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Chechnya scene

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Myers steps down

As Dee Dee Myers stepped down as White House press secretary, President Clinton drops by to say farewell./**11A**

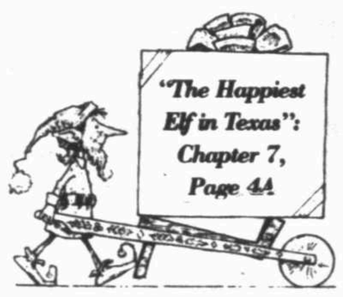


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Radiation weapons

WASHINGTON — At the outset of the Cold War, the U.S. government pursued the development of radiation weapons not only for the stated purpose of defense but also for offensive use on a vast scale, newly declassified records show./**9A**

Crisis in Mexico

MEXICO CITY — Mexicans confront their first major economic crisis of the 1990s as President Ernesto Zedillo abandons a policy of defending the new peso against the U.S. dollar. Mexicans thought they had left behind fears about the purchasing power of their paycheck and the possibility that things could get worse before they get better./**5A**

Goodbye Ann

AUSTIN — Gov. Ann Richards, nearly invisible since losing her reelection bid, scheduled a news conference Thursday to discuss her term and her future./**2B**

Christmas tamales

BROWNSVILLE — Take away the tamales, and you might as well take away Christmas for the Ybarra family. "I think everybody should eat tamales at Christmas. If you don't buy them from me. That's fine. But eat tamales," said Jesus Ybarra./**5B**

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Police charge jobless computer expert in firebomb, subterranean terror plot

NEW YORK (AP) — He had been out of work for almost a year and had four mortgages to pay. Apparently depressed, he'd recently lost weight and was taking Prozac.

So, with Christmas only a week away, Edward Leary allegedly came up with a desperate scheme for cash: He would terrorize the subway system and extort money from the city to end the violence.

Leary was charged Thursday with carrying a firebomb that went off on a subway train, injuring himself and others on the car. He was listed in critical condition.

"He lost his job; he had these apartments he was trying to sell," said Jeff Lunden, a neighbor from the building in Brooklyn where Leary owns three apartments worth about $400,000 total.

"It's sad," Lunden added. "If it's true, it's very sad."

Lunden and other residents of the 15-story building recalled Leary as a tense computer nerd and concerned neighbor who sometimes

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A police line is established outside the Scotch Plains, N.J., home of Edward Leary, who has been charged in Wednesday's subway firebombing.

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Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Richard Baker flips through pages of pog caps at the Pog Place at Midland Park Mall Thursday. Pogs are a popular gift this Christmas.

Power Rangers, pogs, Barbie: what's hot, not this yule season

By Tonie Miller-Uzzel
Staff Writer

Power Rangers, pogs and Barbie dolls are the big sellers for children's gifts this holiday season.

Hint, hint for those last-minute shoppers who don't have a clue what their children want.

"Anything Power Rangers and anything Barbie" are the two biggest selling items at Toys 'R Us, 3109 W. Loop 250, according to merchandiser Greg Hopper.

"Barbie is like the most popular thing besides Power Rangers this year," Hopper said.

Electronics of all kinds are also popular gifts for youngsters, he said.

Sega 32x Systems are big sellers, as are Talk Boys — which were made famous in the movie "Home Alone 2," Hopper said. He said the Talk Boy is a hand-held recorder that can play back recordings at various speeds to make the voice sound like a chipmunk or really slow.

"Those are very popular," he said.

Small alphabet-type computers that help children with spelling and math have also been big gift items, Hopper said.

Pogs — the milk-cap type game — is one of most popular pastimes for youths today and is on the shelves at most stores. It is also one of the best stocking stuffers, according to Sylvia Cruz, who with her husband, Mario, owns The Pog

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Owners balk, tag baseball with pay cap

■ Move eliminates salary arbitration, clears way for '95 season with replacement players; union to file unfair labor practice charge.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Baseball owners stuck to their threat this time and imposed a salary cap after rejecting the players' latest proposal and breaking off talks.

The move, certain to set off a legal fight, eliminates salary arbitration and immediately creates a new group of 63 restricted free agents, including Jack McDowell, Jim Abbott and Marquis Grissom. It forces 21 teams to cut a total of $56.2 million from their 1994 payrolls, and eliminates many of the union's gains in collective bargaining during the past 23 years.

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It also clears the way for owners to go ahead with preparations to start the 1995 season with replacement players — plus any regular players who might break ranks.

Players will file an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board as early as Friday — the 19th anniversary of free agency. The union will ask the NLRB to seek a preliminary injunction against the cap in federal court.

"If this is the road they want to take, if this is where they wanted to go, this is going to be an ugly situation," Detroit's Cecil Fielder said.

Owners already had postponed their

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Major League Baseball Players Union leader Donald Fehr

Only 8 percent of adult smokers who try to kick the habit succeed, CDC reports

ATLANTA (AP) — Only about 8 percent of American adults who try to quit smoking actually succeed, the government reported Thursday.

"That shows you exactly how addictive smoking is," said Michael Eriksen, director of the Office on Smoking and Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Despite what the tobacco companies are saying, smokers know they're addicted."

The figures were based on a 1993 survey by the CDC of nearly 21,000 adults selected at random and questioned in person. The participants identified themselves as daily smokers, occasional smokers, former smokers or nonsmokers. The CDC let those surveyed classify themselves, without defining all categories.

Thirty-four percent of the nation's 46 million smokers try to quit each year, and many find the habit harder to kick than they imagined, the CDC said.

Of those who try to quit, just 8 percent, or about 1 million people, suc-

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Town's friend-to-all now faces burglar-to-many accusations

By Christopher Wills
Associated Press

KEWANEE, Ill. — Everyone in town knew that Roger Harlow — friendly, talkative, Sunday-school-teaching Roger — often dropped in at people's homes. They just didn't know how often.

The 46-year-old insurance agent has been charged with 85 burglaries, the victims ranging from golfing buddies and family friends to employees and widows.

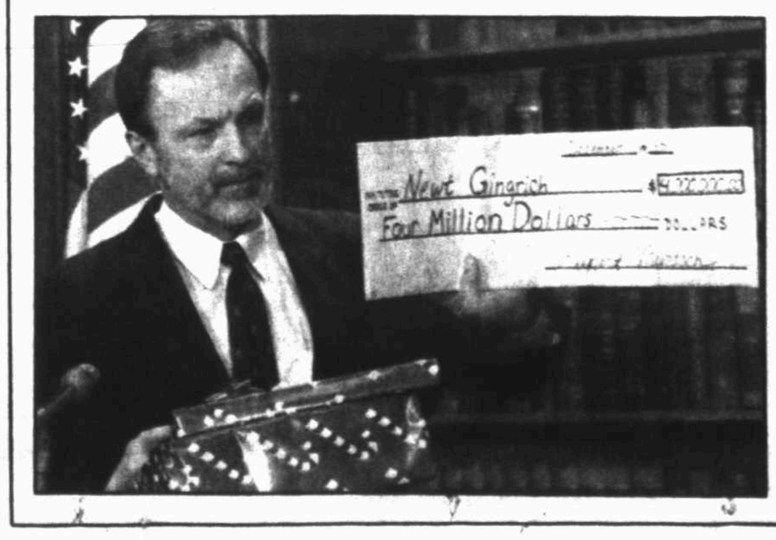
Police believe Harlow chatted so much in order to learn when people planned to be away from home. Then, police say, he would drop by and take any small valuables: coins, stamps, jewelry, baseball cards, cash.

"On occasion, he would even manage to get them out of the house — for lunch or something — and while they were gone he would burglarize the house, then show up late for lunch," said Police Chief Joe Dakin.

People have accused Harlow of:

■ Showing up late for golf

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Gingrich books

Democrats challenged Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich to justify accepting "unprecedented, unheard-of" $4.5 million book advance. Gingrich said simply, "Conservative books sell."/**7A**

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Russia continues to pound Chechen capital with bombing raids

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian planes and artillery bombarded Chechnya's capital early today as Moscow escalated its offensive against the breakaway republic, leaving grisly scenes of carnage on the streets.

At least 24 civilians were killed in heavy bombing on Thursday, including an American photographer. Panicked residents ran for cover and many fled for the mountains as the exodus from Grozny swelled.

A dead man's charred body sat inside his burned car, his hands still clutching the wheel. Blood stained the snow in a park where a woman's body had been. Anguished Chechens raised their hands in prayer over another body nearby.

Coming after three straight nights of bombing attacks, the first daylight raid on Thursday was even more intense as Russia showed it intended to complete an operation that has become a debacle due to strong resistance, turmoil in the Russian military command and overwhelming public opposition. One commander refused to advance on Grozny or fire on civilians.

Russian jets raided Grozny again before dawn today, the Interfax news agency reported. No details were immediately available.

"It is impossible — this is terrible," wailed Larisa Vozlublennaya, a Russian, outside her bomb-damaged apartment building. "Who are they trying to kill?"

The Chechens remained defiant. Workers repaired power and telephone lines near Freedom Square shortly after an air raid, and volunteers climbed into a truck with grenade launchers.

President Dzhokhar Dudayev issued a televised appeal for a holy war to fight "the satanic methods of Russia," Echo Moscow radio station reported.

Dudayev has threatened to hang a Russian prisoner of war for every Russian air raid. But there was no immediate evidence he had carried out the threat, made this week, despite four bombing raids on Grozny since Monday.

Chechens hold as many as 20 Russian soldiers who were captured Dec. 11, the first day of Russia's offensive.

The POWs told Associated Press Television Wednesday they were being treated well and received the same rations as Chechen guards, although they expressed concern about what Moscow was doing to gain their release.

The corpses of several people who had rushed out to treat dead and wounded lay in a pile after a warplane fired a rocket at them.

One of those killed was a 28-year-old American freelance photographer, Cynthia Elbaum. A friend of the victim said she was from New York City. A British colleague wept as he helped Chechens wrap her remains in a carpet.

Russian authorities are bogged down in the worst quagmire for the military since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. They accused the Chechens of faking air attacks Thursday by blowing up their own buildings.

Deputy Interior Minister Alexander Kulikov insisted the military was doing everything it could to avoid the loss of life.

President Boris Yeltsin worked in the Kremlin with aides on "proposals for a peaceful settlement," the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Explosions lead to panic; witnesses report 24 dead

By Sergei Shargorodsky
Associated Press

GROZNY, Russia — The roar of a Russian warplane flying low over the Chechen capital Thursday sent civilians running in panic and falling to the ground on a bridge not far from the presidential palace.

Then the bombs came.

After two explosions, thick black smoke rose from the Oil Institute building some 250 yards away. A car approaching the bridge was hit, and its driver — his head bloodied from shrapnel — was lying on the icy ground.

Witnesses said at least two dozen people were killed in the midday attack. Reporters saw more than 10 mutilated bodies, raising serious doubts about the Kremlin's insistence that it targets only strategic sites in "precision bombings."

Since Monday, most bombs and rockets fired by Russian airplanes have hit residential areas in Grozny and its outskirts, killing and wounding civilians.

On Thursday, they landed close to the broadcasting center and the nearby institute, already windowless and devastated by earlier raids.

A dead Chechen refugee lay next to his car, his head split by shrapnel. He had been trying to escape the fighting when the bombs hit his small car, loaded with a mattress and pillows. The mattress was used to cover his body.

Nearby, another body was frozen in agony, the legs torn off by the blast. And another and another.

"Look what the Russians are doing," a Chechen shouted in anguish, running to help the wounded.

Planes also attacked a residential area about a half-mile from the city center. One fired a rocket into houses, then returned to fire another straight into a crowd of people who had rushed to treat the wounded, leaving a pile of bodies.

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Holidays stay tense for many in West Bank

By Joel Greenberg
N.Y. Times News Service

BETHLEHEM, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — It was supposed to be a different Christmas season here this year, brimming with the spirit of peace and hopes for the expansion of Palestinian autonomy to the entire West Bank.

But preparations in this town of 50,000 seem joyless during this holiday season, the first since the start of Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

The Christmas Eve services that attract thousands of pilgrims to Manger Square and the Church of the Nativity, venerated as the site of Jesus' birth, are likely to follow familiar patterns.

The Israeli army still controls security and access to the square, as it has for nearly three decades. Religious ceremonies will follow traditional protocol, leaving little in Palestinian hands aside from the flags added to decorations put up by the municipality. The red, green, black and white banners, once outlawed by Israel, were hoisted this week above city hall.

The festivities here, like life in general in the West Bank, seem to run on inertia, as Palestinians look for substance beyond the symbols of political change they have witnessed since the accord reached last year between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization. Their search is often in vain.

Many say they are worse off economically because of restrictions on work in Israel. They are waiting for tangible improvements in daily life to give them real cause for celebration, they say. Difficulties in negotiations between Israel and the PLO on Palestinian elections and an accompanying Israeli pullout from West Bank towns add to the discouragement.

"People were hoping that this year Christmas celebrations would be under the auspices of the Palestinian Authority, but the delay in the redeployment of the Israeli army has not made it possible," said Bethlehem's deputy mayor, Hanna Nasser.

"The excitement of putting up a Palestinian flag is gone," said Mayor Elias Freij. "Can you translate that into dollars or jobs? People need to feel the spirit of peace, and they don't. With an empty stomach and an empty pocket, how do people feel?"

Mansour Sayuri, who has a refreshment stand in the marketplace, said there was little cheer in the streets. "We hear only talk, but we want something we can touch," he said. "We see flags, but we don't see a government."

His stall is next to the local tourism bureau, handed over recently by Israel to the Palestinian Authority. It is one of the few services under Palestinian responsibility, after a transfer of five government departments by the Israeli military administration.

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Shelling casts gloom on possibility of peace

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Shells slammed into a Sarajevo marketplace on Thursday, killing two people and raising fears that a planned holiday cease-fire across Bosnia would be a sham.

Seven people were injured in the market shelling. Another person was killed and five more were wounded in shelling of the northwest town of Bihac, a U.N.-declared "safe area."

The violence underscored the difficulty facing any cease-fire in the 32-month war in Bosnia, and served as a reminder that many previous efforts to end the fighting have failed.

A new cease-fire is to go into effect at noon today, and the United Nations is trying to start talks between the Bosnian government and its Serb foes on a longer truce.

The new efforts follow the visit by former President Jimmy Carter to Bosnia earlier this week.

"It is a bad sign for the cease-fire," Bosnian Vice President Ejup Ganic said of the shelling. "We are very disappointed. Nevertheless, we are pushing for a cease-fire and we hope we get a cease-fire."

Ganic met with the top U.N. official in former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, to try to arrange talks on the longer truce. Akashi condemned the shelling as a "brutal violation, and outrageous."

The U.N. official traveled to Bosnian Serb headquarters in Pale, a village 12 miles southeast of Sarajevo, after his talks with the Bosnian government.

The flea market, where Sarajevans sell personal belongings to raise cash, takes up about a quarter of a city block in the city's old town behind the burned-out library and city hall. A few large pools of blood stained the fresh snow, and second-hand clothes and tins of food lay scattered about after the attack.

U.N. officials did not say who was to blame for the shelling, but the site is just below Serb-held Mount Trebevic. They also did not say specifically what kinds of weapons appeared to be responsible.

Lt. Col. Patrick Declety, a spokesman for Sarajevo peacekeepers, would say only that one shell appeared to have been fired from the south, the general direction of Trebevic.

Bosnian Serbs denied firing the projectiles. In a statement, the Bosnian Serb military accused the Muslim-led government of the attack, claiming it wanted to influence public opinion and sabotage peace talks.

There was more violence throughout the war-torn republic, where 200,000 people are dead or missing because of fighting that started in April 1992.

U.N. spokesman Maj. Koos Sol said two mortars landed inside the Bihac enclave around noon, killing one person and wounding five.

Bihac has been under attack by Serbs from Bosnia and Croatia for weeks. On Monday, nine mortar rounds and one artillery shell hit Cazin, north of Bihac, badly wounding a boy.

Bosnian Serb gunners also fired 17 tank rounds into the Zepa safe area in eastern Bosnia on Monday and nine mortar rounds inside the safe area of Gorazde, south of Sarajevo, U.N. officials reported Tuesday.

Despite the avowed readiness of both sides in Bosnia for a cease-fire, seemingly irreconcilable differences remain that could doom the truce.

The key issue is an international peace plan calling for the Serbs to accept a 49 percent share of Bosnia, compared to the 70 percent they hold. Fifty-one percent would go to the Muslim-led Bosnian government and its Croat allies.

The government wants the Serbs to agree to the plan, which they repeatedly have rejected, before talking about any modifications. The Serbs want to talk without saying yes to the plan. Those differences are likely to eventually threaten any cease-fire.

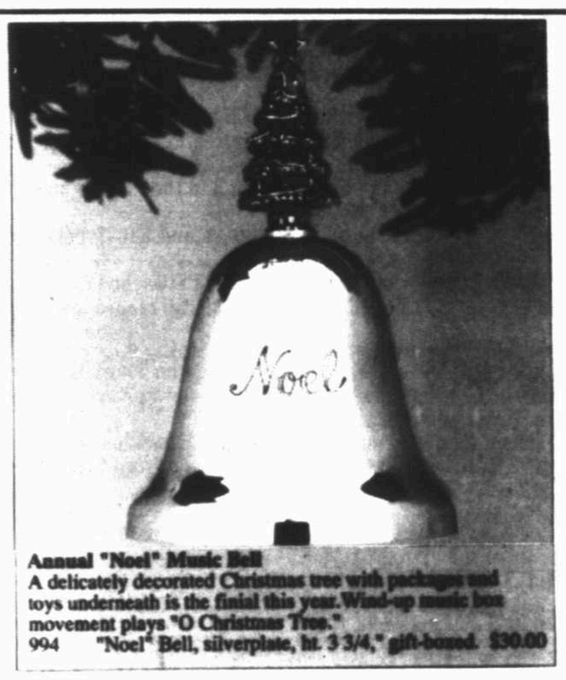


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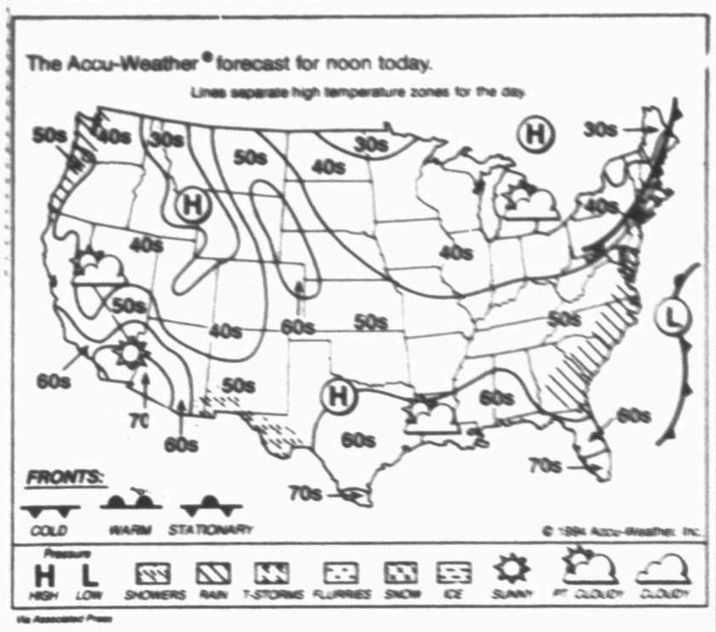


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Mercury to park around 60

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high near 60, according to a forecaster at the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport. Winds will be variable 5-15 mph, becoming east to southeast.

Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a low in the mid-30s.

Saturday calls for mostly cloudy skies with a high near 60.

Looking toward the Christmas weekend, forecasters expect it to be mostly sunny on Christmas Day with a high in the mid- to upper 60s and a low in the mid- to upper 30s.

Monday calls for increasingly cloudy skies and a high between 55 and 60.

After an overnight low of 33, Thursday's high reached 63, compared to the record high for that date of 79 set in 1933. The record low was 4 set in 1989.

STATE

Skies were clear and sunny around the state on Thursday, but the National Weather Service says clouds could move into parts of West Texas and North Texas by today.

West Texas was mostly sunny, although cloudy skies hovered over the Permian Basin. Afternoon temperatures ranged from 53 at Abilene to 67 at Sanderson.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Midland statistics

FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy with a high near 60. Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a low in the mid-30s. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a high near 60.

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE READINGS:

Yesterday's High	63 degrees
Overnight Low	33 degrees
Sunset today	5:50 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:46 a.m.
Precipitation:	
Last 24 hours	00.00 inches
This month to date	00.01 inches
Year to date	10.24 inches

LOCAL TEMPERATURES:

6 p.m.	61	6 a.m.	34
7 p.m.	54	7 a.m.	36
8 p.m.	49	8 a.m.	33
9 p.m.	45	9 a.m.	35
10 p.m.	44	10 a.m.	43
11 p.m.	43	11 a.m.	48
midnight	45	noon	53
1 a.m.	40	1 p.m.	56
2 a.m.	46	2 p.m.	61
3 a.m.	36	3 p.m.	62
4 a.m.	35	4 p.m.	61
5 a.m.	35	5 p.m.	60
		6 p.m.	54

Texas temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Ppn
	Mid	Mid	
Alpine	62	26	
Amarillo	61	44	
Austin	59	41	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	60	40	
Bryan-College Station	68	47	
Corpus Christi	66	35	
Dallas	65	42	
El Paso	58	36	
Fort Worth	58	51	
Galveston	61	44	
Houston	73	42	
Laredo	63	27	
Lubbock	60	32	
Marfa	58	31	
San Angelo	65	38	
San Antonio	63	42	
Victoria	58	38	
Waco	66	31	
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Area forecast

West Texas: Permian Basin Upper trans pecos — Today, mostly cloudy. Highs near 60. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the middle 30s. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs around 60. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-30s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs around 60 to the mid-60s. Monday, increasing cloudiness. Lows in the mid- to upper 30s. Highs 55-60. Tuesday, cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain. Lows in the 30s. Highs in the mid-50s. Concho Valley, Edwards Plateau — Today, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows 40-45. Saturday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows near 40. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs 60-65. Monday, becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid- to upper 50s. Tuesday, cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the middle 50s.

Weather elsewhere

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albuquerque	56	32		cdy
Atlanta	54	47	.09	cdy
Atlantic City	55	23		rn
Baltimore	54	29		rn
Boston	61	40		rn
Chicago	52	27		clr
Cleveland	52	24		sn
Denver	56	25		cdy
Detroit	53	26		cdy
Flagstaff	45	19		sn
Indianapolis	59	40		cdy
Kansas City	39	30		cdy
Las Vegas	60	44		cdy
Los Angeles	73	57		cdy
Louisville	59	41	.01	cdy
Memphis	53	49	1.76	cdy
Milwaukee	50	34		clr
Nashville	58	46	.01	cdy
New Orleans	58	51		clr
New York City	57	39		clr
Oklahoma City	50	31		clr
Orlando	63	58	.05	cdy
Philadelphia	56	28		rn
Phoenix	72	50		rn
Portland,Ore.	51	39		rn
Reno	51	22		cdy
Sacramento	43	38		rn
St Louis	54	41	.29	cdy
San Francisco	56	41		rn
Seattle	48	39		rn
Shreveport	56	37		clr
Spokane	35	30		rn
Topeka	36	29		clr
Tulsa	49	39		clr
Wichita	38	28		clr

Pick 3 Texas

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

1-0-2

Chapter 7: A long winter's journey begins



✔ Read along to "The Happiest Elf in Texas" with Annalon Gilbreath, professional storyteller, on Cityline, 560-2400, Category 4646.

A bitter, winter wind howled and curled around Santa's North Pole toy factory. It had always been cold on Christmas Eve, but Santa couldn't remember it ever being quite this cold. He was glad Lucky had asked to go on the journey with him. He would need the help.

With the cold wind whirring down Santa's neck, he made sure all the reindeer were safely strapped to the sleigh, a sleigh which was joyfully brimming with toys, goodies and, of course, clothes for Jennifer and all the other children who needed them.

Lucky had made sure the bags full of clothes were strapped in tighter than all the other packages.

With a gentle snap of Santa's wrists and a merry "Ho, Ho, Ho," Rudolph and the team of eight reindeer behind him leaped into the air and began to magically fly. Their long journey had begun. It was officially Christmas Eve!

Lucky was buckled in next to Santa and the two kept warm by singing Christmas carols as they quickly made their way to North America.

A few minutes later, Santa looked down and saw Texas, where Jennifer had said she lived. Lucky was excited to learn that Jennifer's house would be their first stop of the night.

Rudolph set the sleigh gently down on Jennifer's rooftop.

"Here you go, Lucky," Santa said. "I'll let you take care of this house."

Lucky grabbed Jennifer's bag full of clothes and started toward the chimney. He swallowed hard, and felt just a little nervous. He had never been given quite so much responsibility.

Lucky noticed there was a light on in the house. He was hoping to find Jennifer still awake when he slid down the chimney.

Saturday in Chapter 8: Lucky meets Jennifer in the conclusion of "The Happiest Elf in Texas."

Original story by Jimmy Patterson, Special Projects Editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram. Cityline reading performed by Annalon Gilbreath, professional storyteller.

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HOT: Power Rangers, pogs are big sellers

(From 1A)

Place at Midland Park Mall.

Lately, many of The Pog Place's customers have been adults buying the pogs as stocking stuffers for their children.

Ms. Cruz said the biggest sellers have been pog starter kits that have all the items to start a pog collection, including a one-ounce container, six pogs and a slammer. Another big gift item has been a set that includes an aluminum container with aluminum slammers on each end and 200 pogs inside.

Also on many youths' wish lists are video games. Donkey Kong Country for the Super Nintendo is a popular gift, not only at Toys 'R Us, but also at Hasting's Multi-media Super Center, 3111 W. Cuthbert Ave.

Hasting's video manager, Dan Crawford, said video sales have been brisk this holiday season, especially with gift sets containing multiple videos.

"The Little Rascals" gift set has been a big seller as have science-fiction gift sets featuring the Star Wars trilogy and Star Trek.

"Anything Disney is big every year, but Disney is always popular at Christmas. However, a lot of the movies are on moratorium (which means they're not available)," Crawford said. "Lion King everything has been big."

Children aren't the only ones with "wants" for the holidays.

Crawford said other movies selling big this season include "Speed" and "Tombstone."

"The older crowd likes the John Wayne gift sets," he added.

Away from the entertainment industry, Dunlap's merchandise manager Jenny Bartlett, said this season's biggest sellers are the traditionals — sweaters and fragrances.

"The sweater sells have been really strong, despite a lack of real cold weather and the fragrances are doing very well," Ms. Bartlett said.

Other big items at Dunlap's include women's two-piece outfits and angel pins.

"The pins come on cards with a sentimental poem attached and I think women like that," Ms. Bartlett said.

Popular gifts for the entire family are yankee candles, jars and votives, according to Curry's assistant manager Sue Robertson.

She said Russell Stover candy and Dept. 56 Snow Village figurines are big sellers each holiday season and this year is no different.

"They're something easy and everyone in the house enjoys the holiday scents and it's a family gift," she said.

Hopper said several hundred shoppers were in Toys 'R Us Thursday afternoon and he expected a lot of last-minute shoppers. He said business has picked up in the past few weeks.

The mall and just about every retail establishment in town has had vehicles filling their parking lots.

Mall traffic has increased and sometimes it takes motorists 10-15 minutes just to get into the parking lot, according to a Midland police officer.

Midland police traffic Sgt. Brian Bogart encourages shoppers to give themselves extra time and to be patient when trying to get in and out of shopping centers.

FRIEND: Man dropped in at people's homes

(From 1A)

games so he could loot his partners' homes.

■ Consoling a grieving widow, even crying with her, only to return to her home when she was gone and steal an heirloom ring.

■ Going to dinner at a restaurant with a friend, then excusing himself and taking a pair of antique diamond earrings from her home before returning to the meal about 20 minutes later.

Looking back, people see warning signs.

Harlow went out of his way to ask about people's plans and where they would be.

People would find him in their homes, always with a quick explanation — he noticed the front door open and was making sure everything was OK, or he knocked on the door and thought he heard someone holler to come in.

But this is a small, trusting town of 13,000, about 35 miles southeast of Moline. People don't often lock their doors, and they take a friend at his word — even when he's standing in their living room.

"I'm kind of mad that he took advantage of me. I'm mad at myself too for leaving the house open. Not any more," said Darrell Johnson, who knew Harlow from the country club and the Elks.

Harlow didn't clean people out, police say. Instead, he is accused of taking a few valuables for sale to dealers and rearranging the rest to hide the theft. People might not notice for weeks, and by then they wouldn't know exactly when the theft occurred or who was around.

"It was a very slick operation, and so nobody suspected him for a long, long time," the police chief said. "If you knew the guy and talked to the guy, you wouldn't suspect it either. He's very pleasant, friendly."

After being arrested coming out of Johnson's house with a pocketful of coins in August, Harlow gave police a 26-page statement detailing dozens of burglaries.

Released on bail, he began contacting victims to apologize and ask if they would pressure authorities to be lenient, the Kewanee Star Courier reported.

PLOT: Accused has four mortgages, no job

(From 1A)

overreacted to disputes in the building.

In hindsight, some wondered if he was responsible for a fire set several years ago on the doormat of a woman who authorized renovations that cost the apartment owners hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Some people thought it was too expensive, and Leary was against it," said neighbor Dan Fountaine.

Leary, 49, was never charged with setting that fire. But a law-enforcement source said Thursday that firefighters in Scotch Plains, N.J., where Leary moved a year ago, have been called to his home there several times to put out small blazes.

Leary studied engineering at Columbia University between 1963 and 1967, but did not earn a degree, the school said. He was in the Army from 1967 to 1969 but it was not clear where he served, police said.

He worked for CBS from 1972 to 1981 as a software specialist and later for the now-defunct brokerage firm Drexel Burnham Lambert, police said. He lost his most recent job in January when Merrill Lynch, where he had worked as a senior systems architect, fired him for "performance reasons."

Leary lived for 20 years in Brooklyn with his wife, Marguerite, a nurse. They initially rented, then bought three units when the building — luxurious by Brooklyn standards, with a doorman and an elegant lobby — went co-op in the early 1980s.

About a year ago, they moved with their 12-year-old son William to a $280,000, 10-room colonial house with a swimming pool in Scotch Plains.

They had been trying unsuccessfully to sell two of the Brooklyn apartments; they rented out the third.

New York Police Department spokesman John Miller said Leary and his wife were both taking Prozac, an antidepressant. He said investigators had been in touch with Mrs. Leary.

"We thought they were very nice people, no more strange than anyone else," said a New Jersey neighbor, who refused to give her name.

His nocturnal activities, however, attracted attention.

"We've been wondering about him because he's been chopping wood a lot," said another neighbor, Richard Lukas. "He's been chopping all this wood into the middle of the night."

A Brooklyn neighbor, Marcella Channis, said she saw Leary recently and was shocked by his haggard appearance. He'd lost a lot of weight, and "it looked as though he were quite ill."

Thinking back to the co-op disputes, Channis said: "There were times when I questioned his stability . . . . He was excitable. He seemed to be a little on edge."

CDC: 8 percent succeed

(From 1A)

ceed, whether they try nicotine patches, counseling, hypnosis or the cold turkey method, the agency said.

