



Sports

Cowboys lie down

Dallas had to take care of business against lowly 2-12 New Orleans to vie for a wild card spot. And that's exactly what they didn't do — taking care neither of business nor the ball as they dropped the game 31-24 to the Saints. 1B

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countdown to 2000

Today: In 1945, an article in the Reporter-Telegram noted that the Midland Lions Club welcomed home Bill Colby "who recently received his Army discharge."



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Merry Christmas!



And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

—Matthew 2:11

Photos by Tim Fischer

'Orphans' bring new traditions for those living alone

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

The traditional family Christmas with the clan gathered around the tree in the living room or around the table in the dining room simply isn't reality for millions of Americans and some Midlanders as well.

In a global village wired for instant communication, many people spend the holidays at home, alone with their thoughts, while others are making merry with family and friends.

Some of those not content to be home alone volunteer to work in community kitchens to feed the hungry, the poor, the elderly or the disabled. Others make new "family" traditions with close friends.

"You can always get invited to someone's family, of course, but then you're intruding on someone else's space and their family traditions," said Midland's F.W. "Bill" Schammel.

Without family, things just aren't the same. "I used to put up all kinds of (holiday decoration) stuff," said Schammel. "I must have dozens of boxes of lights and stuff, but with no family, no daughter, it just doesn't mean as much."

Not that he doesn't decorate.

"My lighted cross may be simple but it looks very nice and symbolizes the meaning of Christmas," he said.

And in the meaning and spirit of Christmas, he and other Midland widows, widowers and divorcees with empty nests have started their own family tradition without intruding on the kindness of other people with their own families through a group called "The Orphans."

They're not really orphans, of course, but they are people who might otherwise be alone for the holidays. They have chosen not to do that.

"I've been involved in this (Orphans) thing for over 10 years," said Schammel. "My got daughter got older moved away and I was spending Christmas and other holidays by myself. I used to go down to a soup kitchen or something and volunteer. But then I got invited to dinner with The Orphans about seven or eight years ago."

"Max Howard is probably the head guy in this," he said of the founding father of the group. "It goes back 15 years. It's really nice. It's just fun for us. Sitting around on Christmas is not fun. It's wonderful to have a family situation and these are my second family. And it's much better than being by ourselves. We share each other's company and each other's time."

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F.W. "Bill" Schammel, who is a lay minister with St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, is one of a group of Midlanders who call themselves "The Orphans." The Orphans meet for Christmas and Thanksgiving every year.

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Reporter-Telegram

Rotarians ends year with gifts for givers

By Johnnye Montgomery
MRT Correspondent

Last week, Ellen Pate, director of international services for Midland West Rotary, wrapped up her year's duties with a flurry of phone calls that had nothing whatsoever to do with the organization's ongoing international projects or even its work with Christmas in April in Mexico. The phone calls, nevertheless, were in line with the Rotarians' mission of service, and Ms. Pate said left her feeling "simply enchanted."

The directors of the agencies she called were also enchanted.

Ms. Pate called to ask them what they wanted for Christmas — not for the people they served, but for the agencies.

"We just wanted to do something a little different this year," she said.

"Rotary has always been active in the community, and at the end of the year, we've always given money to agencies in the community."

"But in our experience, whenever nonprofits get money in for their operating budget, that money goes as directly as possible to help clients. They will do without things they need in order to help more clients."

The Midland West Rotarians, headed by president Dan Garlington, decided that they would use their year-end discretionary funds to buy a gift for one agency in the community — something the agency needed, but would probably not buy for itself. They decided to call Midland agencies to ask them to name a single Christmas wish and to choose on the basis of practicality which one they would honor.

Ms. Pate, who was formerly director of the Red Cross, said that it is simply in the nature of such organizations to do without in order to be of greater service to the community.

"I know that's the way the Red Cross operated, and probably every other (social service agency) in town."

"So we identified 33 agencies in Midland that we called. Of the 33, there were eight that

we couldn't reach with our message. We told them that we hoped to choose one with a need that we could fill — something that they wouldn't buy for themselves."

The directors of the agencies had wishes ranging in value from a \$300 vehicle repair to a \$19,000 van.

"We had requests for a Pentium computer, a copier, \$5,000 for the final amount needed to buy a vehicle, an ice machine, roofing material for five homes, a sponsor to grant a wish for the Make-A-Wish Foundation."

"Another agency wanted video tapes for its work. The Midland Soup Kitchen Ministries wanted a stainless steel serving counter. Other requests were for a plain paper fax machine, a new phone system, five to 12 leather chairs for a group therapy agency, funding for a day care center, a dock leveler, furniture for a new office, and a lending library."

Ms. Pate said that in order to have their wishes considered, she asked agencies to answer four questions.

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Hopes and fears: In Bethlehem, a joyous but wary Christmas

By Laura King
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Brushing aside security fears, celebrants thronged Bethlehem, the town of Jesus' birth, for joyous but heavily guarded festivities on the last Christmas Eve of the millennium.

White lights twinkled on trees in Manger Square and Christmas gospel music rang out in the misty night air as Palestinian police in blue camouflage uniforms kept a watchful eye on the crowd. Israeli soldiers staffed a network of checkpoints on roads approaching the West Bank city, which is under Palestinian control.

"There are so many police and soldiers out, you'd think there was a war," said Dutch tourist Albert Hofstede, 65, as he bought postcards at a sidewalk kiosk on the newly renovated square. "But I guess it's a good thing — I feel safe here."

U.S. authorities, citing terrorist threats, have warned Americans traveling overseas to exercise caution at large gatherings like this one. Because of the tight security and restrictions on traffic, some revelers said they had to walk more than a mile to get to the square.

The festivities highlight traditionally is the midnight Mass presided over by Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the highest-ranking Roman Catholic cleric in the Holy Land, in the Church of the Nativity in Manger Square. The church is built over the grotto where Christian tradition says Jesus' birth took place.

Sabbah made his grand entrance into the city in a religious procession preceded by Palestinian marching bands that provided enthusiastic renditions of marching songs and Christmas carols.

Dressed in bright pink ceremonial robes and headpiece, the patriarch sprinkled holy water as he entered the church, while rows of monks, jostled by the crowd, waved incense and sang chants to greet him.



AP Photo
Elias Al-Hilwe, 4, a local Palestinian Christian, is dressed as Santa Claus as he rings his bell for Palestinian police officers waiting for the beginning of Christmas celebrations in the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Friday.

As the crowds thickened, Palestinian police fanned out into Manger Square and surrounding streets. Bethlehem police commander Col. Yousef Hdeib said about 3,000 officers had been deployed in the city, up from the usual several hundred.

Amid the festivities, Palestinians used the occasion to reiterate their aspirations for statehood. In the hours before the midnight Mass, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with a parade of visiting foreign leaders, including the prime ministers of Spain and Italy.

"Peace will emerge from the land of peace in Palestine," Arafat said outside his office in Bethlehem, behind what used to be the Israeli military government's headquarters. Israel withdrew from the West Bank town just before Christmas 1995.

Palestinians who joined foreign tourists gathered in the square said they saw the day as one of national celebration.

"I'm a Christian, but this is really about Palestine," said Rana Handan, a 14-year-old Bethlehem girl scout who played the drum in one of the marching bands.

Even so, Palestinian symbols were less in evidence than in some recent years. Only a few Palestinian flags flew along one edge of the square — in contrast to the strings of them that used to adorn the broad plaza. Also absent were big portraits of Arafat.

Arafat's Christian-born wife, Soha — who has kept a low profile in the six weeks since she caused a flap with a harsh denunciation of Israel in the presence of first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton — was on hand for the festivities, greeting the patriarch as he entered the Church of the Nativity.

As night fell, a series of choirs from Bethlehem and abroad serenaded the cheering crowd of hundreds from an elaborate stage set up in front of the church. It was a raucous affair, with plenty of percussion and flashing strobe

lights. Quieter celebrations were being held just outside town at Shepherds Field, where tradition says herders saw the star heralding Jesus' birth. There, Christian pilgrims were gathering to softly sing carols by moonlight.

Bethlehem spent more than a year and millions of dollars on renovations in anticipation of a hoped-for 60,000 tourists on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and 2 million visitors during 2000.

Manger Square got a major facelift, including a stone-paved pedestrian plaza that replaced what used to be a scruffy parking lot for tour buses.

A fast-food restaurant — a first in the area — opened its doors just hours before the festivities began, and the smell of hamburgers and french fries wafted out into the square.

In Nazareth, Muslims joined Christians in holiday festivities, a marked attempt to move past this year's sectarian tensions.

Muslim and Christian scout

troops led thousands of marchers singing carols through streets festooned with lights marking both Christmas and the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

There was a heavy police presence. Tensions between the two communities over plans for a plot adjoining the Basilica of the

Annunciation had erupted into violence at Easter. Christians wanted the land for a piazza to accommodate millennium pilgrims to the town where the Angel Gabriel foretold Jesus' birth; Muslims, who say a 12th-century sage is buried at the site, wanted it for a mosque.

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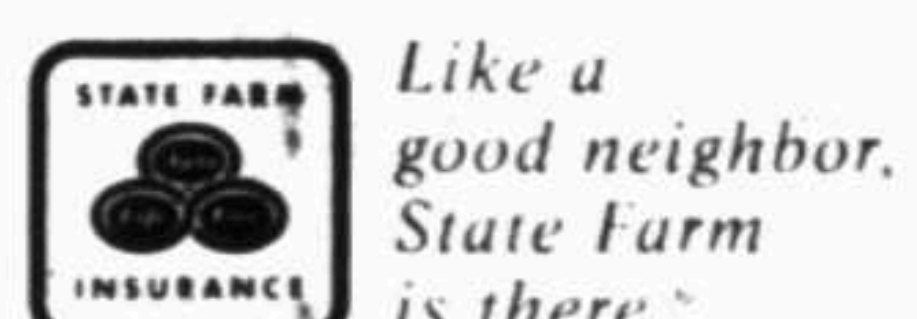
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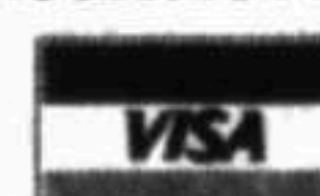
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Hijacked Indian plane lands

Associated Press

UMM NAHAD, United Arab Emirates — Unidentified hijackers seized an Indian Airlines jet with 189 people aboard on Friday, forcing the aircraft to repeatedly land and take off on a terrifying journey snaking across South Asia and into the Middle East.

The hijackers' goals remained unclear.

The plane, which was originally headed from Nepal to India, landed in India and again in Pakistan before eventually landing at a military base in the United Arab Emirates on Friday night, more than nine hours after it was taken over.

Information Minister Abdullah bin Zayed said the Emirates would allow the plane to refuel and would provide whatever humanitarian assistance was required, including food and medical help.

"We are not interested in allowing them to stay for a long time," he said from the federal capital of Abu Dhabi.

The plane landed at the Al Minhad military base, about 18 miles southeast of the city of Dubai, according to a director at the Dubai airport, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

At least three ambulances, three empty police buses and a corner's van were seen entering the remote desert base. Army and police officers kept the news media outside the base.

Indian Airlines spokesman

Rajeev Sharma told The Associated Press that the hijackers have asked for two ladders, apparently intending to release the women and children on board.

The hijackers told the pilot they had killed four people on board and wounded five more, Indian officials said. There was no independent confirmation of the hijackers' claims, and the officials said the pilot did not report hearing gunshots.

The A300 Airbus was hijacked after leaving the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu en route to New Delhi. The plane first tried to land in Lahore, but was denied permission by the government of Pakistan. The hijackers then forced the aircraft to land in the western Indian city of Amritsar, where it spent 40 minutes on the ground.

The plane returned to Lahore, where it made an emergency landing without receiving permission from the airport, said Pakistan's government-run news agency. The Pakistani government gave the hijackers food and allowed the aircraft to refuel and take off after Pakistani authorities negotiated with the captors. All the negotiations were done through the pilot, said Shabir Ahmed, public relations officer for the army-led Punjab provincial government.

The hijackers demands were not immediately known.

Ahmed said it was impossible

to understand the language the hijackers were speaking, although Press Trust of India reported that they were speaking Hindi, the predominant language of northern India.

Upon leaving Lahore, the plane headed toward Afghanistan's capital, Kabul.

However, Afghan authorities told the pilot it was impossible to land safely in the country at night, according to an official with the country's ruling Taliban militia. The pilot reportedly told the Taliban authorities he would try to land in the United Arab Emirates.

The aircraft then tried to land in Muscat, the capital of the Gulf

country of Oman, but was refused permission, according to authorities there.

The hijackers seized the plane after it crossed from Nepal into Indian airspace, said Narayan Singh Pun, Nepal's aviation minister. The Nepal-India border is about 175 miles from Kathmandu.

There were 178 passengers and 11 crew members.

The passengers included 150 Indians, eight Nepalese, one Canadian, one American, four Swiss, four Spanish, one Belgian, one Japanese, one Austrian, two French and one Italian. Four passengers were not listed by nationality.

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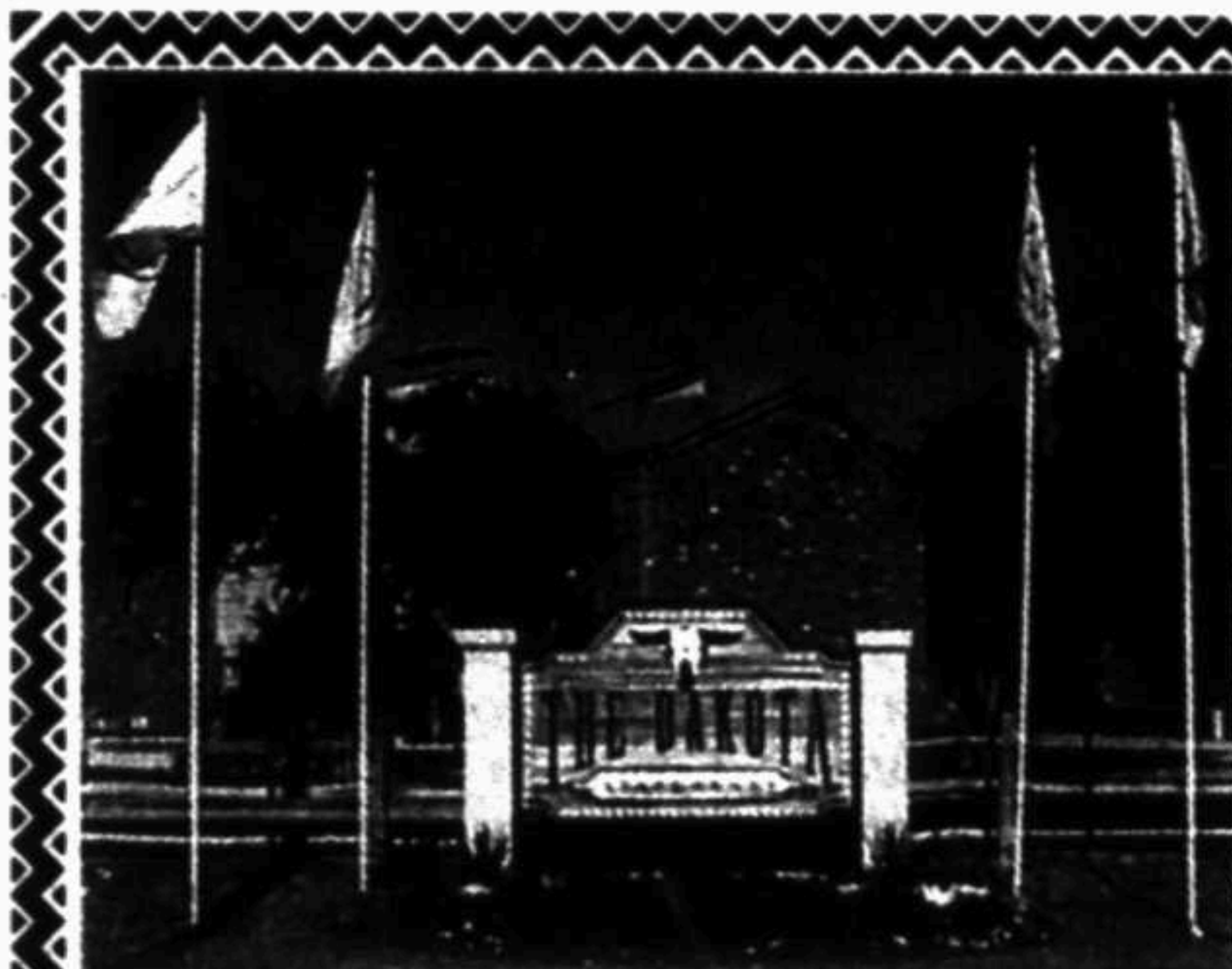
FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — Packages headed to Britain through Europe's busiest airport will also undergo additional security checks in the wake of a U.S. terrorism warning, officials at Frankfurt airport said today.

Klaus Ludwig, spokesman for the federal police at the airport, said checks on packages heading both to the United States and Britain will continue into next month. He said he had no details as to why packages from Britain also required the special security measures.

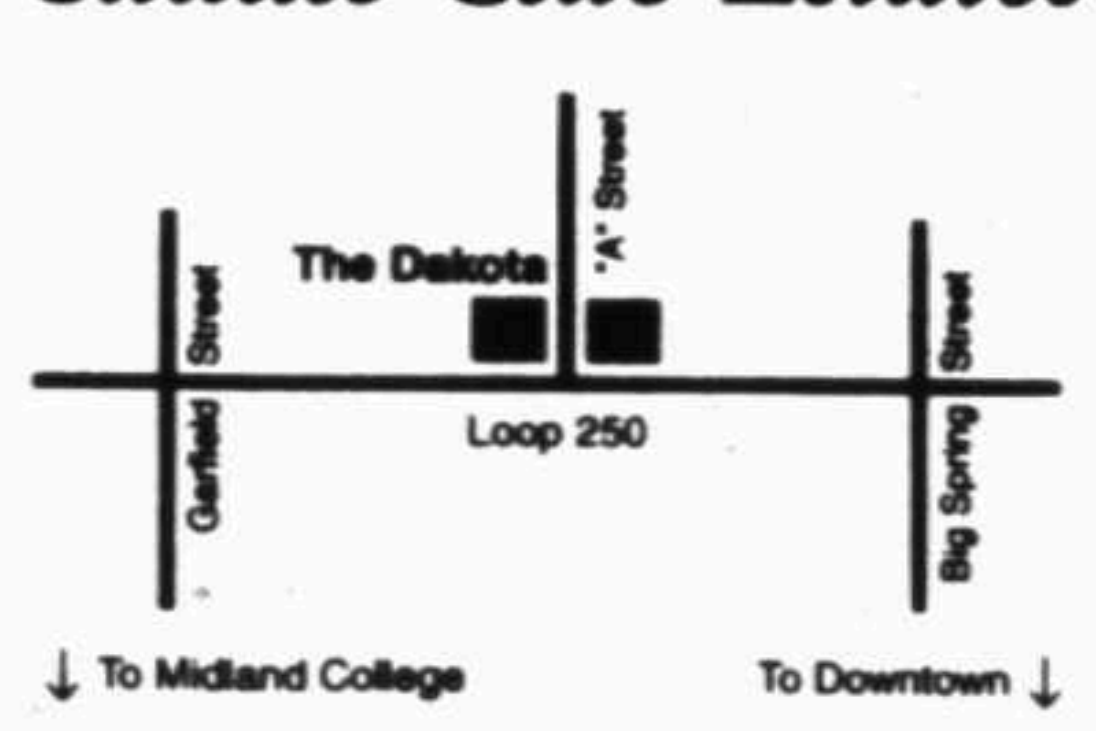
Early Thursday, in a rare middle-of-the-night warning, the FBI urged that Americans be on the lookout for potential mail bombs. In a statement, the bureau disclosed it had received "unsubstantiated information that individuals may be planning to send bombs in small parcels to addresses in the United States" from Frankfurt.

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service said it was screening all incoming parcels and first-class mail from Frankfurt using X-ray machines at U.S. airports.

Since the warning, no explosives have been discovered at the Frankfurt airport, Ludwig said. For a year, the airport and its huge postal center have been using a machine that can detect and detonate bombs in mail or baggage.



