



RELIGION

Stunning treat

With the release of Dreamworks SKG's 'The Prince of Egypt,' it's clear that Disney has some competition in the world of animation./1C



SPORTS

Heyday over?

Was the Bulls victory over Utah the final game of the NBA's heyday? No one knows. A lockout has shut down the sport./1B

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TODAY

Partly cloudy with high in mid-60s. Weather on 4A



Ballooning

HONOLULU — Three adventurers trying to make the first non-stop round-the-world flight in a balloon abandoned their quest Friday, ditching in the shark-infested waters off Honolulu a little more than halfway through their journey. Coast Guard helicopters hoisted them from the water in good condition and high spirits.

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Momentum builds

WASHINGTON — With Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan now favoring censure, the White House Friday welcomed new signs that momentum is growing in the Senate for a penalty short of removing President Clinton from office. Moynihan, D-N.Y., who had not previously revealed his position, did so Friday in a published report.

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Great expectations

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Gov.-elect Jesse Ventura's book deal is ready. He was a ratings smash on the late-night talk shows. Minnesotans are snapping up "Our governor can beat up your governor" T-shirts. Now comes the hard part. The Body will be sworn in Jan. 4, and legislators are wondering what they can expect from the former pro wrestler.

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Panama Canal

PANAMA CITY, Panama — The Americans gouged a trench across this lush country and nurtured it during nine decades as U.S. soil into a vital link in the ever-expanding global market. All that will change in just a year, when at noon on Dec. 31, 1999, the world's most powerful nation turns over control of the Panama Canal to this poor country.

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Joyful noises heard around Midland

So what if Midland didn't see a White Christmas? After a week of freezing temperatures and icy roads, the Tall City finally had a nice break from arctic weather, with a high of 57 and clear skies.

It was just the kind of day that made Manuel Torres and his family soak up some rays from their east Midland residence.

His children, Rebecca, 2, Noe, 6, and Noel, 11, tried out their new toys in the warm, cozy sunshine, while Torres tinkered with his pick-up's heater.

It was odd that his children were the only ones on the block taking advantage of the rare December weather, Torres said. Usually, his house on Estes Avenue is the place where neighborhood kids tear up his lawn.

"Usually, you see at least 10 to 15 kids running around here. That's why I have no grass, as you can see," Torres said. "I think they all must have gone out of town or something."

Despite heavy blows that Midland's economy sustained from corporate layoffs, Torres and his wife, Patty, dug into their pockets and spent \$500 on bikes for their children.

"I can see my kids happy, then that's all that matters," Torres said. "It's nice to see them play. I don't remember having toys like that when I was a kid."

But the children seemed more amused with their smaller gifts than with their big, expensive bikes. Noe and Noel raced a pair of remote-controlled hot rods, while Rebecca "vacuumed" her front lawn with a pink, plastic Hoover.

Their preference in gifts didn't bother Torres, he said.

"As long as they're in good shape and good health, that's all that matters," he said.

After a week of freezing temperatures and below-zero windchills, Midland finally had a 40-degree difference between day and night temperatures.

Christmas Day's high was 57, while the low was 17, according to the National Weather Service. In comparison, Christmas Eve's high was 34, while the low was 21.

West Texas should remain clear and warmer with high temperatures from the mid-50s to upper 60s. Lows are expected to dip into the 30s over the weekend, a weather service forecaster said.

The higher temperatures created better traveling conditions for motorists making hol-

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Above: Rebecca Torres, 2, plays with her toy vacuum Friday afternoon at her Estes Avenue home. Below left: Firefighters who were on duty Friday at the Central Fire Station were joined by their families for Christmas dinner. Corbin Powell and his wife, Buffy, hug their 5-year-old twins, Amy, left, and Mary, during the Christmas get-together.

On-duty firefighters prepare feast for families

Diane Partridge likes having her husband cook a meal for a change.

As she and her two young children relaxed and watched television, her husband Toby Partridge, a Midland firefighter, set the table for 30 guests.

Though Partridge and other firefighters had to work a 24-hour shift Christmas Day, they didn't lose a chance to spend some holiday time with their loved ones.

Instead, they tied on aprons and whipped up a scrumptious meal for their families to share in the

comfort of the Central Fire Station's dining hall. It's a tradition the Midland Fire Department has carried on for years, Fire Captain Mark Fields said.

"Christmas is supposed to be a family tradition. We're like a family here, but having dinner with your loved ones just makes it somewhat better," Fields said.

While the firemen whipped up the main course — a thick, flame-cooked steak — family members contributed to the meal by bringing a dessert or other home-cooked dish, he said.

Having dinner at the station gives families a chance to understand what sacrifice the firefighters make to keep the city safe, Ms. Partridge said.

"I brought them here so they can know why Dad's not at home on Christmas," Ms. Partridge said. "I think it's really important that they know this."

It also gave her children, Trevor, 5, and Tara, 11, an idea what Partridge does for a living. During their stay, the youngsters had the chance to climb on idle fire

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MARC and MISD continue journey toward inclusion

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

The Midland Association for Citizens with Retardation and the Midland Independent School District are continuing their journey toward inclusion.

Molly McLean, a member of the MARC board and chairman of the educational committee, said that over the past decade MARC has helped move the schools toward diversity in the classroom.

"Every year for the last 10 years, MARC has cooperated with MISD to work with teachers toward inclusion," Ms. McLean said. "Inclusion being, helping students with disabilities learn as much as they possibly can."

"We believe that all kids can learn, in some degree, in the classroom," Ms. McLean said. "We like to concentrate on the similarities in people rather than the differences. We want to see a great number of students with disabilities in the regular classroom."

Jean Jones, a MARC administrative assistant, said MARC has always worked to help people with disabilities become productive members of society.

"MARC's mission is to help people with

disabilities live and work in the community and help the community live and work with people with disabilities. That is what makes us special."

John Stagle, executive director of MARC, said the inclusion program is not only good for the people they help, but it also helps the city's image.

"In many respects, the quality of a community is based on the quality of the educational system," Stagle said. "When we look out into our neighborhood we know we need programs like these for a stronger Midland."

Ms. McLean said the MARC inclusion programs can be helpful in teaching all types of students.

"When a teacher uses our methods in the classroom, it helps more than the students with disabilities," Ms. McLean said. "It also helps students in the classroom who learn at a slower pace."

The program can also give first-hand knowledge to students who are the nation's future teachers, Ms. Jones said.

"Students who have been effected by or have seen the inclusion program, who also want to teach, are more likely to use these

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'Future leader' to present MISD in-service

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

A former teacher who was named by Ebony magazine as one of the "50 Leaders of the Future" is to spend one day next month with Midland teachers and then meet with the public.

Crystal A. Kuykendall is to present an in-service for Midland Independent School District teachers Jan. 19, followed by the public presentation at Midland Center.

Ms. Kuykendall, sponsored by Midland Association for Citizens with Retardation, will speak on "Approaches to Teaching a Diverse Population."

"I am very excited about being asked to come down and spend so much time in Midland," Ms. Kuykendall said.

Ms. Kuykendall is the president and gen-

eral counsel of KIRK Inc. (Kreative and Innovative Resources of Kids), a firm that provides human relations, human resources/staff development, skill enhancement and motivational training.

Ms. Kuykendall said her goal is to try to touch the lives of those she speaks with. "My commitment is to help improve life. I think there is good in everyone and I think we can all make this a better place to live."

Ms. Kuykendall was a teacher in the 1970s.

After teaching Ms. Kuykendall said she decided to go into business for herself.

"It wasn't like I went out and started delivering a message. The groups and organizations I have been a part of have helped everything mushroom around me."

She serves on the board of directors for Health Power Inc. in Columbus, Ohio, and is a member of the board of directors of the Family Life Center of Shiloh Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

For additional information about the public event, call Jean Jones at MARC, 682-2606.

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Two top Khmer Rouge leaders defect to government

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Two senior Khmer Rouge leaders wanted for genocide and crimes against humanity have announced they are willing to defect to the Cambodian government, national radio reported Saturday.

In a letter to King Norodom Sihanouk read over national radio, Prime Minister Hun Sen praised the defection of Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan and the rebel movement's political chief, Nuon Chea.

"I would like to warmly welcome the two personalities, and I hope this decision made by the two personalities will become a mobilization of strength for national reconstruction and peace," Hun Sen wrote.

The Cambodian government and the United States have said they wanted the two captured and tried for genocide and crimes against humanity. It was unclear whether the defection meant the Cambodian government would not pursue charges against them.

Both of the Khmer Rouge leaders, who were in the former rebel town of Pailin in Cambodia's rugged northwest, sent letters to Hun Sen announcing they had broken from guerrilla army chief Ta Mok.

"I have no other request except a request to be allowed to live as a simple citizen," Khieu Samphan wrote in a copy of the letter obtained by The Associated Press.

The two were key figures in the Maoist Khmer Rouge's brutal 1975-79 rule, under which up to 2

million people were killed.

The offer of defection comes just weeks after Khmer Rouge chief of staff Khem Ngun and seven other generals surrendered and returned to the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh for the first time in 19 years to meet government officials.

That surrender dealt a death blow to the guerrilla group. Still at large is Ta Mok, known as "the Butcher." Ta Mok, along with Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea, oversaw the group's field commanders and their guerrillas.

A team of legal experts appointed by the United Nations visited

Cambodia last month to assess evidence for a possible international tribunal against the Khmer Rouge leaders.

Hun Sen's spokesman Prak Sokhon said at the time that the government remained committed to bringing Ta Mok, Khieu Samphan and Nuon Chea to trial.

Bin Laden urges Muslims to kill Americans

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama Bin Laden, the Saudi exile accused of masterminding the U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa, is calling on Muslims to kill Americans and Britons for the airstrikes their countries carried out against Iraq.

"The British and the American people loudly declared their support for their leaders' decision to attack Iraq," Bin Laden said in Friday's edition of the Arabic newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat.

This made it "the duty of Muslims to confront, fight and kill" Britons and Americans, he said. "And anything that can be taken from them by force is the rightful prize of Muslims," Bin Laden said.

The London-published newspaper said the interview was conducted in the mountains of Helmand province in southern Afghanistan.

The United States and Britain carried out four days of airstrikes on Iraqi military and communications sites earlier this month to punish Baghdad for its alleged obstruction of U.N. inspectors seeking evidence of weapons of mass destruction.

Washington accuses Bin Laden of masterminding the Aug. 7 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Tanzania and Kenya. The blasts killed 224 people, including 12 Americans.

Thirteen days later, the United States blasted Bin Laden's camps in Afghanistan with cruise missiles.

Bin Laden has denied carrying out the attacks but has said he didn't "regret what happened there."

After the United States attacked Bin Laden's camps, the Taliban — the militia that controls 90 percent of Afghanistan — announced it had imposed restrictions on Bin Laden, including barring him from giving media interviews.

Bin Laden told Asharq Al-Awsat that while the Taliban had prohibited him from carrying out attacks on foreign countries, he continues to guide Muslims "toward holy war against Jews and Christians. This is a duty."

The interview was the second to be published with Bin Laden in two days. It was not immediately clear whether he was defying the Taliban's restrictions or whether they had been eased. A Taliban spokesman could not be reached for comment.

A businessman who made a for-

Earthquake rattles Lima

LIMA, Peru (AP) — A moderate earthquake rattled Lima on Friday, shaking buildings and causing office towers to sway, but there were no initial reports of damage, authorities said.

A preliminary estimate put the earthquake at magnitude 4.6, said Luis Vilcapoma, a spokesman for Peru's Geophysical Institute. A quake of that magnitude can cause moderate damage.

Most high-rise buildings were empty for Christmas Day. In Lima's sprawling shantytowns, where precarious hovels are vulnerable to earthquakes, people ran out into the streets fearing their houses would collapse.

They returned to their homes when there were no aftershocks, local radio station Radioprogramas reported.

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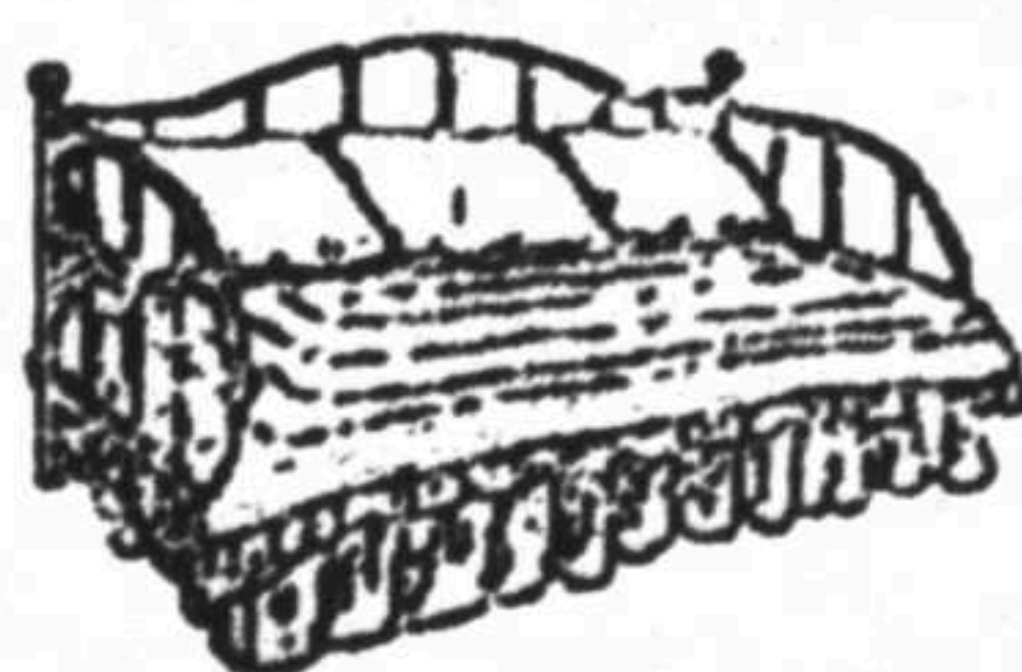
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By Martin Fa Associated Pre

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Japanese draft budget will double size of annual deficit

By Martin Fackler
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's Cabinet unveiled a draft budget for 1999 on Friday that will double the annual deficit as it pays for efforts to jump-start the nation's moribund economy.

But that task is not getting any easier and a new batch of government figures showed key indicators continuing to worsen with signs that Japan's harshest recession since World War II was getting deeper.

The figures for November showed industrial output still sliding, sales at department stores slumping and unemployment at a new postwar high.

The draft budget, which requires approval in Parliament, provides for \$706 billion in spending, up 5.4 percent from this year's budget.

It would include \$86 billion in new spending on public works and tax cuts worth more than \$78 billion in a bid to get the economy moving again.

"This draft budget for fiscal year 1999 has been made up with priority on promoting economic

recovery," the Ministry of Finance, which drew up the proposal, said in a statement.

The increased spending comes as tax revenues are projected to shrink by 20 percent from this year due to the tax cuts and the weak economy.

As a result, the proposed budget would have a shortfall of more than \$267 billion, which the government must cover with new borrowing.

That's about twice the \$134 billion deficit in this year's original budget.

Japan's cumulative national debt is already larger than its gross domestic product — a dubious distinction it shares only with Italy among developed nations. The U.S. national debt, by contrast, is just half its GDP.

Prime Minister Keizo Obuchi has set aside concerns about the ballooning national debt and proclaims reviving the economy as his administration's primary goal.

But nothing in the Friday's new data supports recent predictions by government officials that the economy was nearing a turnaround.

Unemployment reached a

record-high 4.4 percent, the Management and Coordination Agency reported. It is the first time Japan's jobless rate has equaled the United States', also 4.4 percent in November.

Industrial output at factories and mines in November fell a larger-than-expected 2 percent compared to the previous month, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said.

And sales at major department stores and supermarkets fell 1.5 percent in November from a year earlier, the seventh straight month of declines, the ministry said.

What's more, a government panel said it had found that Japan's top banks had made more bad loans than the banks had estimated — \$427 billion in loans facing possible default compared to \$379 billion.

The Financial Supervisory Agency said the discrepancy stemmed from errors in calculations made by banks, such as the exclusion of bad debts racked up by affiliate companies.

Many economists blame Japan's prolonged slump on the banks, which have cut back on new loans to businesses as they try to

work their way out of a mountains of failed loans left over from the early 1990s.

The budget proposal, meanwhile, includes large increases for spending on social security, scientific research and programs to retrain unemployed workers.

Foreign aid ticks up slightly to

\$8.6 billion over this year, while military spending slips 0.2 percent as Tokyo cancels or postpones purchases of new ships and aircraft.

Parliament will begin debating the budget in January, in time for the start of fiscal 1999 in April.

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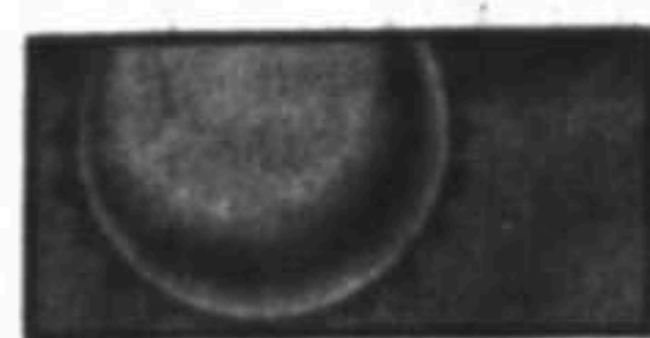
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Midland forecast

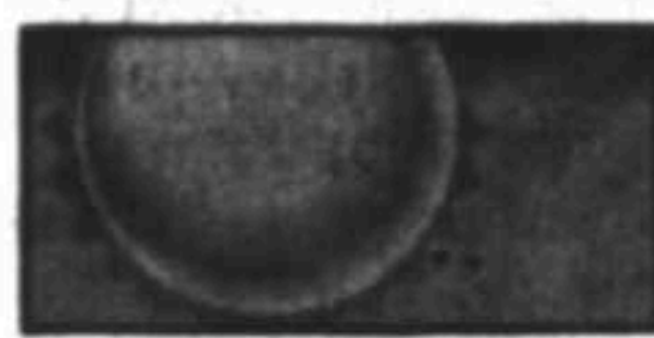
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 67
Low 32



Sunday
Sunny
High 67
Low 29



Monday
Sunny
High 68
Low 41

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the mid-60s and winds blowing from the west at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the lower 30s, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Sunday's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high near 67 and low in the upper 20s.

After an overnight low of 17, Friday's high reached 57, compared to the record high for that date of 78 set in 1955. The record low of 7 was set in 1939.

Yesterday's precipitation
Rainfall Friday 0.00 in.
Rainfall Thursday 0.00 in.
Total for month 0.58 in.
Total for year 5.14 in.
Normal total yr to date 14.88 in.

Yesterday's temperatures
High 57
Low 17
Normal high 57
Normal low 29

Sunrise ... 7:47 a.m.

Sunset ... 5:52 p.m.

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Off
Abilene, Tex.	47	17	cl	
Albany, N.Y.	49	11	cl	
Albuquerque	41	34	20	
Albany, N.Y.	33	15	cl	ody
Austin	43	29	cl	
Boston	33	21	ody	
Birmingham	33	17	ody	
Birmingham	45	37	ody	
Chicago	33	17	ody	
Cincinnati	32	8	ody	
Cleveland	29	15	ody	
Corpus Christi	42	34	cl	
Dallas-Ft. Worth	60	22	cl	
Dayton	30	13	ody	
Daytona Beach	68	63	ody	
Denver	42	12	ody	
Detroit	30	12	ody	
Fargo	14	1	ody	
Fort	30	13	ody	
Honolulu	82	72	12	ody
Houston	41	33	cl	
Huntsville	37	25	ody	
Indianapolis	31	12	ody	
Las Vegas	56	34	cl	
Lexington	35	14	ody	
Lincoln	45	7	ody	
Little Rock	40	20	cl	
Los Angeles	72	41	cl	
Lubbock	54	16	cl	
Memphis	41	21	ody	
Miami Beach	82	69	ody	
Milwaukee	31	15	ody	
Minneapolis	22	7	ody	
Mobile	39	35	25	ody
Montgomery	44	38	04	ody
Nashville	37	20	ody	
New Orleans	43	39	32	ody
New York City	34	27	ody	
Newark	34	21	ody	
Oklahoma City	39	16	ody	
Omaha	41	9	ody	
Orlando	74	62	ody	
Philadelphia	33	22	ody	
Phoenix	53	36	cl	
Pittsburgh	27	13	ody	sn
Pocahontas	32	13	ody	
Portland, Maine	31	17	cl	
Portland, Ore.	50	33	41	m
Richmond	32	25	ody	
Sacramento	49	25	ody	
St. Louis	38	18	ody	
St. Thomas	84	73	01	ody
Salem, Ore.	49	40	58	m
Salt Lake City	34	15	sn	
San Angelo	53	23	cl	
San Antonio	44	28	cl	
San Diego	66	43	cl	
San Francisco	48	34	ody	
Savannah	40	39	62	m
Seattle	48	40	93	m
Shreveport	36	24	cl	
Sioux City	41	6	sn	
Sioux Falls	32	9	sn	
South Bend	30	11	ody	
Spokane	27	24	27	sn
Springfield, Ill.	33	15	ody	
Springfield, Mo.	35	13	ody	
Syracuse	29	20	ody	
Toledo	31	15	ody	
Topeka	42	15	ody	
Tucson	65	29	cl	
Tulsa	38	15	ody	
Tupelo	32	22	ody	
Waco	41	26	cl	
Washington, D.C.	36	24	ody	
W Palm Beach	82	65	ody	
Wichita	37	14	ody	

OBITUARIES



Norman Bassett

Norman Albert Bassett was born June 12, 1927 in Norwalk, Connecticut, and passed away December 8, 1998 in Dallas, Texas, six years after successfully receiving a liver transplant, finally succumbing to a one-year battle with cancer. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

He retired from ARCO (Atlantic Richfield) and graduated with honors from M.I.T. and was the recipient of a National Science Award. He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, The Elks Club, National Society Sons of the American Revolution and Founder and President of M.O.T.E.S.A. (Midland-Odessa Transplant Education and Support Alliance).

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marge Sandifer Bassett; sons, Scott Newman and wife, Margie, of Anaheim Hills, California, Kevin R. Bassett and wife, Sandra Cook Bassett, of Richardson, Texas, grandson, Scott Newman Jr., a brother, Walter W. Bassett; sisters, Marian Timmons and Ruth Bassett of Wilton, Connecticut; a nephew, Truman Bassett and wife, Elizabeth; nieces, Cynthia Timmons, Carolyn Krenz and husband, Arthur; and many loving grandchildren and grandnephews.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, December 26,

1998, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1411 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas with the Rev. Stockton Williams officiating.

Memorials may be made to Baylor Transplant Service in Dallas or Allison Cancer Center of Midland, Texas. The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to the doctors, nurses, and support staff at Baylor Transplant Services in Dallas and Allison Cancer Center of Midland, Texas. The family encourages others to "live and then give."



Linda Buchanan

Linda Cheryl Buchanan was born October 22, 1958, in Midland, Texas to A. C. and Mary (Wright) Wootan.

Mrs. Buchanan is survived by her husband, David Buchanan of Midland; her daughters, Emily Michelle Buchanan and Sarah Ashley Buchanan, both of Midland; her parents, A. C. and Mary Wootan of Midland; her brothers, Al Wootan of Gail, Texas, and Steve Wootan of Midland; and her father-in-law, J.D. Buchanan of Midland.

Mrs. Buchanan died at her home in Midland Wednesday, December 23.

Family visitation will be Sunday, December 27, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral ser-

VICES have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Monday, December 28 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Ronny Newton officiating. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Pallbearers will be Andrew Wootan, Jason Buchanan, Chris Buchanan, Ronny Buchanan, Robin Wootan, Valerie Wootan, Jeni Gilbert, and Becky Gilbert.



Gerald Anderson

Gerald Keith Anderson, age 73, died December 22, 1998, in Midland.

Mr. Anderson was born January 8, 1925, in Jerseyville, Illinois. He was raised in the Chicago area, graduating from the University of Illinois and also received a M.A. degree in geology from Texas Tech University.

Mr. Anderson was a decorated World War II veteran, serving in Europe with the 82nd Airborne Division and was a recipient of the Bronze Star.

Mr. Anderson was employed by Marathon Oil Company for more than 35 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Mr. Anderson was preceded in death in 1993 by his wife of almost 46 years, Norma Elizabeth Joley Anderson. He is survived by three

children: daughter, Janet Anderson Kahl and husband, John, of Houston; son, Keith Alan Anderson and wife, Jo, of Iraan; and daughter, Nancy Gail Anderson of New Bern, North Carolina; three grandchildren, Melissa Elise Anderson, Lucas Alan Anderson, and Travis Riley Anderson, all of Iraan; and two brothers, Frank R. Anderson of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and Robert Anderson of Alamogordo, New Mexico.

Visitation with the family will be Saturday, December 26, 2:30 p.m. until service time at the funeral home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Mr. Anderson's niece, the Reverend Connie Nieto of Grace Presbyterian Church in Plainview, officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be directed to: American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79703, or Arthritis Foundation, 3145 McCart Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76110.

Kelly Baker

DENVER CITY — Kelly Eugene Baker, 36, died December 24, in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, December 26, in the Ratliff Funeral Home Chapel with Eugene Hogue officiating.

Kelly was born June 9, 1962, in Pecos, Texas. He graduated from Denver City High School in 1980 and had worked for G & G Tong Rentals of Denver City for several years. He was currently living in Midland and was employed by Campbell Construction Company.

