. The support includes two people whose full-time duties require them to read newspapers, magazines and books — and monitor radio, TV and films — to keep current with the English language.

It's not easy to get into the dictionary. "We're fairly conservative about adding new words," says Agnes, whose expertise includes ornithological and computer terminology. A word that is too technical or too faddish might be discarded in favor of one that "will stay active in the lexicon" for the foreseeable future, he explains. The wordsmith can't predict whether phrases such as "politically correct" or "12-step" will be around 20 years from now; the point is, "we live in an era where these concerns are present."

So it helps if a term enjoys a broad audience. "The ideal is if it appears in TV Guide, The New Yorker and Scientific American," Agnes says.

Soltis even scans the comics pages for words. If a term pops up there, she reasons, "you know enough people are familiar with it and will get the punch line."

Does she ever campaign to get a favorite term included? "My job is descriptive, not prescriptive," she responds. Lexicographers only report on the way people speak, Soltis says, "we don't set trends."

Her prejudices extend to pronouncing things as she's heard them on their home turf, such as saying creme anglaise as the French do.

Securing a place for a new word is a group effort, editors agree, though the final decision belongs to Agnes. And it's not always civil. "We have knockdown, drag-out fights, absolutely," admits the man of many words.

Yet the biggest fight is the fight for space; to make way for so many new entries, others have to be tightened or dropped to avoid a collection that resembles a forest's worth of paper.

And as fast as things might change in the world of food and provide the lexicographer with a new set of challenges, nothing beats a shift in global politics. In preparing for the 1994 revision, for instance, editors at Webster's scrambled to update all the geographical and biographical entries to reflect the dissolution of the Soviet Union and subsequent changes in Eastern Europe. Agnes and his staff reworked 800 pages, he recalls, and "it just about killed us."

Fat chance that year's new food arrivals — sambuca, shiitake, tomatillo among them — caused more than a rumble in their stomachs.

Expert offers advice to 'kitchen klutzes': Watch those knives

By Suzanne Hamlin
N.Y. Times News Service

It comes as no surprise to Norman Weinstein, a cooking teacher in Brooklyn, that knives are the biggest cause of injury in the kitchen. But, he says, that's not the full story.

"Believe me, there are as many fruits and vegetables being mutilated as there are people," said Weinstein, who gives classes in knife skills around the country.

He and other cooking teachers lament the lack of knowledge that most people have of this most basic of kitchen tools.

"I'm absolutely convinced that there would be a massive return to home cooking if people knew how to use a knife properly," Weinstein said.

"If it takes you 50 minutes to cut up food that could be chopped in 10 minutes, you're far less likely to do it."

Cooking professionals say only a few knives are really essential in any kitchen: an 8-or 10-inch chef's knife for chopping; a 3½-inch paring knife; a 4½-inch utility knife, and a long, thin serrated knife for slicing bread and bagels.

When buying a knife, you should look for one that feels good in your hand. Most kitchen professionals now prefer improved, high-carbon stainless steel knives to those made of only of carbon steel.

The basic rules of knife use are:

■ A dull knife is a dangerous knife. The Chef's Choice line of sharpeners is favored by professionals. Always cut on a cutting board; clean it with scalding water.

■ A dishwasher wears out knife blades and handles. Wash knives immediately after using and put them away. A knife sitting in a sink is an accident waiting to happen.

■ Never store knives in a drawer willy-nilly: their blades will get dull and someone's fingers will get nicked. Use slotted knife holders in drawers. On the counter, use a knife block.

Some culinary schools offer single knife-skill sessions. On Jan. 13 and Feb. 8, Weinstein will give two such classes at Peter Kump's New York Cooking School, at 50 West 23d Street. Information and prices are available from (212) 242-2882.

On Dec. 9, the cooking supply store Broadway Panhandler — 477 Broome Street (Wooster Street), (212) 966-0121 — is offering a free three-hour class in knife skills led by Weinstein.

DEAR ABBY

Statistics show that smoking kills with more than cancer

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Please understand that I will soon be 60 years old, and I am not, never have been, and do not plan on becoming a cigarette smoker. Also, this letter is NOT being sponsored by any tobacco company.


Van Buren

I doubt that my letter will ever see print in your column, but that doesn't matter. You (or your editors) probably do not have the intestinal fortitude to print it. But I am flat-out tired of hearing all these "bleeding hearts" hoot and holler about how smoking has caused all these deaths and how secondhand smoke is going to kill us all.

Abby, both my mother and father smoked like locomotives, and neither one of them died of cancer. I've been subjected to secondhand smoke during my entire lifetime, and even now, with my present wife, I am not yet dead of cancer.

My aunt also smoked. She did die of cancer. Her husband smoked, but he did not die of cancer. My cousin (their daughter) also smoked; she did not die of cancer. My first wife's father died of cancer, and he never smoked.

Abby, no offense to you personally, but I've had it with these "holier than thou" folks making second-class citizens out of smokers and blaming all cancer on smoking. — KERMIT DEAN ROOS, WESTLAKE, CALIF.

DEAR KERMIT: You have made your point. Not everyone who smokes will die of cancer. But ponder this: Approximately 87 percent of all lung cancers are linked to the use of tobacco, and this year an estimated 435,000 people will die from smoking-related diseases. According to the American Lung Association, smoking is the main cause of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease — emphysema and bronchitis. It's also a major cause of coronary artery disease and stroke, and has been linked to an array of other disorders — ranging from slow-healing wounds, impotence and infertility to fragile bones in older women.

Smoking during pregnancy accounts for an estimated 20 percent to 30 percent of low-birth-weight babies, up to 14 percent of premature deliveries, and (this one shocked me) some 10 percent of all infant deaths. Smoking by parents can have a dire effect on children, including a susceptibility to asthma, increased frequency of common colds and ear infections, and is possibly a risk factor in sudden infant death syndrome.

The list goes on and on ...

DEAR ABBY: I was one of those brides who didn't send thank-you notes for her wedding gifts. I didn't know very many members of my husband's family who had sent gifts, so I didn't know what to say. I thanked them in person when we finally met, but I always felt a little guilty because I had not sent a thank-you note.

About 15 years later, I finally got around to writing notes to all those people who I had come to know. In many cases, I could remember who gave me what, and mentioned the gift specifically. When I didn't remember what the gift was, I just thanked them for their generosity to us when we were just starting out.

Abby, I got more calls and letters! People were tickled that I had remembered them — even at that late date! My husband's grandmother has saved that letter and shows it to everybody.

It's never too late to say thank you. — RUTH TUFT, OLIVER SPRINGS, TENN.

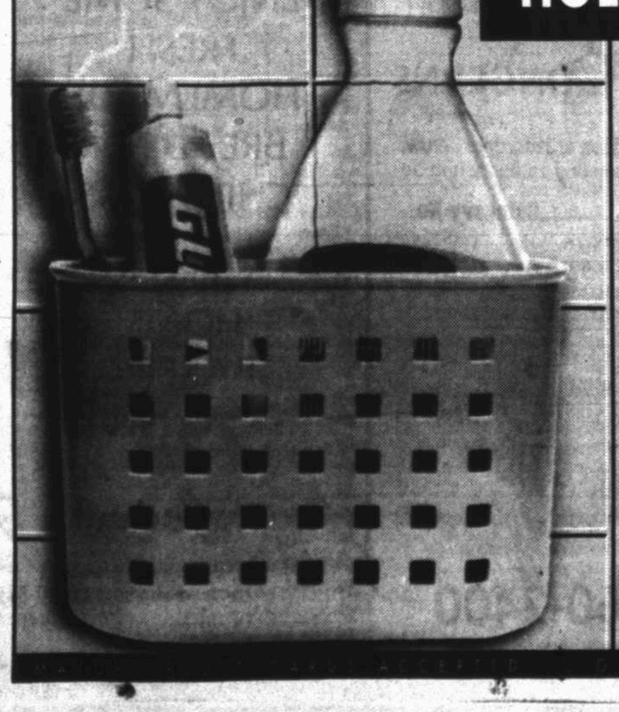
DEAR RUTH: Hooray for you! I frequently remind brides that it's a great time-saver to make a record (as the bride opens each gift) of what the gift is, a mini-description of it, and the name of the giver. It's very helpful when writing thank-you notes.

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Student's death casts spotlight on potent painkiller

By Randy Kennedy
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Jennifer Timbrook went to work last Saturday at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn much as she had for the last week, signing in at 9 a.m. on the sixth-floor pediatrics ward, pulling on scrubs and taking on her new duties as a third-year medical student on rotations.

As she often did on her days off, she had volunteered to come in that day to help examine newborns, talk to new mothers and discharge patients. But at 11:30 a.m., she signed out, and some time later took an elevator down to a deserted second-floor radiology darkroom.

There, investigators believe, she locked the door, took out two syringes and a glass ampule containing a powerful synthetic opiate called fentanyl, and injected herself with a fatal dose.

As detectives continue to investigate how she got the tightly controlled painkiller — and as Ms. Timbrook's classmates struggle to comprehend how one of the most dedicated among them could have self-destructed — experts say that her death was only the latest in a string of accidental overdoses from fentanyl.

They say it has become a perilous drug of choice for many doctors, nurses and a relative handful of students who abuse pharmaceutical drugs.

In fact, a study of anesthesiologists found that 60 to 70 percent of those who abuse drugs use fentanyl, which was introduced about 15 years ago and is used mainly as an anesthetic in surgery.

Because fentanyl is difficult to detect in blood and urine and because it delivers a fast, clean high that allows the user to emerge virtually unfazed as soon as an hour after use, many in the medical field believe they can use it with impunity, experts say.

But it is even more addictive than most opiates, the experts say, and even though it is 100 times more powerful than morphine, greater and greater doses are needed to achieve the same effect. The danger of eventually taking a dose large enough to bring on seizures of the chest muscles is tremendous, they say.

"The line is razor thin between overdose and the kind of dose you need to get the desired high," said Dr. G. Douglas Talbott, one of the nation's foremost experts on drug addiction among medical professionals.

In the case of Ms. Timbrook, a student at the State University of New York Health Science Center in Flatbush, Brooklyn, investigators believe that she may have been abusing the drug for some time, because they found more than a dozen needle marks on her arms and legs.

While the Medical Examiner has not yet determined the exact cause of death, detectives say they are treating the case as an accidental overdose.

The death of Ms. Timbrook comes three years after an anesthesiology resident, Donald Feldman, 37, took a fatal overdose of fentanyl at University Hospital, the health center across the street from Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn.

While no statistics are kept on the number of fatal fentanyl overdoses among medical students or professionals, officials estimated in 1990 that it had killed at least 18 doctors nationwide, including a 29-year-old doctor in Hartford, Conn., in 1990. One expert said that in the late 1980s, he recalled as many as eight deaths in one year.

In addition to those deaths, dozens of drug users have suffered fatal overdoses from street sources of the drug. In 1991, fentanyl being sold as heroin was blamed for 17 deaths in the New York area.

Experts on fentanyl addiction say it is most prevalent among anesthesiologists, partly because they have easier access to it. Talbott, who has overseen treatment of 5,000 addicted doctors and students, said that in the last two years fentanyl use had begun to spread to other specialties, like surgery and dentistry, replacing Demerol and codeine as the most attractive drug.

He said that Ms. Timbrook's death was the first possible fentanyl overdose involving a student. "It's just way too difficult for students to get their hands on it," he said.

While anesthesiologists say that overall abuse of fentanyl and other pharmaceutical drugs appears to be declining in their field, fentanyl is still the primary drug used by interns and residents who abuse drugs, according to the American Society of Anesthiologists.

Talbott said that of 250 anesthesiologists he has treated in 15 years, 205 have had a fentanyl problem.

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Jose Cuervo uses dictionary in fight against margaritas with no tequila

By Greg Hassell
Associated Press

HOUSTON — A battle is brewing over the soul of the margarita.

For years, every self-respecting margarita contained tequila, triple sec and lime juice. If it had an uncompromising attitude, it contained Cointreau, the best and most famous brand of triple sec.

Otherwise, there were no acceptable variations. Frozen or on the rocks, salt or no salt, the ingredients of a margarita were fixed in stone — or so margarita lovers thought.

Some big American companies — namely Joseph Seagram & Sons and E&J Gallo Winery — have started selling margarita coolers that don't contain a drop of tequila. Instead, they're made with wine and malt liquor.

If this seems like a bit of barroom trivia, consider the fact that Heublein Inc. — producer and marketer of Jose Cuervo Tequila — has filed a federal lawsuit to freeze the margarita coolers in their tracks. Furthermore, the Mexican government has filed an unfair-competition complaint with U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor, the Treasury Department and the White House.

"Phony margaritas have the potential to seriously and irrevocably damage U.S. imports of tequila," warned Adolfo Riveron, chairman of the Regional Chamber of the Tequila Industry.

There is little doubt tequila is big business. U.S. drinkers guzzle 5 million cases each year. Almost 70 percent of that tequila ends up in margaritas, currently the most popular cocktail in the nation, according to Jobson's Liquor Handbook.

Houstonians are particularly voracious tequila drinkers. The city ranks second, trailing only Los Angeles, in total tequila consumption.

So there is no question why Jose Cuervo and other tequila makers are hot to protect their turf. The real question is how?

Cuervo's argument has two basic parts: One, the intellectual-property provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement give Mexico the sole right to make and market tequila within the United States, Canada and Mexico. No one is disputing that. The tricky part comes in step two — all margaritas must be made with tequila. Cuervo and company bolster their case with Webster's American Heritage Dictionary, which defines a margarita as "a cocktail made with tequila."

Perhaps for the first time in history, the words intellectual property, Webster's Dictionary and margarita are being spoken together with complete seriousness.

Unfortunately, this case could drag on for a while, particularly because there are a few details to complicate matters.

But I was impatient for a verdict of some kind, so I convened my own panel of nine margarita experts. Their verdict was unanimous, although their analogies varied.

"You can no more make a margarita without tequila than you can make lemonade without lemons," declared Kevin Kretz, a senior at Rutgers College.

"Yeah, sure you can make a margarita without tequila, the same way you can make a hamburger with texturized vegetable protein," was another expert's verdict.

"A margarita without tequila would be like Christmas without Christ," said Chris Green, a computer systems analyst in California.

But should Seagram and Gallo be legally barred from committing their blasphemy? Again, the verdict was unanimous: Drink names should not be "owned" by companies that want to guarantee their ingredient goes into them.

"They also make pina colada-flavored coolers," said Eric Reed, a college student and bartender in Ithaca, N.Y. "But you don't have Bacardi and the Puerto Rican government on their tail about it."

Cyclists make 6,000 mile jaunt to San Antonio

By Cary Clack
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Ah, romance. Candlelight dinners, soft music, bears.

Bears?

For sheer novelty, adventure and physical endurance, few honeymoons will match Terry Badger's and Helen Valkavich's bicycle trip from Anchorage, Alaska, to San Antonio. When the couple pedaled to a stop in front of the Alamo on Sunday afternoon, they had biked 6,000 miles in four and a half months.

On July 14, their bicycles loaded with provisions, the couple took to the road. Some of their more interesting encounters were with Canadian bears. The honeymooners encountered about 17 bears — usually in packs of three or four — but none of the creatures was in the mood for confrontation.

They'd been married for two years but hadn't found time for a honeymoon, so they decided to take a year off from their jobs in Anchorage, where Valkavich is an assistant district attorney and Badger is a reporter for the Associated Press.

"We wanted to do a big trip," Badger said. "A simple two-week trip just wouldn't do."

He said the greatest hazard was posed by traffic: "The recreational vans and logging trucks were the most dangerous part of the trip."

"They didn't leave you a lot of room on the road," added his wife, who is a 1980 graduate of Alamo Heights High School.

Badger and Valkavich cycled 50 to 70 miles a day. Their best day was 115 miles. They sometimes stayed in motels, but more often camped out.

Waiting for the couple at the Alamo on Sunday were family and friends, including Valkavich's mother, Cynthia, who welcomed them with a small Christmas tree. The pair will stay here through the Christmas season, then fly to Vermont to spend time with his family. After that, they'll be off to South America for more time together and, perhaps, more biking.

Would they recommend a 6,000-mile biking trip to other young lovers?

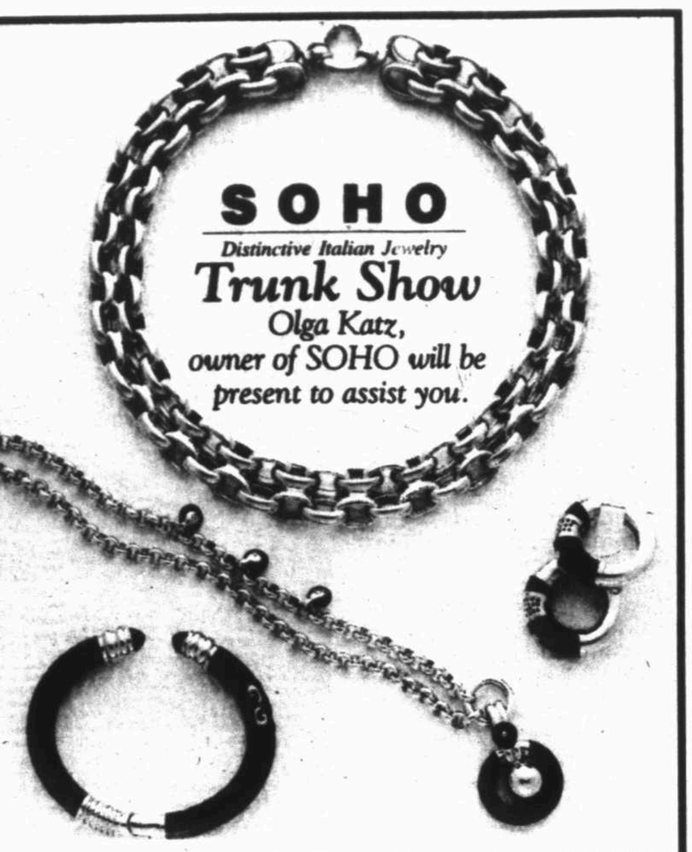
"One advantage is that you get to spend a lot of time with someone," Valkavich said.

Her husband concurred with a knowing smile: "You never really know someone until you've spent time in a small tent with them."

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GOLF — PGA Golf, JCPenney Classic, second round, at Tarpon Springs, Fla. (same-day tape), 3 p.m., ESPN.

HOCKEY — Houston Aeros at Detroit Vipors, 6:30 p.m., PRIME.

BASKETBALL— NBA Basketball, Dallas Mavericks at Atlanta Hawks, 6:30 p.m., TNT.

NASCAR — Presentations, NASCAR Awards, at New York, ESPN, 8 p.m.

BONFIRE — Aggie Bonfire from the polo fields of Texas A&M, 10:30, PRIME.

Texas Scores

BASKETBALL — NBA: Orlando Magic 110, Dallas Mavericks 96.

Utah Jazz 112, Houston Rockets 105.

SWC: No. 13 Missouri Tigers 66, SMU 51.

TCU 86, Middle Tennessee 83.

WJCAC: Women, Midland College 91, Frank Phillips College 84.

Men, Midland College 95, Angelo State JV 63.

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BASKETBALL — High School Girls, Midland High at Ysleta Tournament, El Paso.

Midland Lee vs. Burlesson at Northeast Richland Tournament, 4 p.m. Richland.

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Western Texas	1	3	.250	6	6	.500
Frank Phillips	0	2	.000	7	3	.700
Odessa College	0	3	.000	3	9	.250

Thursday's Scores

Midland College 91, Frank Phillips College 84; Howard College 63, Odessa College 52; South Plains College 106, Western Texas College 58; New Mexico Junior College is open.

Saturday's Games

Midland at New Mexico, 8:30 p.m. CST, Hobbs, N.M.; South Plains at Howard; Odessa at Frank Phillips; Western Texas is open.

Hearn inducted

NEW YORK — Chick Hearn, the Los Angeles Lakers play-by-play announcer, was inducted into the American Sportscasters Association Hall of Fame on Thursday night.

Timing enabled Hearn to appear at the organization's annual awards dinner and extend his consecutive game streak. The dinner, scheduled long before Hearn was voted into the Hall, fell on an off-night for the Lakers, between Wednesday night's victory over the Phoenix Suns and Friday night's home game against the Vancouver Grizzlies.

Hearn has not missed a Lakers game in 30 years and is two games shy of 2,800 consecutive games.

He is in his 36th year as a broadcaster.

Al Michaels of ABC Sports and Chris Berman of ESPN were honored as Sportcasters of the Year — Michaels as a play-by-play announcer and Berman as studio host.

Retired sportscaster Joe Garagiola was presented with the association's Humanitarian Award for his work with children of the Zuni Indian reservation in New Mexico and Pima Indians.

Song Shixiong received the International Sportscasters award.

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MIDLAND CHRISTIAN'S DRIVE FOR FIVE

Doing what he loves

Blake coaches Midland Christian to its fifth-straight title game

By Mike Butts
Sports Writer

On a fall morning almost 40 years ago, James Blake woke up with only an inkling of what six-man football was like. By day's end he had taken the first step toward a little bit of history.

Blake will coach the Midland Christian Mustangs as they play for their fifth straight state six man championship Saturday. The 62-year old Brownwood native has guided the Mustangs to three of their four titles with a level-headed, quiet approach foreign to most coaches. But in 1956 as a 23-year-old veteran of the Korean War, Blake had never even seen a six-man game.

"The first six-man game I ever saw, I refereed it," said Blake, who is also the Midland Christian principal. "I was in college and a superintendent came by and asked if I would referee a game in Mullin, Texas.

"He gave me a rule book and I read it and refereed that night."

Blake fell in love with the game and went on to coach, teach and administrate in public schools for 35 years, heading up six-man teams for part of that time. He took two Forsan volleyball teams to state championships in the '50s and coached eight-man football at Ackerly-Sands for five years. He also coached basketball and track.

Three summers ago, Blake retired from his 11-year post as the Sands' superintendent and moved to Midland. But it turned out to be nothing more than a artificial hiatus. Blake sent resumes to some private schools, including one to Midland Christian superintendent Eddie Lee.

■ Midland Christian (11-1) vs. Abilene Christian (11-1) for the TAPPS Six-Man state championship Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in Westbrook.

"I forgot all about that letter and moved to Midland," Blake said. "Midland Christian was looking for a football coach and they put me to work. I'm glad it happened because I was already tired of playing golf after two weeks."

Blake has led the Mustangs to overwhelming success in his four seasons. The team has won 11 straight Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools playoffs and compiled a 45-4 record under his leadership. Blake has achieved his .918 winning percentage with a gentle, low-key approach that belies coaching stereotypes.

By design, his composure rubs off on his players.

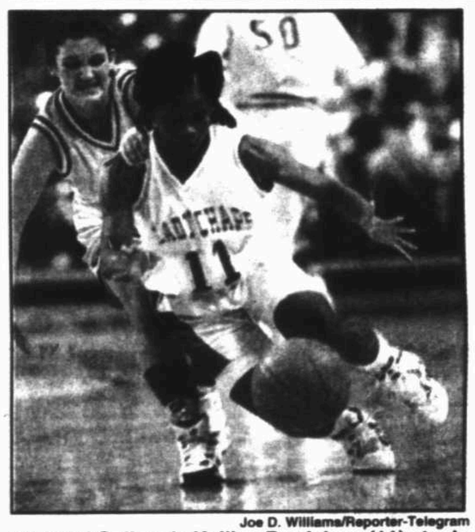
"One of the main things he teaches is patience," Mustang junior end Jerod Womack said. "When a fourth down comes, you can tell (quarterback) Alex (Awtry) is pretty calm and nobody gets too excited to forget the count or the play."

The first word Alex Awtry uses to

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Craig Patteson cradles an interception during Thursday's practice for the Midland Christian. The Mustangs will go for their fifth state title at Westbrook against Abilene Christian.



Joe D. Williams/Reporter-Telegram
Midland College's Kellina Bradshaw (11) steals the ball away from FPC's Errin Martin in the Lady Chaps' 91-84 win over Frank Phillips.

Lady Chaps head MC sweep with 91-84 victory over Frank Phillips

By Amy Wolfenbarger
Sports Writer

The Lady Chaparrals are back on the winning track but it wasn't pretty as Midland avoided a turnover train wreck in a 91-84 Western Junior College Athletic Conference women's basketball win over Frank Phillips College Thursday night at Chaparral Center.

The Lady Chaps turned the ball over a season-high 36 times but connected on 24 of 37 free throws compared to just eight of 10 for the Lady Plainsmen to escape with a win after losing their first game of the season Tuesday night at Howard College.

MC coach Ron Jones was happy with the win but literally disgusted with the high amount of turnovers.

"That's unacceptable," said Jones. "We cannot expect to compete in this conference if we're going to turn the ball over that many times."

The Lady Chaps improved to 9-1 for the season and 2-1 in league play while Frank Phillips (7-3) is still winless in conference action at 0-2.

In the first game of the night, Devon Phillips poured in a career-high 32 points including six three-point goals while Ceedric Goodwyn added 21 as the Chaparrals easily outdistanced the Angelo State Junior Varsity 95-63 in men's basketball action.

About the only thing that kept the Lady Chaps in the game with Frank Phillips was good free throw shooting and the fact that the Lady Plainsmen turned the ball over 32 times themselves, making for a very sloppy game.

"I think we played hard," Jones said. "The effort was good but we were just too sloppy. We aren't on the same page offensively.

"I'm happy with the win but we've got to do better. We've got too many good ball handlers to be that sloppy," Jones added.

After the Lady Plainsmen scored eight unanswered points to open the second half with a 51-49 lead, Midland went

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Bama wins some, loses more

■ The Crimson Tide wins two elements of its appeal, but a bowl ban will keep Alabama out for the first time since 1984.

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press Writer

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama's football program won the two key elements of its appeal of NCAA sanctions Thursday, and coach Gene Stallings ended weeks of speculation by saying he would return next year.

The NCAA Infractions Appeals Committee refused to overturn a bowl ban this season, meaning No. 21 Alabama (8-3) won't make a postseason appearance for the first time since 1984.

But the panel sided with Alabama on two issues the school considered more important: It agreed to eliminate a third year of probation and restored nine scholarships.

The Crimson Tide will still lose 17 scholarships through the next two years, a penalty the team could feel into the next century.

But Stallings, who had said the outcome of the appeal could affect his return, announced he was coming back. He also admitted embarrassment that the episode occurred on his watch.

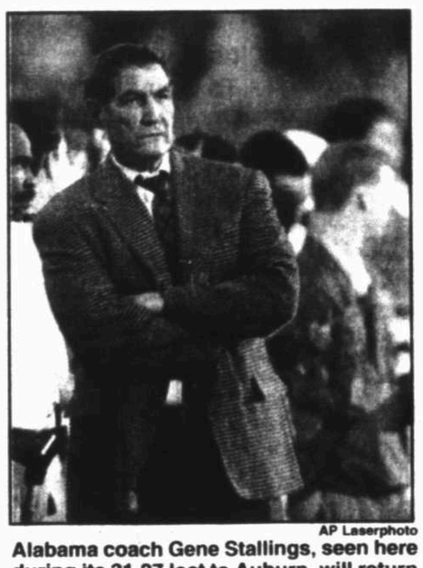
"It makes me bristle more than anything," said Stallings, 60, who has three years left on his contract. "I'm anxious to get started recruiting. I'm looking forward to spring practice. I'm already playing with Xs and Os."

The appeals committee action did not affect findings by the NCAA Infractions Committee concerning former player Antonio Langham's dealings with an agent and bank loans obtained by former player Gene Jelks.

But the appeals committee vacated another primary ruling against Alabama: That former faculty athletics representative Tom Jones acted unethically by trying to mislead the organization about the status of former Langham.