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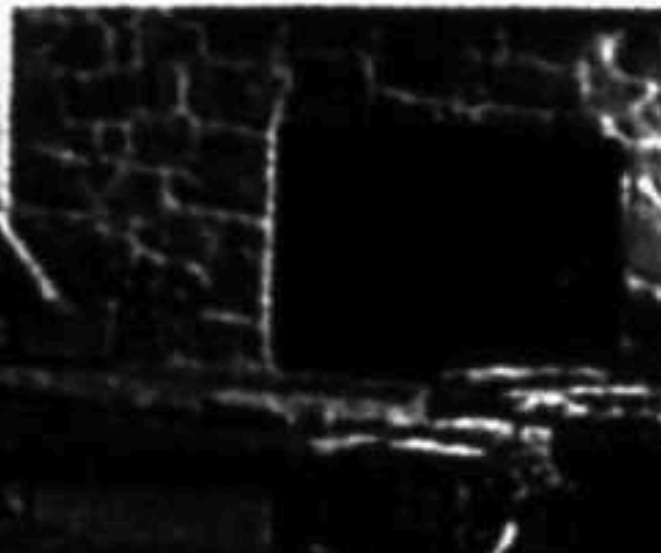
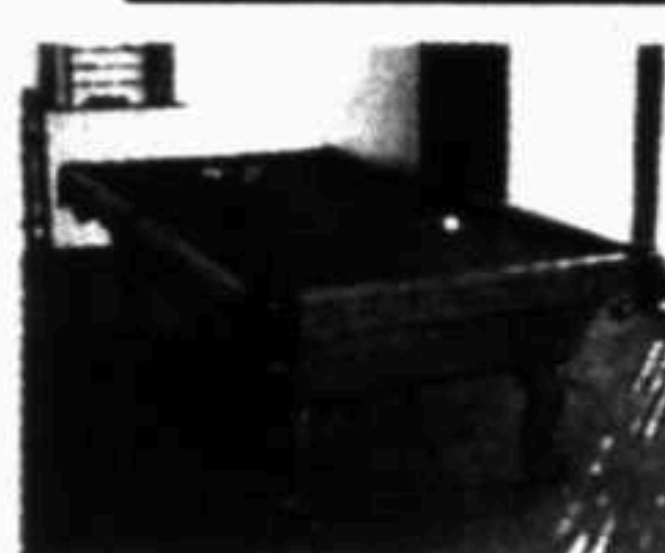
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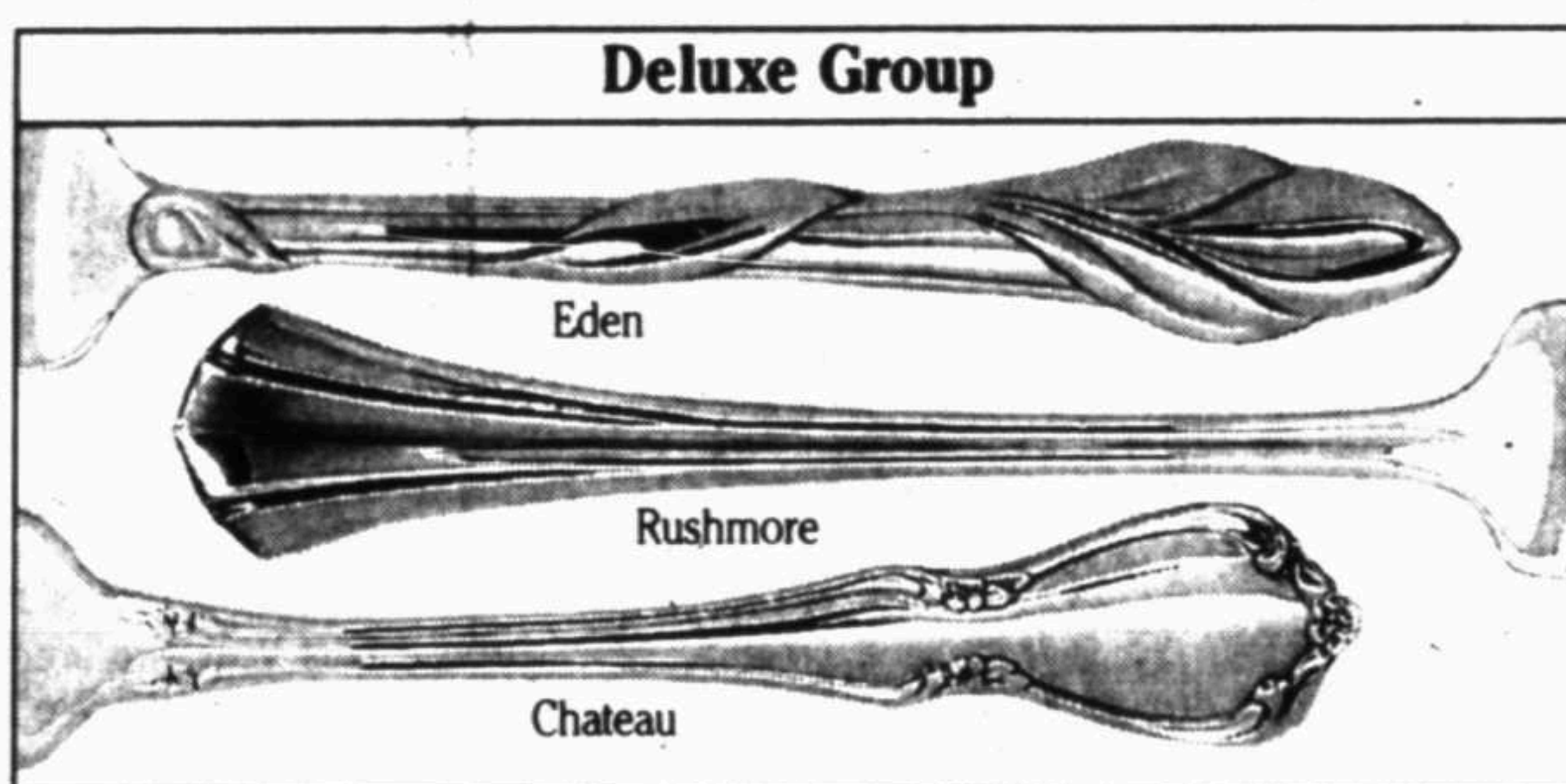
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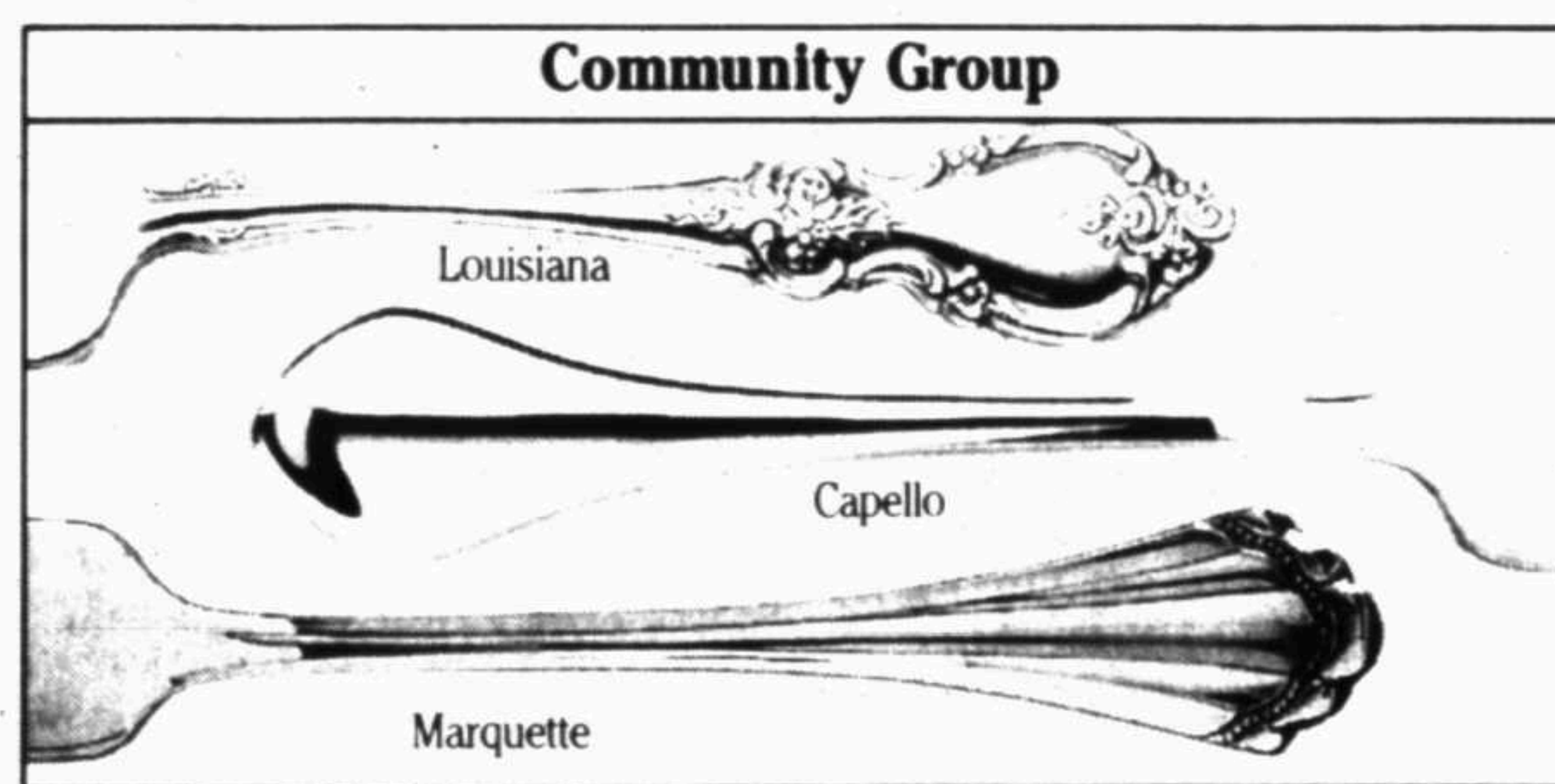
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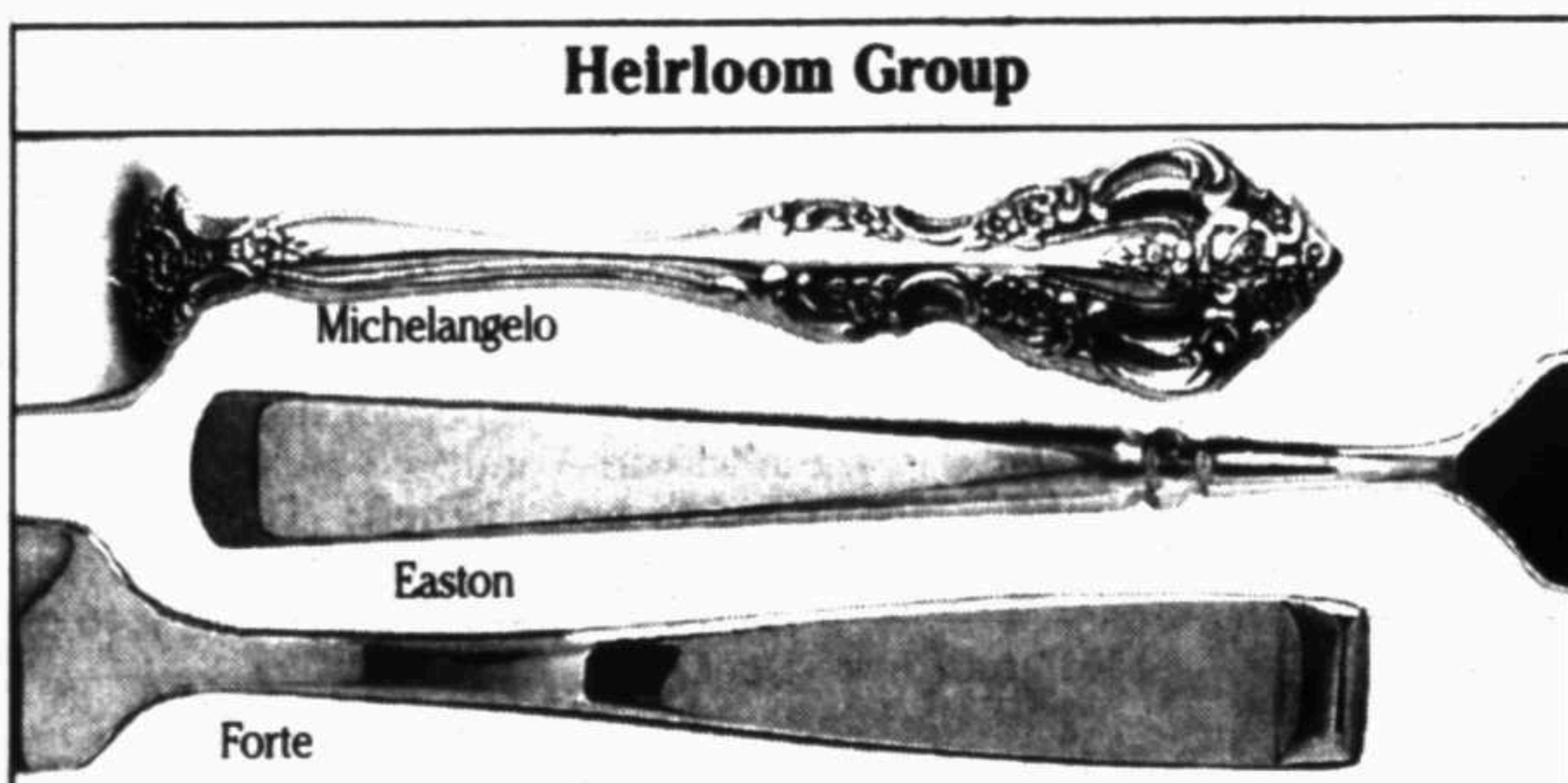
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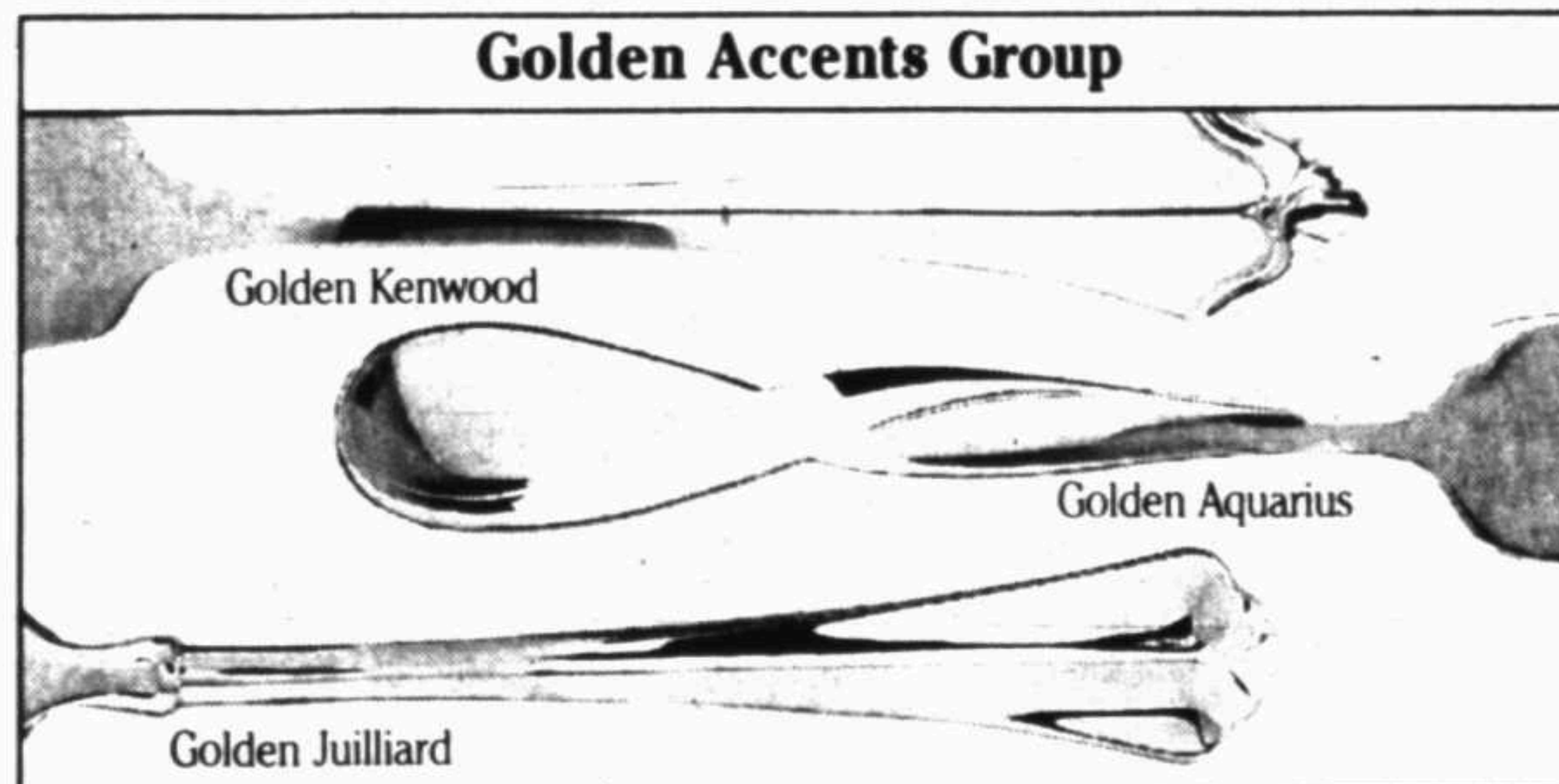
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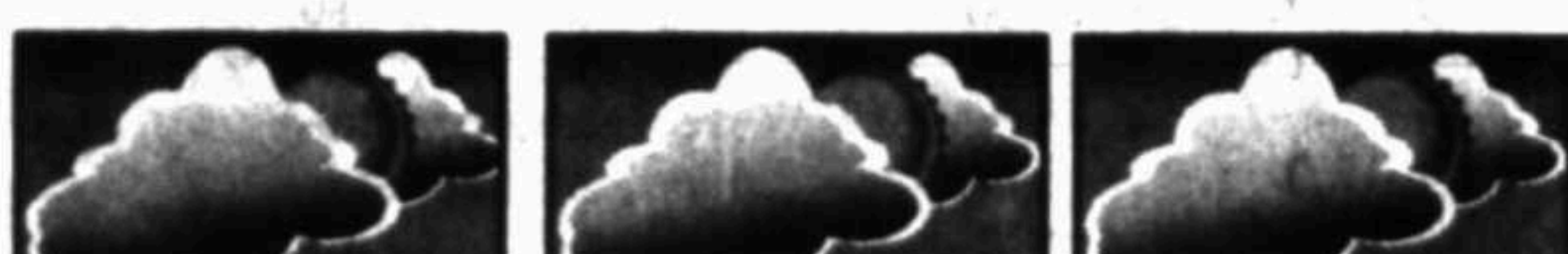
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Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 60
Low 33

Sunday
Partly cloudy
High 58
Low 33

Monday
Partly cloudy
High 59
Low 36

Today, Christmas day, the forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and warmer temperatures with a high around 60. A light wind will be from the southwest.

Christmas night will be fair with a low in the lower 30s.

The forecast for Sunday through Tuesday will be partly cloudy with lows in the 30s and highs in the 50s.

After an overnight low of 32, Wednesday's high was 60, compared to the record high for that date of 72, set in 1955. The record low of 6 was set in 1983.

Yesterday's precipitation

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

Yesterday's temperatures

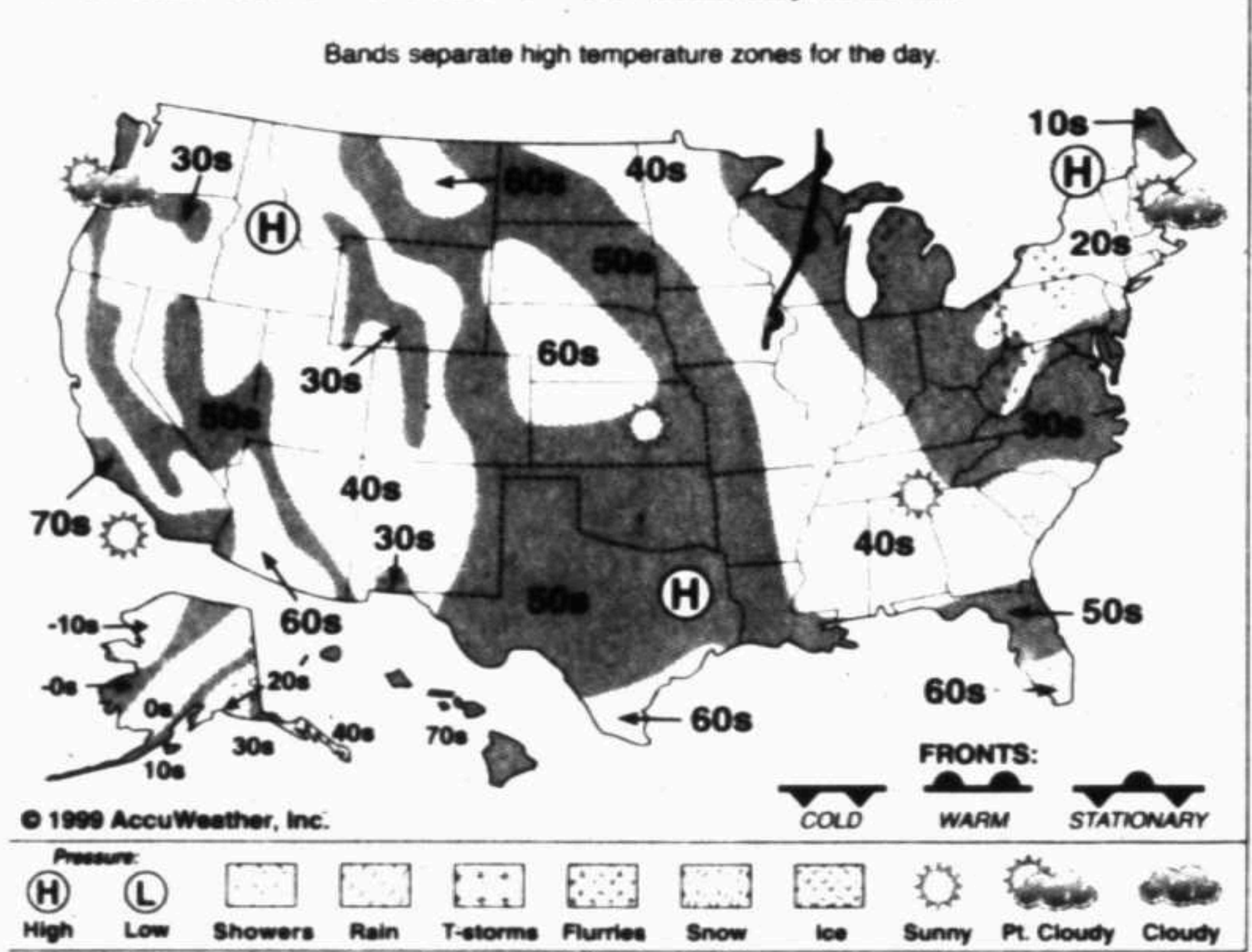
High 60
Low 32
Normal high 57
Normal low 29

Sunrise ... 7:47 a.m.

Sunset ... 5:51 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Saturday, Dec. 25.



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate Thursday's high and overnight low to 8 a.m. Eastern Time					
	Hi	Lo	Prc	Outk	
Atlanta	51	33	clr		
Atlantic City	44	25	cdy		
Baltimore	44	24	cdy		
Baton Rouge	60	32	clr		
Boston	38	24	clr		
Casper	40	30	clr		
Chicago	15	9	01	cdy	
Cincinnati	27	18	07	sno	
Cleveland	23	11	sno		
Daytona Beach	62	43	cdy		
Denver	51	31	clr		
Fargo	26	18	01	cdy	
First	17	-2	cdy		
Green Bay	8	-4	cdy		
Honolulu	78	72	21	clr	
Huntsville	50	26	cdy		
Indianapolis	26	20	08	cdy	
Jackson, Miss.	57	28	cdy		
Kansas City	39	27	cdy		
Las Vegas	63	39	cdy		
Lexington	31	23	05	sno	
Lincoln	43	27	cdy		
Little Rock	56	35	cdy		
Los Angeles	73	46	clr		
Louisville	51	26	20	sno	
Macon	59	27	cdy		
Madison	12	-3	01	cdy	
Medford	47	27	cdy		
Memphis	51	31	cdy		
Miami Beach	64	64	cdy		
Milwaukee	15	6	cdy		
Mpls.-St. Paul	14	-2	cdy		
Mobile	58	33	cdy		
Montgomery	57	29	cdy		
Nashville	45	25	cdy		
New Orleans	58	36	clr		
New York City	41	25	cdy		
Newark	42	23	cdy		
Norfolk, Va.	47	35	cdy		
North Platte	50	19	cdy		
Oklahoma City	57	34	cdy		
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Paducah	35	21	cdy		
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Portland, Maine	32	17	cdy		
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Providence	39	22	cdy		
Pueblo	57	16	cdy		
Raleigh-Durham	47	26	cdy		
Rapid City	45	26	cdy		
Reno	51	19	cdy		
Richmond	44	28	cdy		
Roanoke	47	33	sno		
Rochester	26	12	sno		
Rockford	14	3	cdy		
Salt Lake City	40	23	cdy		
San Diego	77	50	cdy		
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Former army leader announces coup d'etat in Ivory Coast

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast, long a bastion of stability in a region wracked by war, was riven Friday by an army revolt that its declared leader described as a coup d'etat.

Army troops and civilians together looted parts of the capital, Abidjan, a day after soldiers went on a rampage. Many soldiers said they were owed back salary and perks, while others said the revolt was aimed at ousting the president.

Calm prevailed over the city, punctuated by bursts of gunfire as

renegades, many wearing bandanas and with faces covered in black soot, cruised by in cars commandeered from civilians. A group of soldiers carrying shopping bags full of plundered goods yelled, "We won!"

Wearing a blue beret and camouflage uniform and surrounded by soldiers brandishing automatic weapons, Gen. Robert Guei appeared on state television, saying the military was taking over the reins of power from President Henri Konan Bedie.

The West African country's constitution, courts and parliament have been suspended, Guei said. The retired general appealed to citizens to remain calm.

"Power is in my hands," he said. "I will take care of everybody. You should not be worried."

Ivory Coast, a country of 19 million people, has long been considered a model of stability that unlike its neighbors has never experienced a successful coup. But in recent months, the country experienced growing political and social turmoil amid a government crackdown on opposition groups and allegations of corruption against President Bedie.

Exactly who was originally behind the revolt is unclear, although one rebel said Friday more than 500 of his comrades had joined in. Ivory Coast's mil-

itary has at least 6,000 members.

"We must avoid the spilling of blood. In this country, personal dialogue can always find the solution to every problem," Guei said in a later TV broadcast. State radio and television had gone off the air Thursday and remained silent Friday aside from Guei's broadcasts.

Independent confirmation of the takeover could not be immediately obtained.

Mobs of youths took advantage of the lawlessness, hijacking cars and mugging commuters. One gang carrying knives and sticks attacked two journalists, an Associated Press photographer and a Dow Jones financial writer, rob-

bing them of money, cellphones and camera equipment.

Western embassies informed their foreign nationals to observe a curfew that Guei said required all citizens to stay indoors between 6:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

A U.S. Embassy official speaking on condition of anonymity said the mission had not yet decided to evacuate American citizens.

From the United Nations, Secretary-General Kofi Annan condemned the coup, saying "the use of violence to disrupt a country's political process is unacceptable," according to his spokesman, Fred Eckhard.

Bedie's fate was uncertain. A soldier speaking on condition of

anonymity at the Ministry of Defense said the president had been detained in his residence in Abidjan's Cocody suburb. Other soldiers said several other senior government officials were also under house arrest.

A foreign news agency reported Bedie had taken refuge in the French ambassador's residence. A spokeswoman for France's Foreign Ministry, Anne Gazeau-Secret, said she could not confirm the report.

Radio France-Internationale quoted Bedie as telling the network that he remained free and that he called on his allies, including traditional chiefs, to organize an armed resistance.

Six-year-old is Castro's political poster child

By Anita Snow
Associated Press

HAVANA — In the United States, the images of Elian Gonzalez being showered with Christmas toys are proof of the generosity and plenty in this country. In Cuba, those same images are offered as proof of America's cynical exploitation of him and of the crass materialism of Fidel Castro's enemies in America.

The 6-year-old Cuban boy found clinging to an inner tube off Florida last month, after a harrowing voyage in which he lost his mother, has become Castro's political poster child.

The boy's bewildered face looks out from a billboard outside the U.S. diplomatic mission. T-shirts of supporters, posters hoisted high at demonstrations demanding his return.

Cuba's aging communist ruler has launched a campaign of well-attended rallies, televised appearances and advertisements that have rallied his countrymen and galvanized many younger Cubans whose ties to Castro were perhaps most tenuous.

"What would you rather have? Toys or health care?" a boy about 8 years old asks classmates in a scene shown on government television.

"We want health care!" the children reply.

Castro criticized what he called "the grotesque and incredible display of ostentatious gifts that show they will go to any cost to buy the soul of a 6-year-old boy." In the role of kindly grandfather, he has assured Elian's classmates that the boy will return.

Soon to enter his 41st year in power, the 73-year-old Castro often expresses concerns about Cuban youth and their role in a communist system still recovering from the Soviet Union's collapse a decade ago.

Whatever they may think of Castro, Cubans clearly have been moved by the plight of a boy who lost his mother at sea and is separated from his father and four grandparents in Cuba. The government portrays him as trapped in a foreign land, ringed by "wolves" and "mafia ringleaders" — references to the Cuban exiles living in Florida who fiercely oppose Castro and want Elian to remain there.

As he has in the past, Castro has effectively stirred the country's strong sense of nationalism with the idea of its old nemesis, the United States, again playing Goliath to Cuba's David. "We will save Elian," has become the new rallying cry.

Elian was found Nov. 25 by two sport fishermen, two days after the boat carrying him, his mother and other Cubans sank during an apparent attempt to reach the United States.

Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, says his ex-wife did not get his permission to take the boy out of Cuba, and wants him back. Elian's Miami relatives say they can give him a better life off the communist island.

In Castro's campaign for the boy's return, young Cubans play a leading role.

Wearing the white shirts, red jumpers or shorts and neckerchiefs of the Young Communist Pioneers, children as young as 6 and 7 have spoken before thousands at protest rallies, criticizing the United States and Miami exiles for trying to "steal our Elian."

Many people attend because they feel strongly about the case or think it is their civic duty. Others go because of the festive atmosphere at the events, often featuring popular musicians such as troubadour Silvio Rodriguez or Compay Segundo of Buena Vista Social Club fame.

Some teen-agers offer their own version of the protest chant "Elian, our friend! Cuba is with you!" Between guffaws, some have been heard chanting, "Elian, our friend! Take us with you!"

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Possible terror links show vulnerability of Canadian border

By Wilson Ring
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — The 3,987-mile line between the United States and Canada is considered the world's longest undefended border. That means it often allows easy passage for smugglers — and raises the possibility that terrorists can slip through, too.

Authorities say recent arrests in Washington state and Vermont show that terrorists can set their sights on the United States after first finding a haven in Canada.

In the first case, an Algerian man is charged with bringing bomb-making materials into the United States. In the second, authorities have detained two people, an Algerian with a false passport and a Canadian woman accused of having ties to Algerian extremist groups.

Other illicit activity is common. The stretch of the border in upstate New York and New England is a hotbed of smuggling in both directions. People, drugs and cash are the primary southbound cargo, while liquor and cigarettes are the northbound contraband of choice.

Border Patrol spokesman Ed Duda said aliens from more than 100 countries have been caught trying to illegally enter the United States. Officials realize that many illegal immigrants still get across — but they have no idea how many.

"We catch as many as we can," Duda said. "There is no iron curtain up here and there are no land mines."

There are checkpoints on main roads between the United States and Canada, but there is no fence along the border. In many locations people can cross unchecked on back roads, walk through

fields or take boats across rivers or lakes. The Border Patrol has remote sensors in some locations, but their staffing levels make it impossible for them to cover the length of the border.

Now law enforcement officials in the United States and Canada fear the trust that allows the border to go largely unpatrolled has made the United States vulnerable to terrorist attack.

"You can't blow up anything in the United States if you can't get in here," said Phillip Stern, an international private investigator and security consultant in New York.

American law enforcement agencies are working with their counterparts in Canada and Europe to learn more about the background of Ahmed Ressam, 32, the man arrested in Washington after bomb components were found in the trunk of his car. He is believed to have ties to Osama bin Laden, the Saudi exile accused of directing the bombing of two U.S. embassies in Africa last year.

Federal prosecutors in Vermont have linked Canadian Lucia Garofalo to the Algerian Islamic League. The organization was founded by Mourad Dhina, an Algerian whom prosecutors describe as an arms merchant who sends weapons to terrorist organizations. Dhina, a physicist, denies the connection.

Ms. Garofalo, 35, and Bouabide Chamchi, 20, were arrested Sunday night at Beecher Falls, Vt., when they tried to enter the United States by car.

The Washington and Vermont cases have not been linked. Still, in response, the Border Patrol and

Customs Service have put extra agents to work along both the Canadian and Mexican borders.

"It's a reality check for everyone, not just speaking as a Border Patrol agent but as a civilian," said Bob Tripi, deputy chief patrol agent in Houlton, Maine.

His agents are busy patrolling Maine's 616 miles of border. Besides working bus terminals, they're using all-terrain vehicles, and sometimes snowmobiles, to patrol remote areas.

While the Border Patrol looks for people trying to sneak across, the Immigration and Naturalization Service deals with people who try to enter the United States through checkpoints.

The INS agent in charge in Vermont, Noel Induni, said most people turned away from checkpoints are convicted criminals. He said roughly 300 people a month are denied entry.

Adds Carol Jenifer, INS district director in Detroit: "Given the volume of work we have, I think we do a pretty good job. I think we could do much better if we had all the resources we needed."

But the porous nature of the Canadian border is still apparent. It is becoming less expensive for a Mexican citizen to fly to Canada, where immigration laws are less stringent, and sneak across the U.S.-Canadian border than it is to hire a smuggler to go directly across the U.S.-Mexican border, said Keith Olson, president of the Border Patrol officers' union in Bellingham, Wash.