He is survived by his parents, Morris and Claudine Baker of Denver City; four brothers, Eugene Hogue of Seminole, Joe Lee Baker of Lovington, N.M., and Alan Baker of Lubbock; and one sister, Jo Ann Bedwell of Denver City; along with many nieces and nephews.

DEATH NOTICES

Hanford Morris

Hanford Morris died Wednesday, Dec. 23, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28, at First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Aug. 29, 1918, in Electra.

He was a petroleum geologist for Texaco for 31 years, until 1978, and then was an independent drilling consultant until 1984. He

was a member of First United Methodist Church and Midland Southside Lions Club.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Louise B. Morris in January 1998; and a son, Benson Morris in 1985.

Survivors include three sons, Michael H. Morris III of New Haven, Conn., Paul E. Morris of Midland, and Dr. George S. Morris of Houston; a sister, Mrs. Walter F. Welch of Chattanooga, Tenn.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 3525 Andrews Highway, Suite 111,

Midland 79703, or M.D. Anderson Hospital, Houston.

Earline Jones

Earline Winnie Welch Jones, 78, died Friday, Dec. 25.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Roy Long

Roy Long, 73, of Blackstone, Va., died Thursday, Dec. 24 at his home.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

CHRISTMAS: Warming creates fewer road hazards

(From 1A)

iday voyages, but the high volume of traffic is still dangerous to motorists, the Department of Public Safety said.

"We're still urging people to drive with extreme caution. Even though the weather is getting better, motorists don't need to be driving so fast," DPS spokeswoman Tel Mangle said. "We still need peo-

ple to wear their seat belts and not drink and drive."

Friday's warming created fewer road hazards, as opposed to earlier this week, when several statewide fatalities were attributed to icy road conditions, Ms. Mangle said.

So far, four people lost their lives on Texas roadways during Operation Motorcade, which is a fatality count DPS takes over the

Christmas weekend. All four were wearing seat belts, according to reports.

Last year, 36 people died during that 78-hour period, Ms. Mangle said.

As of 3 p.m. Friday, seven people died on Texas highways between 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday morning, she said. None were from Midland or Big Spring.

INCLUSION: Representatives go to conference

(From 1A)

methods in their classrooms if they become teachers.

"We are trying to change the focus of education," Ms. Jones said. "There are so many students who fall through the cracks that can benefit from this program."

To help ensure that MARC and MISD are kept up-to-date on the latest inclusion teaching and learning techniques, both groups send repre-

sentatives to an annual conference, Ms. McLean said.

"Each year MARC and MISD get together to send a group to the inclusion conference," Ms. McLean said. "We have already had 15 educators attend in the past."

"MARC always sends a team of four members. In addition, (this year) MISD will send one principal, four teachers and one member of the school board."

This year MARC is also hosting

guest speaker Crystal A. Kuykendall to speak on "Approaches to Teaching a Diverse Population" at an in-service for MISD teachers scheduled for Jan. 19. Later that evening, Ms. Kuykendall will give a public presentation at Midland Center.

"She is an absolutely dynamic speaker," Ms. McLean said. "We want the teachers to enjoy their in-service and we think Dr. Kuykendall will make it very enjoyable."

A candlelit Christmas — thousands in South without power

Associated Press

Southerners enjoyed an unusual gift for Christmas Day — snow. But it came with a price, as hundreds of thousands were without electricity.

The freezing rain, sleet and snow that crippled the region Christmas Eve left thousands of utility workers spending their holiday trying to restore power lines.

Power was restored to 60,000 Tennessee homes and businesses Friday evening, though some new reports of blackout were reported. In Virginia, at least 244,000 customers were without electricity at one point, 156,000 in Mississippi, 93,000 in Louisiana, 106,000 in North Carolina.

Much of the service was expected to be restored by nightfall, but it could take days to reconnect power to everyone. While freezing rain was not in the forecast, the South — and most of the nation — is expected to continue under a cold snap already blamed for at least 30 deaths.

Shelters opened across the South. About 200 people slept the night before Christmas in one Raleigh shelter.

People tried to make the most of the sudden entrance of winter

despite the hardship.

In the South, sunny skies had melted many roads by the afternoon, but some remained closed and icy patches littered the highways.

Pick 3 Texas (Thursday)

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

4-6-9

Cash Five (Thursday)

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

25-26-29-31-32

Pick 3 Texas

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

3-0-6

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The Cash Five winning numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-19-21-27-29

Texas Million

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Million winning numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

39-3-8-23



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Firefighters who were on duty Friday at the Central Fire Station were joined by their families for Christmas dinner. Toby Partridge and his son, Trevor, 5, play with Trevor's new remote-controlled car.

FEAST: Midland firefighters prepare Christmas dinner for their families

(From 1A)

trucks and try on bunker gear.

Spending holidays at the firehouse is nothing new for Ms. Partridge. She grew up in a family of firemen that included her father, an Abilene firefighter, and her brother, David Allen, who works for the Midland Fire Department.

"Now my children are doing what I did," she said. "It's pretty normal for me now. I've done this every Christmas and Thanksgiving. You want to be with your families during the holidays, and the firemen want to be with their families, too."

Kari Brewer, a hospital nurse, didn't mind spending her first Christmas with firefighter Randy Atchley — even if there was a halt at the sound of a bell.

Instead, she hopes her fiancée will be just as understanding if she ever needs to work the emergency room one holiday.

"I knew in advance what his schedule would be like, but we still wanted to be together," Ms. Brewer said. "Even if he works next Christmas, at least he'll be married to me by then. I don't mind it. You take the good with the bad."

For Atchley, it was the best of both worlds. Friday's dinner meant he had could celebrate with his wife-to-be and comrades without leaving his job.

"You can make everyone happy," he said.

Buffey Powell didn't think the idea would sit well with her twin daughters. They were disappointed when their father, Corbin Powell, announced he couldn't spend Christmas at home.

"It would have been very hard for the children if they didn't see their father on Christmas," Ms. Powell said. "The girls were sad before they got here, but once they got to see him, they were happy again."

Powell said having a couple of hours with his girls would help him feel better while he carried out his duties that day. After all, they seemed to have enjoyed playing with the other children and racing down the hall.

"I'm glad they were able to make it," he said. "It's hard enough working on Christmas, but it makes things a lot better for us when our families come eat with us."

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Panama, soon to control canal, sees it as ticket to prosperity

PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — The Americans gouged a trench across this lush country and nurtured it during nine decades as U.S. soil into a vital link in the ever-expanding global market.

All that will change in just a year, when at noon on Dec. 31, 1999, the world's most powerful nation turns over control of the Panama Canal to this poor country.

There is no lack of skeptics, even among Panamanians, who question whether Panama is ready. In a CID-Gallup poll in November, half the Panamanians surveyed said their country isn't prepared to run the canal.

But after decades of defensive assertions that the canal won't slip too far into ruin after the Americans leave, Panamanian officials and analysts are showing more confidence and setting their sights higher.

"I am in general terms very optimistic that we will administer the canal not only as well, but much better, because our vision goes far beyond moving ships from one ocean to another," said Roberto Eisenmann, a newspaper publisher who usually is a sharp government critic.

While taking on the canal's management, Panama's government

also has big plans for developing the sophisticated infrastructure and vast acreage of the Panama Canal Zone — an area valued at \$2 billion to \$4 billion.

The loss of the U.S.-troops based in the zone will cost Panama's economy up to \$300 million a year, but officials say they will more than make up for that.

"In the beginning there will be a negative effect from the loss of U.S. military spending, but gradually that will be overcome by the new investments, new exports and new economic activity," said Nicolas Ardito Barletta, administrator of the agency that coordinates investment in the areas turned over by the Americans.

The government wants to create a web of activities around the canal, creating a tourism industry to take advantage of the biodiversity of the canal's banks while at the same time developing ports at each end of the waterway.

Officials hope the ports in Balboa on the Pacific side and Cristobal on the Caribbean side will develop into maintenance centers for ships traversing the canal and also become key transfer points for shipping containers.

Of course, the doubts are strong. "The transfer of an asset of the



Tourists from a cruise ship dive into Gatun Lake Dec. 10, just outside of the Gatun Locks of the Panama Canal, 76 miles from Panama City in Colon, Panama. Panama is hoping that a major part of its new economy will be ecotourism — resorts that respect and profit from the untouched nature that surrounds the 50-mile canal.

greatest potential to a Third World country has zero credibility," said Eisenmann, the publisher. "The whole world is waiting for this to turn out badly."

Panama is working hard to prove the doubters wrong.

Hutchison Whampoa Ltd. of Hong Kong has invested millions of

dollars in modernizing the two ports, while Kansas City Southern Industries is restoring a rusted railroad that runs along the canal and could move up to 900 containers across the isthmus each day.

Cruise ships also have begun to make stops on the lake that feeds the canal, and Taiwanese busi-

nessmen have set up an industrial park at Fort Davis, a former U.S. military base where Panamanian workers make plastic bags, blue jeans and bicycle parts for export.

Barletta, whose dream is to build Panama into a regional manufacturing and banking center, said investors have committed to more than \$1 billion in projects over the next five years in the canal zone.

Officials are even looking to the canal itself for economic opportunity. They want to sell the surplus electricity that the canal produces — and drinking water from the lake.

The United States has long run the canal as a break-even agency, investing all the profit into canal maintenance and expansion. Panamanians say that has stifled economic growth.

"All the areas around the canal open the opportunity for enormous business, which the Americans haven't cared about," said Hernan Berni, who is building an ecotourism resort on the canal's banks.

Some critics say the desire for business opportunities will cause officials to sacrifice canal maintenance and prevent them from expanding the canal, endangering the waterway's place in world trade.

A widening project currently under way is designed to increase the canal's shipping capacity 20 percent by 2005 — if Panama continues the work.

"There is a definite need to expand the canal," said Peter Wild, head of a shipping company. "It's already entering into obsolescence."

Hamas leader denounces Clinton visit as effort to destroy unity

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The spiritual leader of the militant group Hamas on Friday denounced President Clinton's recent visit to the Mideast, calling it an attempt to destroy Palestinian unity.

Sheikh Ahmed Yassin's appearance at a rally to mark the 11th anniversary of the founding of Hamas was his first major appearance since his release Wednesday from two months of house arrest.

Yasser Arafat's government confined the charismatic sheik to his house in October after Hamas tried to blow up a school bus full of Jewish children in the Gaza Strip.

Arafat's dealings with Hamas have been difficult. Israel demands that he act strongly to contain Islamic militants who stage attacks against Israel, but the Palestinian leader is reluctant

to alienate Yassin's following.

At the Gaza City refugee camp where the rally was held, a crowd of at least 10,000 people turned out, chanting "Yassin! Yassin!" and struggling to touch the jeep in which he was driven through the crowd.

When the jeep stopped, followers lifted the ailing cleric's wheelchair and carried him to the stage.

Representatives of Arafat's more moderate leadership participated in the rally, perhaps to try to balance out the more militant message of Hamas, which opposes any peace with Israel.

Hani Hassan, of Arafat's Fatah faction, praised Clinton's visit to the Palestinian lands as a show of support for Palestinian statehood.

But Yassin called Clinton an enemy.

"I want to ask, what did Clinton

do for us during his visit? The purpose of his visit to the region was ... to destroy Palestinian unity and the Palestinian dream," he told the crowd.

Touching on another sore point, Yassin called on the Palestinian Authority to release Hamas activists from its jails and to root out corruption within its ranks.

The sheik also criticized the Palestinian Authority for arresting Palestinian journalists last week to try to prevent them from covering rallies in support of Iraq. The United States and Britain launched airstrikes against Iraq after it refused to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors. The four-day attack ended Saturday.

Meanwhile, Osama bin Laden, the Saudi exile accused of masterminding the U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa, was quoted in

a newspaper as saying that Muslims should kill Americans and Britons because they supported the attack on Iraq. The August bombings in Kenya and Tanzania killed a total of 224 people.

It is "the duty of Muslims to confront, fight and kill (Britons and Americans). And anything that can be taken from them by force is the rightful prize of Muslims." Bin Laden was quoted as saying in Friday's edition of the Arabic newspaper Asharq Al-Awsat, published in London.

More moderate demonstrations also took place Friday in the West Bank town of Beit Sahur, where 2,000 Palestinians marched with 150 Israeli peace activists demanding peace and the creation of a Palestinian state. Marchers released white pigeons as a symbol of peace.

Cleanup of Taiwanese waste goes slowly in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Initial test results on tons of waste dumped by a Taiwanese firm in Cambodia indicate the mercury level was thousands of times higher than safety standards permit.

The waste, believed to be compressed industrial ash, was dumped a few miles outside Sihanoukville, 115 miles southwest of Phnom Penh, last month and discovered two weeks ago. Villagers living nearby have complained of exhaustion and diarrhea.

Environment Minister Mok Mareth said the first of three analyses of the 3,000 tons of waste showed a mercury content of 675 parts per million. Joyce Fu, a member of the environmentalist Green Formosa Front, said by telephone from Taipei that Taiwan regulations called for less than 0.2 parts per million.

Mok Mareth said he was waiting for two more tests from foreign laboratories before drawing conclusions about the Taiwanese waste.

"I think it is toxic but I cannot say for sure today," Mok Mareth said.

The waste was sent by Taiwan's giant Formosa Plastics Corp., and fear over possibly toxic content caused a panicked exodus of residents from the seaport area.

Hundreds of soldiers wearing protective clothing have been packing the waste into barrels and

shipping containers. Sihanoukville's deputy governor, Khim Bo, whose home was ransacked by angry citizens in riots over the waste last weekend, said the cleanup could take three to four weeks.

A dock worker died a few days

after cleaning the hold of the ship that transported the waste, sparking the riots in normally tranquil Sihanoukville.

Thousands fled the town, and police said four were killed in traffic accidents on the road to the capital.

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Waseca Elementary School kindergarten students await the arrival of Minnesota Governor-elect Jesse Ventura in Waseca, Minn., Dec. 17. Ventura toured cities throughout Southern Minnesota Thursday.

In Minnesota, let's get ready to governnnnnnn!

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov.-elect Jesse Ventura's book deal is ready. He was a ratings smash on the late-night talk shows. Minnesotans are snapping up "Our governor can beat up your governor" T-shirts.

Now comes the hard part. The Body will be sworn in Jan. 4, and legislators are wondering what they can expect from the former pro wrestler, who was famously vague on the campaign trail, saying he would sign any bills that were good for the state and veto the bad ones.

"Who knows what's going to come out of this? We haven't had any appointments. It's kind of been a media blitz," Senate Republican Leader Dick Day said. Day said he had met briefly with Ventura, and they talked about "Porsches and horses."

In the two months since Ventura knocked the wind out of both the Democrats and the Republicans with his third-party victory, he has tended to transition needs, drawing crowds of enthusiastic state workers on a combination victory lap-learning tour of state agencies. He has also chosen a respected administrator as his chief of staff.

"Most people think he has held his own very

well. He has shown a seriousness when required and a sense of humor," University of Minnesota political science professor Steven Smith said.

But with the legislative session scheduled to begin the day after Ventura's inauguration, Smith said the governor-elect needs to start sending signals now to the public and the Legislature about what is important to him.

"If you rely entirely on the signing and veto stage, you're not very likely to succeed," Smith said.

Similarly, Carleton College political science professor Steven Schier thinks it's time for Ventura — whom he calls the "infotainment governor" — to focus on serious business, not national media interviews.

"Governance is not fun. He's trying to make it fun by not governing," Schier said. But he added, "If the economy stays good and we are not hit by any major state crises, this can go on for a while."

Ventura has many administration appointments to make and will be expected to lay out an agenda for the Legislature — if he has one. Will he push for consideration of a bill to legalize prostitution? Fireworks? Industrial hemp?

He talked about all of them in the campaign. "I will not be a governor that spreads myself so thin immediately on ideas," Ventura said. Ventura has named Steven Bosacker, the head of his transition team, as his chief of staff. Bosacker was on leave as executive director of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents. He is considered an expert on government management.

His leadership will be important this year because Minnesota's government is split three ways. The Democrats control the Senate. The Republicans will run the House for the first time in 13 years. And Ventura stands alone as a member of the Reform Party.

While Ventura is not required by law to submit an agenda, he is required to submit a two-year budget.

House Speaker-designate Steve Sviggum, who will be leading the 134-member body for the first time, said that given Minnesota's projected \$3.3 billion surplus over the next 1 1/2 years, "It would be very difficult to blow it."

And Sen. Dean Johnson, a Republican, noted that Ventura has one important thing going for him: "He'll have the advantage of having the public on his side."

Moynihan gives White House new hope by calling for censure

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan now favoring censure, the White House Friday welcomed new signs that momentum is growing in the Senate for a penalty short of removing President Clinton from office.

Moynihan, D-N.Y., who had not previously revealed his position, did so Friday in a published report. Administration officials quickly expressed new hope for "a bipartisan solution" that would avoid Clinton's removal through a Senate trial.

As a senior member of the Senate, one of its leading intellectuals and a sometimes critic of the president, Moynihan and his views engender considerable respect among his peers.

As the Senate prepares to consider charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, other senators agreed there is increasing bipartisan support for a censure.

"I think you do have a significant group of senators who are trying to work across the aisle and find

some bipartisan common ground that the House wasn't able to locate," Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., told The Associated Press.

He said that based on conversations "every day" with Democratic and Republican senators, "I believe that there are 65 to 70 senators who would say, 'I would be open to a trial if it was fair and speedy, but I also want to use the time between now and Jan. 6 (when the Senate returns) to see if there might be some bipartisan approach we can find.'"

A spokesman for the White House counsel's office, James Kennedy, welcomed these statements.

"We've said all along a bipartisan solution that is prompt and fair is the best course and we welcome efforts by those are trying to achieve that goal of finding a way of putting all this behind us," Kennedy said.

The White House was careful not to gloat, however, as several Senate Democrats indicated that the

administration best not interfere with impeachment deliberations that are solely the prerogative of the Senate.

"It's a matter for the Senate and senators to decide," White House spokeswoman Amy Weiss said.

It would take a two-thirds vote — or 67 of 100 senators — to remove the president from office. With 45 Democrats and 55 Republicans, at least 12 senators from Clinton's party would have to vote against him to reach 67 — a scenario few see as realistic.

But Clinton's supporters worry about what could happen once a trial gets under way, and they are hoping for a quick resolution to the two articles of impeachment approved by the House.

Amid all the censure talk, there's been no indication from senators that they're heeding suggestions this week from House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas. DeLay said that if senators "spend plenty of time in the evidence room" reading impeach-

ment documents secured by the House, the two-thirds vote needed for conviction "may appear out of thin air."

Democratic Sens. Moynihan, Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut and Robert Byrd of West Virginia have all offered the White House cause for concern about the positions they may take.

But Moynihan told The New York Times in Friday's editions that moves to oust Clinton threaten to "very readily destabilize the presidency."

"We are an indispensable nation and we have to protect the presidency as an institution," Moynihan told the newspaper. "There has to be a commander in chief. You could very readily destabilize the presidency, move to a randomness. That's an institution that has to be stable, not in dispute. Absent that, do not doubt that you could degrade the Republic quickly."

Moynihan added that "you obvi-

ously can infer" that he supported censure.

Lieberman has suggested that Democrats should not be taken for granted. "As far as I know, hardly any of my colleagues in the Senate have said how they would vote," he said.

And Byrd, the Senate's expert on the body's history and procedures, hinted this week that a censure could replace a trial. But he also said that: "For the good of our nation, there must be no deal involving the White House or any entity beyond the ... U.S. Senate."

Health industry lobbying to put back Medicare money

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deal lawmakers struck to keep Medicare's finances under control for another decade is threatening to unravel as insurance companies, hospitals and medical professionals besiege Congress with complaints that payments for elderly health care are stretched too thin.

"Everybody who got a tuck and a trim in 1997 wants more money," said Ari Fleischer, spokesman for the House Ways and Means Committee, which oversees the nation's health care program for the elderly and disabled. "If everybody gets more money, Medicare will go broke even faster."

Congress was reluctant to tinker with Medicare in 1998 after politically sensitive negotiations to find \$115 billion in savings just a year earlier.

Instead, lawmakers largely deferred to a commission of experts scheduled to make recommendations on Medicare's future in March.

But those recommendations may call for a fundamental overhaul that Congress likely will take its time considering. No action — only hearings — has been promised for next year.

In the meantime, pressure is growing on lawmakers to put back some Medicare money trimmed in the 1997 balanced budget act, which came out of the pockets of health care providers.

Medical groups are trying to grab lawmakers' attention by using the human face of elderly and disabled Americans. The American Association of Health Plans, the HMO trade group, is enlisting senior citizens in 50 cities in a lobbying campaign. And physical therapists are encouraging patients to write letters to Congress.

The Medicare belt-tightening was intended to buy lawmakers 10 years to make further changes to bolster the cash-poor program for the huge generation of aging baby boomers. Medicare gets much of its money from a tax deducted from workers' paychecks.

Health care providers say they support that goal, but "we think there are a lot of unintended consequences," said Richard J. Pollock of the American Hospital Association.

In January, the association will dispatch hundreds of hospital administrators to Capitol Hill to convey that message in vivid terms.

"We're discharging patients earlier, which is causing hardships for them in terms of transportation back and forth (for outpatient care). Some patients may not be getting the care they need," said Bob Main, president of Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation in Chattanooga, Tenn.

At the urging of therapists at the Parkinson Outreach Program in Overland Park, Kan., retired minister Dick Waltz wrote his members of Congress to complain about a new \$1,500-a-year cap on Medicare payments for physical and speech therapy received in non-hospital settings, starting Jan.

By contrast, Medicare picked up most of the \$13,000 tab when Waltz, 72, needed eight weeks of similar physical and speech therapy last summer.

"I sure couldn't have afforded it," said Waltz, who expects to need more therapy as his disease continues its inexorable, degenerative progress.

Health maintenance organizations and other private health plans that insure Medicare beneficiaries are participating in a 50-

city blitz of meetings with senior citizens.

Their message is that inadequate Medicare payments are the reason health plans will drop more than 400,000 elderly and disabled patients next year.

"We don't want people to panic. We want people to express their views" to Congress, said Karen Ignagni, president of the HMO trade group.

Already, most of these causes have found congressional champions willing to introduce legisla-

tion next year.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman William Roth, R-Del., has pledged to consider relief for the health plans.

"I have heard from many unhappy Delaware seniors who lost their Medicare HMO coverage this fall," Roth said.

But while many lawmakers say they are concerned that vulnerable Americans face harm, it's unclear where money would come from to answer all complaints.

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Balloonists abandon round-the-world quest, ditch in the Pacific

HONOLULU (AP) — Three adventurers trying to make the first nonstop round-the-world flight in a balloon abandoned their quest Friday, ditching in the shark-infested waters off Honolulu a little more than halfway through their journey.

Coast Guard helicopters hoisted them from the water in good condition and high spirits.

The men — British mogul Richard Branson, American millionaire Steve Fossett and Per Lindstrand of Sweden — quit seven days into their journey after they lost the high-altitude, high-speed winds they needed to carry them eastward across the Pacific to North America. They had gotten caught in a low-pressure "trough" and feared they would be stuck there for a week.

"We're glad to be alive," Branson said. "We thought we were going to make it all the way, but we hit a brick wall of bad weather."

They lowered the 272-foot-high, combination helium and hot-air balloon and let it hit the Pacific Ocean about 10 miles north of the island of Oahu, where the craft

bounced across the water in three- to four-foot seas for miles because the explosive bolts that were supposed to cut the balloon loose from the crew capsule had been frozen by the cold and didn't work.

"We bounced a lot on the water. It must have been 50 times until we finally dug in," Fossett said.

Once the capsule settled in the water, they climbed out the escape hatches in the top and jumped off the back as the balloon continued to pull the craft through the water.

The men, wearing their survival suits, were in the water no more than 10 minutes before they were hoisted in baskets aboard two Coast Guard helicopters, Fossett said.

In a thank-you call to the operations control room in London, Branson said: "It was a ridiculous way to spend your Christmas Day but it was certainly exciting."

Lindstrand said he has ditched many aircraft in the past, but "this was the worst. It was horrendous."

Fossett, who was forced to ditch in the Pacific during an attempt to circle the

globe earlier this year, described the landing as "pretty smooth."

Fossett said if the landing system had been operating correctly they could have touched down in Hawaii.

"But if you are going to be dragged on a landing, you are much better off doing it in the water," he said.

The craft was not immediately recovered, but Fossett said plans were under way to salvage at least the capsule and the equipment aboard.

All three balloonists have made a total of 11 attempts at a nonstop flight around globe, some of which ended in near tragedy.

This time, as the balloon was landing, Fossett said, he was thinking "about the fact that I've made three attempts to fly round the world just in 1998 and it's getting pretty discouraging."

"I think it's time to go sailing," Fossett said.

The men were brought ashore at Barber's Point, about 10 miles west of Honolulu. U.S. customs inspectors were waiting to meet them and have them sign the

declaration forms required of all those entering the United States.

A stretch limousine from the Hilton Hawaiian Village showed up to take them to the Waikiki resort hotel. It also brought along the makings of a continental breakfast.

The balloon voyage began on Dec. 18 in Marrakech, Morocco, and, if successful, would have ended in Western Europe. The crew had hoped to reach North America sometime Friday, flying over southern Canada or Washington state. They covered 12,500 miles before giving up.

"We were not told for 15 minutes whether they were alive, dead or injured," project director Mike Kendrick said from London. "I know it is a failure, but it is a glorious failure."

Balloon pilots cannot steer or control their speed with any precision, relying instead on extremely fast, high-altitude winds to carry them around the globe. They navigate by changing the lift of the balloon to ascend or descend into different wind currents.