The Committee on Infractions violated procedures by failing to notify the school or Jones of the charge before returning

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AP Laserphoto
Alabama coach Gene Stallings, seen here during its 31-27 lost to Auburn, will return to Alabama despite the sanctions to the Crimson Tide.

N.Y. Giants pluck Cardinals, Buddy in lackluster game

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Dull, boring ... for a while.

The New York Giants beat the Arizona Cardinals, another team going nowhere with a coach who may not be back, 10-6 Thursday night by making Dave Brown's third-quarter touchdown pass to Mike Sherrard stand up.

The Cardinals made it thrilling at the end, driving from their own 10-yard line to the New York 8 in the final 1:50 before Dave Krieg misfired on four straight passes.

Vencie Glenn of the Giants figured in the two plays that turned back Arizona drives in the fourth quarter, intercepting Cardinals rookie and former Odessa Permian quarterback Stoney Case in front of the goal line and running to the Giants 5 with 6:39 to play.

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TERRY WILLIAMSON

4-5A meets old nemesis this weekend

Just in case you haven't noticed in the past, this is the point in the Class 5A state football playoffs where the going gets tough.

This is when District 4-5A runs into the teams from the metroplex area for the next two weeks and there have been some bumps and bruised egos in the past.



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Odessa Permian is the one league team that handles this situation with usual winning performance. Old Mojo is 24-7-2 against teams from the metroplex in the state playoffs. Four of Permian's seven losses against metroplex squads has come at the hands of the Plano Wildcats, and just in case you didn't notice, Plano isn't alive to tell that story in 1995.

Permian will have to face Arlington High, a team that eliminated two District 4-5A teams (Midland Lee and Abilene Cooper) a year ago. Arlington High has been to the state playoffs nine years in a row. Strangely, however, the Colts have met Permian only twice in the playoffs. Permian owns the series edge with a 1-0-1 record and both were victories since Permian advanced on the 1987 tie, 35-35.

Lee, on the other hand, is only 4-6-1 in metroplex playoff games. Lee has some good and bad news when the Rebels face Arlington Lamar Saturday. The good news is that the Rebels are playing this game on the road. Lee has never beaten a metroplex team at home (0-3-1). Of course, Lee's one tie with Lamar last year at Memorial Stadium was a Lee advancement. They still didn't get into the win column. Lamar is 1-0-1 against Lee.

The bad news for Lee is that the Rebels aren't playing at home. Lee is 0-2 in Texas Stadium. Lee really needs to be playing in Ratliff Stadium in Odessa where they are 2-0 in the playoffs against the metroplex. Lamar has been to the state playoffs eight years in a row, and they, too, are no strangers to Texas Stadium, which should be co-owned by Jerry Jones and the Vikings. Lamar stands 16-2 in Texas Stadium over that eight-year span.

Abilene Cooper is seeking to even its metroplex playoff record. The Cougars stand 2-3 against metroplex playoff teams and own a 1-2 mark in Texas Stadium where they will meet Flower Mound Marcus. Marcus has never been to the state's third round, so it is sailing in unchartered waters.

It also makes Marcus a dangerous animal. They were ranked No. 4 in the state at the end of regular season play. They are excited about the playoffs since they are setting school records with each win.

District 4-5A could be in for a rough day at Texas Stadium Saturday. It almost makes you want to hate the Dallas Cowboys.

Even though District 4-5A struggled with El Paso, we finally got all the picks right on the same week. With a 40-13 (.755) picking record, here's how the third week of the playoffs will go down.

Arlington Lamar 25, Midland Lee 24: This a tough one to pick since both struggled last week to get victories. But Lamar owes Lee one from last year and that may be this week's key motivation. Lee also won its "dime" last week and one wonders if the Rebels feel like the goal has been met.

Flower Mound Marcus 32, Abilene Cooper 18: The only thing Cooper can hope for here is that it snows or rains. Otherwise, the pass happy Flower blooms again.

Odessa Permian 21, Arlington High 7: One 4-5A team survives and it will be old Mojo. If Permian wins a state championship, is Lee the co-holder?

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Season: 213-87
Pct.: .710



Mike Butts
Last Week: 19-6
Season: 208-92
Pct.: .693



Stewart Doreen
Last Week: 18-7
Season: 207-93
Pct.: .690



Amy Wolfenbarger
Last Week: 18-7
Season: 196-104
Pct.: .653



Sean Wallace
Last Week: 17-8
Season: 190-110
Pct.: .633



Crystal Ball (Consensus)
Last Week: 16-9
Season: 211-89
Pct.: .703

HIGH SCHOOL						
Midland Lee vs. Arlington Lamar	Arlington Lamar	Arlington Lamar	Midland Lee	Midland Lee	Arlington Lamar	Arlington Lamar (3-2)
Odessa Permian vs. Arlington High	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian	Odessa Permian (5-0)
Abilene Cooper vs. Flower Mound Marcus	Flower Mound Marcus	Flower Mound Marcus	Flower Mound Marcus	Flower Mound Marcus	Flower Mound Marcus	F.M. Marcus (5-0)
R. Lake Highlands vs. Jersey Village	Lake Highlands	Lake Highlands	Lake Highlands	Jersey Village	Jersey Village	Lake Highlands (3-2)
Pampa vs. Denison	Denison	Denison	Denison	Denison	Denison	Denison (5-0)
Borger vs. Stephenville	Borger	Stephenville	Stephenville	Stephenville	Stephenville	Stephenville (4-1)
Littlefield vs. Ballinger	Ballinger	Ballinger	Littlefield	Littlefield	Ballinger	Ballinger (3-2)
West Texas vs. Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	Hamlin	West Texas	Hamlin (4-1)
Sundown vs. Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters	Winters (5-0)
Shamrock vs. Wink	Shamrock	Wink	Wink	Shamrock	Wink	Shamrock (3-2)
COLLEGE						
Texas at Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas A&M	Texas	Texas A&M	Texas A&M (4-1)
Houston at Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Houston	Tie	Rice (3-1-1)
Navy at Army	Army	Army	Navy	Army	Army	Army (4-1)
Oklahoma State at Hawaii	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Hawaii	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma State (4-1)
PROFESSIONAL						
Washington at Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas	Dallas (5-0)
Houston at Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh (5-0)
Cincinnati at Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay (5-0)
Atlanta at Miami	Atlanta	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami (4-1)
New Orleans at New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England	New England (5-0)
St. Louis at New York Jets	St. Louis	St. Louis	New York Jets	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis (4-1)
Tampa Bay at Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota	Minnesota (5-0)
Kansas City at Oakland	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City	Kansas City (5-0)
Cleveland at San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego (5-0)
Buffalo at San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco (5-0)
Chicago at Detroit	Chicago	Detroit	Chicago	Detroit	Detroit	Detroit (3-2)

Yankees drop Darryl Strawberry

NEW YORK (AP) — Darryl Strawberry's brief career with the New York Yankees ended Thursday when the team declined to exercise a $1.8 million option for next season and instead chose to pay a $175,000 buyout.

Strawberry, who will be 34 next season, joined the Yankees on Aug. 4 after completing a 60-day suspension for testing positive for cocaine.

He hit .276, going 24-for-87 in 32 games with three homers and 13 RBIs. He struck out 22 times and had 10 walks.

The Yankees, who paid Strawberry $750,000 in 1995, originally had to decide on the option by Nov. 1. At the team's request, Strawberry agreed to push back the deadline to Dec. 2.

General manager Bob Watson was refusing to return telephone calls, Yankees spokesman Rob Butcher said.

Apparently, Watson and new manager Joe Torre didn't want Strawberry on their team next season.



Sports Scoreboard

NBA Results

NBA Standings
All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	13	2	.867	—
Miami	9	3	.750	2 1/2
New York	10	4	.714	2 1/2
Boston	5	7	.417	6 1/2
New Jersey	5	8	.385	7
Washington	5	8	.385	7
Philadelphia	2	10	.166	9 1/2

Central Division

Chicago	12	2	.857	—
Atlanta	9	5	.643	2 1/2
Indiana	6	5	.545	4
Charlotte	7	8	.467	5
Cleveland	6	8	.429	5 1/2
Detroit	5	9	.357	6 1/2
Toronto	5	10	.333	7
Milwaukee	4	9	.308	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	12	4	.750	—
Houston	11	4	.733	1/2
San Antonio	8	4	.667	2
Dallas	5	8	.385	5 1/2
Denver	4	9	.308	6 1/2
Minnesota	3	9	.250	7
Vancouver	2	13	.133	9 1/2

Pacific Division

Sacramento	10	4	.714	—
Seattle	9	6	.600	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	7	7	.500	3
Portland	7	8	.467	3 1/2
L.A. Clippers	7	8	.467	3 1/2
Phoenix	6	7	.462	3 1/2
Golden State	5	10	.333	5 1/2

Wednesday's Games
Boston 100, Detroit 96
Atlanta 106, Philadelphia 81
Charlotte 115, New York 105
San Antonio 105, L.A. Clippers 86
L.A. Lakers 107, Phoenix 96
Portland 112, Golden State 98

Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Cleveland 97, Washington 85
Orlando 110, Dallas 96
Miami 118, Detroit 107
Utah 112, Houston 105
Milwaukee at Portland, (n)
Chicago at Vancouver, (n)
Indiana at Sacramento, (n)

Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Magic 110, Mavericks 96

DALLAS (96): Mashburn 5-17 7-10 18, Jones 4-10 0-0 8, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Jackson 3-11 0-0 6, Kidd 2-10 1-2 5, Davis 2-9 2-4 6, Harris 3-8 0-0 7, Dumas 9-15 1-2 22, Parks 2-4 2-2 6, Meyer 2-2 4-7 8, Brooks 4-5 1-2 10. Totals 36-92 18-29 96.

ORLANDO (110): Scott 10-16 4-4 29, Grant 6-14 0-0 12, Koncak 2-4 1-2 5, Anderson 5-8 0-0 14, Hardaway 8-16 8-8 24, Royal 1-4 0-0 2, Wolf 3-7 0-0 6, Shaw 1-7 0-0 2, Vaughn 2-4 0-0 4, Bowie 2-5 0-0 5, Armstrong 2-3 2-2 7, Hamrnink 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-88 15-16 110.

Dallas	**19**	**20**	**23**	**34 — 96**
Orlando	**26**	**27**	**31**	**26 — 110**

3-Point goals—Dallas 6-22 (Dumas 3-5, Brooks 1-1, Harris 1-5, Mashburn 1-6, Jackson 0-1, Kidd 0-4), Orlando 11-15 (Scott 5-7, Anderson 4-4, Bowie 1-1, Armstrong 1-1, Hardaway 0-2). Fouled out—Wolf. Rebounds—Dallas 61 (Davis 10), Orlando 53 (Grant 13). Assists—Dallas 24 (Dumas 7), Orlando 28 (Hardaway 11). Total fouls—Dallas 16, Orlando 20. A—17,248 (17,248).

Jazz 112, Rockets 105

UTAH (112): Russell 5-7 8-8 19, Malone 8-16 11-13 27, Spencer 3-3 0-0 6, Morris 2-5 0-0 4, Stockton 9-14 2-3 22, Foster 3-7 3-3 9, Hornacek 3-8 7-8 13, Watson 1-2 0-0 2, Carr 0-6 0-0 0, Keefe 0-1 2-2 2, Benoit 2 2 4-4 8. Totals 36-71 37-41 112.

HOUSTON (105): Horry 1-4 0-0 2, Brown 3-4 0-0 6, Olajuwon 9-18 13-16 31, Drexler 6-13 9-13 22, Smith 5-6 0-0 13, Cassell 4-12 5-6 13, Bryant 1-5 2-2 4, Elie 5-12 3-3 14, Chilcutt 0-1 0-0 0, Jones 0-2 0-2 0. Totals 34-77 32-42 105.

Utah	**24**	**29**	**33**	**26 — 112**
Houston	**17**	**23**	**34**	**31 — 105**

3-Point goals—Utah 3-11 (Stockton 2-4, Russell 1-3, Morris 0-2, Hornacek 0-2), Houston 5-20 (Smith 3-4, Drexler 1-4, Elie 1-4, Chilcutt 0-1, Horry 0-3, Cassell 0-4). Fouled out—Bryant. Rebounds—Utah 44 (Malone 8), Houston 48 (Olajuwon 13). Assists—Utah 21 (Stockton 13), Houston 20 (Olajuwon, Drexler, Smith 5). Total fouls—Utah 34, Houston 28. Technicals—Malone, Houston illegal defense 3. A—16,285 (16,611).

Cavaliers 97, Bullets 85

CLEVELAND (97): Mills 5-11 6-7 16, Ferry 10-16 2-2 24, Cage 3-6 0-0 6, Phills 5-9 1-2 11, Brandon 9-20 10-10 29, Amaechi 1-4 2-4 4, Majerle 2-6 0-0 6, Sura 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 35-74 22-27 97.

WASHINGTON (85): Howard 7-16 4-5 18, Webber 9-16 2-2 22, Muresan 2-6 3-4 7, Cheaney 7-15 1-1 16, Pack 2-8 5-6 10, Wallace 1-3 3-4 5, Legler 1-3 0-0 3, Butler 1-4 1-2 4. Totals 30-71 19-24 85.

Cleveland	**30**	**16**	**30**	**21 — 97**
Washington	**18**	**25**	**28**	**14 — 85**

3-Point goals—Cleveland 5-14 (Majerle 2-4, Ferry 2-5, Brandon 1-2, Mills 0-1), Washington 6-14 (Webber 2-3, Cheaney 1-2, Legler 1-2, Butler 1-2, Pack 1-4, Howard 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 43 (Cage 10), Washington 47 (Howard 10). Assists—Cleveland 27 (Brandon 15), Washington 24 (Pack 8). Total fouls—Cleveland 19, Washington 14. Technicals—Washington illegal defense 3, Pack, Webber. A—11,226 (18,756).

Heat 118, Pistons 107

MIAMI (118): Owens 8-10 4-5 20, Willis 5-12 0-2 10, Mourning 4-12 14-16 23, Danilovic 0-1 0-2 0, Coles 8-16 9-10 26, Askins 5-9 2-2 16, Gamble 6-13 0-0 13, Myers 2-2 2-3 7, Thomas 0-0 0-0 0, Grandison 1-2 0-0 3. Totals 39-77 31-40 118.

DETROIT (107): Hill 11-18 11-11 33, Thorpe 8-15 9-10 24, West 0-0 0-0, Hunter 1-4 0-0 2, Houston 2-7 8-10 13, Leckner 1-1 1-2 3, Dumars 6-15 9-11 24, Mills 2-2 2-2 6, Reid 0-0 1-2 1, Bardo 0-0 0-0 0, Roe 0-3 0-0 0, Ratliff 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 31-65 41-50 107.

Miami	**35**	**33**	**19**	**31 — 118**
Detroit	**30**	**23**	**26**	**28 — 107**

3-Point goals—Miami 9-16 (Askins 4-7, Coles 1-1, Grandison 1-1, Meyers 1-1, Mourning 1-2, Gamble 1-4), Detroit 4-14 (Dumars 3-7, Houston 1-4, Roe 0-1, Thorpe 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Miami 48 (Mourning 13), Detroit 42 (Hill 11). Assists—Miami 19 (Coles 8), Detroit 18 (Hill 7). Total fouls—Miami 36, Detroit 33. Technicals—Myers, Willis, Askins, Miami illegal defense 2, Thorpe, Detroit illegal defense. A—14,520 (16,611).

Bulls 94, Grizzlies 88

CHICAGO (94): Pippen 6-15 2-4 14, Simpkins 5-8 0-0 10, Longley 0-6 2-2 2, Jordan 14-26 1-2 29, Harper 4-7 2-2 10, Wennington 4-5 0-0 8, Kukoc 3-10 1-2 8, Brown 1-1 0-0 2, Kerr 2-6 3-4 9, Caffey 1-3 0-0 2, Buechler 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-87 11-16 94.

VANCOUVER (88): King 4-8 2-2 10, Harvey 4-8 1-3 9, Reeves 3-7 5-6 11, Edwards 4-12 0-0 9, Anthony 8-13 9-12 27, Scott 3-6 4-4 11, Avent 2-5 0-0 4, Martin 3-8 0-1 7. Totals 31-67 21-28 88.

Chicago	**25**	**19**	**18**	**32 — 94**
Vancouver	**23**	**19**	**22**	**24 — 88**

3-Point goals—Chicago 3-13 (Kerr 2-5, Kukoc 1-2, Harper 0-1, Jordan 0-2, Pippen 0-3), Vancouver 5-11 (Anthony 2-2, Martin 1-2, Edwards 1-2, Scott 1-3, Reeves 0-1, King 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 55 (Longley 10), Vancouver 40 (Harvey 8). Assists—Chicago 27 (Pippen 8), Vancouver 19 (Anthony 7). Total fouls—Chicago 22, Vancouver 21. Technical—Anthony. A—19,193 (34,215).

Bucks 100, Blazers 99

MILWAUKEE (100): G.Robinson 13-16 1-2 31, Cummings 3-5 2-2 8, Baker 9-19 6-9 24, Newman 4-6 4-6 13, Mayberry 4-7 2-2 13, Respert 1-6 0-0 2, Douglas 0-2 1-2 1, Benjamin 3-5 2-3 8, Conlon 0-2 0-0 0, Keys 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-68 18-26 100.

PORTLAND (99): C.Robinson 8-21 1-2 21, Trent 6-14 2-2 14, Dudley 2-4 1-2 5, McKie 2-6 3-4 7, Strickland 7-17 4-8 18, J.Robinson 6-10 1-2 16, Williams 1-4 1-2 3, Sabonis 4-8 1-3 10, Childress 1-2 2-2 5. Totals 37-86 16-27 99.

Milwaukee	**26**	**30**	**29**	**15 — 100**
Portland	**24**	**28**	**25**	**22 — 99**

3-Point goals—Milwaukee 8-12 (G.Robinson 4-5, Mayberry 3-5, Newman 1-1, Respert 0-1), Portland 9-22 (C.Robinson 4-11, J.Robinson 3-4, Childress 1-1, Sabonis 1-3, McKie 0-1, Strickland 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Milwaukee 42 (Cummings, Benjamin 8), Portland 58 (Dudley 9). Assists—Milwaukee 17 (Mayberry 5), Portland 21 (Strickland 10). Total fouls—Milwaukee 22, Portland 20. Technicals—Milwaukee illegal defense 2. A—19,913 (21,401).

Transactions

Thursday's Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

AUTO RACING

TEAM RAHAL—Named Bryan Herta driver.

BASEBALL
American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed Barry Lyons, catcher, on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Declined to exercise their 1997 option on Wayne Kirby, outfielder.

DETROIT TIGERS—Placed Milt Cuyler, outfielder, on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Declined to exercise their 1996 option on Darryl Strawberry, outfielder.

TEXAS RANGERS—Named Steve McNeill vice president and chief information officer and Chip Sawicki controller. Signed Carlos Martinez, infielder, to a minor-league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Tim McLeary assistant general manager.

National League

COLORADO ROCKIES—Named Rick Dempsey advance scout.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed Joe Siddall, catcher, to a minor-league contract.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with Greg Gagne, shortstop, on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Placed Stanley Roberts, center, on the injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Traded Derrick Coleman and Sean Higgins, forwards, and Rex Walters, guard, to the Philadelphia 76ers for Shawn Bradley, center, Tim Perry, forward, and Greg Graham, guard.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

HOUSTON OILERS—Placed Ray Childress, defensive lineman, and Marcus Robertson, safety, on injured reserve. Signed James McKeehan, tight end, and Dennis Lundy, running back.

NEW YORK JETS—Placed Richie Anderson, running back, on injured reserve. Signed Kenyon Rasheed, fullback.

Canadian Football League

CFL—Announced that the Memphis Mad Dogs have folded.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Loaned Andre Racicot, goalie, to Atlanta of the IHL.

EDMONTON OILERS—Sent Frad Brathwaite, goalie, to Cape Breton of the AHL.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Sent Antti Tormanen, right wing, to Prince Edward Island of the AHL. Recalled Jean-Yves Roy, right wing, from PEI.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled David Roberts, left wing.

NHL

NHL Standings
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	16	6	4	36	91	58
Florida	17	6	1	35	85	57
N.Y. Rangers	14	8	3	31	88	73
New Jersey	11	10	3	25	63	59
Washington	11	10	2	24	60	60
Tampa Bay	9	10	5	23	69	81
N.Y. Islanders	5	15	3	13	61	93

Northeast Division

Pittsburgh	14	5	3	31	112	69
Montreal	12	10	1	25	72	65
Buffalo	10	11	2	22	71	68
Hartford	9	11	2	20	54	66
Boston	8	10	4	20	77	82
Ottawa	6	16	1	13	59	91

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	14	6	2	30	82	55
Chicago	11	9	5	27	86	78
Winnipeg	12	10	2	26	88	83
Toronto	11	9	4	26	78	73
St. Louis	10	12	3	23	61	71
Dallas	8	7	5	21	56	57

Pacific Division

Colorado	15	5	4	34	98	67
Los Angeles	10	10	5	25	82	82
Anaheim	11	13	1	23	80	76
Edmonton	7	12	5	19	62	86
Vancouver	6	11	7	19	82	97
Calgary	4	15	5	13	54	87
San Jose	3	17	4	10	71	108

Thursday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Pittsburgh 9, Boston 6
N.Y. Islanders 5, Ottawa 3
Philadelphia 3, Toronto 2
St. Louis 4, Winnipeg 1
Washington at Los Angeles, (n)

Friday's Games
Florida at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
Hartford at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.
Colorado at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Buffalo at Boston, 6 p.m.
Florida at Hartford, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Winnipeg, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7 p.m.
Washington at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Dallas at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Penguins 9, Bruins 6

Pittsburgh	**3**	**3**	**3**	**— 9**
Boston	**1**	**2**	**3**	**— 6**

First Period—1, Boston, Donato 6 (Bourque, Stumpel), 3:02 (pp). 2, Pittsburgh, Smolinski 5 (Nedved, Mironov), 6:07 (pp). 3, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 19 (Naslund), 13:21. 4, Pittsburgh, Jagr 20 (Francis, Smolinski), 16:53.

Second Period—5, Boston, Czerkawski 1 (Oates, Stevens), 2:53. 6, Pittsburgh, Smolinski 6 (Francis, Zubov), 3:16. 7, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 20 (Naslund, Mironov), 7:02. 8, Boston, Bourque 10 (Neely, Oates), 11:47 (pp). 9, Pittsburgh, Murray 4 (Nedved, Naslund), 16:18.

Third Period—10, Boston, Neely 12 (Bourque), 6:18 (pp). 11, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 21 (Jagr, Mironov), 8:11 (pp). 12, Pittsburgh, Lemieux 22 (Naslund, Maciver), 12:24 (pp). 13, Boston, McEachern 7 (Stumpel), 14:57. 14, Boston, Kasatonov 1 (McEachern, Zombo), 15:41. 15, Pittsburgh, Murray 5 (Tamer, Nedved), 17:12.

Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 8-12-14—36. Boston 14-13-12—39. Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 3 of 5, Boston 3 of 8. Goalies—Pittsburgh, Wregget 3-3-1 (39 shots-33 saves). Boston, Bailey (12-7). Billington 4-4-0 (7:02 second, 24-20). A—17,565 (17,565).

Islanders 5, Senators 3

NY Islanders	**2**	**2**	**1**	**— 5**
Ottawa	**0**	**0**	**3**	**— 3**

First Period—1, New York, King 3 (Schneider, Semak), 13:00 (pp). 2, New York, Bertuzzi 5 (Palffy), 18:44.

Second Period—3, New York, Sweeney 3 (Plante), :58 (sh). 4, New York, Clark 10, 2:24.

Third Period—5, Ottawa, Cunneyworth 5 (Huffman), 2:11. 6, Ottawa, Cunneyworth 6 (Quinn), 11:40. 7, Ottawa, Hill 5 (Quinn, Neckar), 12:24. 8, New York, Clark 11, 18:51 (en).

Shots on goal—New York 12-12-8—32. Ottawa 14-13-9—33. Power-play Opportunities—New York 1 of 4, Ottawa 0 of 6. Goalies—New York, McLennan 3-7-1 (33 shots-30 saves). Ottawa, Beaupre 6-11-0 (31-27). A—8,167 (10,575).

Flyers 3, Maple Leafs 2

Toronto	**0**	**2**	**0**	**— 2**
Philadelphia	**1**	**0**	**2**	**— 3**

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Brind'Amour 7, 10:05.

Second Period—2, Toronto, Andreychuk 8 (Gilmour, Jonsson), 5:10 (pp). 3, Toronto, Craig 4 (Macoun), 19:31.

Third Period—4, Philadelphia, Fedyk 7 (Desjardins, Dykhuis), 4:34 (pp). 5, Philadelphia, Renberg 15 (Lindros), 18:57.

Shots on goal—Toronto 10-9-7—26. Philadelphia 9-11-10—30. Power-play Opportunities—Toronto 1 of 3, Philadelphia 1 of 3. Goalies—Toronto, Rhodes 1-2-1 (30 shots-27 saves). Philadelphia, Snow 6-2-1 (26-24). A—17,380 (17,380).

Blues 4, Jets 1

St. Louis	**0**	**0**	**4**	**— 4**
Winnipeg	**1**	**0**	**0**	**— 1**

First Period—1, Winnipeg, Olczyk 7 (Manson, Tkachuk), 8:54 (pp).

Second Period—None.

Third Period—2, St. Louis, Hull 11 (Hawerchuk), 3:55 (pp). 3, St. Louis, Vopat 2 (Noonan, Hawerchuk), 7:44. 4, St. Louis, Courtnall 8 (MacInnis), 8:30. 5, St. Louis, Hull 12 (Hawerchuk, Courtnall), 13:10 (pp).

Shots on goal—St. Louis 9-12-18—39. Winnipeg 7-4-8—19. Power-play Opportunities—St. Louis 2 of 10; Winnipeg 1 of 6. Goalies—St. Louis, Fuhr 10-12-3 (19 shots-18 saves). Winnipeg, Khabibulin (2-2), Cheveldae, 1-5-2 (3:08 first 37-33). A—9,222 (15,393).