The proliferation of restrictions on smoking at work and in public — such as the one recently passed by New York's City Council — can help people kick the habit, Eriksen said. People forced to go without for an eight-hour work day often decide to give up smoking altogether.

"When you have a high interest in quitting and additional motivation such as restrictions, the two come together," Eriksen said.

The survey found that the percentage of adults who smoke has held steady at around 25 percent during the 1990s, after dropping from 42.4 percent from 1965 to 1990, the CDC said.

Kicking the habit is "absolutely worth it," said John Bloom, spokesman for the Washington-based Coalition on Smoking OR Health. "Quitting smoking, we hope, should be at the top of every smoker's New Year's resolution.

TAGS: Owners reject players' last-ditch proposal

(From 1A)

deadline for implementation twice — from Dec. 5 to Dec. 15, voting the second time to give the ruling executive council authority to impose the cap a week later. The council met by telephone Thursday night and unanimously voted to implement as of 12:01 a.m. Friday.

"It's obviously a very serious decision, but I know that all of us were extremely disappointed today," acting commissioner Bud Selig said from his home in Milwaukee. "We have said all along that this industry needs significant economic change, and I'm disappointed that in the last proposal this evening the union didn't even deal with any of those things."

Union head Donald Fehr called the imposition "preordained." Players struck Aug. 12 rather than accept a salary cap, wiping out the final 52 days and 669 games of the season. On Sept. 14, owners canceled the World Series for the first time since 1904.

"This is certainly a sad day," Fehr said. "It's regrettable. I think the owners will come to regret it — sooner than they think."

The next effort to restart the baseball talks could fall to former President Jimmy Carter, who offered to get involved if needed. Fehr also raised the possibility of a long court fight, saying, "It may not even be halftime yet."

"They measure every proposal up against a salary cap and unless it measures as high as a salary cap, they don't want it," Fehr said.

Mediator W.J. Usery, appointed by the Clinton Adminstration Oct. 14, said he wasn't able to forge an agreement and will report Friday to Labor Secretary Robert Reich.

"I reluctantly and very sadly have to say to you tonight that negotiations have broken off," Usery said. "It was very unfortunate that we have been unable to consummate an agreement. . . . Tonight there was no use to go any further."

The players' latest proposal included a progressive tax with rates of 10 and 25 percent. But Philadelphia Phillies co-general partner Dave Montgomery said the plan "brings us no closer to the objectives we were talking about." He said the tax would total just $600,000 for all clubs.

Owners studied the proposal for six hours before rejecting it in a 30-minute meeting with union officials..

"The 25 percent marginal tax rate proposed by the union is an illusion," owners said in a statement. "It kicks in at a payroll level that is $8 million more than any club has ever paid.

"Therefore, no club will be taxed at 25 percent in 1995 or in any year covered under the proposal. It is, quite frankly, an empty bag. The only other marginal tax rate in the union's proposal is just 10 percent. Only three clubs are at that level — and just barely," the owners said.

Union lawyer Lauren Rich said the owners "couldn't wait to get out of the room."

Earlier Thursday, Carter offered to get involved in the talks "only if the present attempt to reach an agreement between the players and the owners is likely to be abandoned." Fehr and Selig both said that had talks with Carter on Thursday.

Usery joked about the former president's possible involvement.

"The one thing I didn't think we needed at the moment was another mediator," he said.

Carter mediated the Camp David peace accord between Israel and Egypt and has been a high profile mediator this year, resolving the standoff between the United States and Haiti. Earlier this month, he was attempting to mediate between Bosnian and Serbian factions in the former Yugoslavia.

In recent days, several government officials have said they intend to re-examine the baseball owners' antitrust exemption.

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Peso market plummets after emergency plan

By Anthony DePalma
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MEXICO CITY — Mexico's economic crisis deepened, sending the peso plummeting 20 percent further Thursday, after the government adopted an emergency plan late Wednesday night to allow the currency to trade freely against the U.S. dollar.

The decision to float the peso was a desperate attempt by the government of President Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon, who took office only three weeks ago, to calm financial markets after several days of intense speculation and plunging indexes.

The peso was previously controlled by a trading band that let it fall not much lower than 3.46 pesos to the dollar before the government intervened.

This floor was dropped Tuesday to just short of 4 pesos to the dollar. But the resulting confusion, which battered Mexican stocks, led the government on Wednesday night to give up and allow the peso to trade freely. Thursday, the peso closed at 4.80 to the dollar — down almost 30 percent for the week.

The casualties of the devaluation included U.S. banks, mutual funds and private investors who hold high-interest Mexican treasury notes that are now worth substantially less as a result of the cheaper peso.

Companies that have invested heavily in Mexico reacted with alarm to the peso's plunge. Manufacturers that export to Mexico face losses because those goods potentially became nearly 40 percent more expensive this week.

Several companies said the sudden devaluation had sorely tested their confidence in the Mexican government, which had long pledged to defend the currency. Now, some fear that the economy is headed for a period of wage and price inflation, and even the risk of new recession.

Critics of the North American Free Trade Agreement said the peso's steep drop, by making Mexican exports to the United States much more competitive with American goods, would make the United States regret its agreement to freer trade.

Stockholders of Mexican companies were also hurt when values of their shares plunged on the Mexican stock exchange. The depreciation was hardest on companies that are loaded down with debt that must be paid back in dollars.

The faltering of what had been considered Mexico's textbook economic restructuring, a model copied by other Latin American countries, amplified investor disillusion concerning the resolve and abilities of Zedillo's economic team and its economic policies.

The Mexican stock market Thursday had one of the year's most erratic trading days, yet made up some of the heavy losses of the last few days with an increase of 4.7 percent at the close. But in New York, Mexican issues traded on the New York Stock Exchange plunged nearly 20 percent.

Many American investors said they felt misled by Zedillo's administration, which had tied its currency problems to reports of a renewed offensive by Indian rebels in Chiapas, especially after it became known that the rebels had not made any substantial gains.

The sudden devaluation also angered investors because Finance Minister Jaime Serra Puche and other officials had said only last week that the government saw no need to devalue the peso.

The currency changes mean that U.S. products exported to Mexico overnight have become more expensive, although the government has ordered that domestic prices to be held steady for at least 60 days.



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Guadalupe Garcia, a worker for a private exchange house in Mexico City hurriedly changes the rate for the Mexican Peso to the U.S. dollar Thursday morning.

Italian premier resigns, demands new elections

ROME (AP) — With his government splintered beyond repair, media tycoon Silvio Berlusconi resigned as premier Thursday, capping a year that opened with his optimistic charge into politics and ended with embittered attacks on his enemies.

"A weight has been taken off," Berlusconi said after handing in his resignation at the presidential palace.

Italy's president, Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, asked Berlusconi to remain in a caretaker post while options are discussed on forming Italy's 54th government since 1945.

Berlusconi demands new elections, believing voters are primed to punish his foes, led by disloyal government partner Umberto Bossi of the Northern League.

Scalfaro has made it clear he'd like politicians to form a new parliamentary majority, and the nod could go to Berlusconi or someone else. Scalfaro opens talks with political leaders today. But Berlusconi and his allies insist they will not join any other coalition.

"It's no longer possible to accept compromises," Berlusconi said.

Berlusconi stormed into power over the wreckage of Italy's political establishment, destroyed by corruption scandals. But it also was scandals and old-style political treachery that brought down Berlusconi's 7-month-old government.

Last month, the nation's leading anti-graft prosecutors placed Berlusconi under investigation in a probe of alleged bribes to tax inspectors at his Fininvest SpA media and retail company. Berlusconi, who was questioned last week, denied any wrongdoing and claimed some prosecutors are waging a political vendetta.

Meanwhile, his former key ally, Bossi, stepped up his attacks on Berlusconi — including demands for Berlusconi to keep his promise to sever ties with his business holdings. The final break came last week when Bossi's Northern League joined opposition parties in three no-confidence motions.

Berlusconi preempted the votes by resigning, but not before he could lambaste Bossi in parliament.

Thai committee to investigate 'Ranger' factory

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A parliamentary committee will investigate allegations that workers who make the wildly popular Power Ranger figurines earn less than the $5.20 daily minimum wage.

Prasop Busaracom, acting chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on Justice and Human Rights, said his panel would consider the issue in the next few weeks, after Thailand's most prominent human rights lawyer urged Thursday that parliament look into the matter.

The Bandai factory here is one of nine worldwide churning out the toys in an attempt to meet a demand so fierce that some stores in the United States have limited the number of Power Rangers a customer can buy.

Employees of the plant told The Associated Press last week that although the factory's base wage is $5.40 a day, many of the 2,000 workers were hired through subcontractors who took 40 cents a day as their fee, bringing the wage below the minimum.

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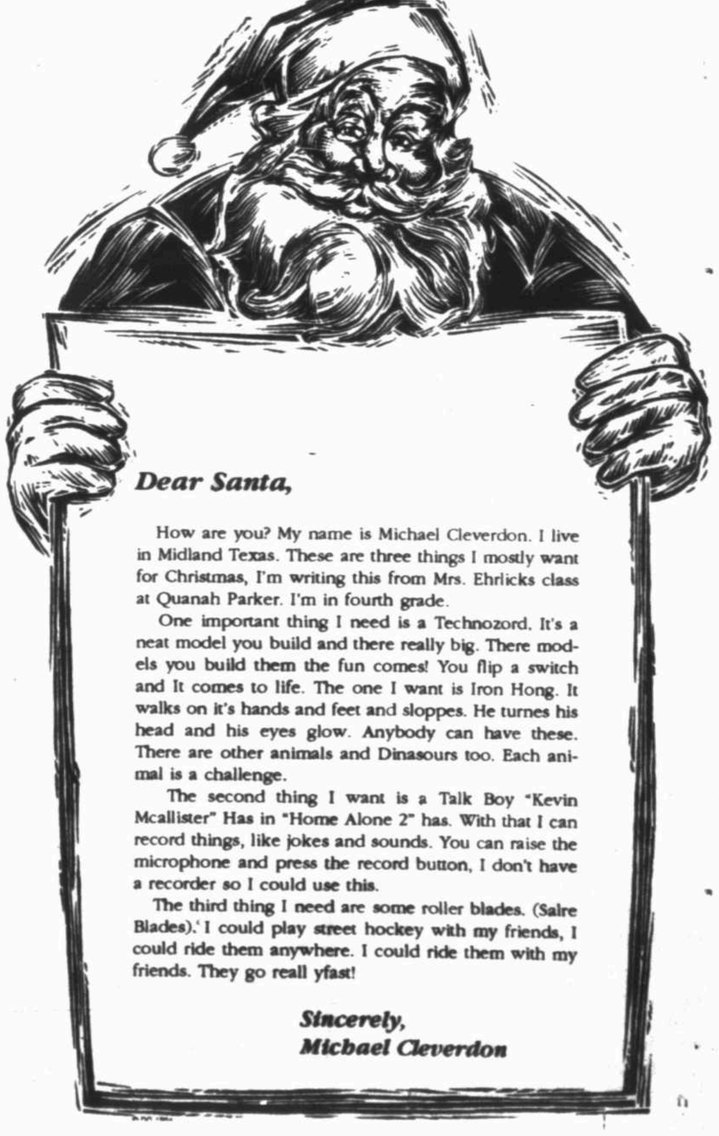
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N. Ireland celebrates peaceful holiday for first time in 25 years

By Sue Leeman
Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — It's a picture right off a Christmas card: a bell-ringing Santa, crowds of lighthearted shoppers on frosty streets, children singing "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

For once, in this city so associated with death, the mood matches the moment: After a quarter century of bombing and shooting, business is booming as Northern Ireland celebrates its first Christmas at peace.

"The past 25 years have been a nightmare. But now there's peace, praise God," said Maud Murphy, 69, out shopping for her 12 grandchildren Wednesday in the up-market Castle Court mall.

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— Maud Murphy

Storekeepers expect a bumper year as shoppers, encouraged by the Irish Republican Army cease-fire and a matching truce by pro-British gunmen, flock to the city looking for bargains and a bit of adventure.

Tour companies offered inexpensive weekend package trips by bus and train to bring shoppers from the republic to Belfast — many of them crossing the border for the first time.

Some reports put the total number of southern visitors to the province since the IRA's Sept. 1 cease-fire at 10,000.

"Already this month business is up by 18 percent on the same time last year," said Sam Butler of the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Security guards still patrol many stores in bustling Donegall Place, the main shopping street, and armored police vehicles cruise silently by.

At the end of Donegall Place, Belfast's ostentatious Renaissance-style city hall, glows with an enormous tree decorated in yellow and red.

"This year people are more relaxed, like, with the cease-fires," said "Santa" Gerard Moore, who was ringing a large bell outside Castle Court.

Habitat, the home furnishing chain which recently opened a store in central Belfast, says it is already outperforming other branches.

Retired businessman Christy McGillycuddy, 71, from Killorglin in southwest Ireland, joined a party taken to Belfast in November organized by a television station.

He said he shook hands with a British soldier and went drinking in a pub in the city's staunchly Protestant Shankhill area, "and we were made welcome."

"The question of religion never came up," McGillycuddy said in a telephone interview from Killorglin.

Doing some early Christmas shopping, McGillycuddy said he found prices were better than at home. "Certainly, the drink is cheaper."

In her Belfast china store, Maud Mutton has put up a sign saying, "We Give Pound for Punt." That means she was willing to accept Irish money, if her customers would take British change.

The Christmas spirit is most evident outside St. Anne's Anglican Cathedral, where the dean, the Very Rev. Jack Shearer, was out for a ninth year collecting money for charity in an empty rum barrel.

Everyone has a warm message for the cleric who, clad in a black cape and hood, has been dubbed "the black Santa."

"The place is buzzing. We hope to raise a record 100,000 pounds ($160,000) for local charities," said Shearer.

Spaniards split their winnings from fat lottery

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The top winners of what's been billed as the world's richest lottery popped champagne corks and fended off bankers Thursday as they celebrated their share of the $254 million top prize.

The annual Christmas lottery dubbed "El Gordo" — the fat one — is the country's favorite yuletide tradition. Spaniards, considered among the world's most prolific gamblers, spent an estimated $1.43 billion on tickets at $270 a pop in hopes of claiming a share of $1.17 billion in tax-free winnings.

Millions of television viewers watched as white-gloved schoolchildren drew numbers and sang them in a ceremony lasting four to five hours.

At 9:55 a.m., a child sang the number 49595 — the big winner.

Shouts of joy rang out among the stalls at Barcelona's Mercat de Lesseps, where many of the 112 jackpot-winning tickets were sold. Vendors at the neighborhood market hugged each other.

Each jackpot ticket was worth about $2.3 million.

One winner was a retired Barcelona resident whose wife warned him they couldn't afford $27 for a one-tenth share of a ticket. The man bought the ticket anyway. Now his wife plans to quit her job as a cleaning woman, their daughter, Natalie Serrano, told the news agency Efe.

No one knows how many Spaniards played the lottery because numbers are usually split among family and friends. The lottery also sells shares of a ticket for as little as 75 cents.

Archaeologists raise questions on crucifixion

JERUSALEM (AP) — The Gospels offer few details on how Jesus was crucified, but an archaeological find that went on display in the holy city Thursday raises questions about the traditional depiction of his crucifixion.

On view at the Rockefeller Museum was the replica of a heel bone pierced by a 6-inch nail that belonged to "Yohanan," a Jew crucified by the Romans in Jerusalem during the time of Jesus.

The nail was hammered into the bone sideways, suggesting Yohanan's legs straddled the cross on either side, rather than hanging straight down, said Joe Zias, curator at the Israel Antiquities Authority.

Zias, who reconstructed Yohanan's crucifixion, said the victim's hands apparently were forced back over the horizontal beam of the cross and then tied with a rope, a position that would lead to a quick death as the body went into shock.

Another possible reconstruction has Yohanan's arms, palms out, nailed to the cross and both legs bent and swinging toward the left, said curator Ornit Ilan, who prepared the exhibit.

Traditional depictions of Jesus on the cross usually show him with one nail piercing each palm and a third nail hammered through crossed feet extended straight down.

"When you are looking at crucifixion scenes, you are looking at theology, not history. Why do you use three nails? It's because of the Holy Trinity," said Zias, a native of Ypsilanti, Mich.

Zias cited research which showed that nails driven through the palms could support a weight of no more than 88 pounds.

However, he said not all of those crucified may have been killed the way Yohanan was. "There is no standard way of crucifixion. There are different types of crosses. You can do it with nails, or without nails," he said.

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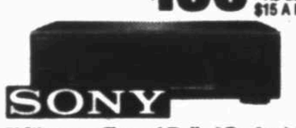
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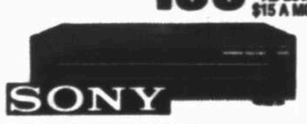
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Democrats question Gingrich's ethics in acceptance of book deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats challenged Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich Thursday to justify accepting "an unprecedented, unheard-of" $4.5 million book advance from the media empire of Rupert Murdoch. Gingrich said simply, "Conservative books sell."

"If this is not a gift; if there is no quid pro quo, Mr. Gingrich ought to tell us," said House Democratic Whip David Bonior. The White House, too, said the timing of the deal raised questions, coming right before Gingrich takes over as House speaker.

Bonior noted that ownership of Murdoch's Fox TV network is being investigated by federal regulators, the main issue being whether acquisition of TV stations that made up the network's foundation violated foreign ownership limits. Rival network NBC has raised questions about that before the Federal Communications Commission, and both Fox and NBC have written to members of Congress seeking support for their positions.

"Mr. Gingrich needs to tell the American people: Does he intend to push legislation in the next Congress that would lift the ban on foreign ownership of U.S. TV stations?" Bonior said.

Murdoch's News Corp. Ltd. is based in Australia, but he is a naturalized American citizen.

Murdoch, traveling on business in Beijing, said Thursday night that he knew nothing about the contract with Gingrich.

"This is the first I've heard of this. I had absolutely no knowledge of this deal, nor had I spoken to anyone about it until now," Murdoch said in a statement released by Howard Rubenstein, his New York-based spokesman. Rubenstein said there had been "no connection between this transaction and anything else he's doing."

At the same time, the questions that have been raised about the contract will not prompt Murdoch to try to change it, Rubenstein said.

At the White House, outgoing press secretary Dee Dee Myers said the book deal marked the first time a public official received such a huge advance — pegged at $4.5 million by congressional and publishing sources.

"The timing of it's very interesting," Myers said, referring to the two-book deal and Gingrich's elevation on Jan. 4 to speaker. In his new position, he will have considerable influence over legislation affecting many areas, including the communications industry.

Gingrich, after speaking at his wife's old high school at Leetonia, Ohio, said of Myers, "The spokeswoman who has defended a presidential defense fund is attacking me for a book advance? That's silly.

"What more do I need to say? Conservative books sell. I can't help it if liberal books don't sell."

The defense-fund reference was to President Clinton's effort to raise money to defend himself against a sexual harassment suit by former Arkansas state worker Paula Jones.

Gingrich will receive the advance from HarperCollins, a New York firm in the Murdoch media group. It has published books by other conservative figures, including former Vice President Dan Quayle and defeated Senate candidate Oliver North.

HarperCollins said Thursday the first book, "To Renew America," is scheduled for publication next fall with a first printing goal of 750,000 copies. The second book, tentatively titled "The Democracy Reader," will feature readings in American democracy with commentary by Gingrich, the publisher said. No publication date was given.

There is no general prohibition of book advances in House ethics rules.

Plane loses engine power, lands safely

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — First, the lights started to flicker. Passengers on American Eagle Flight 4700 then saw flames shooting out of the engine.

The commuter plane carrying 12 passengers and three crew members was forced to return to Port Columbus International Airport because of engine trouble shortly after take-off Thursday.

The 34-seat plane, bound for Nashville, Tenn., landed safely.

Gary Martin, 31, of Nashville, said he was reading a newspaper when he heard three loud popping noises.

"I tried to ignore the noises, he said. "But I looked to the left and the prop on the left engine wasn't spinning."

Others saw flames near the engine.

"All this fire was coming out of it, and I don't know if that's normal or not," said passenger Norma Evans, 59, of Reynoldsburg.

The pilot then announced that the plane had lost power in one engine and then the lights went out.

After circling the airport for about 10 minutes, the plane landed.

'It was kind of hairy there for a minute," Martin said.

American Airlines spokesman Tim Smith said unused fuel shot out of the engine's exhaust system and created the flames, which did not pose a threat to the plane.

Investigators had not yet determined the cause of the plane's problems, Smith said.

American spokesman John Raymond said the pilot of the Saab 340 turboprop noticed the left engine was "not performing as it should and shut it down."

"The pilot did exactly the right thing. He noticed the problem, shut it down and took it back," Raymond said.

Passengers were rerouted on other flights, he said.

Commuters ride subway in wake of firebombing

N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Brett Wilkerson is not a fatalist. When he was told Thursday he would be the conductor for the 12:47 p.m. No. 4 express train out of the IRT Woodlawn Terminal in the Bronx, he almost called in sick.

The 12:47, he realized, was the train on which a firebomb ignited Wednesday when it pulled into the Fulton Street station on lower Broadway.

In fact, the firebomb went off in the car carrying the conductor. But duty won out Thursday, and Wilkerson was in his cab as ordered on the 12:47 as the Brooklyn-bound train rumbled south through the Bronx.

At first, few people aboard realized that they were following in the path of more than 40 ill-fated riders who were injured the day before. But with the presence of reporters and photographers — especially a television news crew that boarded at Grand Central — word quickly got around and prompted a sometimes spirited, sometimes resigned discussion of how unpredictably dangerous life in New York City had become.

"What can you do?" asked Fabian Percelle.

"Life just goes on.

"I thought of taking the No. 2, but it was out of the way. So here I am, hoping it won't happen again."

Mary Queen, who was seated nearby, rolled her eyes heavenward and said, "It's the luck of the draw."

Pauline Swift, a 42-year-old mental health supervisor from Rego Park, Queens, said, "I knew it was the same train because I take it almost every day and I usually ride in this car that has the conductor.

"But I had the flu yesterday so I did not get blown up," she said. "I had a case of the million-dollar flu."

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Many Catholic churches now permit altar girls to serve with boys

By David Briggs
AP Religion Writer

A young California girl who never wanted to get out of bed on Sunday mornings now loves going to Mass. A mother in Maryland gazes with pride at the altar as her daughter fulfills her childhood dream.

Altar girls — once a rarity only found in churches willing to defy Rome — have with the Vatican's blessings this year quickly become part of the fabric of the Catholic Church in the United States, say priests, parishioners and altar boys and girls interviewed in dioceses across the country.

There are some exceptions: The dioceses of Arlington, Va., and Lincoln, Neb., have either banned or sharply limited the use of girls for fear they would discourage boys from altar service — one traditional path to the all-male priesthood.

But elsewhere in the nation, the ghost of Christmas present portends changes in the 59 million-member church. They are changes both dramatic — white-robed girls serving alongside boys at the altar on one of the holiest days of the year — and personal — in the hearts and souls of girls who feel more a part of the church.

"You feel you are up there really close to Jesus," said 10-year-old Jolene Hite, an altar server at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Land O'Lakes, Fla. "I always thought it would be something great and it is. You're feeling pretty special when you are up there."

The Vatican in April gave permission for diocesan bishops to permit female altar servers. The National Conference of Catholic Bishops in June endorsed the practice, and most dioceses implemented the change with little protest.

"It's just kind of an easy transition," said the Rev. Philip Murnion, director of the National Pastoral Life Center in New York. "I think it was more curious why they weren't accepted. Once they were permitted, it was more, 'why not?'"

On a recent Sunday morning at St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church in Phoenix, 11-year-old Louisa Canez reached for a white robe from the church closet and slipped it over her black jumper. She tied a purple braided rope around her waist and hung a gold embossed crucifix around her neck.

"It's neat because I like serving God," Louisa said. "It's not fair for only boys to get to do that."

Given the opportunity, many girls and young women have flocked to the altar.

"When they said you can't, I wanted to do it even more," said 17-year-old Lisa Blum, who became an altar server when the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Fla., cleared the way in July. "They are letting us do more in the church and I feel like I'm part of it."

At the Church of the Nativity in Los Angeles, 11-year-old Allison Palacios did not even want to go to church before she became an altar girl.

"My grandma would wake me to go to church and I would say 'No, I'm too tired,'" Allison said. "Now I love it."



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Father Tom O'Brien is served by Emily Adams during a mass at St. Pius X, Sunday, Dec. 18.

Prosecutors crack down on deadbeats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cracking down on deadbeat parents, federal prosecutors have filed 28 lawsuits in 13 states seeking nearly $1 million in overdue child support, the Justice Department announced Thursday.

Some lawmakers and child advocacy groups previously had accused the Justice Department of doing little to prosecute parents who cross state lines to escape paying an estimated $14 billion in support owed to 9 million children.

The new action was part of a plan to enforce a 1992 law by aggressively investigating and prosecuting parents who are in default on child support payments.

Nationwide — including people who remain in the same state as their children — deadbeat parents owe an estimated $34 billion in support for more than 14 million children.

"We intend to make sure that children are not the victims of parents who don't care," Attorney General Janet Reno told reporters. She said the government wants "to let people know that if they bring children into this world, they have an obligation to take care of them."

The Justice Department filed 23 suits against parents on Wednesday and five more in the past two weeks, Reno said, while the Department of Health and Human Services referred 25 more cases to federal prosecutors on Thursday. More than 200 child support cases are under active review, she said.

Reno said Justice plans aggressive investigation and prosecution of deadbeat parents through reviews of hundreds of cases referred by HHS, development of effective partnerships with state and local authorities and training and support for prosecutors.

The 1992 Child Support Recovery Act made it a federal offense to willfully fail to pay more than $5,000 in court-ordered support for a child living in another state. Under that law, first-time offenders are subject to up to six months in prison and a $5,000 fine. Repeat offenders are subject to up to two years in prison and a $250,000 fine.

Federal prosecutors filed only 15 such cases in the past year. Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., one of the legislation's authors, said last summer that the Justice Department had either brought action against just five fathers since 1992.

Earlier critics on Thursday hailed the department's recent actions as long overdue enforcement of the act.

"I'm pleased that the Justice Department has agreed to put in place the resources necessary to enforce our 'deadbeat parents' law," said Sen. Herbert Kohl, D-Wis., another author of the bill. "Collecting the money due from deadbeat parents would go a long way toward lifting many children out of poverty, improving family life and reducing the tax burden on hard-working families who meet their obligations."

Last July, to get Reno's attention, the Senate voted 100-0 to adopt an amendment to the Justice Department's spending bill, telling the attorney general to immediately address shortcomings in enforcement of the law.

"Finally, there is hope for children with support owed from a parent who has moved across state lines," Geraldine Jensen, president of the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support, said Thursday. "Action by the U.S. attorney general to make these cases a priority is an important step forward. Non-support is a crime against children, a crime which causes poverty."

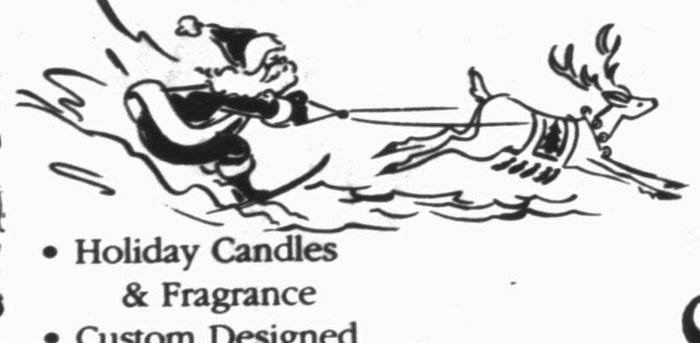
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Cancer cell enzyme could lead to new drug, some say

By Paul Recer
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON — An "immortality" enzyme that allows cells to reproduce without limits has been found in many types of cancer, but not in ordinary cells that age and die, researchers say. They suggest the discovery could lead to a universal drug to diagnose and combat cancer.

Scientists at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas and at Geron Corp. in Menlo Park, Calif., report that a new, sensitive assay detected an enzyme called telomerase in nearly all of the cancer specimens tested, but the enzyme was not found in other types of cells.

The study, to be published Friday in the journal Science, boosts the theory that cancer colonies remain youthful and vigorous because the cells divide endlessly without eroding a chromosome structure called the telomere.

In normal cells, the telomere is shortened slightly each time a cell divides. After many cell generations, the telomere disappears, causing cells to stop dividing and eventually to die. This is thought to be an element in aging.

The telomere is made up of DNA segments that help control the accuracy of genetic reproduction when a cell divides to create a new cell.

In cancer cells, it is thought that the telomere does not erode with each cell division, thus enabling cancer cells, in a sense, to be "immortal." Telomeres in cancer cells are thought to be protected and even renewed by the enzyme telomerase.

Earlier studies have detected telomerase in ovarian cancer cells, but the researchers at the University of Texas and Geron tested scores of immortal cancer cell lines and cancer specimens taken from patients.

The researchers found the enzyme in 98 of 100 cancer cell lines and in the cells from 90 of 101 biopsies from 12 different types of human cancers. The enzyme, however, was not found in any of 22 normal cell cultures or in any of 50 normal or benign biopsies.

Radiation studied for offense, records reveal

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

Some of the U.S. work on radiation weapons was indeed defense-oriented. But the records clearly demonstrate that the main thrust of the program was offensive.

WASHINGTON — At the outset of the Cold War, the U.S. government pursued the development of radiation weapons not only for the stated purpose of defense but also for offensive use on a vast scale, newly declassified records show.

Although use against enemy troops was considered, the weapons' biggest promise, according to the documents, was their ability to terrorize and paralyze industrial cities, including residential sections, by contaminating them.

Although still incomplete, the picture provided by the records is the fullest so far of a "radiological warfare" program set up in the late 1940s and early '50s. The documents were declassified by the National Archives at the request of The Associated Press.

In the late 1940s, as the United States was beginning to expand its new atomic bomb-building capability, the military saw potential in a related class of weaponry: radioactive poisons that could silently spread deadly contamination.

The idea, which dates at least to 1941, was to release highly radioactive substances by dropping them in bombs. Upon impact, the radiation, in the form of pellets, aerosol or dust, would escape and spread.

No radiation weapon is known to have been used in war, and the United States apparently never put radiation weapons into its active arsenal. Some were tested in the United States, but the records aren't clear how many were built for that purpose.

The government had maintained publicly that its interest in radiation weapons was defensive — that it needed to understand their potential to prepare for the possibility that an enemy would use such weapons on America. There were fears that Germany, in World War II, and later the Soviet Union might be capable of such attacks.

Some of the U.S. work on radiation weapons was indeed defense-oriented. But the records clearly demonstrate that the main thrust of the program was offensive.

They also reveal the vast destructive potential of the weapons; the goal, risking no more than five U.S. bombers per mission, was to contaminate 10 to 25 square miles to a level of 3 million curies of radiation per square mile. This level was deemed powerful enough to prevent human habitation for at least four months.

Some of the contemplated offensive uses included:

■ Killing or forcing the evacuation of workers living in or near large industrial cities in the Soviet Union. A secret report by a government panel noted on Nov. 20, 1950, that unlike the atomic bomb, a radiation weapon could not physically destroy key targets such as industrial plants. It could, however, deny the enemy use of such plants "by the destruction of its skilled workers."

"The main target of RW will therefore be the working population in the city," it said, adding that casualties could be limited "if evacuation were prompt."