After racing across the Pacific in winds

of up to 200 mph, the adventurers' balloon got sucked into a low-pressure system. They maneuvered the craft up and down between 6,000 feet and 27,000 feet to try to find a fast easterly wind. But the best they could do was a 16 mph wind.

"In the middle of the night we decided it was a hopeless situation," Fossett said. "If we had kept going, it would have left us too far away from land for an easy pickup."

Had the balloonists had made the West Coast, they would have broken the balloon distance record that Fossett set on an attempt to circumnavigate the globe earlier this year.

During the journey, the team secured permission from 97 countries to cross their airspace. Iran, Iraq, Russia and North Korea refused permission. The crew also had some tense moments when they passed over China farther north than the balloon had been authorized to fly.

Branson was ready for another attempt.

"We've finally cracked everything in the technology," he said. "We'll buck up ourselves and start again."

Stores need lots of buying after Christmas to boost sales

NEW YORK (AP) — The after-Christmas sales will be hard to miss this week as stores try to make up for a disappointing holiday season by offering shoppers deep discounts.

Stores no longer look at the days after Christmas as just a time for returns and exchanges. Many retailers — from giants like J.C. Penney and Macy's to mom-and-pop shops — count on a burst of post-holiday buying to boost the bottom line, which is what happened a year ago.

"After Christmas is becoming a much bigger portion of our business," said Michael Gould, president of Bloomingdale's. "Shoppers think 'If I don't get it before Christmas, I know it will be cheaper after Christmas.'"

Expectations had been high for this holiday season. In fact, many thought it would be one of the best Christmases in recent years, because of the strong economy and the boom on Wall Street.

But Santa didn't bring many retailers what they wanted for Christmas. Sales, especially at department stores, fell short of expectations. One reason was the warm weather, which especially hurt sales of coats and sweaters.

"It just didn't feel like Christmas," said Mary Kane of Quincy, Mass. "It didn't put me in the spirit."

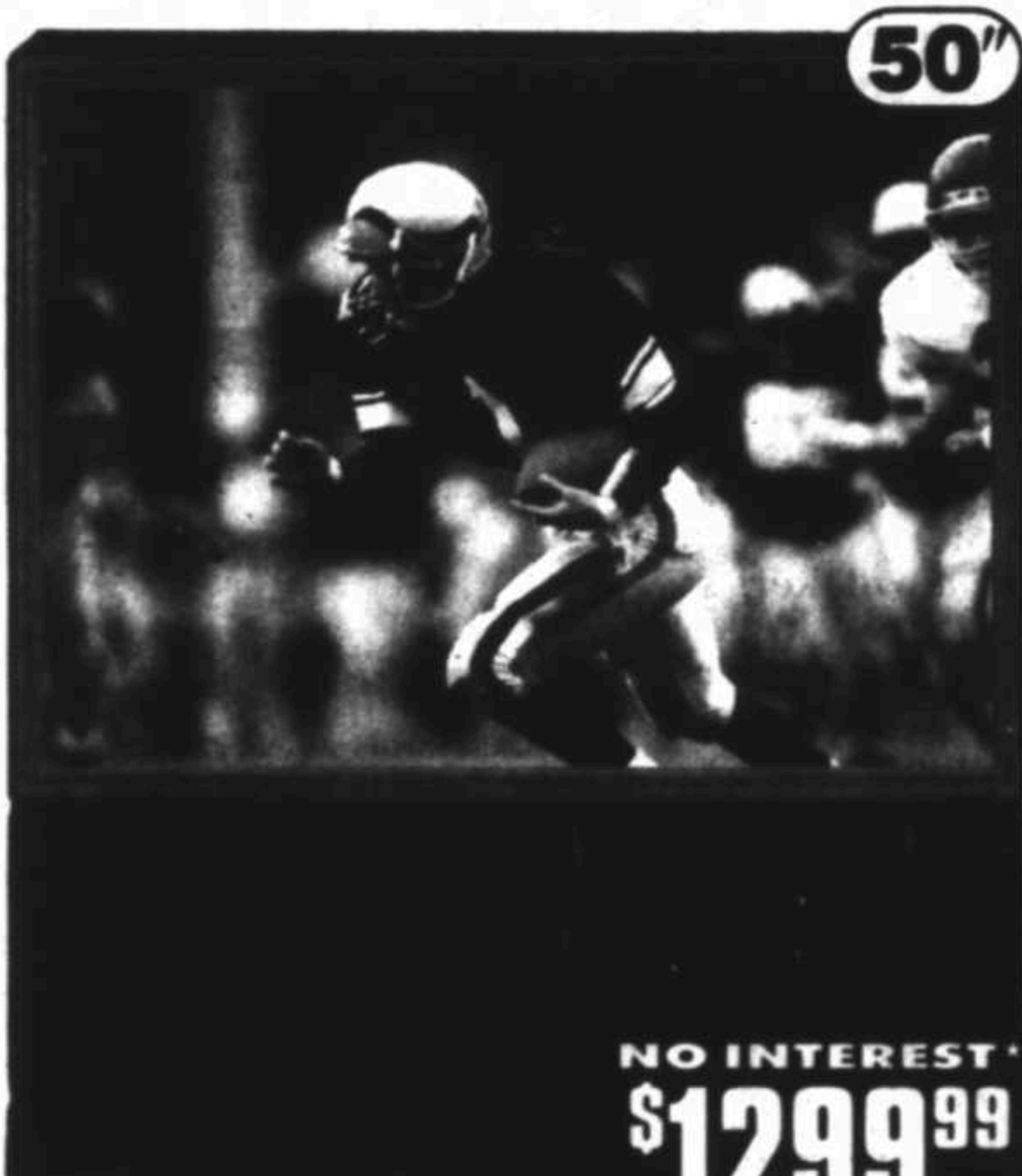
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Christmas lasted a full week for octuplets' family

HOUSTON (AP) — It's been Christmas all week for the parents of the world's only living octuplets, with the history-making births and the shower of donations that followed.

But the holiday itself passed quietly for both the mother and her children.

Doctors said the octuplets remained in critical condition and expect them to stay that way for several weeks. The mother, Nkem Chukwu, was in stable condition Friday and "improving nicely," hospital officials said.

Father Iyke Louis Udobi has referred to his children repeatedly as "gifts" and "blessings" from God since the birth of five girls and two boys on Sunday. The eighth, a girl, was born Dec. 8.

Oni Chukwu, the mother's brother, said he is "the proudest uncle and this is the most wonderful gift."

Even before the holiday came, Chukwu said he was certain Christmas 1998 would be especially memorable.

"How much more special can it get? We have family coming in from all parts of the country," Chukwu said. "We have a large network of extended family. That's going to come in handy, as one could expect, as the kids leave the hospital."

At least 300 people outside the family have offered to help babysit — and then there are the material gifts, which have rolled in non-stop.

Companies, individuals and members of Houston's sizable Nigerian community have stepped forward with offerings, ranging from a lifetime supply of diapers, oil changes and tires to money and cribs.

Just in time for Christmas, the Nigerian Embassy in Washington donated \$10,000 to the family on Thursday. A statement from the embassy said Nigerian Ambassador Dr. Hassan Adamu plans to visit the family and the children soon.

"Our family, both here in the United States and in Nigeria and all over the world, are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support spiritually, emotionally, prayerfully and resourcefully as well as for these wonderful kids," said Chukwu, who traveled from Connecticut to see his sister and her children.

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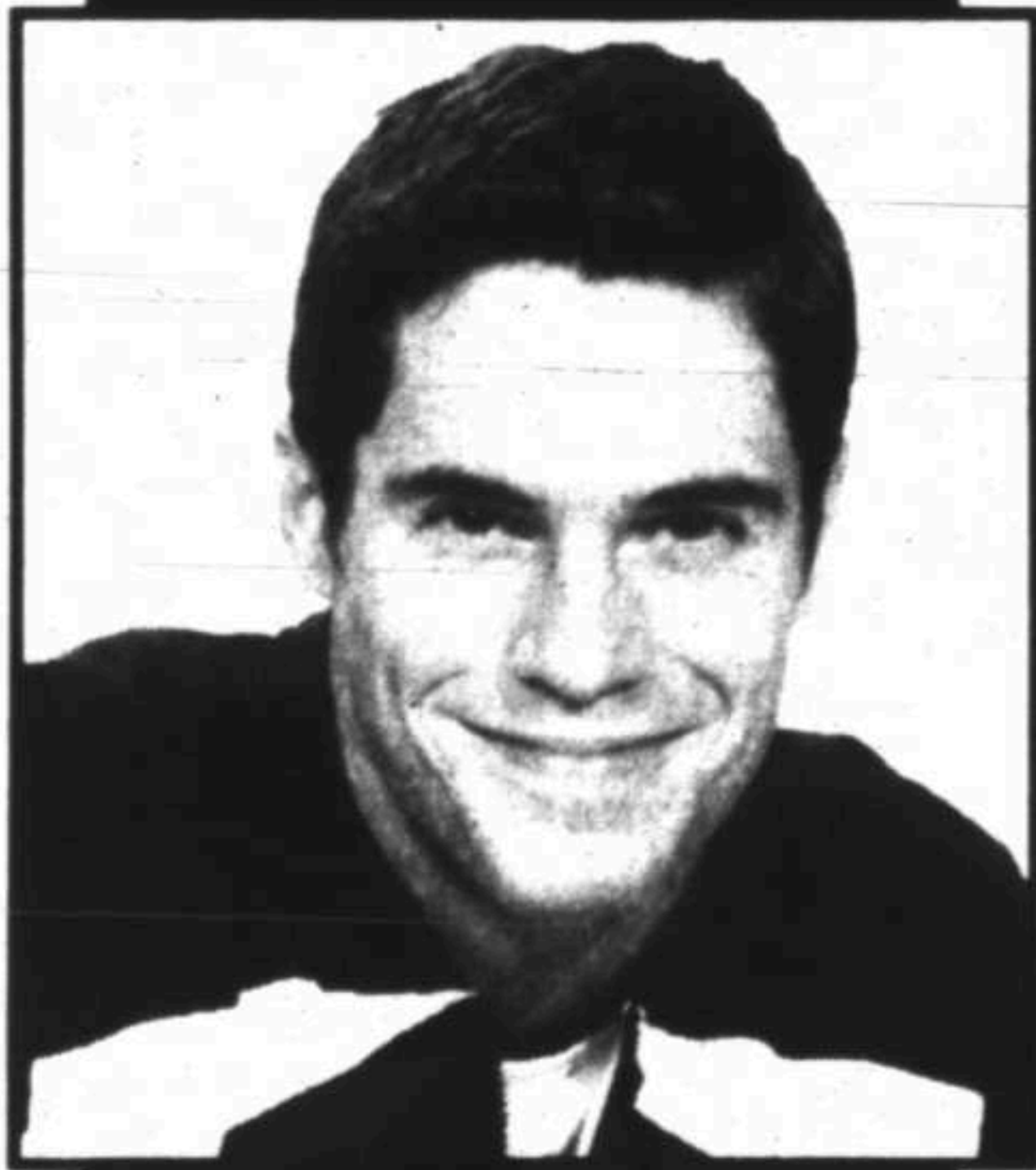
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NBA Lockout

By The Associated Press
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GAMES LOST Friday: 2.
TOTAL GAMES MISSED: 380.
EARLIEST ESTIMATED DATE SEASON CAN START: Jan. 22.
NEGOTIATIONS: David Stern and Billy Hunter might meet this weekend, with the league having set a Jan. 7 deadline to end the season.
PROJECTED PLAYER SALARY LOSSES (through Jan. 22): \$460 million.
SATURDAY'S BEST CANCELED GAME: Boston at Indiana, 7 p.m. EST. The Celtics and Larry Bird were to reunite again. Bird, the coach of the year last season, was inducted into the Hall of Fame this fall.
TAPE SESSION: The Knicks-Bulls game scheduled for Christmas Day was replaced on NBC by the Jimmy Stewart classic "It's a Wonderful Life."
QUOTE OF THE DAY: "When it gets cold out, it's time to play basketball." — Pacers coach Larry Bird.

Cowboys preview

IRVING — On the Friday afternoon before the Cowboys went to Kansas City two weeks ago, public relations director Rich Dalrymple had a request for running back Emmitt Smith, who needed one rushing touchdown to break a tie with Marcus Allen for the all-time career mark.
Smith still needs that one touchdown.

He has been stuck on 123 career rushing touchdowns since he rushed for three on Thanksgiving Day against Minnesota. Because reserve running back Chris Warren is out for the year, Smith will probably get several opportunities to break the record tomorrow night in the season finale against the Washington Redskins.

See BOYS/3B

Sanders' toe

IRVING — Cowboys corner Deon Sanders will have his sprained left toe examined Tuesday by specialist Dr. Bill Hamilton in Florida, but Sanders is not optimistic about his iffy status changing.

See TOE/3B

Greatest game

America discovered the NFL 40 years ago Monday, when the Baltimore Colts and New York Giants took their 1958 championship game into uncharted territory — sudden death overtime.

Never before had any NFL game stretched past 60 minutes. Now the Colts and Giants, their rosters swollen with future Hall of Famers, tackled some extra time on the game clock.

And it seemed as if everybody stopped to pay attention.

See GAME/4B

Matthews finale

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bruce Matthews has been suiting up with the Oilers for 18 seasons. Now a chapter in franchise history closes — only he hasn't had time to think about it.

The Oilers, who failed to make the playoffs, end their season Saturday against the Minnesota Vikings (14-1). Then comes a makeover.

See OILERS/5B

Blue-Gray Classic

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — This was a long, disappointing season for Auburn and LSU, and players from both teams set out to redeem themselves at the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic.

Bray had two interceptions and a fumble recovery. LSU linebacker Joe Wasley returned an interception for a touchdown and Auburn receiver Karsten Bailey had the winning score in the game's 31-24 win over the Blue on Friday.

See ALL-STAR/6B

Eyes of Texas focus on UT's Brown

By Terry Blount
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — Unless he put on a red-and-white suit and slid down chimneys last night to drop off presents, Mack Brown would be hard-pressed to improve his image in the eyes of University of Texas fans. Christmas came early for UT fans when Brown became head football coach of the Longhorns late last year. Some would say he hasn't taken one false step since he took the job, which is no easy task at a school that places extremely high demands on its football team.

Brown has led Texas to an 8-3 record and its first Cotton Bowl appearance since 1991, an amazing turnaround over last season's 4-7. But it's more than just his skill as a coach that has endeared Brown to the Longhorn faithful.



Brown has a personality that makes Santa Claus look like a grump, something UT alumni love and something his predecessor, John Mackovic, never managed. But Brown scoffs when people suggest he has done everything right in his first year at Texas.

"I mess up every day," Brown said. "But we have enough great staff members to get things back in line when I do mess up. I'm really happy here, and I think when you enjoy what you're doing, things are more positive."

"I've never seen anybody who is miserable do a great job in their job for a long time. I just think happy people have a better chance of being successful."

It's easy to be happy when you win, but Brown was-

n't sure that was possible when practice began last spring.

"We really didn't know what to expect," Brown said. "After the 4-7 season, the kids struggled some with their confidence level. In spring practice, we weren't very good. We made some progress, but you worry about the transition."

"It usually goes either really well or really poorly. There's not usually an in-between with that first year."

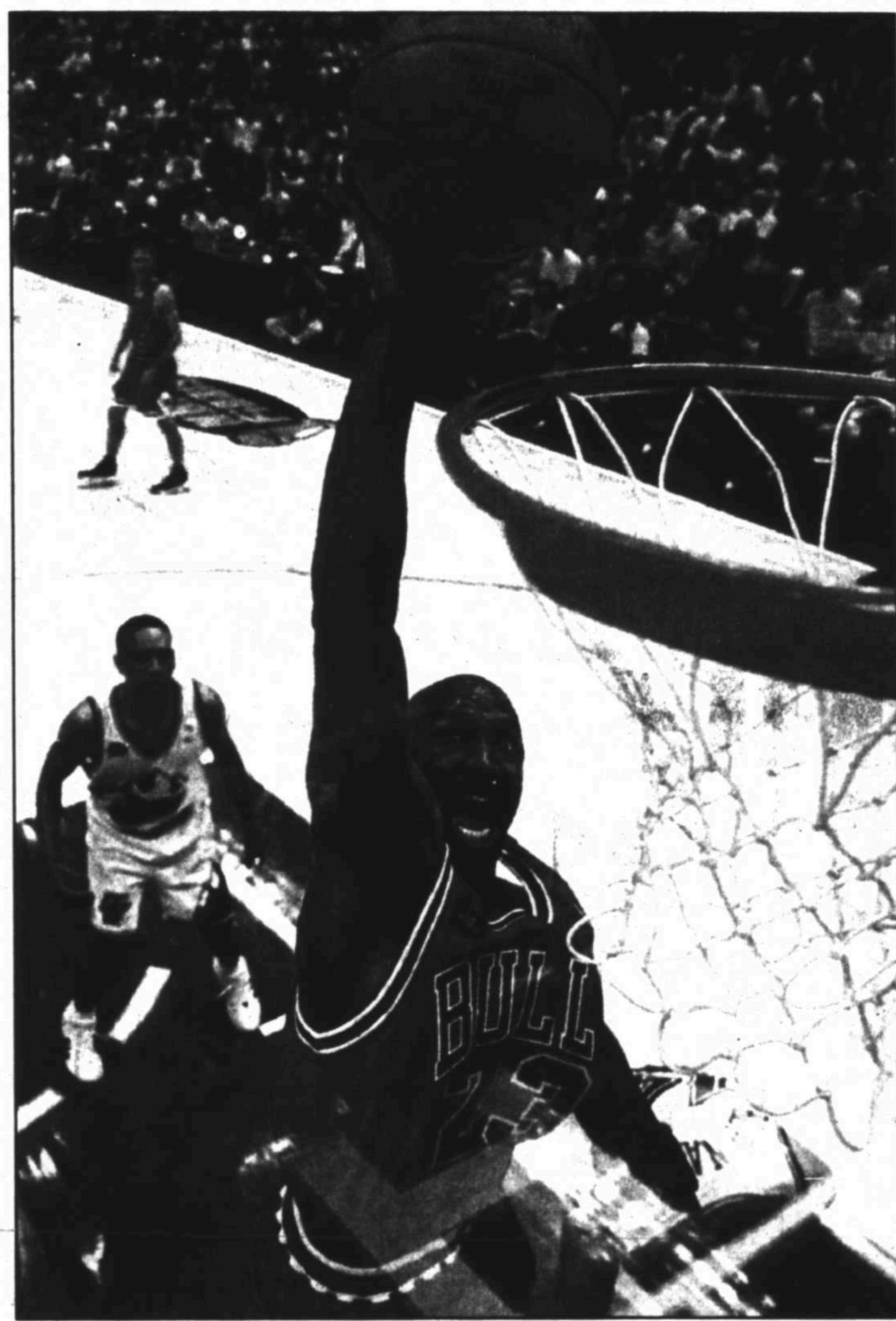
When he arrived from North Carolina, after leading the Tar Heels to back-to-back 10-win seasons, Brown's first order of business was to develop a rapport with his players.

"You have to build up a certain level of communication so you can get some trust," Brown said. "We knew two of our first three games were against top-five opponents, so we felt like we would have a confidence"

Please see BROWN/6B

THE YEAR IN REVIEW: NO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

From Greatness to Gridlock



Chicago Bull guard Michael Jordan goes to the basket as Utah Jazz's Howard Eisley looks on during Game 2 of this summer's NBA Finals in Salt Lake City. Jordan scored a team-high 37 points as the Bulls defeated the Jazz en route to a sixth NBA title.

Bulls, Jordan win 6th title; NBA faces total season shutdown as owners lock out stars

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

The image is an enduring one. Michael Jordan stealing the ball from Karl Malone, dribbling downcourt and hitting the shot that gave the Chicago Bulls their sixth championship of the decade.

Sixth months later, no one knows if that was the end of Jordan's career — or the final game of the NBA's heyday.

A lockout, imposed by the owners, has shut down the sport.

"To go from that moment, m a y b e Michael Jordan's greatest, and to have it come to this. It's just a shame," said Danny Schayes of the Orlando Magic.

And that about sums it up. A shame.

Unable to agree on how to divide some \$2 billion in annual revenues, the NBA has been closed since July 1 as the owners and players fight over the terms of a new collective bargaining agreement.

The first three months of the 1998-99 season have been scrapped, and the league hopes to play a 45- to 50-game schedule if the work stoppage ever gets settled.

In the meantime, people wait. But at least the most recent

memories are worth recalling.

A rookie coach named Larry Bird and his Indiana Pacers nearly ended Jordan's reign in the Eastern Conference finals. An upstart named Kobe Bryant tried to steal the show from Jordan at the All-Star game, only to have Western Conference coach George Karl leave him on the bench in the fourth quarter when Jordan wrapped up the MVP award.

That same coach was knocked out of the playoffs again and ended his tumultuous association with the Seattle SuperSonics before resurfacing in Milwaukee.

Another coach, Jeff Van Gundy, locked onto Alonzo Mourning's leg during a fight at the end of Game 4 in the first-round Knicks-Heat series — a moment that

would ultimately change the outcome of the series and allow the student, Van Gundy, to overcome his old teacher, Pat Riley.

A rookie, Tim Duncan, showed the versatility and talent to be considered a great one already. A veteran, A.C. Green, extended the sport's Ironman record to 978 consecutive games played.

A law professor, John Feer-

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NBA Commish David Stern

Buffaloes hang on, beat No. 21 Oregon, 51-43

By Ben DiPietro
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Colorado took advantage of Oregon's charitable mood Friday to win the Aloha Bowl. The Buffaloes converted four of six Ducks turnovers into scores, Ben Kelly ran back the opening kickoff 93 yards for a touchdown and quarterback Mike Moschetti set an Aloha Bowl record with four TD passes in Colorado's 51-43 victory over No. 21 Oregon.

Colorado (8-4) held off a fourth-quarter rally by Oregon (8-4), in which the Ducks scored three touchdowns before being stopped on their final possession of the game.

"We made too many mistakes early," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said. "When you make as many mistakes as we did, and they're damaging mistakes... you don't expect to win against that many football teams."

Moschetti threw touchdown passes of 72 yards to Darin Chiaverini, 58 yards to Marcus Stiggers, 20 yards to Daniel Graham and 5 yards to Javon Green to lead the Buffaloes, who were playing in the school's 1,000th game.



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Colorado quarterback Mike Moschetti rolls out against Oregon in the Aloha Bowl. Moschetti shared most valuable player honors with Oregon quarterback Akili Smith.

Air Force aims very high, blows out Washington

By Ben DiPietro
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — Take that, Bowl Championship Series committee!

Air Force, snubbed by the BCS in the national championship picture despite an 11-1 record, put an exclamation point on its season Christmas Day by pounding Washington 45-25 in the inaugural Oahu Bowl.

Earlier in the first-ever bowl doubleheader, Colorado outscored Oregon 51-43 to win the Aloha Bowl.

In beating the Pacific-10 Huskies, the Falcons lived up to their ground-conscious persona by ripping off 234 yards. And, for good measure, Blane Morgan, Air Force's triple-option wizard, outplayed heralded Washington quarterback Brock Huard. Morgan completed 12 of 16 passes for 267 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 50 yards.

Huard, a junior who has announced he will skip his senior season to go into the NFL draft, also showcased his skills. He completed 23 of 32 passes for 267 yards. But that came up far short of making up the difference

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AP Photo

USA goalkeeper Kasey Keller dives for the shot by Iran's Hamid Estilbati but ends up watching the ball go into the net during a Group F World Cup match at Gerland Stadium. The American team finished with a sub-par 0-3 in the World Cup. It was good enough for last among the 32 teams.

An American soccer team in Paris gets poor reviews

■ D.C. United did stun Brazil's Vasco da Gama to help U.S. Soccer save some face in 1998.

By Joseph White
AP Sports Writer

American soccer was embarrassed in Paris, and all over the world for that matter. At the World Cup, the one event that gets widespread notice back home, the U.S. team was rife with dissension and finished last among 32 teams.

Just five months later, there was joyous celebration, a feeling of international respect combined with domestic ignorance for one of the country's greatest soccer triumphs. D.C. United became the first American team to win the championship of the Western Hemisphere with its stunning 2-0 upset of Brazilian powerhouse Vasco da Gama.

But the stadium was half-empty, and it was a struggle to find the game on television.

The next day, the smile was gone from the face of Major League Soccer commissioner Doug Logan.

"We've managed to achieve success in splendid secrecy," he said.

Logan would be the first to admit that United got most of the breaks in the Dec. 5 Interamerican Cup game before 7,283 at Lockhart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Vasco da Gama was jet-lagged, overconfident and had waived its home-field advantage for the match.

Yet, from a competitive standpoint, the victory at least gave an upbeat ending to a year soured by the U.S. team's performance in the World Cup, where coach Steve Sampson's decision to bench seasoned veterans and showcase an unproven formation brought something close to open rebellion from players.

"It's unfortunate for everyone, the way things turned out," midfielder Tab Ramos said. "Some guys, like myself, said some things and Steve answered back. At the

Government to probe tennis abuse claims

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — The Australian government will investigate claims that female tennis players had been subjected to starvation diets and verbal abuse at the Australian Institute of Sport.

The News Limited newspaper group reported Saturday that at least 34 women awarded scholarships at the Australian tennis program said the training regiment destroyed their careers.

Players interviewed were involved with the program from its inception in 1981 until 1995. Some players said they were under such pressure to lose weight that they developed eating disorders.

One of Australia's most promising youngsters Brenda Patton, who played at Wimbledon, said she vomited before most matches

OAHU: Falcons wins game

(From 1B)

and three interceptions didn't help.