Would-be drug smugglers also know the flaws in the system. Vancouver's Cannabis Cafe, currently

closed due to a police raid, offered customers maps of the border, noting the areas where patrols were few and far between. A kayaker from Victoria, British Columbia, was recently captured by a sheriff on Washington's San Juan Island with a big stash of marijuana.

While it's rare to apprehend suspected terrorists along the border, it's happened before.

Almost four years ago, a Lebanese man caught trying to illegally enter the United States at Champlain, N.Y., was linked to the Middle East terrorist group Abu Nidal.

In 1987, three Lebanese-born Canadians were arrested with a bomb in the border town of Richford, Vt. In 1978, Kristina Berster, a suspected member of the former West Germany's Baader-Meinhof Gang, was captured entering Vermont.

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Columbine family that lost their son is adopting daughter

By Robert Wellwe
Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — For the first Christmas since their son, Daniel, was killed at Columbine High School, Tom and Linda Mauser are giving themselves, and a child without a family, a very special gift.

In part to help them heal, in part to give them another person to love, the Mausers are adopting a baby girl from China.

"Other people need to heal, too," said Mauser, whose unadorned Christmas tree added little cheer to the somber air in his home.

"It still seems so unreal to me — like a bad dream. How do you get over this? I really don't know," Mauser said. "You can say Daniel has gone to a better place. I want him here."

The Mausers also have a 14-year-old daughter, Christie. The adoption idea grew out of talks the couple had as they strolled through Clement Park, where a makeshift shrine honors the 12 students and teacher who were killed in the April 20 attack, the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Mauser said they talked with friends who had children later in life before making the final decision to adopt. He is 43, and Linda is 47. Mrs. Mauser gave up her paralegal career years ago to take care of Daniel and Christie,

which should make it easier.

They got the answers to a lot of their questions from a nonprofit group that specializes in Chinese adoptions, and then began the arduous screening process. Their new daughter is scheduled to arrive sometime next year.

"We really have sympathy for those girls," Mauser said, explaining that the potential adoptees are sometimes abandoned in a society where families are limited to one child and boys are preferred.

They are using some of the money they received as victims' compensation to help pay for the adoption.

And, Mauser said, "Because it's a child from a different culture, it's clear this is not a replacement for Daniel."

The Mausers are celebrating Daniel's life this Christmas with memories of past holidays, a Web site in his honor and the lighting of a single candle.

"We are trying to heal, but it's a long process," said Mrs. Mauser. The family has suffered through Mother's Day, Father's Day and what would have been Daniel's 16th birthday.

The Mausers said they could not have made it through the ordeal without Christie's love and support. They also are comforted by meeting or talking on the phone frequently with relatives of other victims.

Marsha Kight, whose daughter,

Frankie Merrill, died in the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing, knows the pain the families are feeling this year.

"The first year is always the most difficult," said Ms. Kight, who leads a survivors' group. "I just wanted to get Christmas over because it was so painful for me."

"I had difficulty going to malls because everywhere I turned I saw mothers and daughters. And my daughter had a little girl, so it was kind of a ritual for us to go out and do the Christmas shopping together."

Like Ms. Kight, Mauser has taken on a leadership role by campaigning actively for stronger gun control laws.

"It's harder on Linda because she doesn't work," he said. "She was really committed to staying home with our kids."

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Even Christmas is politically correct in America

By David Usborne
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — To paraphrase a certain wartime prime minister, you might say that Britain and the United States are two countries divided by a common religious holiday.

That is Christmas, except that you can't say Christmas here, of course, for fear of offending non-Christians, for whom it is not a holiday but a shopping opportunity.

It can be a baffling time for expatriates and, it seems, for some Americans also.

Even the first lady hasn't quite got the nuances of the season taped. My neighbor at a dinner the other night, recounted how she had recently arranged a breakfast meeting for Hillary Rodham Clinton in New York City among supporters and donors.

After it was over, guests were lining up to complain to her about Hillary's speech. She had mentioned Christmas no fewer than

six times, but had never once made reference to the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah.

This would have been clumsy from any speaker in New York in December. But from Hillary — who wants to be its senator — it was plain dumb.

The dinner, by the way, was given by a British couple whose friends are mostly Americans. They win the prize, by contrast, for cross-cultural sensitivity. We were called together to "celebrate the festive season."

There was Christmas pudding and a vanilla mousse affair for dessert and, for the main course, turkey but also scallops. (The incineration of the pudding in a puddle of brandy evidently astonished a Japanese couple at my table. They had mousse.)

Cleverest of all was the carol-singing after dinner. Ushered into a small salon with a grand piano and professional pianist waiting, we received nineteen pages of our favorite Christmas numbers with all their verses. But the favorites in America are often

completely unfamiliar to the British.

It was a little shocking to realize that I was enjoying singing the American numbers almost more than the ones I knew from English school days. I think it must be the Bob Hope in me.

Among those you might want to try at home (after a drink or three) are: "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas," "Winter Wonderland," "Rockin' Round the Christmas Tree" and "Let it Snow! Let it Snow! Let it Snow!"

There was only one that we all felt compelled to sing twice — "White Christmas" (As in, "I'm dreaming of...").

For the first time, I think I have got the lights more or less right on our house. Draping your every down pipe and garden shrub with thousands of tiny white bulbs is obligatory in the suburbs. I swear they will be able to spot our road from the just-launched shuttle. It doesn't just glow, it pulsates.

I am pleased with myself, because I have finally twigged to

the labor-saving magic of those little timers normally used to switch lamps on and off to trick burglars when you are away.

Now the two sets of lights snaking around our home can look after themselves at dusk and midnight. No more traipsing out in the snow in underwear at bedtime to pull out plugs from soggy outdoor sockets, risking electrocution.

Getting the right Christmas tree is a whole other challenge. I am not sure if it is genetic engineering, but the trees here are simply fuller and shapelier than the sorry twigs I remember in England. But the pressure is on every year to find the perfect specimen.

We have failed this time — the tree's skirt is a little narrow. We got it from among hundreds piled outside our local church.

In past years, we have driven to a tree farm to tramp around in forests of the things with a saw. This is invariably miserable. Undergrowth obscures the trees and last year my wife took a slice from our son's nose.

Next year, we will try a different farm that chops the trees for you and hangs them from a wooden frame like so many turkeys. Then you can study their profile without hindrance.

We have tripped up in our search for an organic turkey also. When we rang the wonderful del-

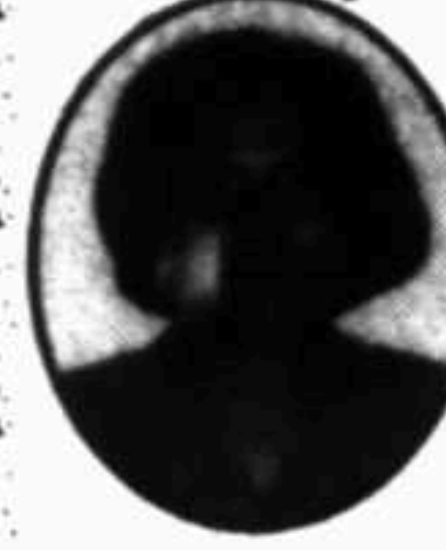
icatessen that is near the Vermont house where we will be spending Christmas itself, they told us that they weren't doing turkeys this year.

Finally, here is this year's 100 percent politically-correct seasonal greeting: "Have a Merry Millennium."



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Worry over Y2K gives students extended winter break

Associated Press

Grammar schools, high schools and universities alike usually end their winter breaks on the first Monday of the new year. But this year, worry over potential effects of the Y2K bug led some schools to extend their vacations for a few days past Monday, Jan. 3 — just in case.

Children in Washington started school early this year, on Aug. 30, to make up for days they'll lose because the district delayed the start of school to Jan. 5. Public schools in Dayton, Ohio, are extending winter vacation a full week, to Jan. 10.

"We just want to make sure everything is operational," said Carole Johnson, spokeswoman for the Dayton district, which has 24,000 students.

A survey by the U.S. Department of Education released in

October found that more than a third of schools at all levels were unprepared for any problems that might arise if comput-

ers misread 2000 as 1900. Most were expected to be ready for the date change when it comes, however.

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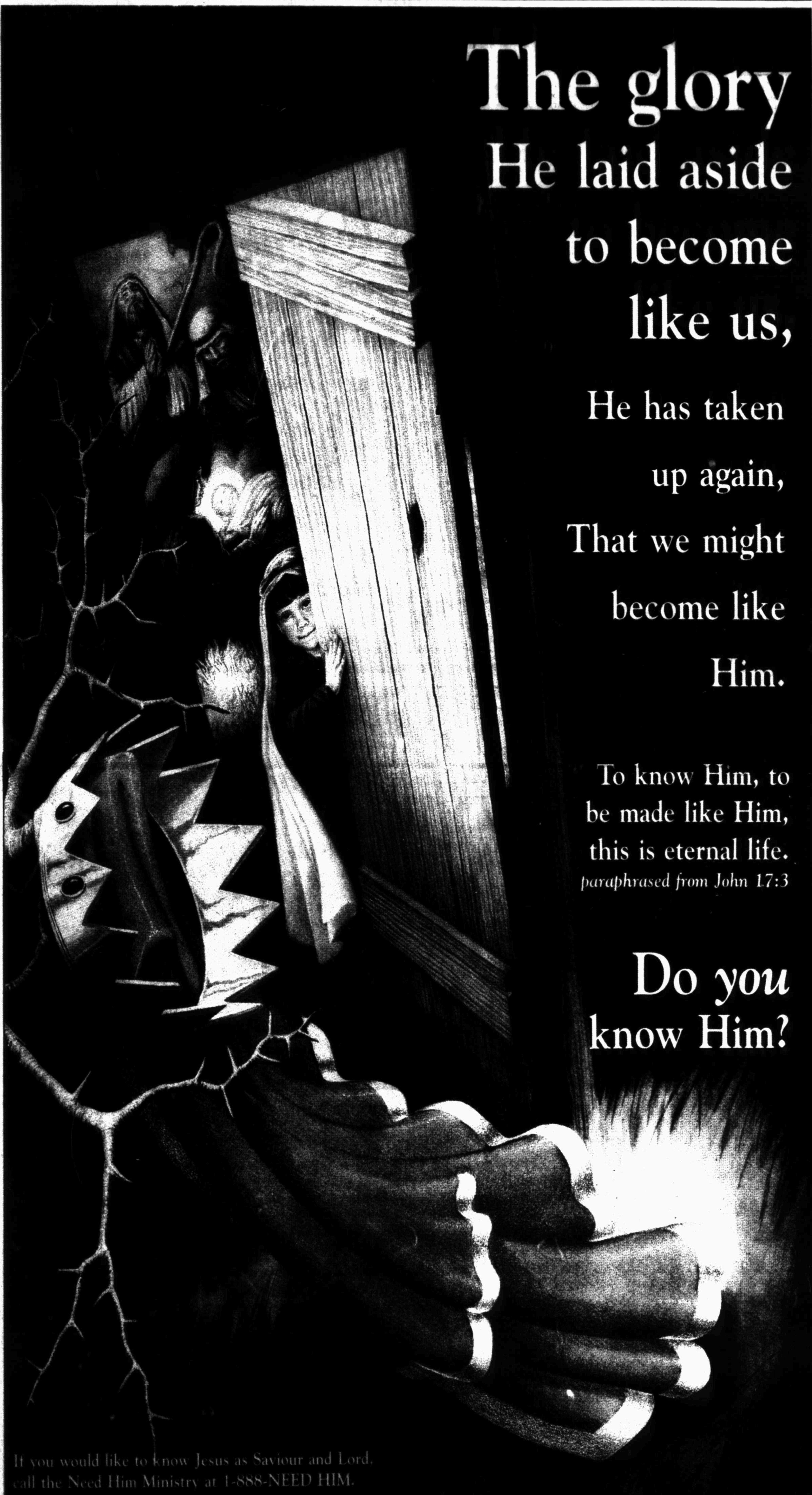
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Many Texans will ring in the new year on the job

By Matt Curry
Associated Press

Van McNeece can only fantasize about majestic locations to celebrate the dawn of the year 2000.

"Up in Denver in the mountains would be nice," he said. "Watching fireworks. Anything."

Instead, McNeece's feet will be planted firmly on the rich soil of the Red River Valley, where his Internet service provider hooks up about 2,500 rural customers.

He and three others on the six-person staff of Chip Shot Inc. will stay within a few minutes of their office in Vernon, a city of 12,500 people 50 miles west of Wichita Falls. McNeece, the company president, wants to be ready to deal with any sudden Y2K problems.

"It won't be much of a New Year's," he said. "Just stick close by and eat black-eyed peas, that's all."

Across Texas, it will be far from a normal New Year's holiday.

Government agency employees, computer specialists and emergency workers are among those who will be compelled to sip soft drinks at their posts instead of stronger spirits elsewhere.

Many will be responsible for making sure that a meltdown doesn't occur because of what is popularly called the Y2K problem, the fear that computers will recognize the change of the date as 1900 instead of 2000.

Southwestern Public Service Co. spokesman Bill Crenshaw said he's not much of a New Year's Eve partyer, so it won't fluster him to be on the job when the clock strikes midnight.

"I hope it turns out to be the most boring night I've ever spent," he said.

The Amarillo-based utility will have nearly 300 additional people working Dec. 31 as the countdown to 2000 ticks away and anticipation grows regarding the dreaded computer bug. Another 150 employees will have to let the bubbly chill until another day, as well. They'll be on call to help resolve any major problems in the company's 52,000-square-mile service area that includes the Panhandle and South Plains.

A report this month by the Washington-based Bureau of National Affairs says its survey of 413 employers showed that half the businesses are requiring all or some of their employees to work New Year's Day. That's up 43 percent from the previous year, according to the private research firm.

Oilman's estate to pay jeweler thousands

HOUSTON (AP) — When flamboyant former stripper Jewell Dianne "Lady" Walker died from complications of liposuction surgery, her legacy included a white mansion, European cars, and bank vaults brimming with emeralds and diamonds.

She also left behind a \$425,000 debt, her jeweler alleged.

A jury yesterday ordered the estate of deceased Houston oil magnate J. Howard Marshall III to pay jeweler Charlotte Duggan \$252,000 to settle his longtime mistress' bill.

Money flowed in both directions — a judge found that Ms. Duggan owed the estate \$191,800 for charging Marshall a usurious interest rate of 20 percent.

The decision put an end to years of haggling between the jeweler and attorneys for the oilman, who died in 1995 at age 90.

But Marshall's estate is far from settled: Legal wrangling with his wife, former Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith, are ongoing in courts in Houston and Los Angeles.

Smith, 31, argues Marshall promised her half his wealth if she married him. Her lawyers contend Marshall's estate owes the voluptuous widow \$800 million, half of the \$1.6 billion oil fortune.

Attorneys for Marshall's estate say Ms. Smith is not entitled to any more money since Marshall showered her with \$8 million in gifts during the marriage.

The couple met when Smith was a topless dancer at Rick's Cabaret in Houston.

Marshall's personal assistance introduced him to Smith at the club shortly after Ms. Walker's 1995 death, according to court testimony. The introduction was meant to boost Marshall's spirits. "Don't go falling in love" with Ms. Smith, the assistant allegedly warned Marshall.

In his will, the oil giant left his entire fortune to his younger son, 60-year-old E. Pierce Marshall of Dallas. He allegedly disinherited his elder son, J. Howard Marshall III, 63, of Los Angeles, over a family business dispute.

Both Smith and J. Howard Marshall III have accused the younger brother for depriving them of their half of the money.

Between 400 and 500 employees of Baylor Health Care System, which includes 13 hospitals in North Texas, will work throughout the New Year's weekend to make sure everything is OK. The workers understand that their presence is extremely important, said Bob Pickton, a senior vice president of the Dallas-based health-care provider.

"Everyone gave up their weekend," he said. "When we put this out, people just basically volunteered."

Ron Kasowski, hospital safety officer, will help staff a command post in Dallas from 5 p.m. Dec. 31 to 9 a.m. Jan. 1, coordinating operations and trading e-mails with workers who are checking various hospital systems.

Kasowski said he doesn't believe he'll be missing anything.

"One of the things we'll be doing is monitoring CNN to look at the news reports, and that's probably what I'd be doing anyway," he said.

Officials in various industries express confidence that they are

prepared. But they are also taking a cautious approach to New Year's Eve.

"We know we're Y2K-compliant here," McNeece said. "What we have to worry about is the people we're connected to and the people they're connected to."

New Century Energies, which owns SPS, has spent \$19 million preparing for the bug. Testing of the system has revealed no problems.

The fear is that more routine interruptions of service — an ice storm or a drunken driver careening into a utility pole — could cause widespread panic. Company officials are setting up high-profile media centers in Lubbock and Amarillo so they can respond immediately.

"We'll have food and beverages and something to entertain our broadcast types that do show up," Crenshaw said. "Our hope is that they'll hold hands with us that night so that any outage is explained very quickly to our customers. We want to operate just like an open book that night."

In Austin, workers will staff the

state emergency operations center at the Department of Public Safety.

Extra DPS troopers will take to the highways, too. But that's nothing unusual for the last day of the year — any year.

"We always, on New Year's Eve, have all available troopers on the roadway," said DPS spokesman Mike Cox in Austin. Meanwhile, Texas businesses

that have not made special Y2K staffing plans simply will hold their breath.

Cactus Feeders, which has seven cattle-feeding operations in the Panhandle, will not call in extra help.

"We have increased the computerization of our feed mills over the years," said Mike Engler, senior vice president of the Amarillo-based company.

Like McNeece, though,

Engler's main concern is that failures elsewhere could affect his business.

The company went through an unforeseen practice drill recently when a snowstorm knocked out electricity at one of the feed lots and a backup generator was activated.

"We had a little wake-up call," Engler said. "After 36 hours without electricity, how bad could Y2K be?"

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MHS tight end Gardner tops noteworthy recruiting lists

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Midland High's Randy Gardner figured he was a recruitable football player. He just didn't know how much until he saw what elite company he was actually in.

Gardner was one of six District 4-5A players to make the Dallas Morning News top 100 state recruits.

"I was kind of surprised," Gardner said. "I didn't expect something that big. I haven't got that much publicity. I only caught 10 passes for 110 yards (this past season)."

Gardner, who also made the Houston Chronicle's list of top recruits in the state, joined Abilene High running back Arturo "Sneezy" Beltran, Odessa Permian wide receiver Roy Williams, Odessa High tight end Taylor Casey and Midland Lee offensive lineman Steve Subia on the list. Also making the top 100 was MHS punter Justin Smith, making MHS the only 4-5A school to put

two players on the list.

"I think it is great we are getting the recognition like that," MHS coach David Browning said. "We have come a long way."

Gardner already has three visits nailed down. He will see Baylor (Jan. 7), Arizona (Jan. 14) and North Texas (Jan. 21). He also says he might take a visit to Air Force (Jan. 28). Rice could also be a possibility.

"I will make a decision about other visits in late January. That will depend on if someone recruits another tight end or stops calling me," Gardner said.

Gardner is part of a numbers game, according to Browning. A good tight end isn't exactly as easy to find as a good running back, but schools also don't carry many on the roster.

"People don't understand the numbers. (At Oklahoma State), I had 300 kids (I was responsible for recruiting). We had nine coaches. We are mailing stuff to 2,700 kids and we have 25 scholarships. They don't assign a position for every scholarship."

Especially at tight end.

"You don't have a lot of tight ends signed," Brown-

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Midland High tight end Randy Gardner, seen here playing defense in the Bulldogs' game against Midland Lee, has been selected as one of the top 100 recruits in the state by the Dallas Morning News and the Houston Chronicle.



What was expected to be a nice little soccer tournament turned into The Associated Press Story of the Year, a success beyond even what its participants imagined possible. And, to boot, the U.S. team was voted Female Athletes of the Year, the first time a team has won the award.

Story of the Year U.S. women's soccer team makes biggest news in '99

By Barry Wilner
AP Sports Writer

In a year marked by superstar retirements, courageous comebacks, tragedies and triumphs, a team of 20 women in a sport that doesn't get much attention in America stole the spotlight.

For three weeks during the summer, the Women's World Cup was a sporting phenomenon. What was expected to be a nice little soccer tournament turned into The Associated Press Story of the Year, a success beyond even what its participants imagined possible.

And, to boot, the U.S. team was voted Female Athletes of the Year, the first time a team has won the award, which is selected by AP member newspapers and broadcast outlets.

The male athlete of the year winner will be announced Monday.

"This is a great honor for us," said Mia Hamm, soccer's international career scoring leader. "One of the things we were most excited about with the World Cup was the media support that we had."

There were so many positive things about the event, even in lieu of the fact that some people were a little nervous about either covering it or how big it was going to be.

"Everyone kind of really got excited about and appreciated the fact that it was such a wonderful event. Soccer's not covered that much, especially the women's side of the game. But they came out and took the time, and it gave us an opportunity to show them what we're all about. We're just so thankful for that, and we're so honored with this award."

The women's achievement, secured with a shootout victory over China at a sold-out Rose Bowl, was a runaway choice for top story. The tournament drew nearly 650,000 fans and its TV ratings, including nearly 40 million who watched the final, were unprecedented.

Lance Armstrong winning the Tour de France after recovering from cancer was second in the balloting, followed by the death of Payne Stewart in an eerie plane crash, Michael Jordan's retirement and

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DALLAS COWBOYS FOOTBALL

Ain't Dallas' Year



New Orleans running back Ricky Williams (34) is brought down by Dallas' George Teague (31), left, Dexter Coakley (52), bottom, and Peppi Zellner (93) during the first half of their game Friday in New Orleans.

Saints deal Dallas a tough defeat

Staff Report

The Dallas Cowboys fell to the struggling New Orleans Saints, 31-24, Friday at The Superdome.

In the process, the Cowboys might have played their way out of a post-season spot.

Going into the game, the Cowboys controlled their fate as far as the playoffs were concerned.

Instead a 58-yard fumble return for a touchdown by the Saints' Fred Weary moved the Cowboys to 1-7 on

the road this season. It also dealt the Cowboys another loss after leading in the fourth quarter. After 15 games, the Cowboys have held leads in 12 games.

They will go into next Sunday's finale versus the New York Giants with a 7-8 record.

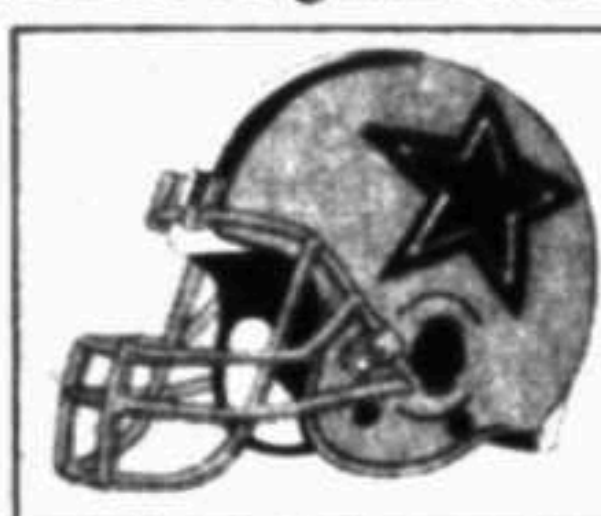
Washington leads the NFC East Division with an 8-6 record. The Giants are 7-7.

The Saints, coached by former Cowboy player and assistant coach Mike Ditka improved to 3-12.

In the game, Emmitt Smith rushed for 110 yards while receiver Jason Tucker had seven catches for 128 yards.

Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman threw for 246 yards and two touchdowns. However, he also threw two interceptions, including one on Dallas' last real scoring opportunity.

The Cowboys had three total turnovers to go with numerous other costly mistakes.



TERRY WILLIAMSON

Here's what Santa Claus left Midland's sports community

Here's some presents from Santa that members of the Midland athletic community found waiting for them under the tree this morning.

For Midland Lee head football coach John Parchman, a brain-inserted computer chip that says over and over, "the Stephenville job IS NOT open"... For Midland High head football coach David Browning, a No. 2 ranking in the state for giving Lee its best game of the year...

For Midland High head basketball coach Jack Stephenson, a new VCR that erases the last five seconds of the game against Duncanville, which of course, means another state championship... For Lee head basketball coach Jon House, switches. He had asked for a full season with football players, but Santa wouldn't have it...

For Lee trainer Hondo Schneider, a championship roping buckle because Santa thought he was going to go broke trying to win one... For MHS trainer Morris Williamson, a dish by the soap tray where he can keep his Mojo class ring... For Lee trainer Bain Ward, first approval for all handicap ramps in the new sports complex... For MHS trainer Vicky Mahl, a new machine that wraps feet with tape automatically...

For Lee defensive coordinator Kelvin Ratliff, more returning starters on defense than on offense... For MHS assistant football



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coach Larry Currie, another win over Mojo... For MHS assistant football coach Blake Feldt, another win in overtime... For Lee assistant football coach Randy Smith, some linemen to go along with Roan Moreno... For MHS track coach Wes Cope, a new track in the new sports complex — Oops, Santa forgot...

For Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones, a permanent March residence in Salina, Kan... For Midland College men's basketball coach Junsie Cotten, a great trip around the block, his first as a head coach... For Midland College men's golf coach Delnor Poss, a NJCAA national tournament in Midland... For Midland College women's golf coach Joe Williams, another career in another sport so he could win national titles in three sports...

For MHS head baseball coach Barry Russell, one pitcher to go with all that offensive firepower... For Lee head baseball coach Jesse Benevidez, a new golf cart to haul his rakes and batting cage equipment... For Lee assistant baseball coach Danny Neighbors, a haircut since Santa thought he was letting his hair grow too long... For MHS assistant baseball coach Danny Jordan, a book on how to teach a pitcher to hit...

For swimming coach Ted Carson, a hat that has logos of both MHS and Lee on it to go with the Maroon-Purple T-shirt he got last year... For MHS assistant basketball coach Craig Raughton, some nice quotes to use for the media when Stephenson isn't in the mood...

For Lee volleyball coach Connie Alexander, a three-peat... For MHS volleyball coach Terry McColloch, a spiking machine... For Lee football/basketball assistant coach Joel Gotcher, more than

one day off between seasons (he coached four basketball games the week after Lee won the state football championship)...

For MHS boys golf coach Jack Ratcliff, motel reservations in Lubbock for April... For Lee boys golf coach Bobby Dunn, Santa is leaving him a Texas League scoring rules book to study while waiting for his golfers to finish rounds. He doesn't know it yet, but he'll be back with the RockHounds as scorer again... For MHS girls golf coach Bernie Hagins, a couple of Shelly Winchell clones... For Lee girls golf coach Phyllis Sutton, more championships...

For Lee girls soccer coach Mike Simpson, a computer to write some more soccer history... For Lee boys soccer coach Shane Barden, one more win to get into the Region I-5A tournament... For MHS boys soccer coach Tony Pierce, a little more luck in very close games... For MHS girls soccer coach Scott Hodgkinson, the title of Dean of all 4-5A soccer coaches...