■ Contaminating areas in Soviet-controlled "satellite countries" in Eastern Europe, where for political or economic reasons the United States did not want to use atomic weapons. Similarly, radiation weapons could be used to paralyze industries in Western Europe in the event of a Soviet occupation.

■ Making germ warfare more deadly. A Nov. 13, 1947, memo from an Army research and development office described a "possible large-scale sabotage use" in which radioactive gases or aerosols would be injected with germ sprays into natural gas mains. The radioactivity would lower the resistance of people breathing the air in buildings using natural gas, "thus making the individual more susceptible" to infection from the germs.

■ Combining radioactive materials, such as byproducts of plutonium production, with chemical weapons. The 1947 memo said a radioactive material used in combination with existing Army Chemical Corps chemical agents "could be of overwhelming effectiveness against the enemy."

■ Terrorizing the enemy. The mere threat of using radiation weapons against an unprepared enemy civilian population might have "telling effect," the 1950 memo said.

Ito visits jail to see room's soundproofing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — O.J. Simpson will get better soundproofing in the jail visiting area where a deputy allegedly overheard Simpson confiding in football star-turned-minister Rosey Grier, a sheriff's spokesman said Thursday.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito toured Simpson's visiting area at the Men's Central Jail on Thursday with members of the prosecution and defense teams and approved the soundproofing, Sheriff's spokesman Fidel Gonzales said.

It was Ito's second jailhouse visit. On Nov. 29, he joined lawyers in another tour of the area.

The soundproofing improvements come after a deputy said he overheard Simpson blurting out remarks to Grier during an emotional exchange last month in the visiting area. Gonzales estimated the cost of the modifications to be $20,000.

The visiting area was set up under Ito's guidance.

Ito ruled Monday that prosecutors need not know the nature of the alleged remarks.

Simpson, 47, has pleaded innocent to charges he killed his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman last June.

Simpson's trial is recessed for the holidays. Ito and the lawyers in the case return Jan. 4 for a private meeting.

Agents conduct drug raid, charge four men, others

BANGOR, Maine (AP) — Drug agents said Thursday they broke up a smuggling operation in which hundreds of pounds of high-grade Mexican marijuana were brought to Maine by way of Texas and Pennsylvania.

Four Maine men and several others from the other two states face federal charges, said spokesman Stephen McCausland of the Maine Public Safety Department.

For several days, drug agents observed a tractor-trailer making runs from Orrington on the Maine coast, to Pittsburgh, to Dallas and back to Orrington on Thursday. The truck was packed with marijuana, with legitimate goods loaded in the rear to hide the drugs, said McCausland.

Agents raided a warehouse in Pittsburgh, where they seized the truck, $27,000 in cash and 1,540 pounds of processed marijuana.

Police had executed search warrants in hopes of finding out where the marijuana was being distributed in Maine, said McCausland.

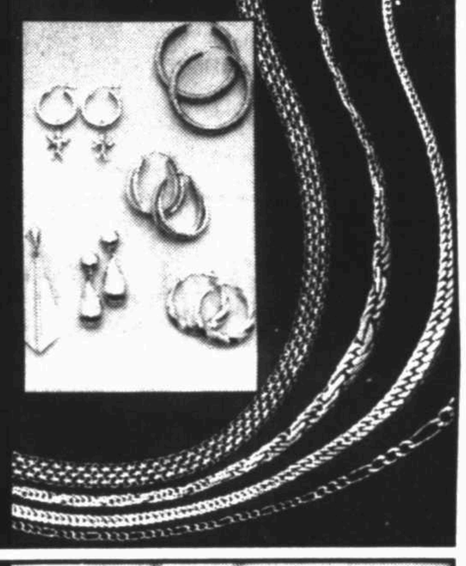
The Mainers facing federal charges of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute the drug include David A. Lane, 44, and Michael Roy, both of Orrington; Joseph G. Lane, 38, of Veazie, and Ronald Thomas, 49, of Sullivan.

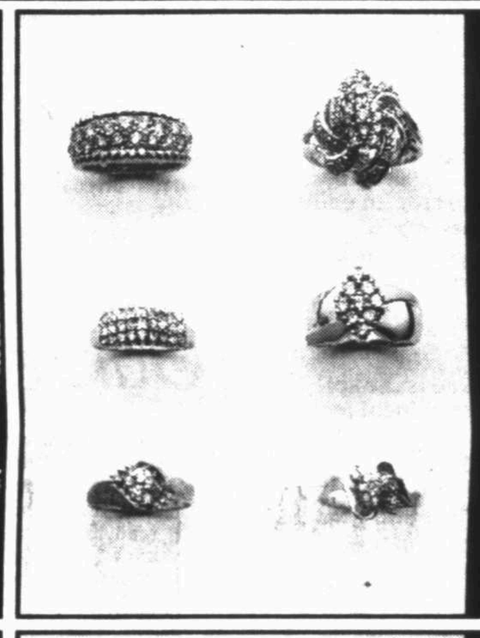
Joseph Lane and Thomas were arrested in Maine and were in the Penobscot County Jail in Bangor Thursday night. The other two were arrested in Pittsburgh and McCausland was not sure of their status.

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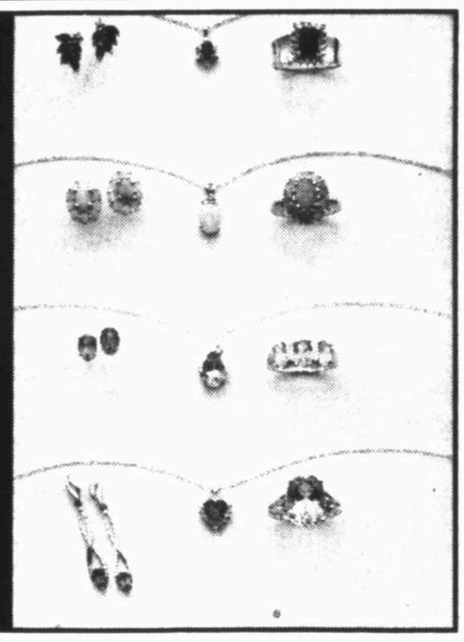
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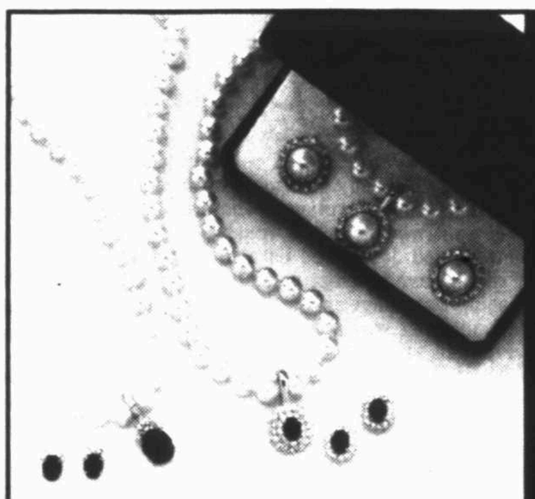
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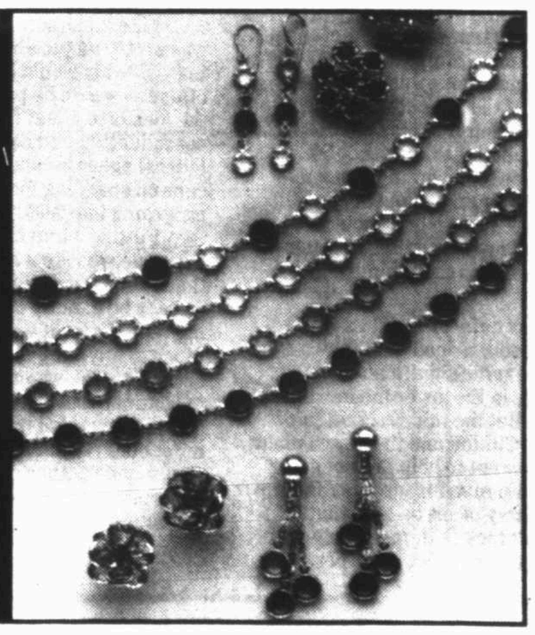




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Putting sense back in awards

Americans tired of seeing runaway punitive damage awards that threaten to turn our system of justice into a judicial version of a state lottery have a good chance of witnessing real change during the upcoming session of Congress.

In fact, if the Republican-controlled Congress has its way, ludicrous jury awards like the $2.7 million awarded to a woman after she spilled hot McDonald's coffee in her lap will become a thing of the past.

Under its "Contract With America," Republicans are asking Congress to enact controls next year that would make it harder to win punitive damages or damages aimed at punishing companies that sell harmful products and would, at the same time, limit the sums awarded to injured people.

Called the "Common Sense Legal Reform Act," the measure attempts to discourage frivolous lawsuits and stem the tide of outlandish and outrageous excessive awards that are based on emotion rather than reason.

One way that it would accomplish that goal is by forcing the losers of many federal lawsuits to pay the winner's legal fees.

Rep. Jim Ramstad, R-Minn., the bill's lead sponsor, says, "We've seen too much overuse and abuse of the legal justice system." Most Americans likely will agree.

But the change must continue to ensure that every American who suffers injury or loss can seek redress in the courts. That is essential.

In reality, of course, many of the litigants who win excessive damage awards never actually collect more than a percentage of the award. Still, there is validity to the attempt to bring a greater measure of responsibility to the damage awards being handed out by some juries.

The woman who sued McDonald's over its scalding coffee saw her punitive damage award reduced to $480,000 and later settled for an undisclosed, potentially smaller, award rather than facing further appeals.

But there are other reasons the GOP effort is needed. One is the spiraling cost of legal fees and court costs. Another is the way the thousands of senseless and unjustifiable claims are clogging our court system.

There are few Americans who would argue with the move to put some common sense back into punitive damage awards. In that regard, the measure is to be applauded.

JACK ANDERSON
Senate report indicts federal judges

WASHINGTON — It is the most expensive courthouse in U.S. history, and it may someday be judged as the "Helmsley Palace" of the federal judiciary.


Anderson

That's the verdict on the $1 billion courthouse and office complex at Foley Square in New York City that's getting singled out for "uncontrolled and excessive spending." Foley Square will cost a palatial $400 per square foot, according to an investigation by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

"No other courthouse currently under construction comes close to Foley Square," the committee report states.

At the behest of judges, terrazzo marble tiles were substituted for carpeting, the quality of stone for walls in public areas was enhanced, courtroom and judges' chambers millwork and other finishes were upgraded, kitchenettes were included in all chambers, and the ceiling height of the courtrooms was raised.

"None of these modifications were necessary," the report claims. "Carpeting would have been sufficient, enhancing the quality of stone and millwork was not required, there was no need for private kitchenettes because the judges already have their own private dining room, and raising ceiling heights only creates wasted space."

Although Foley Square constitutes the biggest fleecing of taxpayers uncovered during the committee's six-month probe, it's hardly the only example of first degree opulence. The General Services Administration — the federal government's landlord, which is supposed to hold the line on expenses — has repeatedly bowed to the demands of judges seeking gold-plated courtrooms. As we first reported, some $511 million in unnecessary costs have been incurred for courthouse construction nationwide since 1980.

According to the committee's investigation, federal judges must plead guilty to driving up the cost of unnecessary expenses on the Foley Square project. "More than 200 modifications to Foley Square's original design and construction contract, many of which were prompted by the Judiciary's insistence on larger space and additional accoutrements, amounted to $103.3 million," the report says. "The total costs of contract contingencies, including upgrades in courtrooms, chambers and other requirements of the judges will be $135.2 million."

From the outset, the report charges, the judges in New York clashed with GSA officials, who grew frustrated with the demands of the judges since they caused delays and swelled the costs of the project. One internal GSA memo on the Foley Square project warned that the last-minute changes and delays, just in terms of inflation costs, added up to $2 million per month. "The court must somehow get the message that we can ill afford excessive delays," the GSA memo states.

At times it appears as though the GSA also had to cope with judicial temper tantrums over the issue of "operable windows." The building's design did not envision windows that open and close because of GSA's safety and energy conservation standards.

But the judges overruled GSA. At a 1991 meeting between GSA officials and judges, one justice bridled at the bureaucrats: "I will not give up the operable windows! I will go to (George) Bush if I have to."

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CHARLEY REESE
Our responsibility: to think, act as we believe

Rather than bore you with rehashing 1994, I have a long-standing tradition of using this occasion to file my own conflict of interests statement with my readers. Though so far as I know I'm the only journalist who does this, I think readers are entitled to know so they can evaluate what we write.


Reese

The financial part is always easy for me. I have no income other than my salary from my newspaper job and the sale of my syndicated column. The only stock I own is the newspaper stock in my retirement account. I live in a rented house and drive a 1991 compact car.

Now, I'm not trying to poor-mouth. I consider myself blessed with a good income in these times. I've just never cared much for stuff or with impressing people. If the roof doesn't leak, if the chair and the clothes are comfortable, if there's food on the table, what else is there? I'm as content as a pig in a warm mud puddle — and grateful, too.

Politically, I'm registered as a Democrat, but I don't carry water for any party. Political parties are just organizations to elect candidates and distribute patronage. I am a member of only three organizations: the National Rifle Association, the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the American Legion (I like their magazines). I hold no offices in any of them.

Philosophically, I used to think of myself as a conservative, but the words "conservative" and "liberal" have become almost meaningless. I'm whatever George Washington was. I believe in a very limited federal government, strictly chained to a strictly construed Constitution. No foreign involvements other than trade and intellectual. No big standing army. Basically, I want the federal government to "tote the mail and guard the coast" and otherwise stay the heck out of our affairs. I'm for the Old American Order, not the New World Order.

I don't believe in so-called free trade with lesser developed countries because it is a lie to say that Americans, burdened with taxes and social costs, can compete with slave labor, child labor and sweatshop labor. All that policy does is export jobs and capital and import unemployment and low wages.

I don't like Clinton, but I'm not excessively fond of Newt Gingrich or Bob Dole or Bill Bennett or Jack Kemp either. I believe in absolute equality of rights but not equality of results. I don't believe in stacking the deck. I don't believe in punishing one generation for something an earlier generation did. I don't believe in a welfare state, and I don't believe anyone can make it work.

As you can readily see, I'm out of sync with the times. That's OK. The times are wrong, though I sure don't claim to be infallible or omniscient.

And that leads us to the purpose of my column. It is not to sell you anything or to recruit you into a fan club. I try to stimulate you to think about what seems to me to be important issues. The technique I use is to conduct research as carefully as I can, form a position and state it as forcefully as I can. If you agree or disagree, that's OK.

If you stop and think about it, what does it matter if we agree or not? Each of us has the individual responsibility to think and to act as we believe we ought to. When the Day of Judgment comes, metaphorically or literally, nobody is going to ask you, "How often did you agree with Charley Reese?" You will be asked, "What did you know, and when did you know it and what did you do about it? Did you try to make the world a better place or a worse place? Were you brave or cowardly? Did you sit on your rear and let the good go unaided and the evil go unimpeded?"

I enjoy interacting with readers through letters and calls. Your input is useful to me, and I hope what I write is useful to you or at least entertaining. I see myself as just one of you who happens to be lucky enough to get paid for expressing his opinions.

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ANOTHER VIEW
Clinton's tax cut move won't help economy

President Clinton Thursday night (Dec. 15) jumped back on the tax cut sleigh he had leaped from after the 1992 campaign. But he's not the only would-be Santa. Practically every politician in Washington is playing the jolly old elf, bringing visions of sugar plums to the nation's middle class.

Unfortunately, the metaphor is exact — sugar has very little nutritional value and neither do any of the tax cuts being proffered. But it begins to appear certain that some sort of tax cut will be forthcoming, even if it doesn't make a lot of economic sense. People just shouldn't count on taking that vacation in Tahiti with their windfall just yet.

Tax cuts for families with kids sound good, and they might have some significance for those in the lower income brackets. But the middle class families Clinton and the others claim they want to help are not going to gain much from what adds up to $1 a day or less — and that won't kick in immediately, but come over a five-year period.

The core of the Republicans' tax relief program, a $500 tax credit per child for families earning less than $200,000 annually, would provide a family making $100,000 with two children a tax reduction of $1,000. But 64 percent of taxpayers have no dependent children and would gain nothing.

... Like the others, Clinton was pretty vague about how the tax cut — his would come to $60 billion — would be paid for. But the idea is to offset the cut by consolidating and cost cutting in federal agencies and continuing caps on spending for discretionary programs into 2000.

... Putting some money back in people's pockets has its attractions. But even if the tax cut were to be exactly offset by spending reductions, it wouldn't do much of anything to bolster the economy. The way to do that is to continue to work on reducing the national debt and the government budget deficit, and put Social Security and other entitlement programs on-line for budget savings.

— Austin American-Statesman

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1994. There are eight days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 23, 1893, the opera "Haensel und Gretel," with music by Engelbert Humperdinck and libretto by his sister, Adelheid Wette, was first performed publicly, in Weimar, Germany.

On this date:

In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede a 100-square-mile area for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the present-day District of Columbia.

In 1805, Joseph Smith Jr., founder of the Mormon Church, was born in Sharon, Vt.

WILLIAM MURCHISON
'Happy holidays' takes place of 'Christmas'

"The pope of Rome" is one of the great all-time phobias among certain Protestants, and yet Pope John Paul II's new book, "Crossing the Threshold of Hope," is gaining a large trans-religious, non-Roman hearing. From, among others, Episcopalians. I can testify to that, brother. Hallelujah!


Murchison

"Threshold" is an international best seller, being short and easy to read, infused with the pope's warm personality and, not least, his confidence in what he says.

Now there's something new and different — confidence, faith, call it what you like. The pope believes Jesus Christ to be the Messiah, born of a virgin, visited by shepherds and kings, sought and located by the light of a star. As to all of which (and much more), the pope is serene. This is how it is; this is the way we are supposed to believe.

"Despite some common aspects," says the pope, "Christ does not resemble Muhammad or Socrates or Buddha. He is totally original and unique (the pope's own italics)."

What — unique? That would imply that he may after all have been, as claimed, the son of God. That in turn would imply the need to treat him differently. Perhaps even reverently.

The age may be ready for such a turnaround in conviction and performance. The prevalent mode is somewhere in the mushy middle: Someone named Jesus was born in a stable; but he didn't have much to do with us, beyond establishing patronage of our favorite winter festival, and that was a long time ago.

Government and culture don't make things any easier. Government warns him off such premises as it controls; the culture is in the process of converting his birthday into a holiday. "Christmas," which means Christ-Mass, is slipping from public usage. "Happy holidays" is taking its place. There is a kind of irony here. "Holiday" means holy-day. But at least it gets Christ out of the proceedings — neutralizes and de-sacralizes the appearance, in human flesh, of the son of God.

Well, when you're pope, getting people's attention is never hard, but it's easier, perhaps, when what you say is forthright and assured — because little in life is forthright and assured anymore. Even government, with which we have lived on intimate terms for 60 years, holds out little hope to us.

Moderns look on angels, the messengers of God, with an interest and attentiveness not mustered in centuries. And in the bleakness of the night, the familiar assertion takes on new pungency: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come. ... " Could there be something to it after all? Maybe? Just maybe?

The confidence and power of John Paul II's words ring out oddly in the moral stillness. All ideas are supposedly the same. Here are ideas that unequivocally are not the same. They make a clatter louder than Santa Claus and his reindeer.

"The world is not able to free man from suffering; specifically it is not able to free him from death." "Have no fear of that which you yourselves have created ... Because man has been redeemed by God." "In the Redemption we find the most profound basis for the words 'Be not afraid!'" "God desires the salvation of man ... " All this the pope says because ... because he knows?

The stillness of the night air tightens around us. If all this can be credited — and here is both a brilliant and lovable man testifying to it — then what about the stable, the virgin, the shepherds, the star? Pleasant legends or truths for all ages, ours included?

A chill assaults the night air. Old faiths — in government, in academic truths, in the ministrations of the enlightened — stir as if for departure. Older ones make ready to break in with a decisiveness that cannot be unfamiliar. After all, it has happened once already, as the pope of Rome and a host of others would assure us. The virgin mother wrapped her newborn babe in swaddling clothes, and the rest — quite literally — is history.

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Myers ends press secretary stint; Clinton anticipates 'interesting year'

N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — As Dee Dee Myers, the first woman to serve as White House press secretary, stepped down Thursday, President Clinton dropped by her final briefing to bid her farewell and to say wryly that he was looking forward to "a very interesting year next year."

The informal moment in the White House briefing room captured some of the uncertainty prevalent in an administration that will soon have a new spokesman and is trying to reshape its public face.

Aides to Clinton describe him as dissatisfied with the quality of political advice he was given before last month's elections, including that from consultants to cast the contest as a referendum on Ronald Reagan's economic policies, a strategy that many believe was a mistake.

Ms. Myers, 33, resigned on her own accord and made clear Thursday that she was looking forward to resuming life in the world beyond the White House. But her departure came only after Leon E. Panetta, the White House chief of staff, made clear last fall — not long after his appointment — that he would prefer to have someone else as Clinton's daily mouthpiece.

In the aftermath of what for him were last month's disastrous elections, Clinton has begun to adopt a more centrist image. But his aides say he is still agonizing over whom to rely on for political advice as he prepares to do battle with the new Republican Congress and to fight for his own re-election.

Clinton was not ready Thursday to announce whom he would install as the new Democratic party chairman and who would fill several vacant White House posts. And his comments during his brief appearance at Ms. Myers's side suggested that he was not eager to talk about the road ahead.

"We don't have to talk anything serious today; this is Christmas season," said Clinton, whose eyes were baggy and face was puffy with what the White House said were seasonal allergies, but who nevertheless appeared in a good mood.

To laughter even from members of his staff, he told reporters: "I hope you come back full of energy and bright-eyed and everything, because this is going to be a very interesting year next year. And I am really looking forward to it, more every day."

The president is now leaning toward choosing Sen. Christopher J. Dodd of Connecticut as the new party chairman, regarding him as an effective spokesman who can help maintain ties to the Democrats' liberal base. But all that is certain about the rest of Clinton's political team, White House officials say, is that his current team of consultants — including two strategists, James Carville and Paul Begala; his pollster, Stan Greenberg; and the media adviser, Mandy Grunwald — will be given diminished roles.

White House aides have said that Clinton was particularly irritated by the role that Greenberg played in polling both for him and for the centrist Democratic Leadership Council.

A post-election poll that Greenberg conducted for the leadership council identified the president's failed health care plan as having contributed to the Democrats' defeat at the polls by buttressing voters' impressions that the party was ineffectual.

Greenberg was also reported to have irked other advisers when, after reviewing his dismal polling data at a White House meeting last month, he asked his colleagues, "Okay, what's the strategy?" —

Orange County orders budget cuts, layoffs

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Orange County ordered $40.2 million in budget cuts over the next six months and authorized layoffs and a freeze on salaries.

The reductions represent about 17 percent of the county's discretionary spending through June 1995. The were approved unanimously Thursday by the county's Board of Supervisors in the first budget cut since the county filed for bankruptcy earlier this month after a huge loss in its investment fund.

The vote gave department heads authority to fire workers without the usual constraints, including consulting union leaders.

"This has all the aspects of a steamroller," said John H. Sawyer, general manager of the Orange County Employees Association, which represents 11,000 employees — 70 percent of the county's work force of 16,000.

Sheriff Brad Gates, who with District Attorney Michael Capizzi and Health Care Director Thomas Uram had recommended the cuts, didn't give a specific number, but said it would be "significant."

One person already hurt by the financial debacle is Kelly Harris.

She quit a good job at a personnel recruiting company after getting a better offer from the county. Now that offer is rescinded and she is jobless, hoping that $230-a-week unemployment benefits are approved.

"I had these two great careers a week ago. And now I just hope I can get unemployment," the 32-year-old said.

Former state Treasurer Thomas Hayes, who is overseeing the county's fiscal reorganization, said sales of securities from the battered investment pool have given it adequate cash reserves and have somewhat reduced its riskiness.

But a 1 percent increase in interest rates would still produce a $220 million loss, Hayes said, on top of $2 billion in losses already sustained.

Homeless sue police in White House shooting

WASHINGTON (AP) — After one of their own died from a policeman's bullet, the homeless who live in a park across the street from the White House filed a pauper's suit Thursday alleging a pattern of harassment by U.S. Park Police.

The lawsuit alleges that Marcelino Corniel, 33, who was shot Tuesday morning after he chased U.S. Park Police officer Stephen J. O'Neill with a knife, had been kicked and prodded by O'Neil a few hours earlier.

Corniel, 33, was shot on the Pennsylvania Avenue sidewalk of the White House by another park policeman who has not been identified. He died 36 hours later Wednesday night after undergoing surgery twice.

The incident was highly publicized because of its locale, the fact that it was captured on videotape and because it was one of a string of violent episodes near or directed at the White House.

In the pauper's suit filed in U.S. District Court, three homeless men who frequent Lafayette Park allege a pattern of harassment by O'Neill and another park policeman named only as "Keness."

The officers regularly accused the homeless who sleep in the park of violating a no-camping regulation, the complaint said.

"It has been the custom of officers O'Neill and Keness to accompany their threats with kicks, prodding with nightsticks, and banging signs with nightsticks even when there is no question that those attending are not camping," the complaint added.

It alleged "political or religious animosity" and said O'Neill's "abuse of authority ... which preceded the shooting of Marcelino Corniel, is a graphic demonstration of the result of abuse of legal authority."

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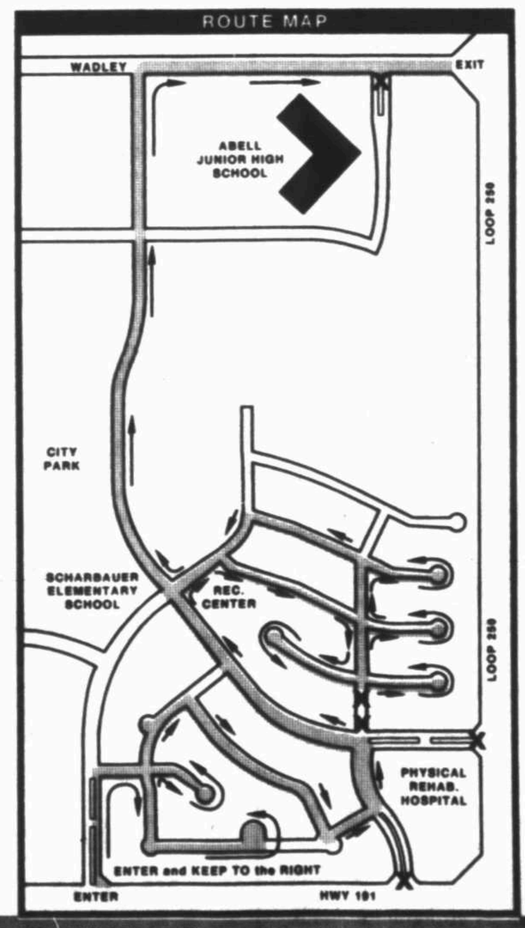
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French see Carter's diplomacy as part of Clinton's hidden agenda

By Bernard D. Kaplan
Hearst News Service

■ Analysis

PARIS — For the French foreign ministry, Jimmy Carter's personal mediation in Bosnia was really part of a Clinton administration hidden agenda to intervene politically in the conflict without appearing to do so.

Some British officials privately refer to the former U.S. president as the "Forrest Gump" of high-level diplomacy.

Like the hero of the recent hit movie, Carter, they say, is hopelessly naive but somehow able to achieve what more sophisticated and better-prepared negotiators before him could not: agreement by the Bosnian government and the Bosnian Serbs to a four-month cease-fire while bargaining resumes over the final peace terms.

Some European diplomats accept that Carter's sheer ignorance of the fine points of the Bosnian struggle helped him bring about a truce that stands at least some chance of lasting.

But others suspect that he was completely out-foxed by Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, who has had long practice in fooling well-intentioned foreign mediators.

United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali praised Carter's efforts for giving fresh momentum to peace negotiations. However, some U.N. and NATO officials in Bosnia reportedly dismissed his whirlwind, three-day mission this week as likely to be quickly forgotten — like many previous bids to find a way out of the conflict that started in April 1992.

From all of this, it is easy to see that the ex-president has left the battle-scarred veterans of Bosnian war diplomacy divided and confused over just what he was up to and why.

At the best of times, he is the kind of American public figure many European officials find almost impossible to fathom: a politician whose folksy humility masks an inexhaustible supply of confidence in his own ability to solve problems that others have found insuperable.

"He was a puzzling character when he was in the White House," says veteran French diplomat Jean Beliard. "He still is."

But for skeptical French officials, even Carter's ample stock of self-confidence cannot adequately explain his decision to venture into the Bosnian quagmire at Karadzic's simple invitation.

They suspect that President Clinton urged him to go — possibly even suggesting the idea to the Bosnian Serbs — despite the administration's protestations that he was on his own.

The French were not dissuaded even when U.S. officials subsequently criticized Carter for expressing sympathy for the Bosnian Serb cause.

"The belief that Carter acted alone doesn't stand up to serious examination," claimed a French foreign office source who asked not to be identified. "It was in Clinton's interest to send him but not to become officially involved, in case he failed."

The French government also thought the Carter card was worth playing, the source acknowledged. "At a minimum, a cease-fire of four months, if it holds, will provide time for the allies to decide on their next course of action in Bosnia," he explained.

Translation: the breathing space furnished by Carter's intervention offers the allies an opportunity to repair the severe damage done to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization by their differences over Bosnia.

In addition, a durable cease-fire could set the stage for the so-called contact group — Britain, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — to revise its formula for a permanent settlement which, as it stands, would give 51 percent of Bosnia to a Muslim-Croat federation and 49 percent to the Bosnian Serbs.

Some officials close to the negotiations claim that a drastic revision of the partition plan is precisely what Karadzic had in mind when he invited Carter in and then swiftly accepted the four-month cease-fire.

According to a British diplomat who served with the contact group until September: "Karadzic undoubtedly hopes to use the interval provided by the cease-fire to reopen the partition question. The Bosnian Serbs hold 70 percent of Bosnia and are prepared to give up only a small fraction of that."

Karadzic sprang a trap, the diplomat claimed, and "Carter walked right into it."

N.Y. officials say bombing shows death penalty need

ALBANY, N.Y. — Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Governor-elect George Pataki both used the firebombing of a subway train this week as an opportunity to push for reinstatement of the death penalty in New York state.

"This can be another reason for why New York state should have a death penalty," Giuliani said Thursday. "So that if someone tries to unleash this kind of terror on the subway, we have the ultimate deterrent to prevent them with."

The mayor's comments came in response to questions about whether he agreed with Pataki's statement Tuesday that the person responsible for the firebombing should receive the death penalty. "This act of terrorism cannot, must not and will not be tolerated in New York state," Pataki said. "When the individuals responsible for this heinous act of terrorism are caught and brought to justice they should get the strongest sentence possible — the death penalty."

Though he agreed with the goal of reinstating the death penalty, Giuliani took issue with Pataki's conclusion that the punishment could be applied in this case, noting that first, the death penalty was not in current law, and second, no one had died.

Most states with the death penalty reserve it for only the most serious crimes, like murder. The Legislature is expected to pass a death penalty law early next year, but legal experts say it could not be applied retroactively.

Pataki's aides said Thursday that their statement had been prepared on the basis of preliminary news and police reports that one person had died. Zenia Mucha, Pataki's spokeswoman, said that under the new federal crime bill, the death penalty can be imposed for murder cases involving the use of explosives.