College Basketball Results

Scores

Thursday's Men's Basketball
By The Associated Press

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 103, N. Carolina A&T 49
Cent. Arkansas 83, Mo. Southern 79
Concordia Lutheran 80, Sam Houston St. 77
Harding 66, S. Arkansas 63
Hendrix 81, Williams Baptist 80
Houston Baptist 97, Texas Wesleyan 95, OT
John Brown 86, NE Oklahoma 70
Lubbock Christian 94, Austin Col. 68
Mary Hardin-Baylor 86, Panhandle St. 79
Tarleton St. 85, Sul Ross St. 45
Texas Christian 86, Middle Tenn. 83
Texas-El Paso 77, New Mexico St. 70
Wayland Baptist 133, Howard Payne 129, 3OT

FAR WEST
Gonzaga 86, Cent. Washington 66
Ricks 76, W. Montana 62

MIDWEST
Cent. Bible 82, Arlington Baptist 49
Cent. Missouri 90, Rockhurst 69
Doane 70, Benedictine,Kan. 55
Ferris St. 73, Cornerstone 68
Findlay 78, Rio Grande 76
Grace 74, Ind.-South Bend 60
Hiram Col. 91, Thiel 74
Illinois Wesleyn 110, Rockford 39
Minnesota 93, Bethune-Cookman 53
Missouri 66, Southern Meth. 51
Phillips 75, Pittsburg St. 70
Pillsbury 72, Marantha Baptist 67, OT
Urbana 95, Wilberforce 84
Wheaton 70, Lake Forest 69

SOUTH
Ala.-Birmingham 105, Prairie View 52
Albany, Ga. 108, Georgia Coll. 106, OT
Auburn 91, Jacksonville St. 74
Austin Peay 98, Martin Methodist 81
Bellarmine 90, Spalding 77
Campbellsville 78, Bethel, Tenn. 76
Centre 88, Asbury 66
Citadel 96, Charleston Southern 90
Faulkner 89, Emmanuel 80
Hampden-Sydney 65, Washington & Lee 60
High Point 68, Erskine 64
Jacksonville 88, Florida Atlantic 70
Lander 79, North Greenville 64
Life 85, Arkansas Tech 75
Lynchburg 80, Guilford 56
Milligan 101, Piedmont Bible 54
Montana St. 87, Alcorn St. 79
Morris Brown 73, Paine 71
N. Carolina St. 99, Wofford 60
Palm Beach Atlantic 88, LaGrange 73
SE Louisiana 89, Nicholls St. 65
Samford 78, Shorter 41
Shaw 102, St. Paul's 72
Va. Commonwealth 81, Xavier, Ohio 75

EAST
Allentown 95, Marywood 66
Boston College 81, Louisville 67
Centenary, N.J. 101, N.J. Tech 91
Dartmouth 82, Vermont 66
Elizabethtown 83, Messiah 75
Franklin & Marshall 75, Albright 51
Franklin Pierce 90, Quinnipiac 71
Frostburg St. 73, Mary Washington 57
Greenville 83, St. Louis Pharmacy 44
Holy Cross 57, Boston U. 54
Lycoming 100, Bloomfield 89
Mount St. Vincent 85, N.Y. Maritime 69
New Hampshire Coll. 110, Bryant 103, 2OT
Norfolk St. 69, W. Va. Wesleyn 60
Penn St. 99, VMI 73
Plymouth St. 73, Salem St. 66
Robert Morris 94, Carnegie-Mellon 60
Rutgers 57, Monmouth, N.J. 55
St. Joseph's, Maine 112, Westbrook 72
Stevens Tech 78, St. Joseph's, L.I. 65
Union, N.Y. 92, Vassar 80
W. Connecticut 71, Wesleyan 66
Wesley 95, Christendom 54
Yeshiva 70, Bard 24

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST
Hardin-Simmons 87, Paul Quinn 76
Howard Payne 104, Ambassador 75
Incarnate Word 72, Texas A&M-Kingsville 49
Ouachita 70, Christian Brothers 55
U. of the Ozarks 90, John Brown 79

MIDWEST
Cent. Missouri 76, Missouri Val. 60
Cent. St., Ohio 78, Urbana 60
Indiana St. 69, E. Illinois 63
Indianapolis 86, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 69
Malone 58, Geneva 54
Morehead St. 72, Ball St. 65
Mount Vernon Nazarene 69, Notre Dame, Ohio 58
Walsh 82, Lake Erie 18
Wheaton 112, Concordia, Ill. 62
Wisconsin 82, Drake 78

SOUTH
Alabama A&M 66, West Georgia 58
Bellarmine 86, Georgetown, Ky. 66
Belmont 75, Tennessee St. 63
Belmont Abbey 71, North Greenville 48
Clemson 78, Texas-Arlington 54
Covenant 61, King, Tenn. 57
E. Mennonite 78, Lynchburg 73
Florida A&M 104, Tuskegee 48
Milligan 79, Sue Bennett 73
Mississippi Col. 67, William Perry 54
N.C. Central 58, Pfeiffer 54
Randolph-Macon 65, Washington & Lee 46
Rollins 65, Valdosta St. 60
S.C.-Spartanburg 88, Lees-McRae 78
Shaw 82, St. Paul's 48
Shepherd 69, Shenandoah 50
St. Leo 92, Edward Waters 77, OT
Stony Brook 58, Adelphi 55
Tampa 85, Florida Memorial 57
Transylvania 83, Centre 61

EAST
Allentown 81, Marywood 67
Bryant 71, New Hampshire 43
Delaware 72, Niagara 68
Drew 78, FDU-Madison 68
Elizabethtown 82, Lycoming 69
Franklin & Marshall 64, Moravian 58
Franklin Pierce 67, Quinnipiac 56
Frostburg St. 63, Mary Washington 60
Georgetown 72, George Washington 56
Messiah 86, Dickinson 73
Muhlenberg 71, Albright 54
St. Joseph's, Maine 79, Westbrook 73
W. Maryland 87, Lebanon Val. 84

TOURNAMENTS
Little Four
Second Round
Newberry 81, Erskine 77

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SWC Men

MISSOURI 66, SMU 51

SMU (1-2): Poerner 2-7 2-2 6, Dimson 1-4 2-2 4, Hearn 1-4 0-0 3, Matthews 5-13 3-3 18, Rich 1-5 0-0 3, Tijani 1-4 4-4 6, Grafenreed 1-2 0-0 2, Harris 4-10 0-0 9, Bates 0-3 0-0 0, Fitzsimmons 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 16-52 11-11 51.

MISSOURI (3-0): Thames 4-8 1-2 10, Grimm 4-6 0-0 11, Simeon Haley 6-13 1-5 13, Moore 0-3 0-2 0, Winfield 4-8 4-6 12, Sutherland 2-3 3-4 8, Tate 4-4 0-1 8, Sammie Haley 1-2 0-0 2, Hardge 1-2 0-2 2, Allouche 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 26-50 9-22 66.

Halftime—Missouri 26, SMU 20. 3-Point goals—SMU 8-19 (Mathews 5-10, Harris 1-2, Rich 1-3, Hearn 1-3, Grafenreed 0-1), Missouri 5-10 (Grimm 3-4, Thames 1-2, Sutherland 1-2, Winfield 0-1, Allouche 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—SMU 36 (Rich 9), Missouri 31 (Thames 9). Assists—SMU 11 (Matthews, Rich 3), Missouri 20 (Thames, Winfield, Tate 4). Total fouls—SMU 19, Missouri 13. A—13,300.

TCU 86, MIDDLE TENN. 83

Middle Tenn. (2-1): Tesch 6-13 3-6 15, Bailey 7-18 0-0 16, Washington 2-6 1-1 5, Gaither 1-8 7-9 10, Carter 6-14 4-4 21, Goodloe 1-2 0-0 2, Barksdale 0-1 0-0 0, Harden 1-2 0-0 3, Wampler 1-4 0-0 2, Bruns 1-3 0-0 3, Secrest 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 29-77 15-20 83.

Texas Christian (1-3): Penny 2-6 2-2 7, Walker 13-19 5-6 31, Waits 8-10 1-2 17, Bragg 5-8 2-

STANG: MC will move to 11-man in 1996

(From 1C)

describe his coach is "calm." "He's very controlled," Alex's father Gordon Awtry, the Mustang defensive coordinator, says about Blake.

The Mustang head coach prefers nurturing his players to nagging them.

"The secret, to me, is how you get talent out of a kid, and the answer to that is to keep building them up, never be negative around anybody," Blake said. "They start hearing all of those good things, and pretty soon, they start believing in it.

"Sometimes kids don't realize how much talent they have. You talk to them a little, and praise them a little, and encourage them and that talent will come out."

The soft-spoken coach refuses to yell at his players.

"I'm very quiet. I don't raise my voice," Blake said. "I think you can look a boy in the eye and get as much (response) as by chewing him out. Kids play the way a coach acts, and if I don't get upset, they don't get upset."

Last season, Alex Awtry lost his composure and Blake took him out of the game.

"I was losing my patience, throwing my helmet down and griping at everybody," Awtry said. "He pulled me out and said to go back in when I settled down. He never loses his temper."

Former players often come back to visit the school or watch the football team play. Alex's brother Andy Awtry, one of four Awtrys to make all-state for the Mustangs, has returned to the school to role play opposing quarterbacks.

"I want my association with the kids to last the next year and the year after that," Blake said. "To me that's more important than anything."

His temper isn't the only thing Blake doesn't lose. He also hardly ever loses games. That he attributes to talent, team closeness and his assistants — Gordon Awtry and special teams coach Alan Weaver.

The Mustangs are a big fish in a little pond. The TAPPS six-man field is only 22 teams statewide, but Midland Christian holds its own against the larger field of public school six-man teams. The Mustangs beat Lazbuddie this year when the Longhorns were ranked in the Top 10 in the state. Midland Christian is 10-3 against public school teams over the last three years.

When Blake took over the program, he was warned that getting enough players for the football team would be tough.

"They had just won a state championship and graduated 11 players," Blake said. "That first year we had 16 or 17 kids to show up. Each year it has grown."

And grown so much the last two years that the Mustangs will move to TAPPS Class 4A 11-man next year. The school's high school enrollment went from 81 two years ago to 161 this September. Forty players came out for the football team this year, enough to have a junior varsity team.

"In the past, our numbers were in the 70s and 80s and we were still beating people," Gordon Awtry said. "We've just been very fortunate to have 10 to 20 good athletes playing each year."

And the confidence that comes with winning year after year also helps.

"It started with that first year we won state," Awtry said. "That built confidence. They don't go onto the field thinking they can lose."

Coach Awtry and Blake were both impressed with last week's foe, Waxahachie Cornerstone Christian. But The Mustangs (11-1) beat the Eagles 69-22.

"That was one of the best teams that we played all year," Gordon Awtry said. "But we just took our game to another level."

The Mustangs' last 11 playoff wins are by an average of over 45 points.

"We intimidate people because of our reputation," coach Awtry said. "Waxahachie was a good team, but when we walked out on the field, their whole warmup just stopped and they just looked at us. You could tell they were intimidated."

The Mustangs have led at halftime or later by 45 or more points in eight of their 11 wins this year. That is enough to stop the game under six-man rules. Despite the lopsided scores, Blake maintains that the games aren't as one-sided as they appear.

"In nearly every game we play it close and we will make a big play that turns it around," Blake said. "We've been fortunate to make big plays and (opponents) get down and we blow them out."

Midland Christian fell behind this week's championship game opponent Abilene Christian 22-14 at halftime of a Nov. 3 game. But the Mustangs regrouped and won the District 1 game 68-30.

A big part of Midland Christian's success goes back to that first game Blake officiated. He never doubted he could get the job done even though he had never seen a six-man game.

"When you're that young and you've been in a war, you feel like you can whip the world," Blake said.

He's not exactly whipping the world now. But with the help of his players and coaches, he's whipping a small corner of it.

H.S. Playoff Pairings

Class 5A, Big School
Regional Finals
Region I
Odessa Permian (11-1) vs. Arlington (8-4), 2 p.m., Saturday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington
Region II
Garland (10-2) vs. Klein (11-1), 3 p.m., Saturday, Pridgeon Stadium, Cypress Fairbanks
Region III
Houston Yates (11-1) vs. Aldine Eisenhower (10-1-1), 7 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome
Region IV
Converse Judson (11-1) vs. Eagle Pass (11-1), Alamo Stadium, San Antonio, 7:30 p.m., Friday
Class 5A, Small School
Regional Semifinals
Region I
Abilene Cooper (8-4-1) vs. Flower Mound Marcus (12-0), Noon, Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Midland Lee (10-0-1) vs. Arlington Lamar (11-0-1), 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Texas Stadium
Region II
Richardson Lake Highlands (11-0-1) vs. Jersey Village (8-4), 7 p.m., Saturday, Texas Stadium, Irving
North Mesquite (10-2) vs. A&M Consolidated (7-4-1), 7 p.m., Friday, Memorial Stadium, Mesquite
Region III
Houston Madison (10-2) vs. Humble (7-3-2), 3:30 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome
Fort Bend Elkins (9-2-1) vs. Galveston Ball (9-2-1), 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Astrodome
Region IV
Austin Westlake (11-0-1) vs. Alice (9-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Alice
San Antonio Roosevelt (12-0) vs. Harlingen South (9-2-1), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Buccaneer Stadium, Corpus Christi
Class 4A
Regional Semifinals
Region I
Pampa (10-1) vs. Denison (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium
Borger (9-2) vs. Stephenville (11-1), 7:00 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls Memorial Stadium
Region II
Seagoville (8-3-1) vs. Sulphur Springs (11-1), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Homer B. Johnson, Garland
Dallas Hillcrest (11-1) vs. Mount Pleasant (9-3), 8 p.m. Friday, Texas Stadium, Irving
Region III
Jasper (10-2) vs. League City Clear Brook (10-1-1), 2 p.m., Saturday, Thorne Stadium, Aldine
West Orange-Stark (11-1) vs. La Marque (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Astrodome
Region IV
Bastrop (6-6) vs. Uvalde (10-2), Gustafson Stadium, San Antonio, 7:30 p.m. Friday
Corpus Christi Calallen (12-0) vs. New Braunfels Canyon (11-1), 8 p.m. Friday, Buccaneer Stadium, Corpus Christi
Class 3A
Regional Semifinals
Region I
Springtown (9-3) vs. Abilene Wylie (11-1), 2 p.m. Saturday, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Littlefield (12-0) vs. Ballinger (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Snyder
Region II
Alvarado (12-0) vs. DeKalb (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Homer B. Johnson Stadium, Garland
Commerce (11-1) vs. Tatum (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Pennington Field, Bedford
Region III
Waco Robinson (11-1) vs. Sealy (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Huntsville Bowers
Rusk (11-1) vs. Sweeny (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Moorhead Stadium, Conroe
Region IV
Burnet (8-2-2) vs. George West (9-3), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Seguin
Cuero (11-1) vs. Ingleside (12-0), 2 p.m. Saturday, Seguin
Class 2A
Regional Semifinals
Region I
West Texas (11-1) vs. Hamlin (10-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wolfforth Frenship
Sundown (8-2-1) vs. Winters (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sweetwater
Region II
Electra (9-2-1) vs. Goldthwaite (10-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Maverick Stadium, Arlington
Celina (11-1) vs. Rosebud-Lott (12-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lumpkins, Waxahachie
Region III
Arp (9-3) vs. Alto (12-0), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Wildcat Stadium, Palestine
New Diana (11-1) vs. Groveton (11-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Wildcat Stadium, Palestine
Region IV
Schulenburg (11-1) vs. Refugio (11-1), El Campo, 7:30 p.m. Friday
Vanderbilt Industrial (11-1) vs. Three Rivers (10-2), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Bobcat Stadium, San Marcos
Class A
Regional Semifinals
Region I
Shamrock (11-0) vs. Wink (11-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Sunray (10-2) vs. Sudan (7-4), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Kimbrough Stadium, Canyon
Region II
Bronte (8-3) vs. Crawford (9-1-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood
Roscoe (10-1) vs. Hico (8-1-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Memorial Field, Stephenville
Region III
Lindsay (11-0) vs. Burkeville (7-0-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Whitehouse
Muenster (8-3) vs. Overton (11-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Kaufman
Region IV
Thorndale (12-0) vs. Runge (6-4-1), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Lockhart
Granger (11-1) vs. Charlotte (8-2-1), Seguin, 7:30 p.m. Friday

UIL State title games will be designated as the Texas Bowl

AUSTIN (AP) — The University Interscholastic League and Prime Sports on Thursday announced that each of the seven state high school football championship games will be designated as the "Texas Bowl."

Even though Prime will televise only the Class 5A Division I and II title games on Dec. 16 and 23 respectively, officials with the broadcast company and the UIL say they believe more interest will be generated in all the title games with the new designation.

Now, the Class 5A Division I title game will be known as the 5A Division I Texas Bowl, and so on.

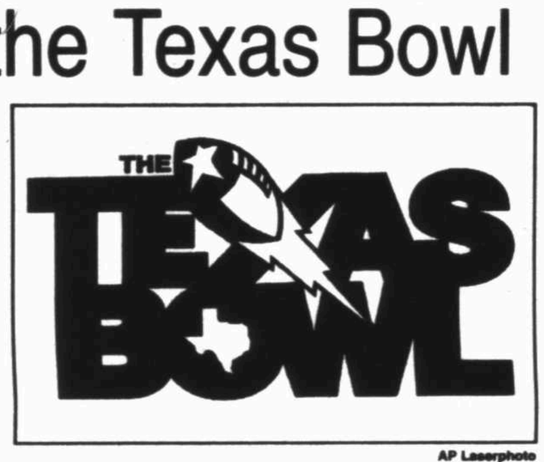
"The Texas Bowl will drive excitement and create awareness for what the youngsters are doing here in Texas," said Prime General Manager Jon Heidtke, who added that he hopes the new moniker will create "a Final Four or Super Bowl type atmosphere."

"Even though the football championships are played at different locations, we still feel that branding all classifications as the Texas Bowl will create an exciting atmosphere from the start of the season to the championship game," said UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt.

Prime, in conjunction with Host Communications, believes this is a step toward convincing the state's coaches to agree to playing the seven games at a central site in the near future.

"If you look at it from a marketing standpoint, if we could bring the central site to reality, it would be great," Heidtke said. "If this is considered a first step in that direction, maybe this will help us do it."

Breithaupt said the UIL is not endorsing a central site.



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The logo which the UIL and Prime Network will use to promote the seven state high school championship games to be designated as the Texas Bowl.

"We are not advocating that one way or the other," Breithaupt said.

Prime, which will pay the UIL $268,000 over the next three years to broadcast the 5A football title games and the boys' and girls' 5A basketball title games, stands to profit from increased advertising if the Texas Bowl concept takes off, Heidtke said.

Money paid to the UIL will go to the teams participating in the televised championship games as well as the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation, which gives scholarships to students who participate in the UIL Academic State Meet.

Colt's owner admitted to hospital after stroke

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — After refusing for hours to divulge the condition of owner Robert Irsay, the Indianapolis Colts on Thursday said he had a stroke.

In a three-sentence statement, the team said Irsay, 72, was stricken Wednesday night, and he is conscious and in stable condition at St. Vincent's Hospital.

Irsay was taken to the hospital's emergency room at 10:05 p.m. Wednesday. The hospital, family and team refused to comment on his condition until Thursday afternoon. The team said further medical updates will come from the Colts organization.

Jim Irsay, the owner's son and the team's general manager, visited his father Thursday and later came to the team's practice complex but made no comment.

Irsay became owner of the Baltimore Colts in 1972, when he traded the Los Angeles Rams to Carroll Rosenbloom for the Colts franchise. He moved the Colts to Indianapolis in 1984.

He attended Sunday's home game against the Miami Dolphins after missing the team's trip to Foxboro, Mass., for the previous game in New England. He reportedly was ill. It was only the second Colts game he had missed since becoming the team's owner — the first was Dec. 22, 1991.

Coach Ted Marchibroda said he was called Wednesday night and notified of Irsay's condition.

"We were certainly sorry to what happened to Mr. Irsay," he said. "He's the guy that has put this football team together."

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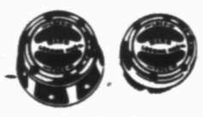
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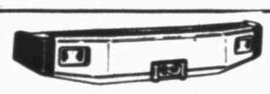
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Magic prove to be too much for reeling Mavs

The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dennis Scott scored 29 points and Anfernee Hardaway had 24 as the Orlando Magic built on the NBA's best record with 110-96 victory over the Dallas Mavericks, who dropped their seventh straight.

The Mavericks, who haven't won since getting off to a 5-1 start, got 22 points from Tony Dumas and 18 from Jamal Mashburn.

Scott and Nick Anderson were 9-for-10 from behind the 3-point line in the first half, helping the Magic to a 53-29 lead. Orlando, which improved to 10-0 at home, continued to build on the advantage, opening the third quarter with a 15-6 surge to go up 68-45.

Cavaliers 97, Bullets 85

LANDOVER, Md. — Terrell Brandon's season-high 29 points and career-best 15 assists overshadowed a 22-point effort by Chris Webber in his season debut as the Cleveland Cavaliers won their fourth straight, over the Washington Bullets.

Webber missed the Bullets' first 11 games with a separated left shoulder and served a one-game suspension Tuesday night. The third-year forward accounted for 11 of Washington's 18 first-quarter points.

Danny Ferry scored a season-high 24 for the Cavaliers, who forced 22 turnovers and held the Bullets to 14 points in the fourth quarter.

Heat 118, Pistons 107

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Bimbo Coles and Keith Askins each scored 11 fourth-quarter points to lead the Miami Heat to a victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Miami led by double digits for most of the game but had to fight off a furious Detroit rally at the end.

Coles led the Heat with 26 points, Alonzo Mourning had 23 and Billy Owens added 20.

Detroit's Grant Hill had 33 points, two short of his career high, and also had 11 rebounds and seven assists.

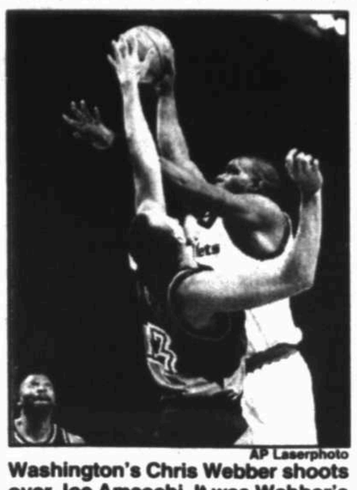
Jazz 112, Rockets 105

HOUSTON — Karl Malone scored 27 points and the Utah Jazz held off a furious Houston rally in the fourth quarter to beat the Rockets in a meeting of the Midwest Division's two top teams.

The Jazz had a 16-point lead before the Rockets went on a 17-3 run over the end of the third period and start of the fourth and tied the game with 6:25 left.

John Stockton, who finished with 22 points and 13 assists, broke the tie with a 3-pointer with 6:07 to go and added another trey with 4:29 left as the Jazz pulled away.

Houston, losing for the third time in the last four games, was led by Hakeem Olajuwon's 31 points and 13 rebounds. Clyde Drexler added 22 for the Rockets, who also lost at home for the first time this season.



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Washington's Chris Webber shoots over Joe Amaechi. It was Webber's first game since being sidelined with a shoulder injury.

NBA, locked-out referees continue to fight

NEW YORK (AP) — Locked-out referees, hoping to get a new contract before the NBA starts putting three replacement officials on the court for each game, said they made progress in negotiations during a three-hour meeting Thursday. The NBA disagreed.

It was the second consecutive day the two sides met for three hours. Both sessions were attended by NBA commissioner David Stern, with Wednesday's negotiations being the first since Nov. 16.

They plan to meet again Friday.

"As far as I'm concerned, we're continuing to make progress," said Fred Slaughter, general counsel for the referees' union. "Every day we've been talking, we've been talking about big issues and we'll continue to talk about big issues until we get an accord.

"As long as we talk, we've got a chance to get it done."

Jeffrey Mishkin, executive vice president and chief legal counsel for the NBA, was not as optimistic.

"We're no closer to an agreement and we remain far apart," he said.

NBA spokesman Chris Brienza said Thursday's discussions centered mostly on pension and benefit issues, with little talk on the major economic problems.

The referees, locked out since Oct. 1, are eager to get a new contract by Monday, when the NBA plans to add about a dozen replacement refs, enough to increase the two-man crews it has been using to three. The two-man crews have been criticized by players and coaches, and problems maintaining discipline have led to numerous technical fouls and ejections.

After the Nov. 16 meeting, union officials said the two sides were $2 million apart in salary and in disagreement about the contract's length and provisions for playoff money.

The newest replacements, like the 42 hired before the exhibition season, will come mostly from the Continental Basketball Association, with some from college ranks, the NBA said.

Haley's 14 paves way for Missouri's win over SMU

The Associated Press

■ Top 25 & SWC Roundup

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Simeon Haley scored 13 points to lead four Missouri players in double figures Thursday night and the 13th-ranked Tigers beat Southern Methodist 66-51.

Both teams struggled in the first half, but Missouri (3-0) held the Mustangs to 29 percent shooting to lead 26-20 at halftime. Southern Methodist (1-2) entered the game shooting 46 percent from the field.

Troy Mathews scored 18 points for SMU, the Mustangs' only player in double figures, and 5-foot-10 guard Jemeil Rich had nine rebounds.

SMU finished 16-of-52 (31 percent) from the field, the third straight opponent the Tigers have held to less than 40 percent.

Haley, a 7-foot-center, has been in double figures in scoring and rebounds in all three games.

Boston College 81, No. 18 Louisville 67

NEWTON, Mass. — Boston College, a preseason pick to finish near the bottom of the 13-team Big East, upset No. 18 Louisville behind 30 points from Danya Abrams.

The Eagles (3-0) scored the game's first nine points, led 37-24 at halftime and built their biggest lead, 56-32, with 11:55 left. After that, Louisville (2-2) came no closer than the final margin.

The Eagles never trailed as Duane Woodward had 15 points and Mickey Curley added 14.

Louisville, which dropped its second straight game, got 15 points from Alvin Sims and 14 from Samaki Walker.

No. 25 Arkansas 103, N. Carolina A&T 49

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — After Arkansas' Kareem Reid made a couple of behind-the-back passes and a no-look pass or two, North Carolina A&T was keenly aware of the abilities of Reid.

In fact, in the opening minute of the second half, Reid was out front on a fast break and Darnell Robinson was the trailer. Reid glanced at Robinson, A&T's Clarence Breazeale hung back to protect against a pass and Reid converted the easy layup that put the 25th-ranked Razorbacks in front 47-24. That was the first basket in a 31-2 run in Arkansas' victory.

Jesse Pate scored 14 points during that eight-minute spurt that included 11-of-14 from the field by the Razorbacks (2-2). North Carolina A&T (1-1) committed 13 turnovers during that period and managed only five shots.

The Aggies wound up with 39 turnovers. The Razorbacks led by 50 with 10:51 to play.

Pate led the Razorbacks with 20 points and Landis Williams added 11. Arkansas had seven other players with 6 to 9 points.

TCU 86, Middle Tennessee 83

FORT WORTH — Jeff Jacobs' 23-foot 3-pointer with two seconds on the clock lifted Texas Christian to a win over Middle Tennessee State in TCU's home opener.

The Horned Frogs entered the intermission with a 50-41 lead, aided by 22-of-35 shooting from the field, including five of 10 from 3-point range.

But the Blue Raiders came on strong as Nod Carter scored 18 of his team-leading 21 points after halftime to stake Middle Tennessee (2-1) to a 73-70 lead with 6:13 left.

Walker finished with game highs of 31 points and 14 rebounds. Byron Waits added 17 points and Jacobs 11, including nine in the final six minutes.

SMU joins the country's elite teams in soccer's final four

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The Final Four in NCAA women's soccer begins Friday, with nine-time defending champion North Carolina (25-0) heading a field that includes three undefeated teams.

The Tar Heels, seeking their 10th consecutive championship and their 14th overall, meet Notre Dame (19-2-2) in a rematch of last year's title game. Making its first appearance in an NCAA semifinal, Southern Methodist (23-0-1) plays Portland (19-0-2) in the second semifinal.

North Carolina coach Anson Dorrance said Thursday he would consider a 10th straight title the Tar Heels' most satisfying ever, "because this is the year it's supposed to be impossible" because of North Carolina's youth.

North Carolina lost seven starters from last year's NCAA championship team. But a great recruiting class and what Dorrance thinks is the Tar Heels' best defense ever has produced the team's 14th straight appearance in the semifinals.

SMU has a 20-game winning streak. The only blemish on the Mustangs' 1995 record, the best in school history, is a 2-2 tie with William & Mary.

Mustangs sophomore forward Danielle Garrett and midfielder Courtney Linex, with 32 and 31 goals, respectively, are among the top scorers in the nation.

Portland has not lost since a 1-0 defeat to Notre Dame in last year's semifinals.

Coleman traded to 76ers in six-player trade

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New Jersey Nets on Thursday night traded forward Derrick Coleman and two other players to the Philadelphia 76ers for center Shawn Bradley and two reserves.

In addition to Coleman, who was recently cleared to play for the first time this season after being sidelined with an irregular heartbeat, the 76ers will get guard Rex Walters and forward Sean Higgins.

Going to New Jersey along with Bradley are guard Greg Graham and forward Tim Perry.