Air Force, which won its final nine games after a one-point loss to Texas Christian, scored on three of its first four possessions and never looked back. Each time, Morgan guided the Falcons on long drives — 73, 83 and 74 yards — with Jemal Singleton scoring twice, on runs of 12 and 2 yards, and Scott McKay getting the third on a 15-yard run.

Braxton Cleman scored on runs of 3 and 1 yards for Washington to make it 22-13 at the half, but the Falcons responded with 16 unan-

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end, I was thinking, 'This isn't smart by anybody.'

The Americans, who finished 0-3, lost to Germany and Yugoslavia — not unexpected — but a 2-1 politically sensitive defeat to Iran put the U.S. team below even the also-rans of World Cup lore. The unanswerable question is whether a team thought to be so talented going in would have prospered under another coach.

"The sad thing is the rest of the world looks at us now and says we're not that good," said midfielder John Harkes, the longtime U.S. captain whom Sampson cut before the World Cup. "But the talent was undermined. That was the decision by the coach."

Sampson, saying the players made him the scapegoat, resigned the day he left France, closing an unsettling chapter in the American game. The next one opened in October, when D.C. United coach Bruce Arena was named his successor.

The U.S. Soccer Federation looked at some big foreign names, but Arena was the obvious choice all along. He won five trophies in three years with United — the Interamerican Cup, the CONCACAF Champions Cup, the U.S. Open Cup and two MLS Cups as the champion of Major League Soccer.

The victory over Vasco da Gama was Arena's last game with United, and his goal with the U.S. team is to make the second round at the 2002 World Cup in Japan and South Korea. Arena has pledged a youth movement to have a contending team in place by the time qualifying starts in 2000.

While the United States struggles with its place on the international stage, the domestic game hums along as a second-tier sport. Both attendance and television ratings were flat for MLS in 1998, proving that while the league is here to stay, it's not ready to challenge the big four of football, bas-

ketball, baseball and hockey.

The league averaged about 14,000 fans during the regular season, including 17,886 for the expansion Chicago Fire, which ended D.C. United's mini-dynasty with a 2-0 victory in the MLS Cup in October. Franchises in Kansas City and Tampa continued to draw poorly, but Columbus showed enough faith to build a 22,500-seat stadium for the Crew designed specifically for soccer.

In five years, Logan hopes to expand the 12-team league to 18 or 20 teams drawing 18,000 per game — and maybe even show a profit. "There are losses and there will continue to be," Logan said. "But (the investors) have pledged to invest more over the next five years. They continue to think there's a huge upside."

Meanwhile, there's a more immediate task: find a way to make everyone take notice when an American team actually wins something.

answered points in the third quarter to put the game away.

The scores came on a 42-yard field goal by Jackson Whiting, a 4-yard run by Spanky Gilliam and Morgan's 79-yard pass to Matt Farmer.

Morgan closed out the Air Force scoring by hooking up with McKay on a 30-yard pass in the fourth quarter. With the game out of hand, Washington's Marques Tuiaosopo scampered 7 yards for one TD and then passed 11 yards to Mikjo Austin with four seconds left.

HOOPS: Jordan eyes retirement

(From 1B)

ick, shortened Latrell Sprewell's suspension and reinstated his contract.

Grant Hill and Penny Hardaway missed the playoffs. Isiah Thomas left the Toronto Raptors — along with nearly all of their players.

The Minnesota Timberwolves turned to Stephon Marbury, not Kevin Garnett, in the clutch.

The Houston Rockets limped through another season before nearly knocking off the Jazz in the playoffs as Clyde Drexler said farewell.

The abysmal Denver Nuggets threatened to break the 1972-73 Philadelphia 76ers' record for futility.

And then, of course, there were the Bulls.

Treated like rock stars in every city they visited, they sold out every game they played. Scottie Pippen, after starting the season on the injured list, demanded a trade. Dennis Rodman was disinterested, but still won his seventh straight rebounding title. Jordan showed his usual brilliance, leading the league in scoring for the 10th time and picking up his fifth MVP award. Chicago won 62 games, got past the Pacers in Game 7 of the Eastern finals and made it to the championship round.

Then, incredibly, came a summer of not knowing whether any of them will be back. The greatest dynasty of the decade and the so-called sport of the '90s were brought to a sudden, surreal halt

Against the Jazz, Pippen's defense helped the Bulls even the series in Game 2. In Game 3, the Bulls held the Jazz to 54 points — the lowest point total in league history since the advent of the 24-second clock.

Rodman lingered in the locker room at the opening tip of each game, then blew off practice before Game 4 in favor of a wrestling appearance.

Chicago failed to close out the Jazz at home in Game 5, but Game 6 was worth the wait.

Pippen, playing in pain, tried to match the game-changing defense he produced in Games 2, 3 and 4.

Jordan capped his 45-point night with his steal and shot, leaving his arm extended an extra moment as if to savor the snapshot.

Was it, he was asked afterward, the way he envisioned ending his career?

"If that's the case, yes," he replied.

Back in Chicago after another victory celebration in Grant Park, Phil Jackson ended things on his own terms, a defiant winner riding off into the sunset on his Harley-Davidson.

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by the lockout.

The Bulls hired Tim Floyd, made him coach-in-waiting and director of player personnel and vowed to take one last shot at Jackson.

Jordan called a news conference at a golf tournament and announced "basketball is dead" for him but said he would put off a final decision on his future until the lockout ends.

Twice during the fall, Jordan joined collective bargaining negotiations but was unable to coax the sides into splitting their differences. And twice he walked out without giving a clue as to his plans.

"Let me tell you something, you can hope and hope and hope, but Michael is gone," Charles Barkley said in mid-December. "He's not going to play anymore. He wants this thing to end so he can make it public."

"He's done everything. He made his last shot to win a world championship. What more do you need? That's every player's fantasy."

If Barkley is correct — remember, Sir Charles has been wrong before — 1998 will be remembered as the year Jordan won his final championship and the league ground to a halt.

ALOHA: Ranked Ducks fall

(From 1B)

Damon Wheeler had a 52-yard interception return for a touchdown for Colorado and Jeremy Aldrich kicked field goals of 48, 41 and 23 yards to set an Aloha Bowl record for most field goals as the teams combined for the most points in the 17-year history of the game.

"We talked about being able to control the line of scrimmage as one of our goals. The other was to get back in the big play business," Colorado coach Rick Neuheisel said. "They did a great job in containing our running game, but they also left themselves vulnerable to big plays."

Running back Derien Latimer had three touchdowns for Oregon. Quarterback Akili Smith scored on a 1-yard run and passed for second-half scores of 9 yards to Jed Weaver and 42 yards to Donald Haynes.

Smith's touchdown to Haynes cut the Colorado lead to 51-43 with

5:55 to play. The Ducks stopped Colorado on a fake punt on the next series, taking over at their own 43 with 3:11 to play. But the Buffaloes' defense held Oregon on fourth down and ran out the clock.

"We dug as deep as we could," Smith said. "We just came up short."

Moschetti was 11 of 23 for 213 yards and the four TD passes. Chiaverini caught three passes for 96 yards and a score and Stiggers had three receptions for 81 yards and a score.

Smith completed 24 of 46 passes for 456 yards, with the two touchdowns and two interceptions. Donald Haynes had seven catches for 148 yards and a score for the Ducks, while Damon Griffin had eight catches for 146 yards.

Moschetti and Smith were named the game's most valuable players.

The 94 points scored by both teams break's the bowl's record of

81 points scored in 1995, when Kansas beat UCLA 51-30. The 51 points scored by Colorado ties the record for most points by one team set by Kansas and matched by Washington last year.

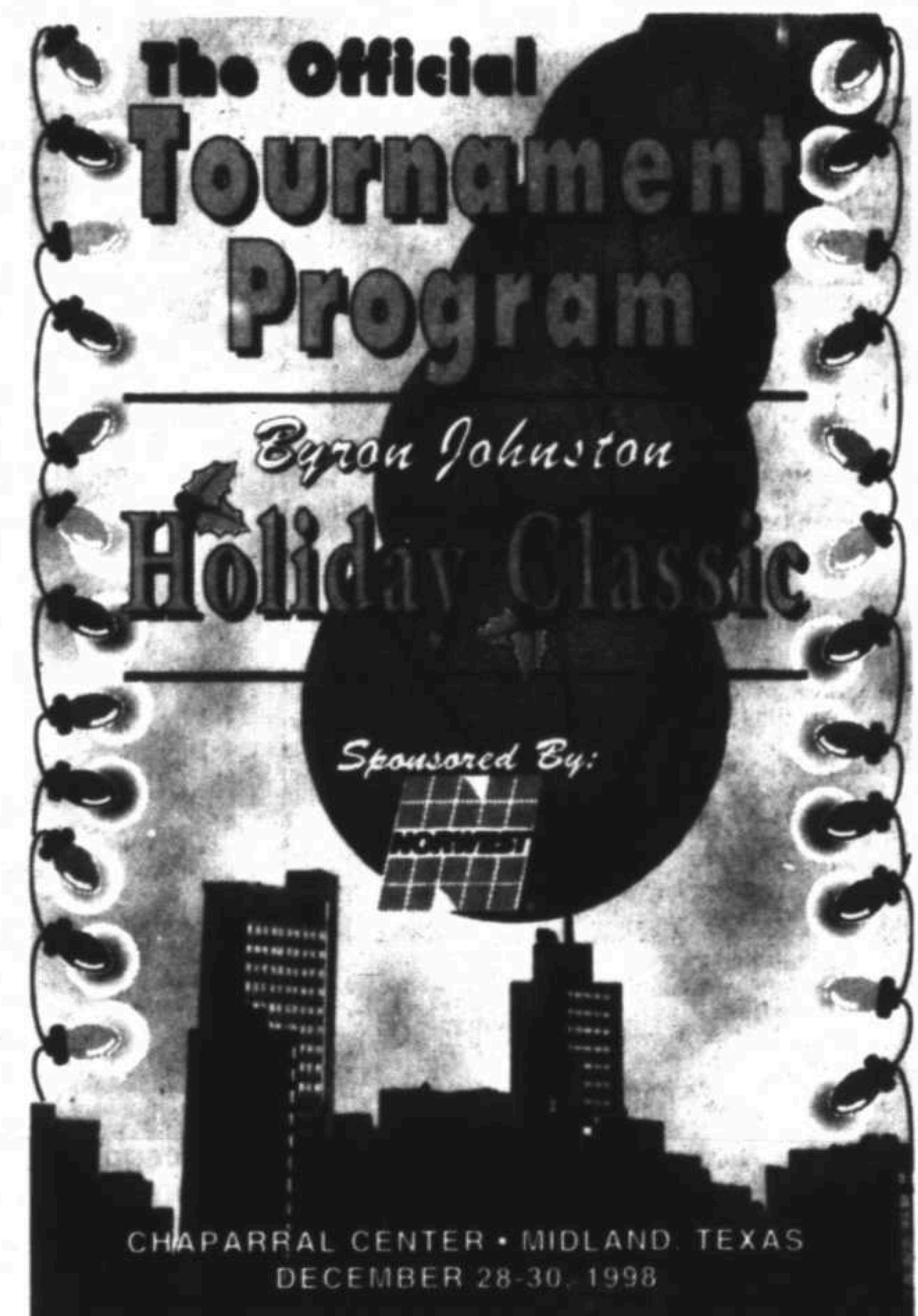
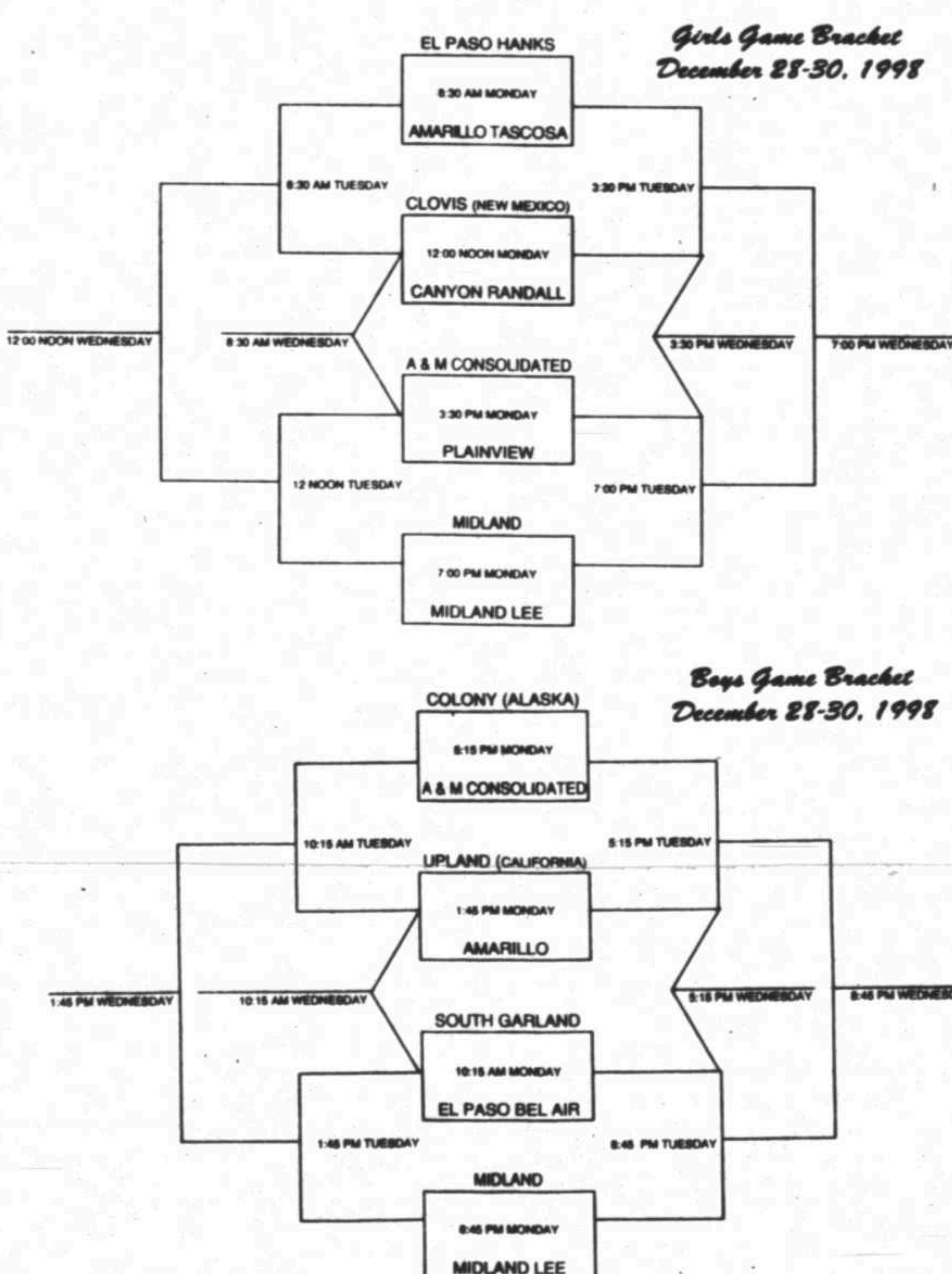
Colorado scored 17 points in the first quarter despite generating just one first down. Kelly started the game by taking the opening kickoff and racing untouched down the right sideline for the longest kick return in Colorado's bowl history.

"We wanted to start off the game with a big play ... and that's what happened," Kelly said. "Everybody made their blocks and there was nothing but green."

Two fumbles by Oregon running back Herman Ho-Ching led to the next two Colorado scores. Ho-Ching's first fumble gave the Buffaloes the ball at the Ducks 34, but the Oregon defense held and Aldrich kicked a 48-yard field goal to make it 10-0.

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Corpus Christi 18 11
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Ablene 24 11
San Angelo 10 11
El Paso 10 11
Amarillo 10 11
New Mexico 10 11
Odessa 10 11
NOTES: Two-point conversion: one for shootout losses and one for shootout wins.

Friday's Schedule

No games scheduled.

Saturday's Schedule

San Angelo at El Paso
Monroe at Amarillo
Ablene at Amarillo
Corpus Christi at Waco
Odessa at New Mexico
Shreveport at Lake Charles
Fort Worth at Central Texas
Traktor Chelyabinsk at Chelyabinsk

Sunday's Schedule

New Mexico at El Paso
El Paso at Odessa
Monroe at Amarillo
Central Texas at Amarillo
Krislat Elektrik at Fort Worth
Traktor Chelyabinsk at Chelyabinsk

NHL Standings

By The Associated Press

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division
New Jersey 19
Philadelphia 15
Pittsburgh 13
N.Y. Rangers 11
N.Y. Islanders 10

Western Conference

Central Division
Detroit 11
St. Louis 11
Nashville 12
Chicago 10

Northwest Division

Colorado 14
Edmonton 14
Vancouver 13
Calgary 12

Pacific Division

Dallas 20
Phoenix 19
Anaheim 13
San Jose 12
Los Angeles 10

Friday's Schedule

No games scheduled.

Saturday's Schedule

Montreal at Toronto
Boston at N.Y.
N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia
Buffalo at New York
Ottawa at Pittsburgh
Philadelphia at Detroit
Detroit at St. Louis
Washington at Dallas
Dallas at Colorado
Vancouver at San Jose
Phoenix at Los Angeles

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Emmitt still searches for record rushing TD

By Kevin Lyons

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — On the Friday afternoon before the Cowboys went to Kansas City two weeks ago, public relations director Rich Dalrymple had a request for running back Emmitt Smith, who needed one rushing touchdown to break a tie with Marcus Allen for the all-time career mark.

"The TV guys want to interview you just in case you break the record," Dalrymple said.

"Just in case?" Smith said, laughing. "I just need one. Where's your confidence, Rich?"

Smith still needs that one touchdown.

He has been stuck on 123 career rushing touchdowns since he rushed for three on Thanksgiving Day against Minnesota. Because reserve running back Chris Warren is out for the year, Smith will probably get several opportunities to break the record tomorrow night in the season finale against the Washington Redskins.

Smith has 11 rushing touchdowns this season, fourth in the NFL behind Denver's Terrell Davis (21), Atlanta's Jamal Anderson (13), and Jacksonville rookie Fred Taylor (13). Super Nate Taylor might be long shots to make the Super Bowl, but

guard Nate Newton guarantees he will be in Miami next month.

And if the Cowboys don't make Super Bowl XXXIII, Newton said he'll encourage a lot of his younger teammates to join him in South Florida.

"They need to know what it's like," Newton said. "I went to the Super Bowl in Tampa Bay January 1991. Man, going there, feeling that atmosphere. It inspired me for the next year. That's where you want to be. You want to be the only one being watched in the whole world." Garrett due a raise A loss by the Cowboys tomorrow would void the final year on backup quarterback Jason Garrett's contract and make him a free agent. A clause in Garrett's contract gave him the option to become a free agent if he led the team to a record that was better than the team's record in all games at the end of the season.

Garrett led the club to a 3-2 record when Troy Aikman was out with a fractured collarbone. That's a .600 winning percentage. The Cowboys, at 9-6, are at .600 now. A win would put them at .620, a loss at .562.

But even if the Cowboys win, the club could allow Garrett to become a free agent and let him shop his services to the highest bidder next year.

Sanders to get 2nd opinion

By Clarence E. Hill Jr.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

IRVING — Cowboys corner Deion Sanders will have his sprained left toe examined Tuesday by specialist Dr. Bill Hamilton in Florida, but Sanders is not optimistic about his iffy status.

Sanders, who has missed five-plus games and is questionable to play again this season, said he is getting the second opinion at the urging of Cowboys owner Jerry Jones.

Sanders said he is frustrated about being sidelined during what he called one of his best seasons, and said he has turned his health over to the Lord.

"I don't know how much it's seeing Hamilton going to help," Sanders said. "He may be able to tell me something more in depth. But I don't think anything can be said to get me on the field quicker."

Sanders has a p. int, considering that the only option other than rest is surgery, which would end any chance of him playing in the playoffs.

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HE SAID IT: "I can't evaluate the year until the year is over. It's hard to determine right now how successful a season it's been because we're still in the middle of it. I'm proud of the fact we won the division. But for those of us in this locker room, that wasn't the ultimate goal coming into the year." — Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman

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66. Lynn Key	592	14
67. Mark Gipson	582	37
68. Fred Carter	570	12
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72. Pam Pace	549	45
73. Kim Maddy	540	39
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75. Reggy Harvey	535	34
76. Jodi Smith	530	31
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WPHL Standings

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Eastern Division

Lake Charles	20-11	45-143-116
Shreveport	18-11	40-143-116
Arkansas	18-10	37-118-92
Monroe	16-13	34-115-118
Alexandria	10-16	25-123-161
Tulsa	10-12	22-94-150

Central Division

Corpus Christi	18-11	38-124-105
Waco	18-13	32-134-110
Fort Worth	16-15	34-115-117
Central Texas	12-15	31-116-125
Austin	12-15	24-94-129

Western Division

Abilene	24-9	48-136-100
San Angelo	19-9	41-130-108
El Paso	18-12	37-118-92
Amario	16-13	34-115-118
New Mexico	15-15	34-125-140
Odessa	14-15	31-108-92

NOTE: Teams with a record of 10 or better are in the playoffs.

Shutouts are in parentheses.

No games scheduled.

Saturday's Games

San Antonio at El Paso	7:30 p.m.
Monroe at Alexandria	7:30 p.m.
Abilene at Amarillo	7:30 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Waco	7:30 p.m.
Odessa at New Mexico	7:30 p.m.
Shreveport at Arkansas	7:30 p.m.
Kristal Electrical at Austin	7:30 p.m.
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NHL Standings

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Pittsburgh	13-10	37-83-83
N.Y. Rangers	11-14	37-83-83
N.Y. Islanders	12-19	26-82-96

Northwest Division

Buffalo	18-11	45-143-116
Toronto	19-12	40-108-95
Boston	15-16	36-83-83
Chicago	12-17	34-115-118
Montreal	10-18	27-71-95

Southeast Division

Carolina	11-12	38-88-71
Florida	11-12	38-88-71
Washington	10-13	37-83-83
Tampa Bay	11-14	37-83-83
Atlanta	10-18	27-71-95

Western Conference

Colorado	14-15	31-75-79
Edmonton	13-15	34-115-118
San Jose	12-17	34-115-118
Los Angeles	10-20	23-71-95

Pacific Division

Dallas	20-5	46-94-63
Phoenix	19-6	42-87-73
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San Jose	12-17	34-115-118
Los Angeles	10-20	23-71-95

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Oilers' Matthews ends his NFL career versus explosive Viking team

By Teresa M. Walker
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bruce Matthews has been suiting up with the Oilers for 16 seasons. Now a chapter in franchise history closes — only he hasn't had time to think about it.

"When I get older, not that I'm not already old, but I think it'll kick in a little bit more," Matthews said. "The Oilers, who failed to make the playoffs, end their season Saturday against the Minnesota Vikings (14-1). Then comes a makeover."

The Tennessee Oilers nickname will be gone and the oil derrick logo will be retired. When they take the field again in 1999, they'll be the Titans.

"It's funny how it goes hand in hand with the playoffs," Matthews said. "You don't realize the impact of it, but that's the Oilers' last game Saturday. That's a big deal."

The Oilers are determined to send the nickname out a winner. They (8-7) must win to notch their first winning record since 1993, when Houston was still home.

"Obviously, a win this week will carry us into the offseason, and we can remind ourselves of how many things we did achieve and put our best foot forward next year," left tackle Brad Hopkins said.

They won't get any help from the Vikings. Minnesota already has clinched home-field advantage through the playoffs, and coach Dennis Green will not adjust his lineup even though his quarterback and center are injured.

"If you don't play very hard, you're going to get beat up," he said. "The Vikings have their chance to write their names into NFL histo-

Vikings' contracts

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings did some business Saturday night at Sunday's regular season finale in Tennessee, signing cornerback Randall Cunningham and right tackle Kory Linder to contract extensions.

The Vikings used by one day the deadline to apply portions of each team's salary cap.

Franchise quarterback Cunningham's contract extension was announced, although the contract will pay him a salary following a season in which he leads the NFL in quarterback rating and has thrown a career-best 32 touchdown passes. The Star Tribune of Minneapolis reported the deal was estimated at around \$25 million.