For MHS tennis coach Tom Heiting, a UIL realignment that moves Abilene High and Abilene Cooper out of District 4-5A... For Lee tennis coach Steve Buck, a spring set with some Region I qualifiers... For MHS girls track coach Susan Nix, a region meet without a major mishap... For MHS softball coach Shawnda Vines, a first trip to the state playoffs... For Lee softball coach Wes Overton, a team that actually has seniors...

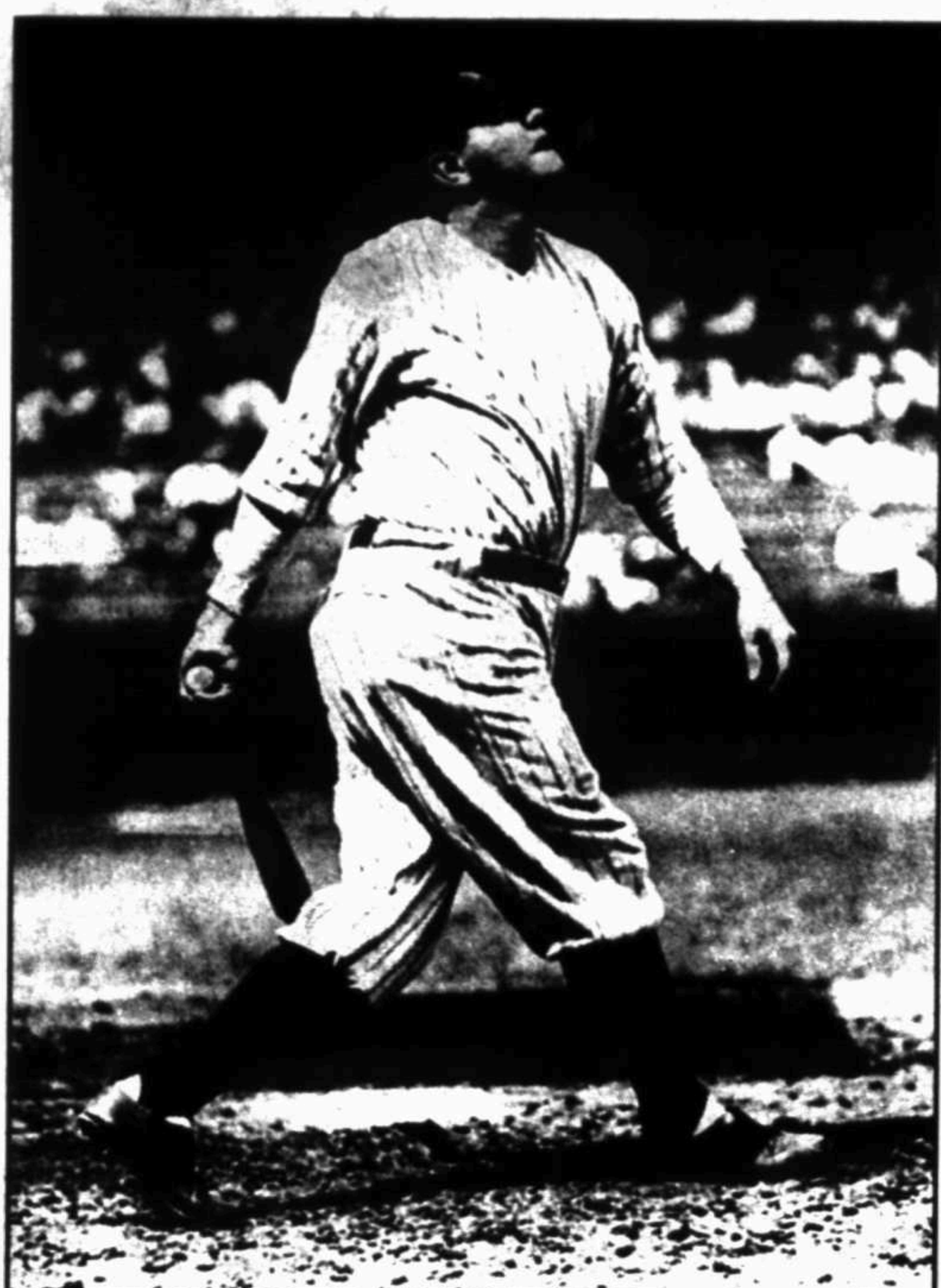
For Lee girls basketball coach Elise Kail, another shot at Odessa High... For MHS girls basketball coach Terry Gray, no troubles for the rest of the season... For Lee football assistant

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Celebrating A Century of Sports

The past 100 years bring fans to the sporting arena



Babe Ruth is shown here lofting another home run into the right field upper deck at Yankee Stadium on the way to his 60-homer year of 1927. From Ruth to Mark McGwire baseball has hit its fair share of home runs in the 1900s.

From Babe to Big Mac, baseball hits it big with America

By Ben Walker
AP Baseball Writer

Those 14,000 fans packed into Robison Field never could have imagined how far baseball would travel in 100 years.

On that opening day of the 1900 season, Cy Young treated an overflow crowd in St. Louis to a shutout, pitching the Cardinals past Honus Wagner and the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-0.

"The game this afternoon will doubtless be one of the best exhibitions of the national sport ever seen in this city," the St. Louis Post-Dispatch predicted that April 19, praising the "local troupe of fly-chasers and curve-killers."

Opening day 2000 will see the national pastime venturing far beyond North America. The New York Mets and Chicago Cubs start next season at the Tokyo Dome — indoors, at night and on artificial turf — as baseball breaks more boundaries.

But Big Mac still trots 90 feet between bases, as did the Babe. The Rocket still throws from 60 feet, 6 inches, as did Rapid Robert. And the plate still has five sides — in fact, it was changed from a square for the 1900 season.

Through the Black Sox scandal, players' strikes and world wars, the game has gone on. Always a part of the country's conscience, like no other sport.

"The one constant through all the years ... has been baseball," the character portrayed by James Earl Jones affirms in the movie "Field of Dreams."

"America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It's been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt, and erased again. But baseball has marked the time. This field, this game, is a part of our past," he tells Kevin Costner's character. "It reminds us of all that once was good, and that could be again."

Sultan of Swat. The Splendid Splinter. Slamin' Sammy. Stan the Man. O' Satchel. The Big Train. Hammerin' Hank. Junior. The Georgia Peach. Dizzy. The Ryan Express. King Carl. Willie. Mickey and the Duke.

More than 15,000 men have played in the majors, and that does not even begin to include the likes of Cool Papa Bell and Josh Gibson, stars of the Negro leagues who were given a chance until Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947.

So, from splitter to splitter, where to start? At Yankee Stadium, probably. Babe Ruth hit the first home run when it opened in 1923, leading the Bronx Bombers to their first World Series championship that season. Later, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, Reggie Jackson and New York took turns winning titles in New York.

Fittingly, the final game in the 1900s was played at the most famous ballpark of all, the House that Ruth Built. With Roger Clemens pitching in pinstripes, the most successful franchise of the century won its record 25th crown by sweeping Atlanta.

The Yankees finished off 1999 with their second straight Series title and third in four years. Joe Torre's team once again ruled, highlighted by David Cone's perfect game last summer and Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez's perfect post-season.

The year also featured more Home Run Derby as Mark McGwire connected 65 times and Sammy Sosa hit 63, a season after they broke records by hitting 70 and 66, respectively. The Orioles played in Havana, Ted

Williams made a triumphant return to Fenway Park and Pedro Martinez dominated. Plus there was the enthralling tale of Jim Morris, the 35-year-old rookie left-hander who made his big league debut for Tampa Bay after being out of baseball for a decade.

Off the field, there was plenty of action, too. In September, a failed negotiating strategy cost 22 umpires their jobs, among them popular Rich Garcia and Frank Pulli.

In October, Pete Rose was voted to the All-Century team. He was given a thunderous ovation at Turner Field, greeted by Jim Gray and later backed by President Clinton. The great debate rages more than ever: Should Charlie Hustle be allowed in the Hall of Fame?

The Shot Heard 'Round the World. The Called Shot. Willie Mays' catch. The Merkle Boner. Don Larsen's perfect game. Bill Buckner's error.

Go ahead, try to pick the most memorable moment. Maybe it was Bobby Thomson's playoff home run that lifted the New York Giants over Brooklyn in 1951. Certainly it resulted in the most replayed call, Russ Hodges screaming over and over, "The Giants win the pennant!"

Ask a kid in a sandlot and the answer might be a bottom-of-the-ninth homer to win Game 7 of the World Series. Bill Mazerowski hit the only one, lifting Pittsburgh over the Yankees at Forbes Field in 1960.

Perhaps it would be the night Harvey Haddix took a perfect game into the 13th inning. Or the time Rick Wise pitched a no-hitter and hit two home runs.

Murderer's Row. Big Red Machine. Gas House Gang. Whiz Kids. Miracle Mets. Hitless Wonders.

There was no winner in 1994. Hard to believe they canceled the World Series that year, huh?

When a players' strike ended the season in mid-August, some fans became so disgusted they never came back. Of course, labor problems and agents and \$100 million contracts are all a part of the game these days.

So is interleague play and the DH. There are signs, however, that the AL and NL — as we know them — may not last long into the new millennium.

367, 2,632, 755, 4,256, 125-50. 70. Big numbers, all of them. Be it Ty Cobb's lifetime average, Cal Ripken's consecutive games, Hank Aaron's home runs or Rose's hit total, they're part of the sport's landscape. The Yankees' dream season of 1998 etched a new set of stats into the record book. McGwire's homer total shattered Roger Maris' 37-year-old record of 61 and captivated a nation.

The Green Monster. Ebbets Field. The Friendly Confines. Polo Grounds. Safeco Field.

Chances are, fans way back could not have imagined a stadium where there would be a swimming pool right behind the outfield fence. Surely some fans at newfangled Bank One Ballpark in Arizona, though, do not know about Crosley Field in Cincinnati, where the left fielder had to run up a hill to catch fly balls.

The monuments were in play at Yankee Stadium and the flagpole sat in center field at Tiger Stadium.

And don't forget about old Ponce de Leon Park in Atlanta, a minor league field that had a magnolia tree in deep center. Only one player ever hit a ball into its dark green, glossy leaves — Hall of Famer Eddie Mathews.

Yet that's the promise every game and every season holds, that it might produce something startling.

Perhaps an unassisted triple play in the World Series, like the one performed by Bill Wambam in 1920. Or an umpire losing count and letting an inning continue after the third out — it happened in San Diego last season. Maybe even the Boston Red Sox winning their first title since 1918.

Now, anyone care to guess how it will all look on opening day 2100?

By Steve Wilstein
AP Sports Writer

Late in the summer of 1927, a few days before the "Fight of the Century" between Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney in Chicago, a 13-year-old boy in New York swiped \$120 his father had stashed in a closet.

The boy cut school, dashed off a note to his parents, whooped as he ran from his house and, according to neighbors, yelled, "DEMPSEY!" Then he hopped a train and ventured 1,000 miles to see what would become known as The Long Count Fight, Tunney coming off the mat to keep his title.

Throughout the century, Americans chased those transcendent moments in sports, fleeing family and school and work because they just had to be there, had to be part of it, the fight, the game, the race, that once-in-a-lifetime experience.

From bicycle races to Super Bowls, the spectacles of this sporting century brought together masses of people like nothing in history. Sports were the opiate and the religion of the times, drawing tens of thousands in city after city, week after week, like a nonstop revival meeting across the nation.

They swarmed feverishly to the muddy infield at the Derby and the vast grandstand at Indy, to Grand Slams and Final Fours, to Olympics and World Series, gambling and drinking and cigar smoke often part of the scene.

On the very first day of the century, a frigid Jan. 1, 1900, 8,000 resolute fans filled a giant ice house called the Coney Island Athletic Club in New York to witness a scheduled 25-round heavyweight bout. Bets reached as high as \$2,000 as the fans packed saloons along the bleak, gray beach before the 5 p.m. start.

Kid McCoy, a.k.a. Norman Selby of Indiana, knocked out Peter Maher of Ireland in the fifth round, and became the first, but certainly not the last, boxer of the century to get cheated by a promoter. The fighters, promised a \$20,000 purse, settled for \$16,000, McCoy taking the lion's share.

Former champ "Gentleman Jim" Corbett pocketed \$1,500 betting on McCoy, a sum he would enlarge when he beat McCoy the following year in a bout Vice President Theodore Roosevelt praised while lamenting the recent deaths of four fighters.

Some fans said McCoy's final blow to Maher was phony, a tap to the chin. Others swore they saw his left hook crush into Maher's jaw and lift him several inches above the floor before he crumpled in a heap.

There hasn't been a sports event without some sort of argument since.

All the great moments — Roger Bannister breaking the 4-minute mile, Don Larsen pitching a perfect World Series game, Muhammad Ali standing over Sonny Liston, Mark McGwire slugging No. 62 — shared the same buzz and burst of euphoria.

You felt it if you were a Giants fan in the Polo Grounds or listening to Russ Hodges on the radio that magical day in '51 when Bobby Thomson hit the "shot heard 'round the world."

You felt it when Secretariat sped away from the field by 31 lengths at the Belmont in '73, when the U.S. hockey team delivered "The Miracle on Ice" in '80, and when Tiger Woods gobbled up Augusta National in '97.

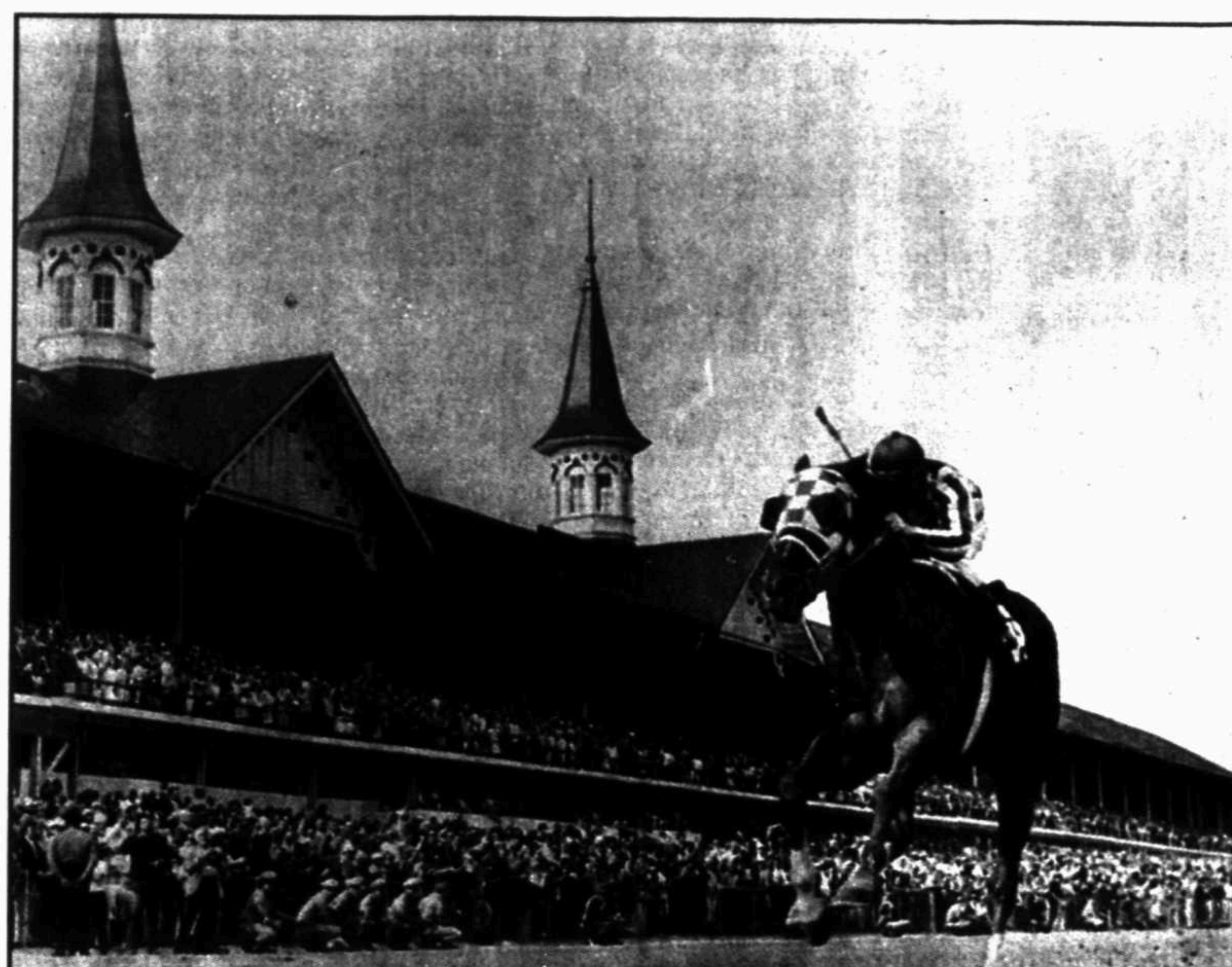
The Golden Age wasn't just the Roaring '20s, it was the age of everyone's childhood, when heroes lived out fans' fantasies. To the kid growing up in the '90s, maybe it was McGwire or Michael Jordan or Mia Hamm. In the '40s, maybe Joe DiMaggio or Jackie Robinson.

They weren't gods, but the impossible never seemed out of their reach. Sammy Baugh could sling a pass a mile, and Willie Mays could run down any fly ball. Bellowing in the full-moon night, Jimmy Connors made you believe he could play forever.

Americans laughed and cried with them, and sometimes shook their heads.

Bill Veeck sent a midget to the plate, and Charlie O. Finley brought in a mule.

Yogi Berra said some of the best lines. On the shadows in left field: "It gets late early out there." On comebacks: "The game's not over till it's over." On a check inscribed "Pay to Bearer": "This ain't the way to spell



Secretariat crosses the finish line alone to win the Kentucky Derby on May 5, 1973. Secretariat was just one of the many sports stories that captured the attention of America in the 1900s.

my name."

Muhammad Ali joked and winked and stirred up the '60s with bold stands on the Vietnam War and black power, all the time dancing like a butterfly and stinging like a bee. "When you're as great as I am," he'd say in mock seriousness, "it's hard to be humble."

He could be sweet and he could be brutal, but he always showed courage, whether facing jail for defying the draft or going toe-to-toe against Joe Frazier in the fights of his life.

Vince Lombardi and Leo Durocher represented the hard edge of sports, the "winning is the only thing" philosophy.

"Show me a good loser in professional sports," Durocher said, "and I'll show you an idiot. Show me a sportsman, and I'll show you a player I'm looking to trade to Oakland."

Dismissing critics, Durocher would say, "Baseball is like church. Many attend. Few understand."

The century saw its share of tragedies: the young deaths of Knute Rockne, Lou Gehrig, Maureen Connolly, Roberto Clemente, Pete Maravich, Reggie Lewis, Payne Stewart, among so many others; the terrorist attack in Munich in '72 and the unsolved bombing at Atlanta in '96.

There were scandals and scoundrels aplenty, from the Chicago "Black Sox" accused of throwing the Series in 1919 to college basketball players shaving points in '51. From Ben Johnson fueling up on steroids in '88 to Tonya Harding's cronies whacking Nancy Kerrigan's knee in '96.

Monica Seles took a knife in her back in '93, and a German judge set her assailant free. Salt Lake City won an Olympics and a reputation for bribery.

Long before O.J. Simpson was charged with killing his ex-wife, there was Marty Bergen, a catcher for the National League's Boston Beaneaters, who went berserk in January 1900, killing his family and committing suicide.

Nothing stopped the sports world from spinning, even when it reeled out of control. Mike Tyson could bite off a chunk of Evander Holyfield's ear and spit it to the canvas, and still people showed up when he was allowed back in the ring. Latrell Sprewell could choke his coach in California, go to New York and become a fan favorite.

But for all the dark or stupid moments, there were so many more of incandescent brilliance, moments that brightened lives and fired imaginations, and in some cases changed the world.

There was Wilt Chamberlain scoring 100, Hank Aaron hammering No. 715, Cal Ripken Jr. playing consecutive game No. 2,131, and McGwire launching his 70th homer in a season — all numbers once thought out of reach.

There was that marvelous summer of '41, when DiMaggio hit in 56 straight and Ted Williams batted .406, and there was still enough innocence and time left to enjoy them before bombs fell on Pearl Harbor.

There were the days in Berlin in 1936 when Jesse Owens infuriated the Fuhrer, shredding the Nazi myth of Aryan supremacy

by winning four Olympic golds. "I shall not shake hands with this Negro," Hitler huffed after Owens won the 100.

Two years later there would be another sports blow against the Nazis when heavyweight champion Joe Louis demolished Hitler's favorite fighter, Max Schmeling, in one round.

But the Nazis didn't vanish and Jim Crow didn't disappear from the landscape. Southern blacks still had to go to separate schools, drink from separate fountains, eat in separate restaurants, and stay at separate hotels.

Owens came home from Germany to a ticker-tape parade but for a long time couldn't get a job higher than playground instructor. He had made a difference, but it would take many more incremental advances to diminish racism and end segregation.

One of those came from Jack Roosevelt Robinson, grandson of a slave and son of a sharecropper, who patiently endured the abuse of bigots as he broke baseball's color barrier with the Brooklyn Dodgers in '47.

It was called "The Great Experiment," and Robinson, a four-sport star at UCLA and an Army officer in World War II, was severely tested while those he left behind in the Negro Leagues prayed for his success.

"We were pulling for him," said Monte Irvin, a star outfielder with the Newark Eagles in 1947. "We all agreed he wasn't the best black ballplayer, but he was intelligent, well-spoken, a good family man. He was the perfect person for (Brooklyn owner) Branch Rickey to pick."

In that enchanted summer, Jackie Robinson made Americans, black and white, feel good about themselves.

Robinson's success led to the signings of Hank Aaron, Ernie Banks, Willie Mays. Suddenly, a whole new generation of black players could dream of major league careers. Robinson went on to become an outspoken civil rights leader, a man Martin Luther King Jr. called "an inspiration."

"When Jack came onto the scene, whites became more alert to the problems, and blacks were energized," Robinson's widow, Rachel, said. "What happened to him in baseball was happening in every occupation. You never know what forces start movements, but I think Jack's experience on the national stage helped spark this one."

For culture-shocking impact, imagine the sight of Althea Gibson strolling onto the grass at whites-only Forest Hills in 1950, the first American black player to appear in the U.S. tennis championships.

A bolt of lightning toppled one of the concrete guardian eagles on the rim of the stadium during her match with reigning Wimbledon champion Louise Brough. "It may have been an omen," Gibson said later, "that times were changing."

Tall, strong and athletic, Gibson created some of that change by winning Wimbledon and the U.S. singles titles in '57 and '58, but the insulated white tennis world was slow in opening the country club gates to other blacks. It would be 10 more years before another black player, Arthur

Ashe, won the U.S. Open, and 41 years before a second black woman, Serena Williams, did it.

Sometimes sports changed the world, sometimes it was the other way around.

When President Nixon signed Title IX, forcing colleges to provide scholarships for women as they did for men, he paved the way for the women's World Cup soccer champs, Olympic hockey gold medalists and the WNBA.

Now Americans live in an era of inclusion, the antithesis of the amateur, white-dominated, male-oriented past. There are Gay Games and X-Games, the Golf Channel and ESPN-2, where just about anything goes.

Advances in technology shaped the sports century from its earliest days. The advent of reinforced concrete allowed the construction of massive stadiums — the first at Harvard in 1903. Radio brought regions together, then the nation and eventually the world, enabling everyone to share emotional and dramatic moments simultaneously in a way that once was unthinkable.

Television, in the second half of the century, didn't merely boost the audience, it virtually took control of sports — for good or ill. On Thanksgiving Day, football has become as traditional as turkey.

TV money sent salaries and prizes into an upward spiral, propelled the growth of leagues and saved the Olympics. Yet, strikes and squabbles inevitably ensued over how to divide the wealth. And the more athletes turned into rich TV celebrities, the more they surrounded themselves with agents and lawyers, distancing themselves from fans and sports writers.

Michael Jordan became a walking, flying conglomerate, the epitome of the postmodern athlete: educated, sophisticated, dapper. Everything that Babe Ruth wasn't.

Ballplayers this century went from squeezing into buses and trains to stretching out in chartered jets. The arrival of planes that could fly cross-country non-stop in the 1950s cut travel time and allowed baseball to expand to Los Angeles and San Francisco.

No sport was left untouched by technology.

Sneakers, helmets and gloves, golf clubs and tennis rackets, bicycles and bobsleds, they all were revolutionized. Training equipment became ever more scientific. New techniques in surgery saved careers, adding years to a torn-elbow Tommy John or a knee-ravaged Martina Navratilova.

But for all the changes — the fancy scoreboards that tell fans when to cheer, the hot new gear that costs a fortune, the minicams, microcams and Mac Cams that show us the fuzz on a ball — the essence of sport is the same as it was 100 years ago.

Fans root for the home team, root for the underdog and, if they're Chicago Cubs fans, that's been one and the same since 1908.

They still want to be there, to feel the buzz in the stadium and wait for genius and luck and the unexpected to strike. They think they know what will happen but never really do.

That's why the games are played.

National Football League

NFL Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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x-Indianapolis 12 0 0 857 386 274

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Central

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Tennessee 11 3 0 786 304 274

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Cleveland 11 3 0 133 189 408

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Atlanta 3 11 0 214 214 317

New Orleans 3 12 0 200 247 389

x-clinched division title

x-clinched playoff spot

Friday's game

New Orleans 31, Dallas 24

Saturday's game

Denver at Detroit, 3:15 p.m.

Sunday's games

Atlanta at Atlanta, noon

Buffalo at New England, noon

Carolina at Pittsburgh, noon

Chicago at St. Louis, noon

Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon

Indianapolis at Cleveland, noon

Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon

Minnesota at New York Giants, noon

Oakland at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.

Kansas City at Tampa Bay, 3:05 p.m.

Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 3:15 p.m.

Washington at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's game

New York Jets at Miami, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 2

Arizona at Green Bay, noon

Baltimore at New England, noon

Cincinnati at Jacksonville, noon

Detroit at Minnesota, noon

Indianapolis at Buffalo, noon

New Orleans at Carolina, noon

Oakland at Kansas City, noon

St. Louis at Philadelphia, noon

Seattle at New York Jets, noon

Tampa Bay at Chicago, noon

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Miami at Washington, 3:15 p.m.

San Diego at Denver, 3:15 p.m.

Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 3:15 p.m.

OPEN: Cleveland

Monday, Jan. 3

San Francisco at Dallas, 8 p.m.

End Regular Season

NFL Injury Report

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League injury report for this week's games as provided by the league:

By The Associated Press

Wednesday, Dec. 22

Mobile Alabama Bowl

Payout: \$750,000

Texas Christian 28, East Carolina 14

Saturday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic

At Montgomery, Ala.

Gray vs. Blue, 11 a.m. (ABC)

Aloha Bowl

At Honolulu

Payout: \$800,000

Arizona State (6-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-5), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Oahu Bowl

At Honolulu

Payout: \$800,000

Arizona State (6-5) vs. Hawaii (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Motor City Bowl

At Pontiac, Mich.

Payout: \$750,000

Marshall (12-0) vs. Brigham Young (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Alamo Bowl

At San Antonio

Payout: \$1.2 million

Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Penn State (9-3), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Music City Bowl

At Nashville, Tenn.