The 7-foot-6 center, in his third season, has struggled this season, averaging just 8.8 points and 8.8 rebounds on 44 percent shooting. He was selected by Philadelphia with the second pick of the 1993 draft.

In his five years in the league, Coleman has averaged 19.9 points and 10.6 rebounds and shot 42 percent from the field.

Walters had scored 33 points in 11 games this season, and Higgins started on the injured list and has not played.

Graham has appeared in eight games for the 76ers, averaging 7.0 points. Perry has also has played in eight games, contributing 2.4 points a game.

LOCAL SPORTS

Lee girls fall in tourney

RICHLAND — Midland Lee's Lady Rebels lost for the second consecutive basketball game, losing Thursday to Richland 55-44 in the first round of the Northeast Richland Classic.

Richland's Julie Geter has 12 of her 18 points in the first quarter as Richland jumped to a 20-11 lead in the battle of Rebels. Leah Benson had 12 points for Richland and Kalla Minehan added 10.

"We didn't come out ready to play and that was the difference in the game," said Lee coach Elise Kail.

Junior Jamie Rhodes led Lee with 17 points and Tamika Thurman added 16.

Lee will face Burleson, a 58-40 loser to Grapevine, in the loser's bracket at 4 p.m. today.

Richland 55, Midland Lee 44

Midland Lee (5-3): Roxanne Plyant 0 1-2 1, Claire Wright 3 0-0 7, Jennifer Aman 0 0-0 0, Jamie Rhodes 5 7-9 17, Susanna Reed 0 0-0 0, Tamika Thurman 6 4-6 16, Angie Seibold 1 0-0 2, Nisha Washington 0 1-2 1. **Totals: 15 13-19 44.**

Richland: Kalla Minehan 2 5-7 10, Julie Geter 7 4-6 18, Leigh Benson 5 2-2 12, Sonia Sulkem 2 0-0 4, Angie Guina 1 0-2 2, Nora Oglesby 3 3-6 9 **Totals: 20 14-23 55.**

Score by quarters:

Midland Lee	**11**	**11**	**16**	**6—44**
Richland	**20**	**13**	**11**	**11—55**

Three-Point Goals: Lee 1 (Wright). Richland 1 (Minehan). Total Fouls: Lee 17, Richland 17. **Fouled Out:** None

Stanton splits opening games

STANTON — The Stanton boys won and the Stanton girls lost Thursday in the opening round of the Stanton Hooptown Classic, a three-day tournament.

The Stanton boys ripped Loop 70-41 behind the 19 points of Hopper. The Stanton girls, however, suffered a 47-45 setback at the hands of Grady, despite 15 points from Holland.

In other boys action, Grady was a slim 43-42 winner over Sterling City as Peugh Brady had 16 points. Rankin ran over the Stanton junior varsity by an 87-44 margin as Kent led the way with 19 points and Long had 19 for Stanton. The Lamesa JV defeated Garden City 79-63 as Everheart had 20 points for Lamesa and Batla had 23 for Garden City.

In other girls action, Sterling City pounded Midland Christian, 72-23 as Melinda Bodine had 18 points. Rankin's varsity spilled the Stanton JV, 55-30 as B. DeLaPez had 12 points for Rankin. Loop took a 59-40 win over Garden City as Halbrooks hit for 24 points.

Action continues today with eight more games.

Rangers rip Lee Sophs

COAHOMA — Class 3A Greenwood defeated the Midland Lee sophomores 67-38 here Thursday in the first round of the Coahoma Invitational basketball tournament.

The Rangers, 2-4 for the season, got 20 points from David Upton and 13 points from Jamie Presley. Rotan had 17 for Lee while Gonzales had 12.

Greenwood is scheduled to play the Merkel-Colorado City winner today at 3 p.m.

Greenwood 67, Lee Sophomores 38

Lee Sophomores: Marsh. 2 0-0 4, Massey. 1 0-0 2, Rotan. 3 0-1 7, Gonzales. 6 0-1 12, Brewster. 4 1-3 9, York. 1 2-2 4. **Totals: 17 3-9 38.**

Greenwood (2-4): Brandon Hunnicutt. 1 0-0 2, Neil Boecking. 4 1-2 9, John Settles. 1 1-1 3, Michael Miller. 2 3-5 7, Daniel Harris. 2 2-2 6, Jamie Presley. 5 3-5 13, David Upton. 7 6-6 20, Teddy Seales. 1 1-2 3, Cale Self. 2 0-0 4. **Totals: 25 17-24 67.**

Score by quarters:

Lee Sophs	**13**	**3**	**8**	**14—38**
Greenwood	**12**	**18**	**16**	**21—67.**

Three-Point Goals: Lee 1 (Rotan) Greenwood None. **Total Fouls:** Lee 20, Greenwood 13.

Lee JV girls beat Seminole

GREENWOOD — The Midland girls junior varsity basketball team defeated Seminole's JV, 39-21, Thursday in the first round of the Greenwood girls tournament.

Lee's Rita Belizaire scored 14 points and was the only player in double figures in the game. Lee will play the Big Spring JV at 6:30 p.m. today in the second round.

MHS JV falls to Bowie varsity

DENVER CITY — The Midland High junior varsity fell to the El Paso Bowie varsity, 63-45, here Thursday night in the opening round of the Mustang Classic basketball tournament.

Camar Jackson had 14 points for the Bulldogs, who will play the Seagraves varsity at 4 p.m. today.

Abell 8th nips Goddard

Abell White defeated Goddard Black, 54-47, Thursday in eighth grade basketball action

White, 2-3 for the season, got 16 points from J.T. Olgelsby while Black, now 1-4, got a game high 18 points from Johnson.

Owners send plan to push salaries down

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest proposal from baseball owners calls for a 25 percent tax on payrolls above $44 million and is designed to push player salaries down to 50 percent of revenue.

The threshold would remain at $44 million until revenue rises to $2.2 billion, The New York Times reported Friday in a story from the union's board meeting in Aventura, Fla.

If revenue rises above $2.2 billion, the threshold the following year would rise by 2 percent of the amount above $2.2 million. A $200 million increase in revenue would raise the threshold by $4 million.

The tax rate would be from 25 percent to 50 percent but would disappear entirely if salaries dropped below 50 percent of revenue.

Owners estimated about 65 percent of revenue went to salaries this season. Teams said in their proposal that five teams would have had to pay a tax in 1995 if this proposal had been in effect.

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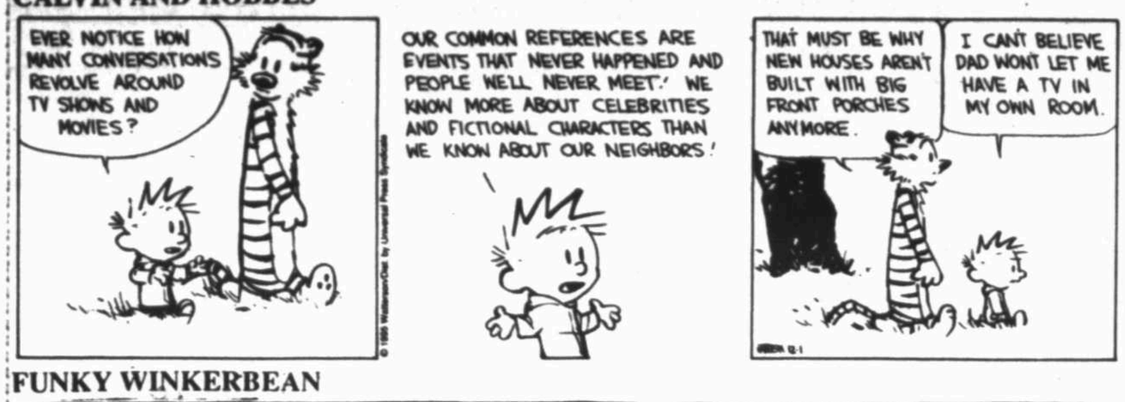
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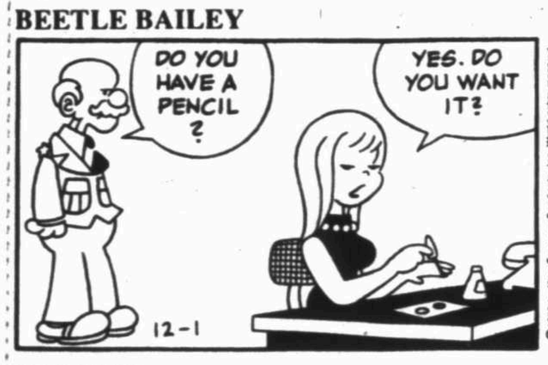
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Curb unnecessary spending by sticking to a budget. Keep your feet on solid ground. Do-it-yourself projects will give your home a needed facelift. Host a small party once all the work is completed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Watch out for a blue mood this morning. Give yourself a pep talk! Displaying humor and enthusiasm on the home front will help consolidate family ties.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Break out of your shell and socialize more. Updating your image or appearance could lead to new professional opportunities. Meet a business associate more than halfway.

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may have to rectify someone else's mistakes. Face a heavier workload with determination and poise. Showing initiative will impress higher-ups. Postpone signing papers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Seek privacy when discussing your personal affairs. Catch up on work assignments; you can celebrate later. A friend may be in need of consolation. Be considerate and kind. Ask as few questions as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your personality is a tremendous asset today. Pay outstanding bills, but do not use all of the funds available to you. A trusted pal offers sound advice. Other friends prove delightfully cooperative. Romance soars!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): New faces and places are a source of inspiration. Publicity and advertising efforts produce wonderful results. Romance could wear a mask tonight. Get together with good friends; their support will make all the difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Aim for a tranquil atmosphere today. If you work hard and stick to a well-planned agenda, everything should fall into place. Influential people applaud your efforts. New contacts prove very valuable. Nurture them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People in high places are watching. Emphasize your versatility. Deal with any gossip by acting level-headed and dignified. Time is on your side in romance. Tact and compromise will help avert a showdown.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Avoid showing irritation over trifles. The best way to deal with petty people is to ignore them. Do not sell yourself short in business. Guard your assets by demanding fair compensation for work done well.

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The American Bridge Teachers Association gave its 1995 Book of the Year Award to Michael Lawrence's "The Complete Book of Takeout Doubles." Your first reaction might be: How could anyone write a book about a subject as mundane as takeout doubles? Well, there are 222 action-packed pages, and you would have a job omitting anything that has been covered. (Available from The Bridge World, 39 West 94th St., New York, NY 10024. $12.95 plus $3 shipping. N.Y. residents add sales tax.)

Look at the South hand alone. What would you do after East opens the bidding with one club?

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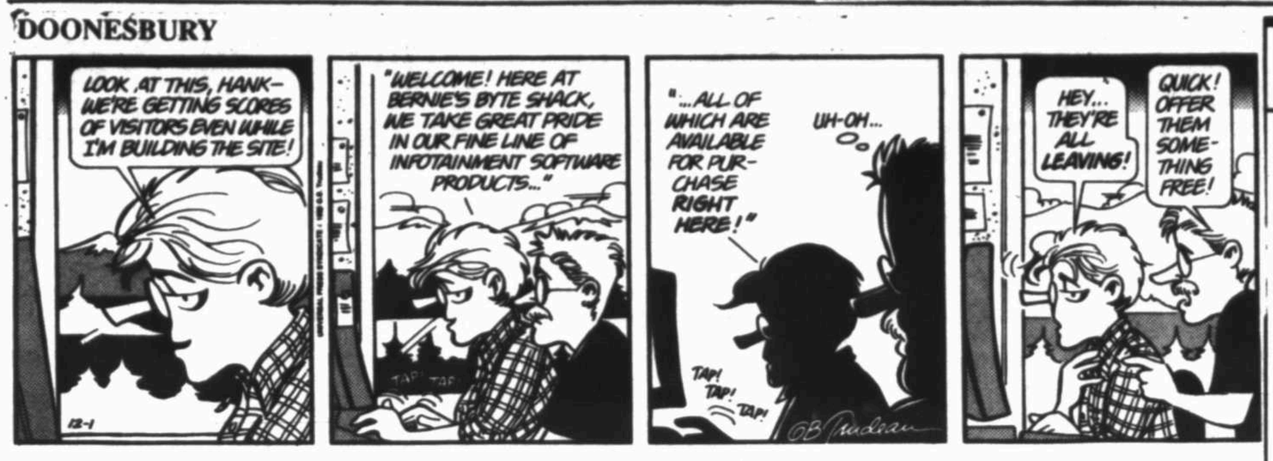
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Lily In Winter

It's 1957 and New York City is cloaked in the dazzling beauty of Christmas. In one household, the joy of the holiday is abruptly extinguished when the nanny, Lily, flees to her family in Alabama. Things become complicated when the little boy she cares for follows her. Stars Natalie Cole.

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Jerry Lewis says he finally feels his father's spirit approves of role

LOS ANGELES — For years, as **Jerry Lewis** achieved success in the movies and on TV, his father would say, "It ain't Broadway."

Thirteen years after his father's death, Lewis says he can finally feel the old man's spirit saying, "Now you've got it, kid."

The comic starred recently as the devil in a Broadway revival of "Damn Yankees."

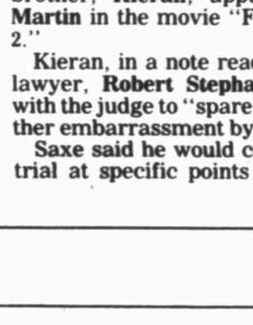
The production is now going on tour in what Lewis calls the "cherry on the cake."

"What man with my body of work has been given the gift of putting the cherry on the cake?" asked the 69-year-old Lewis, who began performing at 5.

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LOS ANGELES — **Quincy Jones** says he's trying to spend more time with his seven children after letting his career dominate his life for three decades.

"As I got older, I realized that being a great father is not just providing a roof over the children's heads," the 62-year-old Grammy-winning producer and composer told TV's "Extra" in an interview airing this weekend.



Quincy Jones says he's trying to spend more time with his seven children.

"At the time you don't realize it because you think you're doing everything else right. You think, 'They're healthy, they're dressing OK.'"

Jones has seven children by three ex-wives and a girlfriend.

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NEW YORK — The parents of "Home Alone" actor **Macaulay Culkin** will have lots of company in court now that a judge has ruled the media can cover their custody battle.

"This family is by definition in the limelight and all are the equivalent of public figures," **State Supreme Court Justice David Saxe** ruled Thursday. "Coverage in the media is a fundamental part of their lives and must necessarily include negative as well as positive press release style information."

Macaulay, 15, is the highest-paid child actor in movie history. His 13-year-old brother, **Kieran**, appeared with **Steve Martin** in the movie "Father of the Bride 2."

Kieran, in a note read by the children's lawyer, **Robert Stephan Cohen**, pleaded with the judge to "spare my family any further embarrassment by way of the press."

Saxe said he would consider closing the trial at specific points where psychiatric testimony and other disclosures could humiliate the children.

Carolyn Foley, representing The Associated Press, had asked for the case to be kept open, telling the judge: "the cat is out of the bag."

Christopher "Kit" Culkin, 50, and **Patricia Brentrup**, 41, lived together 20 years and had seven children, ages 6 to 19. In June, Brentrup filed for custody of six of them, excluding the oldest, **Shane**, because of his age.

Since the split each parent has publicly challenged the other's fitness to care for the children.

Stanford Lotwin, the mother's lawyer, said Saxe granted a request to delay the trial until Thursday to give the lawyers time to appeal. The trial had been scheduled to start Monday.

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DENVER — **Rush Limbaugh** has pronounced **Rep. Pat Schroeder's** retirement an early Christmas gift.

"Christmas is indeed early, ladies and gentlemen," he said in a broadcast aired Wednesday after the liberal Democrat announced she won't run in 1996. "It's not even the month of December yet, but I told you the holiday season is reason to feel optimistic."

Schroeder, in her 12th House term, told radio station KOA that Limbaugh hadn't seen the last of her: "I'm alive and well, and I'm willing to take that big bag of air on anywhere."

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A lawyer who lost his license to practice got 30 days in jail for soliciting money to drop a sex charge against **Oprah Winfrey's** father.

"Greed is the only reason that I can conclude that he did this," **Circuit Judge Bobby Capers** said Wednesday in sentencing **Frank Thompson-McLeod**, who pleaded guilty in August.

Thompson-McLeod was arrested March 31 and accused of soliciting $300,000 from **Vernon Winfrey's** lawyers to drop an indecent-exposure charge filed by Thompson-McLeod's client, college student **Pamela Kennedy**.

Thompson-McLeod, 41, claimed he was just "puffing" when he told two prosecutors, who were posing as lawyers for Ms. Winfrey, that a large enough payment "could take care of everything."

The Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Thompson-McLeod's law license earlier this month.

Prosecutors dropped the indecent exposure charge against Vernon Winfrey on March 29. Ms. Winfrey has stood by her father, saying he's "one of the most honorable men I know."

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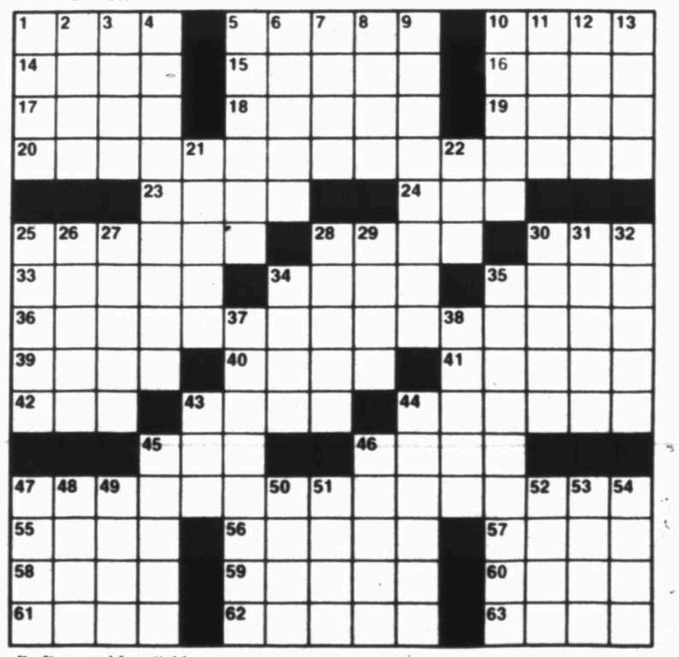
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CHAP: Women stay in third in WJCAC

(From 1C)

on a 14-0 run to take a 63-51 lead it would never relinquish. Forward Stacie Johnson got the run started with a three-pointer from the top of the circle to give the Lady Chaps a 52-51 lead with 15:11 to play in the game.

Point guard Kellina Bradshaw then came off the bench for a putback of her own shot and then stole the ball for an easy layup to give MC a 56-51 lead with 13:40 to play. Guard Julie Chancellor then scored inside on a pass from Ndaisse Ndaiye and was fouled and put in the free throw for a 59-51 lead. Another steal and a layup by Bradshaw, who finished with five steals and 13 points, and two free throws by Shannon Jordan gave the Lady Chaps their biggest lead of the night.

A big offensive putback by forward Erica Knight and key free throws by Ndaiye down the stretch kept the Lady Plainsmen at bay. Ndaiye finished with a team-high 24 points, including 12 of 14 from the line, and seven rebounds while Knight had 12 points, seven rebounds and a team-high four assists.

"I think we were so pumped up to play well tonight that we were too excited and maybe that had something to do with the turnovers," said Knight. "We tried to make up for it on defense and on rebounding. I'm just glad we won the game. Coach said there's a big difference between being 1-2 and 2-1."

The Chaps (6-4) had to rely solely on Phillips and Goodwyn for the point production because sophomore D'Juan Baker and freshman Lamont Young were absent from the lineup. Baker is injured and was on the bench for this game. His status is game-to-game. Young is sitting the bench for an indefinite period because of academic reasons.

MC coach Pat Rafferty was pleased with the way freshman Goodwyn and sophomore Phillips responded to the extra load.

"It's nice to be able to win without Baker in the lineup," said Rafferty. "I feel better with the second half than I felt about the first. I thought we had a lot more pop, a lot more purpose and we just had an all-around better second half than the first. But it was nice to be able to play everybody."

All 10 players on the roster for MC scored at least 2 points in a suppporting role to Goodwyn and Phillips. Milton Palacio was strong at the guard position, scoring four points and leading the team with six assists and six steals.

Phillips started off smoking in the first half. He hit his first two three pointers and went on to record three more in the half for 19 points.

The Chaps jumped out to an early 8-2 lead behind Phillips but the Rams (3-3) stayed in it by converting two MC turnovers into layups to pull within 12-8 with 13:50 to play in the first half. The Chaps ended the half on an alley oop slam by Goodwyn on a pass from J.C. Tolliver to make it 39-23.

CHAPS NOTES: The Lady Chaps get back on the road after playing their only road game Tuesday in Big Spring. Midland travels to New Mexico Junior College for an 8:30 p.m. CST game in Hobbs, N.M. Then the Lady Chaps go to South Plains College on Thursday for their last game of the semester ... The Chaparrals are also on the road at Lamar, Colo. where they will play Otero (N.M.) Junior College on Dec. 8 and host Lamar on Dec. 9 ... Lady Chap post Malyssa Thorngren will be out of the lineup until next semester due to an injury sustained in Tuesday's loss to Howard. "We're 90 percent sure she dislocated her knee," said Jones. "But as far as we can determine, there was no ligament or cartilage damage."

Midland College Men 95, Angelo State JV 63

Angelo State JV (3-3): Darren Sessions 0-5 1-2 1; Chase Mills 1-3 0-0 2; Eric Townsend 7-16 0-0 16; Scott Eaton 8-12 4-4 24; Jeff Maynard 0-4 2-2 2; Roderic Williams 1-5 5-6 7; Quentin Taylor 5-16 0-1 10; Jesse Vela 0-2 0-0 0; Chris Royal 0-7 1-2 1. **Totals 22-70 13-17 63.**

Midland College (6-4): Devon Phillips 12-20 2-2 32; Joe McCauley 3-8 0-0 6; Milton Palacio 2-3 0-0 4; Todd Jones 3-7 2-2 8; J.C. Tolliver 2-3 0-0 5; Larry Jackson 3-3 0-0 6; Silvester Kainga 1-2 2-3 4; Ceedric Goodwyn 9-13 3-5 21; Danny Brown 3-6 1-2 7; Mike Carrasco 1-2 0-0 2; **Totals 39-67 10-14 95.**

Halftime Score: MC 39, ASU 23. **Three-point Goals:** ASU 6-14 (Sessions 0-1, Townsend 2-2, Eaton 4-5, Maynard 0-1, Williams 0-1, Taylor 0-3, Royal 0-1); MC 7012 (Phillips 6-7, McCauley 0-1, Jones 0-2, Tolliver 1-1, Goodwyn 0-1). **Rebounds:** ASU 26 (Eaton 8), MC 42 (Jones 8). **Assists:** ASU 7 (Sessions 2, Townsend 2), MC 24 (Palacio 6, Kainga 6). **Steals:** ASU 11 (Sessions 3, Royal 3), MC 13 (Palacio 6). **Turnovers:** ASU 22 (Townsend 6), MC 22 (Goodwyn 5). **Total Fouls:** ASU 15, MC 21. **Fouled Out:** None

Midland College Women 91, Frank Phillips College 84

Frank Phillips College (7-3, 0-2): Christian Johnson 2-3 0-0 4; Amy Herchock 3-7 0-0 7; Sally Hamilton 0-0 0-0 0; Stephanie Pratt 2-6 0-0 4; Bridgette Murphy 7-13 2-2 16; Micah Crutcher 6-13 0-0 12; Errin Martin 1-7 0-0 3; Melanie Fremel 0-0 0-0 0; Sherry Ann Louison 11-15 3-4 25; Summer Lawlis 2-2 3-4 7; Sabine Kruber 3-6 0-0 6; Mandy Cooper 0-2 0-0 0; **Totals 37-74 8-10 84.**

Midland College (9-1, 2-1): Kellina Bradshaw 6-10 1-4 13; Amber Follis 1-4 2-3 5; Erica Knight 5-8 1-4 12; Roslynn Dunn 3-3 5-6 12; Fatou Cisse' 2-7 0-3 4; Brandy Wright 2-4 0-0 4; Shannon Jordan 3-6 2-2 9; Pam Hicks 0-3 0-0 0; Mandi White 0-0 0-0 0; Stacie Johnson 2-5 0-0 5; Julie Chancellor 1-4 1-1 3; Ndiasse Ndiaye 6-14 12-14 24; **Totals 31-68 24-37 91.**

Halftime Score: MC 41, FPC 39. **Three-point Goals:** FPC 2-9 (Herchock 1-1, Murphy 0-1, Crutcher 0-4, Martin 1-3), MC 5-19 (Bradshaw 0-1, Follis 1-2, Knight 1-3, Dunn 1-1, Jordan 1-3, Hicks 0-2, Johnson 1-2, Chancellor 0-3, Ndaiye 0-2). **Rebounds:** FPC 36 (Louison 12), MC 34 (Knight 7, Ndaiye 7). **Assists:** FPC 22 (Herchock 5, Crutcher 5, Martin 5), MC 15 (Knight 4). **Steals:** FPC 16 (Louison 7), MC 17 (Bradshaw 5). **Turnovers:** FPC 32 (Martin 10), MC 36 (Bradshaw 6, Ndaiye 6). **Total Fouls:** FPC 28, MC 13. **Fouled Out:** Herchock, Martin. **Technical Fouls:** None

Friday's sanctions could keep Miami out of season's bowl picture

MIAMI (AP) — NCAA sanctions against the University of Miami will be announced Friday, possibly keeping the Hurricanes from a bowl game this season.

The timing of the announcement is good news for Miami, which wanted to know the extent of the penalties before the bowl schedule is set Sunday.

School officials have said that if a bowl ban is part of their punishment, they'd prefer to reduce the impact on recruiting by sitting out this season's bowl game rather than waiting a year to begin serving that part of their sentence.

That could cost the 22nd-ranked Hurricanes a berth against Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl and the $3 million that goes with it, while ending a string of 12 consecutive major bowl appearances by Miami.

"If there is a sanction, and let's suppose the sanction was for a year, we could turn down the money this year, or know full well there's no way we could go to a bowl next year, which could turn out to be the same money," athletic director Paul Dee said Wednesday.

"If there's a penalty, you're going to give it up in whatever year you're going to give it up."

Allegations against Miami include a lack of institutional control. Along with a bowl ban, the school could face penalties that limit scholarships and television appearances.

If Miami sit outs this postseason, Virginia Tech will be assured a major bowl berth. The Hokies and Miami tied for the Big East Conference title.

Also up in the air is Syracuse, which finished third in the Big East and had been expected to play in the Carquest Bowl. The Orangemen could now wind up in the Gator Bowl.

Miami admitted guilt to six of 10 NCAA allegations at a Nov. 10 hearing. Sanctions typically are announced four to six weeks after the committee hearing.

Three of the allegations involve a Pell Grant scandal that prompted a federal investigation and led to the conviction of former university academic advisor Tony Russell. He admitted falsifying the financial aid applications of 91 students, including 85 athletes.

Horned Frog named nation's best kicker

MIAMI (AP) — Texas Christian sophomore Michael Reeder received an award and a tip Thursday.

Reeder won the fourth annual Lou Groza Award, which goes to the nation's best kicker. The honor is named for the Cleveland Browns' Hall of Fame kicker.

The TCU kicker didn't need many excuses this season. He made 23 of 25 field-goal attempts and all 20 of his extra-point tries.

Reeder enrolled at Texas Christian on an academic scholarship and joined the football team as a walk-on.

"I didn't have the greatest high school career," he said. "I've had a lot more success in college. I've come long way in two years. It's a big leap. It seems like a dream come true right now."