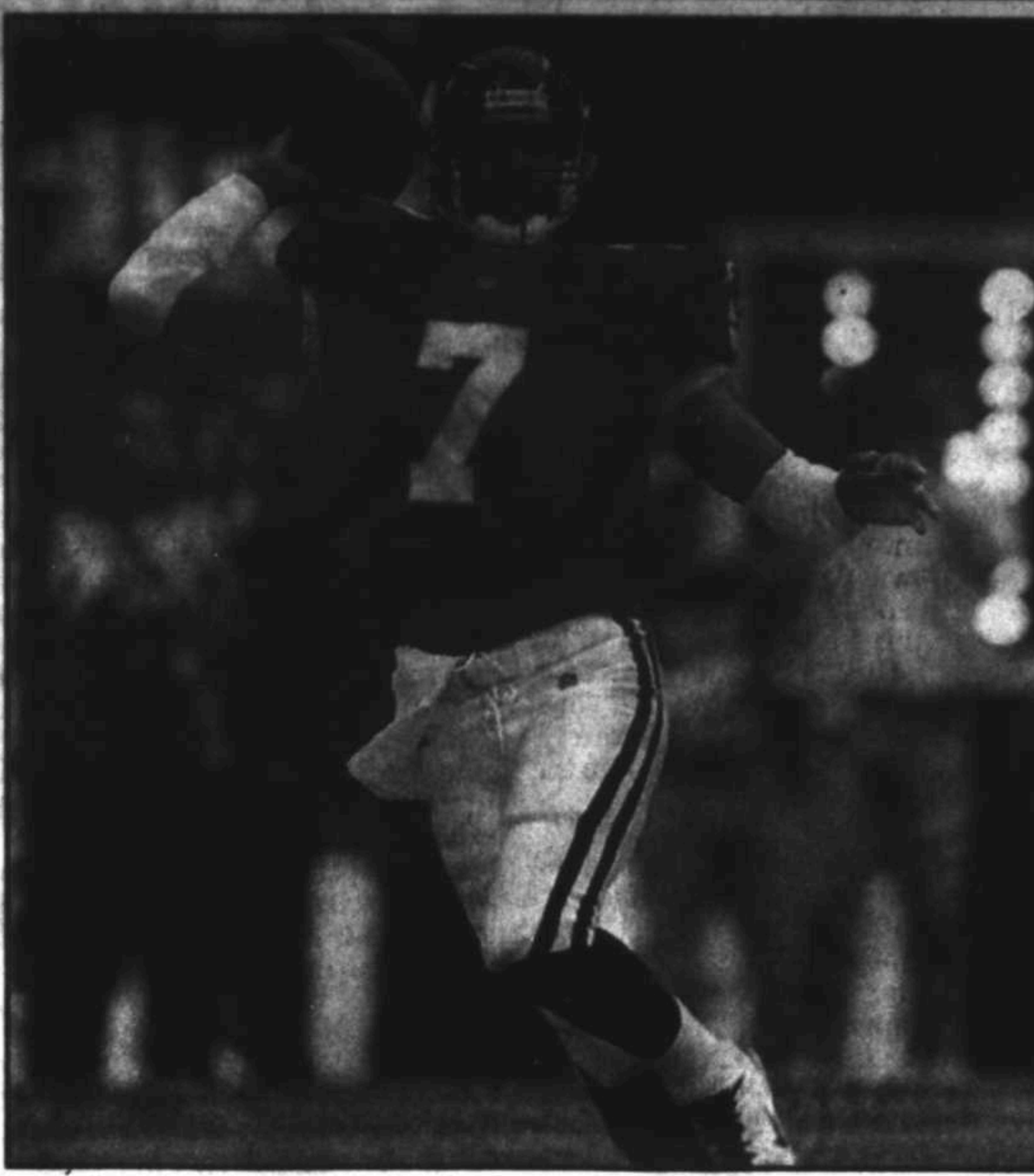
Cunningham said the full impact of a five-year extension hadn't sunk in. "I'm very happy with it, and I accept it," he said.

Linder signed an \$18 million, five-year extension with a \$4 million signing bonus, \$3 million of which was deferred until next year.

The Vikings (14-1) finish the regular season at Tennessee on Saturday. They need 12 points to break the NFL season scoring record of 541 points set by the 1990 Washington Redskins. A victory also will give Minnesota to tie the 1994 San Francisco 49ers and 1995 Chicago Bears for the most regular-season wins in NFL history.

Minnesota needs only 12 points to set the league's season points record, which stands at 541. A victory will join the Vikings with the 1985 Chicago Bears and the 1984 San Francisco 49ers as the only teams to finish 15-1.

With an offense that has averaged nearly 46 points a game the last month, fullback Chuck Evans expects the points record to fall.



AP Photo
Minnesota Viking quarterback Randall Cunningham rolls to his right looking for a receiver against the Dallas Cowboys earlier this season. The Vikings signed Cunningham to a contract extension this week.

"I don't think they can hold us to 12, 13 points. I'm sure the record will be broken," he said. "It's kind of broken already, if you ask me."

Randall Cunningham, who directs the offense, plans to wear a glove over his injured left hand. Cunningham, who signed a five-year contract extension Thursday, leads the NFL in quarterback rating and has thrown a career-best 32 touchdowns.

With 395 yards a game, the offense is the league's second best. The receiving corps is extraordinary and running back Robert Smith has topped 1,000 yards for a second straight season.

The defense boasts Jimmy Hitchcock (seven interceptions) and Robert Griffith (five). Kicker Gary Anderson is just eight points from Mark Moseley's record of 161 points in a season.

"It's a lot of fun," said receiver Kris Carter.

Tennessee will turn to Eddie George, hoping to keep the Vikings' offense off the field. He will need his best game since Nov. 8, the last time he ran for more than 100 yards.

But the pressure will be on the Oilers' defense. Every time Oilers coach Jeff Fisher puts on a tape, he sees Carter, Randy Moss or Smith breaking away for a long play.

Dolphins re-sign receiver, cornerback to extensions

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins signed wide receiver Lamar Thomas and cornerback Jerry Wilson to contract extensions Friday.

The signing of Thomas — who caught three touchdown passes against Denver on Monday night — reflects how far the receiving corps has improved after a maligned start early in the season.

Thomas signed a two-year contract worth around \$1.6 million, his agent Howard Weinberg said.

The six-year veteran is tied for second on the team with 39 receptions for 524 yards and five touchdowns. He will start ahead of Oronde Gadsden on Sunday against Atlanta.

"As far as starting, it makes no difference with the way we interchange," Thomas said a few hours

before agreeing to his new contract. "I'm more confident now. When you change your philosophy about being a professional — when you're more into it, studying film — you are more at ease when you go out there."

Coach Jimmy Johnson believes his receivers have been overly criticized.

"They've been underrated all year," Johnson said. "I've been happy with what our guys have been able to do. I don't think anyone has taken notice that O.J. McDuffie leads the NFL in receiving. He didn't all of a sudden get there in the last few weeks."

McDuffie, who is signed through 2000, is close to becoming the first Dolphins receiver to lead the league in receptions with 85.

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Raiders trap Woodson in a corner

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Raiders coach Jon Gruden has changed direction more times this week than a wide receiver. Well, at least more times than Charles Woodson will be able to as a receiver.

Gruden at first said there was a "real good chance" Woodson, a rookie cornerback who won the Heisman Trophy at Michigan last year as a two-way player, would make his debut on offense Saturday against Kansas City.

The coach dropped similar hints in mid-November. After Woodson reacted coolly to the latest suggestion, saying he'd heard it all before, Gruden changed gears and said Woodson would be restricted to defense.

"Charles is not going to play offense," Gruden said. "I made a decision not to do that. Maybe at some point in his career here, he'll get that opportunity. But it won't be this season."

"I am just going to stay with our original plan, let him settle in and become a great cornerback for us. We don't look at him as an offensive player. We look at him as a cover guy. We want to make sure he is at the top of that game."

As far as Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer is concerned, Woodson — who has four interceptions this season — is dangerous enough just on defense.

"I voted for him for the Pro Bowl," Schottenheimer said. "I've been very impressed with him over the course of this season. He is an outstanding player."

Saturday's season finale has been robbed of much of its drama because neither team is headed to the playoffs, but this is a bitter rivalry dating to the AFL.

"I still think there's a dislike there between the teams," Chiefs cornerback James Hasty said. "It's a long-standing feud."

The Chiefs have won 16 of the last 18 games in the series, including a 28-8 victory to open this season in which Kansas City jumped to a 17-0 first-quarter lead.

In that Sept. 6 game, the Raiders fumbled five times, allowed 10 sacks — six by Derrick Thomas — and committed 15 penalties in Gruden's first game as a head coach.

"I've tried to block that out of my mind," Gruden said. "Whatever could go wrong did go wrong in the first eight minutes of my head-coaching debut."

The battle between AFC West rivals remains personal, especially for Chester McGlockton — who went to the Chiefs as a free agent this year after six seasons with the Raiders — and Oakland safety Albert Lewis.

Lewis, who spent 11 seasons with the Chiefs before moving to the Raiders in 1994, most likely will be playing his final NFL game. He has said a win over the Chiefs would be a fitting way to end his 16-year career.

"It doesn't get any better than to go out and play against them," he said. "This is a playoff game as far as we're concerned."

The Chiefs (6-9) have been one of the league's biggest disappointments. They won four of their first five games, then dropped six straight.

Oakland (8-7) used a five-game

winning streak to build a 6-2 record and seemed poised for their first playoff spot since 1993. But losses in five of the last seven games killed any postseason hopes. Now the Raiders are aiming for their first winning season since 1994.

Turnovers and injuries have undermined the Raiders. The secondary has struggled since the loss of free safety Eric Turner and cornerback Eric Allen. The Raiders are second worst in the NFL with 41 giveaways.

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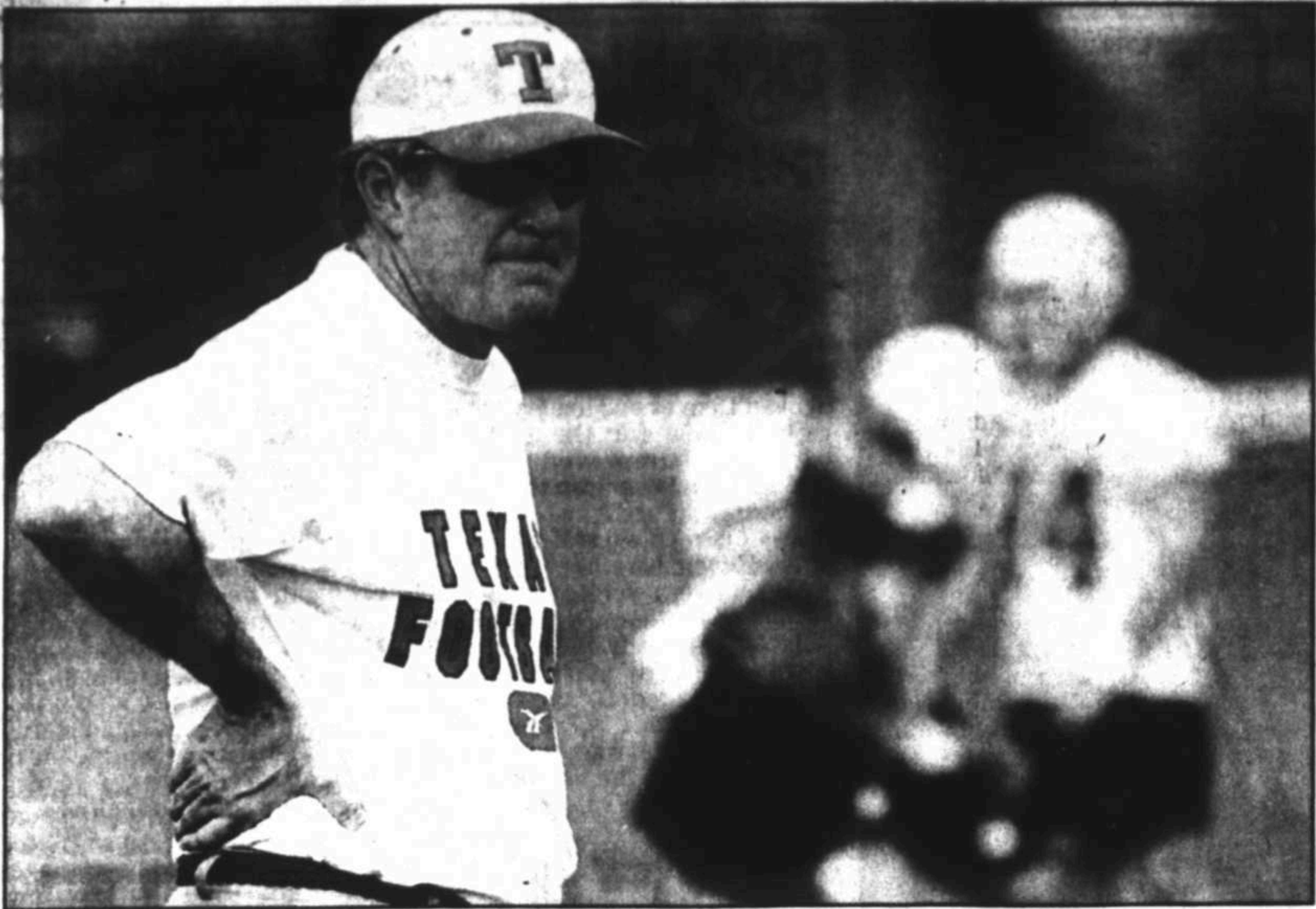
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University of Texas head football coach Mack Brown has come a long way since his arrival in Austin from the University of North Carolina. In one season, he has led the Longhorns to an 8-3 record, a trip to the Cotton Bowl, and domination of the recruiting scene. Also, UT running back Ricky Williams won the Heisman Trophy.

BROWN: First-year coach wins on the field, in the recruiting war

(From 1B)

problem with the team early in the season unless we were better than we thought."

Brown's calculations proved correct when the Longhorns took their lumps at UCLA and Kansas State.

"We played very poorly in the first half against UCLA (a 49-31 loss) and were beaten soundly by Kansas State (48-7)," Brown said. "But I think it's a real credit to the assistant coaches and the kids that they were able to hang together. We kept fighting throughout the season."

"We were able to go whip a Top 10-ranked Nebraska team on the road and later defeat a Top 10-ranked Texas A&M team here."

Most UT fans see the 20-16 win over Nebraska as the turning point of the season, but Brown thinks the change came in beating Oklahoma.

"I felt like Oklahoma was the turning point," Brown said. "At that time they (the Sooners) were 2-2 and off to a good start, and it's such a big game for this school. When we were able to beat them 34-3, I thought I sent a message to the kids that we might be OK."

"That was the first time I saw confidence in them as a football team, especially with our defense. It was the first time we played sound defense and we made some plays."

Brown could see players starting to believe in themselves by the time the Longhorns played Nebraska on Oct. 31.

"I really thought we went to Nebraska feeling like we had a chance to win," Brown said. "But before the Oklahoma game, I don't think we were sure how good we could be."

The Longhorns were better than most people thought they would be this season — which will lead to even higher expectations for 1999.

"The University of Texas always is going to have high expectations, but we want high expectations," Brown said.

tations," Brown said. "This (coaching) staff has won 28 games in the last three years, so our expectations also are very high."

"We expect to win, and the truth is we won some games this year where the team we beat probably was better than we were. We just want to play the best we can play."

Brown has set a standard that could be hard to equal next year for a team that loses seven offensive starters, including Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams, All-America guard Ben Adams and All-Big 12 receiver Wane McGarity.

"When you lose all the players we're losing on offense and a team leader like (middle linebacker) Dusty Renfro on defense, there's no question the challenge is out there," Brown said. "But I like high expectations because I think it makes the kids play harder."

"We will have to have some players next year step up and play better than they've ever played in their lives to be able to have a good year."

Brown said he learned this season that Texas fans are wise, and reasonable, about what they want from the team.

"I think the fans in this state appreciate a good game plan because they understand football," Brown said. "And they also are smart enough to know UCLA and Kansas State were better teams than us at that time this year, but as long as we did our best and made a good effort, they look toward the next game."

"Our fans could have turned on us in the second or third week, but I think they helped us by sticking with us. The thing we wanted to do this year was have some fun. Three sellouts at the end of the year were fun."

College football is fun again in the state, thanks in part to strong seasons by both the Longhorns and Texas A&M. Brown said the ultimate goal for him and Aggies coach R.C. Slocum is to keep the best Texas high school players in

the state for their college years, and shoot for a national title.

"R.C. and I talked about this when I first got here," Brown said. "We can bring the national championship back to Texas. You have to be lucky to win all your games, but if you do in the Big 12, then you will be in the hunt for the national championship."

"Kansas State would have been this year if they hadn't lost their last game."

Texas is believed to be headed toward its best recruiting haul of the decade, and A&M isn't far behind.

Brown believes the success of other Division I schools in the state this season gives high school athletes plenty of choices without leaving Texas.

"I don't see any reason for any kid in Texas to ever look outside again," Brown said. "Rice came back and played well at the end of the season. Baylor has a great new coach in Kevin Steele that I know their fans will be excited about; Texas Tech and TCU are in bowl games; and SMU is competitive again."

"It's great for us to have all these schools winning."

Of course, Brown still plans for the Longhorns to come off with the cream of the crop among the high school talent. When asked what he can do for an encore, Brown hopes someday soon Texas will win a national championship.

"Texas is a place where you can do it, and that's what we're trying to sell," Brown said. "It has been done in the past, and we have tremendous facilities from which to draw. We have everything here we need to make a run at it."

"If a kid is concerned about national TV, we have that. If he is concerned about winning, we have been able to do that. I think most kids want to stay close to home if they can find what they want, and that's what we're trying to give them."

SEC players don't disappoint this time, come up big for South team

By Jenna Halvatgis
Associated Press Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — This was a long, disappointing season for Auburn and LSU, and players from both teams set out to redeem themselves at the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic.

"Both us and LSU had chances to win the SEC West and it didn't go our way," Auburn cornerback Jayson Bray said. "But it showed a lot of character for the players from both teams who came out here and made the most of it."

Bray had two interceptions and a fumble recovery. LSU linebacker Joe Wesley returned an interception for a touchdown and Auburn receiver Karsten Bailey had the winning score in the Gray's 31-24 win over the Blue on Friday.

"I'm glad it was the SEC guys who made the key plays because it goes to show even the worst of the league is pretty good," Bray said.

Bailey and Bray gave the game a homespun flavor by sealing the outcome for the Gray.

Bailey, who ended the year as Auburn's career reception leader in the Tigers' (3-8) worst season since 1952, caught a 65-yard touchdown catch from Wake Forest's Brian Kuklick with 5:11 to play to put the Gray up 24-21.

The momentum had swung to

Blue-Gray Game

the Gray's side on possession earlier following a goal-line stand.

Delaware's Eddie Conti returned a kickoff 71 yards to the Gray 19-yard line, and the Blue moved the ball to the 1 on two runs by Temple's Stacey Mack.

But Mack, who already had three touchdowns on the day, was stopped short of the end zone three times. On fourth-and-goal from the 1, Blue quarterback Graham Leigh of New Mexico fumbled and Bray recovered. The Gray then took the lead on Bailey's score.

"It reminded me of the Central Florida game," said Bailey, who had a 58-yard TD reception with 57 seconds left in that game to give Auburn its third and final win of the season. "Both felt great and I didn't have a lot to feel good about this season."

Wesley got the Gray back in the game. A linebacker for LSU's (4-7) maligned defense, Wesley returned an interception 82 yards to make it 24-24 with 12:31 to play. His interception broke the 60-year-old Blue-Gray record for longest interception for a score, which was 62 yards by Mississippi's Bill Schneller.

The Blue had one last chance to win, driving to the Gray 24 before Bray intercepted Kevin Daft's

pass in the end zone.

"It feels great to do some things that might help my future," Bray said. "We didn't have a winning season, but I always played my hardest and coming here helped prove that."

Still, it was a bittersweet finish to 1998 for the three, who all expected to be elsewhere on Christmas Day. LSU was a preseason contender for the national championship and Auburn was the defending SEC West Division champ.

Bailey was honored as the Gray's most valuable player and Wesley was chosen as the outstanding defensive player.

Michael Basnight of North Carolina A&T ran for 74 yards on 19 carries to earn the Gray's outstanding offensive player award.

Mack, unnoticed this week in the shadows of Division II star Brian Shay of Emporia State, led the Blue with 70 yards and three touchdowns. He was chosen its most valuable player.

Shay, college football's career rushing leader, wanted to show NFL scouts he could play against bigger competition. He ran for 62 yards on 10 carries.

Daft, who was 7 of 18 for 94 yards and two interceptions, was the Blue's outstanding offensive player. Parc Williams of Minnesota was the outstanding defensive player.

Snyder not first choice for K-St.

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

SAN ANTONIO — In life and football, it's funny how things work out.

Bill Snyder, The Associated Press national coach of the year and architect of what many are calling the greatest turnaround in the history of college football, was not Kansas State's first choice.

He wasn't even No. 5 or 6. Unbroken decades of unending futility had turned the place into such a coaching graveyard, president Jon Wefald and his staff could hardly get an established head coach to return their calls, let alone accept their challenge when they went looking for a new man in 1989.

"The conventional wisdom was that the football program was so bad, it was, in historical terms, irreversible," Wefald said.

What Kansas State and Wefald finally got — nothing less than a miracle cure which has taken the Wildcats to six straight postseason games, including Tuesday's date with Purdue in the Alamo Bowl — is really not what he had in mind.

"We were dreaming of a halfway decent football team, a competitive team that might go to a bowl every few years," he said.

In reality, however, he knew a lot more was at stake than an improved won-loss record. Nothing less than Kansas State's status as a major-college program was

at stake. The losingest program in major college history, the only program with 500 losses, Kansas State never contributed any bowl or television money and would not be tolerated much longer in the Big Eight.

"We offered the job to about five or six head coaches," said Wefald. "Their attitude could be summed like this, 'Gimme a call in five or six years. You've got to be kidding.'"

"And they said it with a smirk on their face. There wasn't anybody who thought we could have a 5-6 team, let alone an 11-1 team ranked No. 4 in the country that could go to the Alamo Bowl."

Although no established head coach was willing to risk his future on long-woeful Kansas State, that's the position Wefald was in after making a make-or-break career gamble of his own.

Since giving up his position as chancellor of the state university system in Minnesota in 1986 to take the helm at Kansas State, Wefald had decided to commit precious millions of dollars in scarce development funds to turning around the football program.

If he spent all this money on upgrading the program and had nothing to show for it, he would soon be the ex-president of Kansas State. And the Wildcats, more than likely, would drop out of major college football competition.

But first they had to find a head coach. Jim Epps, the Wildcats' senior associate athletic director, suggested they take a look at the offensive coordinator at Iowa.

In Snyder's first season in 1989, the Wildcats snapped a 29-game winless streak and closed out the decade in a 1-36-1 morass.

Bethune shakes losing heritage, to play Southern

ATLANTA (AP) — Bethune-Cookman finished at the bottom of its conference last year, and was picked to stay right there again this season.

Instead, the Wildcats went 8-2, gaining their first Heritage Bowl bid and first postseason appearance in 21 years.

"We have been in the dungeon for a long, long time," Bethune coach Alvin Wyatt said.

Bethune's opponent Saturday is a Heritage Bowl fixture. Southern (8-3) is playing in its fourth straight Heritage Bowl and fifth overall. It has a 3-1 record in the game between historically black colleges.

Wyatt, in his second season as Bethune's coach, doesn't think his team will be bothered by pressure at the Georgia Dome.

He points to a tough conference schedule that included a game with Howard in the RCA Dome in Indianapolis and an upset victory at Hampton that broke Hampton's 14-game conference winning streak. The Wildcats also won a record eight-overtime victory against Virginia State.

Bethune dropped to third in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference after losing its final game to Florida A&M.

Southern was unbeaten in the SWAC, capped by a 26-14 Bayou Classic win over Grambling State. Southern got off to a shaky start with a loss to Northwestern State. Marcus Jacoby quit the team the next week and Steve Wofford was slow in recovering from a broken foot last spring.

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Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Softball Booster Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Lee High cafeteria.

The Midland Lee Basketball Booster Club will meet on the first and third Monday of each month in the Lee cafeteria at 7 p.m.

The Midland Lee Soccer Booster Club meets once monthly during regular school year and twice monthly during soccer season at 7 p.m. in the school library. Dates are 1/4, 1/25, 2/1, 2/22, 3/1, 3/15, 4/12 and 5/3. For information call Debbie Butts at 520-0248.

The Midland High Soccer Booster Club will meet the first Monday of every month in Conference Room A. For more information, call Joe Willis at 570-4455 or Robert Winkler at 683-9585.

Baseball...

The University of Texas Winter Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 28-30 for ages 14-18. For more information, please call 512-471-3309.

The University of Texas High School Baseball Coaches Clinic will take place Jan. 14, 1999 at Disch-Falk Field in Austin from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 (check made payable to the University of Texas) and lunch will be served afterwards.

The annual Midland Winter Baseball Camp is at Zachary Field Dec. 28-30. Cost for ages 12-Under is \$75 for three days or \$25 a day from 9 a.m. to noon and the same price for ages 13-18 with camp from 1-4 p.m. daily. Coaches for the 12-under is Barry Russell, MHS baseball coach and Danny Jordan, MHS assistant as well as college and pro players. Coaches for the 13-up are Kevin Jordan in the Houston Astros organization and Jason Baker in the Montreal Expos organization. Call 689-1194 for information.

Softball...

Fastpitch umpires are needed to work high school softball games in West Texas. Find out more by contacting Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508.

The Odessa Thunder 12-under girls fastpitch softball team is looking for interested players for the 1999 season. If interested, please call Wade Allison at (915) 381-4330 or Andrea Swaim at (915) 550-7721.

Tennis...

The Midland Women's Tennis Association will hold its spring tennis league on Feb. 2, 1999 and

it will run for 10 weeks. Play will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. Send dues of \$15 to Sherri St. John, 3207 Lockhead, 79707. The Iceicle Freeze Tournament will be held on Jan. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon at Midland College. Call Melissa Thompson at 686-9420 or Paula Walton at 686-8109 for information.

Clinics for ladies are being held at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. Beginners clinics are Tuesdays at 11 a.m., intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and beginner-intermediate clinics Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360.

The Club at Mission Dorado is offering junior clinics for beginner, intermediate and advanced levels Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginner and intermediate clinics run from 4:30-5:30 p.m. while advanced clinics run from 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information, call Toby Curtis at (915) 563-4707.

The Permian Basin Tennis Association is hosting a junior tennis Christmas Camp Dec. 29-31 at the Odessa Country Club and The Club at Mission Dorado. Clinics for high school players will and grades 5-8 will run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily while clinics for kindergarten through fourth grade are scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 550-0898, 689-2237 or 563-4707.

The Permian Basin Tennis Umpires Association is holding its 1999 certification school Jan. 8-9, at Kimber-Lea Tennis Club. For more information, call Charles Arnold at 697-4827 or Tom McMinn in Odessa at 362-2332 or 550-2338.