Payout: \$750,000

Kentucky (6-5) vs. Syracuse (6-5), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl

At San Diego

Payout: \$1.8 million

San Diego State (7-4) vs. Hawaii (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 30

Outback Bowl

At Tampa, Fla.

Payout: \$1.9 million

Georgia (7-4) vs. Purdue (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl

At Dallas

Payout: \$2.5 million

Texas (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-4), 10 a.m. (FOX)

Gator Bowl

At Jacksonville, Fla.

Payout: \$1.4 million

Georgia Tech (8-3) vs. Miami (8-4), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)

At Orlando, Fla.

Payout: \$3.8 million

Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan State (9-2), noon (ABC)

Rose Bowl

At Pasadena, Calif.

Payout: \$12 million

Stanford (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-2), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl

At Miami

Payout: \$11.1 million

Michigan (9-2) vs. Alabama (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Jan. 2

Fiesta Bowl

At Tempe, Ariz.

Payout: \$11.1 million

Colorado State (8-3) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl

At Shreveport, La.

Payout: \$1 million

Mississippi (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 1

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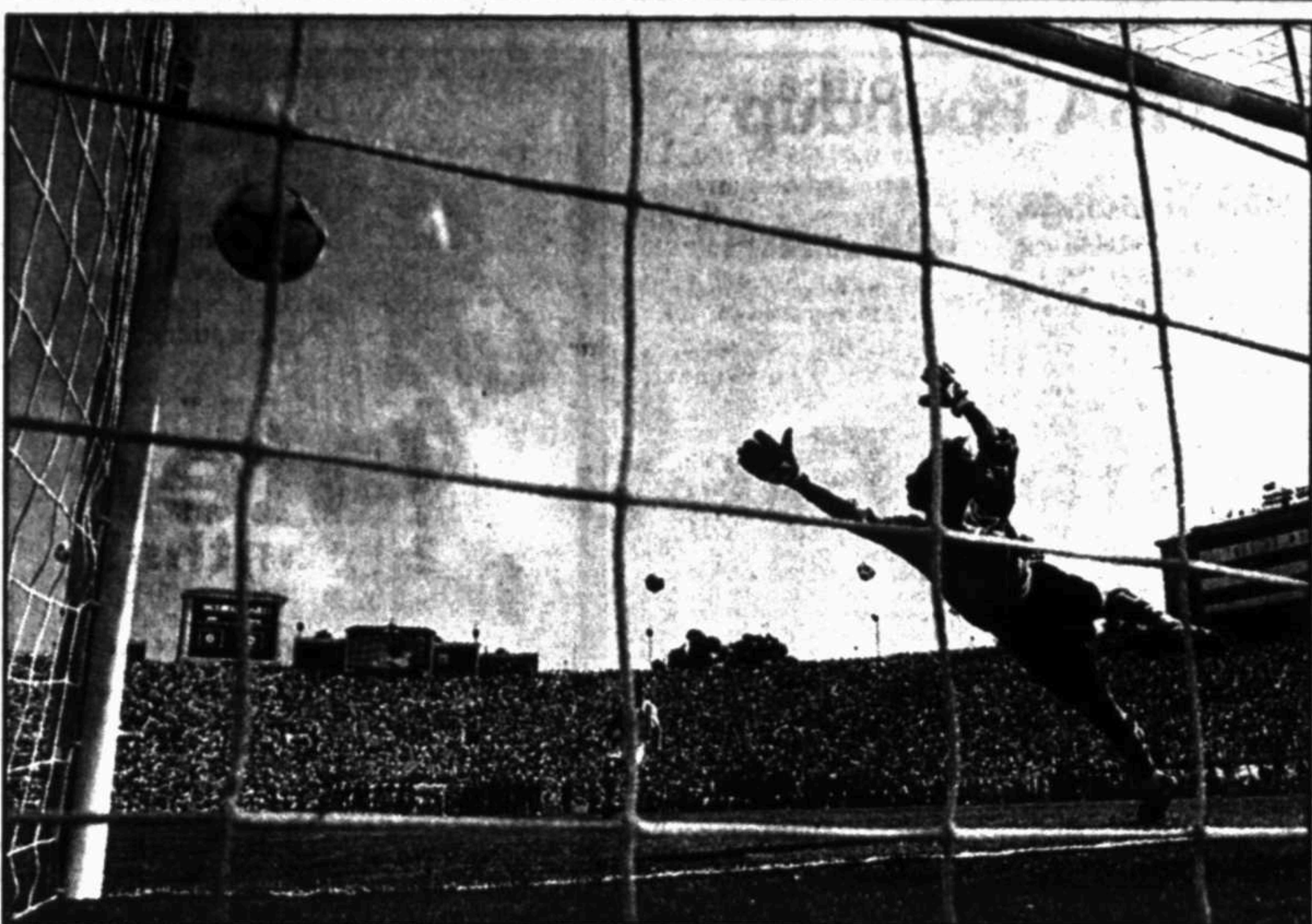
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AP STORY OF THE YEAR



China goalkeeper Hong Gao misses the final and winning United States overtime penalty shootout goal in the Women's World Cup Final at the Rose Bowl on July 10. The U.S. women defeated China 5-4 on penalty kicks after a 0-0 tie during the regulation and overtime periods.

STORY: Women make their mark

(From 1B)

the U.S. Ryder Cup victory. The retirements of Wayne Gretzky, John Elway, Steffi Graf and Barry Sanders also drew votes, as did the deaths of Joe DiMaggio, Walter Payton and Wilt Chamberlain.

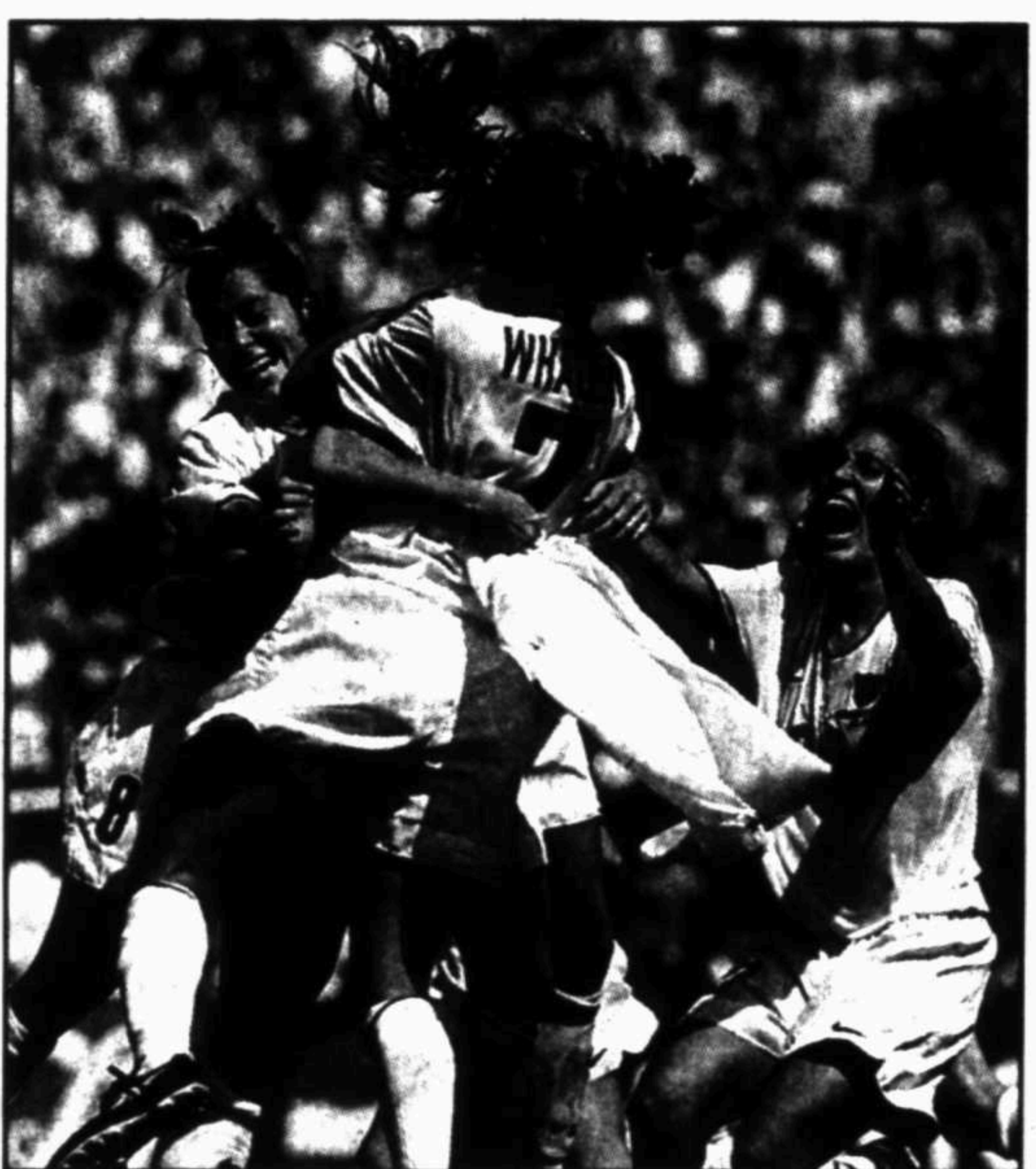
Cynthia Cooper was second in the female athlete voting, followed by just one point by Hamm, who received three times as many first-place votes as any other individual. Serena Williams was fourth and Marion Jones was fifth.

The only other team to win athlete of the year was the 1980 men's Olympic hockey squad. That group of collegians that upset the mighty Soviets served as an inspiration to Americans.

The soccer team's championship wasn't an upset — the Americans won the 1996 Olympic crown in Atlanta with virtually the same roster. But it was just as inspirational, particularly to the thousands of youngsters who came to regard the women as role models, heroes and just plain nice people.

"We know we have a responsibility to all the kids out there to show them what hard work, dedication, communication, tolerance and diversity can give you if you give it a chance and you give yourself a chance," said Brandi Chastain, who scored the Cup-winning goal in the shootout. "So, we're very proud of what we've done."

"We're looking to the future now, to the 2000 Olympics, and with the eventual building of a professional league. That will be the benchmark of this team: Whether or not we can successfully build a professional league where young girls have a chance to pursue their dreams. Not everybody's going to make the national team, but there's going



The United States' Brandi Chastain, center, is greeted by teammates Shannon MacMillan (8), Sara Whalen (7) and Kate Sobrero (20) after kicking the game-winning overtime penalty kick against China in the Women's World Cup Final at the Rose Bowl.

to be some great players out there that want to be professional athletes and don't have a chance. We want to give it to them."

Next up for the women — Hamm, Chastain, Julie Foudy, Briana Scurry, Michelle Akers, Joy Fawcett, Carla Overbeck, Kristine Lilly, Tiffany Milbrett, Kate Sobrero, Cindy Parlow, Shannon MacMillan, Tisha Venturini, Lorrie Fair, Tiffany Roberts, Sara Whalen, Christie Pearce, Danielle Fotopoulos, Saskia Webber, Tracy Ducar — were supposed to be tournaments in Australia and Portugal and a pre-Olympic tour of the United States.

But a dispute over salaries with the U.S. Soccer Federation has sidelined the champions. Instead, a youth team might take their place.

A settlement would allow the World Cup players to compete in Sydney, and NBC has announced it will televise the team's games after ignoring soccer in '96 — further evidence of its impact.

"We can't take credit for building women's sports," Chastain said. "We can only take credit for a very small amount of enthusiasm that now is surrounding women's athletics, and we're happy to do that."

Tony Perez awaits decision from Cooperstown — again

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Their last game as teammates was 13 years ago, and yet Tony Perez still finds himself overshadowed by Pete Rose.

It was that way in Cincinnati, when they were part of the Big Red Machine. It was that way the year they won a pennant together in Philadelphia. And it's that way today whenever talks turn to the Hall of Fame.

Both have impressive career statistics. Both are frustrated that they haven't been inducted. But all the attention swirls around Rose — just like in the old days.

Rose lobbies loudly, spurring debate in the media and around the water cooler. The genial Perez declines to campaign, preferring as always to let his play speak for itself.

"This is the ninth time I've been in the voting, and every year is the same," the 57-year-old Perez says. "I'm not getting too anxious. You get used to waiting after waiting so many years."

Ballots have been mailed to about 500 baseball writers, and election results will be announced Jan. 11. Rose, banned from the game for gambling, is ineligible for the ballot, but Perez ranks among the top candidates after falling 71 votes short last year. He awaits this winter's verdict at his offseason home in Santurce, Puerto Rico.

"I'm close," he says. "I hope this is the year. It would be the greatest thing that happened in my career. I've been through a lot of good things — the playoffs and World Series and All-Star Games. I had a great career, and this would be the top."

Perez, who works in the Florida Marlins' front office, can't explain why he hasn't made it yet to Cooperstown. In 24 seasons he had 1,652 RBIs, more than any eligible player not in the Hall. His manager with the Reds, Sparky Anderson, describes Perez as the best hitter he ever saw when a game was on the line.

"Tony taught us all the meaning of heart," Anderson wrote in his autobiography.

But while Big Red Machine alumni Johnny Bench and Joe Morgan made the Hall in their first year of eligibility, Perez still waits.

"Nobody understands why. Me either," he says. Perez could choose to campaign by creating controversy. After all, he is Cuban, like Tony Oliva and Luis Tiant, two other worthy candidates who have yet to win induction.

QB's beat odds, now meet in Aloha Bowl

THE ALOHA BOWL Saturday. Arizona State will start Griff Goodman and will also use John Leonard against Wake Forest. The Sun Devils are without starter Ryan Kealy, sidelined with an injured right knee.

It's been an improbable road to starter for Goodman, who had to play receiver at Mountain View High School in Mesa, Ariz., because his teammate was former Ohio State quarterback Joe Germaine.

He then went on a Mormon mission for two years, came back and enrolled at Eastern Arizona Junior College, where he

started for two seasons, passing for 502 yards in one game.

But no scholarship offers came his way from big schools.

His former high school coach called Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder, who gave him a shot, but not much of one.

But he got a chance and eventually replaced the injured Kealy against UCLA. He led the Sun Devils on a game-winning 80-yard touchdown drive with no time-outs and 53 seconds to play, averting a 1-3 start and possibly saving the team's season.

Both teams enter the game with 6-5 records.

Sandusky to coach last game at 'Linebacker U'

By David Kinney
Associated Press Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — After Tuesday night's game in the Alamodome, Jerry Sandusky will retire as Penn State's defensive coordinator. He said so back in July, and that made 1999 a lot like a senior year — one 32 years in the making.

So on Senior Day, he found himself alone in the tunnel at Beaver Stadium. One by one, players had sprinted through blue and white and brass rows of cheerleaders and band marchers. Not sure whether to smile, laugh or cry, he dashed out into the pack of seniors.

"I just wanted to go grab 'em and hug 'em — like I was hugging every player I'd ever coached," he said.

And just like that, the moment passed.

A few seconds of admiration hardly seemed enough for the man at Joe Paterno's side for three decades, the coach who turned Penn State into "Linebacker U" and drew up the innovative defenses that helped the Nittany Lions to two national titles. A few cheers didn't seem enough for the smiling, upbeat joker who has turned around the fortunes of an uncountable number of children in trouble.

As far as he was concerned, it was plenty. Hugging No. 45, his son Jon, he yelled, "Get away from me! I can't deal with this!" Then he ran to the sidelines, strapped on a headset and steered himself for Michigan.

If Penn State football is about eschewing superstitions and attention, the 55-year-old Sandusky is the program's finest example. He had no interest in drawing attention to himself on Senior Day.

"You have to do it," an athletic director said. "This isn't for you."

It never has been. Sandusky's legacy at Penn State won't be a bunch of wins, a crop of fine linebackers and a couple of rings, though he has helped produced all of that.

In State College, he's thought of for other things: adopting six children, three of them troubled foster kids; jump-starting a foundation, The Second Mile, that has helped more than 100,000 children at risk; and, every day, helping youngsters who need direction.

A former pastor at his church remembers riding in the bus to the 1995 Rose Bowl, and Sandusky sidled up, fretting — not about the game, but about one of his pro-

ject.

"I have my game face on, I was ready for battle and Jerry wants to talk about this kid," John Schaefer said.

"You talk about the kind of great human beings there are as far as caring for people," defensive line coach Joe Sarra said.

"They don't come much finer than that man."

Sandusky would call it a matter of upbringing. He was an only child, but spent his childhood in an apartment inside a recreation center his parents ran in Washington, Pa. There, a game was always on.

It seemed only natural that he'd become a coach. After three years as a defensive end at Penn State, he became a Paterno assistant in 1969. In 1977, he took over the defense.

Sandusky is known as an intense competitor, a fierce perfectionist, a screamer. Players see another side, a funny, storytelling, playful side. But in the beginning, Paterno only saw a goof. He threw the young coach out of a practice or two for messing around with the players.

If he didn't have Paterno's respect right away, he soon earned it by helping churn out NFL-caliber linebackers, from Jack Ham to Ed O'Neil to Matt Millen to Shane Conlan to Jim Nelson. His defense almost single-handedly won the 1986 national title by forcing two fumbles and intercepting Vinny Testaverde, Miami's Heisman Trophy winner, five times in the 14-10 Fiesta Bowl victory.

Football became his life. His life off the field didn't feel much different.

He and his wife, Dottie, turned their home into something just short of the rec center his parents ran.

Always, children are around — teen-agers he is trying to reach, kids from Second Mile camps, children sent his way by a concerned parent or a friend. At work and at home, he became what he had always hoped: a playground director.

He reaches out to them the only way he knows: He rolls around in the yard with them, challenges them to racquetball. At most

Hawaii. Under Jones, the Rainbow Warriors tied the college record for best single-season turnaround after an 0-12 record in 1998.

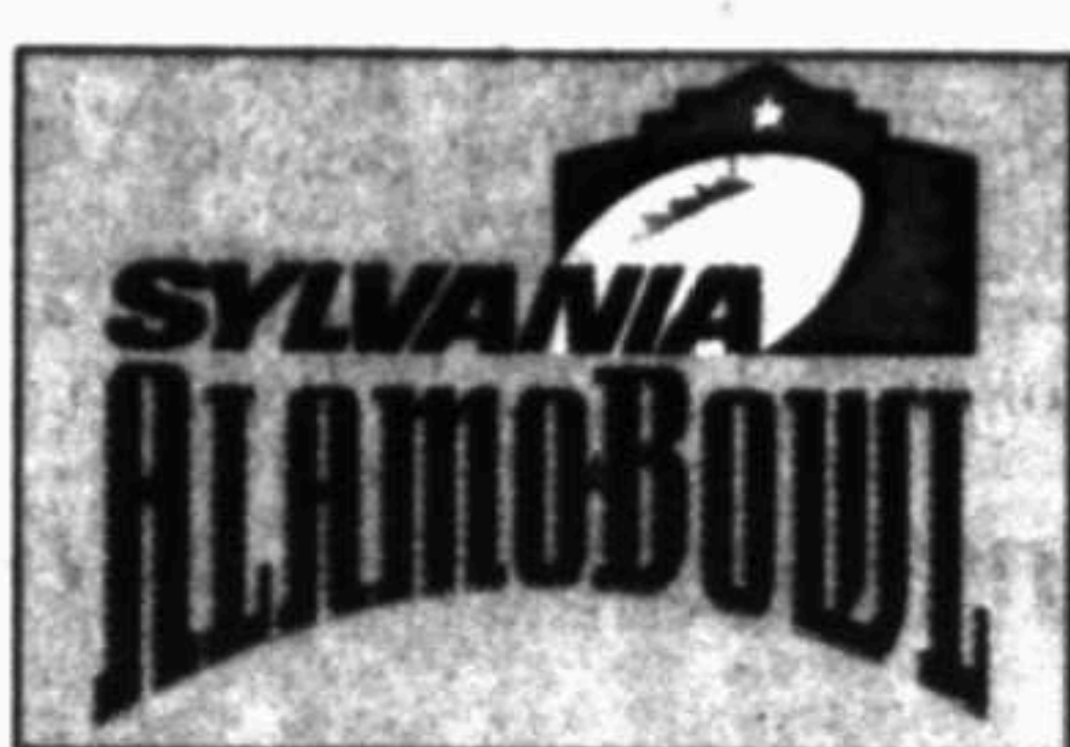
"I remember Steve Bartkowski asking me when I was playing with him on the (Atlanta) Falcons, 'What do you want to do?'" Jones said. "I said I'd like to go back and coach at the University of Hawaii. It was something I was thinking about for 20-something years."

The ties between the schools and the coaches run deep. Jones is an Oregon native who watched Oregon State games as a boy.

"I used to take that drive to Corvallis with my dad and watch games," he said. "I remember the cars backing up on the two-lane highway to get into the stadium all the way from I-5."

Both teams run the spread offense, with Hawaii emphasizing the pass in a four-receiver attack averaging 418 yards and 29 points. Quarterback Dan Robinson passed for 3,853 yards and 28 touchdowns and Dwight Carter had 77 catches for 1,253 yards.

Oregon State uses a more balanced spread attack featuring



outdoor events, water balloons figure prominently. Sandusky out-kicks the kids.

"Gives me a chance to be on the playground," Sandusky admits. "Nothing about me is mundane or routine."

Not even game days. Sandusky always had a few extra tickets, so he'd drive around to pick up kids and cart them to Beaver Stadium. After the game, it was off to the Sandusky house for dinner. Then, he would drive them back home. All this on a game day.

"Jerry has always been about kids," said Glenn Albert, a longtime friend. "They would have a Fourth of July parade through the neighborhood, and it would just be Jerry and the kids marching."

Once he has the kids hooked, Sandusky tries to turn them around: helping them set goals, helping them focus on their homework, boosting their self-esteem.

His record is not bad. The Sanduskys' six children are evidence enough.

Ray, adopted at 14, is now a 36-year-old businessman whose wife is expecting a child. One son is in the Marines, two go to Penn State, one is a football coach at Albright College, another is teaching in State College.

And then, of course, there are the other kids — the big ones in the blue-and-white jerseys.

"If any coach has made me realize that there's more to life than football, it's Jerry," Derek Fox said.

In the crush of the season, few had time to think about what it will be like without him. Then came the football banquet. Teary-eyed, Sandusky spoke about what Penn State meant to him.

"It was so moving that I was speechless," Paterno said. "I just felt proud. Proud of Jerry, proud of the program. It's going to be very different. Jerry was such a strong personality, a perfectionist, an innovator."

He's leaving Penn State, but nobody believes that this retirement gig is for good. Not even Sandusky. After all, one reason he's leaving now is because an attractive retirement plan offered to state employees this summer.

"I'll coach. I'm going to coach at football camps. I have to do that. I might coach midget leagues," he said. He said he might decide he needs to coach Division I again.

"It's his life," Albert said. "And I think he's already missing it."

Coaches return to college; schools reap bowl benefits

By Ben DiPietro
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — June Jones always knew he would end up coaching at Hawaii. He's surprised Dennis Erickson went back to college, too.

The two coaches faced each other last season, Jones as coach of the San Diego Chargers and Erickson as head man for the Seattle Seahawks.

Jones left the Chargers to take his dream job with the Rainbow Warriors, and Erickson wound up at Oregon State after being fired by the Seahawks.

The two face each other Saturday when Hawaii (8-4) plays Oregon State (7-4) in the Aloha Bowl.

Erickson was more of an NFL man, Jones thought, not someone who wanted to return to the college ranks.

"I thought he would get one of the NFL jobs right away. I thought he did a heck of a job at Seattle," Jones said. "I think people are finding out, all of a sudden, that he did a very good job. They now have all the money, they got all the answers and their record is going to end up about the same as when Dennis was there."

For Erickson, who won national titles at Miami in 1989 and 1991, the return to college was unexpected, but has served to revive his enthusiasm for football.

"Dealing with the players is what it's all about," said Erickson, who led Oregon State to its first winning season since 1970, and is making its first bowl appearance since 1965. "That rejuvenates you more than anything."

Jones always felt he was a college football coach at heart, and that he someday would be coach at

Ken Simonton, who rushed for 1,329 yards and 17 touchdowns, and Jonathan Smith, who passed for 2,784 yards and 15 touchdowns. The Beavers average 434 yards and 30 points a game.

"They are both offensive geniuses," said Hawaii defensive coordinator Greg McMackin, who was Erickson's defensive coordinator at Seattle last season.

"As far as the great turnarounds and the great coaching jobs that have been done, it's a reflection of June Jones and Dennis Erickson, what's happened at both universities."

Being mirror images of each other has made it easier to prepare, the coaches said, although some changes have to be made.

"We're going to have to change our audible system" because of McMackin, Erickson said. "He knows our audibles."

Don't look to that 1998 meeting between Jones and Erickson for clues as to how the Beavers and Rainbow Warriors will play.

"We're totally different," Erickson said. "He doesn't have Junior Seau and I don't have Joey Galloway."

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The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria. All boys' and girls' basketball fans are invited to attend...

The Midland High Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of each month through May 4 in Conference Room A at MHS. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Contact Patti Heard at 686-9239 or David Askew at 686-7025 with questions...

The Midland Lee Lady Rebel Softball Booster Club will meet the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Lee cafeteria. Call Bryan Hargrove at 688-1537 for more information...

Golf...

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin is looking for a golf coach to assist in the development of its newest team. Coaching duties will begin in January 2000 and will pay (\$5,100 plus benefits). Any individual interested in applying for the position, or anyone who has questions about playing on the team should contact Steve Aicinema at UTPB...

Baseball...

The University of Texas Winter Camp has scheduled a session in late December. An Advanced Specialty Camp for players 14-18 is scheduled for Dec. 27-29. For more information, call (512) 471-3309...

Soccer...

Registration for a spring youth league is being accepted through the Midland Soccer Association. Players can sign up during office hours at the MSA office, with a fee of \$40. New players must submit a copy of their birth certificate at registration. For more information, call the MSA office at 684-5425...

Midland's Fusion Soccer Club is forming an '88 team for girls under 12 as of Aug. 1, 1999. Tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 2, 9 and 16 from 2-4 p.m. at Windlands Park. A player release form for recreational players may be obtained at MSA offices and must be signed for tryout. For more information, call Andy Rickard at 520-3333...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is \$40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

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Basketball...

The Boys and Girls Club of Midland is offering an After-school Youth Basketball Program for third through sixth grades. Registration runs through Jan. 2. League play will begin the

first week of January. The cost of the program will be \$10 per child and a \$3 membership is required. For more information, call the Huff Park Unit at 683-5297 or the Taylor Park Unit at 683-0500...

A 3-on-3 tournament for men 35 and over is scheduled for Jan. 5 from 6-9 p.m. in San Angelo. Entry fee is \$30 per team for a four-man team. For more information, call (915) 223-1309...

Tennis

A Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament is Jan. 15-16 at the Midland College Tennis Center. The deadline for signups is Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. at the Armstrong Racquet Club, Midland College Tennis Center. Fees are \$7 per person and \$14 per team. Call 687-4046 for more information. The Permian Basin Tennis

Association is holding a USTA certification school Jan. 14-15 at room 212 of the Odessa College Sports Complex. The sessions run from 6-9 p.m. the first day and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. the second day. For more information, call Brookie Green at 694-2847 or Charles Arnold at 697-4827...