At TCU, Reeder's leg strength and accuracy have both been impressive. He hit two 47-yarders this season, has yet to miss an attempt inside 39 yards and owns several school records, including 52 consecutive extra points and 13 consecutive field goals.

Reeder also kicked off and was the team's backup punter. Off the field, he maintained a 3.7 grade-point average in business.

Other finalists for the award were Sam Valenzisi of Northwestern, Mike Chalberg of Minnesota, Jeremy Alexander of Oklahoma and Chris Ferencik of Pittsburgh. The honor is presented by the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

O'Brien Award

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tommy Frazier of Nebraska, Danny Wuerffel of Florida and Peyton Manning of Tennessee were named Thursday as the three finalists for the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award.

The three will be recognized on the 1995 Home Depot College Football Awards Show to be broadcast Thursday, Dec. 7, from Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., on ESPN.

Pavin shares lead at Million Dollar Challenge

SUN CITY, South Africa (AP) — U.S. Open champion Corey Pavin and Scotland's Sam Torrance shot 3-under-par 69s Thursday to share the first-round lead in the Million Dollar Challenge golf tournament.

Windy conditions and merciless rough caused problems for several of the 12 players vying for golf's richest top prize — $1 million — at the par-72 Gary Player Country Club course.

Torrance birdied three in a row, starting at the second, and eagled the par-5 ninth, making the turn at 4-under, then dropped a shot on the back nine.

Pavin agreed. He sank a 40-foot putt for his sixth birdie at the 15th, after dropping three shots along the way.

Nick Price of Zimbabwe and American Tom Lehman were two shots back at 71, while defending champion Nick Faldo of England, local hero Ernie Els and two-time winner Bernhard Langer of Germany shot 72s.

Faldo started well, with three birdies in the first six holes. But a triple bogey at the ninth, where he found both the rough and the water, proved costly.

American Phil Mickelson recovered from a double bogey six at No. 1 for a 73, while South Africa's three-time winner David Frost had a 74, Fiji's Vijay Singh a 75 and Italy's Costantino Rocca a 76.

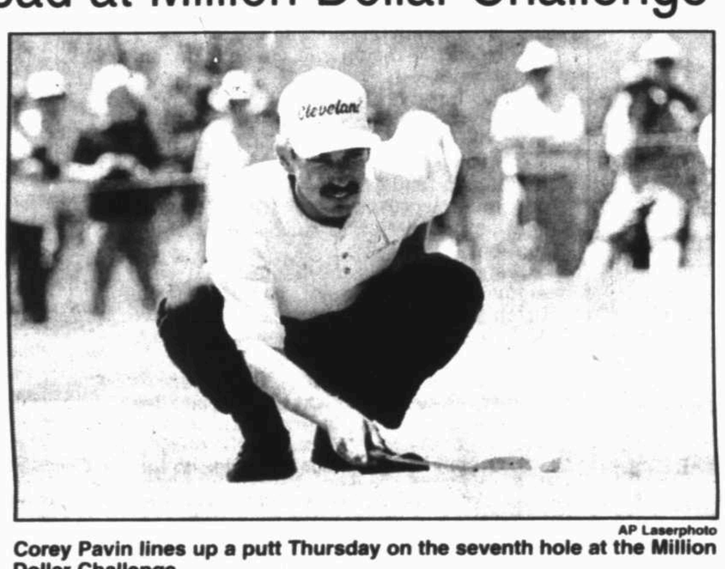
Colin Montgomerie of Scotland was last at 7-over 79.

J.C. Penney Mixed Team

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. — Jay Delsing and Val Skinner birdied four of the final five holes to combine for a 9-under-par 62 and a one-stroke lead Thursday after the opening round of the JCPenney Mixed-Team Classic.

The pair got off to a poor start, bogeying the second hole in the best-ball tournament at the Innisbrook Resort Copperhead Course. They recovered with six birdies on the back nine.

The 72-hole event teams a PGA Tour or PGA Senior Tour player with an LPGA player. Friday's format is modified alternate-stroke competition.



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Corey Pavin lines up a putt Thursday on the seventh hole at the Million Dollar Challenge.

■ Golf Roundup

Robert Gamez-Helen Alfredsson, Mark McCumber-Laura Davies and Mike Bradley-Katie Peterson-Parker shared second-place at 8-under. Two strokes back were Dan Forsman-Pam Wright and Gene Sauers-Hollis Stacy.

Gamez and Alfredsson have a chance to make up for a lost opportunity last year. They lost to Brad Bryant and Marta Figueras-Dotti in a four-hole playoff, missing three birdie attempts from inside 10 feet during sudden-death.

Pay back time for Dallas' rushing defense

■ Cowboys want to get revenge against the team that produced the only 100-yard rusher versus Dallas.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Even two months later, Robert Jones and Darren Woodson are still embarrassed by the way the Dallas defense let Washington's Terry Allen run all over them.

In that 27-23 Redskins victory Oct. 1, Allen ran for 121 yards and two touchdowns. He was named NFC offensive player of the week for his efforts.

No other running back has run for 100 yards against Dallas this season. Allen will go for the two-fer Sunday when the Redskins travel to Texas Stadium.

This time, though, the Cowboys vow to be better prepared.

"We didn't play with the intensity we should have had," said Jones, Dallas' middle linebacker. "The whole defense, we didn't play as well as we should have."

Woodson saw way too much of Allen last game. As a safety, he's not supposed to be a big force stopping the run. But he led Dallas with 15 tackles in the game against the Redskins.

"They ran on us at will," Woodson said. "If we aren't a lot more disciplined, it could happen again. They really attacked us last time."

Woodson was forced to work extra hard last time because the guys up front didn't do their jobs. Jones, Charles Haley, Leon Lett, Tony Tolbert and Russell Maryland combined for 10 tackles that game.

Cowboys coach Barry Switzer criticized his line for its performance in that game. The defensive coaches also gave the players a tongue-lashing they don't want to see again.

"This week, it will be a total difference because of the embarrassment we took with the coaches getting on our backs," Jones said. "When we come back in here to watch the film after this game, our coach is going to say the 11 players we had on defense played hard."

There's plenty of incentive for Dallas to play extra hard despite Washington's woeful record. The Cowboys must win to clinch a playoff spot and to protect its lead in the race for home-field advantage in the postseason.

BAMA: Tide's actions proved beneficial

(From 1C)

a guilty verdict, the appellate panel ruled.

The appeals committee did not determine whether Jones committed any wrongdoing, but the acting chairman said Jones was again in good standing with the NCAA.

"This action clears his record," said Marshall Criser.

Jones released a statement saying he was pleased the committee had thrown out the "unwarranted finding against me." Jones, who resigned after the initial finding of unethical conduct, made no mention of returning to the post.

Athletic director Hootie Ingram also quit in the wake of the original NCAA decision, and university president Roger Sayers announced his retirement, effective next year.

The Infractions Committee twice rejected Alabama's attempts to settle the charges with the NCAA enforcement staff before imposing the penalties and accusing Jones of misconduct.

"What is now needed is reform of the process that led to this unfortunate outcome," said Sayers. "What happened in our case should not happen to others, especially if the current process itself increases the chances of error."

The committee, in looking at the third year of probation, compared the Alabama case with others it had considered that involved repeated or deliberate violations.

"The failure of institutional control in this case, while serious, did not present those elements. Also, the institution in this case took appropriate corrective action and cooperated fully in the investigation ...," the committee said.

Because of Alabama's corrective action, the committee said, the third year of probation and the loss of nine scholarships were "excessive and inappropriate."

The major victory for Alabama before the appeals committee was the first for any school in the three years since the NCAA formed the panel. Five appeals were denied previously, with only Mississippi receiving minor relief.

Alabama players had expected the committee to overturn the bowl ban, according to senior lineman Shannon Brown.

Acting athletic director Glenn Tuckett said Stallings asked to see him shortly before the NCAA decision was announced. It was only then that Stallings said he wanted to return next season.

Alabama did not appeal the first two years of probation or the forfeiture of its 11 regular-season games, in which Langham played despite having signed with an agent.

G-MEN: New York sweeps Cardinals in 1995

(From 1C)

That helped break up Krieg's final pass, aimed at Wendall Gaines in the end zone with 14 seconds remaining.

But, like almost everything else the Cardinals did, the pass was off the mark, a bit too high for Gaines to pull down.

The Giants (4-9) did not lead until Brown capped an 83-yard drive with his 12-yard throw to Sherrard 4:48 into the second half. It was the only score of the half.

Greg Davis kicked 44- and 28-yard field goals for the Cardinals (4-9), and Brad Daluiso, who failed on two other attempts, answered with a 51-yard boot — all in the second quarter.

The Giants had beaten the Cardinals 27-21 in overtime Oct. 8, starting a cycle of overtime every other game for Arizona. This one was close, but after the Giants' TD, an extra period was less likely.

From then until the end, the Giants hung on with good defense while Arizona was undone by mistakes. One such mistake was by punter Jeff Feagles, who decided to run for it on fourth-and-5 from his own 30 midway through the third quarter. Phillippi Sparks dashed across the field to tackle him a yard short.

The Giants couldn't capitalize, and Daluiso, who missed a 46-yard field goal in the second quarter, lined up for a 47-yard kick. Eric Swann, who missed the first meeting of the NFC East rivals, blocked it and Jamir Miller recovered.

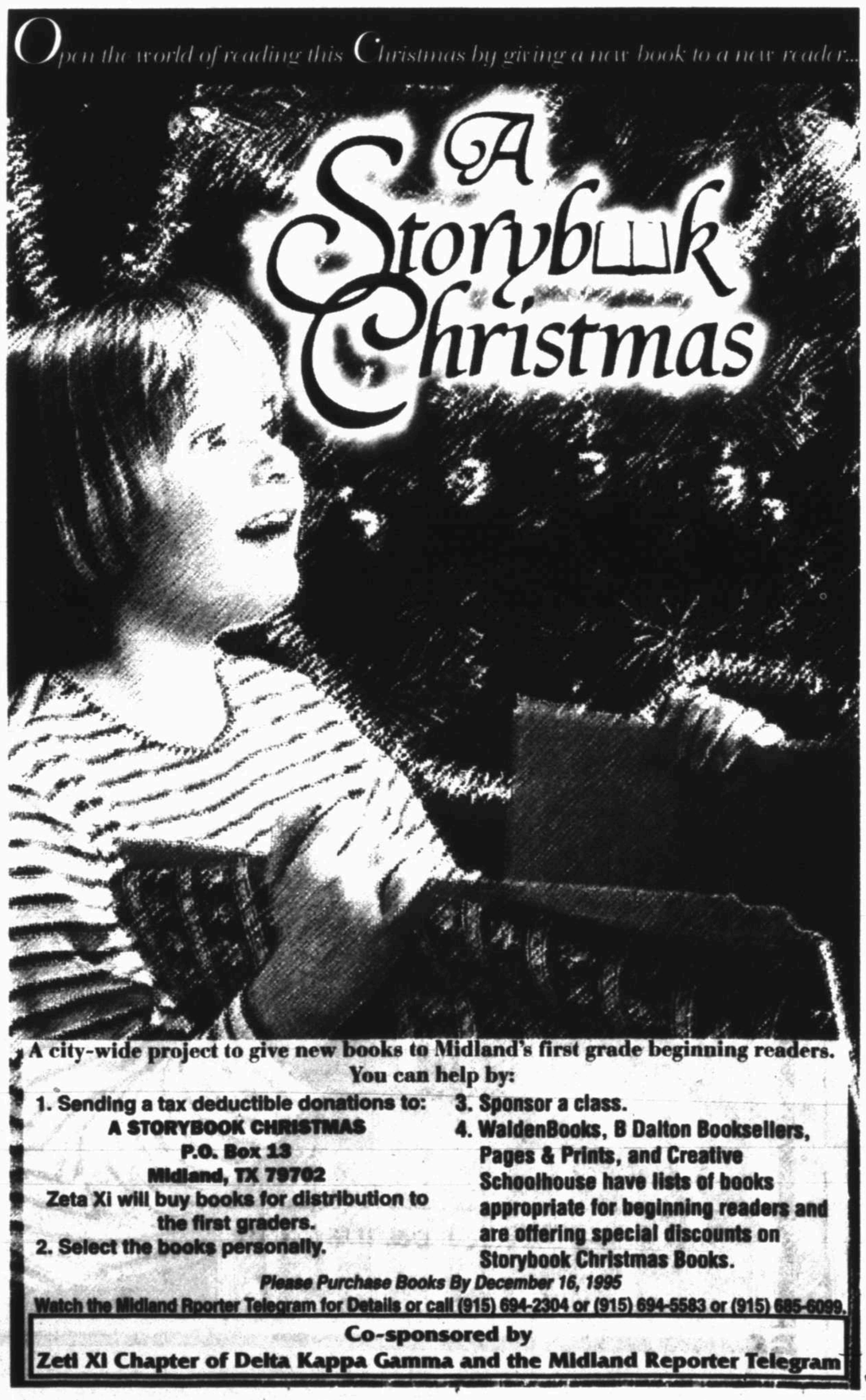
Case got his first six NFL snaps because Michael Strahan hit Krieg and forced a fumble with 10:46 left in the game. The Cardinals recovered, but Krieg had a stinger in his left arm and had to leave for a series.

Case's first pass went for 19 yards to Larry Centers, and he later ran 4 yards on his first scramble. But on second down he forced a pass into double coverage, and Glenn picked it off at the 2 and returned it 3 yards.

The Cardinals outgained the Giants 94-8 in the first quarter, but came up with nothing.

Their 71-yard drive with the opening kickoff ended at the 5 when Krieg overthrew Rob Moore on fourth down after coach Buddy Ryan decided to pass up the field goal for a try at six points.

The next time Krieg took a snap, Strahan sacked him, he fumbled and Robert Harris recovered for New York.



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Prices slip

Natural gas and heating oil slipped as forecasts for warmer weather across much of the U.S. threatened to dampen demand for heating fuels.

Natural gas for January delivery slipped 0.1 cent to $2.03 for each million British thermal units on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

January crude oil lost 7 cents to $18.19 a barrel, while the expiring December unleaded gasoline contract dropped 0.75 cent to 56.70 cents a gallon.

Airfare discounts

DALLAS — Southwest Airlines Co. announced Thursday another extension of discounts on 21-day advance purchase tickets throughout most of its system.

The ticket purchase deadline has been extended to Dec. 31 for an April 5 travel deadline, the fourth extension since the $19, one-way "Gotto Go Fare" promotion was announced on Oct. 20.

The nonrefundable tickets must be purchased within one day of making reservations.

Prices start as low as $19 for one-way travel on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Sale fares will be slightly higher on the remaining four days of the week and don't include airport charges of up to $6 each way.

Seats are limited and won't be available on some flights during very busy travel times and holidays.

The fares aren't available for travel into and out of Orange County, Calif.

Dollar rallies

NEW YORK — A rally in the U.S. bond market sparked new interest in the dollar on Thursday, lifting the greenback against most leading currencies.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.4470 marks, up from 1.4366 late Wednesday. The dollar also was changing hands in New York at 102.15 Japanese yen, up from 101.58.

The pound finished at $1.5325, down from $1.5336, one day after hitting a 16-month low against the dollar.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Wednesday: 1.1771 Swiss francs, up from 1.1652; 4.9970 French francs, up from 4.9445; 1,598 Italian lire, up from 1,594; and 1.3588 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3677.

Stocks sink

NEW YORK — And on the seventh day, the stock market rested. After climbing to record highs for six straight days, the Dow Jones industrial average retreated Thursday. Broader market indicators were mostly lower.

A late wave of computer-driven selling erased modest gains and sent the Dow industrials down 31.07 points at the close to 5,074.49.

Despite the loss in the Dow, advancers led decliners by about 4 to 3 on the NYSE. Volume was a revised 440.13 million shares from Wednesday's pace.

The New York Stock Exchange's composite index fell 0.40 to 323.59. The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index declined 2.27 to 605.37.

But the American Stock Exchange market value index rose 4.34 to 537.37, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 1.63 points to 1,059.20.

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Shoppers begin Christmas cautiously

■ Analysts begin wondering if fundamental shift is consumer shopping habits is beginning to emerge.

By N.Y. Times News Service

There was more bad news in the November sales figures isssued Thursday by the nation's big retailers.

Despite pockets of strength at places like Sears, Roebuck and Co., disappointing sales reports had analysts talking about cautious consumers, more frugal Americans and the marketplace effect of everything from corporate downsizing to Bosnia.

Thursday Talbots Inc. said sales at stores open for more than a year were down 3.3 percent. TJX Cos. said November sales were flat when compared with last year's. And Filene's Basement said sales at stores open for more than a year were up 1 percent.

Because they screen out store closings and new store openings, such same-store sales are considered one of the most reliable measures of a retailer's performance.

Sears' numbers told a different story. Its same-store sales for November were up 5.1 percent.

And Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said same-store sales were up 3 percent. With the help of heavy discounts, Kmart Corp. said sales were up 4.3 percent.

Numbers at big department store chains were more modest despite the big sales and discounts offered during November.

Federated Department Stores Inc., which operates Jordan Marsh, said same-store sales were up 2.4 percent. At May Department Stores Co., which operates Filene's, the comparable figure was up 1 percent.

Surveying the retail environment, Dean Witter Reynolds said its sales index was up 3 percent for the month, compared with 5 percent last year.

"The mood in America is to save, not spend," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Marketing Report, a trade publication. Consumers are worried about high credit-card debt levels, slower income growth and job security, he said.

"When you down-size a lot of middle management jobs, you're slicing out a fair amount of buying power from the economy," added Eugene Bronstein, a former retailer who teaches at Boston College's Carroll School of Management.

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Debates in Congress over how to change spending on entitlement programs as well as concern over Bosnia also affect "consumers' pyschology" in a retail environment that's "overstored," he said.

At the Trends Research Institute in Rhinebeck, N.Y., director Gerald Celente sees a more fundamental shift.

Citing statistics that claim the US standard of living is declining, Celente said he believes big-spending consumerism at the holidays is a post-World War II aberration. More and more people are going back to more traditional Christmases where the exchange of pricey gifts is less important, he said.

"We're seeing a psychological shift as boomers grow older," he said. "They've outgrown the shop-till-you-drop mentality. They don't have the time or money to put out for the quick emotional hit of a big-spending Christmas."

Cynthia Cohen Turk, president of the Miami-based retail consulting firm Marketplace 2000, disagrees. Consumers aren't averse to spending in general — just to spending full-price when bargains are around the corner.

Consumers have become "educated," she said. They understand that retailers are in trouble. They understand that as Christmas draws closer, some retailers will panic and cut prices to bring in customers, a move that will also cut retailers' profits.

"The last two weeks before Christmas will be gangbusters," she predicted.

At Filene's Basement, chief financial officer Steven Siegel reviewed November's numbers.

"We had a very strong beginning," he said. "Then it tailed off a little. The day after Thanksgiving was very good, and Saturday was mediocre."

And how will Christmas '95 pan out?

"No one is predicting with any certainty what's going to happen," he said. "It's a very strange world out there."



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Toyota President Hiroshi Okuda, left, and Indiana Gov. Evan Bayh, right, answer questions on Toyota's plan to build an assembly plant for T100 trucks in Princeton, Ind. Thursday. Interpreter Ken Tgaima is in the center.

Toyota picks Indiana for truck plant site

By Ted Bridis
Associated Press Writer

PRINCETON, Ind. — Toyota Motor Corp. picked the corn fields of southwest Indiana on Thursday as the home for its first U.S. pickup truck plant.

The $700 million plant, to open in 1998, will employ at least 1,300 workers in an area hit hard by the declining coal industry. That would raise its U.S. work force above 20,000, said Toyota President Hiroshi Okuda.

The plant will be located about 20 miles north of Evansville, Ind., about midway between Louisville, Ky., and St. Louis.

Toyota also had considered sites in Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan and other states. The site it chose south of Princeton is not far from Interstate 64, and has access to railroads and to shipping routes on the nearby Ohio River.

The opportunity to produce 100,000 pickups a year at the plant will make it easier for Toyota to compete in North America. It already makes cars at plants in Georgetown, Ky., and at Cambridge, Ontario; and at a plant in Fremont, Calif., that is jointly owned by Toyota and General Motors Corp.

Toyota currently pays a steep 25 percent tariff on its imported trucks, and the high yen means Japanese-made parts are relatively expensive. Analysts said Toyota's decision to build in the United States will help avoid those problems and make the automaker more aggressive in the truck market.

At least half the components of the T100 will be American-made, Okuda said. Industry experts said that will allow Toyota to avoid import taxes that otherwise would be incurred shipping the trucks from Indiana to Mexico and Canada under the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Okuda, Gov. Evan Bayh and members of the state's congressional delegation made the announcement in a packed high school auditorium. Gibson County commissioner Roger Myers described the plant as "the biggest thing that's going to happen in our lifetimes. It's going to mean jobs, jobs, jobs."

Bayh said state incentives will total $29.8 million, or about $22,923 per job, and local incentives from relatively rural Gibson County will amount to about $45 million.

Salaries at the plant are expected to reach an average $38,000 a year.

Nation's top drug stores plan merger

CAMP HILL, Pa. (AP) — Rite Aid Corp. and Revco D.S. Inc., the nation's top two drugstore chains, Thursdaannounced plans to merge in a $1.8 billion cash and stock deal.

Rite Aid's purchase will solidify its position as the nation's largest drugstore chain. The buyout will create a company with more than $11 billion in revenue and more than 4,500 stores in 22 states, and will mean the loss of more than 1,000 jobs.

The deal underscores the continued consolidation of drugstore businesses as changes in the medical industry heightens competition. The acquisition is one of several recently for Rite Aid.

Martin L. Grass, Rite Aid's chief executive, said the merger will give the combined chain the ability to compete effectively in the changing industry.

Camp Hill, Pa.-based Rite Aid expects to eliminate $156 million in costs by eliminating 1,100 jobs in Cleveland, closing Revco's headquarters in Twinsburg, Ohio, and streamlining distribution expenses.

Rite Aid would also cut duplicative advertising efforts and expects to get better prices from its suppliers, since it will be buying in larger volume.

Rite Aid already owns Eagle Managed Care, a prescription benefits management company that has struggled as an independent against drug distribution networks operated by large pharmaceutical companies.

Jeffrey Pittsburg, an analyst with Goldis-Pittsburg Institutional Services in Garden City, N.Y., who follows Rite Aid, said a merger would make Rite Aid more competitive.

"It would provide economies of scale. That's why Rite Aid has to do what it's doing," Pittsburg said.

The companies said a decision on which of their drug stores will be closed will be made after the merger is completed.

Rite Aid has more than 2,700 stores in 21 states and the District of Columbia. Revco has more than 2,100 stores in 14 states. The announcement said the merger will leave the chain with more than 4,500 stores, meaning that about 300 stores could be closed.

Rite Aid said the cost of the combination would reduce earnings by $163 million before taxes.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

IRA withdrawals often bump up seniors' tax bracket

By Bill Doyle

Q: I opened my individual retirement account in 1982, when the $2,000 tax-deductible IRA contribution was first authorized, and have made that deposit annually since — until this year.



Doyle

Having passed age 70 1/2 in August, I can no longer do so, and I must start making IRA withdrawals, on which I will have to pay income tax. The bank at which I have the IRA sent me a letter stating I am required to make my first withdrawal no later than April 1 of the year following the year I become 70 1/2. For me, that will be next year. After that, I am required to make an IRA withdrawal by Dec. 31 every year.

So, to avoid making two years' of taxable withdrawals in 1996, I will receive one lump-sum withdrawal around Dec. 15 and in January begin receiving monthly withdrawals, 12 of which will equal the annual withdrawal.

Even so, the lump-sum December withdrawal will put me in a higher income tax bracket and increase my tax bill.

Since I became 70 1/2 in August — the eighth month of the year — shouldn't my IRA withdrawal be equal to only 5/12 of the annual required withdrawal?

A: Your reasoning is interesting, but it won't wash with the Internal Revenue Service, which follows the rules as written in IRA legislation.

The applicable regulation spells out that, beginning with your "70 1/2 year," you must take a "required minimum distribution" calculated by dividing the value of your IRA as of the preceding Dec. 31 by your life expectancy or the joint life expectancy of you and your IRA beneficiary.

There is no provision for the first withdrawal you make, in your 70 1/2 year, to be prorated according the month of the year in which you reached 70 1/2.

There's no getting around the fact that withdrawals from IRAs to which tax-deductible contributions were made increase the taxes many senior citizens have to pay. But by taking your first withdrawal this year, you would avoid a double bump next year. That should save you some tax dollars — unless we have a flat tax enacted next year.

Q: While working, we were schooled to prepare for retirement. I did so through my IRA, other savings and investments. Now I am being killed with taxes on my IRA withdrawals and on my interest and dividends.

Because I am past age 70 1/2, I can no longer put money into my IRA. Is there anything similar to that through which I can get the benefit of the $2,000 deduction on my federal income tax return?

A: If you have self-employment income, you can make tax-deductible contributions to a Keogh plan. There's no age cutoff for Keogh contributions, but you are required to make Keogh plan withdrawals after age 70 1/2 — just as you are with IRAs.

Although the rules are complex, they boil down to the fact that you are allowed to put 20 percent of your self-employment income into your Keogh plan.

Q: I will receive my retirement savings from my place of employment in a lump sum next year. It is my understanding I will have at least two choices of how to treat this money for tax purposes.

One way would be to roll the lump sum over into an IRA and pay tax on yearly withdrawals as ordinary income. The other way would be to use five-year or 10-year averaging on pre-1974 contributions and pay tax as ordinary income on the balance.

Would a certified public accountant be the best choice for advice on this subject?

A: Definitely!

Five-year and 10-year income averaging can have the marvelous result of reducing income tax in situations where it is allowed. But you are considering paying ordinary income tax on contributions made to the plan during what probably were your highest income years.

You need individual advice. Sit down for a long talk with a CPA.

Bill Doyle is a syndicated columnist for King Features. He welcomes written questions, but is able to provide answers only through the column.

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	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	**Toy Story** $39.1, one week, 2,457 screens	$39.1
2	**Goldeneye** $57.2, two weeks, 2,667 screens	$26.2
3	**Ace Ventura: When Nature Calls** $86.3, three weeks, 2,705 screens	$18.7
4	**Money Train** $15.5, one week, 2,522 screens	$15.5
5	**Casino** $14.5, one week, 1,616 screens	$14.5
6	**The American President** $26, two weeks, 1,508 screens	$13.1
7	**It Takes Two** $12.6, two weeks, 1,581 screens	$6.4
8	**Get Shorty** $62, six weeks, 1,522 screens	$4.4
9	**Nick of Time** $3.9, one week, 1,849 screens	$3.9
10	**Home for the Holidays** $14.5, four weeks, 1,000 screens	$2.9

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1995, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1."Batman Forever," (Warner Bros.)
2."While You Were Sleeping," (Hollywood)
3."The Santa Clause," (Disney)
4."Pulp Fiction," (Miramax)
5."French Kiss," (Fox)
6."Bad Boys," (Columbia TriStar)
7."Crimson Tide," (Hollywood)
8."Rob Roy," (MGM-UA)
9."Casper," (MCA-Universal)
10."Tommy Boy," (Paramount)

Top Singles

1."One Sweet Day," Mariah Carey and Boyz II Men (Columbia)
2."Exhale (Shoop Shoop)," Whitney Houston (Arista)
3."Hey Lover," L.L. Cool J (Def Jam)
4."Fantasy," Mariah Carey (Columbia) (Platinum)
5."Gangsta's Paradise," Coolio featuring L.V. (MCA) (Platinum)
6."Diggin' on You," TLC (Laface)
7."You Remind Me of Something," R. Kelly (Jive)
8."You'll See," Madonna (Maverick)
9."Name," Goo Goo Dolls (Metal Blade)
10."Runaway," Janet Jackson (A&M) (Gold)

Top Albums

1."The Beatles Anthology 1," The Beatles (Apple)
2."Fresh Horses," Garth Brooks (Capitol Nashville)
3."Daydream," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
4."Christmas in the Aire," Mannheim Steamroller (American Gramaphone)
5."'Waiting to Exhale' Soundtrack," (Arista)
6."Jagged Little Pill," Alanis Morissette (Maverick-Reprise) (Platinum)
7."R. Kelly," R. Kelly (Jive)
8."Cracked Rear View," Hootie & the Blowfish (Atlantic) (Platinum)
9."Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness," Smashing Pumpkins (Virgin)
10."The Greatest Hits Collection," Alan Jackson (Arista)

Country Singles

1."Tall, Tall Trees," Alan Jackson (Arista)
2."Check Yes or No," George Strait (Atlantic)
3."That's As Close As I'll Get To Loving You," Aaron Tippin (RCA)
4."Back In Your Arms Again," Lorrie Morgan (BNA)
5."Who Needs You Baby," Clay Walker (Giant)
6."In Pictures," Alabama (RCA)
7."Life Goes On," Little Texas (Warner Bros.)
8."Life Gets Away," Clint Black (RCA)
9."Deep Down," Pam Tillis (Arista)
10."Tequila Talkin'," Lonestar (BNA)

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THE RAITT STUFF

Singer known to speak her mind musically, politically

By Larry McShane
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Rock star pretensions? Bonnie Raitt — despite 11 million records sold and eight Grammys in the last six years — has none.