Landlord can't refuse renters, judge decrees

CHICAGO (AP) — A landlord may not impose his morality on tenants by refusing to rent to unmarried couples, a judge ruled Thursday.

Ron Jasniowski illegally discriminated against Benson Rushing and Mary Tews on the basis of their marital status when he refused to rent them an apartment, Cook County Circuit Court Judge Aaron Jaffee said.

"One cannot impose one's moral or religious beliefs on a tenant," Jaffee said. "A landlord has a right to exercise religious freedom, but landlords' freedom of religion does not mean that tenants must practice the same."

Jasniowski refused to rent the apartment because "I have a problem with the conduct of fornication."

Jasniowski rents a single apartment above his motor-repair business in a building owned by his mother. He says his religious convictions cannot allow his property to be used for "immoral purposes."

Jasniowski said the couple originally told him they were married, but could not produce a marriage certificate. Jasniowski said he refused to rent to them because they were not married and because they had lied.

In July 1992, Rushing and Tews filed a complaint with the Chicago Commission on Human Relations charging that Jasniowski had discriminated against them.

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Questions about emergency medical services or firefighting should be sent to Lights & Siren, P.O. Box 1152, Midland, 79702-1152.

Airport suicide

AUSTIN — A Louisiana man, suspected in his wife's slaying, shot and killed himself Thursday after he was cornered by police in an airport parking lot, authorities said. Kevin King, 38, had been wanted in Bossier City, La. in the slaying of Rita King, 35, who died from a gunshot wound Tuesday, Bossier City police said. Austin officers had observed a suspicious looking man hanging around Robert Mueller Municipal Airport since Tuesday, a police spokeswoman said. On Thursday, an airport police officer tried to approach the man as he got into a car, according to Pam Cobern, a spokeswoman for the airport police department. The man tried to run the officer over, but then was blocked from leaving the parking lot by backup police units, Ms. Cobern said. The man then put a gun to his head and shortly afterward shot himself, she said. She said a suicide note was found in the car.

Banning booze

GALVESTON — It'll soon be up to the City Council to decide whether to ban booze from a few more beaches. The Park Board of Trustees, which has the option to ban alcohol at city beaches, recommended Wednesday that the council extend its alcohol ban to beaches in front of the seawall. Drinking already is banned on Stewart Beach and beaches west of 16 Mile Road. It's legal at R.A. Apffel Park, in front of the seawall and between it and 16 Mile Road. If the city accepts the Park Board's recommendation, drinking will be allowed only on the public beaches between 61st Street and 16 Mile Road and east of Stewart Beach Park.

TODAY'S AGENDA

Listings for meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous, Alanon, Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Codependents Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Adult Children of Alcoholics can now be heard on CITYLINE. Call 560-2400 and enter category 1860 for complete information.

Myrtle-Tree ministries, Womens Bible Studies, noon, 312 W. Illinois Ave., 683-1370, 683-5610

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. Info 570-8612.

Southside Lions Club, noon, South-side Lions Club Building.

Evening recreation lessons for those w/mental retardation, 682-9771.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Texas Am. Bank 694-5310.



Dec. 23
2 shopping days to Christmas

Danger increases on Loop 250

■ Construction, new stores, holiday shopping add to accident rate.

By Michael Kashgarian
Staff Writer

Roadway and overpass construction, private construction, new stores and holiday shopping have increased the danger of accidents on Loop 250 service roads.

"Our accident rate on the loop has gone up considerably at the intersections because of construction and holiday traffic," said Sgt. Brian Bogart of the Police Department's traffic division.

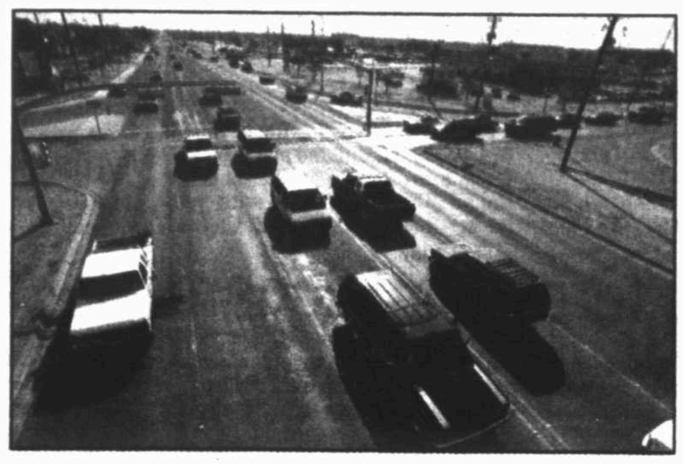
The most definite increase has been at the loop intersections at Midkiff Road and Midland Drive, Bogart said. In fact, accidents at Loop 250 and Midland Drive have doubled in the last year, he said.

The majority of accidents — about 40 percent — are rear-end collisions that occur when drivers slow down to turn, Bogart said. Many times drivers are distracted by construction and are not looking at other vehicles, he said.

"That is the single largest contributing factor of accidents in Midland: following too close," Bogart said.

Aside from accidents, the situation on the loop hasn't gone without notice.

Please see **DANGER**/2B



Loop 250 construction and commercial building has increased the danger of accidents on Loop 250 service roads, police said.
Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

New report cards add performance rating of campus

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

As report cards begin arriving in the mail next week, parents will notice an additional performance report.

The Texas Education Agency is sending out the "School Report Card," which provides information that rates campus performance.

The new reports were developed because "Texans have a right to know how their public schools are performing," according to TEA spokesman Joey Lozano.

The report will rate schools as exemplary, recognized, accredited — for districts — and acceptable — for campuses.

The report features the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS), which is the foundation of the Texas public school accountability system.

The indicators — measurements — of school performance include standardized test scores, dropout rate and attendance rate.

How a school performs in terms of these indicators is used for state accreditation, recognition and rewards and state sanctions and intervention.

To be an exemplary campus, at least 90 percent of the students taking the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test must have passed all sections and at least 90 percent of students in each individual group — white, Hispanic, African-American and economically disadvantaged — must pass all sections.

To be a recognized campus, the passing rate for all groups is 65. For an acceptable rating, at least 25 percent must pass all sections of a test. Campuses not meeting that standard will be ranked low-performing.

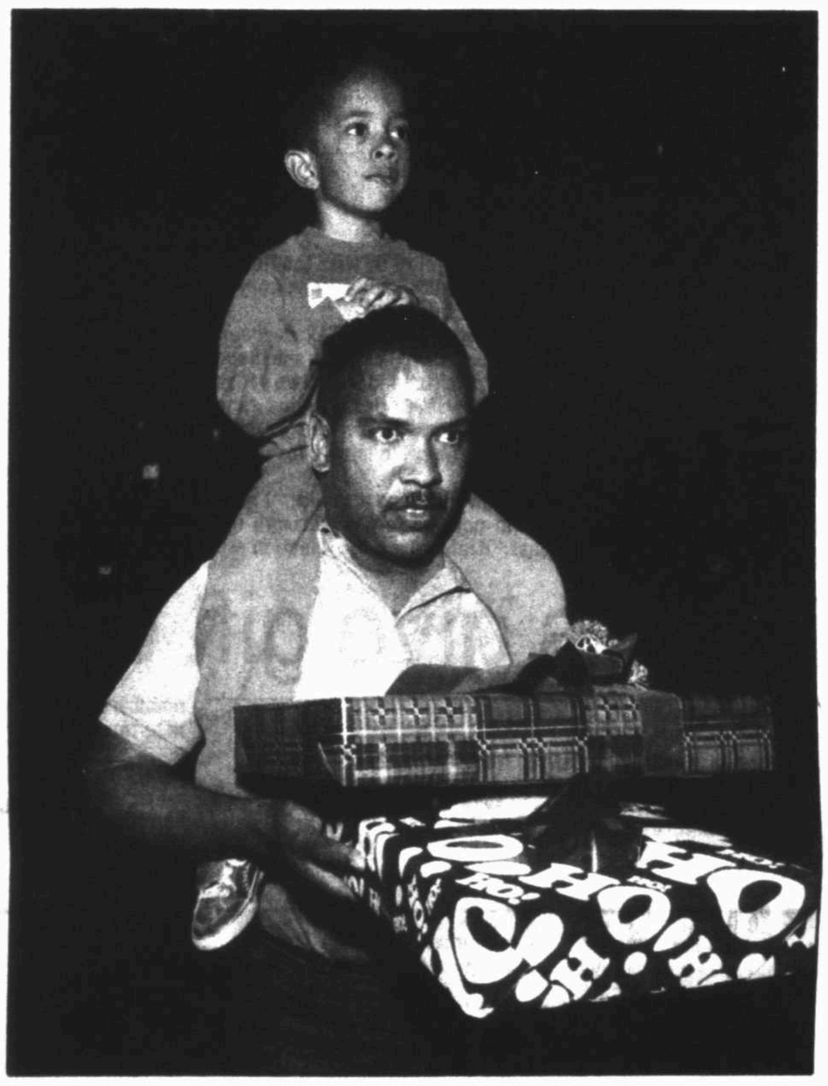
In 1995, the passing rate increases from 65 to 70 percent to receive a ranking of recognized.

Various other academic indicators will be included in the report, such as the dropout rate and attendance rates.

Parents needing more information may call their children's principal's office after Jan. 9.

Parents who would like a copy of the State of Texas School Report Card for the school their child attended in 1993-94, should contact the principal's office or Joe Cummins, at 689-1062.

Parents interested in getting involved in improving academic performance at their campus or in their community may contact the Texas Business and Education Coalition, 400 15th St., Suite 910, Austin, 78701 or call (512) 320-0280. They should ask for the School Performance Report on the Academic Excellence Indicator System.



'Tis the Season to lend helping hand



At right, Ray Del Llano, a graduate of the Citizen Police Academy, escorted Shirley Jones to her car Wednesday night at Midland Park Mall. Academy alumni will be stationed tonight at mall entrances to open doors and if they are asked, will walk shoppers to their cars. Above, Jerry Walker, 5, rides atop the shoulders of his father, Jerome Walker, after the two shopped at the mall Wednesday night.

Photos by
Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

ED TODD

Gift of Christmas is in memories of past

The most enchanting aspects of Christmas are in anticipation and reflection.



Todd

The day itself, fraught with the excitement of homecoming and gift-giving, passes all so quickly as if it were a cloudburst in a brief summer storm. There is only the lingering rainbow and raindrops, but they, too, fade.

Memories of the holiday, however, are embedded in the heart for as long as the mind reflects on childhood and for as long as there is cause to singingly shout "Hallelujah!"

The traditional Christmas is for children: the fantasy of the flying reindeer towing a sleigh weighed down by a rotund Santa Claus and a cornucopia of compact and cumbersome toys designed to make glad the hearts of children all over the world.

That is the fanciful myth, which is spiced with truths.

Indeed, it is the Christmas spirit — the joy of giving to the child in the hearts of believers worldwide — that makes joyful the lives of many people.

The essence of the holiday is not in the gilded evergreen trees, the brighten-up doorways and edifices and the colorful wrappings and the things inside.

'Memories of the holiday, however, are embedded in the heart for as long as the mind reflects on childhood and for as long as there is cause to singingly shout 'Hallelujah!' '

Rather, the season celebrates the Creator's gift of Jesus Christ — the prophet, teacher and savior — to the world and all the people therein. The gift to mankind is the promise of an abundant life on Earth and life for all time.

The graciousness of the season is best expressed in the overwhelming beauty of Handel's "Messiah" and its glorious choruses, especially the thrilling "Hallelujah," joined in by angels and mortals. Grace, too, is in Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring."

But it is at home and at the grandparents' old home place, apart from the congregations and the religious intonations, where many a childhood memory lingers well into old age. The recollections are more near than the recent past — as in yesterday.

Oftentime, they are such sweet and precious memories. And the heartaches that may have accompanied an occasional Christmas often fades into oblivion or into a painless whisper or shadow.

It is so sweet, now at Yuletide, to recall the endearments of kin and friends: parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, brothers, sisters, cousins, nephews, nieces, all the children and friends passing by. And it is amusing and gainful to reflect on the foibles and quirks and on the virtues and cares of all those Christmas characters from childhood.

The gifts of Christmas are not those things from the material world that eventually break, get lost, misplaced, stolen, forgotten, or stored in closet, basement, or attic until a convenient garage sale comes along.

The gift of Christmas is in the peace of the heart, in the joy of sharing life with kinfolk and friends and strangers, and in reflecting on those lovely, joyful moments that are as surely in the present and future as they were — and are — in the past.

Ed Todd is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

DEATHS

Franklin Reed

Graveside services for Franklin E. Reed, 66, of Midland are to be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Chapel Hill Cemetery in Freeport, Ill., with the Rev. Mary Willis Mayes, pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church in Stockton, Ill., officiating. Arrangements are under direction of Hermann Funeral Home of Stockton, Ill. Local arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Reed died Thursday at a Midland hospital.

He was born May 17, 1928, in Warren, Ill., where he was reared and educated.

He served in the U.S. Army.

He married Helen Townsend on Oct. 7, 1950, in Waterman, Ill.

Reed worked in construction and retired from Coats Construction Co. of Midland in 1982.

He was a member in the Carpenters Local Union No. 411 in San Angelo and in the Odd Fellows in Illinois. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Midland.

Survivors include his wife, Helen of Midland; a son, James F. Reed of Stockton, Ill.; two daughters, Nancy L. Reed of Madison, Wisc., and Karen E. Reed of Midland; six grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Helen Welsch

Funeral services for Helen Ruth Welsch, 75, of Midland are to be at 10:30 a.m. today at St. Luke's United Methodist Church with the Revs. Jarrell Sharp and Cletus Beights officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Welsch died Tuesday at her home.

Pallbearers are to be Jim Barrett, Buddy Rush, Wayne Sims, Mark Huckby, Wilbur Hayes, and Edmond "Dude" Martin.

Betty Stewart

Funeral services for Betty Stewart of Midland are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday at a Nocona hospital.

Myrtle Reeves

Services for Myrtle E. Reeves are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

She died Thursday at a local retirement center.

Carl Armstrong

Graveside services for Carl B. Armstrong of Midland are to be at 11 a.m. Monday at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Armstrong died Thursday at a Midland hospital.

Grace Rhoads

Funeral services for Grace Rhoads of Midland are to be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Rhoads died Thursday at a local hospital.

Bidding farewell, Richards looks forward to future

AUSTIN (AP) — Saying she's done running for office, outgoing Gov. Ann Richards on Thursday voiced hope that Texans would remember her kindly even if they didn't award her a second term.

The Democrat said there probably was no way she could have defeated Republican George W. Bush this year and that she's excited about future plans she won't yet divulge.

"I feel wonderful," Richards said in her first extended interview since the Nov. 8 balloting.

"I may have lost the race, but I don't think I lost the good feelings that people have about me in this state. That's tremendously reassuring to me."

Richards, 61, leaves office Jan. 17. During a 90-minute session with news reporters at the Capitol, she said she won't discuss her plans until she's a private citizen again.

"It is enough to say that I hope to make a living," she said, although she answered "yes" when asked if she was considering lecturing, teaching or writing a book.

"That's the fun part. I'm listening to a lot of things that I've never done before. It's wonderful."

Richards said she won't be leaving Austin or running for office again.

"I've told you before that I'm not interested in running for another office, and that holds. I've been doing this now for 18 years (since being elected a Travis County commissioner in 1976).

"I'm really excited about what I get to do next — whatever it is. I've always told my children that life is like a layer cake. You just put one layer on top of the other, and whether you frost it or not is up to you. I'm looking forward now to a little frosting."

After two terms as state treasurer, Richards became Texas' first woman governor in half a century when she defeated millionaire oilman Clayton Williams in 1990.

Promising a "New Texas," she appointed record numbers of women and minorities to state posts, championed smaller and more efficient government and worked to boost the state's image.

She oversaw a doubling of the Texas prison system and a drop in the crime rate, while student achievement test scores rose and the dropout rate plunged.

"I enjoyed the years here tremendously," she said. "But like every other job, there are downsides — long hours, not much time off."

Richards, a national Democratic Party star, was among many of her party's biggest names swept out in the GOP's November landslide.

"It has a lot to do with the times, and it has a lot to do with history," Richards said.

She noted that no Texas governor has been re-elected since the term was extended from two years to four in 1974. Besides that, she said, "Voters across the country expressed a desire for real change."

However, Richards said, "I really am not one to paw through the past. Right after the election we talked about a number of things we might have done differently, but I still would not have won the race."

A celebrity who appeared on late night talk shows as well as the Democratic National Convention podium, Richards said she feels news coverage of her was fair.

"I always thought we got along pretty well," she told reporters. "If there were times where I thought you were wrong, I wouldn't hesitate to tell you that. But you deserve that as a professional."

Richards moaned when asked what she hoped would be her legacy.

"I did not want my tombstone to read, 'She kept a really clean house.' I think I'd like them to remember me by saying she opened government to everyone. There really is a New Texas."

And if she had known she was going to be a one-term governor?

"Oh, I would probably have raised more hell."



Brian Adamick/Reporter-Telegram

Recent candidate

Carol Levitt Schwartz, a two-time Republican candidate for mayor of Washington, D.C., returned to her hometown of Midland to talk about her most recent candidacy. Ms. Schwartz, a 1961 Midland High School graduate, spoke to a group of supporters at the Petroleum Club of Midland on Thursday.

Senior volunteers give gift of time

By Leigh Hopper
Associated Press

HOUSTON — This time of year, we think of 70- and 80-year-old grandmothers and grandfathers as being on the receiving end of gift-giving and good will.

That's not the case at the North Main Food Pantry, 3525 Beauchamp, where the average age of a volunteer is over 70.

Take 80-year-old George Hatten. The longtime volunteer wears a cap tilted to one side and describes himself as "contrary." Today, his job is sacking Christmas turkeys or filling plastic bags with beans, rice and macaroni.

"Anything that needs to be done, lady. I come down here 'cause I like it," he says.

"Putting my time to use instead of wasting it. They need the help."

Indeed, three days a week, the line of clients winds along the Heights-area building and out to the street. Children wait with their parents, or play chase around a garbage can. Doors open at 12:30 p.m., and bags of corn, bread, pastries, diapers and butter are handed out until 2:15 or 3. This year, the pantry will feed more than 26,000 needy people and their family members.

Behind the scenes are individuals like Tolula Horton, 84, and Betty Waghalter, 83. They arrive well before 9 a.m. to fill the shelves and divvie up pastries, pies and bread. As the clients file through the front door, Horton sits in the packing area, tallying up names and numbers of family members.

"I have a bad shoulder, but I don't let that stop me," she says. "You can see I have to keep the record straight."

When asked if she finds the advanced age of her fellow volunteers a bit unusual, she just laughs.

Food pantry director Mary Carter says elderly volunteers are the backbone of their operation.

"The older people want something to do, really need something to do, and the younger ones have full-time jobs," she says.

Carrie Moffitt, executive director of the Volunteer Center, which matches volunteers with jobs throughout the city, says senior Samaritans are the most sought-after. They're dependable and they can work during regular business hours — a daytime slot that's typically difficult to fill.

"We have a saying around here about senior volunteers,' Moffitt says. '"They have the most to get from volunteering; they also have the most to give."'

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executive director
Volunteer Center

Generally speaking, older volunteers stay on the job longer, she says. "They tend to be a lot more reliable ... They also seem to be able to do long-term commitments. All that adds up."

The North Main Food Pantry is partially supported by a coalition of eight churches, the End Hunger Network and the Houston Food Bank. Many of the volunteers learned about it through their churches.

Handling the heavier canned vegetables and bottles of sparkling water are Frank Hablinski, 86, and Val Diehl, 82. On the young end of the assembly line are Gene Widacki, 65, and James Beatty, 38.

Josephine Danna, 83, stops by to drop off plastic bags because she knew they'd be running low. Ruth Froehner, 79, is in constant motion between the packing area and front counter.

Ask them what drives their desire to help out and you hear variations on "I feel like I'm doing some good for someone" or "Gives me something to do." Their zeal to nourish the hungry is apparent in a note taped to the door: "Please do not feed the dogs next door. They asked us not to feed them. Val."

For another man, working at the pantry is a way to maintain independence in his family of 52 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"They all got lives of their own. I hate to depend on anybody for anything," says Hatten. "You know how they say you have to have so many stars in your crown before you get to heaven? That's what I'm working on."

DANGER: Accident rate on loop jumps due to construction, holidays

(From 1B)

"We've written a lot of citations and got a lot of complaints," Bogart said.

The most common complaint: dump trucks pulling out from construction sites into the path of passing vehicles, he said.

Police officials said the loop situation should improve slightly after the beginning of the year — provided there are no ice storms.

And when the overpasses at Midkiff Road and Midland Drive and that portion of the loop open during the next few months, traffic on that stretch should improve notably, officials said.

But as that section of the loop improves, other areas will become conducive to more traffic problems.

As loop construction progresses next year, overpasses are anticipated to be built at Thomason Drive, Garfield Street, A Street and Big Spring Street, Bogart said.

And an overpass planned at Wadley Avenue near Abell Junior High School, coupled with youngsters crossing the roadway to school, may cause some added problems, Bogart said.

"Once the loop is opened up it will relieve a lot of that stuff," Bogart said.

Until then, Bogart offered some advice to motorists: "Be patient and take your time."

POLICE REPORTS

Wednesday

Burglary of a business: Nine bottles of liquor were taken from Pinkie's Village Store after the store's front window was broken out. The burglary was reported at 11:44 p.m.

Vandalism: Windows were broken out at a house at 4302 Douglas Ave. It was reported at midnight.

Thursday

Vandalism: Ralph Knebel reported at 12:29 a.m. that the mailbox at at 4106 Crestgate Ave. was damaged. possibly by a vehicle.

Vandalism: The yard at 4305 Crestgate Ave. was damaged. It was reported at 1 a.m.

Vandalism: Russell Minner reported damage to a window at 3100 Caldera Drive. It was reported at 1:29 a.m.

Burglary of a business: A cash box and cards were taken from Eddins-Walcher Co., 2813 Rankin Highway. The incident was reported at 7:22 a.m.

Vandalism: Mike Shoemaker reported at 10:43 a.m. that his white BMW sustained $1,100 in damage by someone marring the vehicle with a key.

Burglary: Herschell Beaver reported an Echo blower and a McCulloch chain saw were taken from a storage building at 804 Stanolind Ave. It was reported at 1:34 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Twyla Doty reported a burglary at 3617 Imperial Ave. It was reported at 1:25 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: Elizabeth Miller reported a burglary at 4507 Fannin Ave. It was reported at 7 p.m.

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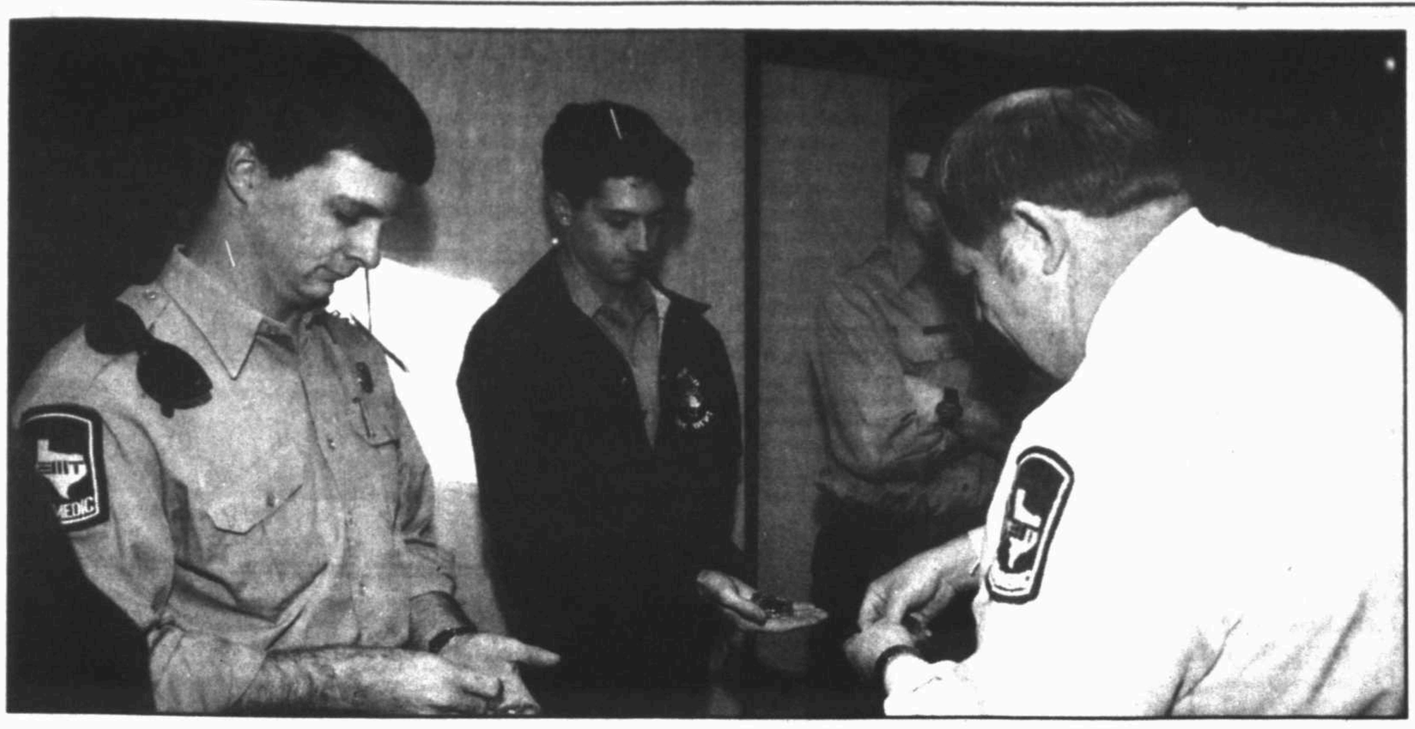
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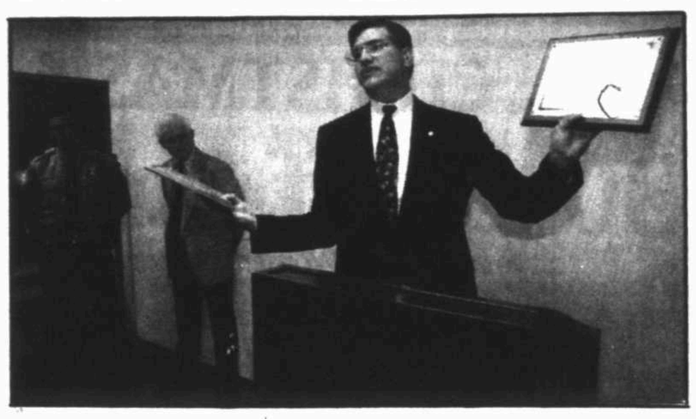
FACTS AND FICTION ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Christmas has become so much a part of the American way of life, and what a wonderful time of year it is! A spirit of love and giving and sharing is everywhere. Just a few notes to give focus to the holiday and blessings.

IT IS FICTION that Christ was born Dec. 25. The idea of gifts and giving came from St. Nicholas, a Catholic bishop of the 4th Century, and Christ in Christmas from Catholics in 1223. The day was first a Roman pagan solar feast. And, it is fiction that 3 wise men came; Matthew 2 speaks of 3 gifts. Too, it is fiction that The Bible ever spoke of a day to remember His birth.

IT IS FACT that His was a virgin birth, and heralded by angels. Jesus taught in Matthew 26 and 1 Corinthians 11 to keep the Lord's Supper that "proclaims the Lord's death till He comes." As per Acts 20:7, we observe it every Sunday. Have a wonderful holiday of blessings and giving!





Awards, promotions

At right, John Navarrate, special agent in charge of the FBI in El Paso, presented awards Thursday to two area law-enforcement officers. Sgt. Terry Lowe, center, coordinator of Midland County Crime Stoppers, and Sgt. C.G. Locklar, of the Ector County Sheriff's Office were honored for their community involement. Above, Eddie Klatt, right, assistant chief of opertions for the Midland Fire Department, presents a badge to firefighter Brian McGary, center. McGary, Chad Clark, right, Dean Stalder, and Cliff Hogan (not pictured) were all promoted to drivers Thursday. Vince Hancock, to the left of Stalder, was promoted to captain.

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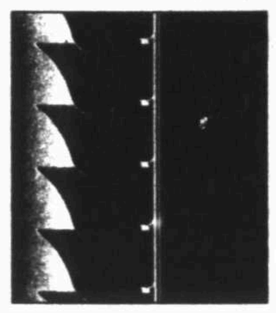
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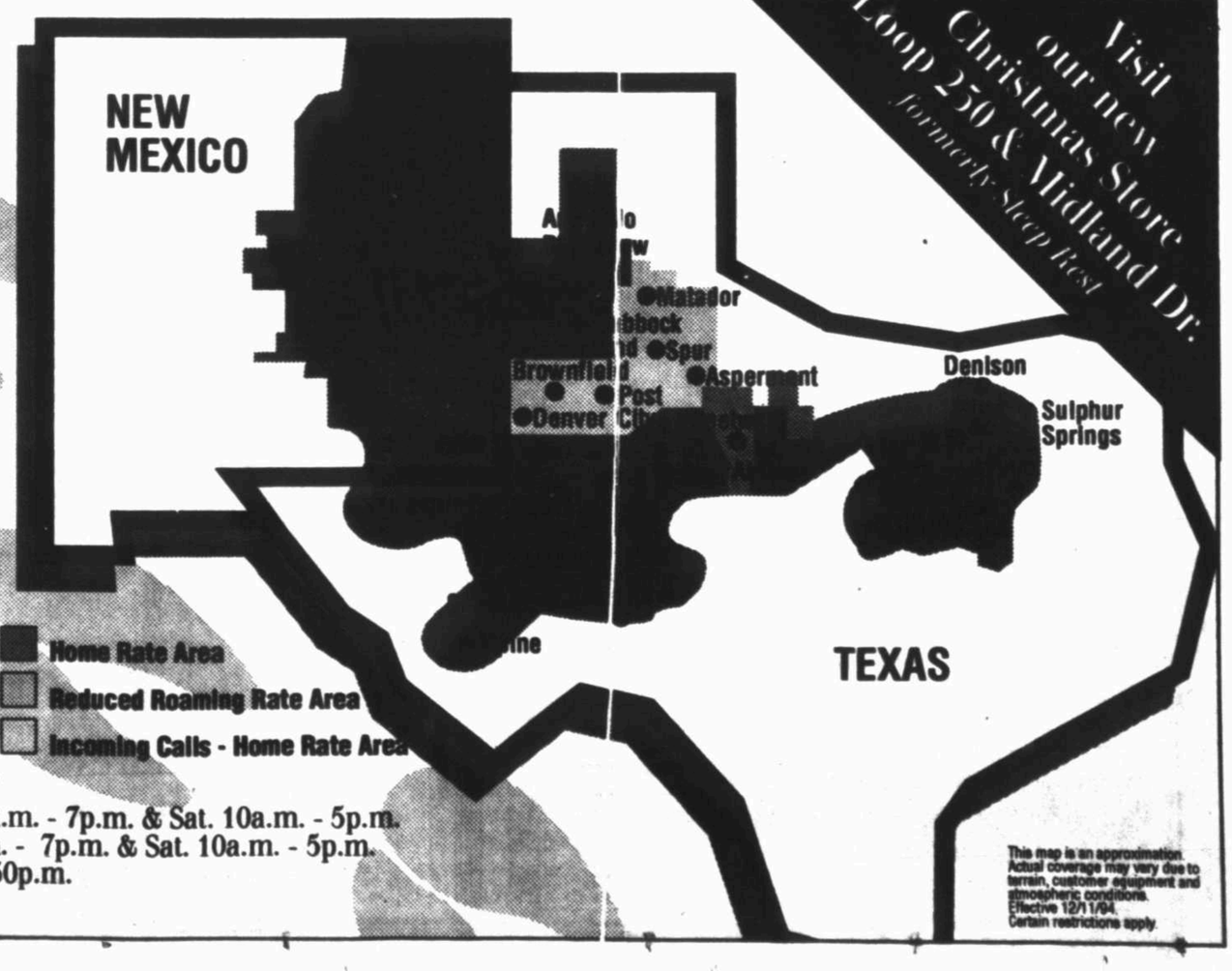
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Temporary tenant program gives entrepreneurs chance for success

DALLAS (AP) — Carol and Brad Boa weren't sure there was a market for what they call "adult gardening crossed with Sesame Street." So they asked Prestonwood Town Center in North Dallas to lease them space for Amy's Garden for just two months during the Christmas season to try it out.