The Midland Women's Tennis Association is beginning its spring league Feb. 1. Play will take

place on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Green Tree Country Club and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. A \$15 fee should be sent to Jennifer Wilson at 3609 Springmont Drive, Midland, 79705. For further information, call Teresa Kriska at 687-5433. The organization is also conducting and Ice Freeze Tournament at Midland College on Jan. 25 (moved to Jan. 27 if weather

interferes) from 9 a.m. to noon...

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder,

Sonora and Wall. For more information, call Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508...

The Midland Softball Association will host a general meeting at 8 p.m. on Jan. 18 in the Umpires Building at the Bill Williams Softball Complex. The meeting is to exchange ideas for the adult slowpitch organization and is not an organizational sign-up meeting...

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Players make best of Blue-Gray Game

By Jenna Halvatgis Fryer
AP Sports Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Kurt Murphy spent the last two years at the Sugar Bowl. The year before that, he was at the Rose Bowl.

So excuse the Ohio State center if he didn't expect to spend the holidays in Alabama.

The same goes for Brad Williams of Notre Dame and Ryan Roques of UCLA. When you go to schools like those, the annual Blue-Gray All-Star game isn't really in the plans.

But that's where all three will be playing Saturday, courtesy of disappointing senior seasons at their schools.

"Not being in a bowl game, the kind of bowl game Ohio State is used to being in, that's tough," Murphy said. "Tough to accept, that's how it ended after some great years there."

A 6-6 record kept Ohio State out of a bowl game for the first time in 11 years. That left Murphy and Buckeyes defensive lineman James Cotton looking for something to do over Christmas for the first time in five years.

Both jumped at invitations to play for the Blue, and the chance to compete for an entire week in front of NFL scouts and representatives from the Canadian

and Arena Football leagues.

"You can look at it like high school," said Murphy, also honored as the Blue team's top student. "After your senior year, you play in some all-star games and you know you are moving on to the next level. I'm trying to treat it like that."

Williams, a defensive lineman from Notre Dame, had a harder time accepting his fate. A year ago, he was at the Gator Bowl, but a 5-7 season — Notre Dame's first losing one since 1986 — prevented a return trip.

"It's real disappointing because right now I'd be work-

ing out and eating with my team," Williams said. "At the beginning of the season, I didn't plan on this. At Notre Dame, they demand high expectations, so this wasn't one of them."

Williams is still here with some of his teammates — center John Merandi, lineman Lamont Bryant and defensive back Deke Cooper also were invited to play Saturday — but it's not the same thing.

The same goes for Roques, who last year played with UCLA in the Rose Bowl. But the Bruins, who won the Pac-10 title a year ago, finished the 4-7 this season.

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Lyght enjoys Pro Bowl honor

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Nine years after he was a first-round draft pick, cornerback Todd Lyght of the St. Louis Rams finally gets a free trip to Hawaii for the Feb. 6 Pro Bowl. It could be considered the NFL equivalent of an Academy Award lifetime achievement Oscar.

Lyght's name was the last of the six starters to be announced by coach Dick Vermeil on Wednesday, and it got the biggest cheer from the squad.

"This is just a tribute to Todd

because I know he's one of the best cornerbacks in the league," free safety Keith Lyle said.

Still, Lyght knew better than to get his hopes up when he reported for work the day the Pro Bowl rosters were announced.

The problem in past years had a lot to do with losing. The Rams entered the season as the worst team of the decade in terms of record, and their surprising 12-2 record and top seed in the NFC is also their first winning record in 10 years.

RECRUIT: TE narrows list of schools down

(From 1B)

ing said. "He (Gardner) is one of 45 tight ends around nationally."

Browning, who was an offensive line coach at Texas A&M-Kingsville, Appalachian State and Oklahoma State, says Gardner fits the mold of what colleges are looking for.

"As a tight end, he has good hands and good speed. He runs a 4.6 (forty-yard dash)," Browning said. "He is a tremendous student, a member of the national honor society, he has athletic ability and tremendous character."

His athleticism is remarkable for a person his size. Gardner plays basketball and is also a member of the track and field team, where he should be one of the top contenders for the Region I-5A title in the high jump.

"I don't know if it (his versatility) has helped me recruiting wise," Gardner said. "If you are working on one sport, you can concentrate on that and then get into the weight room a lot."

"A lot of schools are looking for athletes. They understand I don't get into the weight room all the time, but that I am playing basketball and track."

Colleges also understand that he has a great frame which he can add on to. Gardner stands somewhere in the neighborhood of 6-foot-6 and 220 pounds.

Gardner still has a decision to make, and he will admit it is a big one. He appreciates the opportunities that the recruiting process has given him, but also can look over at Bulldog Justin Smith and know he's sitting pretty. Smith has already committed to punt for the University of Texas.

"I wish it was out of the way and I would have liked some big school to offer me something that early," Gardner said. "Justin worked hard and accomplished a lot."

So has Gardner, just look at a Morning News recruiting list to see how much.

WILLIAMSON: Santa makes Tall City rounds

(From 1B)

coach Mike Meeks, the book, "How to Surf the Internet"... For Lee JV football coach Scott Hicks, more consecutive victories than John Parchman...

For Lee football assistant coach J.C. Gotcher, "Coach of the Millennium" honors... For MHS football assistant coach Kirk Thurman, a "Drill Sergeant's Manuel"... For Lee football assistant coach Randy Josey, better neighbors... For Lee football assistant coach Ronnie Reeger, another year of high school eligibility for quarterback Jon Rogers...

For the Odessa Jackalopes' new coach Don McKee, a paper shredder for those job applications to Waco and Abilene... To RockHounds star Adam Piatt, lifetime citizenship papers for Midland... To RockHounds' general manager Monty Hoppel, nothing — seems Santa came early for him...

For Chaparral Center manager Mike Stevens, another Region I boys basketball tournament with a local team in it... For Freddie Ezell, nothing — it seems that he is the giver to this community... For Mayor Bobby Burns, a heartfelt thanks for making the sports complex work. (Actually, many, too numerous to mention, got this gift this morning and this city owes them more than Santa could ever give)...

For all those who were not mentioned since space grew short, more ups than downs.

And, as always, to all, an Xmas with Christ in it.

Terry Williamson is sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram

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By Johnnye

If it can be surely, there can be linked with them. They arrive immediately, endurance, our works.

In the interview Tim Fisch asking preschool of the answers and wonder.

Even the few more adults show. All of the child hope of the world a sky full of stars is there?



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The Christmas story ... according to kids

By Johnnye Montgomery

If it can be said that there are no atheists in foxholes, then surely, surely, there can be no atheists among those whose lives are closely linked with children.

They arrive in our midst cloaked in transparency and light, and immediately begin to change us — testing our strength, our endurance, our wisdom and indeed, our very view of how the world works.

In the interval between Thanksgiving and mid-Advent, photographer Tim Fischer and I visited preschools and churches at random, asking preschool students and kindergartners about Christmas. Some of the answers had us shaking with laughter. Some filled us with awe and wonder.

Even the few children who had no answers showed a wisdom that more adults should show — by admitting they had no answers.

All of the children's responses say more about God's love and the hope of the world than I could ever think to write. Their words, and a sky full of stars, are what I wish for you for Christmas. What more is there?



Wesley Jones, right, and Derick Parsley

The birth:

"At Christmas time, first there was Baby Jesus, then a shepherd boy, then some wise men. And that's about all I know of this story."

— Wesley Jones, Grace Lutheran Church

"Baby Jesus was a baby at Christmas and he started growing up. I forgot the rest. But I'll think about it and you can get back to me."

— Derick Parsley, Grace Lutheran



"Mary hugged Jesus to keep him warm, and his father's name was Moses."

— Emma Thompson, Midland Christian School



Dana Smyers



Rebekah Cook



Kyle Atchison

"Mary had a baby and she went to Bethlehem with her husband."

— Dana Smyers, Midland Baptist Temple

"God was with Mary when Jesus was born in the manger."

— Rebekah Cook, Midland Baptist Temple

"Jesus was born in a manger. Jesus got presents. He got us."

— Kyle Atchison, First Presbyterian Church



Samantha Burke



Kadee Vines



Jared Nelson

"Baby Jesus was born in a barn, in some hay, and Moses was there, too."

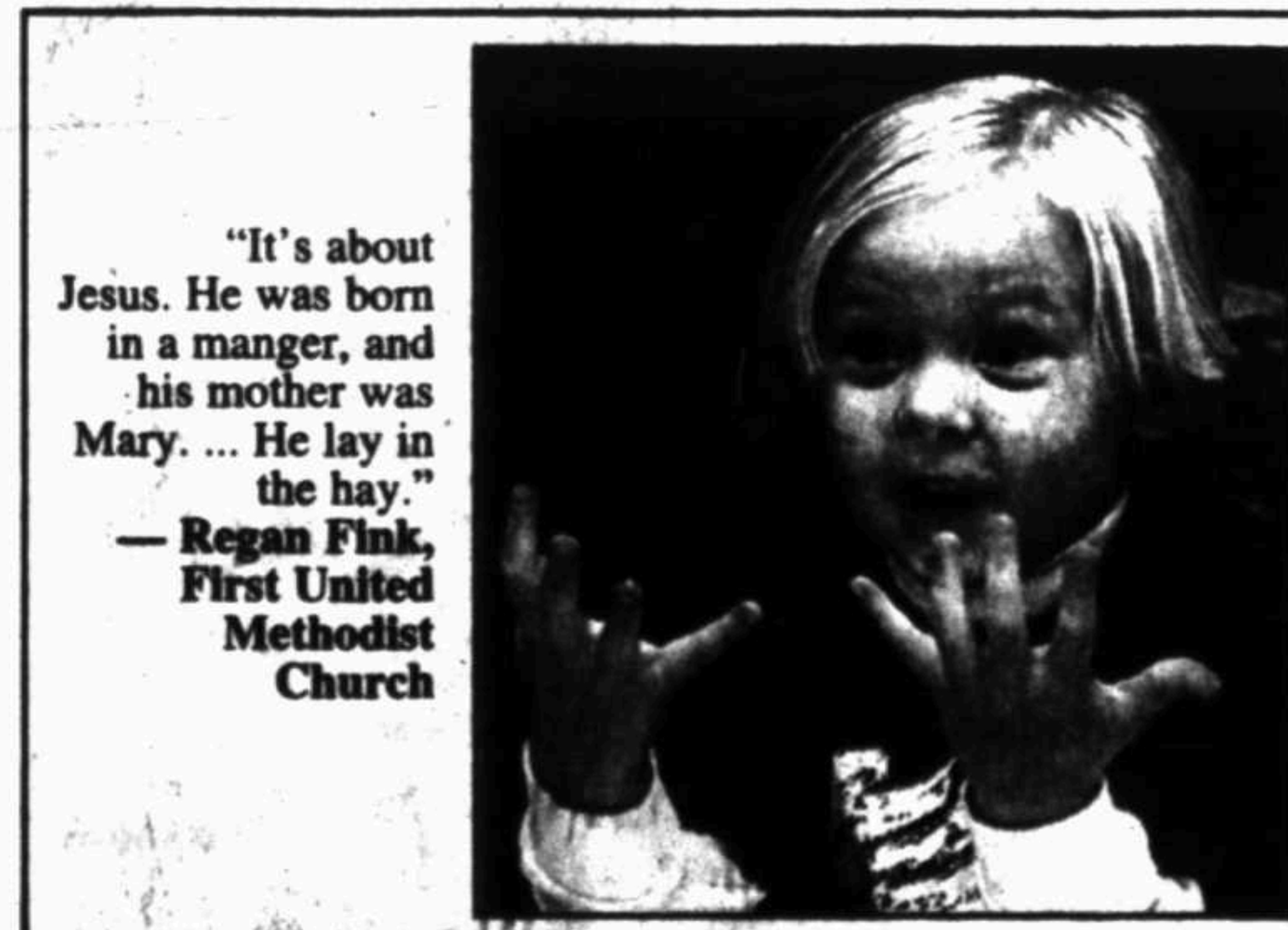
— Samantha Burke, Midland Christian School

"He was born in hay, with Joseph and Mary."

— Kadee Vines, Midland Christian School

"The king wanted all their money. He was mad because baby Jesus was born."

— Jared Nelson, Midland Baptist Temple



"It's about Jesus. He was born in a manger, and his mother was Mary. ... He lay in the hay."

— Regan Fink, First United Methodist Church



Kyla Veretto



Kirby Collier



Jordyn Willis

At the stable:

"The shepherds and the kings came to see Jesus."

— Kyla Veretto, First Baptist Church

"The wise men gave Baby Jesus some gold and murf and some presents."

— Kirby Collier, First Presbyterian

"The stars shined in the morning and in the night."

— Jordyn Willis, First Baptist



"The shepherds knew how to find Jesus in the stable because they saw the tracks and they followed them."

— John David Wilbanks, First Presbyterian

"He was left in the stable by Mary, and there was a man named Joseph with an angel coming out of his back."

— Timothy Lewis, Midland Christian School



"There were sheeps and dogs and cattle and some stars were in the sky."

— Caleb Keys, Grace Lutheran



Caleb Keys, left, and Tiffany Watts



Jennifer Ryan



Alexa Griggs



Cord Mizzles

Of Mary and Joseph

"Mary and Joseph got some baby food for the baby Jesus."

— Tiffany Watts, Grace Lutheran

"Jesus' mother was God."

— Jennifer Ryan, Midland Christian School

"Moses was his daddy, and he rode in a sleigh."

— Alexa Griggs, First Baptist



Katharine Hubbard



Nikko Velarde



Cole McAninch

"I have a movie of Jesus, and his mother, Mary, and his daddy, Joseph, rode a horse to Bethlehem, to the stable."

— Cord Mizzles, Midland Christian School

"We have Christmas because that's Jesus' birthday, and Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem."

— Katharine Hubbard, First Presbyterian

Of God and angels

"Mary was scared of the angel, and the angel said 'Don't be afraid. I have good news for you.'"

— Nikko Velarde, Midland Baptist Temple

"He sent a death angel and all the babies got killed."

— Cole McAninch, First Baptist



Justin Harrison



JonRoss Roark



Junior Diaz

"God made a big sleigh. I know how to study my Bible."

— Justin Harrison, First Baptist

"He pretended he was dead, and they buried him, and he became an angel."

— JonRoss Roark, First Presbyterian

"I'm a wise man (in Nativity play). I gave the baby Jesus some murf and that's the present."

— Junior Diaz, First United Methodist

"I don't know too much about the story, but I'm a cow (in the Nativity play)."

— Gloria Patrick, First United Methodist



"I made my little peanut baby Jesus out of a peanut and a little piece of quilt and a paper towel."

— Sam Fields, Grace Lutheran

TOP: First Baptist Church presents a living Nativity each year during the time leading up to Christmas.

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'God will be in Times Square, too'

Church members will gather to usher in millennium

By Julia Lieblich
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK — Sukhwinder Sandhu plans to welcome the New Year in a quiet place surrounded by flowers and glittering lights: his Sikh temple in New York City.

He has no doubt that God will be at all millennium observances, no matter how loud. "God is everywhere," he says, smiling broadly beneath his turban. "God will be in Times Square, too."

Still, while shouts of the crowds will mark the New Year for millions, legions of men and women throughout the country plan to herald the millennium in private prayer and communal worship.

Protestants will hold prayer vigils and Catholics will light candles, though the turn of a year is not normally a time of religious observances. Even those whose traditions do not recognize the Gregorian year 2000 are taking notice.

Buddhists will chant for peace. Pagans will celebrate beginnings and ends. And while the Christian milestone holds no religious significance for Jews and Muslims, some say that ushering in a new century carries its own spiritual weight.

"There's a large group of people in America who are making sure spirituality is somehow a part of New Year's Eve," says the Rev. Cecil Williams of Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco.

When church members expressed a need for something spiritual at New Year's, Williams helped plan an interfaith celebration of music, dance, poetry and prayer to be held in Union Square.

"More people ... want something that

gives meaning to their lives," Williams says. "Not just a rowdy yelling, screaming ... drunken experience. What they want is an experience of the spirit."

Sixteen-year-old Anna Whitlow agrees. She'll be spending the week at Winterlight, a Christian youth retreat in Hendersonville, N.C.

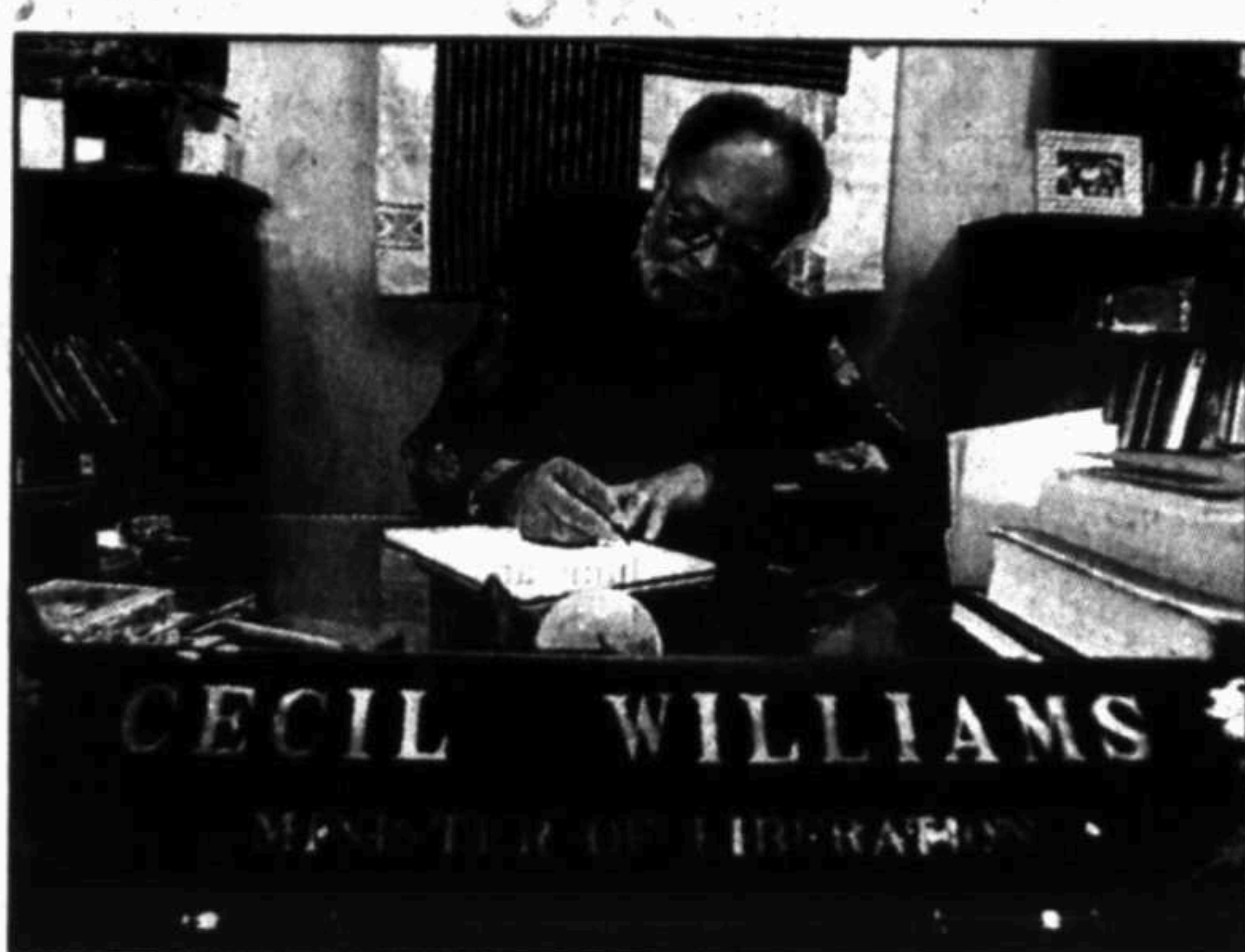
"It's cool making a start of the century knowing that you're going to be real close to God," says Ms. Whitlow, who will travel from her home in Baton Rouge, La. "I can feel free to be myself and pray and talk about God."

She's not alone. In Washington, D.C., a coalition of religious groups will hold events, including a New Year's Eve service at the Washington National Cathedral with Archbishop Desmond Tutu. It's part of the "72 Hours Project" in which religious groups around the world will hold services to promote peace. The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York will open its doors all night for millennial worship, hosting a concert with Paul Winter.

More than 100 people — three times the usual number — will join the Franciscan Friars and the Sisters of the Atonement for their annual New Year's retreat. They will stand on the top of the Mount of the Atonement in Garrison, N.Y., where they'll wait in silence for the millennium, and then descend carrying torches.

At San Francisco's Grace Cathedral Episcopal Church, New Year's Eve coordinator Tom Keelan has set up a medieval labyrinth walk to be held inside and outside the church.

"It's a calming meditative way for



The Rev. Cecil Williams jots down thoughts for a sermon he will deliver New Year's Eve at an interfaith celebration at Union Square in San Francisco.

AP Photo

people to bring in the millennium," says Keelan, who expects 3,000 people to walk the winding route. "A lot of people want to begin walking in 1999 and end in the year 2000."

Meanwhile, in the northeast Michigan community of Alpena, St. Anne Catholic Church hopes to draw 100 people for a song-filled Mass followed by a "time of adoration" as the millennium nears.

"Two thousand years of Christianity," says the Rev. Joe Blasko. "Of anyplace you want to be, it's in a church worshipping."

Several Buddhist groups will hold retreats that address suffering and compassion. As midnight approaches, the Vajralama Buddhist Center in Seattle will offer a guided meditation "on the mind of enlightenment."

No place to go on Dec. 31?

On the Web, author James Redfield will lead what he describes as a global wave of prayer.

Another spiritual party is being thrown by the Taos, N.M.-based All One Tribe Foundation. Participants worldwide will drum together in unison for the final hours of 1999.

Mormons are not planning church celebrations. And Muslims will not be marking the beginning of the Christian calendar during their own holy month of Ramadan, though they may take part in secular celebrations.

New Year's Eve this year corresponds with the Jewish Sabbath, and some groups want to discourage celebrations. In New York, a student planned a large Sabbath dinner at a kosher restaurant for New Year's Eve. But the Orthodox Union, which certifies that restau-

rants meet kosher dietary laws, forbade the restaurant from holding the event on the grounds that it could turn into a celebration of a Christian holiday.

Still, numerous Jewish congregations are marking the moment. The National Jewish Center for Learning and Leadership is calling on Jews to make New Year's Eve "a night when we, as Jews, reflect on what we have contributed to the world, and what we might do to improve it."

The National Jewish Outreach Program has launched the Shabbat 2000 campaign to encourage Jews to mark the millennium by observing the Sabbath by saying prayers and refraining from work. The group is distributing candles, sparking grape juice and instructions on how to use them — a Shabbat "starter kit."

"I want to get these boxes in the hands of every Jew," says Rabbi Ephraim Z. Buchward, director.

The Religious Society of Friends, known as Quakers, has historically rejected holiday parties. Still, some Quakers plan to gather at their New York meeting house before midnight. People from the meeting's homeless shelter will be invited to join them as they sit in silence waiting for the still voice they call the Inner Light.

"We'll all sort of take care of each other," says John Maynard, who likes the idea of celebrating community at the start of a new century.

But celebration has its limits. "I'll be in bed by 12:30," he says. "That's two and a half hours after Quaker midnight."

More college students seem to be exploring spirituality and faith

By Maureen Jenkins
N.Y. Times News Service

It's 7 p.m. Sunday during finals week at Arizona State University, and there's standing room only at the All Saints

Catholic Newman Center Mass. Most weekends, about 1,300 students pile in to the non-traditional sanctuary for the center's five Masses. During finals, the Rev. Nathan Castle says, the number swells about 20 percent.

Do they come to pray for good grades? Some probably do, Castle jokes. But for those who regularly attend, the Newman Center Mass offers a connection that goes beyond the liturgy and familiar hymns.

On the eve of the 21st century, at ASU and secular schools across the Phoenix area, students are exploring things spiritual — whether through organized religion or less defined means.

Picking up on that interest, schools are offering new courses, and students are taking part in campus groups that let them delve into spirituality and faith on their own terms.

In short, Castle says, they're looking for "a place to ask the questions."

Rachel Morgan, 25, comes to the Newman Center weekly, hop-

ing a word from Father Nathan's homily — or the flute and guitar band up front — will send her back to her books spiritually refreshed.

"It does feel more comfortable knowing everybody here is your age," said Morgan, a doctoral chemistry student from Missouri.

— Bruce A. Loefer

VINCENT KITUKU

Christmas spirit is brewed in African pot

How Christmas was celebrated in my village and how it is done in America differs profoundly. We didn't have gifts



Kituku

spirit in Africa is of a song. "Kilisito nusiaye, ukai tutanee, Kilisito nusiaye, ukai tutanee" meaning "Christ is born, come we rejoice. Christ is born, come we rejoice."

This was sung by The Salvation Army (Salvation Army in Kenya is not a thrifty store, but a Christian church, that march-

es through shopping centers singing and preaching before heading to their sanctuary).

Their singing marked the beginning of a special day, a day when the rich and the poor ate alike. In almost every home, there was one meal, Chapati. The day before Christmas was when we slaughtered Christmas goats, but on Christmas day, we roasted, or cooked goat meat stew before neighbors and relatives from afar arrived. My father used to invite all.

From morning, chapati's aroma filled the air. There was no *isyo* (corn and beans), *ngima* (commel), sweet potatoes, arrowroots and millet or sorghum meals. Everything seemed to look or sound new, but brewed in African pot. Men, who had little or no exposure to the English language, after sipping few glasses of bear spoke English — to the best of their abilities. You could hear a man say, "You me

blood," meaning you are of my blood, i.e., a relative or "You play don't no more me with," meaning, you, don't play with me anymore." My favorite was when someone, pointing at chapati said, "Son, chapati eat?" meaning "son, have you ate a chapati?"

The response to this sometimes was funny, too. "Me eat chapati, thank you sir," meaning I have eaten chapati, thank you sir. The structure of the language didn't matter — it was Christmas.

This was the only day cows, goats, sheep and donkeys were tethered because their keepers were where the action was. The emptiness at the water springs attested to the importance of this day.

Christmas was the day almost every one went to church. I would never think of missing church on Christmas Day. The preacher, Bishop Albanus Kioko, always came to cele-

brate this occasion in my community. He used to tell stories that vividly presented spiritual issues in a unique inclusive manner. He also conducted Mass absolution, only on Christmas for time pressed country and town dwellers. After a short sermon, two hours long, the bishop said the best words, "Inukai misa niyathe-laaa," meaning go home the Mass is over. We responded, "Utwike oouuuu," meaning, "let it be thus."

Then we went on celebrating Christmas without worrying about the gifts to be returned or thinking about whom to remove from your list because they didn't send you a gift.

It was Christmas spirit brewed in African pot.

Vincent Kituku is an author and motivational speaker. He can be reached at vmk-musoo@aol.com.

Holiday humor

You know what would have happened if it had been three wise women, instead of three wise men? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole and brought disposable diapers as gifts.

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Sunday

✓ Chapel service

First United Methodist Church is planning a service 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the chapel. It will be followed by a brunch at 9:20 a.m. in the fellowship hall. There will be caroling and the telling of "Joseph's Story." The 10:35 a.m. service in the sanctuary will include blessing of the toys.