When word comes that the kitchen at her Manhattan hotel is closed, she doesn't rant or rave. "Forget about it," Raitt says sweetly. "I've got water."

A look-alike hotel worker then stops by. "I get a lot of people saying, 'Do you know you look like Bonnie Raitt?' " the woman tells her. Raitt smiles and quickly replies, "You're much prettier." (She lies, by the way.)

No tantrums? No brush-off for fans? Is this any way for a multiplatinum, chart-topping guitarist to behave? Absolutely, says Raitt, who mates a '60s sensibility with her '90s success.

"I've got the coolest job I know," says the red-headed Raitt, who stays busy both on and off the stage.

Three times a week while touring, she holds post-show benefits for local groups — posing for pictures or shaking hands with local activists. She's fighting to get better royalties for veteran R&B singers. She invites Planned Parenthood and food banks to set up booths at her shows. She stands up for her beliefs, both musical and political.

"If somebody wants to argue with me about Planned Parenthood and food banks, excuse me," Raitt says bluntly. "Adopt a crack baby and shut up, you know?"

Twenty-four years after her first album, the 47-year-old Raitt

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'If somebody wants to argue with me about Planned Parenthood and food banks, excuse me ... adopt a crack baby and shut up, you know?'

— Bonnie Raitt

TV networks in generous mood with sleigh-ful of holiday specials

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — He knows if you've been good; he knows if you've been bad. But in the great democracy of TV Land, we all get to tune in the same gifts anyway!

This season, holiday programs range from the sublime, such as "Gregorian Chants: Songs of the Spirit," to the sublimely ridiculous, "A Pinky & The Brain Christmas."

Here's a rundown of the movies, music and more in store for angels and the scamps who may be out of luck with Santa.

Movies

"Ebbie," Monday, Dec. 4, Lifetime. Susan Lucci plays a ruthless retailer, a female Scrooge, in a contemporary version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol."

"A Holiday to Remember," Tuesday, Dec. 12, CBS. A romance starring Connie Sellecca as a recently divorced mother who returns to her hometown and rediscovers her first love. Randy Travis co-stars.

"The Christmas Box," Sunday, Dec. 17, CBS. A family moves in with an older woman and learns about love and life. Maureen O'Hara and Richard Thomas star.

"It's a Wonderful Life," Friday, Dec. 22, NBC. The once-ubiquitous holiday film is now NBC's alone to air. Starring Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed and an angel named Clarence.

"Christmas on Division Street," Sunday, Dec. 24, CBS. Hume Cronyn and Fred Savage are featured in this 1991 drama about a youth who befriends an elderly man and learns about homelessness and life.

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Gill: A hits package from one of the guys



Vince Gill

By Jim Patterson
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — For a few shows this year, Vince Gill fans got a double dose of the million-selling country star for the cost of one concert ticket.

The guitarist for opening act Patty Loveless had to suddenly rush home when his wife went into labor. That left Loveless short with a show in Memphis that evening.

"And so I got to play with Patty all weekend being her guitar player," Gill said in an interview. "It was more fun than I had all year long because I got to go up there and just be a musician and play with the band. My adrenalin was going through the roof."

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Bolding going ...

WHERE FEW HAVE GONE BEFORE



Walter Koenig (top), who played Cmdr. Chekhov on "Star Trek," Burgess Meredith, left, and Christopher Walken, bottom, have entered into a new entertainment dimension.



By Farrell Kramer
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Actor Walter Koenig was ready for something new. As the ever-loyal navigator Pavel Chekov on TV's "Star Trek," Koenig had built a character so durable it provided him with work for decades.

It also left him typecast. The trademark Russian accent he developed for Chekov became more familiar than the Chicago native's own speech.

So when Koenig was presented with the opportunity for a role in Maximum Surge, the actor took it. Not only would he be able to leave his Star Fleet uniform behind, he'd also get to play a villain.

One other thing was different, too: Maximum Surge isn't a motion picture or a TV movie. It's a computer game.

"I'm at a point where I could opt in my life

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Surviving another television sweeps month

With the arrival of December 1 comes the official end of the television sweeps season.

This year's November period actually offered plenty of interesting tidbits that television fans can savor.



Patterson

"The Beatles Anthology" was a highlight for many. "The Streets of Laredo," Larry McMurtry's sequel to "Lonesome Dove," didn't come close to approaching "Dove's" quality, but it was adequate television compared to the non-sweeps junk we are always given. James Garner and Sissy Spacek were outstanding, but George Carlin, in his role as a down-on-his-luck cowboy, Billy, surprisingly stole the show.

Fans of the top two medical dramas — "E.R." and "Chicago Hope" — were both thankful and melancholoy with the continued quality of the programs.

"E.R." kept fans fixed to the edges of their seats with George Clooney's rescue of a young boy from a storm drain. Clooney's portrayal of the troubled Dr. Doug Ross is worthy of a Supporting Actor Emmy this season. At Chicago Hope, both Mandy Patinkin (Dr. Jeffrey Gieger) and Peter Macnichol (Allen Burch) exited in disparate fashion — Geiger to become house daddy to the young daughter left behind after Burch was murdered by a gun-toting thug on an El-train ramp.

Thankfully, we were spared other programs during sweeps month. Shows that fortunately were unable to find their way out of producers' slush piles. For instance:

■ **"High on the Hog! A Green Acres Reunion."** Pigs are in. Eb and Oliver are still alive, and so is one of the Gabor sisters. So why not?

■ **"Newt: The Musical."** Dom DeLuise and Melissa Ethridge co-star in the exploits of the popular Georgia Republican and his rebel sister. Special appearance by Meat Loaf as Rush Limbaugh.

■ **"O.J.'s SeaHunt for the Real Killer."** Join O.J. Simpson on a round-the-world adventure via America's most popular cruise line. O.J. and co-star Kathie Lee Gifford visit some of the most exciting, exotic ports of call in the football star's personal quest for The Real Killers.

■ **"Charles and Diana: The Fairy Tale Continues."** Watch as the two love birds make amends after all the bloody nasties they've said about and done to each other. Cable subscribers only: "Charles and Di: The Director's Cut" features 20 unedited minutes of Di playfully tickling and rubbing hubby's giant ears.

■ **"Bonanza: The Next Generation."** Hoss Jr. (Chris Farley) and Littler Joe (David Spade) track down serial TV killer Lorne Michaels for his repeated crimes agains the medium.

■ **"Little Senate on the Prairie."** Sequel to the Michael Landon series from the '70s, Jane Seymour stars as a doctor-turned-congresswoman in rugged turn-of-the-century Colorado. Howard Stern costars as Seymour's philandering boyfriend.

■ **"Involuntary Manslaughter She Wrote,"** with Angela Lansbury. Scrapped. Unless it's a vicious, heinous crime, TV wants no part of it.

■ **"Show Me The Door: A Peter Frampton Anthology."** Ssshhh! TV will do most anything. This one, however, would take about as much air time as the Tyson-McNeeley fight.

■ **"Beavis & Butthead Kidnap CBS."** Madcap thriller about two jugheads who steal a television network and run it into the ground. Based on a true story.

■ **"Home Improvement Meets Roseanne."** Tim Taylor takes on the ultimate challenge: Rebuilding Roseanne from the ground up.

Jimmy Patterson is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram

HIGH-TECH: Level of computer fun rises

(From 1D)

for complacency and a bit of predictability, or I could have one last holler — one last try for adventure," Koenig said. "I'm of the opinion that adventure is still a very enticing and exciting option."

Other actors are moving onto the CD-ROM stage as well.

With recent, vast improvements in technology, game makers are now able to include hours of video footage of real actors in their computer-generated worlds. Improved picture quality and sound clarity have made the performances themselves more important.

That has created new roles for seasoned actors — generating six-figure salaries and some interesting opportunities.

Another upcoming game, Ripper, by Take 2 Interactive Software Inc., features Christopher Walken, who won fame in the film "The Deer Hunter," and Burgess Meredith, whose lengthy credits include 1939's "Of Mice and Men," TV's "Batman" and the movie "Rocky."

The project was Meredith's high-tech debut.

"I wouldn't want to make a living doing it. But I would do it again," he said. "They paid well, and they were very jovial and it was all a lot of fun."

Meredith sees only one problem: He can't view his performance. The veteran actor doesn't own a personal computer.

Early on, computer games consisted almost entirely of text. Graphics came into wide use in the 1980s, and the advent of faster computer chips made possible the use of color and sound.

Full-motion video, which allows for the incorporation of movie-like scenes, has only recently become viable. With it, programmers have been able to create interactive games that meld actors' performances with the puzzle-solving challenges computer games traditionally offer.

Actors, for example, don't simply run through their lines as they would in a movie. Players can, with a click of the mouse, guide their movements, such as having them move forward, turn and pick up an object.

Sometimes by grabbing and viewing an object — say, a letter — a clue is provided that will help a player further on in the game. Alternatively, an actor could be a player's nemesis, and the player's challenge might be to destroy him.

Performing such roles makes some new demands on actors.

"One curious thing is they had to take into account in shooting the various scenes what the player would do," Koenig recalled. "So we had to shoot various scenes: one where he hits me, one where he misses."

For Meredith, the acting was a bit less structured than a standard movie or television shoot might be.

"It was like the Actors Studio," he said. "You were given a thought and a general direction, and then your own concepts came out."

Game makers believe that by using talented actors and letting them build real characters out of their roles, they can improve the fun of game playing. They admit, however, that well-known performers also bring another advantage, perhaps one even more valuable.

"The stars are marketing hooks," said Tom Zito, chief executive of Digital Pictures Inc., maker of Maximum Surge.

A performer's picture on a game box brings familiarity in a powerful way. And as store shelves become filled with computer games of all sorts, a big-name star can be a real attention grabber.

There's a lot at stake. Maximum Surge cost about $3 million to develop. Ripper was about $4 million, with about a quarter of its budget going to actors' salaries.

Computer games as a whole generated about $900 million in sales last year, according to PC Data Inc., a market research firm.

With the growing demand for acting talent — and the growing salaries game producers are willing to pay — has come an increase in big-time actors' willingness to participate in game making. The phenomenon has taken off largely during the past two years.

Each time a bigger name signs on, the genre's legitimacy grows.

"I wouldn't be surprised if in the next few months a top 10 star agrees to appear in a title," said Jonathan Trumper, a talent agent who heads the New Media division in New York for William Morris Agency Inc. "When you say 'top 10 stars,' you're talking Tom Cruise and people like that."

Trumper's agency represents not only actors looking to move into computer games, but Hollywood directors, writers and others. Actors, however, are the most easily identified.

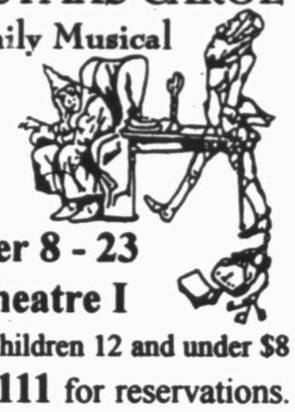
High-Tech Actors

Technological improvements and a crowded marketplace have made the use of big-name performers a growing reality in computer games. A sampling of those actors and their best-known credits:

- Karen Allen ("Raiders of the Lost Ark")
- Mike Ditka (former Chicago Bears coach)
- Amanda Donohoe ("L.A. Law")
- John Hurt ("Rob Roy")
- Walter Koenig ("Star Trek")
- Cyndi Lauper (singer)
- Sheryl Lee ("Twin Peaks")
- Burgess Meredith ("Rocky")
- Quentin Tarantino ("Pulp Fiction")
- Christopher Walken ("The Deer Hunter")

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Manager Claire Hendrickson and co-owner Larry Burdette of Zucchi's invite diners to experience old-world elegance at affordable prices.

Zucchi's brings touch of Italy to West Texas

By Pat Knight

The travel agents are going to hate me for this, but I have discovered how to get to Italy really fast and at a very good price.

At least it seems you're in a quaint Italian cafe when you step into Zucchi's Ristorante Italiano in Odessa. Owners Hans Zelisko and Larry Burdette, with help from Steve Late, have gone overboard to create a genuine Italian atmosphere.

From the grapevines winding through the rafters to the mural of a vineyard's stone wall, Zucchi's exudes a secluded, old-world feel.

With appointments such as these, I expected the food to cost as much as airfare to Italy, yet most entrees on the menu were in the six-to-nine dollar range. Appetizers ranged from $2.50 to $6.25.

Each table is served Foccaccia (pizza bread) chunks, with a dip made of olive oil, fresh basil and garlic.

Our appetizers were Mozzarella Caprese and Calamari Fritti. The fresh mozzarella, which is shipped in from Dallas, has a very rich, creamy texture.

Have you ever had rubbery calamari? I thought it was always that way until I tasted Zucchi's. Theirs is great! Its texture is firm, but easy to eat, and the batter is crisp and briskly seasoned. Dipping it in the Fra Diavlo Sauce gave it a rich, tangy flavor.

For the main course we enjoyed the specials of the day: Rosemary Chicken and Blackened Red Snapper. Both came with pasta and fresh salad, which had a sweet Italian dressing.

Yes, blackened red snapper is usually a Cajun dish, but the way Zucchi's serves it, the dish seems a natural Italian fit. It was flaky and tender, generously seasoned with black pepper and other spices.

The Rosemary chicken was tender, juicy and more than we could eat.

Even so, dessert was a must. We sampled Tiramisu, a homemade Italian specialty made with marscapone cheese, whipped cream and lady fingers sprayed with coffee and rum. It was the perfectly rich finish to a great dining experience.

At the risk of sounding redundant, *this is reasonably priced!* You can get a lunch of salad and four pieces of Zucchi Pizza for $4.95. And the Twilight Dining special, available from 5:30 to 6:30, will allow you a soup or salad and any pasta or pizza for just $6.95. Children's meals are $3.75.

Pricing is the same at lunch and dinner. Some items are only available in the evening.

Zucchi's offers espresso, cappuccino and a full service bar.

They take reservations for groups of five or more. Some times are still available for Christmas parties.

Zucchi's Ristorante Italiano does provide excellent service, delicious food and affordable pricing. More than that, however, it is an other-worldly dining experience. Right here in West Texas.

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HOLIDAYS: Even Monks have a special

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"A Bing Crosby Film Festival," Monday, Dec. 25, American Movie Classics. A gift box of Crosby classics, including "Holiday Inn" and "Going My Way," ensures sweet Christmas Day crooning.

Music

"Gregorian Chant: Songs of the Spirit," Thursday, Dec. 7, PBS. Lilting 12th-century sounds performed by the Gregorian Chant Choir of Spain.

"Swing Into Christmas," Thursday, Dec. 7 and Dec. 14, A&E. Two half-hour specials jazz things up with Wynton Marsalis, Grover Washington Jr. and others.

"Riders Radio Theater: The Christmas Show," Wednesday, Dec. 13, TNN. Go West with comical musical posse Riders in the Sky. Guests include the Grand Ole Opry's Little Jimmy Dickens and Kathy Mattea.

"Kathie Lee: Home for Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 20, CBS. Kathie Lee Gifford and family welcome musical guests to their Vail, Colo., home, including Kathy Mattea, Andy Williams and Aaron Neville.

"Opryland's Country Christmas," Saturday, Dec. 23, CBS. A 1994 Nashville celebration with Clint Black, Vince Gill, Emmylou Harris, Ronna Reeves, Marty Stuart, Mel Tillis, Pam Tillis, Travis Tritt, Tanya Tucker, Tammy Wynette, Trisha Yearwood — and Neil Diamond.

"Cincinnati Pops Holiday with Erich Kunzel and Mel Torme," Sunday, Dec. 24, PBS. The Cincinnati Pops Orchestra, with Kunzel conducting, is joined by Mel Torme singing his "The Christmas Song" and the Indiana University Singing Hoosiers.

"Christmas at Saint Olaf," Monday, Dec. 25, PBS. In a nearly century-old tradition, St. Olaf college in Northfield, Minn., heralds Christmas with a 450-singer choir and the St. Olaf Orchestra.

"Atlanta Symphony Gospel Christmas," Monday, Dec. 25, PBS. The orchestra unites with a choir comprised of the best gospel singers from the Atlanta area. The Pointer Sisters join in the mix.

Animation

"A Charlie Brown Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 6, CBS. The Peanuts gang finds the true meaning of the season underneath trappings of tinsel and commercialism. The special marks its 30th anniversary.

"Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree," Wednesday, Dec. 6, CBS. New Muppet cast members the Muppet Mice venture out in search of the perfect Christmas. Guest voices include Robert Downey Jr., Leslie Nielsen and Stockard Channing.

"Peter and the Wolf," Friday, Dec. 8, ABC. The classic musical tale is revisited in an animation and live action special starring Kirstie Alley and Lloyd Bridges and created and conducted by George Daugherty.

"Twas the Night Before Bumpy," Saturday, Dec. 9, ABC. Mr. Bumpy and friends from the Saturday morning series "Bump in the Night" enjoy a holiday adventure. Cheech Marin and Cathy Moriarty provide guest voices.

"A Pinky & The Brain Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 13, The WB. The ambitious Brain launches a scheme to conquer the world by exploiting the resources of Santa's workshop.

"A Chipmunk Christmas," Wednesday, Dec. 13, USA Network. The Chipmunks are set to play Carnegie Hall on Christmas, but the concert is doomed unless Alvin can replace the harmonica he gave an ailing friend.

"Winnie the Pooh and Christmas, Too," Thursday, Dec. 21, CBS. Walt Disney's adaptation of A.A. Milne's Pooh Bear and his friends as they prepare for the holidays in the Hundred Acre Wood.

"Mumfie's White Christmas," Saturday, Dec. 23, Fox. Mumfie, on a mission to ensure a white Christmas for his skating party, becomes entangled in the legend of The Snowbird.

"Father Christmas," Monday, Dec. 25, PBS. A year in the life of Santa Claus reveals how he spends his off-hours. The animation style is based on British author Raymond Briggs' "Father Christmas" books.

Stocking Stuffers

"Television's Christmas Classics," Friday, Dec. 1, CBS. Marie Osmond anchors this look back at TV holiday moments both comic and musical. Jack Benny buys a gift from Mel Blanc; Judy Garland and Mel Torme sing.

"Lamb Chop's Special Chanukah," Monday, Dec. 11, PBS. Shari Lewis and and buddy Lamb Chop try to illuminate the meaning of the Jewish festival of lights for non-Jewish family and friends, including guest Alan Thicke.

"Martha Stewart's Home for the Holiday," Tuesday, Dec. 12, CBS. The hostess with the mostess shares ideas for recipes, tree decorating, homemade ornaments and wreaths and gift wrapping. Julia Child is featured.

"The Weinerville Chanukah Special," Thursday, Dec. 14, Nickelodeon. A light-hearted celebration with Marc Weiner's puppet characters. David Johanson, as alter ego Buster Poindexter, is among the guests.

"Ho Ho Ho: TV'S All-Time Funniest Christmas Moments," Monday, Dec. 18, Fox. Highlights of Christmas-themed sitcoms, specials, variety programs and commercials over the years.

"Christmas at War," Sunday, Dec. 24, History Channel. The efforts of combat soldiers trying to honor the holiday is explored through interviews, home movies and videos, letters and archival footage over the decades.

"God's House," Sunday, Dec. 24, TBS. The series "Network Earth" examines the ways in which Christian Americans celebrate their faith. Segments on Christian contemporary music and the Pope's New York visit are included.

"Storytime Para Ti," Monday, Dec. 25, PBS. A bilingual holiday episode from the children's series about the joy of books includes about one-third Spanish dialogue and reading. Actor-musician Ruben Blades guests.

"The Walt Disney World Very Merry Christmas Parade," Monday, Dec. 25, ABC. Joan Lunden and Regis Philbin host the 13th version of the annual event. Pocahontas and "The Toy Story" clan are among this year's stars.

Out with the old

"People Yearbook '95," Wednesday, Dec. 13, CBS. A look back at the pivotal events and figures of 1995 features reflections by celebrities on the outgoing year.

"Year by Year Marathon," Sunday, Dec. 31, History Channel. A 16-hour look at 1995 and other key 20th century years through original newsreel footage.

Beatles are hot, but The Boss? He's not

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With Christmas approaching, some of pop's biggest stars have been releasing new albums, hoping to cash in on the gift-giving spirit. Sales figures put out Wednesday by Soundscan, a company in Hartsdale, N.Y., that monitors retail stores, show who's selling and who's not.

Last week, three of the season's most anticipated albums were released on the same day: the two-CD "The Beatles Anthology, Vol. 1"; "The Ghost of Tom Joad," by Bruce Springsteen, and "Fresh Horses," by Garth Brooks. All sold slightly fewer albums than music-industry executives expected.

Capitol, which released the Beatles anthology, was hoping to set a record for the strongest first-week sales of an album. Pearl Jam holds the record, with 950,000 copies of its 1993 record, "Vs." sold in its first week.

The Beatles sold a respectable 855,000, which will put them solidly at No. 1 in next week's Billboard pop charts. Brooks came in at No. 2 with 480,000 albums sold.

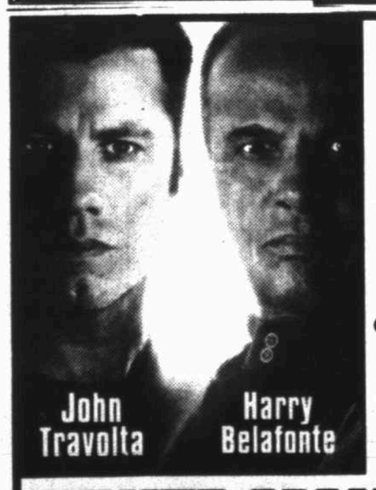
Springsteen is experiencing the results of the low-key approach he took to promoting his low-key acoustic new record. "The Ghost of Tom Joad" is one of his most disappointing chart debuts in two decades, in at No. 11 with 107,000 albums sold. (Melissa Etheridge's new album sold better in its first week.)

In the meantime, four of pop's top divas — Madonna, Whitney Houston, Janet Jackson and Mariah Carey — have also been battling for record sales. Ms. Carey seems to be the most popular diva of the moment. Her "Daydream" album sold 224,000 copies the week it was released. In comparison, "Waiting to Exhale," a film soundtrack with Ms. Houston's first new songs since "The Bodyguard" soundtrack, sold 177,284 copies in its first week.

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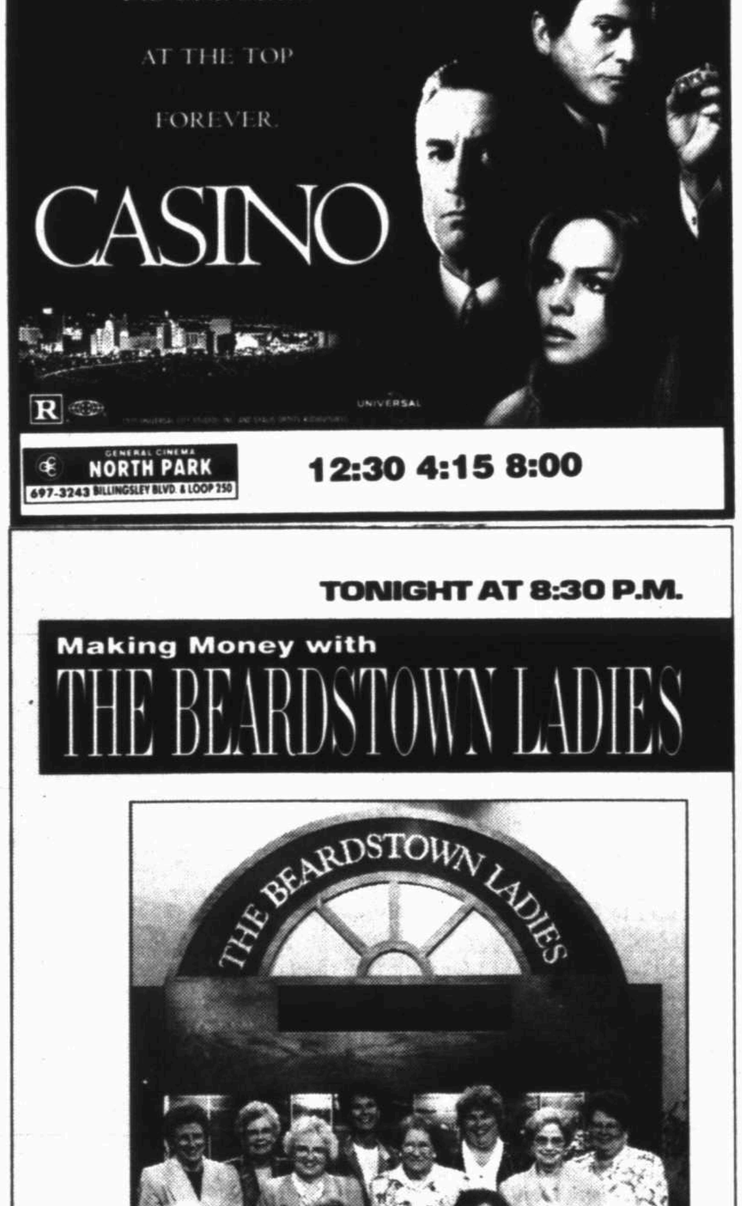
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Springsteen speaks for the downtrodden

By Fred Shuster
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Stark was the term most used to describe Bruce Springsteen's introspective 1982 release, "Nebraska." Well, if "Nebraska" was stark, then his latest effort, "The Ghost of Tom Joad," is downright desolate.

The often brilliant "Ghost" again proves that Springsteen is one of pop music's finest storytellers, but without almost anything even remotely hummable on this 12-song disc, Springsteen isn't likely to gain any new fans.

Old ones won't complain. This is the Springer's most topical work in ages. His characters — illegal immigrants, sickly veterans, unemployed factory workers, the nouveau poor — could've been ripped from today's headlines.

On the title track, Springsteen identifies with Tom Joad, the "dust bowl" hero of John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath," a man who stood up for migrant farm workers. Springsteen intones solemnly: "Wherever there's a cop beatin' a guy/... Where there's a fight 'gainst the blood and hatred in the air/Look for me, Mom, I'll be there."