Midland College Tennis Center is hosting a Mixed Doubles Tennis Tournament Jan. 16-17, 1999. The fee is \$10 per team for the tournament, which will be bracketed in A, B and C categories. To enter, go to Armstrong Racquet Shop or call 687-4046 for more information.

Basketball...

Registration for YMCA youth basketball is under way. The league is for boys in grades 7-10. The fee is \$25 for YMCA members and \$38 for nonmembers with a Jan. 17 deadline. For more information, call 682-2551.

Soccer...

Registration for the Midland Soccer Association's Spring 1999 season is underway. Participants must be at least four years old by Dec. 31, 1998 and require a birth certificate if they haven't played in the MSA before. Deadline is

Jan. 17, 1999 to turn in the \$40 fee. Registration is being held at both 1909 W. Wall St., Suite N, Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or at the Midland Park Mall Jan. 16-17, 1999. For more information, call 684-5425.

The Midland High boys soccer team will hold its first Purple-Gold intrasquad game and their first even-odd Alumni game on Jan. 6 at the C.J. Kelly soccer fields, located at the Northwest corner of Loop 250 behind Lowe's. The alumni game will begin at 6:15 p.m., followed by the varsity intrasquad game at 7:30 p.m. The format for the alumni game will be even year graduates against odd year graduates. To be eligible to play, you must have been a member of the MHS boys soccer team at the time of your graduation. Each alumni roster is limited to 18 field players and two goalkeepers. To get a roster spot, give your name to even coordinator Steve Parnell at 570-4949 during office hours. Admission to the game will be one can of food or one bar of soap per person to be donated to charity by the MHS boys soccer team.

Miscellaneous...

The Midland Wrestling Club offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information.

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabey Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teens and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528.

The Alamo YMCA is offering Martial Arts Classes. Tae Kwon Do Classes are offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Aikido Classes are Wednesdays from 8:10-9:10 p.m. and Saturday from 11-12 p.m. Call 694-2528 for more information.

Citizens for Midland Skaters is a local group dedicated to raising funds for the establishment of a city park for skateboarding and in-line skating. If you would like to contribute to this project, please send your donation to Permian Basin Area Foundation/Skate Park Project, P.O. Box 10424, Midland, Texas, 79702. Donations are tax deductible. If you have questions, please call Pam Sledge at 685-

3227... The Twin Cities Tigers Boxing Club is hosting the Senior Championships Box-off. Winner from this event will advance to the Texas State Finals in Galveston. Site for the West Texas is in Midland at 200 Plaza at the Midland Downtown Lions Club. Bouts start at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 2. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. This event is sanctioned by USA Boxing. Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students, \$1 for children under 6. For more information call 334-6190 or 367-1959.

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 \$35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755.

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabey Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755.

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528.

The Alamo YMCA is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528.

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The COM Masters Swim Team is open to anyone 20-over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information.

IOC studies difference between gifts, bribes

By Larry Siddons
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — There are gifts, favors and possibly bribes among Olympic perks.

And then, there are bulldozers. As the International Olympic Committee wrestles with its greatest ethics scandal and three panels investigate alleged bribery in Salt Lake City's bid for the Winter Games, IOC members and potential host cities face the issue of where friendliness ends and corruption begins.

Atlanta, like most bid cities, handed out gifts to visiting IOC members, and at least one had four legs and a wet nose — a bulldog for a Cuban delegate.

"You get caught up in the entertainment mode and you may do things that stretch the rules," said Charlie Battle, who was in charge of international relations in Atlanta's winning bid for the 1996 Olympics. "You go over the top."

In what may have been one of the most creative acts of gift-giving, Atlanta boss Billy Payne gave a bulldog to IOC member Manuel Gonzalez Guerra after he admired Uga, the mascot of Payne's alma mater, the University of Georgia.

"The biggest problem we had was getting Customs to let him take the dog back," Battle said. "They don't like people taking things to Havana from the United States. Maybe they were afraid we were hiding spy gear in his collar."

There's no way of knowing if Guerra voted for Atlanta in the secret balloting in Tokyo in 1990, and IOC rules now limit gifts to a total of \$150 a member — meaning any current canine giveaways would probably involve a mutt.

In the two weeks since the Salt Lake Organizing Committee said families of six IOC members received \$400,000 in college scholarships during its successful bid for the 2002 Winter Games, Olympic organizers past, present and future have defended their work amid allegations that the scandal extends far beyond Utah.

Marc Hodler, the IOC's senior

member and one of its most respected, said 5 to 7 percent of the committee's 115 members were open to bribes and that vote buying occurred in the campaigns for the 1996, 1998 and 2000 Olympics.

Olympic organizers and IOC members say they have done nothing wrong and played by the rules, but they also acknowledged that those rules are now being drastically tightened by the Salt Lake case.

"I would think that after what has happened, any U.S. city bidding for the Olympics in the next 30 years is going to be so squeaky clean they'll have Ivory soap for a sponsor," said Sue Loder, coordinator of San Francisco's bid for the 2012 Summer Games.

Loder's committee and seven other cities in the early stages of the race to be America's choice for 2012 operate under 23 pages of ethics guidelines set down by the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Among other things, the bidders are barred from any contact with the IOC until the USOC picks its candidate in 2002, three years before the international panel votes, and must keep gifts to a total of \$50 a person during the preliminary phase and \$150 if they reach the finals.

"The USOC has made it clear to us what we can and cannot do," said Nick Vehr, the head of Cincinnati's bid. "We have their entire undertaking on limits of gifts and such."

The USOC had no rules on bidding when Salt Lake City finally won the Olympics on its fifth try in 1995, according to committee president Bill Hybl.

The IOC imposed its first limits in 1986, after the volume of gifts and favors in the campaigns for the 1992 Games became embarrassing.

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Lady Vols center set to return against UConn

N.Y. Times News Service

The curse of the anterior cruciate ligament has struck women's college basketball again, but fortunately for the University of Tennessee, the latest injury is less serious than feared.

A week ago, a torn anterior cruciate ligament in the left knee ended the season of Sue Bird, the freshman from New York City who was starting at point guard for Connecticut (8-0), the nation's top-ranked team.

Now Tennessee (9-1), the three-time national champion and ranked second this season, has lost its starting center, Teresa Geter, for its game against 15th-ranked Rutgers (9-2) at Madison Square Garden on Jan. 3, the first appearance of women's collegiate basketball at the Garden since the 1981-82 season. But Geter is expected to return for the Vols' game against UConn on Jan. 10 at Storrs, Conn.

Geter, a 6-foot-3-inch sophomore from Columbia, S.C., hurt her

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— "The Spirit of Santa Doesn't Wear a Red Suit," by Patty Hansen. Taken from *A 2nd Helping of Chicken Soup for the Soul*.

Sunday

Community of Joy
Community of Joy, a contemporary outreach service of First United Methodist Church, meets each Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Cole Theatre 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

Sunday's message, "Holding or Releasing" will concern having a vision for building God's kingdom. They Joyful Noise Band will sing "Mary, Did You Know" by Mark Lowry, while the drama will be the monologue reading, "Nativity."

Monday

Bible study

A widows' support group and Bible study meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays. The group is being led by Connie Staton. For more information and to find out where the group meets call Ms. Staton, 686-7638.

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- "Silent Night/For God So Loved," Jaci Velasquez/Burlap to Cashmere
- "Hold Me Now," Jennifer Knapp
- "Committed to the Call," Kim Hill
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'Prince of Egypt' a stunning animation treat

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff writer

God has some awfully good special effects. Even better than Disney.

With the release of Dreamworks SKG's "The Prince of Egypt," it's abundantly clear that Disney has some serious competition in the world of animation. While Warner Bros. made a decent attempt at the feature-length cartoon last year with "Anastasia," Dreamworks is an

Movie review

■ "The Prince of Egypt" is playing at the Tall City 10

instant heavyweight in the world of animated film.

Breathtaking in its scope, deeply rich and true to its biblical history and awe-inspiring with its action sequences, "The Prince of Egypt" is without question the

best of its genre since "The Lion King," Disney's last great effort.

The climactic scene of "Prince," in which Moses parts the Red Sea — which puts the Cecilie B. DeMille and Charlton Heston version to shame — is quite simply the most magnificent scene ever attempted in animation. And it is pulled off with stunning beauty and perfection.

From the moment a young Moses (voiced by Val Kilmer)

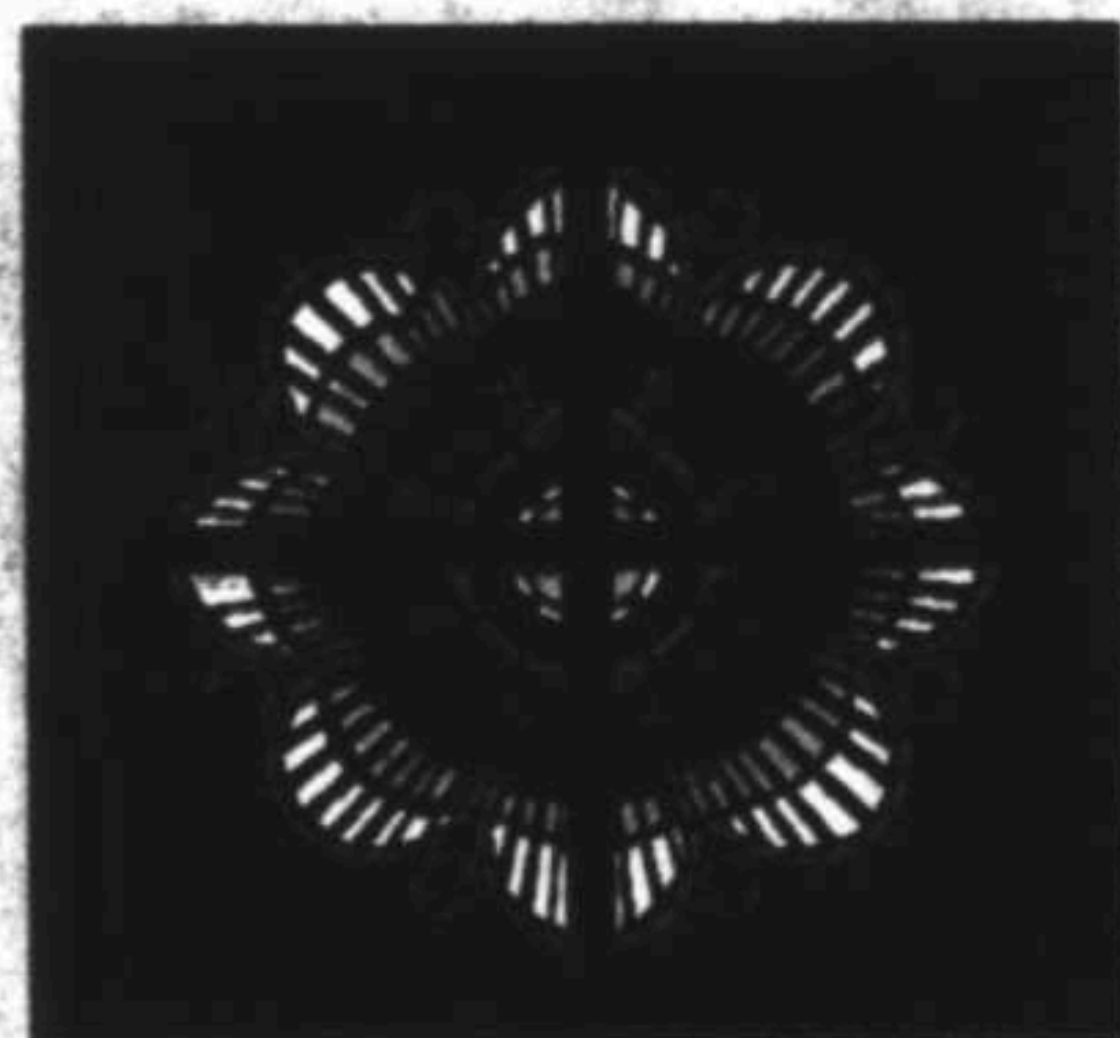
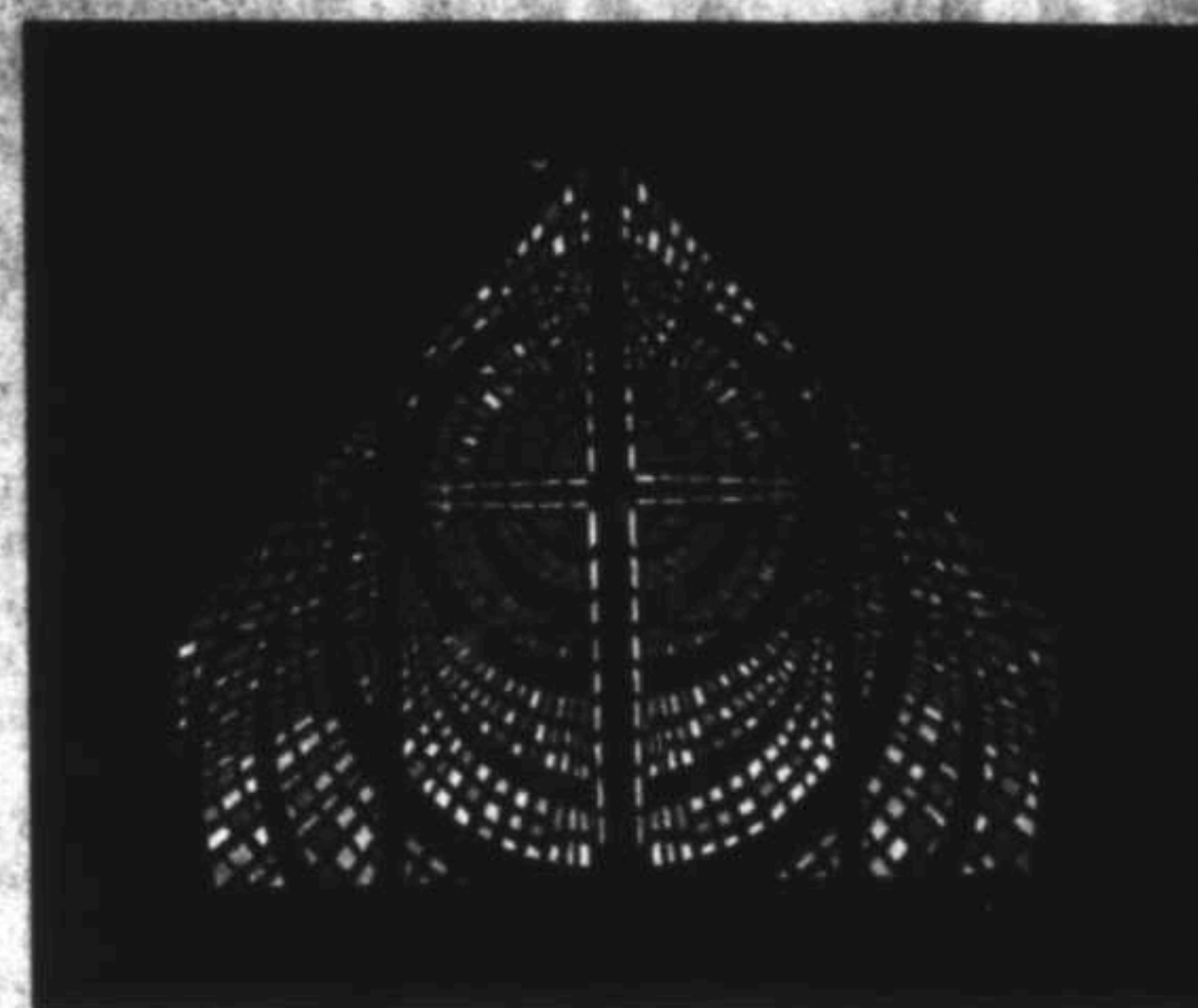
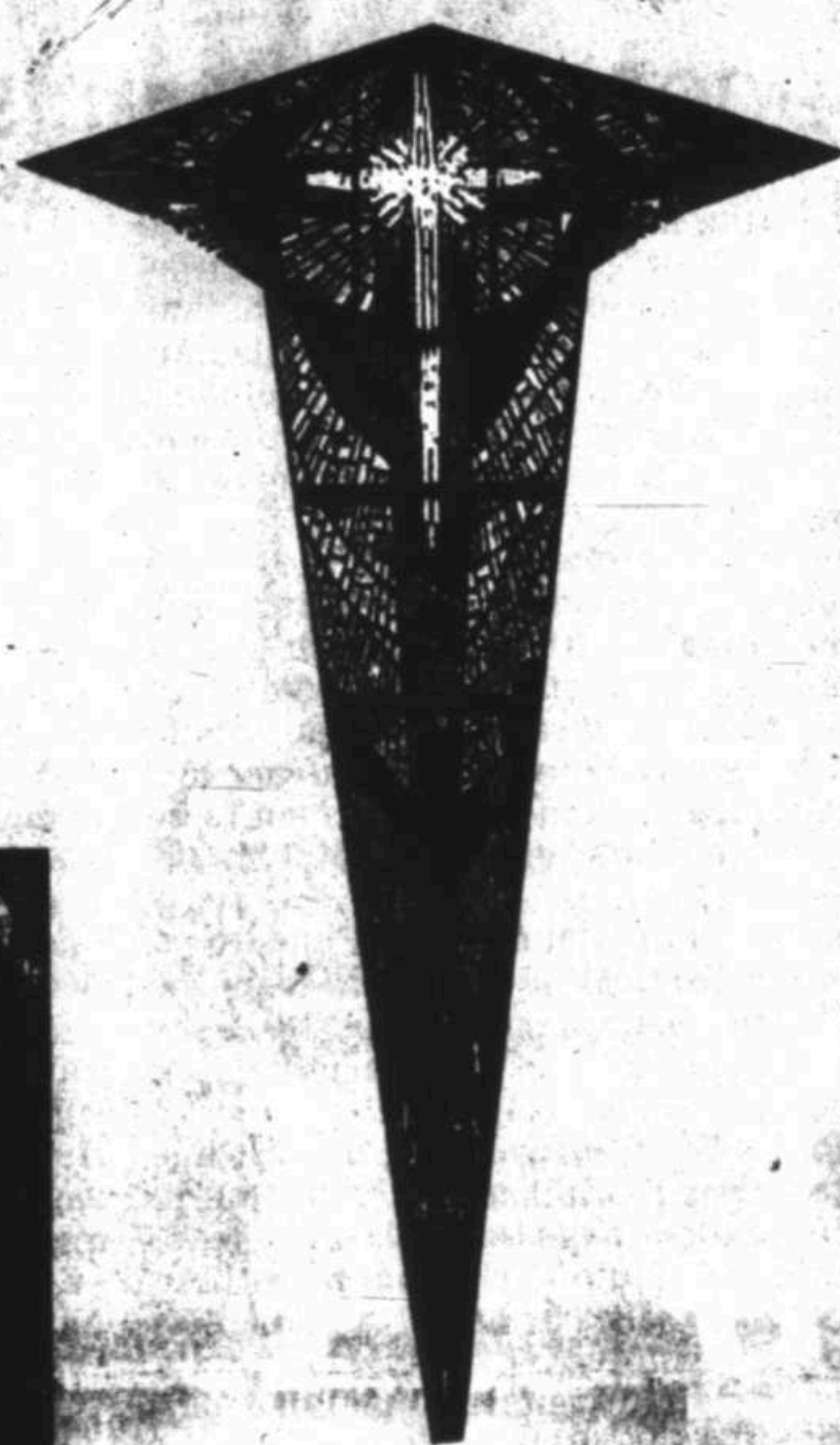
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Moses begins the Exodus of Israelites from Egypt.

Stained Glass Windows

Sunlight, refracted light work together to make spiritual impressions



Selected Stain Glass Art

A selection of stained glass artwork in local churches depicts, from top left, a welcoming Jesus Christ, at First Christian Church; a large star-like glass at First United Methodist; a circular piece of art at Our Savior's Lutheran

Church; a picture of James, Jesus' younger brother, at First Presbyterian Church; a round glass at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity; and a picture of Moses bearing the Ten Commandments, at First United Methodist.

Next Saturday, an interview with famed stained glass practitioner John Kebrie, who operates Dallas' Kebrie Stained Glass Art Studio.

— Jimmy Patterson

Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

VINCENT MULI WA KITUKU

Mother's contentment was first encounter with biblical teaching

"Muli, get me a basin with water. I want to take a bath and go to Nairobi."

This was the request of my mother after I arrived home from school. A visitor in our home might wonder, "How can she go to Nairobi at this time of the day?" My mother seemed to have the punch line ready, "I am going to my husband's store. That is my Nairobi."

Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya, had its charm, especially for rural folks who rarely had the chance of visiting the "place of cool water." Nairobi dwellers

had different perspectives from those who lived in country sites. They had exposure to different cultures and the Western lifestyle. Their food was different from that in the villages. Cultivation, which roughened the skin of rural folks, was not practiced in Nairobi. Thus, dwellers of Nairobi had smoother skin.

As I was growing up in Kangundo, it was a special event for a woman to visit her husband in Nairobi. When she returned, she brought new clothes for her family. Sometimes, she brought bread and other unusual items. If her visit lasted a month or so, her skin would affirm the comfortable lifestyle of Nairobi. It was smooth and starting to soften. When communicating with neighbors, she would use Swahili or English words here and there, which were the dominant languages of the big city.

My father left the King's African Rifles (British Colonial Army) in the

early 60's to start a business in our local shopping center, about one mile from our home, but 60 miles from Nairobi. Every evening, my mother would go to the shop to help him and close the business for the day. Our business was mainly a fabric outlet. By the early 70's, the business was well established, and people knew the best material was found there. Dad made sure that my mother had the newest fabric in the community, which was the best advertisement.

What was fascinating to me was her contentment. She was so proud of it, she could never miss the "real Nairobi." When my mother went to help Dad, she also bought cooking oil, meat, kerosene and other supplies the family would need. For my mother, this was her "Nairobi."

My mother's attitude and contentment were my first encounter with the biblical teaching, "But Godliness with contentment is great gain" (1 Timothy 6: 6). It

is the contentment that makes the heart leap with joy in the midst of material poverty; contentment of the soul that gives the mind unexpected peace to enjoy the triumphs of the day without focusing on the wants of tomorrow or languishing on past disappointments; contentment that culminates with an attitude of gratitude for the blessing of life, appreciation for divine providence of basic necessities, thankfulness for a closely-knit family and an understanding that God has the best in store for us.

As we consider our blessings during this season, are we thankful for our "Nairobi?"

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MOSES: Plague descending on Egypt another memorable moment in movie

(From 1)

and his Egyptian "brother" Ramesses (Ralph Fiennes) take each other on in a romping chariot race, until the Egyptian army is swallowed up by the closing sea. "Prince" is never anything but edge-of-the-seat, fact-filled fun.

Moses is drawn as a likeable, sympathetic, handsome figure, vastly different than the prophet portrayed by Heston in the 1960s "Ten Commandments."

The movie is not without reminders of Disney: the angularly designed faces — particularly of Moses, Ramesses and Aaron — are reminiscent of "Hercules," and the large eyes of all the "Prince" characters are a Disney trademark. Pharaoh's two priests/henchmen, Hotep and Huy, are too much like the foils/dumb sidekicks also routinely found in Disney movies.

What the movie is blessedly without is a fast-food merchandising tie in, a wisecracking animal that follows the main character around endlessly, and the omnipresent juvenile humor plays that bring into play assorted bodily functions best kept private and quiet.

So, with no Happy Meals, no Pumbaa and Timon, and no flatulence, how on earth will the movie succeed with the younger set?

That's where the parents come in. The publicity machine behind Dreamworks will certainly make the film one of the Top 10 films in its opening month, but parents need to make certain kids see the movie and make doubly certain that the kids know that what they are watching is a true story. If kids know what is happening is true and can be found in the Bible, perhaps seeing a film of such magnitude and action will serve to do its own little part in helping bring to an end the dumbing down of movie viewing in America. This is an intelligent movie.

Some critics say its flaw is that there's no emotional attachment viewers can latch on to. But perhaps most movie critics are too used to being reeled in by Disney's cartoon romances that are so ludicrously predictable they're insulting.

No, there are no romantic subplots in the story; no sexual innuendo. There is, in fact, nothing here, sexually speaking, the religious right or left could even lift an eyebrow about.

That is not to say the movie should go without a word of caution: the Bible can be a violent book. The story of the Egypt's enslavement of the Israelites is proof of that. Depictions of child killings occur not once, but twice — when Pharaoh ordered the first male child not only killed but dumped into the Nile where waiting alligators lurked, and then again during the telling of the Passover. Those two scenes could easily be particularly disturbing to younger children.

When God sends a plague through Egypt, the only sound is the whistling of a wind that represents the fast-moving killer disease. Its absence of virtually any sound and the heavy darkness that has descended on the Egyptian village make it one of the eeriest animated scenes you're likely to see.

Other depictions of God's wonders as carried out through Moses — the turning of the Nile into blood; locusts, frogs and boils put upon Egyptians, and the raining down of fire — are very effectively and quite memorably done.

Steve Martin (Hotep), Sandra Bullock (Miriam, Moses' sister) and Kilmer stand out in their

voice work, although the drawing of Miriam could easily pass for an artist's rendering of Julia-Luis Dreyfus in biblical times. Jeff Goldblum, as the voice of Moses' brother, Aaron, is, well, too Jeff Goldblum. It's too difficult to not hear the wisecracking mathematician Goldblum played in two "Jurassic Park" films and too hard to believe he's the brother of a prophet.

When Moses hears the voice of Ramesses from across the Red Sea at the film's end, it is a sad moment in an otherwise triumphant story of the Jews and their departure from captivity.