✓ Guest speaker

Chala Salcedo is to be the guest speaker Sunday at the 11 a.m. celebration service at **Discovery of Life Religious Science** church. A Reike master and crystal mystic, Ms. Salcedo, is the mother of church member Andy Salcedo. Bob Preston is to lead a Science of Mind discussion at 9:30 a.m.

Friday

✓ Meditation service

Discovery of Life Religious Science church is planning a

prayer and meditation service 10:45 p.m. to 11:15 p.m. Friday in conjunction with the Institute for World Peace. A goal is to have 1 million people participate simultaneously.

✓ Millennium party

Millennium Bash — 25 hours of praise and prayer to mark the 2,000 years since Christ's birth — is scheduled for 11 p.m. Friday through midnight Jan. 1 at Twin Cities Speedway. Food and drink will be served. The public is invited to attend and participate. For more information call Cristo Live magazine at 580-4896.

Future

✓ Workshop orientation

A Weigh Down Workshop orientation is planned for 7 p.m. Jan. 3 at **Golf Course Road Church of Christ**, room 16. The workshop, a 12-week biblically based weight-loss course, is to begin Jan. 17. The classes are scheduled for Mondays from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. in room 16. The class is open to the public. For more information call Debbie Cook at 550-2103.

✓ New Horizons

New Horizons, a relationship/divorce recovery class is to begin Jan. 19 at **Crestview Baptist Church's** Trinity Center. The class is scheduled for eight Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The fee is \$7 for the textbook. For more information call Greg Hicks at 620-9955 or Don Nor-

ris at 694-7701.

✓ College ministry

AUSTIN — Passion Texas, an event of praise, worship and music, is planned for 7:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Frank Erwin Center at the University of Texas. The guest speaker is to be Louie Giglio, director of Choice Ministries and who works with college students. Musical performers are Passion Worship Band and Watermark. Tickets are \$12 and are available at all Ticket Master and UTTM TicketCenter outlets or by calling UTTM TicketCenter at 512-477-6060 or Ticket Master, 210-477-9600

✓ Student conference

LUBBOCK — Hot Hearts Student Conference is set for 7-10 p.m. Jan. 14 and 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 15 at Lubbock Coliseum. It will feature Christian music and testimonies. Tickets are \$15 a person. For more information call Mike Martindale at 806-799-5264 or visit the Web site www.hh-lubbock.org.

✓ Sexuality course

CLER Ministries, a non-profit sexuality ministry, is to present its 14th annual course for high school students. The 12-session course begins Jan. 9 and concludes March 26. The two-hour classes will meet in local churches. There will be two classes 3 p.m. Sundays and one class 6 p.m. Sundays. Cost is \$75 a student. A parent orientation is planned for 7 p.m. Jan. 5 at **First Presbyterian**

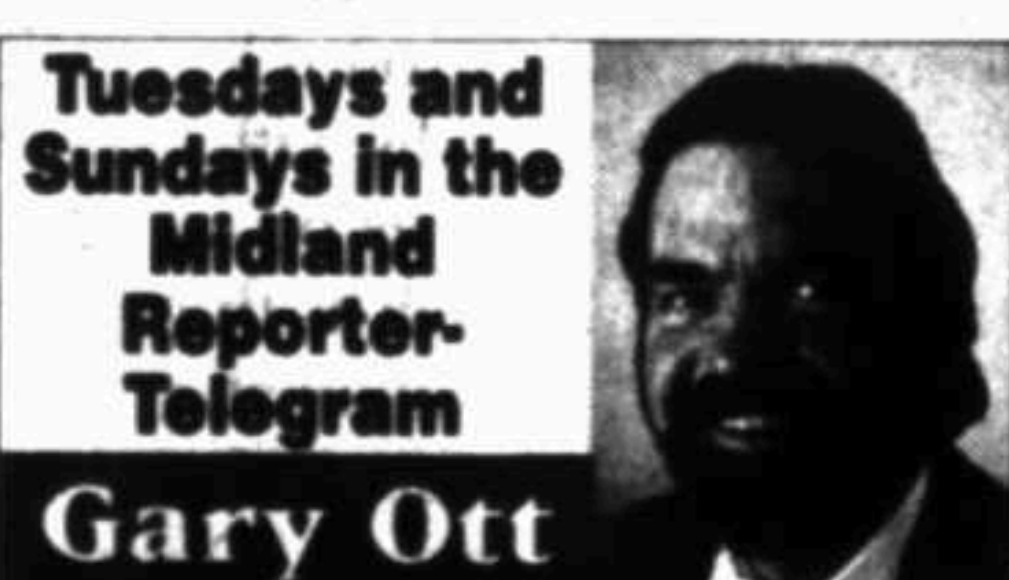
Church. For scholarship information or to register call Stacy Schroeder at 684-8600.

Feedback

Information for the Religion in Brief column and story suggestions may be submitted by mail, Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79701, attention: Mary Dearen; by fax, 570-7650; or e-mail, purple@basinlink.com.

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— Knolly Williams, owner of Grapetree Records

Sample lyrics of Christian rap

"Shoobie Dooie, the head cracker / the beat smacker, I battle Satan, the soul jacker / bring your style, bring your style, steel / I grab the mic and snap yo bones like Evel Knievel / brace yourself or you might get stuck / from the head toucher, the stage rusher, lyric buster / I'm saved, son, I got the power to preach / I bring the supernatural lyrics, smackin' hits to your dome piece."

— E-Roc, "Step 2 This," The Return, 1998

"I put my faith in the Lord, and not no papers to make it / When dark get brought to the light, we gonna see who fakins' / Makin' ends meet I feel ya, but your huste it's wrong / It's different ways to get paid, partner, without selling stones."

— Antonious, "In God We Trust," Principalties, 1998

"I suppose the way I chose my life could never have changed / but man, it's strange the way I entered my life and rearranged negative things / Then taught me wrong from right so I could live the fullest / Falling down on my knees every night to pray is better than dodging bullets / But I know the worst ain't yet over, somebody testing my faith / So I just put a smile on my face and put that Devil in his place."

— Antonious, "Good Versus Evil," Good Versus Evil, 1997

"So they see and they wanna be big on the block / Pipe dreams won't let 'em see a reason to stop / But when the lifestyle set in and begin to take control of your soul / You gon' lose control."

— Bruthaz Grimm, "Let It Alone," Letter 2 The Bruthaz, 1998

"The Ghetto, people fighting for their lives / The Ghetto, tell me how will we survive? / The Ghetto, we've been here for many years, / The Ghetto, need someone to wipe our tears."

— Prime Minister, "The Ghetto," Primetime II: The Millennium, 1998

"You silly rappers, you be killin' me / You comin' off wack / Talkin' 'bout the cars you drivin' and how much money you stack / I think you be frontin' about the way you be livin' yo' life / Always talking bout my God, but you ain't livin' it right / My Bible speaks about the way, you know Hell is hot / And if you really know the Word, you must've really forgot."

— L.G. Wise, "Silly Rappers," Never Alone, 1998

Rappers trade guns for gospel

Owner of Grapetree Records sees music as his destiny

By Mike Crissey
Associated Press Writer

ROUND ROCK — This town is no rapper's paradise.

The well-worn, two-lane highways and gravel country roads overlooking cow pastures and farm fields aren't exactly mean urban streets. The last well-known gangster to come to town was Sam Bass — 121 years ago.

But it has turned out to be an Eden of sorts for Knolly Williams, who moved his fledgling record company, Grapetree Records, to the outskirts of Round Rock three years ago and quietly built it into the biggest Christian rap label in the country.

Quietly, because Christian music doesn't get much air play, and Christian rap gets even less.

"In Nashville or L.A. or New York, you tend to make music that is geared to sound better than the guy across the street," Williams said. "There is nobody else here."

On the surface, Grapetree's rappers are not all that different from the mainstream.

THEY TALK about the ills of ghetto life — prostitution, police brutality, drugs and murders. They wear the same clothes. But Grapetree rappers don't use profanity and have traded guns for gospel.

"It's just dealing with a social issue from a different perspective. It is the difference between having optimism or pessimism," Williams said.

"The gangsta rapper comes up and says, 'I'm in the ghetto. I've got to kill to survive. I've got to shoot you in the head.' From a Christian perspective, we look at it like, 'Man, I'm in the ghetto, too, but I know there is hope.'"

His journey to Christianity is proof that "a life can be changed," he said. "It is my destiny to do what I do now."

The son of a traveling salesman and a nurse, Knolly "Rubadub" Williams was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. Now 29, Williams said he doesn't remember much about Brooklyn except that his parents decided to pack up after his older sister was attacked by a rat.

His family then settled in Cleveland, where his parents divorced. At 10, he moved with his mother to Los Angeles, where his troubles began.

At 13, he began dealing drugs at school. By 14, he had been arrested, spent four months in juvenile hall and kicked out of schools in Los Angeles and Ohio. At 17, he dropped out of school and his mother threw him out of her house. Although he never went to prison, he was in and out of police custody six or seven times.

"It was just ignorance. I really didn't know any better. I thought that that was

what I had to do to survive. It was 'ghetto life,'" he recalled.

FINALLY AT 18, he got scared and fed up and decided there must be more to life. So, Williams returned to an earlier passion: rap music. He began scratching records when he was 13, and that's how he got his moniker: "rub" for scratching, and "dub" for a nine-inch record.

Williams recorded a gangster rap demo tape and tried to get a contract, but his career went nowhere. He describes that first effort as obscene enough to make his mother cry.

With his music career stalled, Williams accepted an uncle's invitation to move to his house in a secluded part of north Austin.

Far from fast-paced urban life and facing the need to earn money any way he could, Williams said he had time to reflect on the Bible and develop a relationship with God. He then turned his life around.

Williams got his high school equivalency diploma and started attending community college. In 1992, he met and married his wife, Josie, now 39, a former kindergarten teacher.

Although he wasn't ready to let go of a music career, he wasn't sure how his newfound Christianity meshed with rap. Still, he wondered, "if God is such a god of variety, how could it be he just likes hymns?"

In 1992, Williams found the cheapest studio he could in Austin and began, working on his first full-length album as a Christian gangster rapper.

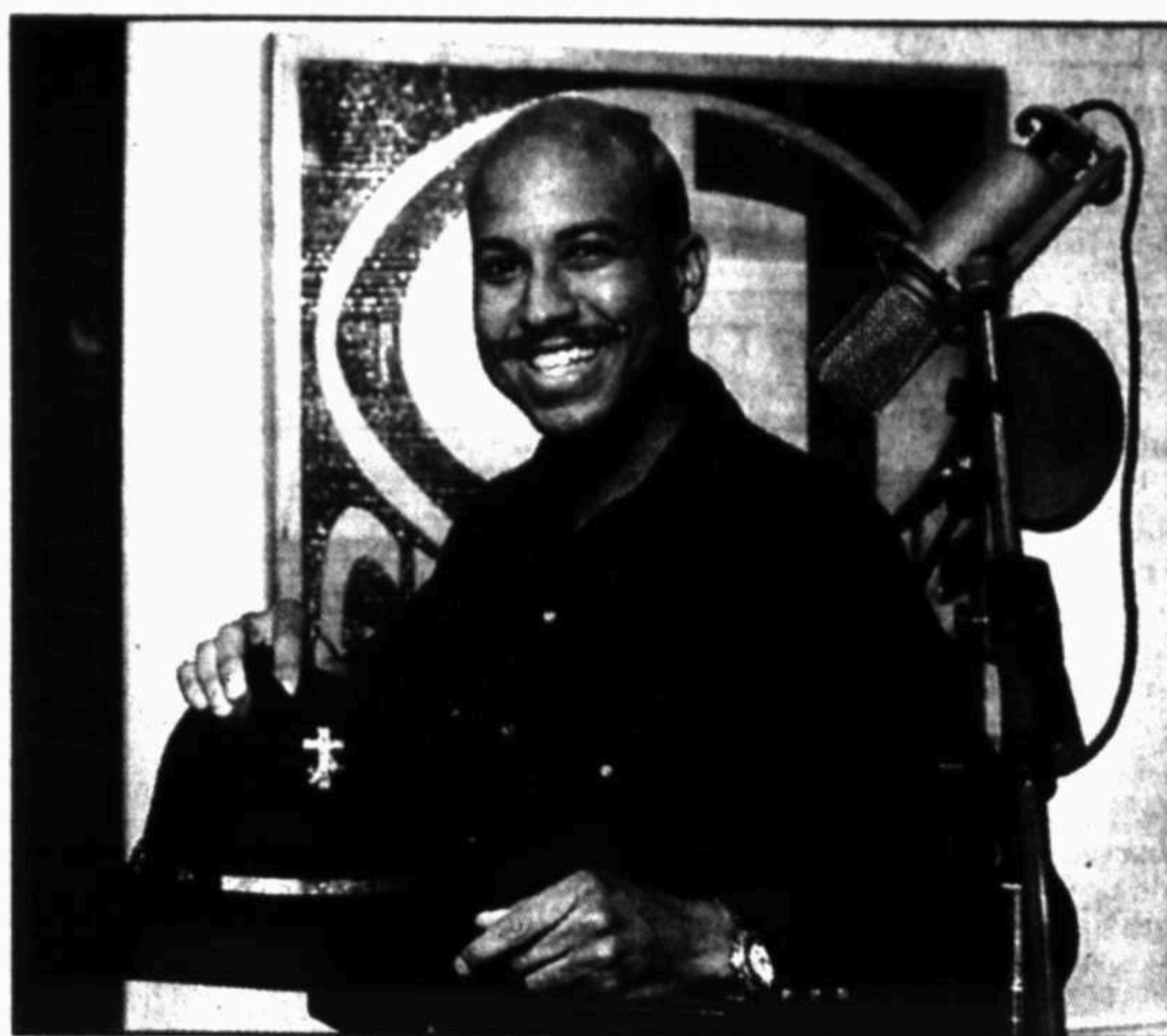
HIS MUSIC was a hard sell. Most Christian bookstores were reluctant to sell records that looked and sounded like mainstream gangster rap, Williams said.

"I realized there was no 'Christian rap label,' which was mind-boggling," Williams said. "I knew in the general market there were dozens, but in the Christian market there wasn't even one."

So Williams created his own, naming it Grapetree after passages from the Bible — one in Isaiah about a vineyard that produced only sour grapes; the other in Psalms about the power of Christ: "He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

"What our thing is, is to take those bad grapes, people that for some reason have turned sour, and plant them on the tree of life," Williams said.

Most people, including his wife, thought he was just "another nut with a dream." But Williams joined with a mail order distributor and sold his album, "Time We Stop," through clas-



Knolly Williams is owner of Grapetree Records, the largest Christian rap label in the country. It is based near Round Rock.

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sified ads in newspapers. He also created his own magazine, "Heaven's Hip-Hop," to hawk the album.

The label was no overnight success. In 1994, his company had three artists, including himself. The new artists didn't sell one record and sales of his second album, "Mind of a Gangster," topped out at \$13,000.

But his magazine got the attention of Newport Beach, Calif.-based Diamante, which sells about 2 percent of the Christian music in the nation.

HIS FIRST year with Diamante, 1996, was "a fiasco," he said. Christian gangster rap had not caught on and Grapetree's artists couldn't get on the radio. Grapetree's \$300,000 in sales were last among the distributing company's 42 labels.

But by 1998, Grapetree had its first successful year with \$2 million in sales.

Delbert Harris, 26, aka Li'l Raskall, who signed with Grapetree in December 1995, said the company's success comes from offering people what has been missing in Christian music.

"They are supplying a need in the area that others have been overlooking," Harris said of Christian rappers. "You can't go into a group of Crips or Bloods with hymns."

Frank Breeden, president of the Gospel Music Association, said Grapetree came of age at a time when Christian record labels began notching up their professionalism. "We stopped excusing quality that may have been less than stellar because 'we were doing it for Jesus,'" Breeden said.

At the same time, sales of Christian music were growing as companies like EMI, BMG, Arista and Warner Bros. bought Christian recording companies. The mainstream companies, which previously distributed one or two Christian albums a year, now have a vested inter-

est in their success. They advertise more and put more albums on the shelves of retail stores like Wal-Mart, which always had strong Christian music sales, Breeden said.

And Christian record companies are taking advantage of being listed in Soundscan point-of-sale ratings, which gives them legitimacy and leverage in the industry, he said.

"ONE OF the unfortunate realities we deal with is we are often regarded as the propaganda arm of the religious right," Breeden said.

Grapetree's relative success impressed New York-based EMI Music, which was moving to expand its youth-oriented Christian music, such as punk, ska, heavy metal and rap.

In April, Williams signed with the company's Christian distribution division, which accounts for 45 percent of the Christian market.

In dollar terms, saying that Williams owns the No. 1 Christian rap label isn't saying much. Christian music sales hit \$863 million last year and his company's \$2 million earnings barely register. Nonetheless, Christian music had the largest growth of any genre last year and has doubled over the last 10 years, said Alex Walsh, vice president of communications for the Recording Industry Association of America.

From 1997 to 1998 the market share of Christian music grew from 4.5 percent to 6.3 percent, she said. One out of every 15 albums bought was Christian.

"For a long time Christian music was not relevant. It was kind of cheesy," said Bryan Ward, 32, director of sales for Sonic Fuel, the division of EMI-CMG that distributes Grapetree's music.

"Grapetree is right on the pulse of what kids are wanting," he said. "It's real. It's from the street. It touches people's lives."

COLLEGE: Religion important part of students' lives, poll finds

(From 1C)

"It's nice to know God is alive in the hearts of young people."

Robert Baldenegro, 27, a junior, comes every two or three weeks, craving the fellowship the Newman Center provides.

"Sometimes I feel I get caught up in things I shouldn't get caught up in," the aeronautical engineering major said, "and (Mass) brings me back to my roots. It makes me realize what is important, or what should be important."

Betty DeBerg, a University of Northern Iowa professor conducting a national study of college students' attitudes toward religion, said young adulthood "has been traditionally been understood as a time when people begin to question the values and perspectives in which they were reared."

"Not only are they the right age," she said, "but they're taking classes that expose them to ideas they'd never faced before. In many ways, they're seeking and putting together their own identity."

Her three-year project, conducted jointly with professors at Indiana University and the University of Wyoming, looks at campus life at four U.S. schools.

In a recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, 48 percent of American young adults 18 to 29 said religion was "very important" in their lives. In the Phoenix area, similar interest shows up at the college level.

For example, students at Estrella Mountain Community College in Avondale formally launched a Christian Students Association this semester — and it's already the largest student group on campus.

Over the decade, student interest led ASU's religious studies depart ment, already one of the

nation's largest, to expand to 82 classes this year from 51 classes in 1991. One of the newest looks at religions in the American Southwest.

Prompted by years of requests, Paradise Valley Community College finally added a class on personal spirituality this fall.

Martha Miller, 25, couldn't wait to sign up.

"First of all, I'd been searching," said Miller, who thinks she might like to study anthropology or social work. "I was kind of curious to see what other people say about life and God, and religion in general."

The course, instructor Jim Rubin says, was "about asking the questions that 99.9 percent of people never ask themselves."

Miller, who grew up without religious instruction, feels disconnected from ritual and dogma. Taking Rubin's class helped her validate her own spiritual path, which includes meditation, enjoying nature and reading about Eastern faiths.

"It made me feel more comfortable in my non-religiousness," she said. "Because it's a very non-judgmental class, it's easy to say how you feel or what you believe in, and no one is going to say you're wrong."

According to 1998's The American Freshman, an annual survey from the Higher Education Research Institute at UCLA, nearly 15 percent of all two- and four-year college freshmen reported being unaffiliated with any religion. Just 10 years before, about 12 percent made this claim.

Although it's hard to quantify whether today's students are more or less spiritually minded than those decades ago, ASU Professor Mark Woodward says some things haven't changed.

When it comes to college-age searching, "most of the religious themes that are operating today

were established in the late '60s."

"We didn't use the word then, but the notions of New Age religions, alternative religions — all those paradigms were really established (then)," said Woodward, who teaches classes on religion and popular culture.

"Distrust of establishment and institutions that came about at that time really never went away."

But what is different, Woodward says, is where today's students look for answers.

"In the late 1960s, it was largely an undifferentiated search," he said. "Now, there are alternative institutional churches and organizations they'll get involved in, from neo-paganism to a host of Buddhist organizations."

Some groups are mainstays on secular campuses — Campus Crusade for Christ, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hillel student centers for Jewish students. Not affiliated with the colleges they draw from, and often located off-campus, these groups let students express their faiths without the tie of specific houses of worship.

But some, such as the Muslim Students Association at ASU, use the nearby Islamic Cultural Center for daily prayers. During the holy month of Ramadan, which Muslims now are celebrating, students go to the mosque in the evenings for prayer and to break their daytime fasts.

Sean Holcomb, 21, a Jewish student at ASU, says it's impossible to separate his faith from his daily life. The Phoenix native is active at the Hillel Jewish Student Center, which, besides being "somewhere to hang out," also gives students a place to bond with those who share their tradition.

"When I was a freshman liv-

ing in the dorms, the only way to have a Jewish lifestyle was to join Hillel," he said. "There are so many things customwise. So much of what Judaism does is in

a group. You can't be Jewish alone."

Although Hillel hosts Friday night Shabbat dinners celebrating the Sabbath, Holcomb and other students drop in between class-

es or late-night study breaks.

"It is both my temple and my meeting place," he said. "Hillel has really been the answer book, I suppose, to any questions I have."

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FAITH TABERNACLE

301 S. Fairgrounds Rd. • Apostolic Pastor George Gambrell • Sun. School 10:00 am
• Morning Worship 11:30 am • Wed. night prayer Bible Class 8:00 pm • Fri. Evangelistic
Night 8:00 pm

FAIRMONT PARK CHURCH OF CHRIST

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FAITH APOSTOLIC CHURCH

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morn. serv. 10:30am • Sun. eve. serv. 7:00pm

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School

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• 10:45 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)

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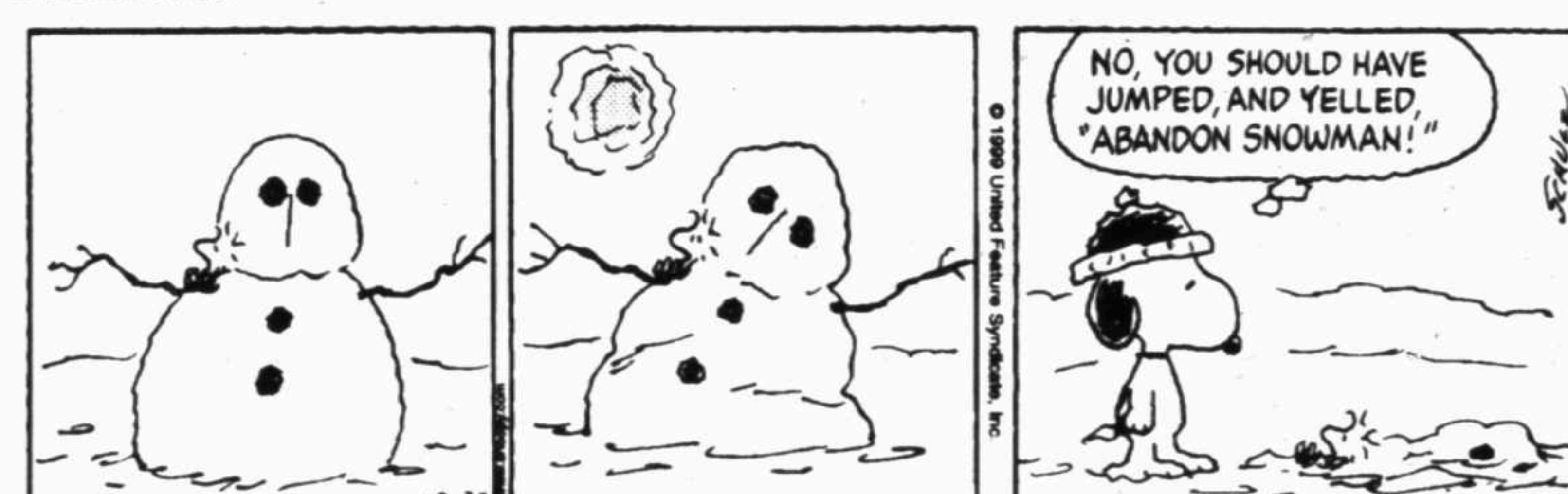
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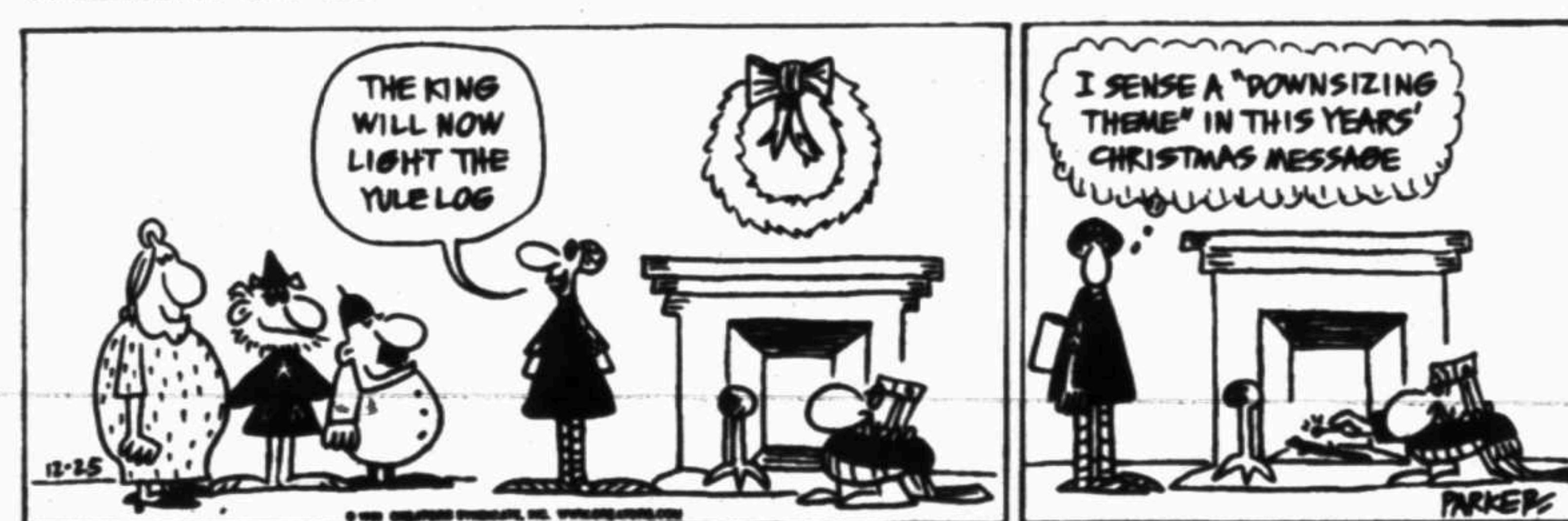
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 25, 1999: Financial dealings with others are highlighted this year. You'll enjoy the ease of working with partners and associates. You pull the monetary wild card, so expect the unexpected in your finances. Sometimes you might feel that your creativity is impaired, but you'll ultimately manifest a great deal of ingenuity. Work flourishes from summer on. If you are single, romance and commitment will walk hand in hand. Opportunities for a relationship are especially likely from mid to late winter. If attached, you are likely to decide on a new addition, maybe even a pet. Develop other common interests. LEO understands you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): **★★★★** Don't count on anything going the way you think, but don't decide that this is negative, either. Release control and let people be. You are delighted and surprised by a friend. Your thoughts about someone who is at a distance could change substantially. Tonight: Bring more caring into a relationship.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): **★★★★** Keep your home center stage. Decide what is needed. You are more in touch with your feelings than you have been. A partner changes his tune and makes every attempt to create a special time for you. A parent or older relative does the unexpected. Tonight: Happy wherever you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): **★★★★** Let another tell you what is on his mind. Sometimes you are very careful when dealing with this person, but now you see a new side. Turn over a new leaf and approach him openly. Express car-

ing to those close to you. A surprise call or unexpected news propels you in a new direction. Tonight: Return calls; take time with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): **★★★★** You clearly put forth an extraordinary effort this Christmas. Others let you know how very important you are to them. A change of plans allows others to pitch in. Not everything has to happen the same way every year. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): **★★★★** Joy emanates from children, and also from an adult who has a very childlike side. Partners are full of surprises. The unexpected occurs. Be spontaneous, and everything will flow around you. Indirectly, you allow others the same luxury. Tonight: Beaming away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): **★★★★** Allow others time together. You might want to take a walk and relax. You have outdone yourself and could be exhausted. Allow others to help you by taking over some duties. Not everything needs to be done by you alone. Loosen up. Tonight: Make it an early night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): **★★★★** Allow more playfulness to enter your life. A child might startle you with what he says. Another also has very strong opinions. Don't worry about convincing others. Just enjoy the moment. Bring friends together and make calls. Tonight: Don't forget about someone who couldn't be with you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): **★★★★** Settle in and take time with friends. Allow others to be spontaneous, even if there is a disruptive element at home. Be less judgmental. Allow others to be themselves.