Nothing too shocking there, considering Springsteen's history. He's taken a similar tack before as narrator of many songs on "Nebraska" and 1992's two albums, "Lucky Town" and "Human Touch."

But never before has this wealthy self-styled troubadour of the common man been closer in tone and delivery to "This Land Is Your Land" folk singer Woody Guthrie, who sang of the hardships of the Depression, union organization, lost ideals, and was contemptuous of "songs that have nothing to say."

Springsteen based many of his new songs on Dale Maharidge's book "Journey to Nowhere: The Saga of the New Underclass," which examines why once-middle-class people found themselves on the streets.

Guthrie, though, infused his tales with memorable melodies, coating the bitter with the sweet. And that's where Springsteen, 46, leaves the road altogether. Many of the songs on "The Ghost of Tom Joad" (Columbia) — "Across the Border," "Highway 29," "Galveston Bay" — are little more than near-spoken hymns, accompanied often by a dirgelike strummed acoustic guitar and few other instruments.

There are exceptions, including the excellent title track, a stirring "Youngstown," and a vivid tale of a newcomer to Skid Row called "The New Timer." These are among the best low-key songs of Springsteen's 13-album career.

GILL: Golf, music are singer's big loves

(From 1D)

Gill went on to play his own show each of those nights, and he scoffs at "show biz" conventions that say the star shouldn't show his face until the grand entrance. (Gill recently toughened his own pretty-boy features by shaving his head and adding a goatee.)

Interviewed the day after taping an acoustic concert now airing on cable's Country Music Television and The Nashville Network, Gill did not compromise his reputation as the most laid-back platinum singer in town.

While fellow Oklahomans Garth Brooks and Reba McEntire continually plot new career goals and strategies, Gill says he is not ambitious at all.

"I'd much rather react to life than plan it," Gill said. "It's more fun that way."

Nevertheless, Gill is preparing to record a new album in January even as he is promoting "Souvenirs," a greatest hits compilation on MCA Records. It features 15 hits, including such favorites as "I Still Believe in You" and his number from an Eagles tribute album, "I Can't Tell You Why."

Perhaps more interesting to latecoming fans is "The Essential Vince Gill," 20 selections from his 1983-1988 tenure at RCA. That set proves that Gill's vision was firmly in place long before he struck it big. Check out the ballad "Colder Than Winter" on that set for sure-fire goose bumps.

Meanwhile, Gill has been listening to Sonny Landreth's CD and is thinking about adding some cajun spice to his next album. He says he'll take the same advice he recently gave friend Amy Grant, and not be afraid to mess with a winning formula since "the farm is paid for."

Gill, 38, worked for over a decade before becoming a solo hit. Born the son of a judge in Norman, Okla., he considered becoming a pro golfer but instead opted for music. Golf still competes for his affection and time with music, though. He started out as a bluegrass picker, his band Mountain Smoke being booed offstage once when they opened for Kiss.

He worked with Ricky Skaggs before getting his first big break, an offer to join the pop band Pure Prairie League. He sang lead on the PPL hit "Let Me Love You Tonight," before joining the ultimate country music finishing school — Emmylou Harris' Hot Band.

From there, he became a struggling new artist on RCA and one of the most coveted backup singers and session guitarists in Nashville. Pick up a album recorded here in the 1980s, and there's a good chance Gill's expressive tenor or guitar playing will be featured.

The sideman's role is one he treasures still, performing on other artists' records whenever his schedule allows.

"I don't think that I'd have to be the one that everybody notices to feel secure in the fact that I'm talented," Gill said. "I think it's 10 times harder ... to go sing the background part, the tight harmony part with say Patty or Reba or whoever."

"That requires you taking your talents and making them work for this person. It's not easy to do that stuff and I think that most people just kind of look at background musicians as kind of third-class citizens, and I don't. They're my heroes, so I still like to do that."

In the 1990s, Gill moved to MCA and turned down an offer to tour with Dire Straits. He finally started having hits on MCA, including "Pocket Full of Gold" and "Liza Jane." He became a frequent awards winner.

But in his own eyes, he doesn't want to be a superstar.

"You got Madonna who sells gazillions of records and you got Bonnie Raitt, who doesn't quite sell a gazillion records," he said.

"Who would you rather be? I think I'll be Bonnie. I don't ever want to be the kingpin. I like just being one of the rest."

RAITT: Singer one of first anti-nuclear rockers

(From 1D)

has completed the record she's always wanted to make — "Road Tested," a live double-CD with 22 songs (six of 'em new) and cameos by pals like Jackson Browne, Bruce Hornsby and Bryan Adams.

"Waiting any longer for a live album would have been ridiculous," says Raitt. "It seemed like the right time to do it, and I had the clout to put out a double record."

That wasn't always the case. There were record label problems, and a drinking problem and a lack of commercial success. There was an abortive attempt at making a record for Prince's label, Paisley Park.

Things changed after the daughter of Broadway star John Raitt got sober in 1987. She began collaborating with producer Don Was. Her career took off with the release of "Nick of Time" in 1989. Two more multiplatinum albums followed, along with an armful of Grammys.

"Getting sober opens your heart up, and it's a life change," says Raitt. "And out of those cataclysmic changes — whether you fall in love or break up with somebody or move to San Francisco — it tends to unleash some new creativity."

Looking back — "in Chrissie Hynde-sight," as she says — Raitt thinks everything, good and bad, was for the best.

"If I had written 'Nick of Time' in 1982, I don't think there would have been a radio station that would have played it," Raitt reflected. "The '80s were a good decade to be high through, with my politics and the way radio was."

For Raitt, one of rock's first anti-nuclear activists, politics are still important. She can discuss the Clinton administration or the current music scene with equal aplomb — and while she's impressed by Liz Phair and Alanis Morrisette, Raitt is not as pleased with the president.

"I'm very disappointed on the follow-through on environmental commitments that he made during the campaign, the human rights commitments — especially China," Raitt says. "I know that this is not an easy job, but I feel he let down a lot of the people that worked very hard to get him elected."

Her personal activism includes work for the Rhythm and Blues Foundation, which raises consciousness and money for great R&B musicians of the past. Raitt helped found the group six years ago; one of her causes is getting better royalties for older artists.

"If you're going to sell CDs with Sam and Dave on the front, then you ought to pay Sam and Dave," Raitt says. "You just have to say to record company executives, 'Don't you think this is the right thing to do? How 'bout that country club membership on the backs of Sam and Dave?' "

Typically, Raitt talks the talk AND walks the walk. Ruth Brown and Charles Brown, two R&B veterans, sing with Raitt on the live album's "Never Make Your Move Too Soon."

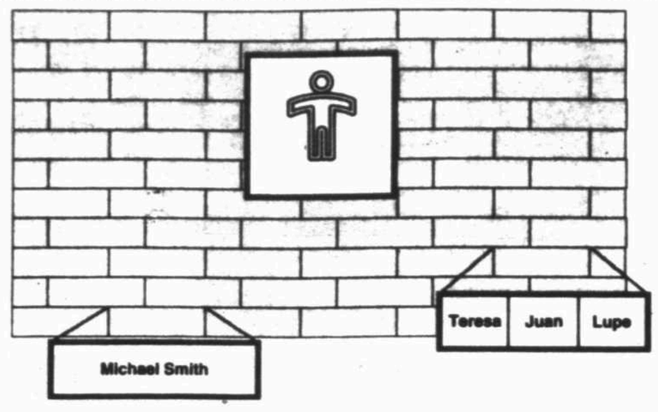
Working with such friends — Hornsby plays on "Thing Called Love," and Adams wrote "Rock Steady" as a duet for the album — was another part of the fun around the live album.

"Bruce and I — it really is like family now," she says. "I'm a complete, stone Hornsby fan. I just think he's the most incredible musician I've ever heard."

As for her own family, Raitt's been married for four years to actor Michael O'Keefe. Although they have no kids, Raitt says each of her albums is a kind of vicarious childbirth.

"It's your baby. People say, 'Why don't you have kids?'" Raitt says. "I do have kids — this is it."

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Reuben Turner Rumfield, deceased, were issued to Wanda Nell Coomer, Independent Executrix, on November 28, 1995, in the proceeding styled **"Estate of Reuben Turner Rumfield, Deceased,"** No. 11,292, in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said persons now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are required to present them the same to said Independent Executrix, 3307 Mariana, Midland, Texas 79703, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Wanda Coomer, Independent Executrix of the Estate of Reuben Turner Rumfield, Deceased, No. 11,292 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Orville W. Davenport, Deceased, were issued on November 28, 1995, in Docket No. 11,288, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to G. Marie Davenport.

The residence of the Executor is in Midland County, Texas, the post office address is:

G. Marie Davenport
3346 Providence Drive
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the representative at the address above set out.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7485

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City of Midland
Lyn Miller
Interim City Secretary

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at **11:06 A.M., Tuesday, December 19, 1995,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Modernage, Inc.** for an **Amended Specific Use Permit With Term** for the sale and on-premise consumption of alcoholic beverages in a restaurant on Lot 24C, Block 6; Crestgate Addition, Section 27, . City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the north side of Loop 25 North, approximately 150 East of Midland Drive). The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250 If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at **11:03 A.M., Tuesday, December 19, 1995,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Timothy J. Jewett** for approval of a **Zone Change** from O-1, Office District, TO PD, Planned District for and Office Center, on the West half of Lot 5, Block 12; West End Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the southeast corner of the intersection of "D" Street and Texas Avenue). The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250 If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, First Floor, Suite 101 of the Midland County Courthouse, or P.O. Box 421, Midland, Texas 79702 until 4:30 P.M., Tuesday, December 5, 1995. The bids will be opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Agent's Office, Wednesday, December 6, 1995 at 2:00 P.M.

It is the County's intention to award a bid Monday, December 11, 1995 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commissioners Court. All interested parties are invited to attend the bid opening and the court meeting.

Bid Numbers:
96RM-1073,
ONE (1) NEW MOTOR GRADER

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

Specifications and bid information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office.

Paul M. Thompson
County Purchasing Agent

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
PROJECT NO. LANDFILL 338/1642

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for Liner for East Pit, Phase II at the Landfill.

The Proposed Work provides for the furnishing and installation of 31,600 cubic yards of clay liner, 34,900 square feet of HDPE geonet/geotextile drainage composite, 205 cubic yards of pea gravel, 15,000 cubic yards of sand in a drainage layer, 391,000 square feet of 60 mil HDPE liner, 1150 feet of leachate collection line, a leachate collection sump and a leachate line clean out, together with other miscellaneous and appurtenant work.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to condition of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

Notice to bidders, information for bidders, specifications containing the conditions of employment and minimum wages, plans and proposal forms are on file in the office of the Director of Utilities on the third floor of the City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas, and may be secured upon a non-refundable deposit of fifty dollars($50.00) for each set.

Bids will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas until 3:00 p.m. on the 10th day of January, 1996. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT AND MIXED BEVERAGE LATE HOURS PERMIT BY TEJAS BAR & GRILL INC. DBA TEJAS BAR & GRILL. TO BE LOCATED AT 310 W. TEXAS, SUITE 101, MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS 79701. PRESIDENT MARK DWAIN PATTERSON, VICE PRESIDENT RAUL RODRIGUEZ, AND SECRETARY A. KIRK BRANUM. SAID APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION CODE.

APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB LATE HOURS PERMIT BY FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES AERIE 2982, INC. LOCATED AT 1301 S. BRINSON LN. MIDLAND, MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS 79703. PRESIDENT FORD ROSE, SECRETARY EDWARD E. KELLEY, TRUSTEE BOBBY G. KUYKENDALL. SAID APPLICATION HAS BEEN MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION CODE.

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas will hold a public hearing at **11:09 A.M., Tuesday, December 19, 1995,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **David Wassenberg** for approval of a **Planned District Site Plan** on Lot 2, Block 5, Lilly Heights Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the South side of Andrews Hwy, approximately 120 feet west of Austin Street). The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250 If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

CITY OF MIDLAND
LYNN MILLER
INTERIM CITY SECRETARY

110 Lodge Notices

Midland Masonic Lodge #623, 1600 W. Wall, Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm. 682–3292, Bill Dormady, W.M. Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club, 2019 Trade Dr. 682-5509. Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo. Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm. Bus. mtng. 8 pm. Larry Ross, Pres. Bob Ellwood, Secy.

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448, 1000 Upland, Reg. stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. mornings 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am. Larry Ross, W.M. Bob Ellwood, Secty.

Acacia Masonic, 1000 Upland @ Cuthbert, Stated meeting 2nd & 4th Tue. 7:30 pm, 694–0704, Rodney Wilson, W.M. Al Talbot, Sec.

115 Announcements

J. T. "Sonny" Mobley dba BASIN ACIDIZING, INC. will not be responsible for any debts incurred other than their own effective November 1, 1995.

130 Personals

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150 Lost & Found

CHIHUAHUA missing, beige with white paws and white streak on top of head, wearing red collar & brown flea collar. We need her, love her and can't live without her. Midland Drive area. 697–3327.

LOST 6 mo. old female Cailco Kitten, near Burnett Elementary. No tags. Please call 699–7187.

FOUND A.M., young male Lhasa Apso vicinity of Andrews Hwy. Call to ID, 684-0966.

FOUND: Near Memorial Hospital, woman's ring. Call 570–8261 after 7 pm to identify.

LOST 2 year old nuetered male, fluffy haired tabby, light orange or cream and white in color. Last seen November 18th. Lost in North Midkiff and Caldera Blvd. area. REWARD. 694–0842, 520-2341. Owner is heartbroken without him.

FOUND: Cocker Spaniel female, cream color, 7 years old. Contact Midland Animal Control, 685–7420.

FOUND: Reddish brown & white male short hair dog with blue nylon collar- no tags. Vicinity Bentwood & Henderson Elementary. 520–0609.

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FOUND Border Collie. Young neutered male. Blue coller. Call SPCA 684–7582.

FOUND medium size female dog. White with black markings. Bush Elementary. 697–5163.

REWARD! To anyone with information leading to the recovery of our Sand Rail. It has: Red seat , red steering wheel, red gas tank, frame black, yellow 1 ball (pool ball) on stick shift (is chipped). Honda 500 motor, chrome tail pipes with red inside end, 4 aluminum wheels, all of the above maybe altered. Tim or Judy 520–5923.

FOUND: Young male Beagle. Very Friendly. West Storey & "D" Street vicinity. 682–5527.

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For information leading to the return of acoustic Gibson guitar taken from Trestles Apartments of Odessa. 363–9137 or 332-8161. No questions asked.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND: Aussie mix female, 7 months old. Also a male Bassett hound, about 2 1/2 years old. Please call Midland Animal Control, 685–7420.

LOST: "Thunder", a solid gray female cat with medium- long hair and pale, greenish- gold eyes. Lost in the vicinity of Meadow Park at N. Loop 250 and Ave. A. If found, please call Jacque at 682–3913.

FOUND: Aussie Female. 7 Months With Monahans tags. ContactMidland Animal Control.

FOUND gray/white stripped kitten. Purple collar/small bell, vicinity 3400 block Shell. 520–5627.

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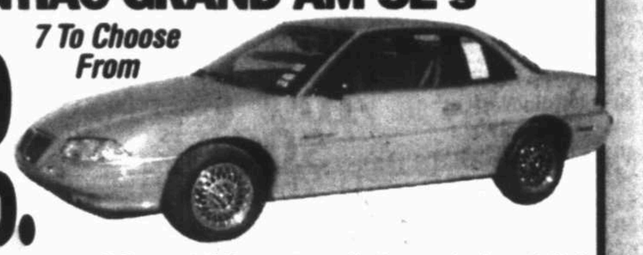
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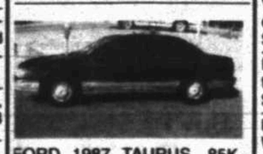
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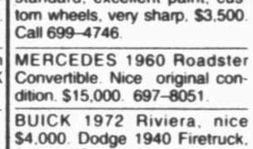
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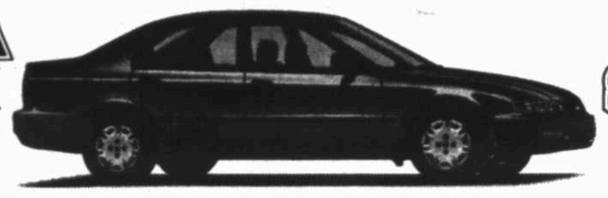
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We are seeking a Chief Engineer responsible for all engineering and design functions for its entire line of products and services. The successful candidate will head up a comprehensive engineering staff including project engineers, designers, and quality assurance. The ideal candidate must be registered, have a BSME with design experience in drilling equipment including machine design, structural design, and static and dynamic stress analysis. Knowledge of materials and manufacturing processes is also essential. Minimum of 5 years supervisory experience as well as strong customer relations expertise is a must.

If you are qualified, please forward your resume or apply in person.

We offer competitive salaries and an outstanding benefit package.

PARTECH
Attention: Joe Brown
4501 South County Road 1310
(East Highway 80)
Odessa, TX 79765
EEOC

311 Medical Help Wanted

MEDICAL- Interim Health Care Inc. has the following positions available, RN's, LVN's for staff relief only. Call Monday- Friday, 8 am- 5 pm. 550-0777 for appointment.

MEDICAL Office Solutions Medical Transcription, 10¢ a line; word processing; forms and layout design; scanning & OCR. Call 694-9609, fax 694-9701.

MEDICAL- InHome care now accepting applications for RNs, LVNs with home health experience preferred. Please call 520-1544.

MEDICAL- Texas Licensed Respiratory Therapists. Permanent or long/ short term assignments. Lodging, per- diem, and travel provided. 800-581-4846.

RN- Full Time required for busy ASC. OR experience required. Send resumes to: P.O. Box 9250, Midland, 79708.

X-RAY TECHNICIAN- full time for busy ASC. Other duties to included OR Tech and Venipuncture. Send resume to P.O. Box 9250, Midland, TX 79708.

312 Professional Help Wanted

LEGAL Experience preferred but not required, WordPerfect and bookkeeping experience required. Submit resumes to P.O. Box 10561, Midland, TX 79702.

PETROLEUM Engineer. Midland independent seeks versatile, energetic, results oriented engineer with a minimum of 8 years total experience. Applicant must have an Engineering Degree with drilling production and reservoir experience as well as PC computer skills. Benefits package applies. Nonsmoking environment. Send resume, references and salary expectations in strict confidence to: Box D-02, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

BANK

WESTERN NATIONAL Bank, the Permian Basin's largest independent bank, seeks experienced banking professionals for the following positions:

TELLER SUPERVISOR-KERMIT

CREDIT CLERK-ODESSA

Please send resume to: Personnel P. O. Box 4597, Odessa Texas 79760, or please FAX to (915) 334-5525.

312 Professional Help Wanted

COMMUNITY COORDINATOR

Experienced community organizer needed to identify, recruit, and organize residents to participate in activities of the Midland Neighborhood Housing Services. Experience in outreach, leadership development and training, and group facilitation required. Ability to design and implement community organizing plans. Must be able and work with diverse populations. Must be a self-starter and computer literate. Starting salary $18,000. EOE No Phone calls please.

Please deliver resume with cover letter no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, December 5, to:

ATTN: Pamela Davis - Executive Director
Midland Neighborhood Housing Services
401E. Illinois, Suite 106
Midland, TX 79701

312 Professional Help Wanted

LEGAL- Small Law Firm seeks a legal secretary who has oil & gas and litigation background. Knowledge of WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows would be a plus, as would speedy typing skills. Send resume to: Box E- 50, % Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SOILS/ CONCRETE Technician, NICET Certified wanted for Andrews area. Construction inspection experience necessary. Certification with nuclear density gauge required. Must have transportation. Call (512) 447-8166 or fax resume (512) 447-0852.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

HO-HO-HOLIDAY "Dough" with office jobs from Temporary Resources, 684-0527.

JOIN THE TEMP TIME TEAM. Temporay positions with "The Best In Town" 687-1545.

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT. Call us today for information regarding temporary and permanent jobs. (915) 686-9722.

OLSTEN! The best temporary positions with the best companies. 683-5677 for interview.

Classified Can! 682-6222

316 Sales Help Wanted

INSURANCE- ARE YOU READY! for an unusual sales opportunity? Expense paid training and guaranteed income to start. Rapid advancement. Call 1-800-228-4252.

SALES position available at seasonal store opening in Midland Park Mall for December 1st thru 27th. Excellent pay and flexible hours for responsible self- motivated individuals. Please call 915-367-1578 from a touchstone phone for more information.

318 Management Help Wanted

ON-SITE PROP MGR/ LEASING AGENT

Experienced prop. mgr. to handle leasing/mgmt. of condo properties. Real Estate license required. Mail resumes to: Midland Property Manager, 8111 LBJ Freeway, Ste. 835, Dallas, TX 75251 or fax 214/644-3810.

320 Skilled Trades

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ALARM INSTALLERS

Fast growing national company needs experienced technicians. Top pay, company truck, rapid advancement, full benefits. Call (915) 570-8890.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES CONSULTANT

Abacus Computers, Inc. dba ValCom Computer Center is inviting applications for the position of Sales Consultant at our Claydesta store. Applicants should have a degree in Computer Science or Business, outside sales experience and a knowledge of computers.

Please send current resume with salary requirements to:

ValCom Computer Center
Attn: Mark Singh
6 Desta Drive, Suite 1350
Midland, TX 79705

320 Skilled Trades

USED CAR MECHANIC
START IMMEDIATELY!
40 Hours + weekly, pay negotiable, depending on experience. Must have tools, valid drivers license, own transportation. References.

Contact Doc
2705 W. Wall, Midland
9:30 -5:30 Mon.-Sat.

ELECTRICIAN. Residential & commercial service work. Willing to travel. Expense allowance and excellent wages. 689-4151.

MACHINIST wanted. Engine Lathe operator. Must have minimum 5 years experience, have own tools. Must pass drug test. Call 686-0405.

MECHANIC wanted. Midland's only Honda Kawasaki Suzuki Polaris dealership is seeking an experienced technician with both motorcycle and watercraft experience. 5 day work week, salary based upon experience. Contact Rodger at 520-2080.

MUD ENGINEER

Needed Mud Engineer for New Mexico Send resume to: Box F-25, c/o The Midland Reporter Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland Texas 79701.

NC LATHE operator needed immediately. Programming experience necessary. Only experienced personnel need apply. Contact Barbara at 563-1266.

OIL FIELD- Phoenix Well Service is now hiring experience pulling unit operators. Benefits include excellent pay scale, family insurance plan, bonus pay program. 685-6004 or come by 1306 W. County Rd. 114, Midland.

320 Skilled Trades

Oilfield- **WANTED**
Experienced Oilfield Rig- Up Truck Driver.
Top wages, Group Insurance, Profit Sharing.
Gene Sledge Drilling Corp.
570-4732 or 683-5261
1602 South Midkiff
8- 5, Monday thru Friday
Call for appointment or Apply in person

336 Adult Care Providers

CHRISTIAN CNA seeks private duty nursing. Over 25 years experience. Excellent references. (210) 372-2680.

IN-HOME Care will provide sitters, nurses aides and nurses for the elderly and disabled at reasonable rates. Call 520-4425.

WILL SIT with the sick and elderly. Experienced with Alzheimers and Parkinson patients. 20 years experience. References available upon request. 699-7415, 520-4036.

340 Child Care Needed

TREY needs a babysitter, he's only 19 months old. Our home or yours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. Nonsmoking environment. References and transportation required. Call Susan 571-3460 days or 699-7280 weekends and evenings.

341 Child Care Providers

GREENWOOD openings for full time children. Monday- Friday, lunch & snacks provided. Call 570-4938.

MOTHER of two will care for 1 or 2 children in my home- any age. Monday- Friday 7:30- 6:30. 520-2850.

CHILD Care with hot meals. Have openings 0- 7. CPR First Aid certified. 563-2925.

REGISTERED Home, 8 years experience. One opening. Please feel free to come and visit our home. For appointment 682-1580.

CHILD CARE in my home. Fun, love and activities, have references. 520-7534.

CHILD CARE Northeast Midland. Experienced. Drop ins welcome. Snacks provided. Call 682-4233.

DO YOU need a sitter while you do Santa's shopping? Day or night. Call Cindy, 570-8882.

GRANNY'S Playhouse. Licensed. 1 1/2 to 3. 5:30 to 5:30, Monday thru Friday. 4406 Thomason, 694-0104.

350 Business Opportunities

WORK From home! 15- 20 hours/ week. $500- $800 potential. Call 689-4372 Monday through Friday, 11 am- 5 pm.

$950 DOWN, 6 new snack machines. Product and locations included. 1-800-603-9001.

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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VENTURE Capital available for Texas. Call Anna Systems, 683-8919.

ULTIMATE Home based business. America's fastest growing communication company needs you! Be your own boss with flexible hours and excellent pay. No degree or experience required. Call 570-6754.

LOOKING FOR an Opportunity to own your own business without any of the typical hassles? We require: No capital investment, No delivery, No experience, No inventory, No employees, Start today! For more information or appointment call 694-3237.

CPA interested in acquiring write -up /tax work. P.O. Box 5936, Midland, TX 79704.

GET REAL Estate license quickly. Short state courses. Day, Weekend or evening Southwest College, 697-7277.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

SOUTHWEST Airline tickets for sale at a huge discount. Tickets are for any destination. 520-7665.

OASIS hot and cold water dispenser. Like new. $250. Set of new bifold louvered doors, 5' x 6' 8", $100. Large selection of Christmas items including wreaths. Call 682-0170.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets for sale. 684-9617, Call after 3:30.

JUKE BOX- made by Antique Apparatus, California, model #RB-8. Plays 45 rpm records, capacity 100/ 200 play. Excellent condition, $4,000. 694-2052.

BIG SCREEN TV for sale. Responsible party to take on small monthly payments. Good credit a must. Call 1-800-398-3970.

TICKET on Southwest Airlines, round trip anywhere they fly. $300 negotiable. Expires January 31st. 694-7148.

BLEMISHED SPAS. 5 Left! 10 year warranty; free redwood cabinet and cover. Financing and delivery available. Call 563-3108 or 550-5225 after 3:00.

TREADMILL, D.P. brand, motorized, in great condition $150. Call 694-0982.

RESTHAVEN- lot 294, spaces 1- 4, Garden of Devotion; $6,000 for all; (817) 572-0152.

COUCH $175, coffee /end table set $100; La-Z-Boy $100; blue plush carpet 9 x 15 $125; microwave $100; brass /wicker rocker $50; queen headboard and bed set $300, entertainment center $50; chest $100; playpen $40; baby swing $20; carrier $15. 686-8421.

SHASTA Travel trailer $700. 4 15" tires with chrome rims $250. Trampoline $100. Camper Shell $75. All this or best offers, 697-2731.

TWO 2400 Baud modems $25 each; 1991 Camaro RS rims, teal green $100; Commodore 64 computer with software $40; Truck speaker box for 10" speakers $40; size 12 -14 white, beaded wedding dress $300. 520-6239 after 5 pm, 567-4992 pager.

QUEEN SIZE waterbed for sale, bladder, frame, & heater included. $80. 684-4072.

TRAMPOLINE- round, with pads, RX Treadmill brand, $190. Call 683-9156.

LOOK Years Younger before the holidays with our "State of the Art" skin care products. Works like magic. Call 689-4372 Monday through Friday, 11 am- 5 pm.

WESLO Cadence 3350 Treadmill. In fair condition. $125. 697-2465.

SEARS Lifestrider treadmill. Good condition. $150. Graco portable playpen /bed, $25. Excellent condition. 683-9535.

PARTY! Get through the holiday season without gaining weight! All natural, proven product! 694-6306.

HOT SPRINGS Spa- Classic. Seats 5 -6 people, 4 years old, $2,500. 697-1581.