Raymond Odimegwu and his partner started selling imported goods from Africa off pushcarts. When the business got too big to handle, Red Bird Mall in South Dallas offered them a 90-day lease for a 500-square-foot space to open African Imports.

These small businesspeople, experts say, are part of a growing segment of the retail market known as temporary tenants or specialty leasing.

"That allows the landlord to fill the space on a temporary basis until a long-term tenant can be found. It also allows retailers who ordinarily couldn't afford a long-term lease and may be new in retailing to get into the mall business," said Mark Schoifet, spokesman for the International Council of Shopping Centers in New York.

That was the case with Amy's Garden, Brad Boa said. The store filled a space in the mall, which improves the shopping center's appearance during the holiday season, while giving the Boas a chance to test and refine their idea for an upscale gardening shop.

African Imports already was operating two stores when the company approached Red Bird Mall in 1991 about moving from a pushcart to a regular retail space. Odimegwu says the mall management offered a three-month lease, speculating "they were worried that maybe we couldn't pay our rent."

After renewing numerous 90-day leases, Odimegwu signed on permanently in February 1993. Today, African Imports — which sells clothes, books, decorations and other items — has a five-year lease for a space more than twice its original size. Odimegwu also has a store in Fort Worth and two in Houston.

He strongly endorses the temporary tenant program. "You never want to get into a permanent lease unless you have an idea that has been tried before," he said.

The main risk is the mall can move your business each time the lease expires. And with location such a key ingredient in retail success, "that basically can kill your business," he said.

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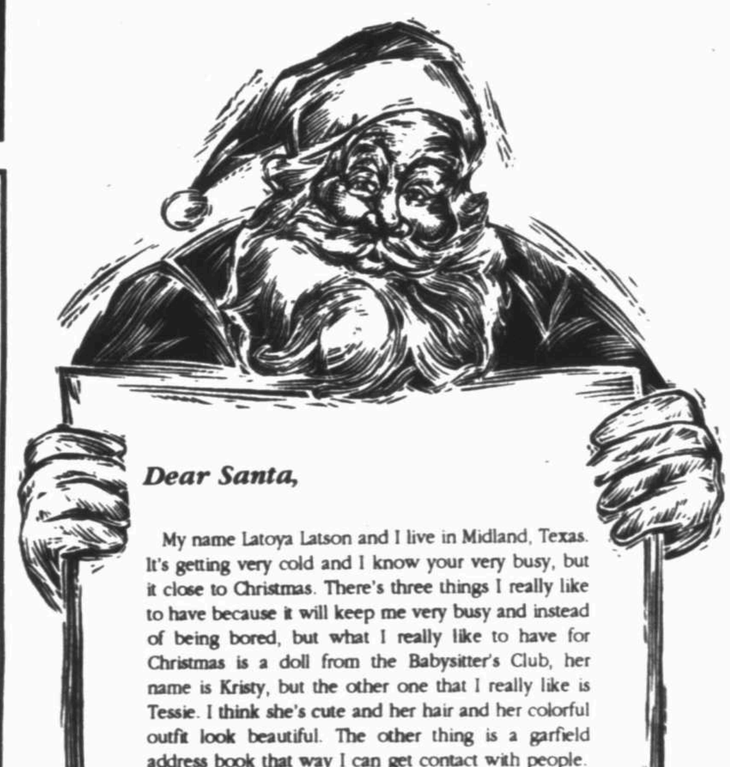
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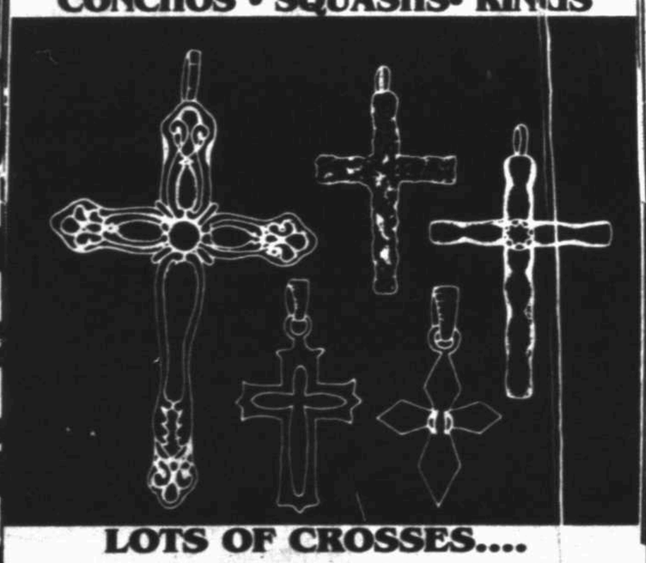
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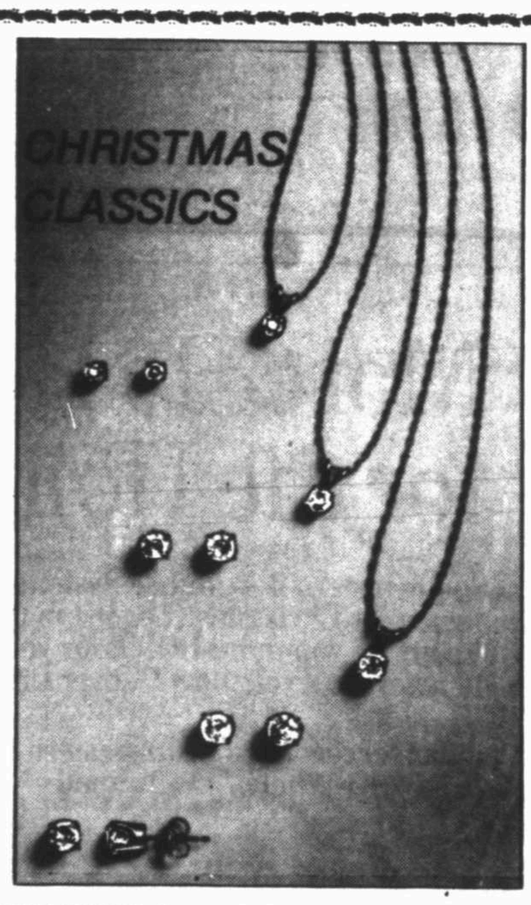
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Friends, family gather to remember bull rider

AUSTIN (AP) — The arena in which Brent Thurman lived most of his life was where thousands of relatives, friends and fans gathered Thursday to remember the bull rider.

"He was an all-around champion of life," said rodeo announcer Bob Tallman. "(He) lived an eight second-numbered life."

Thurman, 25, of Austin, died Saturday at the University Medical Center of Southern Nevada, six days after being critically injured by the bull Red Wolf during the final performance of the National Finals Rodeo. Red Wolf stepped on Thurman's head and neck after he was bucked off the bull.

Haystacks layered with wreaths of red and white carnations framed Thurman's coffin on the floor of the rodeo arena at the Travis County Exposition Center, site of the County Sheriff's Posse Rodeo.

His red and black jacket labeled "bull rider" hung over the arena floor, which was lined with enlarged photos of Thurman astride a bull.

Mourners dressed in suits and loafers were scattered among those in blue jeans, cowboy boots and Stetsons. Many wore a photo of Thurman pinned to their shirts.

Friends and fellow riders eulogized Thurman as a "ray of sunshine" whose grin — often toothless without his dentures — could brighten the sometimes isolated life of a rodeo rider.

"Brent was the strongest individual I've ever known, on both a personal and professional level," said rider Scott Mendes.

"He taught me to never quit, always think of others," said another friend, Shannon Devaney. "He taught me about giving. He taught me about loving his fellow man, and he taught me about faith."

World champion bull rider Charles Sampson remembered Thurman as he first met him — an aggressive 18-year-old who offered him a ride to the National Finals Rodeo. He was awestruck by the champion rider but had the determination to himself be one.

Tamales become Christmas tradition in South Texas

HARLINGEN (AP) — Take away the tamales, and you might as well take away Christmas for the Ybarra family.

"I think everybody should eat tamales at Christmas. If you don't buy them from me. That's fine. But eat tamales," said Jesus Ybarra, whose family has cashed in on the Mexican-American tradition with a tiny, storefront tamale factory in Brownsville that has drawn national attention.

Indeed, it's more than a tradition in South Texas. It's a passion.

Families get together for a "tamalada" — a tamale feast, often with many family members helping prepare the food — and drink nonalcoholic "champurrado" — made from the same ground corn used in tamales.

"You have a tamalada and you drink the champurrado," said Ybarra. "Wow! It's the grandest thing alive."

Rod Santana, host of "The Mexican Kitchen," a cooking program transmitted from Harlingen to 200 PBS stations nationwide, said tamales are a deeply rooted family activity.

"The making of tamales is probably as much a family gathering as the holidays themselves. We have a little assembly line," Santana said. "We're really careful not to put the hungry people at the end of the line because they will eat all our product."

His family assembly line churns out 100 dozen tamales for Christmas.

Ybarra and his wife, Yolanda, have been getting calls from all over the United States this week after they were featured in a National Public Radio story.

But they and other tamale entrepreneurs have had loyal customers in Texas' Rio Grande Valley for decades. Christmas Eve is the biggest day of the year for sales.

"It's like that in the Mexican culture. We think that if you don't like tamales at Christmas — forget it!" Ybarra said.



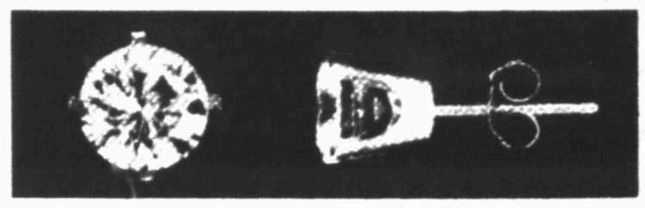
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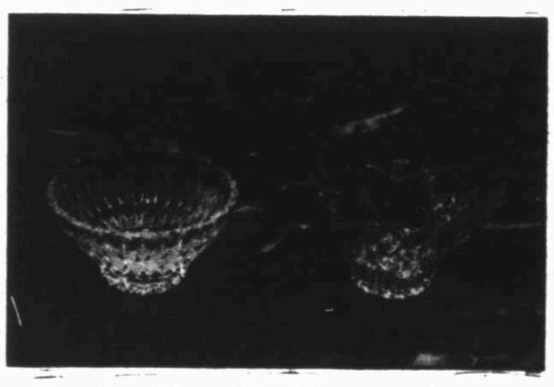
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By Lisa Holewa
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GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Jack Buchanan has driven past the billboards: Call 1-800-SUETHEM. He's seen TV ads with elderly ladies slipping on storefront sidewalks and unsuspecting men tumbling down rickety ladders.

He knows all about the money-grabbing, ambulance-chasing, snake-oil image of his profession. And he says lawyers have no one to blame but themselves.

"A lot of my colleagues ask: 'What are we going to do about all these terrible advertisements and the way they make us look?' " Buchanan said in a recent interview at his office overlooking downtown Grand Rapids.

"And I say, I don't know what you're going to do, but I know what I'm going to do. I'm going to advertise."

So he does. And he takes it a few steps further.

Buchanan is president of an organization that grants a sort of "seal of approval" to other small law firms across the country in an attempt to help the public distinguish the good from the bad and the ugly.

The International Society of Primerus Law Firms, launched in 1992 by Buchanan's firm, Buchanan & Bos, now includes firms in 23 cities in Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and California.

The catalyst for the organization was a series of clever educational advertisements Buchanan's firm developed in 1990. One pictured Adolf Hitler, Josef Stalin and Ayatollah Khoemini as "three leaders who really knew how to streamline a legal system."

Another pictured the Bill of Rights and was headlined "The Top 10 Reasons Our Country Has 'Too Many' Lawyers."

All of the ads highlighted the role lawyers play in the American justice system. Each invited readers to write for a free pamphlet explaining how to find competent attorneys.

The ads were designed to counter the bad image fostered by other attorney advertising. But they had an unexpected side effect. Buchanan's firm, which specializes in civil litigation, was deluged with callers looking for legal help.

At first, Buchanan referred most calls to state bar associations.

"But then I felt I had to find homes for these clients," Buchanan said. "I said, 'I'm going to help these people find good lawyers.' "

So Buchanan set about assembling the referral system that became known as Primerus. It's slogan is: Good people who happen to be good lawyers.

Primerus operates on two levels. Each city with a chapter has a hub firm, which organizes a network of other small firms. The firms within a network can all refer work to other firms; the hub firm organizes the referrals for Primerus firms in other cities.

Essentially, that means that if Buchanan has a client who needs help with a real estate transaction he can refer the client to a firm that specializes in that work. If the client's real estate transaction is in San Diego, he can call the hub firm there for a referral.

"There's one thing Primerus lawyers share and it's the only thing we share. You can have any political views — we don't have any political agenda. The only thing that matters is: Are you a lawyer of integrity?" Buchanan said.

To that end, Primerus carefully screens law firms before admitting them. All hub firms must have the highest ratings in the Martindale Hubbell Directory of Lawyers and Law firms, a directory that rates lawyers based on the opinions of their peers.

Primerus also checks references from local judges, lawyers and the firm's clients. And all lawyers admitted to Primerus must follow a code of conduct that requires they have reasonable fees, take continuing education courses and pledge to do a certain amount of community service work each year.

The organization currently has 23 hub firms and about 20 satellite firms, Buchanan said. They hope to eventually have hub firms in every major city in the country.

The member firms not only get the referral system, but can use the organization's logo on stationery and use the Primerus advertising. Hub firms pay a $500 annual membership fee plus $100 per individual member to join. Satellite firms pay $300 a year plus $100 per attorney.

"I think the legal community felt kind of lost when it came to marketing — we all felt like Lonesome Joe in the wilderness," said Robert Slattery, whose firm, Slattery, Hausman, and Hoefle is the hub firm in Milwaukee.

"Nobody knew what to do," he said. Many of the existing ads seemed "kind of low-class."

"It put lawyers on par with people peddling things. And that's not why I'm involved with the law," he said.

Primerus, Slattery said, is more in line with his ideals about the legal system.

"I think we should be trying to help people, we should have a real commitment to what's right and true and just. . . . What Jack's concept has done is permit us to develop a Primerus affiliation with a great number of law firms who are committed to same principles that we are."

Buchanan hopes the Primerus logo will be recognized by the public as a stamp of approval within about five years. But more important, he said, is making an individual commitment to being a good lawyer.

"I think there's been nothing more damaging than lawyers themselves," Buchanan said. "If we as lawyers get the message here, it's going to turn the image of the profession around."

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Chinas take different paths when people seek change

EDITOR'S NOTE — Five years ago, as a student in Beijing, John Leicester watched a democracy movement blossom and die at Tiananmen Square. Last month, as an Associated Press correspondent, he was in Taipei covering Taiwan's elections. His observations highlight the contrasting paths taken by the two Chinas in the past seven years.

By John Leicester
Associated Press Writer

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The outdoor theater was packed. Couples hugged, old men waved flags, a child stuck a campaign sticker on his nose. One by one, to cheers from the crowd, people took the microphone and spoke their minds.

The occasion was an election rally in Taipei, but the scene took me back to Beijing in 1989, when similar scenes were acted out day after day in a clamor for the democracy long denied to the Chinese people.

In the 1980s the governments of the two rival Chinas were confronted with restless populaces and hard choices. China's Communists chose repression, and the democracy movement crashed in flames at Tiananmen Square. Taiwan opted for democracy, and the recent elections brought it close to full bloom.

For a visitor who was in Beijing in 1989 and in Taipei last month, the sense of deja vu was strong: the crowd's cries of "Jia You" — Go For It; the enthusiastic faces and eagerness to regale a foreigner with political opinions; the banners swirling from bamboo poles.

There were the swarms of young Taiwanese on flag-festooned motorbikes, waving and cheering to passers-by, so like their kinspeople in Beijing who cycled daily to Tiananmen Square chanting "We want change!"

Most of all, it was the atmosphere during the brief two months of the Tiananmen Square movement. A people silenced for centuries by tyrants suddenly felt free.

Yet, for all their insistence that there is only one China, the two sides have taken sharply divergent paths.

Taiwan's ruling Nationalists fled to this island in 1949 after China's Communists beat them in a civil war. Despite their different ideologies, their styles were not much different; both suppressed free speech, jailed dissidents and banned democracy.

But when public pressure for change reached the bursting point in the 1980s, their reactions could hardly have been more different.

Taiwan's Nationalists lifted martial law in 1987, and legalized the opposition. Two years later China's Communists sent troops and tanks into Tiananmen Square.

The gunshots in Beijing killed the democracy movement. Last month, the nearest sound to gunfire in Taipei was celebratory firecrackers.

In China, the political outlook after 90-year-old paramount leader Deng Xiaoping dies is hazy. In Taiwan the road ahead looks open and secure.

The election for governor and mayors passed peacefully. The opposition Democratic Progressive Party captured Taipei City Hall. In 1996, Taiwan will elect its president for the first time.

China's choice of force in 1989 was surprising, because it seemed at odds with economic reforms the regime was carrying out with the aim of catching up with Asian economic powerhouses like Taiwan.

Those reforms are creating a middle class not dissimilar to Taiwan's, with their cars, phones and rock 'n' roll. Huge private Taiwanese investment in China is fueling an economic coming-together, but politically the two Chinas have drifted far apart.

Both governments cling to the ideology of reunification, but the longer China resists democracy, the less ordinary Taiwanese believe in it.

"Our living standards and points of view are so different from the mainland that it is impossible to immediately reunify," says Hsu Shui-teh, the Nationalist Party chief.

President Lee Teng-hui boasts that Taiwan is the world's first all-Chinese democracy. Hsu hopes events like the election will embolden China's leaders to follow the same path.

Taiwan provides a powerful retort to China's argument that democracy is an alien Western concept unsuited to Chinese.

On a recent Sunday, Taiwan's China Post hoped the lesson was getting through: "The peaceful democratization of Taiwan should send a message to the Chinese mainland that democracy works for the Chinese."

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Snails are key to increasing water access

By Christopher Anderson
Hearst News Service

NEW BRAUNFELS — Destroying an invading horde of giant, nocturnal snails may sound like the plot of a bad science-fiction movie, but it could be San Antonio's best hope to increase its access to water from the Edwards aquifer.

The giant ramshorn snails are eating machines native to Central and South America. They devour the eggs and habitat of the fountain darter, a tiny endangered fish at the center of a Sierra Club lawsuit to limit unrestricted pumping from the aquifer.

The relationship of the springflow, the snail, the fish and San Antonio's water supply is a confusing fusion of nature, man and mathematics.

To maintain a safe environment for the fountain darter, federal officials say water must flow out of the springs at a minimum rate of 200 cubic feet per second. That figure indirectly dictates how much water the city and other aquifer users can pump, especially in times of drought.

Snails throw a wrench into the works.

More snails mean fewer fountains darters. Fewer fountain darters mean the court could require pumping cutbacks in hope of increasing springflow to avoid fountain darter loss.

But a report by federal scientists says that if the snails are controlled and their effect on the fountain darter neutralized, the minimum flow rate could be cut 25 percent to 150 cfs.

A later report suggests that for short periods, the minimum allowable flow rate could be lowered to 60 cfs if both the snail and springflow could be controlled.

That means more water for San Antonio in times of low rainfall and high consumption. The Edwards aquifer is San Antonio's sole source of water.

"It could be San Antonio's cheapest water," said Rick Illgner, general manager of the Edwards Underground Water District, which has spent $25,000 to study the snails and budgeted another $15,000 to determine how to get rid of them.

Illgner estimated that successful management of the snails would yield an extra 3,000 acre-feet of water every month if a springflow of 150 cfs is allowed, and as much as 8,400 acre feet a month if the level were allowed to drop to 60 cfs.

The snails probably were dumped into the Comal and San Marcos rivers more than a decade ago by soft-hearted aquarium hobbyists who grew tired of the gastropods.

The snails, striped with alternating bands of yellow or beige and dark brown, can grow larger than a silver dollar and weigh more than half an ounce.

The snails' habits have made them outlaws in Texas. Possessing the ramshorn is a class B misdemeanor, punishable by 180 days in jail and a $2,000 fine, said Bob Howells, a Texas Parks and Wildlife biologist.

The ramshorn snails first showed up in the Comal Springs in 1984, when four shells were discovered on the banks of state-owned Landa Lake, which is where Comal Springs are located in New Braunfels.

But it wasn't until 1989, when the Comal Springs flow averaged below 200 cfs, that the ramshorn attracted much attention.

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By Jeane Dixon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1994

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: author Robert Bly, dancer Jose Greco, soap opera queen Susan Lucci, actress Elizabeth Hartman.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel could add excitement to your day. Do not ignore the hunches of a trusted friend and colleague. Everything is beginning to look rosy where romance is concerned. Avoid rocking the boat tonight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The investment picture brightens. Do not be too quick to sell. A solution to a family problem could arise out of a dinner table discussion. Use a low-key approach when correcting children who misbehave.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Home life continues to improve. Your entertainment style may give you new prestige. Have a candid chat with a troubled neighbor or child. Offering a sympathetic ear is the best service you can perform.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Decorating a home or wrapping presents could take longer than expected. Work in tandem with a loved one. Sharing the cooking chores can be great fun! Shop in the neighborhood for last-minute gifts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A good day for loving couples to talk about the future. A token of affection receives an enthusiastic welcome. Give a wide berth to troublemakers. Be the soul of discretion at office parties.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Buckle down to work this morning so that you can leave early. A late lunch with a close associate will put you in the holiday mood. Banish any feelings of jealousy or suspicion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Open new channels of communication with your relatives. It is high time you buried the hatchet. Choose a designated driver if going to a party. The life you save may be your own!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): By making plane in concert with your loved ones, everyone is assured a much more pleasant holiday. Diplomacy will help ease any tension between you and your romantic partner. Limit spending.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Any glamorous or festive touches you add to a social setting will be greatly appreciated. Dress to impress when meeting people you hope to know better. An original approach wins widespread admiration.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A wonderful day to purchase a few goodies for yourself and your dependents. An unusual hobby or weekend pastime may be part of the program. Complete time-consuming holiday preparation, then relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A crowded day lies ahead. Be sure to take a short break if you can. A hard-working colleague will respond, should you have to call for assistance. Nestle in at home this evening.

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3NT	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

A happy holiday season to all our readers!

As declarer, bear in mind that the players to your right and left are sometimes imbued with the spirit of giving, as long as you present them with the opportunity to come to your aid.

This deal is from a team match. In one room South declared four spades and, despite the friendly lead of the jack of hearts and a combined 26 points, could muster no more than nine tricks. In the other room the auction went as shown.

A low diamond lead would have settled the matter there and then in favor of the defense, but here, too, the jack of hearts was the choice. Had declarer called for the queen, East would have covered with the king and declarer could win with the ace. A low heart then would have established a ninth trick for declarer. However, South was sure that the defenders would then find the diamond shift which would have defeated the contract.

Instead, declarer elected to rely on the assistance of the defenders with an innocent deceptive maneuver. South played low from dummy, allowing the jack to win as East signaled with the seven. Convinced that a rich vein had been struck, West continued with a low heart. Dummy's eight fetched the king from East, and declarer now had two heart tricks and nine in all.

Yes, we can think of all sorts of reasons why West should shift at trick two. However, we are not sure we would have at the table!

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(3) KMID	2	3	News 236	Wheel of Fortune	Family Matters	Wish/ Christmas	Step by Step 8656	Hangin'/Mr. Cooper	20/20 7014		News 55694	Cheers 31014	Roseanne 8014	Nightline 65120
(5) KPEJ	24	5	Full House 68101	The Simpsons	M.A.N.T.I.S.: Cease Fire 99120		The X-Files: Little Green Men 15168		Star Trek: The Next Generation 95304		Fresh Prince	In the Heat of the Night 237878		Northern Exposure
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 5694	M*A*S*H 6946	Disney's Christmas Fantasy on Ice 57586		Ringling Bros. & Barnum & Bailey Circus		Television Christmas Classics 46472		News 3337120	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 1656	Coach 5236	Unsolved Mysteries 99588		All I Want for Christmas (G, '91) * (Ethan Randall, Thora Birch) 95192				News 8132255	The Tonight Show (10:35) 3519217		Late Night/ O'Brien
(12) KMLM	42	12	Prime Time Praise 520830			The Tripps	Frederick K. Price		Praise the Lord 74859				Power	Spiritual
(13) KOCV	36	13	MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour 750548		Washington Week	Wall Street Week	McLaughlin Group	TechnoPolitics	Firing Line Debate 442149				Off the Air	
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(1) CNBC		8	Mutual Fund	Money Tonight	Dick Cavett	Equal Time	Rivera Live 7475679		Tom Snyder 1875435		Real Personal	Equal Time	Rivera Live 1174120	
(10) WGN		10	Love Connection	The Jeffersons	The Trip to Bountiful (PG, '85) *** (Geraldine Page, John Heard) 744830				News: Sanders, Payne 780507		Night Court	Simon & Simon 253323	Movie	
(11) WTBS		11	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Children of a Lesser God (R, '86) *** (William Hurt, Marlee Matlin) 800304				The Other Side of the Mountain (PG, '75) ** (Marilyn Hassett, Beau Bridges) 606365				CHiPs: Christmas Watch 856568	
(18) BRAV		18	Die Slow Incident (6:30)		Romeos & Juliets		Hear My Song (R, '91) *** (Ned Beatty) 777093				Major Barbara ('41) **** (Wendy Hiller) 402743			
(25) BET		20	Happen.	Happening	Roc	Comicview	Video Soul Top 20				Roc	News	Jazz Central	
(23) FAM		23	The Nativity	Bullkin Trail 801878	A Branson Country Christmas 403385		Kenny and Dolly: A Christmas to Remember		The 700 Club 432897		Father Dowling Mysteries 402656		Black Stallion	Big Brother Jake
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews		Larry King Live		Year in Review		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (5:30)	Up Close 803101	One Fleeting Moment 438946		Boxing 447694		Pound for Pound 427830		SportsCenter 437217		Up Close 721168	NFL Matchup
(37) USA		37	Wings 243830	Wings 267410	Murder, She Wrote 618120		Rubdown ('93) ** (Jack Coleman, Michelle Phillips) 806858				Duckman 594101	Mr. Mom (PG, '83) ** (Michael Keaton, Teri Garr) 176120		
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Judge orders Anna Nicole Smith's ex-bodyguard to keep his distance

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — **Anna Nicole Smith's** former bodyguard was ordered to stay away from the model and her family after being accused of making threats and demands for money.



Model's former bodyguard was ordered to stay away.

A judge Wednesday issued an order requiring **Pierre DeJean** to stay at least 500 yards from Smith, her son, her husband and their homes.

Smith's lawyer, **T. Patrick Freydl,** said DeJean made "escalating physical threats and extortion demands for money" from the former Playboy playmate and Guess! jeans model.

"It was absolutely mandatory that we seek this restraining order to ensure Ms. Smith's physical safety and that of her family and household," Freydl said in a statement.

DeJean was fired in September.

Smith wed 89-year-old oil tycoon **J. Howard Marshall II** in June.

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PARIS — Monaco's **Prince Rainier** denied a French magazine report that he plans to abdicate.



Monaco's Prince Rainier denies abdication report.

The weekly Paris-Match said this week that the 71-year-old Rainier was planning to step down after 45 years as sovereign of the tiny Mediterranean principality.

In a statement Thursday, the palace said: "The sovereign prince expresses the most formal denial of this fantasy that lacks all foundation, which was obviously inspired by the weekly magazine more out of concern for increasing its circulation than out of concern for the truth."

Paris-Match said Monaco's police force has been issued "a superior and secret order" to cancel all leaves in February and March. The palace also has ordered new buttons for all official uniforms, which have carried Rainier's initials throughout his reign, the magazine said.

Rainier had double-bypass heart surgery last month. Rumors circulated then that he would abdicate in favor of his son, **Prince Albert.**

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FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Singer **BeBe Winans** plans a howling good holiday with his two Great Danes.

Animal control officers picked up the dogs, Lady and Gentleman, in October after some of Winans' neighbors complained they were running wild.

A judge Wednesday ordered the dogs released now that Winans has fences and electric wire to contain his pets.

Winans, who sings gospel and rhythm and blues, said he was disappointed that neighbors called animal control officials before talking to him.

"That's the frustrating part. My dogs were taken," he said.

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MALIBU, Calif. — **Motley Crue** drummer **Tommy Lee** was arrested at his house after his girlfriend flagged down a sheriff's deputy and said he beat her.



Motley Crue drummer's girlfriend says he beat her.

Lee was arrested Wednesday for investigation of spousal abuse and released on $50,000 bail.

Lee's live-in girlfriend, **Bobbie Brown,** had visible injuries when she stopped a patrolling sheriff's cruiser, Deputy **Britta Tubbs** said Thursday.

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NEW YORK — You know the deep, booming voice of **James Earl Jones.** As Darth Vader. As Mustafa. As Othello.

What you may not know is that the actor is a stutterer.

Jones, 63, said he was so shy and the stutter was so bad when he was a teen-ager that he was virtually mute until he wrote a poem that impressed his teacher at a one-room school in tiny Dublin, Mich.

The teacher suspected Jones plagiarized the poem and challenged him to read it from memory in front of the class. Jones said he thought it better to be laughed at for stuttering than to be disgraced. He was scared, but the words flowed smoothly.

Jones, whose voice is unmistakable in the "Star Wars" movies and as the father lion in "The Lion King," is still bothered by stuttering, though the scripted word doesn't give him trouble.

"In real life, I just try to get through the day," he said in Sunday's Parade magazine.