Bring others together. Step out to visit with friends or an older relative at some point. Tonight: In the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): **★★★★** Though you are tired, you recharge and give 100 percent. Share your views. Make calls. Don't forget those without immediate family surrounding them. Others surprise you as they reveal sides you haven't seen before. Tonight: Touch base with loved ones from afar.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): **★★★★** A loved one touches you deeply. Respond from your heart as you evolve to the next step in a relationship. A child could be demanding or cranky. Pitch in with a partner when you discover someone who has been forgotten. Tonight: You don't need mistletoe!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): **★★★★** You find others distinctly cranky and difficult. Could this be you, too? Loosen up. Allow yourself more freedom. Break from some traditional happenings that you might not enjoy. Others see you as a rebel, anyway. Friends surround you. Tonight: Be your ever-gregarious self.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): **★★★★** This Christmas, you are into doing. Others hear your caring loud and clear. Actions speak louder than words. Touch base with a friend who could be a bit down and out. By doing for others, you'll keep your spirits up. You see others in a new light. Tonight: Go with the flow.

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K J 9 2 ♥ Q 7 3 ♦ K J 5 ♣ K Q 6
The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ 2♥ ?
What do you bid now?

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 9 5 3 ♥ Q 7 6 4 2 ♦ A J 6 ♣ 9 8
The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
2NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A J 9 3 ♥ Q 8 4 ♦ K J 9 8 5 ♣ 7
The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
1♠ Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A J 9 5 3 ♥ 8 2 ♦ A 7 4 ♣ K 6 3
The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
2NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q 5 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 7 ♥ K 9 5 ♦ 7 6 4 ♣ A K 10 9 3 2
The bidding has proceeded:
NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
1♠ Pass 2♣ Pass
2NT Pass ?
What do you bid now?

Q 6 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 7 4 ♥ K Q J 10 9 5 3 ♦ A J ♣ 7 3
The bidding has proceeded:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♥ Pass 3♦ Pass
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What do you bid now?

Look for answers on Monday.



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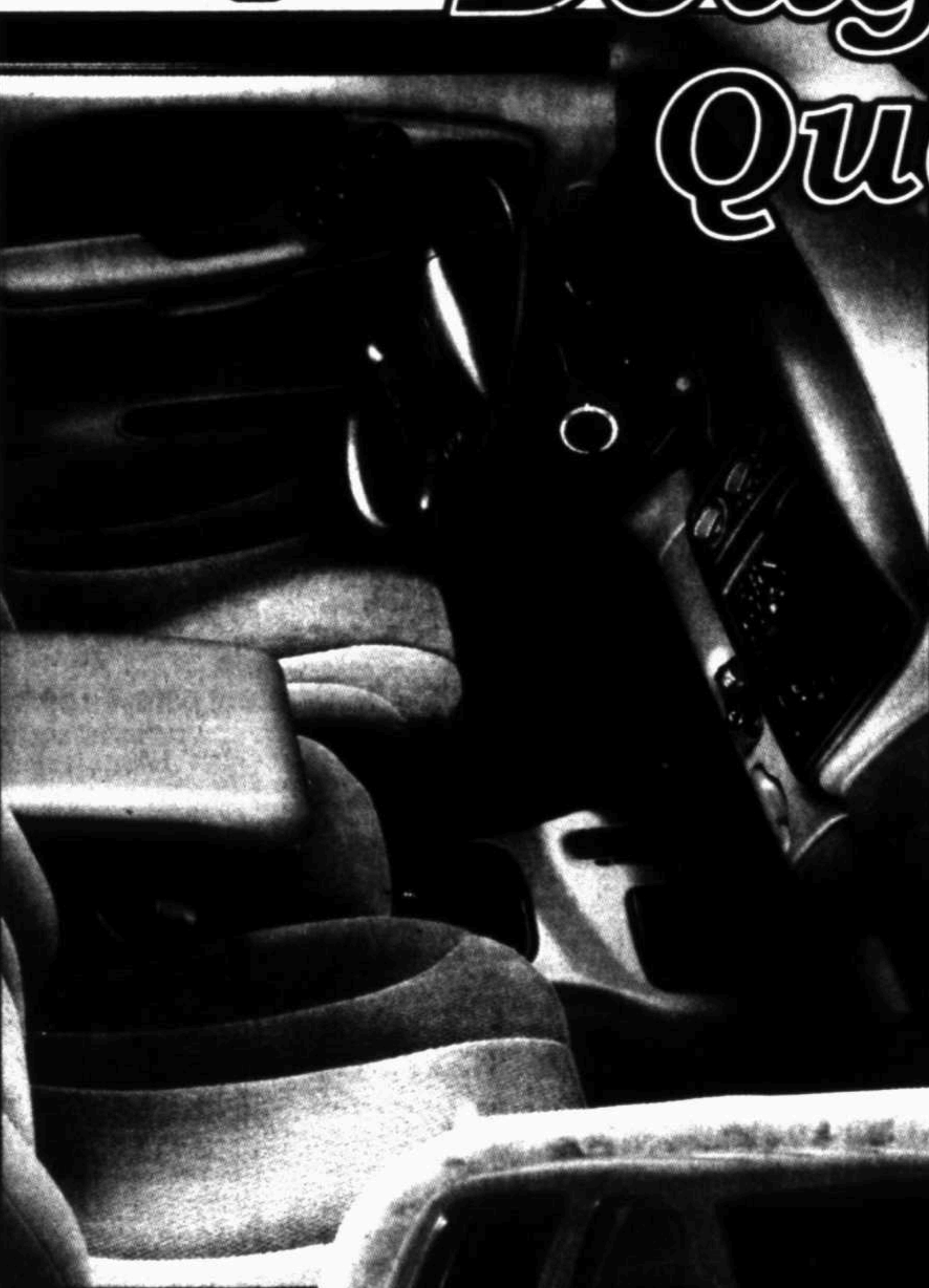


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2000 Dodge Dakota Quad Cab Pickup

Personal versatility:



RoadWorthy!

By Ken Chester, Jr.

The Dodge Boys have done it again. After the successful launch of the completely redesigned Dakota pickup for the 1997 model year, the 1998 roll out of the Dakota-based Durango SUV, the nameplate has upped the stakes with a Quad Cab version of the large compact pickup.

Sporting a "B" pillar allowing the addition of two full-size rear doors (as opposed to the rear hinged access doors found on the larger Ram), this latest variation of the Dakota pickup has versatility written all over it.

Built at the automaker's Dodge City assembly complex in Warren, Mich., the Dakota Quad Cab is available in Sport and SLT trim levels and two- or four-wheel drive. Consumers can choose between a part- or full-time four-wheel drive system. A NV3500 five-speed manual or 42RE, 45RFE, or 46RE four-speed automatic

transmissions are available. Engine choices include: 3.9L V-6 and 4.7L or 5.9L V-8s.

On the road, the Dakota is quiet, solid and very maneuverable, each powerplant perfectly matched to the vehicle. The 4.7L engine, new to Dakota this year, delivers an exceptional balance of power and performance. The V-8 delivered fluid power throughout the entire range without hitch or hiccup. The heavy-duty suspension features an independent double-wishbone configuration with a stabilizer bar in the front for all models.

In the rear, a live axle with leaf springs is complimented by coil springs in two-wheel drive models while four-wheel drive models are equipped with torsion bars. Standard power rack and pinion steering is mated to P215/75R15 Wrangler ST tires for two-wheel drive models while four-wheel drive pickups are shod with P235/75R15XL Wrangler RT/S tires.

In the cabin, available six passenger seating makes the versatility of this pickup very evident. Grab handles throughout and doors that open wide makes this large cab a very adequate space to get in and out of with ease. The rear seats are arranged in a 60/40

split with an inertia latch that allows the seats to be folded up with one hand. This unique set up allows different combinations of people and cargo maximizing the usefulness of the available room. Plenty of strategically placed cup holders are

available for driver and passengers alike. Displays and controls are well placed with an excellent view of the road. A standard sliding rear window and optional rear window defroster rounds out the experience.

Dodge did not neglect the cargo box. Realizing consumers want to haul people and cargo at the same time while maintaining garagability, the cargo box is 5' 3" long - the longest bed in its class. A maximum payload of 1,450 pounds and towing capacity of 6,350 pounds reinforces its strengths in what the nameplate touts as the three Ps - People, Power and Payload.

By the numbers

Engine performance ratings are as follows: 3.9L V-6 - 175 hp at 4,800 rpm and 225 lb./ft. of torque at 3,200 rpm; 4.7L V-8 - 235 hp at 4,800 rpm and 295 lb./ft. of torque at 3,200 rpm; and 5.9L V-8 - 245 hp at 4,000 rpm and 335 lb./ft. of torque at 3,200 rpm. EPA fuel economy figures range from 17 city/23 highway for the two-wheel drive/3.9L V-6 manual to 12 city/16 highway for the four-wheel drive/5.9L V-8 automatic. All three engines use regular unleaded gasoline.

Standard safety/security features include: dual front airbags and high-strength steel door beams. The Dodge Dakota Quad Cab complies with the 2003 model year head impact protection standards. Four-wheel anti-lock brakes are optional.

The Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the Dakota Quad Cab ranges from \$18,970 for the two-wheel drive Sport up to \$22,735 for the four-wheel drive SLT. Destination charge adds \$520. Dodge has been building the Quad Cab since October 6th, so inventories will be improving into spring. There are no rebates on this model.



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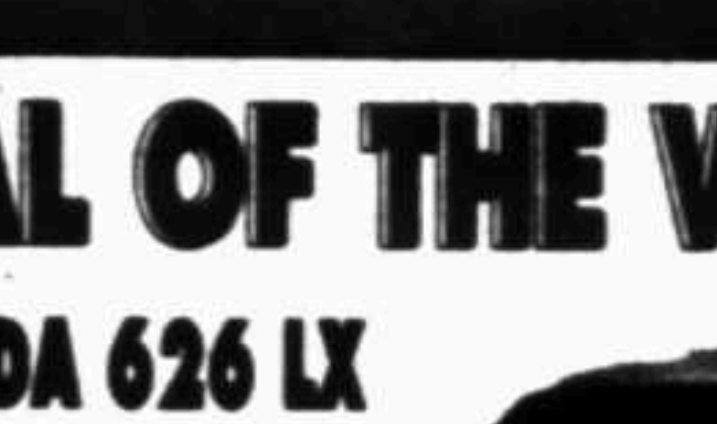
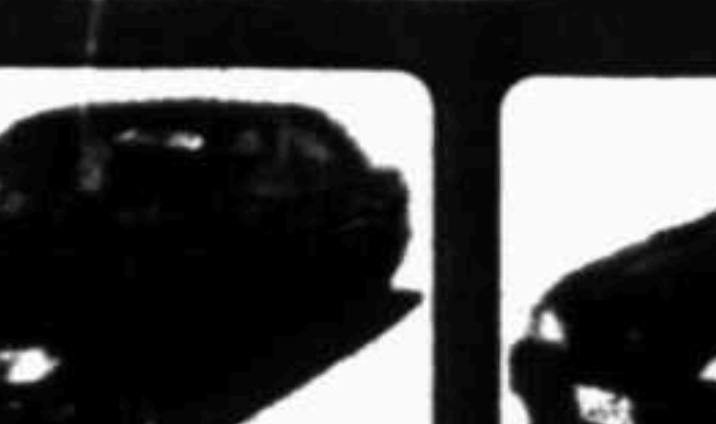
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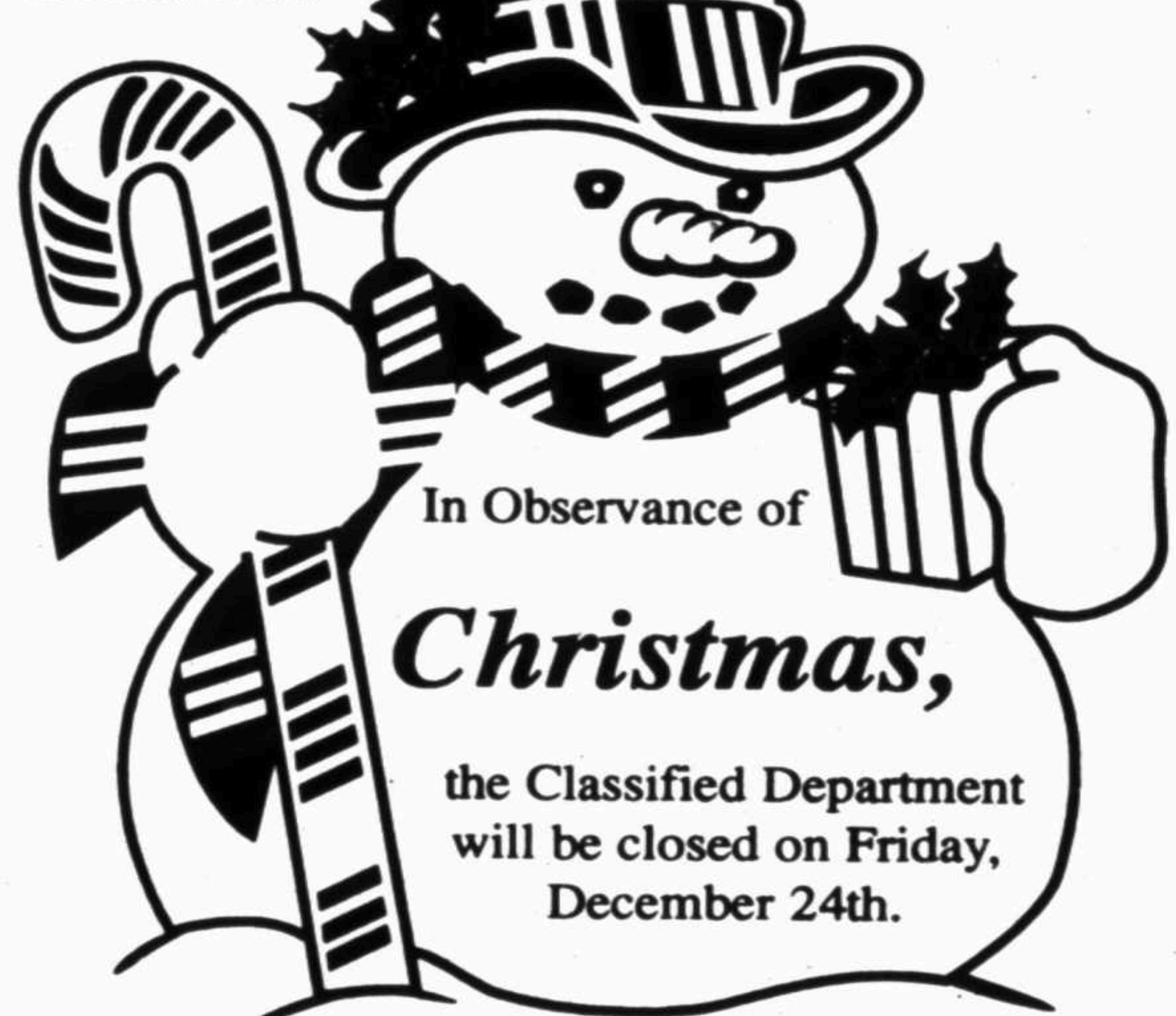
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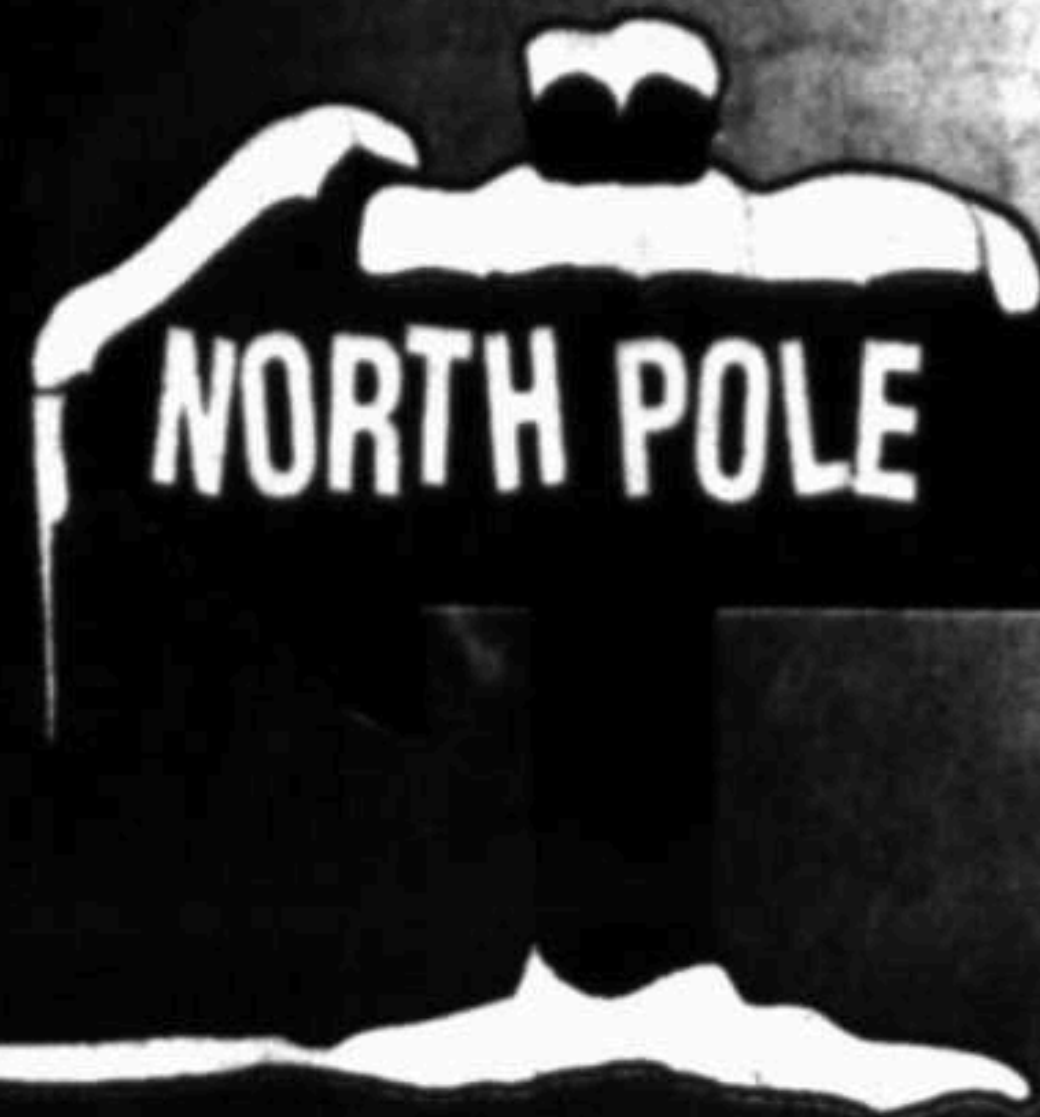
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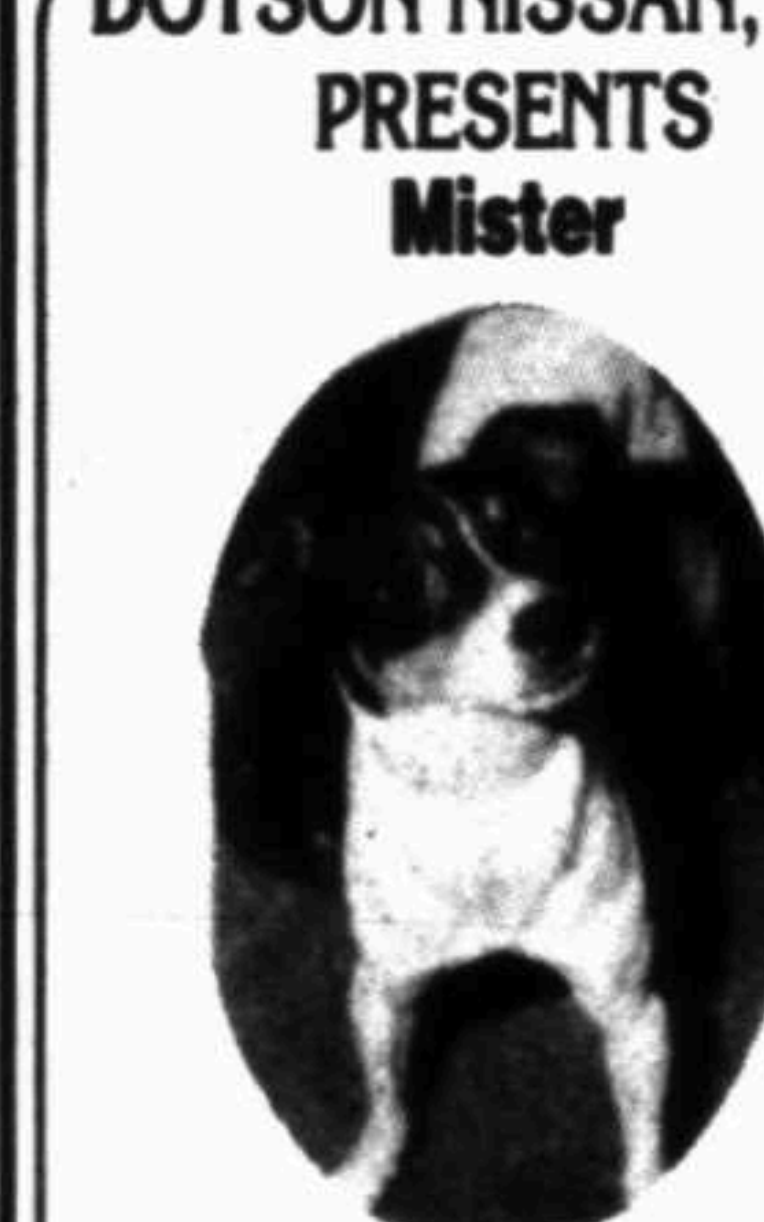
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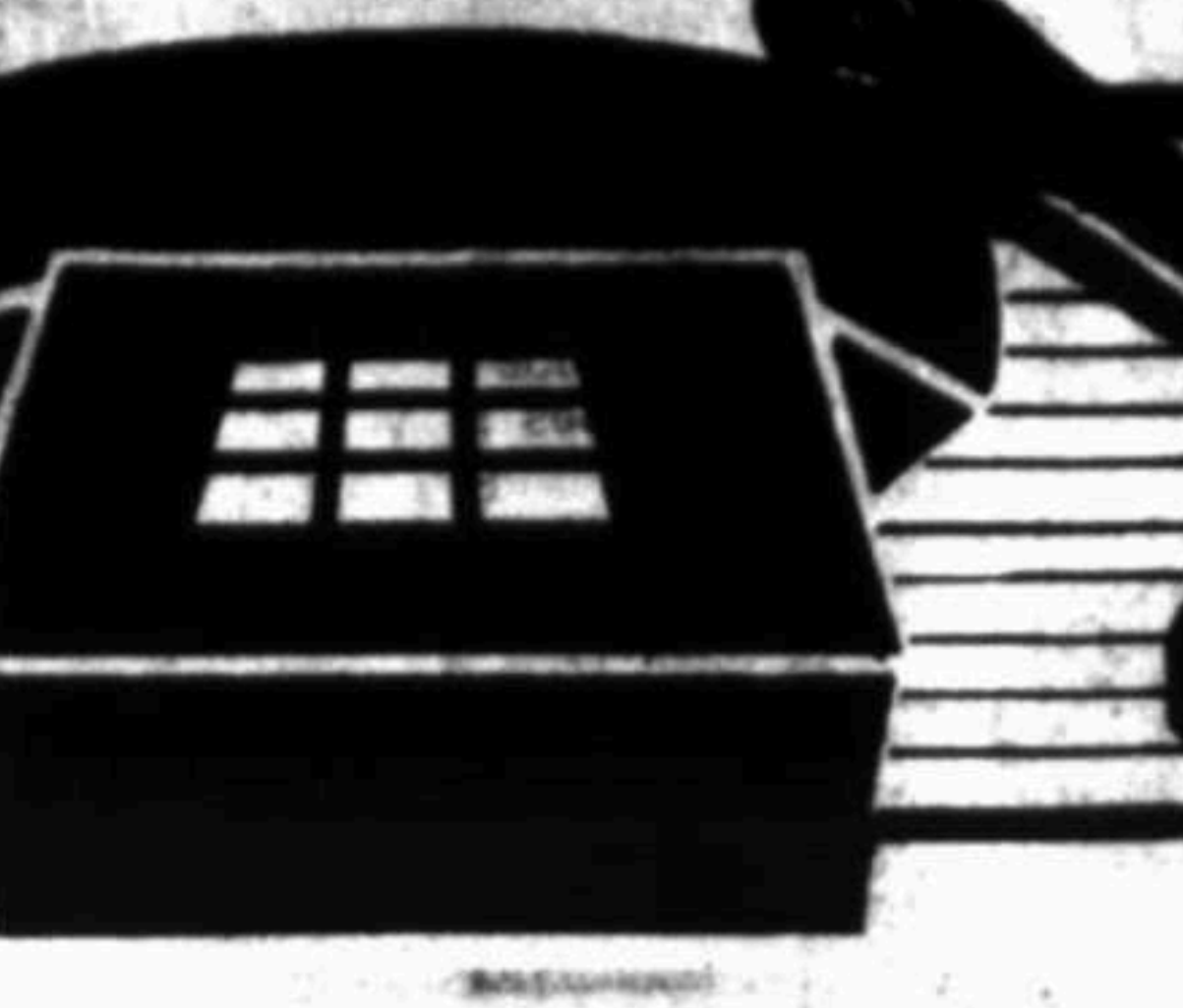
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