But the triumph of the film remains the climactic conclusion. The four-minute sequence is reason enough to spend a holiday afternoon or evening seeing one of the greatest stories ever told masterfully animated in just 88 minutes.

"The Prince of Egypt" is rated PG. It is not without its frightening moments for children, but the movie has been warmly embraced by both Christian and religious media.

'Paul project'

Scholars question whether apostle wrote Acts, epistles

By Richard N. Ostling
AP Religion Writer

NEW YORK — You may have heard about the "Jesus Seminar." This group of several dozen Bible professors spent years taking ballots on all the sayings and incidents from the life of Jesus as recorded in the New Testament Gospels, in order to proclaim which were fact and which were fiction.

Since the group worked from liberal to radical assumptions, it was no surprise that its verdicts were strongly negative.

The seminar, operated by a little think tank in Santa Rosa, Calif., has been hailed by some as the cutting edge of scholarly courage, but more often derided as the ultimate in modern arrogance.

Invigorated by all the publicity, the seminar has lately moved on from its search for the "historical Jesus" to figure out what it thinks we know for sure about the "historical Paul."

The Jesus Seminar strikes many ordinary Bible readers as odd, and so will the Paul project. Don't we know a whole lot about Christianity's first great missionary from the New Testament Book of Acts and from Paul's own epistles?

Things are rarely that simple, however, in the inner sanctum of technical scholarship.

Many modern-day professors at universities and the more advanced theological seminaries question whether Paul actually wrote a number of the epistles attributed to him. More important, they treat Acts as more a propaganda piece than a solid work of history.

One might say such thinkers have an Acts to grind.

Along with the technical New Testament scholarship, biographies of the apostle have been piling up, too.

In 1996 Jerome Murphy-O'Connor produced "Paul: A Critical Life" (Oxford University Press). Then last year, three intriguing titles appeared: "Paul Between Antioch and Damascus" by Martin Hengel and Anne-Marie Schwemer (Westminster John

Knox); "Paul: The Mind of the Apostle" by popular writer A. N. Wilson (Norton); and "What Saint Paul Really Said" (Erdmans) by N. T. Wright, a vigorous critique of the skepticism of Wilson, his fellow Briton.

The latest conservative Protestant entry is "The Paul Quest: The Renewed Search for the Jew of Tarsus" (InterVarsity Press) by Ben Witherington III of Kentucky's Asbury Theological Seminary. He contends it's quite plausible that Paul wrote the disputed letters that bear his name, though probably with the help of a secretary. And he proposes a 53-point chronology of Paul's career to harmonize Acts with events in Paul's letters.

Witherington complains that too many writers treat Paul as though he were a 20th century figure instead of a first century rabbi. He is enthusiastic about Hengel and Schwemer's scholarship, respects Murphy-O'Connor but has problems with his theories, and finds Wilson biased and out of touch with the best research.

Also entering the Paul debate lately is a major figure in U.S. Catholic scholarship, Joseph A. Fitzmyer, a Jesuit priest and professor emeritus at the Catholic University of America. He has just produced an 830-page commentary on Acts for Doubleday's Anchor Bible series. Fitzmyer previously wrote the commentary on the Gospel of Luke, and he agrees with the tradition that Luke wrote both the Gospel that bears his name and Acts.

The Anchor Bible, incidentally, is one of the century's more elaborate projects in high-flying biblical scholarship. Since 1964 a team of Protestant, Catholic and Jewish experts has been issuing brand-new translations of each book of the Bible with a detailed commentary on the text. When completed early in the 21st century the full set will fill 81 volumes.

On the feud over St. Paul, count Fitzmyer as a flaming moderate. He doubts Paul wrote some of the epistles that bear his name, and does see some discrepancies between the epistles and Acts.

However, Fitzmyer comes down substantially on the side of

the history in Acts. "One has to admit that at times Luke's information is faulty and that he has confused some things in his narrative," Fitzmyer concludes. "But by and large he does present us with a reliable account of much of what he recounts."

Fitzmyer says we can see that Luke abridged some details and made a "tendentious presentation" of other events, but that doesn't mean an episode should simply be written off as not historical. And Luke turns out to be vindicated on a number of historical details.

That won't please Fundamentalists, but it's a far cry from the previous skepticism of the Jesus Seminar and certain influential professors.

For Fitzmyer, the biggest historical problem is Acts 15, a crucial passage that tells of the leaders of the early church settling their differences at a council in Jerusalem. Fitzmyer offers a detailed argument that Luke fold-

ed together decisions that were made in Jerusalem on two separate occasions. He says one meeting involved whether Gentile converts had to be circumcised and the other dealt with the kosher laws.

One intriguing question about Acts has always been its abrupt ending. The book concludes with Paul under house arrest in Rome and reports nothing about the apostle's fate. Some theorize that Luke died without finishing his account, or planned to write another volume and never got around to it. Others say he must have written Acts before Paul was executed.

But Fitzmyer rejects those scenarios. The final phrase of Acts shows the great missionary apostle continuing to teach the message of Christ "with all boldness and without hindrance." Fitzmyer believes that's precisely what Luke intended, to end the story of Paul on a "note of triumph."

The Week Ahead:

Faith Opportunities in the Permian Basin

Thursday

New Year's Eve service

ODESSA — Redeemer Lutheran Church of Joy, 824 East 18th St., will hold a New Year's Eve Worship service at 7 p.m. Thursday. The public is invited to attend. For more information, please contact the church office at 337-5451.

Singles get-together

The Permian Basin Single Adult New Year's Eve get-together is being hosted by several churches throughout the Permian Basin. The family event will be held at Crestview Baptist Church at 8 p.m. Thursday. All single adults are welcome. All type of recreational activities will be provided as well as fellowship and fun in a Christian atmosphere. Child care is available. For more information call Don Norris or Glenda Phillips, 694-7701.

Watch night

Tall City Missionary Baptist Church located at 3500 Anetta Drive will host watch night service 8 p.m. Thursday. Those in attendance will "worship the old year out and the new year in." The public is invited to attend.

Miracles

A Course in Miracles group is meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Those interested in joining the group are asked to call 697-3593 for more information or the location.

Bible study

First Baptist Church of Midland and Precept ministries will offer a 12-week Bible study of Covenant, beginning Jan. 14 in Room 101D. Cost of the workbook will be \$18. Meeting time is 9:15 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Leader of this group is Gail Storie. For additional information call 682-2447. Childcare for preschoolers available.

Youth night

Sand Hills Rodeo and Stockshow Christian Youth Night, a non-demonstrational event, is set for 5:30 p.m. Jan. 6 at the Ector County Coliseum, Barn G. Entertainment will be provided by Emmanuel Baptist Youth Praise Team. There will be prizes for a banner contest and attendance challenge. Rodeo tickets are \$5. For more information call rodeo office 366-8951 or Jay Lindsey 366-8942.

Volunteers sought

NEW YORK CITY — Volunteers, particularly doctors, are needed for the Church World Service medical teams assisting Hurricane Mitch survivors in Honduras. The Rev. Lonnie Turnipseed, a United Methodist minister and retired CWS executive, is coordinating the teams in cooperation with the Christian Commission for Development (CCD) in Honduras. CWS has openings for teams departing on Jan. 3, 10, 17 and 24. Turnipseed is encouraging churches to sponsor medical team volunteers, who pay their own costs. Costs are \$247 for two weeks of room, board and insurance, plus air fare which has been averaging \$600-\$900. Applicants must also have at least two years of post-graduate professional work. Spanish speakers are preferred. "We expect that the medical emphasis will begin to phase down in mid-February," Turnipseed said. Applicants are to call the CWS Latin American office, (212) 870-3288. The fax number is (212) 870-3220.

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Pope John Paul II, right, delivers his annual "Urbi et Orbi" address, Latin for "to the city and to the world," Christmas Day at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. At Midnight Mass at the basilica, the pope blesses two unidentified children from Mexico as his aide, Monsignor Pietro Marini looks on.

AP Photos



'Urbi et Orbi'

Pope warns against indifference to violence

VATICAN CITY (AP) — In his Christmas message to the world, a weary-looking Pope John Paul II on Friday warned against indifference toward hate and violence and issued an urgent call to end the death penalty.

As church bells echoed around the world, the 78-year-old pontiff — hunched over and slowed by age and illness — gingerly stepped onto the main balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to deliver the traditional "Urbi et Orbi" message.

Before a crowd of 40,000 who stood in the chilly, winter sunshine to listen and millions who watched on TV in dozens of countries, the pope pleaded for an end to war, genocide, the death penalty, the exploitation of children and the production and sale of weapons.

"How can we fail to notice the strident contrast between the serenity of the Christmas carols and the many problems of the present hour?" the pope said.

The pontiff noted that much of the world is steeped in "tragic situations, which often involve human guilt and even malice, soaked in fratricidal hate and senseless violence."

"May the light coming from Bethlehem save us from the danger of becoming resigned to so tormented and distressing a scenario," the pope said.

And he prayed for the world to find a way to "defend human life" — the way the Vatican usually refers to the church's opposition to abortion and euthanasia — and to "restrain the bloodied hand of those responsible for genocide and crimes of war."

After reading his message, he made an unscripted call to abolish

the death penalty.

The stooped figure of John Paul — who contracted the flu and a fever last week — seemed almost lost on the balcony. He read out holiday greetings in 58 languages, gliding over the musical tones of Maori and offering the longer versions in Italian and in his native Polish.

During midnight Mass, John Paul mentioned the approaching Jubilee year in 2000. In his prepared text, the pope said he himself would inaugurate the Holy Year. But in his speech, the pope said the Roman Catholic Church would do so.

In a reference to shaky peace efforts between Israel and the Palestinians, John Paul prayed for encouragement for those trying to help "the tormented situation in the Middle East by respecting international commitments."

In dozens of Christian churches scattered throughout Jerusalem, the day began with joyful Christmas services. The pealing of church bells and the ethereal sound of chants and carols echoed through the Old City's stone streets.

"It's so special to be here at this time of year — to see this place now, on Christmas Day," said Ronald Genasci, 62, who had come from Arlington, Texas, to visit Israel.

In Cuba, the communist government on Friday allowed the Roman Catholic church to send a national holiday greeting over government-controlled radio. Cuba last month made Christmas an official permanent holiday again after nearly 30 years.

Cardinal Jaime Ortega, Cuba's

'May the light coming from Bethlehem save us from the danger of becoming resigned to so tormented and distressing a scenario ... tragic situations which often involve fratricidal hate and senseless violence.'

—Pope John Paul II, in his annual 'Urbi et Orbi' address

top Catholic leader, received permission to read the message Christmas afternoon, government and church sources said.

The authorization was a sign of continued warming relations between Fidel Castro's government and the Catholic church nearly one year after Pope John Paul II visited the island.

In the Persian Gulf, the USS Carl Vinson dropped its anchor on

Thursday as hundreds of homesick sailors readied for holiday celebrations.

The huge aircraft carrier, leading an eight-ship battle group in the gulf, on Wednesday took over from the USS Enterprise, the carrier from which several warplanes took off in last week's airstrikes on Iraq.

Most of the 5,000 crew members worked their normal 12-hour shifts

aboard the 97,000-ton carrier. Entertainment on the carrier included the appearance of Santa Claus, songs, a Christmas dinner and movies such as the 1946 classic "It's a Wonderful Life."

In some parts of the world, however, Christmas was bleak.

Rosario Ramos, living in cramped, government housing with 1,600 other families in the Dominican Republic after Hurricane Georges destroyed her home, decided to put up a Christmas tree.

But its sparkling lights did little to lift her spirits.

"I can't go on like this," she said.

In Jakarta, Indonesia, hundreds of Protestant worshippers gathered for a Christmas Day service in a church gutted by fire in a riot, praying and singing hymns within its blackened walls.

The congregation stood under a new metal roof that replaced the one that collapsed in flames last month, when a Muslim mob attacked and ransacked the church hours after a Sunday service.

"We have tried to renovate it by our own efforts," said Pang Pak Im, a deacon at the Taman Sari Protestant Church.

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World Christianity's quest for unity grows steadily more complex

By Richard N. Ostling
AP Religion Writer

HARARE, Zimbabwe — The Rev. Konrad Raiser was tired but visibly relieved as he chatted during the final hours of the latest World Council of Churches assembly, a 12-day marathon that concluded Monday. After all, the council's German chief executive, 60, had suavely helped to heal one of the group's worst internal crises, a threatened breach with its Orthodox member churches.

Besides mollifying the Orthodox, the assembly of 960 delegates from 112 lands also endorsed Raiser's dream of launching a pan-Christian "Forum," taking in non-council member denominations in a wholly new approach to unity to fit the growing complexity of spiritual geopolitics.

The Forum idea is driven by the realization that the present council, though the broadest Christian umbrella group with a constituency in the hundreds of millions, will never represent more than a minority of world Christianity. Those outside the World Council: the Roman Catholic Church; most Evangelicals, Pentecostals, and Charismatics; and most worshippers in the Third World's indigenous churches.

Inside its ranks, the council has struggled for years over alienation of the Orthodox, who command roughly half its flock, from the liberal Protestants who generally run the show.

Only last spring it looked as if an Orthodox boycott might make the 1998 assembly a shambles. There were some no-shows and partial boycotts here, but "the Orthodox churches were part of this assembly," Raiser said with some satisfaction. "They found their concerns were heard and are being met. This is a tremendous gain."

What now? As expected, the assembly accepted the major Orthodox demand, creation of a special commission to thrash out their complaints about the council.

"Things are much better than we anticipated," observed the Very Rev. Georges Tsitsis, the veteran envoy to the council from Istanbul's Ecumenical Patriarch, titular leader of the Eastern Orthodox hierarchy. "Now the Orthodox and non-Orthodox can sit together and give a new impetus to the WCC."

The head delegate from the disgruntled Russian church, the Rev. Hilarion Alfeyev, said, "Our commitment to the council depends on the work of the special commission."

The Orthodox say they want a brand-new agenda that's more spiritual — the proceedings here were as heavily political as usual — plus a total overhaul of a structure that casts them into perennial minority voting status. "They seem to want an Orthodox WCC," Raiser remarked, calling their claims a starting point for discussions.

The real problem is the Orthodox feel "they are tolerated guests in a group whose feel is Protestant," Raiser added. His fellow Protestants "need to accept, and many have not, that the Orthodox are

a legitimate influence on the WCC. But the Orthodox have to understand the Protestants will never become Orthodox."

A future World Council study on human sexuality, including homosexuality, could muddy the waters. The Orthodox are deeply offended by liberal Protestant moves to accept homosexual behavior; most would prefer not to discuss the matter at all.

But Raiser has no apologies for the WCC staging eleven homosexual liberation workshops during this year's gathering. The council's role, he said, is to enable a "very difficult but necessary dialogue."

Meanwhile, the council has also been threatened by a cash crisis. Churches in North America and Western Europe that provide 98 percent of the income have faced their own money pinch, and investment and foreign exchange woes worsened matters. Only half the member churches pay their minimum dues assessment. Raiser balanced the budget by cutting the staff by nearly half since the last assembly. Since 1994, program expenditures have dropped 38 percent.

Beyond all of this is the growing realization that the council remains cut off from the majority of the world's Christians.

"Ours is an impoverished fellowship," the assembly was told by Rev. Wesley Granberg-Michaelson, head of the Reformed Church in America. "We lack the presence of most of the fastest growing churches in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, often Evangelical or Pentecostal in character. Relationships with the Roman Catholic Church, while cordial, remain stagnant."

The Rev. David B. Barrett, a U.S.-based Anglican statistician who edited the forthcoming second edition of the "World Christian Encyclopedia," said Catholics alone number more than a billion. Among the world's 422 million Protestants and Anglicans, he figures the council represents a minority. Most Protestant growth occurs outside council membership, among Evangelicals and Pentecostals, and among the estimated 265 million believers in Christendom's fastest-growing segment, the indigenous churches of the Third World that mix local practices with Christian beliefs.

The council has recruited several of the "African-Instituted" churches lately. But its problems were encapsulated in the assembly's most embarrassing moment. Alongside celebrations of the vibrancy of African Christianity, the assembly rejected membership for one of the indigenous groups, the Celestial Church of Christ, which claims up to six million followers in Nigeria and the African diaspora elsewhere.

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The Celestial allow only gay and lesbian clergy until their excommunicated members died in 1986. Since then, they have required members to be married and have while the older polio patients remain in good standing. That was unacceptable to assembly delegates who appointed them as they rejected the group's application.

There was little at Harare, the biologically conservative, narrow-minded Evangelical Protestants. But the council is about to make a concerted effort toward the Pentecostal churches and Charismatic movements, outside its ranks, setting up a special "joint working group" to pioneer the one it maintains with Catholics.

The Roman Catholic situation is equally problematic. The head of the large Vatican delegation at Harare, Scotland's Bishop Mario Conti, told a workshop ever so politely that "it is clear the Roman Catholic Church would not come into the WCC as presently constituted."

His colleague Rev. Thomas Stranksy of Jerusalem, who has observed every World Council assembly since 1968, said problems include Catholicism's huge size and the council's socio-political style. "The WCC wants statements that bring the enemy to its knees. The Vatican through its diplomatic corps is more quiet, and sometimes that's more effective." But he noted that Catholic bishops have joined 56 national church councils around the world. A notable exception: the United States.

Discussions about the council's limitations and problems led to the concept of a loosely organized pan-Christian "Forum," which was endorsed by this assembly. The idea is to hold meetings where a wide range of international Christian leaders from inside and outside the council could become friends, without issuing pronouncements or forming any formal organization.

Konrad Raiser is not worried that the embryonic Forum might sideline the World Council someday.

It's possible, he said, that "the WCC will change, Christian world communions will change, and a new configuration of relationships on the national and world levels will emerge. We must have the courage."

As the delegates headed home, hopes lingered that somehow the world's fragmented Christians would make a fresh start at fulfilling Jesus Christ's prayer for his followers in John 17: "that they all may be one."

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Christmas around the world



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Santa Claus, portrayed by Damareo Villalobos, uses a red jeep driven by Marcos Cordero as a sleigh, as he leads the Coyotes Harley Davidson motorcycle club through downtown San Jose, Costa Rica Thursday. Approximately 100 members of the Coyotes motorcycle club paraded to the National Childrens Hospital to deliver the gifts they had bought for the children who would be spending the holiday season away from home.



AP Photo
U.S. Marine Lt. Edward D Kahl, first left, chaplain of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit based in Okinawa, Japan conducts a Christmas service in the Kuwait desert, 50 kilometers (20 miles) north of Kuwait City Thursday. The Marines arrived as part of the operation in which U.S. and British forces carried out four days of airstrikes against Iraq to punish it for its alleged obstruction of U.N. weapons inspectors. The United States stationed some 5,000 troops in Kuwait to protect the oil-rich state from an Iraqi counter-attack.



AP Photo
Iraqi Roman Catholic children surround Santa Claus after he arrived at a church in downtown Baghdad Thursday. Around five percent of the Iraqi population is Christian.

Christmas celebrations worldwide survive tensions

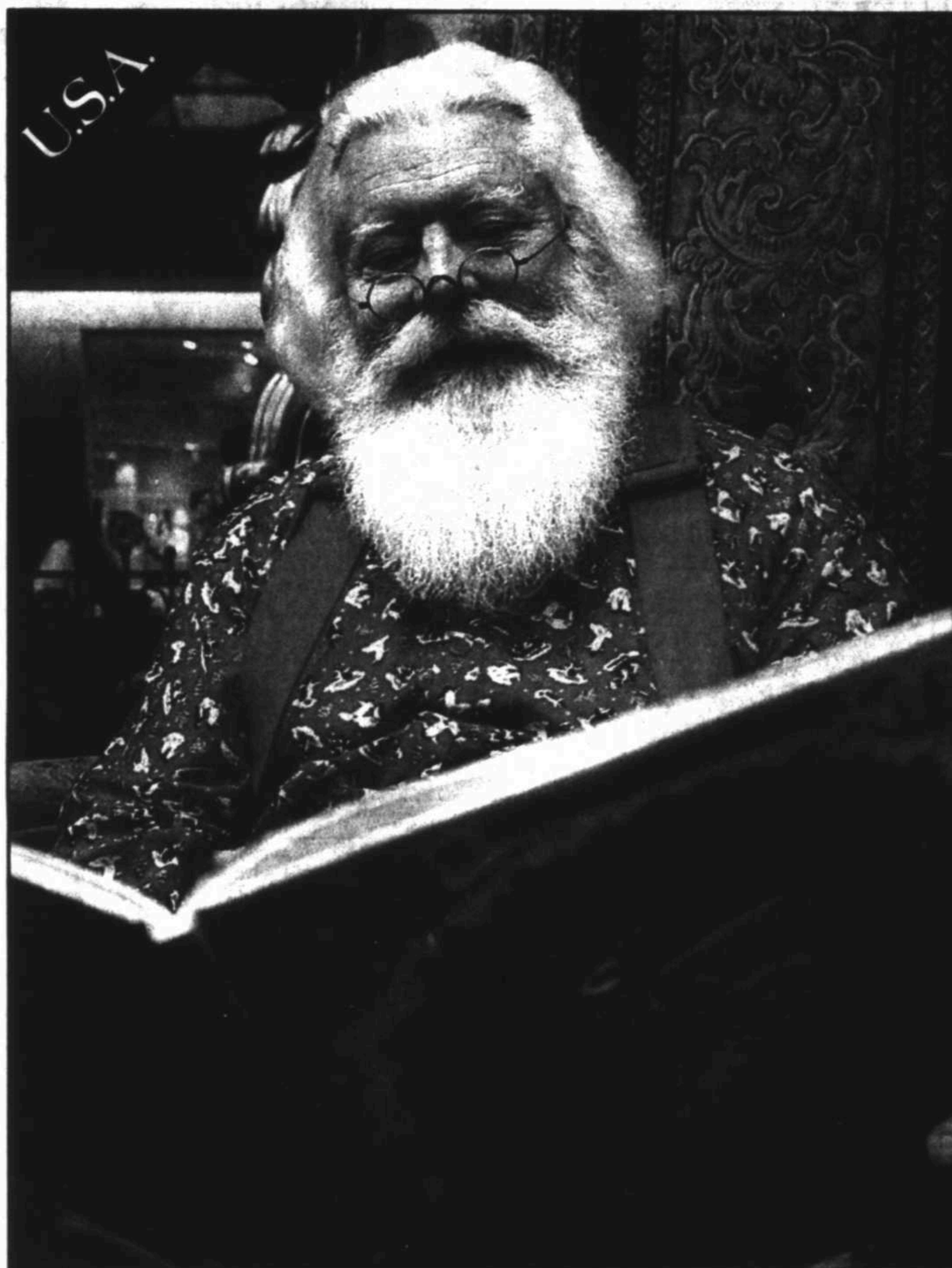
By Mark Lavin
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Yasser Arafat's helicopter landed in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve — delayed by a manhunt for a Palestinian fugitive but still in time for celebrations in the town of Jesus' birth. Troubles intruded on holiday celebrations elsewhere in the world, too, with refugees of Hurricane Mitch finding Christmas spirit hard to come by and Christians in Indonesia shaken by attacks on churches. Still, the sacred business of celebration took precedence for many Christians. Christmas was being reborn in Cuba, and Pope John Paul II delivered his Christmas Eve Mass homily from St. Peter's Basilica. Even the dragnet in the town of Jesus' birth could not dampen festivities. Boy Scout bagpipe bands marched throughout the day, and crowds of well-wishers — along with mounted Palestinian police — greeted the Latin patriarch, Michel Sabbah. Tensions intruded into Christmas celebrations elsewhere in the world, but festivities were not lost: In Jakarta, Indonesia's Christian leaders appealed for racial and religious harmony following recent attacks by Muslim mobs on Christian churches. Rising social and religious

tension has rocked a nation struggling through its worst economic crisis in three decades. In the Kuwaiti desert, 1,000 U.S. Marines in the region to meet any Iraqi threat, tried to make the best of Christmas Eve in the desert. Cpl. Robert Katz of New Rochelle, N.Y., said Christmas was about being with the people dearest to your heart, and "we're all friends and family here." On the others side of the Kuwait-Iraq border, President Saddam Hussein delivered a Christmas message, saying recent U.S. and British airstrikes on Iraq violated the teachings of Jesus. He called on all believers to "face up to these criminals." Eight years of U.N. sanctions has limited celebrations among Iraq's Christian minority. Still, Faris Boutros Mehdi shopped for presents to put beneath his small, bare, plastic Christmas tree. A bottle of perfume for his girlfriend cost him nearly \$15, about half his monthly salary. In some Central American towns, Hurricane Mitch wiped out the holiday entirely. "What Christmas?" asked Gregorio Sanchez, who lives with his wife and five children in a dirt-floor shelter of plastic in Posoltega, Nicaragua, alongside hundreds of other refugees.



AP Photo
Four-year-old Kate Holland makes a new Christmas friend with a young kangaroo at Pebbly Beach, south of Sydney, Australia Thursday. Australians will celebrate Christmas on the beach rather than in the snow.



AP Photo
Santa Claus reads a copy of The Night Before Christmas Wednesday as he awaits visitors at a Northbrook, Ill., shopping mall. The authentic-looking Santa, who comes from Texas and not the North Pole, won't even break character to tell you his real name.

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Removed to Midland Center, 105 North Main, Midland, Texas. Estate of J. Eichkaut and other owner's. Partial contents of an antique shop and new furniture from a designer store. Partial listing.