LITTLE Tikes 2 story Barbie House with furniture. $75. 697-7505.

HERBALIFE Distributor for products or opportunity. Call 697-1610 or 687-5061.

430 Household Goods

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BASSETT table with leaf, 6 chairs, china hutch. Excellent condition, $950 or best offer. CHERRY WOOD queen bed dresser with mirror, chest like new, complete with bedding. $950, or best offer. Matching WASHER & DRYER in excellent condition. $395, or best offer. 2 Color TV's, 1 SONY $150, 1 ZENITH $100, or best offers. JENNY LIND CRIB, white, no mattress, matching changing table and high chair. $275, or best offer GRITCHEN ORGAN, full orchestra with automatic rhythm. $600 or best offer. Absolutely beautiful, see & play to appreciate!

Call for appointment 570-9254.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

HOT TUB. Laguna 400. Seats 5. Redwood cabinet. Very good condition. $1,500 or best offer. Call 550-3735 after 5:00.

MR CHRISTMAS- 7 1/2' Bavarian pine Christmas tree. Very good condition, like new, $60. 697-9449.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN Ladies Jeans. Size 17- 20. Excellent condition. Matching western shirt. $25. 520-0965.

BARGAINS on vacuum cleaners. New and rebuilt. All makes. Rainbow, Kirby, Hoover, Eureka, Panasonic, Royal, Sharp- you name it. Repair all makes. 520-6464.

ROUND TRIP Southwest Airlines ticket, anywhere they fly, 100% transferable. $240. 699-7807.

LINCOLN Arc welder on tandem axle trailer, 4 bottle racks, large tool boxes, pipe rack and workbench. $2,500 or best offer, 685-0154 or mobile 557-6683.

HOLIDAY DRESS for Holiday Parties. Blue Sequins. Worn once. Practically new. $30. 697-8090.

SAY "Merry Christmas" All Year with a one- year subcription to D & L Flag Service, Inc. American and/ or Texas Flags are installed 5 times a year by our company. For information, call 570-6506; weekends and evenings, 694-8247.

DOG HOUSES, new $35- $45. Glider swings $65. Porch swings, $35. Childs playhouse $400. 563-0452.

WEIDER 4 station weight system, excellent condition, asking $200. Call after 5 pm, 697-1968.

MOVING OUT of Town! Beautiful antique oak buffet, $500. Upright freezer, $200. TRU cut reel lawn mower, excellent condtiion, $450. Coffee, couch, end table, set of 3 tables, $300. Amana microwave, $100. White pine armoire, 5 ft., $75. Blue vinyl wing desk chair, $75. Stock Chevy 400 C. I. engine, $150. 687-0908.

SPACE HEATERS, stoves, barstools, China cabinets/ dinettes, furniture, appliances, mowers, golf clubs, coolers, Volkswagen. 570-4851.

2 COLOR TVs. One 19" and one 13". Call 697-9967 after 6 pm and on weekends.

DRUM SET with Zildjian symbols, jet black. $500. Viper 600 car alarm, $100. Call 697-6614.

413 Jewelry & Furs

1.3 TOTAL Carat Weight womens wedding ring with matching mans band. Appraised at $2,000 +. Make offer. 694-2150.

CHRISTMAS? Very nice Tourmaline Mink Jacket, size 10, needs relining, $895. 520-2881.

LADIES small mink coat. Excellent Christmas present. $2,500. Serious inquires only. 570-0348.

LADIES small white Fox fur coat, excellent condition, $500. 697-8260.

MAHOGANY Mink Coat, 3/4 length, medium /large, strikingly beautiful and luxurious. $2,500 (appraised at $4,200). 699-7764.

FOX FUR, white, medium sized coat. Originally $2,500, sell for $800. 687-3962.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

NEED caps and tennis shoes for missions to Mexico. I'll pick-up, 683-6627.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

WANT a used outdoor wooden playhouse or fort. Call Fanny 694-8187 or work 683-4101.

420 Good Things To Eat

HOLIDAY BAKING- For any of your holiday baking needs call 570-4367.

BUYING PECANS! Gardendale Pecan Processing. Shelling and Pecan Sales. Honey butter, homemade candy, fudge, pies and holiday breads. Thrashing poles, pecan pickers, burlap bags, and crackers. Monday- Saturday, 9- 6. FM 554, Gardendale. 366-9793.

SHELLED PECANS- halves or pieces, $5 a pound. 694-3940.

UNIQUE handmade and hand decorated Christmas candies. 686-0007.

★ MESQUITE smoked Hams (honey glazed, spiral sliced, 6 pounds, $25) or Turkeys (8- 10 pounds $20). Fully cooked- "heat & serve". Individually gift boxed. Call 9 am- 4 pm, MHS Band Boosters, 689-1130.

430 Household Goods

DEMO SPAS (3)- 7', 7 1/2' & 8', 4- 8 People, $2,995 and up. Financing and delivery available. Call 563-3108 or 550-5225 after 4:00.

KING size black waterbed with 6 drawers, complete with bedding. 689-2812 anytime.

430 Household Goods

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards and Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

30" DROP- IN Range, G. E., black glass, chrome top, P- 7 feature. 683-9253.

KING SIZE Maple Bedroom Set. 2 night stands, headboard and triple dresser. $650. 697-6645.

WHIRLPOOL washer and Kenmore dryer. 520-8146.

KING SIZE watebed, complete, dresser & nightstand $350. Couch & loveseat $75, love seat & chair $125, Royal Vacuum Cleaner $85. 682-9420.

BRAND NEW, still in plastic, any size mattress and box set. Free frame or delivery. 550-5123.

SECTIONAL- beautiful, new sectional couch $450, home stereo with speakers, Pioneer and Sherwood mixed $350. 697-7379 ask for Michael.

BUYING- SELLING- TRADING- Nice used furniture, antiques, appliances, TV's, stereos, miscellaneous. YES We're Open 10- 5, Tuesday- Sunday. Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave. 686-9635- Gary.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Fast pickup. 567-5221.

★ 100.00 AND UP. Washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves. Warranty. Delivery. Call 550-6540.

HIDE A BED Couch, Recliner, 2 End Tables, 2 Coffee Tables, 2 Lamps. Negotiable. 520-3417.

BRIGHT RED, enamel bunk beds, complete including comforters & sheets. $400. o.b.o. Solid wood 9 drawer dresser, tongue & groove construction, needs refinishing, $100. o.b.o. 687-4817.

CHEST OF Drawers, recliner, rocker, sofa, mirror, TV, microwave, dryer, misc. 694-9491 afternoons/ evenings.

FROST FREE refrigerator, 14 cu. ft. runs great. $75. Call 520-0710.

KENMORE Heavy duty washer, Hotpoint heavy duty dryer. $85 each. Lifestyle Treadmill $195. RCA Video Cam rcorder $475. Leave message, 689-7238.

HIDE-A- BED Sofa and recliner. 362-2658, Odessa.

✔ LET ME Sell Your Better furniture and decorative items for you! Judy Jackson's Consignment Collection. 689-3536.

SOFA, Loveseat, $550. Coffee table, 2 end tables, $250. Formal dining room suite with 6 chairs, like new. $600. Miscellaneous. 520-6770.

COMPLETE Full Size bed with brass headboard. $125. 689-9329, after 6 pm.

REMODELING Sale! Recliners $75 each, twin bed complete $175, freezer $125, chest & tables. 699-7703.

GREAT Wedgewood blue La-Z-Boy rocker recliner. $240. 689-7486 or 694-7108.

DINING suite; table, 3 leaves, 6 side chairs, 2 captains chairs, china hutch, buffet, $450. 694-0225.

1 PIECE Electric stove and microwave. Excellent condition. $300 or best offer. 686-8528, leave message.

4 BLACK Contemporary Bar Stools. 30". New! $50 each. 684-0987.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

REFRIGERATOR, $300. Dryer, $50. Queen hide a bed, $200. Double hide a bed, $100. 689-8022.

COMPLETE Trundle Bed. White dresser & mirror. Matching chest. Good condition. $275. 520-6040 after 6:00.

WALNUT Student desk, 7 drawer, re-finished, with chair, very good condition. $175. 684-7686.

MOVING- Must Sell Formal dining table, with 6 chairs and matching china hutch. Pecan wood, 1 year old. Paid $3,300, will sell $2,000. Call 694-1102.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. Fast pickup. 567-5221.

NEED GOOD USED FURNITURE. Buy, sell, trade. Rowe's New & Used. 1211 S. Big Spring. 687-5966.

440 Firewood

TURF SPECIALTIES FIREWOOD. 2427 E. Hwy. 80. Mesquite, Oak, Pinion. Delivered or do it yourself. Call 684-7166.

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151.

HONDO VALLEY FIREWOOD, 3015 Garden City Highway. All types firewood, wood burning stoves & fireplace accessories. Chimney Cleaning. 694-4818.

DENNIS Wood Yard. Good seasoned firewood. Free delivery in City Limits. Call 699-4719.

SEASONED OAK. Slit, delivered and stacked. please leave message, 563-1823.

GOOD Firewood! Oak or Mesquite. Call Larry Tucker at 689-7151.



GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!

Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!



79701

BARGAINS on vacuum cleaners. New and rebuilt. All makes. Rainbow, Kirby, Hoover, Eureka, Panasonic, Royal, Sharp- you name it. Repair all makes. 520-8464.

FURNITURE SALE! Friday 2- 5:30 pm, Saturday 10 am- 5 pm, 1002 W Golf Course Road. Antique twin beds, wicker desk. Dresser, utility desk, Magnavox stereo record player with 45 adapter. Chair, ottoman.

CHRISTMAS TREE & Decoration, clothes, alot of junk, bedding and furniture. 1615 S Terrell. Thursday- Saturday, 9- 5.

YARD SALE! Clothes, lots of miscellaneous!! Saturday. 1502 E Cherry Lane.

YARD SALE! Clothes, furniture, miscellaneous!! (Corner of South Main & Francis) 107 E Francis. Friday-Sunday.

YARD SALE! Friday through Sunday 10 am- 5 pm, 506 S. Calhoun. Clothes, shoes, knick knacks, TV, new things put out daily.

14 YEARS ACCUMULATION! 4 Desks, bunk beds, crib, play pen, lamps, clean toys, kids, teens, adults clothing. Linens, like new lawn mower, chain saw, tools, ABeka books, and lots more. Friday -Saturday 9-5. 1307 W. Missouri.

GARAGE SALE- Saturday only, Lots of tack and saddle, and miscellaneous junk. 9- 4, 3105 Garden City Hwy.

201 CLUB DRIVE, Friday Only, 8- 2, 2 Family. All size clothing, dining table, 2 leafs, 6 chairs, matching coffee and sofa table, 4 bicycles, much more.

BUYING- SELLING- TRADING- Nice used furniture, antiques, appliances, TV's, stereos, miscellaneous. YES We're Open 10- 5, Tuesday- Sunday. Rainbow Trade Center, 1503 W. Industrial Ave. 686-9635- Gary.

2504 W. KENTUCKY. Clothes for the whole family toddlers to plus Sizes 1-3x, winter clothes. Pots pans, dishes, knicks knacks, lots more. Friday -Saturday 8- ?

EVERYTHING MUST GO! 2106 W. Michigan, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, 9 til 6. Antique glassware, collectibles, lots of good books and records, clothes, miscellaneous household goods, 1 twin size Niagara position bed, 1 regular twin size bed.

BARGAIN BARN
Annual
Christmas Toyland Sale
Toys, Christmas Decorations, Gifts, etc. & LayAways.
2420 W. Front Ave.

GARAGE SALE- 2 Bicycles, quilts and pillows, clean mens winter clothes, childrens clothes, party clothes, shoes boots, dishes, paint. Friday- Saturday, 9:30- ? 1202 E. Estes.

DISCOUNT New Western Wear, toys, household items, must see! 410 S. "I", Friday & Saturday 9 am- 4 pm.

INSIDE/ OUTSIDE Sale! Coats & Christmas decorations & other things! 9 am- ?, 2703 Kessler.

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YARD SALE! Make Us An Offer Day! Saturday, Dec. 2nd. 3518 W. Ohio. Christmas decorations, furniture, stereo, name brand winter clothes, childrens toys & clothes, adorable pups.

79703

SATURDAY & Sunday 8 am- 5 pm, 4403 Crockett (in alley). Childrens clothes, dishes, dryer, and more!

SATURDAY 8 am until? Large womens clothes, tool box for full size pickup, console color TV, microwave stand, tires and misc! 408 Idlewilde Drive.

3420 BAUMANN. Saturday 7 am-2 pm. Clothes, antique bottles, camping supplies, and miscellaneous.

4301 THOMASON Dr. Clothes, small appliances, window blinds, many other things. Friday & Saturday 8 -5, supporting Temple Teens.

FRIDAY- SATURDAY, 3615 W. Kansas, 8- 5. Maytag washer, Kenmore dryer, new jackets, caps, coveralls, TV, wedding band, VCR, miscellaneous.

2 FAMILY BACKYARD SALE! Saturday, 9- 2. Clothes- all sizes, kitchenware, cow decorations, little bit of everything!! 3510 W Michigan.

EXERCISE Bike, baby cradle & car seat, ladies large clothing, TV. Saturday only 8 -5. 4716 Ric.

CAB OVER CAMPER $500 (has appliances) Can see at 4400 Erie Dr. Fridy & Satruday.

SATURDAY, December 2nd, 327 Rocky Lane From 8 -2. Couch with matching chair, dining room table, lamps, clothes and much more.

★ FURNITURE, BASKETS, Electric typewriter & lots of miscellaneous!! Friday- Saturday, 3710 W Louisiana.

2 FAMILY Backyard Sale. Microwave, clothes, toys, knick knacks, tools. Don't Miss It! Friday, 9- 5, Saturday, 9- 3. 4610 Seminole.

✓ GETTING RID of 50 years of clutter! Glassware, knick knacks, records, costume jewelry, old toys, teenage and plus size clothing, years of nice unusual items, many never used. 3311 Tanner. Saturday, 8:30. No early sales.

LARGE FAMILY Sale. Kids clothes, toys, books, computer equiment. New Mountain bike. Knick knacks. Saturday 8:30. 4800 Shady Lane.

4409 BROOKDALE. Friday -Saturday 4th Annual Bazaar. Homemade goodies, handcrafted afghans, music boxes, vests, rugs.

ESTATE SALE
3504 BEDFORD
Saturday Only 8-4

Side by side refrigerator, washer, dryer, console TV, portable TV, IBM Selectric II typewriter and stand, patio furniture, 4 new Goodyear 75R14 tires, old table, dinette set, electric lawn mower, stereo speakers, many books, beautiful womens clothing size 12- 14, shoes size 9, boys clothing size 14, green depression glass, coffee makers, microwave, vacuum, linens, household miscellaneous. Priced to sell! Everything must go!

MOVING SALE! Bedroom Suites, 1 with canopy, TV, microwave, 8 to 8. 4002 Avondale. 699-5832.

GARAGE SALE! Saturday 8 am- 2 pm, 4729 W. Cuthbert. Pictures, lamps, bedding, Ropers, collectible plates & misc!

MOVING Sale! Saturday 8- 4, Sunday 9- 5, 412 Eastwood. Stove, bed, dresser, children & adult clothing and lots more!

GARAGE SALE- Saturday, 8 am, 4809 Ric. Christmas decorations, furniture, closet doors, clothes and lots of miscellaneous.

79703

INSIDE Sale. Saturday Dec. 2nd 8 am - ?, Sunday Til Noon. 3307 Sycamore. Lots of clothes, misc., some furniture, washer & dryer, large dog house.

GARAGE SALE: Friday only, 8- ? Furniture, bikes, lots of miscellaneous!! 403 Idlewilde (off Storey).

SATURDAY only 8 am till? 3803 Gaston. Baby clothes, console TVs, office equipment and misc.

SATURDAY only 8 am till? 4719 Kiowa. Tools, Name brand ladies jeans & other clothes, camping equipment and more!

4 FAMILY SALE! Baby items, maternity, boys & plus- size clothing, and much more. 710 Devonian. Saturday, 7 till ?

FRIDAY & Saturday 8 am- 2 pm, 3305 Apache Drive. Dishes, childrens clothes, toys, toddler bed, and lots of misc!

OUT OF BUSINESS! GE electric stove, upright freezer, (2) 6' display cases, Mexican Vanilla $5/ gallon, 5 gallon industrial mixer, misc. cake supplies and cake pans, fox fur coat, Madame Alexander doll. Thursday- Saturday, 4601 Pasadena.

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SATURDAY, 8 am- ? 3221 Maxwell. Collector dolls, 5 HP well pump, books, miscellaneous.

BRAND NEW girls 20" bicycle, teal and hot pink, $50. Quilt scrapes, clothes, 486 DX2- 66 computer, two 486 DX33 computers, RAM memory, computer parts, tools, miscellaneous. Saturday, 8- ? 716 W. Spruce. East on Neely, past "A" street, then left on Spruce. 684-8989.

SATURDAY 9 -5:30. TV, furniture, tools, clothes, small appliances, radio, misc. 2508 W. Shandon.

★ MOVING Sale! Too much to take! Saturday only 8 am- ? Corner of Ward & Cimarron. Chairs, end tables, coffee tables, bike, small appliances, exercise equipment, Christmas items, Home Interior, clothes, toys, linens, and lots more!

GARAGE, YARD & Tag Sale- Saturday, 8- 1, 3 Family, 1614 W. Pecan.

2909 GODDARD PL., Friday, Saturday 8. Royal Doulton jugs, figurines, Waterford, Lenox Westwind, Roseville, Hull, Westmorland.

2306 CIMMARON, Saturday only 8 -1. Golf bags, lawn mower, wheels & tires, computers, clothes, jeans, etc.

★ EARLY BIRD Sale! 7 am- 1 pm Saturday only! Antique hall tree, childs oak desk, oak table & chairs, upholstered chairs, ironing boards, etc. Glassware, Christmas decorations and tree, baskets, brass, curtains, linens, and much, more! 4511 Lanham (in the alley).

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2305 MAXWELL (in alley), Saturday 8 am. Tools, kitchen, home decorating, camping, automotive, clothing, more!

2800 Fannin (corner Ward & Fannin). Saturday only 8 am. Crafters jewelry good prices, good supply, womens good clothing (sizes 8 up), exercycle, trampoline, portable spa, misc.

2305 FANNIN. 10 speed Bikes, bed, stuffed animals, treadmill, clothes, books, and misc! Saturday only.

★ GIANT Moving Sale! Saturday only 8 am- 4 pm. Household stuff, new couch, Ethan Allen dining room suite, lawn mower, old patterns, high chair, car seat, 2 recliners, bookcase, clothes and more misc! 2302 Metz Place (in alley).

ESTATE SALE
2603 B HAYNES
FRIDAY / SATURDAY 9-6
SUNDAY 1 - 5

Royal Dux, Coalport China (florals, lettuce leaf and Revelry set), Bristol, Royal Doulton (jugs, pictures, misc.), Dresden, Staffordshire figure, Flow Blue, Cobalt stemmware, Austria, Wedgewood, RS Germany, Cut glass, Cherub china, Italian cherub candelabras, Perfume bottles, Roseville fushia pitcher, Figurines, Napkin rings, Ornate silverplate, Ivory, Orientalia (brass, carved wood, figures, carved tables, teak screen), Fruit Pastel, Victorian prints, Walnut curio shelf, Walnut wall shelf, fine linens, Duck Decoys, Coffee tables, Upholstered chairs, and too much more to mention.

Due to the small size of the house, we will have to limit the number of people in the house to 35 at one time.

Visa/ Mastercard Available

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The Cat's Meow

ESTATE SALE- Antiques, living room, bedroom and dining room furniture, collectibles, TV sets, appliances, dishes. Call 687-2018 for appointment.

2404 HUMBLE- Friday/ Saturday 8 am. Christmas gifts, crafts, antique glassware, toys, curtains, shoes, clothes.

PATIO/ Hall Sale. 2204 Humble (west gate). Saturday 9 -4 only. 2 Piece sectional sleeper sofa, swag lamp, clothing (large & small sizes). Christmas items, misc.

FRIDAY Only 7:30 am to 4 pm. Bicycle, lot of misc. household items, comforters, dryer, 2 baby beds, lots of homemade baked goods, lots of what nots! 106 E. Dengar.

SATURDAY only 8 -2. Three Really Fun Families! Baby items, waterbed, bicycles, miscellaneous. 2814 Shandon

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3203 FRONTIER DRIVE. Popup trailer, Jon Boat with trailer, outboard motors, upright freezer, sewing machine with cabinet, tent, desk, computer desk with hutch, books, much misc. Saturday & Sunday, 8 -?

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HUGE GARAGE Sale- Saturday only, 8- 2. Furniture, baby items, Little Tikes toys, kitchen items. 4603 FM 1213- 3 miles east on 158 (Garden City Hwy.) turn right onto FM 1213 (Five Points) 1 mile. Worth the drive.

1306 W. County Road 130. Saturday only 9 -6. Ping pong table, Ford truck seats, furniture, Rocky Mountain jeans, books, lots of odds & ends.

3 FAMILY Yard Sale. Saturday- Sunday, 2718 W. County Rd. 114. Turn right off Cotton Flat Road, on 114. Christmas artificial tree, doors, coats, tools, lawn mower, dolls, lots of other miscellaneous.

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★ 4000 DYER Circle. Saturday only, 8- 3. Furniture, TV, bicycle, clothing (womens, men's, children's), toys, comics, cards, video games, books, household items!!

★ HUGE SALE! Designer clothes, toys, knick knacks, baby items and much more! West on Midkiff to Haynes, follow signs. Saturday, December 2nd, 8 am, 4003 Compton Drive.

SATURDAY 7-11 am, 3504 Dentcrest Drive. Baby accessories, Southwest items including couch, lamps, dinnerware, pictures and more! All items excellent condition.

3 FAMILY Garage Sale! 4100 Radcliff Ct., Saturday only 8- 11am. Exercise equipment, bicycles, Christmas tree, toys, clothes, bedding, baby items.

MULTI Family Garage Sale. Furniture, clothes, misc. items, '95 Sprint boat. Saturday Only til 3. 3808 Fannin.

SKATE STIKS is Having a Clearance Sale on Clothes & Equipment! T- shirts, heat pressed, big Screen TV, office equipment, clothes racks. Monday-Wednesday, 10- 2.

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ESTATE SALE
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9 am - 5:30 pm
3546 Shell Ave.

Personal items- unbelievable Quality and Quantity!!! Ladies handbags, hats, shoes, belts, scarfs, jewelry. Many still with original price tags! No dealers.

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3515 SEABOARD. Saturday 8 -12. Battery Operated Car, Tikes workshop, school desk, high chair, bed rail, toys, clothes, etc.

OPENING SALE
Antiquities
For Christmas Only
10 - 50% Off selected items
Mission Square
4400 N. Big Spring, B-19
682-2177

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GARAGE Sale 4409 Norwood, Tuesday through Friday 9 am- 5 pm in the alley. 50 years accumulation! Glass, lamps, household items, collectibles, tools, much more! No early birds!

GARAGE SALE- Saturday, December 2nd, 7:00 am. 3802 Crestline Ave. Furniture, clothes, odds and ends, Mistral Maui sail board.

GARAGE SALE- Saturday only, 9- 1. 4303 Reading. Toys! Toys! Toys! Christmasware and decorations, couch, exercise bike, girls bicycle, lots of childrensmens- womens fall and winter clothes, videos, CDs, etc.

GARAGE SALE: Saturday, 8- 3. Clothes, toys, miscellaneous items!! 5310 Lavaca.

SATURDAY Only 7 -12. All excellent condition, lots Boy /girl, baby & kids clothes. Infant car seat, bouncer, pump, toys, other household items. 2106 Regal Place.

SATURDAY ONLY 8 -1. Girls toys, Barbies, etc. Clothes, Christmas decorations, Pfalzgraff Yorktown serving pieces, cups etc. Linens. 3331 Cimmaron.

MOVING! Household items, clothes, dishes, vacuum cleaner- must sell! Saturday 8- 12, 3338 Providence.

3 FAMILY SALE! Washer, dryer, twin bed, toys, Christmas decorations, household goods. 1 family retiring- lots of good dress clothes. Cash only. No advance sales. 8:30 am till? 3306 W. Dengar.

3324 SHANDON. Honda Goldwing 1975, humidifier, stereo with speakers, exercise bike and stepper, baby bedding, swing and high chair, baby clothes, toys, girls clothes infant- 5, mens 34-42, womens 3- XXL, maternity clothes, purses, Time Life books, software, guinea pig with cage. New Discovery Toys- Mary Kay- Avon. Friday & Saturday 8 am- 1 pm.

AREA SALES

STANTON- Awesome collection of garage sale stuff by the Senior Citizens of Martin County. It will be worth your drive to Stanton! Saturday only, 9 am- 3 pm, in the Quonset building downtown.

TWO GRANNYS, 14 B Meta, clearance sale on selected ladies wear.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20 $20 $20 $20 $30 $30 $20

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

- ★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
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$20 $20 $20 $20 $30 $20 $20

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BASSETT table with leaf, 6 chairs, china hutch. Excellent condition, $950 or best offer. CHERRY WOOD queen bed dresser with mirror, chest like new, complete with bedding. $950, or best offer. Matching WASHER & DRYER in excellent condition. $395, or best offer. 2 Color TV's, 1 SONY $150, 1 ZENITH $100, or best offers. JENNY LIND CRIB, white, no mattress, matching changing table and high chair. $275, or best offer GRITCHEN ORGAN, full orchestra with automatic rhythm. $600 or best offer. Absolutely beautiful, see & play to appreciate!

Call for appointment 570-9254.

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STEINWAY & SONS PIANO

Upright baby grand, black lacquer, ivory keys, vintage 1940. $5,000. 682-8510 after 6 pm.

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★ LARGE $Cash$ Reward! For information leading to the return of acoustic Gibson guitar taken from Trestles Apartments of Odessa. 363-9137 or 332-8161. No questions asked.

MUSIC LESSONS- Country, Blue Grass, Gospel. Fiddle, Guitar, Mandolin, Base and Vocal. Call Freddie, 580-5277.

480 Sporting Goods

FOR SALE: Large gun collection. Includes 3 pre- 64 Winchesters, 1- Colt mod. 1908, 1 S. W. mod. /#2 army MFG. 1861 32 cal., 2- Belgium BRNG. light twelves, 2- Belgium B.A.R. 30-06 with 3x 9 scopes. Also, duck decoys, camper shell. 363-0937.

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★3 BEDROOM, 1 bath, 1 acre. 2104 Todd. Available 12/ 16/ 95. $600 monthly. 570–7270.

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Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA.	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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Street	Total Move-in Costs	Price	Ask For
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Street	Total Move-in Cost	Price	Ask For
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Golf Course	$3,204	$108,000	BILLIE Baker
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Street	Total Move-in Cost	Price	Ask For
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E. C/R 1130	$3,037	$96,500	LaVONNA Ellison
N. C/R 1130	$5,396 100% fin.	$125,000	LaVONNA Ellison
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C.C/R 90	$735 100% fin.	$49,900	BILLIE Baker
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NON-QUALIFYING ASSUMPTIONS

Street	Equity	Price	Ask For
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Thursday's unlisted clue: AUDIBLE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Friday's unlisted clue hint: UNDER WATER SWIMMER

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Candle	Hockey	Pugil	Swizzle
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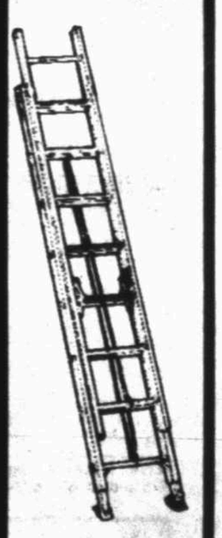
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