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Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

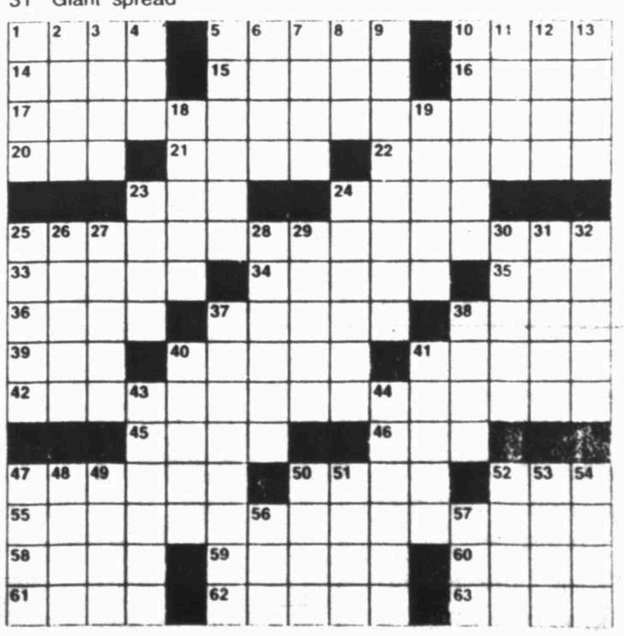
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Couple flees 'disarray,' moves to New Zealand

By Joan Smith
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — "AMERICA — Love it or leave it," the bumper stickers used to say, a barb aimed mostly at long-haired student dissidents and at anyone else who dared disagree with U.S. policy, especially on incendiary issues like the Vietnam war.

But Susan Rogers and her husband, John Roosen — who have decided that, while they continue to love it, they have no choice but to leave it — are an unexpected pair of expatriates.

Both were career officers in the U.S. Coast Guard. After leaving the service, they built civilian careers — he as an environmental scientist, she most recently as general services director for Solano County — that put them in the country's top 5 percent income bracket.

But Ms. Rogers and Roosen are selling their dream house on 2 acres in rural Novato, where they lived with their three sons, discarding their cars, their central heating and their four beepers, to move to the village of Nelson, New Zealand.

"This country is in complete disarray," Rogers said. "And it was our kids who were losing out."

"IF IT were just the two of us we would probably stay and continue fighting to change things," Roosen said. "But we owe it to our kids (Christopher, 14, Nicholas, 9, and Timothy, 6) to raise them in a very different sort of environment."

Both Roosen and Ms. Rogers admit that their solution to one of parenting's thorniest problems — finding a good school — is extreme. But Ms. Rogers said their jobs uniquely positioned them to see "just how desperate the situation is."

"As general services director I managed all the internal services for the county," Ms. Rogers said. "That means all the purchases, all the communications, building and maintaining the jails and all the other county buildings. And for years I was meeting annually with general services directors from all over the state, all sitting around talking about how desperate it was, wondering where it would all end.

"What happened to Orange County didn't surprise me at all. There are a lot of counties on the brink of bankruptcy."

She describes the day that put it all in perspective in a piece she wrote for the "Nelson Evening Mail," her new hometown newspaper.

"I had been summoned to the sheriff's office to discuss the $77,000 project to ensure television channels could be easily controlled by the prisoners in every cellblock (in the new jail).

"ON THAT very same day I was with the library director explaining why general services could not do any maintenance on her heating and cooling systems for the main library. 'Susan,' she said. 'Even the homeless don't come in here anymore to sleep because it's too cold.'

"I sighed and went to meet with the educational office administrator, explaining to him why he could not get any new facilities, modifications or even emergency generation equipment when power to his building went off. 'You're on the same line as the main jail and they come first,' I remember saying.

"How could I summarize to my new friends in New Zealand the lack of integrity I felt bending over backwards for jails and courts to the detriment of schools and libraries?"

Meanwhile, Roosen was seeing the decline from a different perspective.

"I work for a company that contracts with the (federal) Environmental Protection Agency to clean up toxic waste sites," he said.

"We used to talk about hundreds of thousands of dollars and decades in terms of cleaning them up. Now we're talking billions, and in one case, trillions, of dollars, and we're talking 50 to 100 years. And there are so many sites they don't even add them to the list anymore. Who is going to pay for it? It's absolutely overwhelming."

Both are native Californians and they said it wasn't easy to decide to leave.

"Imagine abandoning your country," Ms. Rogers said. "But the way the children have blossomed since we moved them to Nelson last year tells us we're doing the right thing."

"THE SCHOOLS are so warm, so human," she said. "There are no chain-link fences, windowless walls."

She produces a brochure for the Nelson public high school that looks like an advertisement for an expensive prep school.

"They offer French, German, Japanese and Maori studies. They offer economics, choir and band practice. We'd have to pay a fortune for a similar education here. And if you send your children to a private school, not only are you paying for their education twice, but you are losing something. They aren't part of the community."

Ms. Rogers lists the "pristine environment" and things like swimming pools at every primary school among New Zealand's delights. The government had a budget surplus last year, she said, and voted to spend it on health and education.

"But the most important things are the intangibles," she said. "It's a sense of community, that every person is important, of optimism. There is so much negativism here. In Nelson, no one has central heating, but everyone has a garden — and eats out of it — and when I was getting ready to come back here for the holidays 20 different people called and asked if they could watch the house, collect my mail, drive me to the airport."

Both Roosen and Ms. Rogers acknowledge that some of the problems they are fleeing, especially the environmental issues, are global concerns. But they said they hope they can help raise consciousness in their new home, "to help them avoid making some of the mistakes we've made," as Ms. Rogers puts it.

"They are very conscious there of what they have. And we want to be part of helping to preserve it."

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Jury awards discrimination damages in suit

N.Y. Times News Service

SAN ANTONIO — In what one jurist said Thursday was a rarity, a tearful man who acted as his own attorney has been awarded $100,000 in damages after convincing a jury that Kelly Air Force Base discriminated against him because of his race.

Milton B. Russell, 44, who is black, represented himself during a 2-1/2-day trial. U.S. Magistrate Judge (CQ) John W. Primomo praised Russell's legal skills and granted an instructed verdict finding that Russell also had been discriminated against because of his age.

Primomo said pro se cases, in which individuals act as their own attorneys, are very rare. "This is the only one I can think of I tried," he said.

Primomo, a judge for the past 6 years, said he believes the trial was also the first here since a 1991 federal law change that permits juries to decide racial-discrimination claims. "This was a couple of milestones," he said.

U.S. District Judge Edward C. Prado said most blatant or clear-cut discrimination cases are settled out of court before they reach trial.

Before the jury returned its verdict, Primomo said, he told Russell "he had done a very good job, whether he won or lost."

"When the jury came back, you could see him wipe away tears. He was very, very happy," Primomo said of Russell. Although he won his case Wednesday, Russell was at work Thursday at City Public Service, San Antonio's electric and gas utility. The father of two college-age students declined to be interviewed about his legal performance.

He sued the government and specifically the San Antonio Air Logistics Center at the Air Force base, contending he had been denied a job in 1992 as an environmental engineer because he was more than 40 years old and because he was an African American. After deliberating for 90 minutes, a seven-member jury agreed and awarded him $30,750 in lost wages and $69,250 for pain, suffering, physical and emotional distress.

During the trial, jurors were told there are no black environmental engineers at Kelly.

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Self-sufficiency program is 'type of welfare that works'

By Ron George
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

CORPUS CHRISTI -- When Mary Ramirez graduated from high school in 1987, she was pregnant, unmarried and on the verge of learning some hard lessons about life.

Her life became a series of odd jobs, welfare, food stamps and frustration. The father of her first child is long gone. The father of her second still sends child support, but it's not enough.

She might have become a textbook example of what welfare reformers call the dependent poor, but she refused to take that dead-end path.

Ramirez said Tuesday she has been given a second chance by a new federal program called Family Self-Sufficiency, sponsored by the Corpus Christi Housing Authority.

Ramirez is in a degree program at Del Mar College and has a part-time job, affordable child care as well as a roof over her head. Moreover, she'll soon be building equity toward owning a home.

Felix Duckworth coordinates the self-sufficiency program for the housing authority, and he said it's a type of welfare reform that works.

"Instead of (the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) putting money in new construction projects, they're investing dollars in the people," Duckworth said. "Lives are being changed," he said.

"People are buying autos today who never thought they would."

None of that would have happened without the program's partner agencies and businesses, which Duckworth said open windows of opportunity for people willing to help themselves.

Duckworth and his staff will be spreading the word tonight during a "Family Self-Sufficiency Partnership Social" at the Best Western Sandy Shores Resort hotel on Corpus Christi Beach.

"We want to market Family Self-Sufficiency in such a way to get others to get into the program," Duckworth said. "It'll be a business meeting for me. We're going to sell self-sufficiency."

Duckworth said his office acts as a clearing house for social programs designed to help families get off the dole. Family Self-Sufficiency, he said, actually has very little funding, but has access to $300,000 in federal assistance through other agencies.

But there's more. Duckworth and his staff have tapped the private sector, businesses that have provided scholarships and jobs to breadwinners enrolled in the self-sufficiency program.

"We network. We have headhunters, whose responsibility is to match heads with employers," Duckworth said. "We take each individual and we will find that employment opportunity."

Family Self-Sufficiency accepts breadwinners A most of whom are single mothers A who are willing to sign a five-year contract to do whatever it takes to become financially self-sufficient, Duckworth said.

HUD brings its own kind of leverage into each case by allowing families to continue living in subsidized housing, but with the stipulation that income that otherwise would have gone for rent be salted away in an interest-bearing account.

"If a family was paying $ 5 a month to rent a 2-bedroom apartment, and now they're paying $295, the $290 increase in rent goes into the (savings) account," Duckworth said. "Tabulated over a five-year period, they'll leave here with $10,000 to $15,000, with interest. They'll qualify for home ownership. Some have decided to use funds start their own business.

"Some families are now saving $300 a month, and have been doing so since July."

Public housing residents have hit the lure of this program like a school of bass, said Duckworth, who expected to be working with 30 families by the end of the year, but that more than three times that many have signed up.

"We had no idea the program would grow to this magnitude so soon," Duckworth said. "It's a clear indication to me that a lot families want a better life for themselves."

Family's just happy good Samaritan is alive

By Carol Lackey
Associated Press

ABILENE — Stephen Faulkner can't talk and can barely walk, but he's alive.

That alone means Christmas will be a happy one this year at the Faulkner home.

Stephen Faulkner is the good Samaritan who stopped to assist a stranded motorist June 7. When a jack slipped, he was pinned under a trailer-load of used tires for several critical minutes.

"He didn't breathe for a while," said his mother, Lynda Faulkner.

He was in a coma for about two weeks, she said.

The only physical injury Stephen had was a cracked scapula. Because he was without oxygen for a while, however, Stephen's brain hasn't healed enough to let him function normally, Lynda said.

"He is improving daily, but it's just been very slow," she said. "I don't know if he'll ever be able to do everything he once could."

Stephen was a mechanic before the accident, which caused him to be hospitalized for 130 days.

"I don't know if he really realizes a lot of what happened," his mother continued, telling about his short-term memory loss. "He remembers where he worked the day of the accident, but he still thinks he's 18 years old. He's 23."

Because of the damage to Stephen's brain, he must have round-the-clock care.

When his mother and grandmother aren't caring for him, he is at the Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation and Abilene Adult Day Care Center.

He can't swallow, but it's not because of the physical injuries. His mother explained that it's because his brain doesn't tell him to swallow. So for now he is fed through a tube.

Stephen is slowly learning to walk again, with assistance. His progress even surprised his therapist recently, she said.

One item that will make everyone's life easier at the Faulkner household is a "talking" lap computer Stephen will soon learn to operate, which will make communication much easier.

"All he'll have to do is touch it, and he can ask for a drink, or whatever he needs," Lynda said.

The computer that arrived last week "will really help out a lot," she continued. "He's very slow, but he can type in some words."

The computer is being paid for by civic organizations and money donated to a "Good Samaritan" fund at a local bank after the accident.

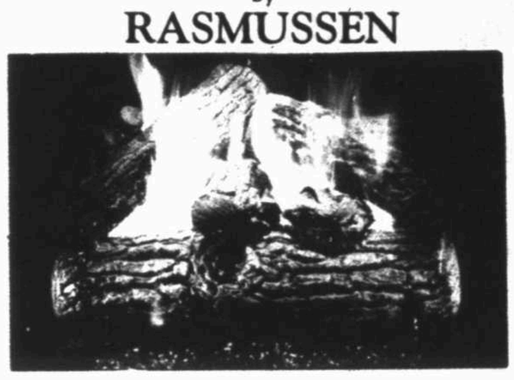
"We've made it through this because of all the prayers," Lynda said.

Stephen's accident came just three weeks after his father, Mike Faulkner, died of a blood clot in his brain.

"We're so thankful for all of the doctors, nurses and caretakers, both at the hospital and rehab," Lynda said. "Our friends have meant so much to us. And, we've had a lot of cards from people that we don't even know.

"We're just thankful to have him this Christmas," she continued.

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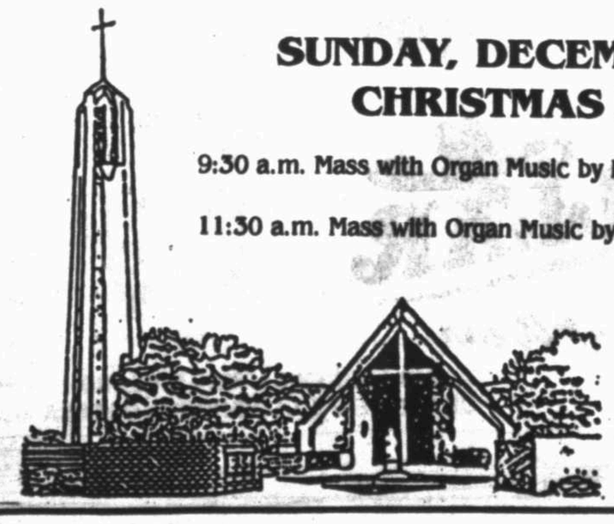
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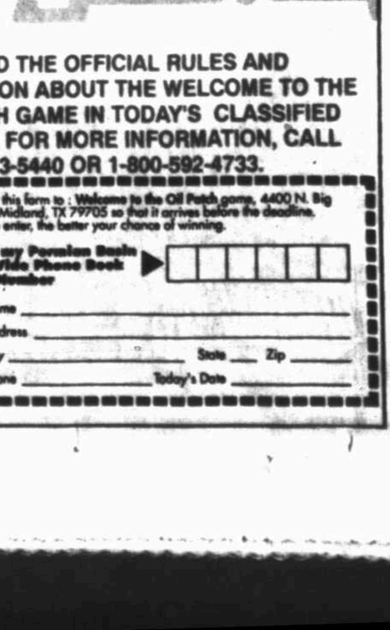
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Mom sues to halt prayer, Bible study in school

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — A 7-year-old was humiliated in class when he objected to hearing prayers in his public school, his mother said earlier this week as she filed a lawsuit to stop the religious practice.

A second-grade teacher asked Jason Herdahl to wear headphones in order to drown out the prayers, and he was made fun of and called names like "football head," Lisa Herdahl said at a news conference.

Ms. Herdahl said the lawsuit was a last resort in her yearlong effort to eliminate prayer and Bible study from classes attended by her five children, who are in kindergarten through ninth grade at North Pontotoc Attendance Center in Ecru.

She said her children were "stigmatized by school officials, and teased and harassed by other students" because they elected not to participate in Bible classes or prayer. She said they have been taunted so much that they no longer want to attend class.

The school serves about 1,300 students from kindergarten through high school and is the only public school in the area. Prayers are fed into classrooms by intercom.

'I simply do not want the school telling my children how and when to pray. Prayer is something that my children learn at home and in our church. It is ironic that in the name of religion my children are forced to face daily ridicule and cruelty.'

—r Lisa Herdahl

Public schools in Mississippi have traditionally allowed prayer over intercoms at the start of the school day, saying they do not violate the Supreme Court ban on public school prayers because students initiate them.

"We plan to vigorously defend our practices — we feel it's constitutional and doing good for the students," Pontotoc school superintendent Jerry Horton said. "We don't consider it a state-sponsored prayer or force people to do it or listen to it."

The school's practices are "not even close to the line between constitutional and unconstitutional," said Judith Schaeffer of People for the American Way. The civil rights group and the American Civil Liberties Union sued on Ms. Herdahl's behalf.

Ms. Herdahl said that, when her children entered the school in October 1993, she was told Bible teachers from various churches went to the school regularly and taught Christian principles to children in the lower grades.

Ms. Herdahl said her children were baptized as Lutherans.

"I simply do not want the school telling my children how and when to pray," Ms. Herdahl said. "Prayer is something that my children learn at home and in our church. It is ironic that in the name of religion my children are forced to face daily ridicule and cruelty."

Over the past year, Ms. Herdahl repeatedly asked the school to stop sanctioning the teaching of religion.



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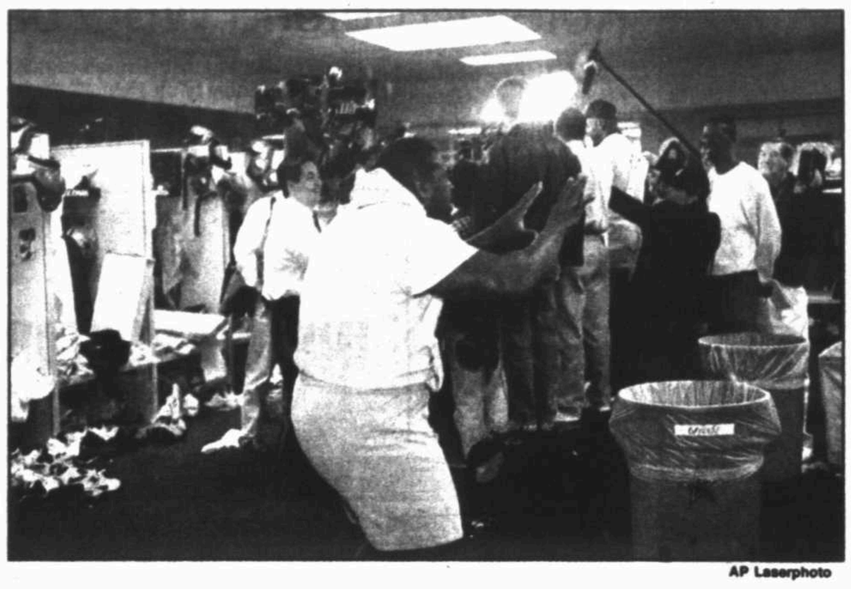
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Switzer won't rest Cowboys



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Cowboy guard Nate Newton jokes as he parodies reporters this week as they surround running back Emmitt Smith in the Cowboys' locker room.

■ Dallas coach Barry Switzer plans to play his starters against the Giants Saturday even though the game is meaningless for the Cowboys.

By Tom Canavan
AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Emmitt Smith's hamstring injury isn't going to influence the way Barry Switzer coaches the Dallas Cowboys in the regular-season finale Saturday against the New York Giants.

Switzer, whose team has clinched the NFC East title and a first-round playoff bye, plans to use his starters — but doesn't figure Smith will be ready — and play to win Saturday at Giants Stadium in a game that has greater implications for New York (8-7).

If the Giants are to make the playoffs, they must beat the Cowboys (12-3), and Tampa Bay (6-9) must defeat the Green Bay Packers (8-7).

New York, riding a five-game winning streak, has lost its last five against Dallas. The Cowboys also have won 14 straight division games.

However, Dallas has nothing to gain Saturday and there has to be some concern about injuries in the wake the injury Sunday to Smith. The running back's status for Saturday remained questionable Thursday, although Switzer has said in recent days it's unlikely Smith will play.

Switzer has been bombarded in recent days with questions about coaching in meaningless games and resting some starters. He said he never faced those problems coaching in the college ranks.

"We try to win every ballgame I've ever been in," Switzer said. "That's the object of playing the game and of preparing a team to play that way. We'll go ahead and prepare our team to go about it that way. We'll just try to take

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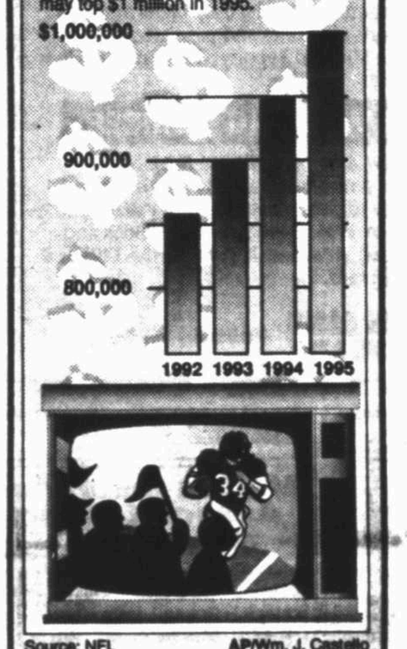
Baylor 73, Southwestern Louisiana 65.

Houston women at UNLV Tournament, late.

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Buying time

The cost of a 30-second advertisement during the Super Bowl may top $1 million in 1995.



Source: NFL — AP/Wm. J. Castello

UC shuns offer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Colorado regents decided late Thursday to reject an offer to join the Pac-10, relieving officials of the still-budding Big 12 who had expressed shock and worry that such a move was being considered.

Judith Albino, president of the Colorado system, called an emergency meeting of state regents Thursday night. A short time later, Colorado announced that, by a 6-3 vote of regents, it had decided to honor its commitment to the 11 other schools to form the Big 12.

"CU has played a leadership role in the development of the emerging Big 12 conference," Albino said. "We remain currently fully committed to our current conference relationships and remain confident the new Big 12 will represent a major force in intercollegiate athletics."

"I almost fell out of my chair when I heard about it," Kansas athletic director Bob Frederick said of reports Colorado was looking to the Pac-10. "At first, I thought it had to be a joke."

Iowa State president Martin Jischke said he was surprised and disappointed.

"We would hope they would see the wisdom and desirability of fulfilling the commitment we all made to each other in forming the new conference," he said a few hours before the decision.

Arnie gets last shot

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Arnold Palmer will be invited to make a farewell appearance at the home of golf.

The Royal and Ancient Golf Club announced Thursday a change in the rules that will allow Palmer one more appearance at the British Open, which returns to the Old Course at St. Andrews in 1995.

Instead of offering all past Open champions under 65 a place in the event, the club has altered the rule to read "65 or under."

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Questions remain with MLB strike

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Questions and answers about the baseball strike:

Q: Now that the owners have imposed the salary cap and their new business system, what's next for baseball?

A: The clubs will offer contracts under the new system to all unsigned players. The union will file unfair labor practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board, touching off long and costly hearings. If the NLRB files a complaint against owners, the agency would ask a federal court judge in New York for an injunction.

■ **Owners set cap**/1A

Q: How does the owners' salary cap work?

A: It is to be phased in over a four-year period and requires 21 of the 28 teams to reduce their payrolls. Teams over the cap — 110 percent of the average payroll — must rid themselves of 25 percent of the excess for 1995, 50 percent for 1996, 75 percent for 1997 and all of it by 1998.

Q: What is the salary cap for 1995:

A: $34,243,314 based on the owners' estimate that 1994 revenue, not including licensing, would have been $1,743,296,000.

Q: Did any of the owners oppose the salary cap?

A: None opposed the concept when the plan was presented in June, but Baltimore, the New York Mets and Toronto voted against imposing it.

Q: What are the other effects of the owners' move?

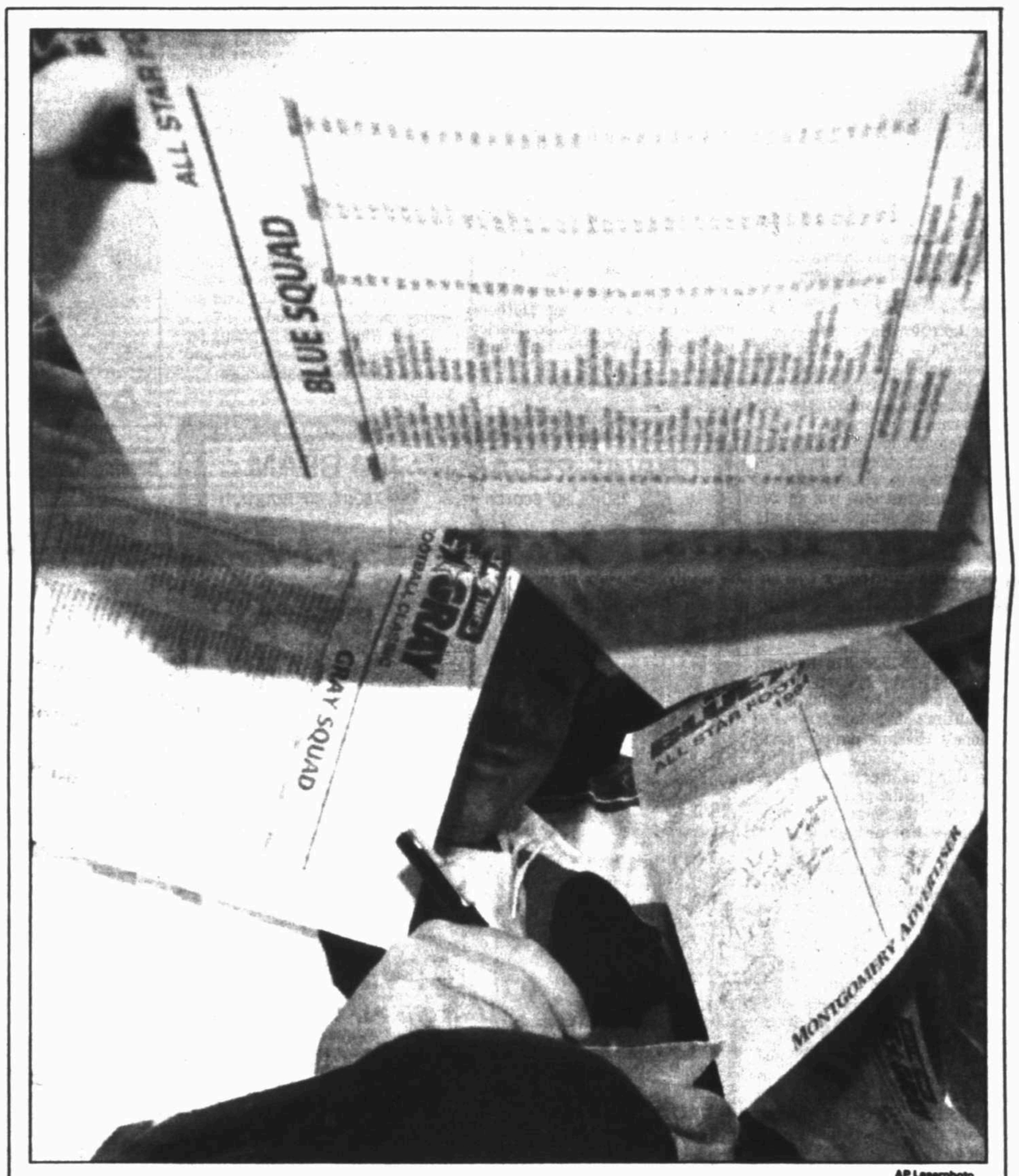
A: It eliminates salary arbitration and makes unsigned players with four or more years of major league service restricted free agents. Their teams would have 10 days to match any offer.

Q: How many more free agents will that create?

A: There would be 63 additional free agents.

Q: Will they sign with new teams?

A: Not immediately. The union informed players and agents last Friday not to finalize any deals following an imposition pending a review by union lawyers.



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Paper work

Auburn coach Terry Bowden is surrounded by autograph seekers prior to preparation for Saturday's Blue-Gray game in Montgomery, Ala. Bowden will coach the Gray offense in the Christmas Day college senior all-stars matchup.

Rockets duplicate playoff feat, end Phoenix streak

■ In their first meeting since last season's playoffs, Houston ends the Suns' seven-game win streak.

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — It wasn't the playoffs, but the results were the same.

Kenny Smith scored 25 points and Vernon Maxwell led a third-quarter burst that lifted Houston to a 114-106 victory over Phoenix on Thursday night, snapping the Suns' seven-game winning streak.

It was their first meeting since Houston beat Phoenix in the in the Western Conference semifinals last season. The Rockets hit 13 of their first 16 shots in the third quarter and took the lead for good during a 13-4 run.

"We had a chance to crack them down the stretch, but they made their shots and we missed ours," said Suns coach Paul Westphal.

Maxwell, who missed six of seven shots in the first half, was 4-for-7 in the third quarter and finished with 13 points. Hakeem Olajuwon had 24 points and 14 rebounds for the Rockets.

"Max was a big factor," Rockets coach Rudy Tomjanovich said. "His shooting gave us the lead."

"I think we hit the good shots that we're expected to hit," Smith said. "The shots we hit are the shots we wanted. Everyone feels real confident and we realize what made us successful — taking the open shots and being aggressive."

Danny Manning led the Suns with 23 points, and Dan Majerle added 18.

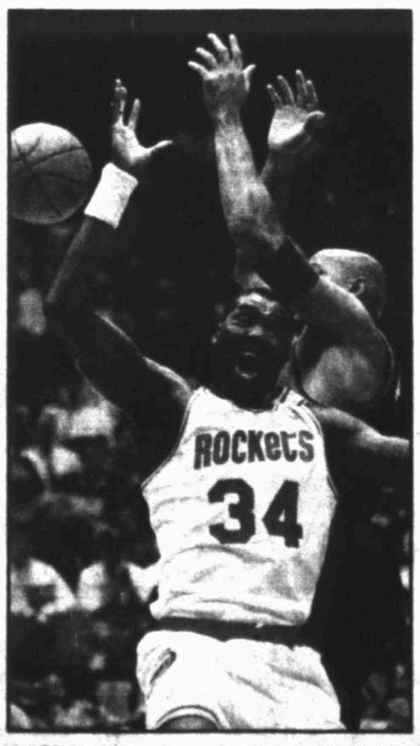
The Suns, used an 11-2 spurt late in the second quarter to take a 53-47 halftime lead.

"I always hate to lose," Manning said. "You never want to end a streak. It's frustrating because when you're in a groove and winning, you never want it to stop."

The Suns couldn't slow down the Rockets in any area.

"They beat us inside and out," Kevin

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AP Laserphoto

Charles Barkley strips the ball from Hakeem Olajuwon (34) Thursday night in Houston.

Texas picks up pitcher Burkett

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers acquired productive right-handed pitcher John Burkett from the San Francisco Giants on Thursday for two minor leaguers.

Burkett, 30, won 67 games for the Giants over the last five seasons, tying him for fourth-best in the National League over that period.

Texas dealt infielder Rich Aurilia and outfielder Desi Wilson to the Giants.

Burkett was tied for second in the National League last season with 25 starts, issuing just two walks per nine innings. In 1993, Burkett tied for the NL lead with 22 victories.

"The Rangers are very pleased to make this acquisition today," said general manager Doug Melvin. "John Burkett has been one of the winningest pitchers in baseball over the last five years, and he greatly strengthens our rotation."

Burkett, who had been with the Giants since 1983, said he didn't expect the trade.

"I was a little surprised to be going,"

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Cavs nip Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Williams hit a running bank shot in the lane with 20 seconds remaining Thursday night, helping the Cleveland Cavaliers to their seventh straight victory, a 93-90 decision over the slumping New York Knicks.

Mark Price, who missed the last three games with bruised ribs and did not start, hit five 3-pointers — four in the fourth quarter — as the Cavaliers sent the Knicks to their fourth straight loss. Price finished with 19 points.

Cleveland is the league's best 3-point shooting team but was 1-for-8 from long range in the first three quarters. Then Price got the Cavaliers going from outside.

■ NBA Roundup

They made three in a row — the last two by Price — to pull to 84-83 with 3:10 remaining. A 21-footer by Price tied the score and two free throws by Bobby Phills put Cleveland up 89-88 with 1:26 to play, the Cavaliers' first lead since the game's early minutes.