FURNITURE: Magnificent French commode with marble top, Walnut Victorian cane seat chair circa 1870-1880, Oriental style smoking stand, Philadelphia chippendale lowboy chest, Early captain's chair circa 1880-1910, Empire chest 7 drawers, Victorian console with mirror, Georgian hall table with mirror, Large chippendale highboy chest on chest, King-size poster bed with carved back and front, French love seat, Carved oak claw foot office chair circa 1880-1905, Victorian needlepoint opera chair circa 1880-1890, Large French easel, Chippendale dining table with matching chairs, Large mahogany wardrobe, Carved wooden carousel horse, Leather top partner desk, Neo classical plant stand, Lawyer stacking bookcase, Early emperor's palace chair, Six foot cigar store Indian, Canterbury magazine rack, Phoenix carved love seat, Teakwood carved nightstands, Empire wine cabinet with unusual tiger finish. **BRONZES:** Limited Edition bronze of pheasant #56 of 125, "Fall Colors" 1987 by Bob Winship. Western auction bronzes by Remington. **GUN COLLECTION:** Nice selection firearms to include Colt Single Action Army in 45 Long Colt and 44-40 old Winchester 1873 Octagon pre 64 model 1894, 1897 Winchester Hammer Shotgun, Early Winchester 22s, 2 Black Powder rifles, group of older side by side shotguns, Ithaca, old military rifles, bayonets, antique Smith and Wesson, signed Snidow print **COWBOY COLLECTIBLES:** 8 prs of cowboy spurs, brass collector belt buckles, 3 silver bars, Wells Fargo mag. glass, cat house tokens **ORIENTAL CARPETS:** All sizes. **MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS:** Early "Prairie" Banjo, inlaid with mother of pearl and wood inlay work, 1960 Univox elec. red guitar with portable amp., "Jom" acoustic guitar, **JEWELRY:** 3 pocket watches to include man's hunter case, Railroad pocket watch signed "Edgemere" lever action, Hunter case pocket watch with chain, Man's Ingram "Viceroy" Pocket watch, Lady's diamond wrist watch done in white gold, Emerald Diamond Ring, Sapphire and diamond ring, Diamond Earrings - opera pearls, diamond tennis bracelet, diamond necklace **ITEMS OF INTEREST:** Massive stained glass arch 1860 circa 76" long x39" done in brilliant colors of the period (See picture in front of flyer), 37" Samurai sword in wooden case, 1950 Trans-oceanic zenith wave magnet portable radio, rare Winchester "Trailblazers" camp cook stove, collection of 8 terra cotta plates signed and dated Luma Garcia 95 "Gigante design", American Indian axes and arrow heads - unusual pirates 1940 cap gun, LUCKY 7 SLOT MACHINE AND VEGAS ROLLER SLOT MACHINE COIN COLLECTION: 53 Lots, U.S. Gold Coins, Morgan Silver Dollars, Walking 1/2 Dollars, V-Nickels, Roman Coins **UNUSUAL ITEMS:** Six foot cigar store Indian, art deco 3 pc. silverplate tea set (rare), Large royal doulton character jug (Viking #d6495), Early woven sewing basket with glass beaded top, Copper console bowl with applied medallions circa 1920, Royal Vienna dresser box, 1939 World's Fair souvenir, barber's bottles, RS Prussia creamer, UNUSUAL Indian wall pocket (rare), Nazis WWII British channel token, primitive kitchen items, group of assorted Royal Stafford china, French bronzes and marble mantle clock, UNUSUAL carved horse bone snuff bottles, collection of cut glass, stained glass lamps

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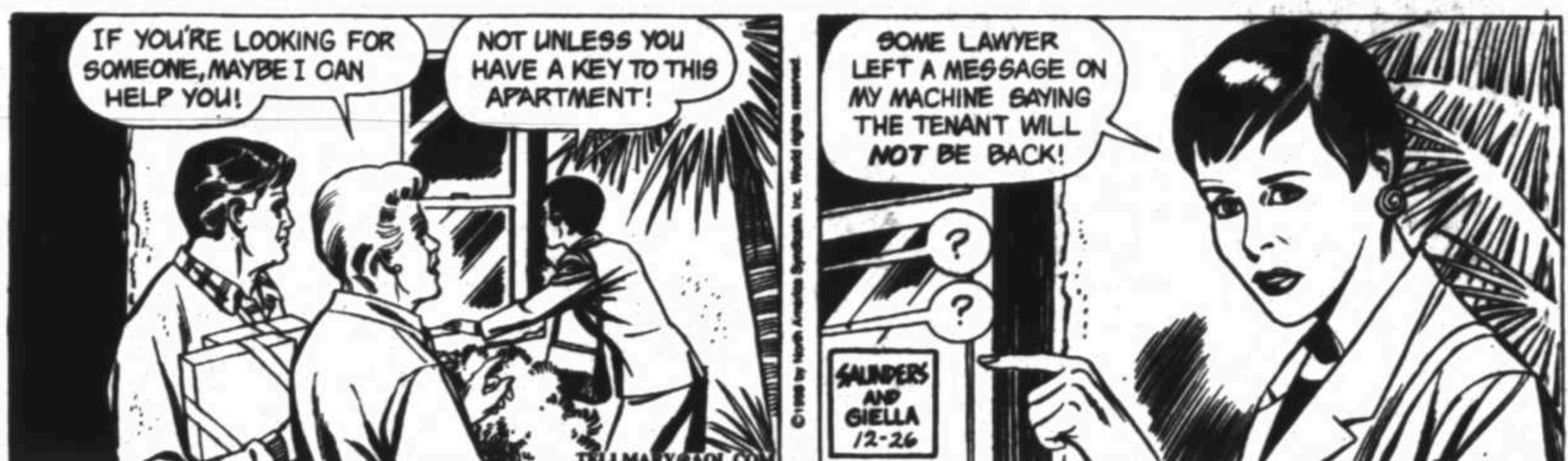
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998:

Building security is a major concern this year, and you'll be successful in doing so. Investing and saving become more important. Change your perceptions about what works for you emotionally and adjust your life accordingly. You will need time alone to process, think ideas and issues through. If you are single, a viable romance becomes very important. Having a family especially appeals to you. You are likely to progress a new relationship rapidly. If attached, your tie becomes a major focal point, as you seek stronger commitment. ARIES is comforting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Make contact with others at a distance. If necessary, rearrange plans. You are ready to share on a deeper level. Friends continue to be full of surprises. Embrace the unexpected. Make the most of discussions. You gain perspective as a result. Tonight: It is your call.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You feel unusually close to someone. Feelings run high, swaying your mood and choices. Make time to catch up on news with a loved one. Loving moments and intimate sharing bonds you even closer. A parent or family member surprises you. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Popularity continues to soar. Listen to a friend who has your best interests in mind. A surprise occurs with travel plans and people at a distance. You have reason to celebrate. Make time for an important get-together. A loved one helps a wish come true. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Take charge. Bring an older family member back into the fold. A boss appreciates your efforts, as you take responsibility. A partner is quirky. Be more independent. Take charge of your finances. You get a lot done, even if only returning gifts! Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Let others run with their energy. You could be delighted by the doors they open for you both emotionally and spiritually. Take a risk; reveal more than you have. Calls involving those at a distance bring happiness and interesting news. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Close relating brings you more in contact with a wish. You recognize that someone means well. Discuss your feelings. Adjust to unexpected happenings. Your sense of humor, willingness to give and nurture comes back to you in multiples. Tonight: Hot cider with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others provide entertainment, however unconsciously. Activity surrounds you. Respond to calls, and make a special effort toward a child, or if single, a love relationship. Learn new modes of expression. Actions convey a point more directly. Tonight: Be docile.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You have a lot to do. You are anxious to clean up after the holidays. Write thank-you notes. Catch up with co-workers, run errands and get an extra snooze or two in. Take advantage of an invitation that could force you to exercise some! Tonight: Get back into the groove.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You are full of energy. You completely enjoy whatever you do. Someone responds to you differently because you have changed. A relationship heats up because of your nurturing and unexpected actions. Humor and unpredictability add to your day. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You need to slow down, as you have been on overload. Catch up with others whom you don't normally have time to visit. Family and home become unusually important this coming year. You could be getting ready for some big changes. Tonight: Make it easy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your unpredictability triggers an unexpected talk. Others like how you turn up in places from out of the blue. Be yourself with friends. You change your immediate social circle. Share your feelings. Accept a change in plans. You like the heightened pace. Tonight: Don't go far.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You are concerned with returning gifts and mailing thank-you notes. You are unusually efficient when dealing with others and getting errands done. An unexpected insight or hunch helps you financially. Unnecessary risk could be detrimental. Tonight: Don't complicate things.

BORN TODAY
Music producer Phil Spector (1940), actor Richard Widmark (1914), former baseball player Carlton Fisk (1947)

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ AK 6 ♥ QJ 87 ♦ Q 65 ♠ A 83
 Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?
Q 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ 643 ♥ KQ 97 ♦ AQ 762 ♠ 7
 The bidding has proceeded:
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♣ 2♥ 2♠ ?
 What do you bid now?
Q 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ A ♥ KJ 762 ♦ QJ 963 ♠ 53
 The bidding has proceeded:
 WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
 1♣ 1♠ 4♠ ?
 What action do you take?
Q 4 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 5 ♥ 74 ♦ Q 864 ♠ AJ 7543
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 Pass 4♣ Dbl Pass
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 What action do you take?
Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠ 6 ♥ AQ 532 ♦ KQ 85 ♠ K 94
 The bidding has proceeded:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1♥ Dbl Pass Pass
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 What action do you take?
Q 6 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠ AQJ 10 ♥ J10 763 ♦ KQ 9 ♠ K

The bidding has proceeded:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
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 What do you bid now?

Look for answers on Monday.

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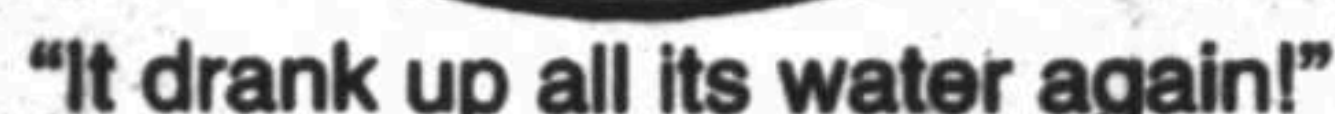
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"BOY, DAD! SANTA REALLY HAS ME PEGGED!"

Queen tries to close generation gap

NEW YORK — **Quentin Crisp** is celebrating his 90th birthday on Christmas Day by embracing what he usual-

A black and white portrait of a young Black man smiling. He is wearing a graduation cap and gown. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in similar attire.

Mikail Markhasev, 19, was convicted of the murder and is serving a life sentence without parole.

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports

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SATURDAY EVENING

December 26, 1998

For Complete Information
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Home on the road

By Tom Yates

Choosing an RV II

Last month I began discussing some of the things you need to keep in mind when choosing an RV that is right for you. This time we'll talk more about how you're going to use your RV and how that affects the selection process.

It seems like choosing an RV should be a simple decision, but there are many factors to consider. Do you want to stick to freeways all or most of the time? Will you be taking two- and four-lane highways or smaller county and gravel roads? Will you always have water and electrical hookups? Are you driving in mountains? How long will you be gone at one time? These are all important questions you have to ask, and even worse, answer.

The problem is that a "yes" to one question may automatically mean a "no" to another or several other questions. For instance, you are set on buying a diesel pusher rig. You can afford it, and you've earned it. But most diesel pushers are long rigs — 36-, 38- or 40-foot long, and even longer if they're built on a bus chassis. They are also often taller than most other RVs. That means you won't be taking narrow, winding mountain two-lane roads.

Trying to navigate a big diesel pusher with a towed vehicle following behind on a two-lane highway in the mountains of Kentucky and Virginia is not a vacation. It is hard and nerve-wracking work. While I've never had a diesel pusher on those roads, I did take a 34-foot widebody Class A on those roads and I did not have fun. The color is finally coming back to my knuckles.

By the same token, if you stay on the interstates, limited access highways and toll roads, you're going to be more comfortable in a big diesel pusher. The longer rigs usually have a longer wheelbase. That means there's less fore-and-aft rocking over bumps and rough roads. Bigger rigs usually have air suspension and leveling jacks, and they have more room inside. So if you're planning to spend a lot of time in the rig or on the road, you're set with a big diesel pusher.

Dry camping is becoming more popular among RVers, however. Many people enjoy camping in wilderness areas. They're willing to put up with a little less luxury and room to enjoy their outdoor surroundings.

If you like to really get away from things, then you should look at smaller rigs, however that doesn't necessarily mean a mini motorhome or tiny pop up camper.

My experience is the total length of your rig, including your tow vehicle, shouldn't be more than about 50 feet long. That sounds like a big rig, but it really isn't. If you have a 30-foot motorhome and a 15-foot long compact car, your total length is going to be 45 feet, excluding the tow bar. A mid-size pickup and 25-foot trailer is going to be in the same range. Anything much longer than that is too hard to handle. The idea of RVing is to have fun, not work yourself to death getting to your getaway spot.

Your need for luxury also is a determining factor in choosing a rig. If you can handle a basic lifestyle — no air conditioning, a small gas stove, no television and minimal elbow room — you can get by with a pretty small outfit. A 20-foot trailer or a 24- or 26-foot RV, if you can find one that small, will work fine. But realistically speaking, you're better off with something in the 28-foot range.

Twenty-eight feet gives you adequate living space, a bathroom/shower that you can move around in and a decent size bedroom area. Thirty feet is roomier, but is getting to the upper limits. With a 28- or 30-foot motorhome you can have space to move around, a nice stove, maybe a microwave, television and a comfortable bed. You'll also have a generator and reasonable size water and holding tanks.

But that, of course, brings us back to road size. As I said in the beginning, you have to stop and look at the type of RVing you plan to do. Take an honest look at the type of driver you are, the places you want to go, the level of luxury you want/need and your capabilities behind the wheel. Once you've got those down you can start really looking for price and special features.

But remember, when you're setting your standards for a rig, some things are mutually exclusive. Luxury and lots of living space just does not go with wandering around two-lane side roads that curl around mountains or wander into tight areas. Diesel power generally means a bigger tow vehicle or motorhome.

RVing is a lot like life — you have to make the best compromises you can and just enjoy the results.



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By Ken Chester, Jr.

'99 Honda Odyssey minivan

Honda's first foray into the minivan market came in 1995 with the introduction of the Odyssey. Changing consumer demands for increasingly carlike minivans coupled with the automaker's evolution beyond a maker of small cars, paved the way for the company's first entry into the segment.

While Honda's first minivan offered independent suspension along with car-like ride, handling and performance characteristics, the imported minivan was more important to the automaker as a development study of how people in different markets interact with a minivan.

The result is the all new Odyssey, now built in the company's Alliston, Ontario, Canada assembly plant. This minivan has a wheelbase that is 6.7 inches longer, 5.0 inches wider and 13.6 inches longer overall than the previous generation, yet retains the same tight turning radius of 37.7 feet.

With a lower floor height from ground than

the competition, the Odyssey yields an inch and a half more headroom while providing easier entry and exit. Honda's new entry is equipped with double sliding doors standard for both models. The automaker has upped the ante by making dual power sliding doors standard on the upscale EX model.

Available in LX and EX trim levels, the Honda minivan is powered by a new 3.5L SOHC 24-valve VTEC V-6 engine that generates 210 horsepower at 5,200 rpm and 229 lb/ft of torque at 4,300 rpm. A four-speed automatic with lockup torque converter and Grade Logic Control System is standard. A five-speed manual transmission is not available. The new V-6 powerplant meets California's stringent Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) standards for light trucks.

On the road, the Odyssey is light on its feet, handling easy and accelerating fast. A smooth, seamless shifting transmission and powerful engine are a perfect match.

The unique four-wheel independent suspension featuring a strut-type front suspension and double wishbone rear suspension are complimented by low-rate front and rear springs and 16-inch wheels and tires contribute to the Odyssey's smooth ride. The suspension geometry has been designed for optimum stability and control when braking and cornering.

Excellent displays and controls greet the driver, with a good view of the road. Numerous cubby holes and storage bins are located all over the cabin, while seating is comfortable throughout. The second row of seats are separate chairs that can be easily converted to a two seat bench.

The third seat bench is Honda's Magic Seat, which is designed to fold and disappear into an opening producing a flat cargo floor without removing the rear seat from the minivan.

Properly equipped, the Honda odyssey can tow a trailer with a maximum weight of 3,500 pounds. Underhood fluids are easy to reach but not consistently marked.

By the numbers

Standard safety/security equipment includes dual front airbags, four-wheel anti-lock brakes with Electronic Brake Distribution, Immobilizer theft deterrent system and traction control (EX only). EPA fuel economy is 18 city/26 highway.

Retail sticker prices range from \$23,000 for LX to \$25,800 for the EX model. Destination charge adds \$415.

Honda will build 60,000 Odyssey minivans this model year, compared to less than 30,000 per year of the previous model. Next year will see 120,000 units. There are no rebates. ■

Dodge Dakota R/T sport truck puts serious horsepower to play

BY BOB PLUNKETT

Special to Midland Reporter-Telegram

WITTMAN, Ariz. — Chrysler's Arizona proving grounds, spreading for miles across a sandy pancake dotted with tumbleweed and creosote brush in the desert west of Phoenix, contains an enormous black lake of flat asphalt paving where vehicles can romp in unrestricted fashion to measure acceleration and athletic agility.

Put a muscle machine on that tarmac and arrange orange traffic cones on a circuitous course that pushes the wheels to navigate tight turns in scant time, and you're set for automotive fun.

So roll up to the starting line, wait for a timer's green light to go, then put pedal to metal and hang on as one rig rips down the straightaway and plunges headlong into the first corner, a hard left-hander which leads to an equally tight right before a long left sweep-er.

The car cuts through that left with little body roll, then swings deftly through the right and flows into the sweep, big 17-inch tires squealing across the apex.

Another long straight follows, with speed building, before a second left sweeper that sets up a left-right-left chicane, and the machine performs this hip-flicking hula without requiring driver to hold back on throttle.

Now brake those saucer discs for the next left, and upon exit prepare for a decreasing-radius final turn which rounds out this course in a dash across the finish line.

Check the clock to find you've set the lowest mark of ten runs, then contemplate the irony that for these tests the vehicle doing all of that high-powered wiggling amounts to a sport machine complete with bold racing stripes running down the front hood but in conformation with boxed bed in back which cannot deny the fact that the thing is actually a pickup truck.

Sport-tuning at the Dodge Division of Chrysler goes so far, it seems, that there's even a pickup truck ripe for powerful road play.

It's Dakota R/T, new iteration for the mid-size Dodge pickup truck, decked out with racing stripes which mimic the Viper supercar and a beefy V8 engine lurking beneath the bold

front hoodline.

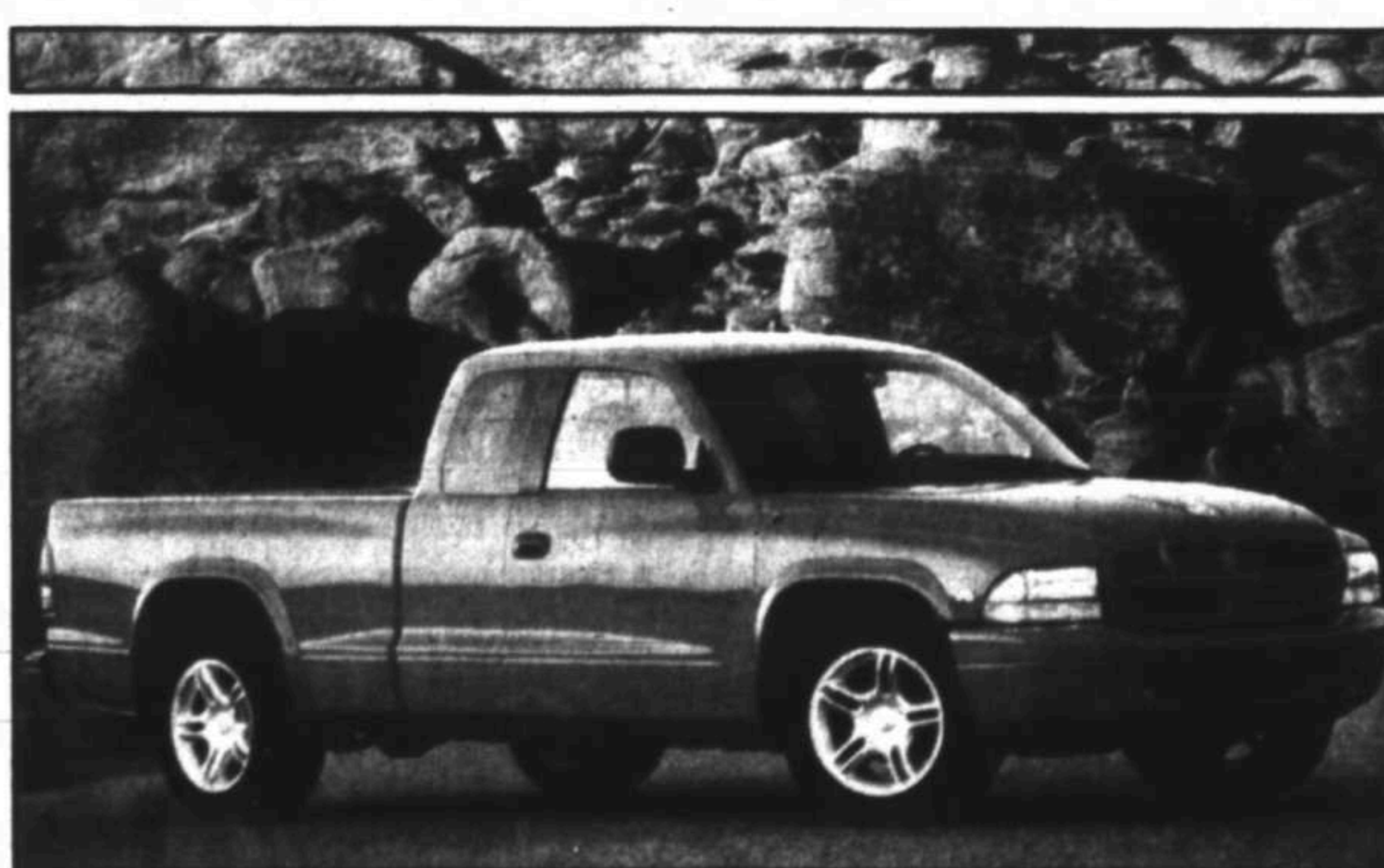
The R/T badge, with initials denoting Road and Track, reflects Dodge's muscle car heritage, which traces back to the 1960s with the most powerful and sporty Dodges bearing names like Charger R/T and Challenger R/T.

In 1999 the R/T nomenclature at Dodge applies to a performance-oriented Neon R/T compact sedan with twin-cam engine, R/T sport suspension, rear decklid spoiler and racing stripes that reproduce the streaks of Dodge's ripper, Viper GTS coupe.

A racy Viper or even the Neon cast as a competition coupe may be easy to comprehend, but what, you might wonder, can you do with what commonly amounts to a work truck only now dressed out with racing stripes, all sorts of performance gear and heady V8 power?

Well, you can plow the boulevards and show off the low stance of this truck, or rev its big engine as it musters those throaty cranked-up sounds from the low-restriction exhaust system.

It's unquestionably a show-out machine, but it's also capable of producing some sport-pitched maneuvers on pavement and in terms of raw acceleration along a street course this is the truck that can definitely kick butt over any stock competition.



Although there's no 4-wheel-drive edition, the Dakota R/T comes with either a regular-size cabin with twin high-back bucket seats or a Club Cab edition with an area added behind front seats to put a split/folding bench for three.

Look beyond those flashy racing stripes and you'll find that the meat of this machine comes down to its humongous V8 engine, low-profile 17-inch tires and a stiff-but-sporty suspension that drops the vehicle by an inch to make it look like a customized hot rod.

Dakota in more conventional dress totes a variety of engines up to a 5.2-liter V8 rated at 230 horsepower, but the Dakota R/T goes further by installing Dodge's 5.9-liter Magnum V8.

That plant, built with a cast iron block and heads and equipped with overhead valving and sequential electronic multi-port fuel injection, pushes the power curve to 250 hp.

The Magnum 5.9 also spits out massive torque — the engine's ultimate measure of muscle that translates into linear propulsion — to 345 lbs/ft.

Even the barest Dakota contains excellent handling equipment like rack and pinion steering, power brakes with front discs and rear drums linked to passive anti-lock controls, as

well as an independent front suspension in responsive wishbone design, and a rear live axle with 4-leaf springs and gas-charged shocks plus stabilizer bar.

For R/T, the suspension slams the chassis down for that dropped effect, then the rear stabilizer bar increases in diameter to 21 mm for additional strength to minimize lateral body roll during hard cornering maneuvers.

As a further enhancement for sporty handling, the R/T rolls on oversized 17-inch aluminum wheels with low-profile Goodyear Eagle LS black sidewall tires (P255/55R17), which stretches an extravagant footprint on pavement and improve the truck's curve-hugging grip.

Outside, R/T puts those racing stripes down the hood, with body-colored fascia and grille and front and rear bumpers, plus decals spelling out "Dakota R/T" on doors.

Inside, the cabin contains cloth and vinyl seats, analog instruments with tachometer, and a stereo system wired to four speakers and AM/FM radio with cassette deck.

FAST FACTS

1999 DODGE DAKOTA R/T TRUCK

Description.....	Mid-size 2-dr pickup truck
Model options.....	Dakota R/T
Wheelbase.....	Reg. Cab: 111.9 inches
	Club Cab: 131.0 inches
Overall length.....	Reg. Cab: 195.8 inches
	Club Cab: 214.8 inches
Engine size.....	OHV 5.9-L V8
Trans/speeds.....	Auto/4
Rear/front drive.....	Rear
Steering.....	Power rack and pinion
Braking.....	Power disc/drum/ABS
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