SuperSonics 103, Mavericks 101

TACOMA, Wash. — Gary Payton scored 28 points and keyed a late 13-2 run that helped Seattle beat Dallas.

Payton's steal and layup tied the game at 101 with 24 seconds left. Then Kendall Gill stole the ball from Jimmy Jackson and fed Payton for the go-ahead basket with 7.7 seconds left.

Dallas' Jamal Mashburn missed a 15-footer with four seconds remaining and a 3-pointer as time expired. Mashburn led the Mavericks with 24 points and Jackson had 21.

Detlef Schrempf had 24 points for the Sonics, while Shawn Kemp had 17 points and 10 rebounds.

with 12.

Jazz 103, Hawks 94

ATLANTA — John Stockton had a season-high 17 assists and Jeff Hornacek scored 24 points as the Utah Jazz beat Atlanta night for their seventh straight win.

Karl Malone added 20 points for Utah, which extended its franchise-record road winning streak to 10. It was the 16th win in 20 games for Utah, which improved to 10-1 against Eastern Conference teams and completed a sweep of a six-game road trip.

Hawks coach Lenny Wilkens still needs two victories to tie Red Auerbach's NBA career mark of 938.

Utah built a 29-15 lead in the first quarter and led by 16 early in the second period before settling for a 60-46 halftime advantage.

Malone's baseline jumper gave the Jazz an 81-62 lead with 3:13 left in the third quarter, Utah's biggest margin of the game.

The Hawks then made their only significant run of the night, pulling to 80-71 on consecutive 3-pointers by Mookie Blaylock and Steve Smith and a driving layup by Ken Norman, who led the Hawks with 22 points.

Hornets 103, Sixers 91

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Alonzo Mourning scored 26 points as the Charlotte Hornets continued their domination of the Philadelphia 76ers.

It was Charlotte's 13th win over Philadelphia in their last 16 meetings.

The Hornets have won five of their last six games, while Philadelphia has lost eight of nine.

Mourning helped the Hornets take control in the third quarter, scoring the last six points during a 13-2 run that put Charlotte up 76-51

Jazz players burglarized

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three Utah Jazz players returning to their Philadelphia hotel after Tuesday night's victory over the 76ers discovered valuables had been stolen.

David Benoit said $250 in cash, a $1,500 diamond earring and his wedding ring had been stolen.

Karl Malone said he lost $300 he had left on a dresser.

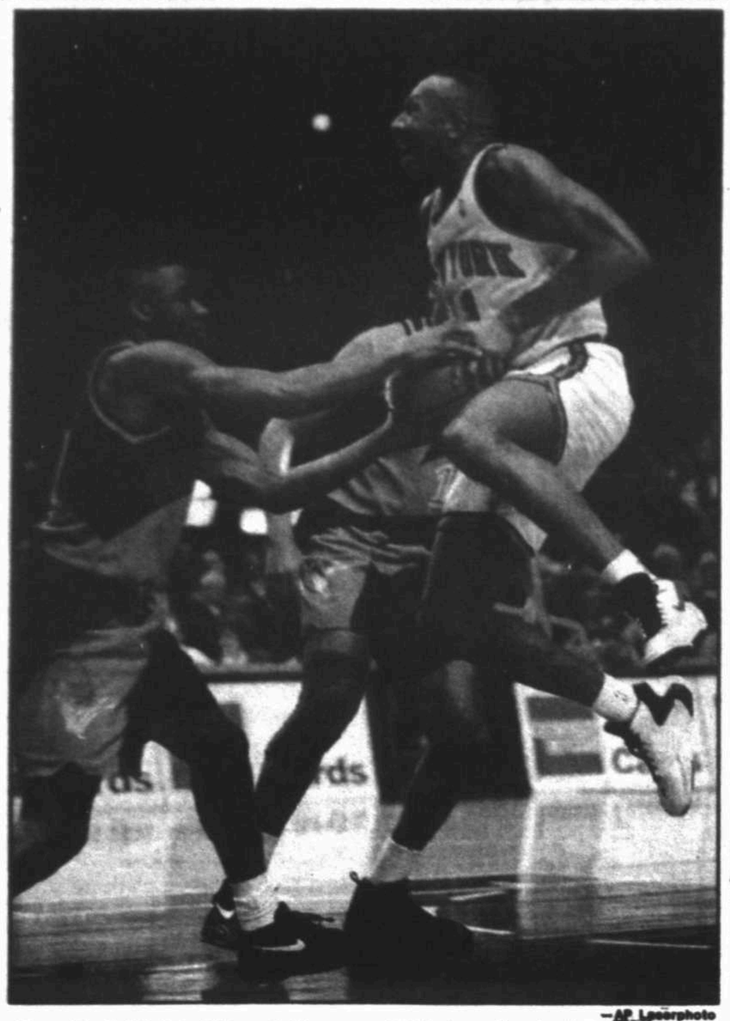
"It happened to me one other time," he said. "I told myself I'd never leave money in my room again and this is the first time I've done it since then. So I'll take a lot of responsibility."

Bryon Russell had $400 taken from his room.

NBC leading

NEW YORK (AP) — After 16 weeks of the NFL season, NBC leads Fox by a fraction of a point in the ratings race.

NBC reported Thursday a 12.5 rating for all AFC games to date compared with 12.1 for Fox, which is in its first year covering NFC games. Each rating point represents 954,000 households.



—AP Laserphoto

New York Knicks' Derek Harper, right, has the ball pulled away by Cleveland's Terrell Brandon at Madison Square Garden Thursday night.

throws.

Hawkins finished with 24 points. Muggsy Bogues added 15 points and 12 assists for the Hornets.

Weatherspoon led Philadephia with 25 points.

with 4:22 left in the period.

Philadelphia went on an 8-2 run at the start of the fourth quarter to cut Charlotte's lead to 80-69. Clarence Weatherspoon scored six straight points during the spurt.

But former Sixer Hersey Hawkins scored nine of the Hornets' next 10 points to increase Charlotte's lead to 90-73. Hawkins' burst included a jumper, a driving layup, a 3-pointer and two free

Kings 109, Timberwolves 89

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Olden Polynice and Walt Williams each scored 17 points as the Sacramento Kings routed the Minnesota Timberwolves.

It was the Kings' biggest victory margin this season, topping their season-opening 18-point win over Phoenix.

Lionel Simmons added 16 points for the Kings, who built a 28-point cushion midway through the third quarter and held an 84-61 lead entering the fourth period.

Isaiah Rider scored 27 points for Minnesota, which never led and committed a season-high 25 turnovers.

ROCKETS: Elie, Suns' Ainge feud

(From 1C)

Johnson said. "You have to be able to take at least one thing away from them to win. We didn't do that."

A simmering feud between Houston's Mario Elie and Phoenix's Danny Ainge surfaced early in the second quarter when the two players scuffled after Ainge blocked Elie's layup attempt.

Elie and Ainge each received technical fouls and Houston's Carl Herrera also drew a technical for his participation in the shouting match.

Ainge hit Elie in the face with an inbounds pass in Game 3 of their playoff series last season.

"It's just bad blood," Elie said. "There are always things like that in this league. You don't forget. The media reminds me and everyone reminds me he's coming to town."

Charles Barkley missed 12 of 16 shots and scored only 11 points.

"I can't worry about the shots," he said. "Sometimes they fall and sometimes they don't. They made all the big shots down the stretch and we didn't."

Kotey to defend WBO bantamweight title

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — London-based Ghanaian Alfred Kotey will defend his World Boxing Organization bantamweight title against British fighter Drew Docherty on Feb. 17.

The fight will be in Cumbernauld, near Docherty's hometown of Glasgow.

Kotey has lost once in 20 bouts and is a former Commonwealth flyweight champion. He won the WBO bantamweight title from Rafael Del Valle on July 30.

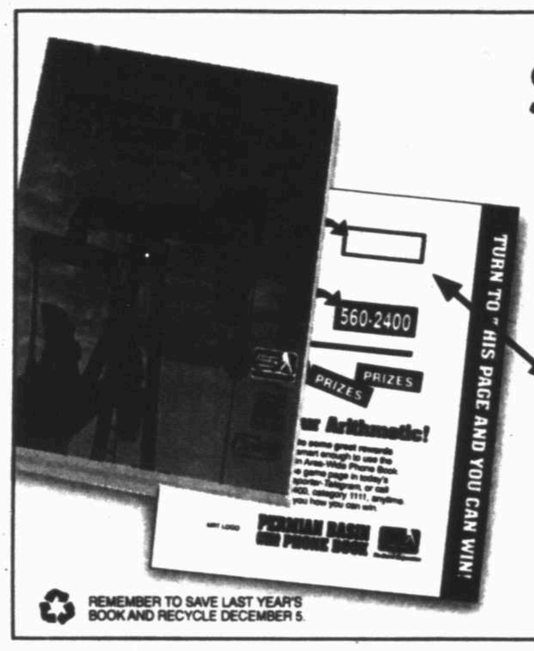
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Orlando	19	5	.792	—
New York	12	11	.522	6½
New Jersey	12	15	.444	8½
Boston	10	14	.417	9
Philadelphia	8	16	.333	11
Miami	7	15	.318	11
Washington	6	16	.273	12

Central Division

Indiana	15	7	.682	—
Cleveland	16	8	.667	—
Charlotte	14	10	.583	2
Chicago	11	12	.478	4½
Detroit	9	13	.409	6
Atlanta	10	15	.400	6½
Milwaukee	7	16	.304	8½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	18	8	.692	—
Houston	14	8	.636	2
Dallas	12	9	.571	3½
San Antonio	12	9	.571	3½
Denver	12	10	.545	4
Minnesota	5	19	.208	12

Pacific Division

Phoenix	18	6	.750	—
Seattle	16	7	.696	1½
L.A. Lakers	14	8	.636	3
Sacramento	13	10	.565	4½
Portland	11	10	.524	5½
Golden State	9	15	.375	9
L.A. Clippers	3	21	.125	15

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 93, New York 90
Charlotte 103, Philadelphia 91
Utah 103, Atlanta 94
Houston 114, Phoenix 106
Seattle 103, Dallas 101
Golden State 107, Washington 87
Sacramento 109, Minnesota 89

Friday's Games

Philadelphia at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 9 p.m.
Washington at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Rockets 114, Suns 106

PHOENIX (106)
Barkley 4-16 2-2 11, Green 3-10 1-2 9, Kleine 4-9 2-2 10, Perry 4-10 3-3 12, Person 1-3 0-0 2, Johnson 4-13 4-4 12, Majerle 7-16 0-0 18, Manning 10-17 3-4 23, Tisdale 0-3 0-0 0, Ainge 2-3 0-0 5, Ruffin 1-3 1-2 4. Totals 40-103 16-19 106.
HOUSTON (114)
Horry 4-13 2-2 12, Thorpe 10-12 0-0 20, Otajuwon 10-24 4-4 24, Maxwell 5-14 0-0 13, Smith 9-15 3-3 25, Chilcutt 0-1 0-0 0, Elie 1-4 6-8 9, Herrera 3-5 1-2 7, Cassell 1-3 2-2 4, Brooks 0-0 0-0 0.Totals 43-91 18-21 114.

Phoenix	**19**	**34**	**22**	**31—106**
Houston	**29**	**18**	**35**	**32—114**

3-Point goals—Phoenix 10-26 (Majerle 4-9, Green 2-6, Ainge 1-1, Perry 1-1, Ruffin 1-2, Barkley 1-3, Kleine 0-1, Manning 0-3), Houston 10-26 (Smith 4-6, Maxwell 3-9, Horry 2-7, Elie 1-3, Chilcutt 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 58 (Barkley 14), Houston 59 (Otajuwon 15). Assists—Phoenix 28 (Perry, Manning 6), Houston 31 (Maxwell, Smith 7). Total fouls—Phoenix 18, Houston 20. Technicals—Green, Elie, Ainge, Herrera, Houston Illegal defense 2. A—16,611.

Jazz 103, Hawks 94

UTAH (103)
Malone 9-18 1-2 20, Russell 4-8 3-6 11, Spencer 5-8 3-3 13, Hornacek 7-12 7-7 24, Stockton 5-9 2-2 14, Crotty 2-4 0-0 4, Keefe 4-5 0-0 8, Carr 2-6 0-0 4, Watson 2-5 1-2 5, Chambers 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 40-75 17-22 103.
ATLANTA (94)
Long 4-6 0-0 8, Norman 8-16 4-6 22, Koncak 2-3 0-0 5, Augmon 5-8 1-2 11, Blaylock 3-12 0-0 9, Anderson 0-1 0-0 0, Smith 7-12 0-2 17, Lang 3-6 4-5 10, Ehlo 1-5 1-2 3, Corbin 3-8 0-2 6, Edwards 0-0 1-2 1, Les 1-2 0-0 2.Totals 37-79 11-21 94.

Utah	**34**	**26**	**25**	**18—103**
Atlanta	**22**	**24**	**26**	**22— 94**

3-Point goals—Utah 6-9 (Hornacek 3-4, Stockton 2-2, Malone 1-2, Crotty 0-1), Atlanta 9-23 (Smith 3-5, Blaylock 3-10, Norman 2-4, Koncak 1-2, Ehlo 0-1, Corbin 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Utah 43 (Spencer 13), Atlanta 49 (Lang 9). Assists—Utah 27 (Stockton 17), Atlanta 23 (Blaylock 12). Total fouls—Utah 21, Atlanta 18. Technicals—Utah illegal defense, Blaylock. A—9,441.

Hornets 103, 76ers 91

PHILADELPHIA (91)
Burton 2-7 0-0 4, Weatherspoon 8-14 9-9 25, Bradley 0-2 0-0 0, Barros 4-8 1-1 9, Malone 6-12 0-0 12, Williams 1-2 2-2 4, Graham 3-6 1-2 7, Jackson 2-5 0-0 4, Wright 3-11 3-4 9, Tyler 1-5 4-4 7, Perry 0-0 0-0 0, Alston 5-8 0-1 10. Totals 35-80 20-23 91.
CHARLOTTE (103)
Johnson 4-10 2-2 10, Burrell 6-16 0-0 13, Mourning 7-12 12-16 26, Bogues 6-11 3-3 15, Hawkins 9-14 4-4 24, Parish 1-5 1-1 3, Tolbert 0-2 0-0 0, Hancock 1-4 0-0 2, Sutton 2-5 1-1 6, Wolf 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 38-81 23-27 103.

Philadelphia	**25**	**18**	**18**	**30— 91**
Charlotte	**29**	**26**	**23**	**25—103**

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 1-11 (Tyler 1-2, Graham 0-1, Jackson 0-1, Barros 0-2, Malone 0-2, Burton 0-3), Charlotte 4-14 (Hawkins 2-5, Sutton 1-1, Burrell 1-6, Johnson 0-1, Bogues 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 43 (Weatherspoon 13), Charlotte 52 (Hawkins 11). Assists—Philadelphia 19 (Tyler 7), Charlotte 28 (Bogues 12). Total fouls—Philadelphia 23, Charlotte 19. Technicals—Philadelphia Coach Lucas, Charlotte illegal defense. A—23,698.

Cavs 93, Knicks 90

CLEVELAND (93)
Hill 4-8 3-4 11, Mills 1-7 2-2 4, J.Williams 4-14 4-7 12, Brandon 5-7 1-1 11, Phills 8-14 7-8 24, Price 7-12 0-0 19, Cage 1-4 0-0 2, Campbell 1-2 2-3 4, Dreiling 1-1 0-0 2, Ferry 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 34-73 19-25 93.
NEW YORK (90)
Oakley 7-10 5-6 19, Smith 8-13 0-0 16, Ewing 7-13 1-4 15, Harper 3-6 0-0 7, Starks 5-10 4-4 17, Mason 3-5 1-2 7, Anthony 3-8 0-0 7, H.Williams 1-4 0-0 2, Davis 0-0 0-0 0.Totals 37-69 11-16 90.

Cleveland	**12**	**28**	**22**	**31—93**
New York	**25**	**25**	**17**	**23—90**

3-Point goals—Cleveland 6-14 (Price 5-7, Phills 1-1, Mills 0-1, J.Williams 0-1, Brandon 0-1, Campbell 0-1, Ferry 0-2), New York 5-14 (Starks 3-6, Harper 1-3, Anthony 1-5). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 43 (J.Williams 13), New York 39 (Oakley 13). Assists—Cleveland 20 (Price 7), New York 26 (Harper 6). Total fouls—Cleveland 17, New York 24. Technical-New York illegal defense. A—19,763.

SuperSonics 103, Mavericks 101

DALLAS (101)
Jones 6-10 3-3 15, Mashburn 10-23 3-3 24, Williams 2-5 0-0 4, Jackson 6-15 7-8 21, Kidd 4-8 2-2 10, Wiley 2-6 0-0 5, Tarpley 4-9 0-2 8, Hodge 2-4 2-2 6, Harris 3-3 0-0 8. Totals 39-83 17-20 101.
SEATTLE (103)
Kemp 7-10 3-5 17, Schrempf 8-12 8-10 24, Perkins 3-9 1-1 8, Gill 3-12 5-7 12, Payton 12-19 3-3 28, Askew 3-7 0-0 7, Marciulionis 2-6 3-4 7, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, McMillan 0-1 0-0 0.Totals 38-76 23-30 103.

Dallas	**22**	**27**	**34**	**18—101**
Seattle	**31**	**22**	**31**	**19—103**

3-Point goals—Dallas 6-18 (Harris 2-2, Jackson 2-4, Wiley 1-2, Mashburn 1-6, Hodge 0-1, Kidd 0-3), Seattle 4-13 (Askew 1-1, Gill 1-2, Payton 1-3, Perkins 1-5, Schrempf 0-1, McMillan 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 51 (Tarpley 9), Seattle 41 (Kemp 10). Assists—Dallas 25 (Kidd 9), Seattle 21 (Payton 8). Total fouls—Dallas 26, Seattle 23. Technicals—Jones, Dallas coach Motta, Dallas illegal defense, Seattle illegal defense 3. A—14,763.

Top 25 Boxes

Stanford 64, No. 22 Virginia 60

STANFORD (7-0)
Allaway 3-8 4-4 10, Poppink 3-11 2-2 8, Lammersen 0-1 0-1 0, Cross 3-7 4-5 12, Knight 7-12 5-6 20, Young 2-9 4-5 8, Harbour 0-3 6-8 6, Gravely 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-61 25-31 64.
VIRGINIA (6-3)
Burrough 5-13 3-7 13, Williford 1-4 0-0 3, Chris Alexander 3-4 0-1 6, Cory Alexander 4-14 1-2 10, Deane 4-8 4-5 15, Barnes 1-6 1-4 3, Robinson 1-5 0-0 2, Staples 3-6 0-0 8, Nolan 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 22-60 9-19 60.

Halftime—Virginia 29, Stanford 28. 3-Point goals—Stanford 3-5 (Cross 2-3, Knight 1-1, Poppink 0-1). Virginia 7-17 (Deane 3-6, Staples 2-4, Williford 1-2, Cory Alexander 1-3, Robinson 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Stanford 42 (Young 12), Virginia 33 (Burrough 9). Assists—Stanford 8 (Knight 3), Virginia 18 (Cory Alexander 4). Total fouls—Stanford 18, Virginia 24. A—8,379.

No. 25 Iowa St. 114 N. Florida 80

N. FLORIDA (7-1)
Jackson 8-19 2-3 18, Clark 3-9 0-1 7, Sneed 5-5 1-2 11, Caple 0-2 0-0 0, Patton 4-8 1-1 12, Williams 3-4 2-2 9, Gorman 0-0 0-0 0, Hudson 3-6 2-4 9, Silva 0-0 0-0 0, Patterson 0-0 0-0 0, Lee 1-1 0-0 3, Mourning 5-11 0-0 11. Totals 32-65 8-13 80.
IOWA ST. (8-1)
Holberg 8-14 8-8 27, Michalik 9-14 5-6 24, Meyer 8-12 1-1 17, Hayes 1-2 2-3 4, Holloway 0-0 0-0 0, Beechum 7-10 1-3 19, Modderman 1-4 0-0 2, Kimbrough 2-3 0-0 4, Hebert 1-2 0-0 2, Hamilton 3-6 0-0 6, Jackson 2-4 3-5 7, Hickman 1-1 0-0 2, Abdel-Khaliq 0-2 0-0 0, Harris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 43-74 20-26 114.

Halftime—Iowa St. 55, N. Florida 33. 3-Point goals—N. Florida 8-20 (Patton 3-6, Lee 1-1, Mourning 1-1, Williams 1-2, Hudson 1-2, Clark 1-5, Caple 0-1, Jackson 0-2), Iowa St. 8-17 (Beechum 4-7, Holberg 3-6, Michalik 1-2, Modderman 0-2). Fouled out—Clark, Sneed. Rebounds—N. Florida 31 (Hudson 7), Iowa St. 38 (Michalik 10). Assists—N. Florida 21 (Patton 9), Iowa St. 35 (Holloway, Hayes 7). Total fouls—N. Florida 22, Iowa St. 14. A—10,391.

No. 14 Syracuse 94, No. 6 Arizona 84

SYRACUSE 94, ARIZONA 84
ARIZONA (7-2)
Simon 1-4 3-4 5, Owes 4-12 1-1 10, Blair 5-11 1-2 11, Geary 6-10 2-4 19, Stoudamire 7-14 3-3 22, Davis 4-9 5-7 13, McLean 0-2 3-4 3, Williams 0-1 1-2 1, Dickerson 0-1 0-0 0, Kelley 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 27-65 19-27 84.
SYRACUSE (7-1)
Wallace 8-12 3-3 19, Jackson 7-13 1-3 18, Reafsnyder 1-3 2-2 4, Moten 8-15 7-9 25, Lloyd 6-13 3-6 15, Hill 1-3 0-0 2, Sims 4-4 0-0 9, Lazor 1-1 0-0 2, Nelson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-64 16-23 94.

Halftime—Syracuse 49, Arizona 36. 3-Point goals—Arizona 11-24 (Stoudamire 5-7, Geary 5-9, Owes 1-2, Williams 0-1, McLean 0-2, Simon 0-3). Syracuse 6-16 (Jackson 3-6, Moten 2-5, Sims 1-1, Wallace 0-1, Lloyd 0-3). Fouled out—Blair. Rebounds—Arizona 37 (Owes, Stoudamire 7), Syracuse 40 (Wallace 12). Assists—Arizona 18 (Stoudamire 5), Syracuse 23 (Moten 7). Total fouls—Arizona 20, Syracuse 18. A—24,446.

No. 15 Arizona St. 72 Oklahoma St. 69

OKLAHOMA ST. (9-3)
Roberts 1-1 2-4 4, Collins 4-10 2-2 11, Reeves 10-16 4-8 24, Rutherford 6-13 1-2 14, Owens 2-6 6-6 10, Skaer 2-4 0-0 4, Nelson 1-2 0-0 2, Pierce 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-52 15-22 69.
ARIZONA ST. (7-2)
Riley 3-6 4-5 12, Brewer 2-7 6-10 10, Bennett 8-22 6-8 22, Capers 3-5 3-4 9, Burton 3-7 2-2 8, Kotyszko 1-1 0-1 2, Veal 1-8 0-0 2, Bacon 0-4 4-4 4, Cuff 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 22-61 25-34 72.

Halftime—Arizona St. 36, Oklahoma St. 33. 3-Point goals—Oklahoma St. 2-11 (Collins 1-4, Rutherford 1-6, Owens 0-1), Arizona St. 3-15 (Riley 2-4, Cuff 1-1, Bennett 0-1, Burton 0-1, Capers 0-2, Veal 0-6). Fouled out—Owens. Rebounds—Oklahoma St. 33 (Reeves 13), Arizona St. (Bennett 14). Assists—Oklahoma St. 17 (Owens 7), Arizona St. 12 (Capers 3). Total fouls—Oklahoma St. 24, Arizona St. 18. A—9,016.

Missouri 76, No. 23 Illinios 58

ILLINOIS (8-2)
Hester 1-7 2-4 4, Gandy 0-0 0-0 0, Clark 4-10 7-11 15, Garris 4-14 2-2 10, Keane 5-18 0-0 12, Notree 2-5 2-2 7, Bennett 2-4 0-1 4, Gee 2-5 2-2 6, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 20-63 15-22 58.
MISSOURI (7-1)
Winfield 5-6 5-5 15, Grimm 6-6 2-2 18, Sa. Haley 2-3 0-1 4, Sutherland 2-4 0-0 4, O'Liney 5-11 6-7 19, Moore 2-5 0-0 4, Walther 0-0 2-2 2, Finner 0-3 0-0 0, Combs 0-0 2-2 2, Tate 1-2 0-0 2, Haley 3-10 0-0 6. Totals 26-50 17-19 76.

Halftime—Illinois 37, Missouri 35. 3-Point goals—Illinois 3-25 (Keane 2-12, Notree 1-3, Bennett 0-1, Hester 0-3, Garris 0-6), Missouri 7-11 (Grimm 4-4, O'Liney 3-5, Sutherland 0-1, Finner 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Illinois 36 (Clark, Bennett, Gee 7), Missouri 37 (Haley 10). Assists—Illinois 8 (Garris 4), Missouri 11 (O'Liney 6). Total fouls—Illinois 21, Missouri 20. A—21,714.

SWC Boxes

No. 7 Kansas 71 Rice 57

RICE (3-3)
Cravens 5-16 0-0 11, Peakes 5-14 1-1 14, Nanney 0-2 0-0 0, Polk 3-3 0-0 6, McGhee 5-16 6-7 18, Rabbit 0-2 0-0 0, Deutsch 0-1 2-2 2, Myers 2-4 1-2 6, Glaze 0-1 0-1 0, Mboya 0-2 0-0 0, Singletary 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-62 10-13 57.
KANSAS (7-1)
Thomas 2-7 0-0 4, LaFrentz 8-14 2-2 18, Pollard 3-9 0-1 6, Vaughn 1-3 4-4 6, Haase 0-4 5-6 5, Osterlag 4-5 1-4 9, Pearson 1-9 2-2 4, Williams 2-4 1-2 5, Gurley 4-7 2-2 13, McGrath 0-0 0-0 0, Whatley 0-1 0-0 0, Branstrom 0-0 1-2 1, Novosel 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-63 18-25 71.

Halftime—Kansas 34, Rice 29. 3-Point goals—Rice 7-19 (Peakes 3-6, McGhee 2-6, Myers 1-2, Cravens 1-3, Rabbit 0-2), Kansas 3-20 (Gurley 3-6, Vaughn 0-1, Whatley 0-1, Thomas 0-4, Haase 0-4, Pearson 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Rice 38 (Cravens, McGhee 7), Kansas 49 (LaFrantz 9). Assists—Rice 9 (Rabbit 3), Kansas 15 (Vaughn 6). Total fouls—Rice 27, Kansas 12. A—16,300.

SMU 81, North Texas 74

NORTH TEXAS (5-3)
Jones 7-11 3-5 17, Etchison 3-11 2-2 9, King 1-3 4-4 7, Smith 9-16 9-13 29, Miller 2-2 4-9 8, Lathan 0-0 0-0 0, Officer 0-0 0-0 0, Dortch 2-3 0-0 4. Totals 24-46 22-33 74.
SMU (2-6)
Matthews 5-13 3-5 18, Hearn 4-9 2-2 13, Bates 3-5 1-2 7, Bracey 6-14 4-4 18, Rich 1-7 0-0 3, Brown 0-1 0-0 0, Timme 0-4 2-2 2, Harris 6-12 3-4 16, Poerner 2-3 0-1 4, Gragenreed 0-3 0-0 0, Dimson 0-1 0-0 0, Zorad 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-72 15-20 81.

Halftime—SMU 30, North Texas 27. 3-Point goals—North Texas 4-12 (Etchison 1-6, King 1-3, Smith 2-3), SMU 12-26 (Matthews 5-9, Hearn 3-5, Bracey 2-5, Rich 1-3, Harris 1-3, Dimson 0-1). Fouled out—Timme. Rebounds—North Texas 40 (Smith 13), SMU 39 (Harris 7). Assists—North Texas 5 (King 3), SMU 10 (Matthews 5). Total fouls—North Texas 17, SMU 27. Technicals—Harris. A—2,536.

Baylor 73, SW Louisiana 65

BAYLOR (4-5)
Brandt 5-18 2-3 12, Haggerty 4-8 0-0 8, Branch 6-17 2-3 15, Lewis 1-3 0-0 3, Hamilton 8-14 0-1 17, Miller 4-7 4-5 14, Perkins 0-3 2-2 2, Arnette 1-2 0-1 2. Totals 29-72 10-15 73.
SW LOUISIANA (2-5)
Price 4-8 6-11 14, Manuel 1-5 0-0 3, Bowman 3-16 2-2 9, Lanier 3-8 1-2 7, Scruggs 0-4 0-0 0, Snowden 4-9 0-0 10, Bailey 2-4 1-2 5, Collins 1-6 0-2 2, Poole 6-12 3-4 15. Totals 24-72 13-23 65.

Halftime—SW Louisiana 38, Baylor 29. 3-Point goals—Baylor 5-22 (Miller 2-3, Lewis 1-2, Hamilton 1-4, Branch 1-7, Perkins 0-1, Brandt 0-2, Haggerty 0-3), SW Louisiana 4-23 (Snowden 2-6, Manuel 1-3, Bowman 1-10, Collins 0-1, Poole 0-1, Lanier 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Baylor 48 (Brandt, Hamilton 9), SW Louisiana 52 (Collins 13). Assists—Baylor 20 (Haggerty 14), SW Louisiana 13 (Lanier, Collins 4). Total fouls—Baylor 23, SW Louisiana 16. Technicals—Bowman, Collins. A—5,725.

Ski Report

WOODSTOCK, Vt. (AP) — Latest Rocky Mountain skiing conditions as supplied by Sno Country Reports (conditions are subject to change due to weather, traffic and other factors):

Colorado

Arapahoe Basin — packed powder 25 base 3 of 5 lifts
Arrowhead — packed powder 17-19 base 13 trails 2 of 2 lifts 80% open
Aspen Highlands — packed powder 34-40 base 8 of 9 lifts
Aspen Mountain — packed powder 33-34 base 8 of 8 lifts
Beaver Creek — packed powder 22-35 base 9 of 10 lifts xc:32km
Breckenridge — powder 25-32 base 65 trails 17 of 17 lifts 63% open
Copper Mtn. — packed powder 23 base 60 trails 15 of 19 lifts 58% open xc:24km
Crested Butte — packed powder 29-50 base 10 of 13 lifts
Eldora — packed powder 23 base 9 of 9 lifts 9a-4p
Howelsen — No Thu report
Keystone — packed powder 22 base 15 of 19 lifts sm
Loveland — packed powder 21-22 base 26 trails 5 of 10 lifts 40% open 8:30a-4p
Monarch — packed powder 44-45 base 51 trails 4 of 4 lifts 92% open 9a-4p
Powderhorn — packed powder 31 base 3 of 4 lifts
Purgatory — packed powder 44 base 9 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-4p xc:16km
Silvercreek — packed powder 18 base 2 of 5 lifts 9a-4p
Ski Cooper — packed powder 21-22 base 3 of 4 lifts 100% open 9a-4p xc:24km
Ski Sunlight — powder 28-35 base 4 of 4 lifts
Snowmass — packed powder 29-44 base 14 of 16 lifts
Steamboat — packed powder 31-40 base 98 trails 20 of 20 lifts xc:30km
Telluride — packed powder 34-39 base 10 of 10 lifts 99% open
Tiehack — packed powder 26 base 7 of 7 lifts
Vail — packed powder 24-32 base 75 trails 25 of 25 lifts 92% open xc:12km
Winter Park — packed powder 32 base 95 trails 20 of 20 lifts 77% open
Wolf Creek — packed powder 67 base 4 of 6 lifts 100% open 10a-3:45p

Montana

Big Sky Ski — packed powder 42-64 base 60 trails 12 of 12 lifts 100% open 9a-4p xc:75km
Bridger Bowl — packed powder 45-62 base 51 trails 5 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-4p
Discovery — packed powder 30-50 base 34 trails 5 of 5 lifts 9:30a-4p
Great Divide — packed powder 12-30 base 25 trails 3 of 3 lifts 60% open 9a-9p
Marshall Mtn. — packed powder 42-47 base 4 of 4 lifts 100% open
Maverick Mtn. — Operates wknds only
Montana Snowbowl — powder 24-54 base 95% open 9:30a-4p
Red Lodge Mtn. — machine groomed 38-42 base 35 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open sm 9a-4p
Ridcky Mtn Hi — Operates Fri-Sun
Showdown — packed powder 22-26 base 4 of 4 lifts 95% open
The Big Mountain — packed powder 23-64 base 6 of 9 lifts 100% open 9a-4:30p xc:10km

New Mexico

Angel Fire — packed powder 18-24 base 27 trails 6 of 6 lifts 40% open sm
Red River — packed powder 17-40 base 44 trails 6 of 6 lifts 80% open sm
Sandia Peak — machine groomed 16-18 base 2 trails 2 of 7 lifts 9a-4p
Santa Fe — machine groomed 52 base 36 trails 7 of 7 lifts 99% open
Sipapu — machine groomed 42 base 2 trails 1 of 3 lifts sm 9a-4p
Ski Apache — packed powder 22 base 51 trails 10 of 10 lifts sm 8:45a-4p
Ski Rio — packed powder 39 base 62 trails 3 of 3 lifts sm
Snow Canyon — machine groomed 1 of 2 lifts
Taos — packed powder 57 base 72 trails 11 of 11 lifts 100% open

Utah

Alta — packed powder 69 base 8 of 8 lifts 95% open 9:15a-4:30p
Beaver Mtn. — packed powder 49 base 2 of 3 lifts
Brian Head — packed powder 55 base 53 trails 6 of 6 lifts 100% open 9a-10p xc:45km
Brighton — packed powder 66 base 64 trails 6 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-9p
Deer Valley — packed powder 62 base 66 trails 13 of 13 lifts 99% open sm 9a-4p
Elk Meadows — packed powder 57-58 base 28 trails 5 of 5 lifts 9a-4p
Nordic Valley Resort — packed powder 48 base 2 of 2 lifts
Park City — packed powder 58 base 89 trails 13 of 14 lifts 100% open 9a-4p
Powder Mtn. — packed powder 64 base 4 of 4 lifts
Snowbasin — packed powder 58 base 4 of 5 lifts 95% open
Snowbird — packed powder 62 base 7 of 8 lifts 95% open
Solitude — packed powder 65-70 base 60 trails 7 of 7 lifts 100% open 9a-4:30p xc:17km
Sundance — powder 42 base 4 of 4 lifts xc:10km
Wolf Mountain — packed powder 59 base 61 trails 5 of 7 lifts 97% open 9a-4p

Wyoming

Antelope Butte — hard packed 25-28 base 3 of 3 lifts 100% open 9:30a-4p
Grand Targhee — packed powder 73-110 base 9:30a-4p
Hogadon — Plan to reopen Dec 23
Jackson Hole — packed powder 19-58 base 9 of 9 lifts 9a-4p xc:8km
Snow King — packed powder 17-35 base 9:30a-9:30p
Snowy Range — powder 18 base 9a-4p

College Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST

Boston College 83, Hartford 78, OT
Boston U. 71, Harvard 63
Buffalo 93, Niagara 72
Duquesne 87, Robert Morris 56
Holy Cross 84, Siena 79
Lehigh 84, Muhlenberg 81
Loyola, Md. 81, American U. 68
Manhattan 91, Wright St. 46
Monmouth, N.J. 77, Delaware 71
Penn St. 80, Akron 45
Seton Hall 73, Davidson 65
St. Francis, NY 78, Md.-E. Shore 74
St. John's 76, Fordham 65
Syracuse 94, Arizona 84
Villanova 101, Richmond 70

SOUTH

Baylor 73, SW Louisiana 65
Coll. of Charleston 75, Coastal Carolina 72
Coppin St. 69, LSU 66
DePaul 98, Stetson 69
Florida St. 100, SE Missouri 75
Kansas St. 87, Marshall 81
Louisville 89, UNLV 72
Murray St. 106, Pikeville 63
N. Carolina St. 77, N.C.-Asheville 57
Purdue 94, Tn.-Chattanooga 77
SE Louisiana 87, Grambling St. 82
SW Missouri St. 66, N.C.-Wilmington 56
South Carolina 69, S. Carolina St. 62
Southern Miss. 76, Mississippi 69
Stanford 64, Virginia 60
Tulane 72, Alabama 68

MIDWEST

Ball St. 88, Indiana St. 80
Bowling Green 59, Ohio St. 50
Cent. Michigan 88, Cardinal Stritch 56
Cleveland St. 84, Kent 70
Ill.-Chicago 89, Georgia Southern 73
Iowa St. 114, North Florida 80
Kansas 71, Rice 57
Michigan 87, Jackson St. 81
Missouri 76, Illinois 58
Nebraska 95, N. Iowa 88, OT
Notre Dame 57, St. Bonaventure 54
S. Illinois 102, Mo. Southern 47
Toledo 65, Indianapolis 57
W. Michigan 79, Detroit 77
Wis.-Green Bay 75, Miss. Valley St. 53

SOUTHWEST

Colorado St. 86, Arkansas St. 64
Southern Meth. 81, North Texas 74

FAR WEST

Arizona St. 72, Oklahoma St. 69
Gonzaga 68, E. Washington 58
Montana St. 74, Colorado 72
Washington 71, Old Dominion 61

WOMEN

EAST

Hartford 85, Colgate 81
Loyola, Md. 73, Maryland 68
Seton Hall 72, Miami 44
Villanova 56, La Salle 52

SOUTH

McNeese St. 94, Mississippi Col. 75
Thomas More 77, Mount St. Joseph 73

FAR WEST

New Mexico 71, Loyola Marymount 70

Transactions

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Named Claude Osteen pitching coach for Rochester of the International League.
TEXAS RANGERS—Designated Doug Strange, infielder, for assignment.

National League

CHICAGO CUBS—Agreed to terms with Bryan Hickerson, pitcher, on a one-year contract.
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed Jack Morris, pitcher, to a one-year contract. Designated Tim Fortugno, pither, for assignment.
NEW YORK METS—Signed Jim Lindeman, outfielder-first baseman, and Billy Spiers, infielder, to one-year contracts. Sent Fernando Vina, infielder, to the Milwaukee Brewers to complete an earlier trade for Doug Henry, pitcher.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Signed Kirt Manwaring, catcher, to a two-year contract. Traded John Burkett, pitcher, to the Texas Rangers for Rich Aurilia, infielder, and Desi Wilson, outfielder, and assigned them to Phoenix of the Pacific Coast League.

Texas League

JACKSON GENERALS—Announced the resignation of Ted Tornow, assistant general manager, to become general manager of Butte in the Pioneer League.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

NFL—Fined John Randle, Minnesota defensive tackle, $5,000 for bumping an official during the Vikings' loss to Detroit on Saturday.
BUFFALO BILLS—Placed Corbin Lacina, guard, and Steve Tasker, wide receiver, on injured reserve. Signed Filmel Johnson, defensive back, and Greg Evans, safety. Re-signed Kent Hull, center, to a four-year contract.

HOCKEY
International Hockey League

KALAMAZOO WINGS—Sent Scott Loucks, center, to Dayton of the East Coast Hockey League.
HOUSTON AEROS—Re-signed Steve Martinson, left wing.

SOCCER
Continental Indoor Soccer League

SAN DIEGO SOCKERS—Announced the resignation of Ron Newman, coach.

COLLEGE

BIG EAST CONFERENCE—Signed Dan Woolridge, coordinator of football officiating, to a multiyear contract.
BROCKPORT STATE—Named Kris Shanley women's softball coach.
BUCKNELL—Named Tom Gadd football coach.
CHARLESTON SOUTHERN—Announced the resignation of Kevin Shealy, assistant athletic director.

Bowl Payoffs

By The Associated Press

Per-team payoffs for this 1994 season college football bowl games.
Alamo Bowl, San Antonio, $700,000.
Aloha Bowl, Honolulu, $750,000.
Carquest Bowl, Miami, $1 million.
Citrus Bowl, Orlando, Fla., $2.5 million.
Copper Bowl, Tucson, Ariz., $750,000.
Cotton Bowl, Dallas, $3 million.
Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz., $3 million.
Freedom Bowl, Anaheim, Calif., $700,000.
Gator Bowl, Gainesville, Fla., $1.5 million.
Hall of Fame Bowl, Tampa, Fla., $1 million.
Holiday Bowl, San Diego, $1.7 million.
Independence Bowl, Shreveport, La., $750,000.
Las Vegas Bowl, Las Vegas, No guaranteed payout. Based on financial performance of game.
Liberty Bowl, Memphis, Tenn., $750,000.
Orange Bowl, Miami, $4.2 million.
Peach Bowl, Atlanta, $1.13 million.
Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Calif., $6.5 million.
Sugar Bowl, New Orleans, $4.45 million.
Sun Bowl, El Paso, Texas, $1.1 million.

Fight Schedule

By The Associated Press

Jan. 6

At Grand Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles, Jeremy Williams, Long Beach, Calif., vs. Everton Davis, Hawthrone, Calif., 12, for Williams' California heavyweight title; Clarence Adams, Carmi, Ill., vs. Francisco Chavez, Los Angeles, 10, feathers.

Jan. 7

At Freeman Coliseum, San Antonio, Wilfredo Vasquez, Puerto Rico, vs. Orlando Canizales, 12, for Vasquez's WBA junior featherweight title.

Fishing Report

For The Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — The weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Dec. 21, 1994

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water clear; normal level; black bass fair on plastic worms and Bass Assassins; crappie fair on live minnows in 22 feet of water; catfish fair.
BUCHANAN: Water clear; 7 and a half feet low; 63 degrees; black bass fair to 6 pounds in 5 to 20 feet of water; stripers excellent to 15 pounds on live bait in 20 to 45 feet of water; white bass good around Powell area crappie good under docks with structure on minnows and jigs; catfish gooo using assorted stink, prepared and live baits.
COLORADO BEND: Water murky; 3 and a half feet low; no fishermen.
INKS LAKE: Water clear; striped bass fair, fish are schooling in deep part of lake; white bass schooling on top and being caught on minnow lures and shad; catfish good to excellent to 4 pounds on lake and around docks.
LBJ: Water clear; black bass fair; striped bass fair; catfish fair.
TRAVIS: Water 11 feet low; 60 degrees; black bass fair to 3 pounds on smoke grubs and brown jig and pigs; striped bass slow; white bass fair to slow on jigging spoons in 30 feet of water; crappie fair under boat docks on live minnows; catfish slow on live and prepared bait.
WACO: Water slightly off-colored; high; 55 degrees; black bass good to 5 pounds on spinner baits and jigs; white bass slow; crappie fair on minnows near marina; catfish slow.
WHITNEY: Water clear; one half foot high; 58 degrees; black bass fair on spoons to 4 and a half pounds; smallmouth slow; striped bass slow on white slabs, most small, largest reported to 12 pounds; white bass good, many limits on spoons and slabs; crappie good on minnows and jigs; catfish fair, some action on blues in creek channels.

WEST

ARROWHEAD: Water clear; lake level up; black bass fair; white bass good; crappie good on minnows in deep water; catfish good, most are being caught on trotlines
BAYLOR: Fishing poor, few fishermen out.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water stained; 6 feet low; 55 degrees; black bass fair on a variety of artificials; white bass good to excellent in the discharge cove on small spinner baits and Rat-L-Traps; hybrid stripers good in discharge cove on spinner baits and Rat-L-Traps; crappie fair on minnows over brush; catfish fair.
FRYER: Water clear; 5 feet low; no report on fishing due to few fish

Reds acquire pitcher

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds, still trying to sort out their starting rotation for next season, threw 39-year-old Jack Morris into the mix Thursday.

Cincinnati signed him to a $600,000, one-year contract that gives him the chance to earn another $1.4 million performance bonuses. He can earn $200,000 each for 110, 130, 150, 170, 190, 200 and 210 innings pitched next season.

The right-hander has spent his 18-year career in the American League. The former five-time All-Star was released by Cleveland in August.

Injuries and free agency have disrupted the Reds' starting staff of last season. The only veterans considered locks for the rotation are right-hander Jose Rijo and left-hander John Smiley.

Morris holds the AL record for most consecutive starting assignments, 515, from Sept. 30, 1978, through 1994.

He has a 254-186 career record. With Cleveland this year, Morris was 10-6 with a 5.60 earned run average over 23 starts before the Indians released him Aug. 9.

His 10 victories tied for second on the Cleveland staff. He has struck out 100 batters or more in a season for 13 consecutive years. He has 175 career complete games and is 22 strikeouts shy of 2,500 for his career.

■ Baseball Trades

Mets-Brewers Trade

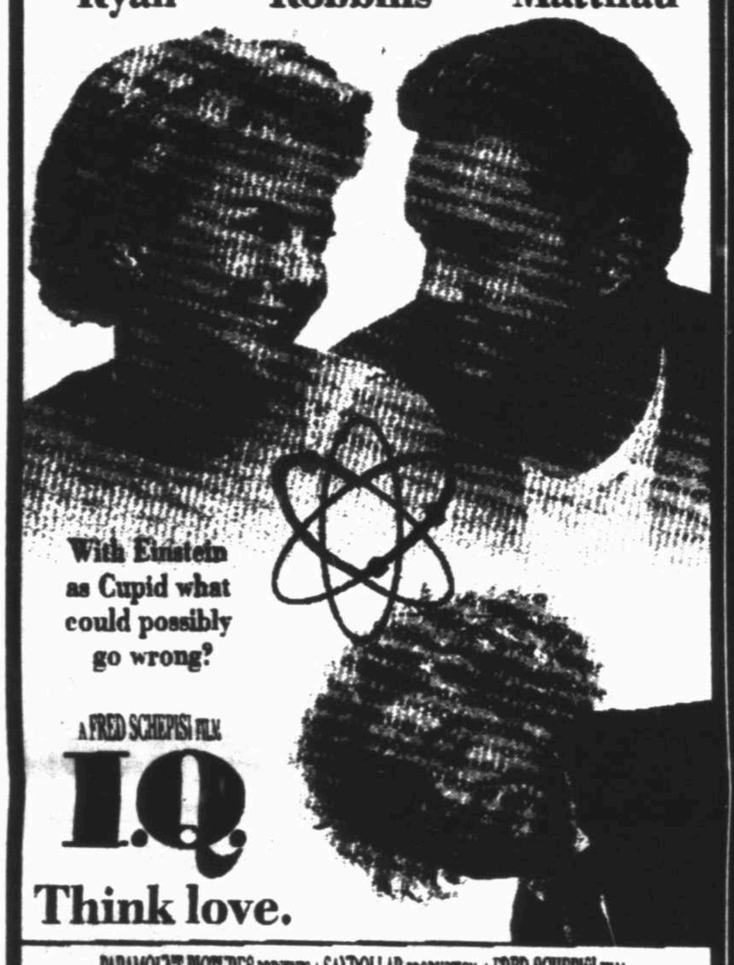
NEW YORK — The New York Mets sent infielder Fernando Vina to the Milwaukee Brewers Thursday to complete the Nov. 30 trade for pitcher Doug Henry.

In the original deal, Henry came to the Mets for two players to be named later. The first was catcher Javier Gonzalez, who went to Milwaukee Dec. 6.

Vina, a left-handed hitter, led the National League in getting hit by a pitch last season. He was hit 12 times in 150 plate appearances. He also hit .250 in 79 games, with 6 doubles, 6 RBIs and 3 stolen bases.

Meanwhile, the Mets signed infielder Billy Spiers to a one-year contract.

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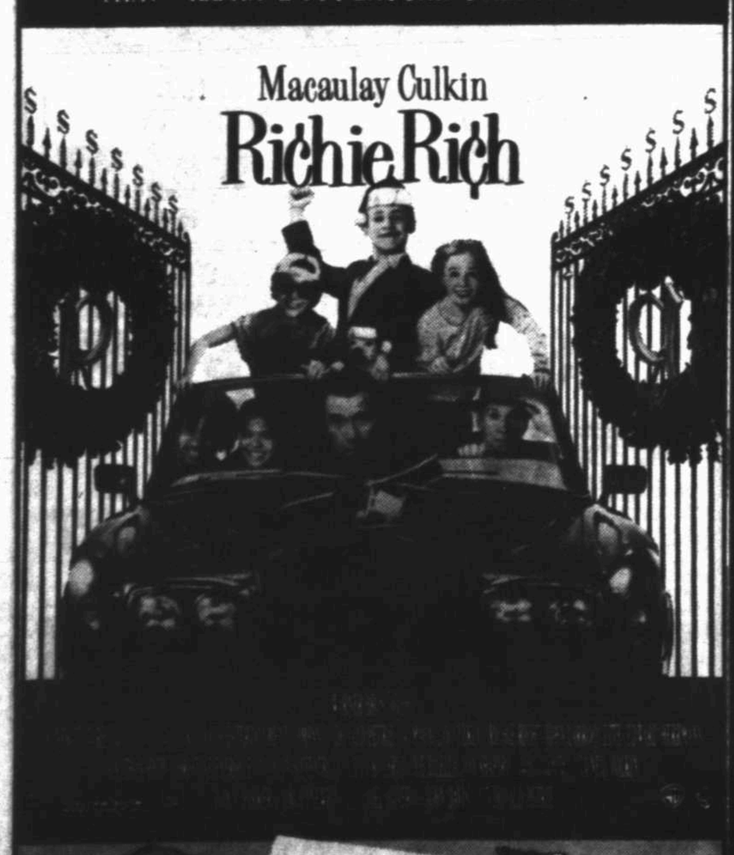
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A reception for Texas Tech football ex-lettermen will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Dallas on Jan. 1. The reception will run from 5-7 p.m. and is open to all former Red Raider football players. Members of Texas Tech's 1939 Cotton Bowl football team wil' 'e present. There is no admission. For more information call 806-742-3355...

Basketball...

The Midland YMCA is taking registration for its junior high boys basketball program for boys in the seventh, eighth and ninth grades. The deadline is Jan. 14. Register at the Alamo, Central or Northeast YMCA's. For more information call Alamo (694-2528) or Central (682-2551)...

The Mount Zion Church in Crane will hold a **3-on-3 basketball tournament** on Jan. 7. Entry deadline is Jan. 5. Entry fee is $80 per team. There is a four-man team limit and there will also be a 3-point and free throw shooting contest. For more information call Fred at 1-558-3680...

Booster Clubs...

The **Midland High Girls Basketball Booster Club** meets at 6 p.m. Mondays at the MHS gym. Call Rick Swinney at 686-7562 for more information...

In-line Hockey...

Sign-up sessions for the 1995 spring season of the **Midland In-line Hockey League** are: Jan. 10, 13, 17 and 19 at Midland Park Mall from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. For new players, questions will be answered at the sign-ups. Return players bring coupons. Anyone interested in coaching, assistant coaching, being a skating or non-skating official or sponsoring a team call 689-3299...

Golf...

The **1995 Texas Golf Pass** to benefit the American Cancer Society allows players on 175 courses all across Texas for only $25. Twenty-seven of those courses are in West Texas. Could be a great Christmas gift that allows 320 rounds of golf in Andrews, Big Lake, Big Spring, Lamesa, Stanton, Rankin and other spots. Over $350,000 was raised through the golf pass last year for the ACS. Major cards are accepted. Golfers may obtain the pass by calling 683-6374...

Running...

The Permian Basin Road Runner's Club will hold its monthly **fun run** on Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The run begins at 3210 Cimmaron and then will run through the neighborhood to enjoy the Christmas lights. A Christmas party will follow. Club members are asked to bring hor d'oeuvres or dessert and a Christmas tree ornament to exchange. For more information, call Mary Lou Hennessy at 694-5020 or Sue Johns at 520-7400...

Tennis...

Deadline for registration for the **Midlander Tennis Club's holiday camp** is Dec. 29. Sessions are Jan. 2-6. Call Luis or Jon at 682-0813...

Bill Farney named new UIL director

AUSTIN (AP) — Bill Farney, who has been assistant director and athletic director of the University Interscholastic League, Thursday was named the UIL's new director.

Farney, 54, who's held his current post since 1977, will succeed Bailey Marshall, who announced his retirement last summer from the organization that governs high school athletics, fine art and academic contests.

The appointment is effective March 1.

"We are pleased that Bill Farney has agreed to serve in the position of UIL director, a position vital to the betterment of Texas schools through its leadership role in academics and athletic competition," University of Texas President Robert Berdahl said in announcing the appointment.

Farney was recommended by a search committee. He will become the sixth UIL director.

"Bill has spent the last 31 years in the service of students and teachers — first as an English teacher, then as a school administrator and most recently as a UIL official. He has left an enviable legacy in every place he has served," Berdahl said.

The UIL is the largest interschool organization of its kind in the nation.

It is part of UT-Austin, where it originated in 1910 to help public schools in planning and administering extracurricular competitions. More than 2 million Texas students participated in UIL activities during 1993-94. Officials said participation is so high that one of every two Texas high school seniors will have competed in a UIL program before graduation.

Before joining the UIL, Farney was superintendent in the Crawford Independent School District and had served as a principal at Robinson and Lorena high schools.

He received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Tulsa, and holds master's and doctor's degrees in education from Baylor University.

At the UIL, Farney is credited with helping develop the academic and fine arts programs, implementing the sports of team tennis, boys' and girls' soccer and girls softball, coordinating regional academic and sports competitions with Texas colleges and universities, and developing and administering the reclassification and realignment.

Farney said he "will seek public input and support to continue serving the creative and competitive activities of public schools.

"A foremost priority will be to expand the benefits of educational competition for a growing number of young Texans and to assist schools in their lofty mission of preparing each child to meet the challenges of the 21st century," he said.

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UT says no to Pac-10 offer

Associated Press

Happy with its new future in the Big 12, University of Texas officials are not interested in a standing offer to join the Pac-10.

"The Pac-10 has always said, 'If you want an invitation, you've got an invitation,'" UT athletic director DeLoss Dodds told The Dallas Morning News. "We just are not going to do that. ... We've got a commitment to the Big 12. It's an ethical commitment and it's the right thing to do."

The West Coast conference again made overtures to Texas in the last few weeks as it prepared to invite Colorado, another soon-to-be Big 12 member.

Pac-10 officials even called Texas president Robert Berdahl on Monday to tell him about Colorado's offer. Colorado has not been given a deadline to reply.

"We made certain that Texas knew about the invitation," Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "It's our position that we have left open an opportunity for Texas to enter into serious conversations about (Pac-10) membership at a time when it might be able to do so."

With Texas so committed to the Big 12, it remains to be seen whether Colorado will be.

"I don't think they're going," Dodds said.

The new league, which begins in 1996, is a combination of the current Big Eight, of which Colorado is a member, and current Southwest Conference schools Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Baylor.

Hansen said the Pac-10 did not have any other schools on its expansion wish list and that Colorado was the only school that has been officially invited to join.

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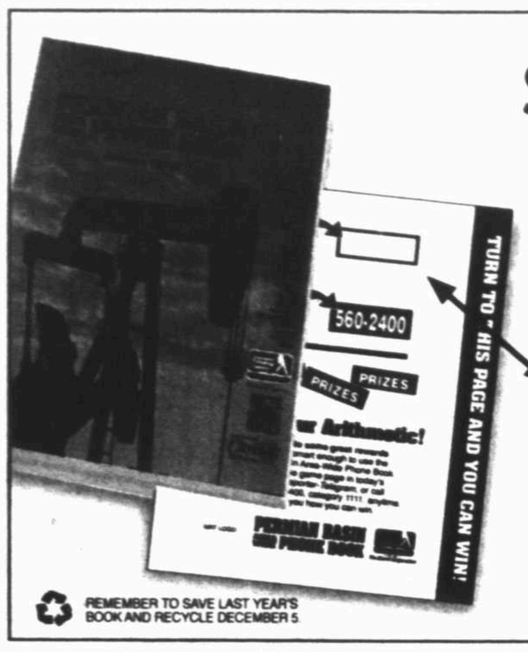
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No. 6 Arizona falls to No. 14 Syracuse

Associated Press

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Lawrence Moten scored 25 points as 14th-ranked Syracuse built a 13-point halftime lead on the way to a 94-84 victory over No. 6 Arizona Thursday night.

Syracuse (7-1) used defense and clutch shooting to continue its mastery of non-conference opponents in the Carrier Dome. The Orangemen have won 74 of the last 76 games against non-Big East foes.

The victory was the seventh in a row for Syracuse. Arizona (7-2) lost for the first time since dropping a 72-70 decision to Minnesota to open the season.

The Wildcats kept clawing back after falling behind 49-36 at halftime, closing to within three points on one occasion and to four points twice, only to have the Orangemen pull away.

No. 15 Arizona St. 72, Oklahoma St. 69

TEMPE, Ariz. — Mario Bennett had 22 points and 14 rebounds Thursday night, leading Arizona State to a victory.

Ron Riley played a big role in snapping the Cowboys' seven-game winning streak, hitting two 3-pointers late in the second half and then sinking two free throws with 1:21 to play. The foul shots put Arizona State (7-2) ahead 71-65.

Bennett and 7-foot Bryant Reeves of Oklahoma State (8-3) dueled almost to a standstill.

■ Top 25 Roundup

No. 2 UCLA 137, George Mason 100

LOS ANGELES — Tyus Edney had a career-high 28 points, a Pac-10 record 11 steals and nine assists Thursday night as UCLA routed George Mason to spoil Paul Westhead's West Coast return.

Edney's one-man show sparked the Bruins' defense against the run-and-gun Patriots, who came into the game averaging 117.4 points, second-highest in the nation.

George Mason's shooting sputtered early as UCLA (5-0) built a 20-point lead in the first half and cruised the rest of the way.

The Bruins passed the century mark on a basket by Ike Nwankwo that made it 101-78 with 10:35 to go after taking an elbow to the chin from the Cavaliers' Cory Alexander, came back to hit a 3-pointer with 3:42 remaining to put Stanford (7-0) ahead for good at 54-52.

On the play that injured Knight, the Cavaliers' Curtis Staples scooped up the ball when it popped out of Knight's hands and made a 3-pointer, giving Virginia (6-3) a 49-43 edge. That was Virginia's largest lead of the night.

But Stanford then made six consecutive free throws, tying it at 49 on a two foul shots by David Harbour with 6:17 left.

Missouri 76, No. 23 Illinois 58

ST. LOUIS — Paul O'Liney led a balanced attack with 19 points and Missouri pulled away from cold-shooting Illinois in the second half for a victory.

Derek Grimm had a perfect shooting night and scored 18 points — hitting all four of his 3-pointers — and Julian Winfield added 15 for Missouri (7-1). The Tigers trail the series 9-5 but have won the last four in the hotly contested border war.

A crowd of 21,714, the largest ever to watch a basketball game in Missouri, attended at the new Kiel Center.

Long-range misfiring doomed 23rd-ranked Illinois (8-2), which was 3-for-25 from 3-point range. The Illini were 0-for-13 in the second half. Meanwhile, Missouri was 7-for-11 on its 3-pointers.

Stanford 64, No. 22 Virginia 60

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Brevin Knight scored eight of his 20 points in the final 3:42 Thursday night as Stanford held on for a victory over Virginia.

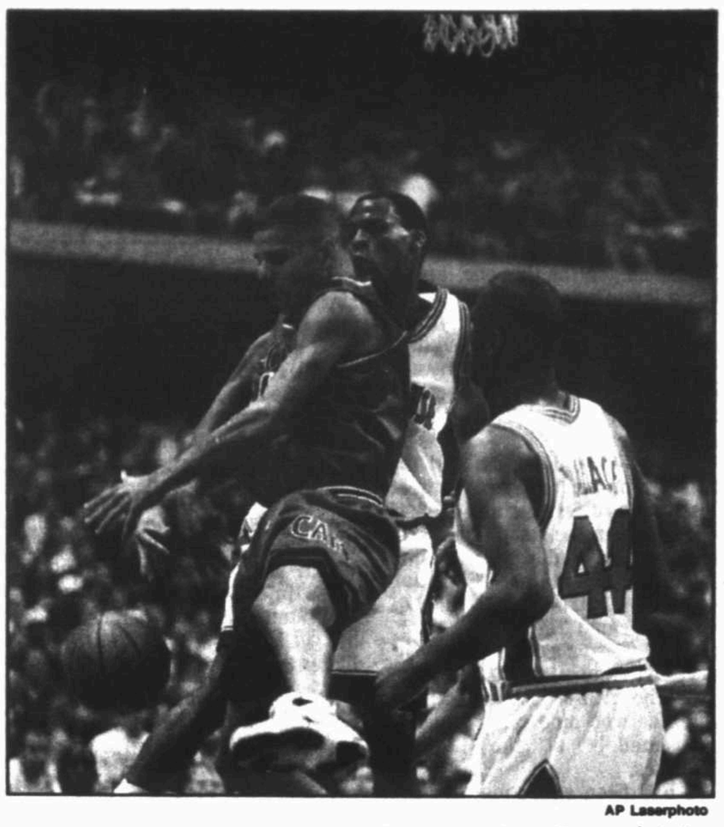
Knight, who left the game with 7:42 to go after taking an elbow to

No. 25 Iowa St. 114, N. Florida 80

AMES, Iowa — Fred Hoiberg scored 27 points and Julius Michalik added 24 Thursday night as Iowa State celebrated its first appearance in the AP poll in two years with a romp past North Florida.

Iowa State (8-1), which moved into the rankings on Monday, broke the game open with a 28-7 first-half run and led by as many as 37 points late against the Division II Ospreys.

North Florida (7-1) had been averaging 108.4 points a game but made only three of its first 12 shots.



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Arizona's Miles Simon takes the ball away from Syracuse's Lucious Jackson, rear, and John Wallace Thursday night.

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Rice can't compete with Kansas

Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Freshman Raef LaFrentz scored 18 points as No. 7 Kansas survived a poor shooting night and 15 turnovers to turn back Rice 71-57 Thursday.

The Jayhawks, a shade quicker and bigger than the Owls, forced Rice into 20 turnovers but could not put the game away until the Owls wore down midway through the second half.

Kansas (7-1) led just 51-45 with about 10 minutes to play, but then scored five straight points to open up a double-digit lead for the third time in the game.

A 3-pointer by Greg Gurley gave the Jayhawks a 68-52 lead with 2:39 to play.

The more physical Jayhawks dominated the boards, outrebounding Rice 49-38. LaFrentz led Kansas with nine.

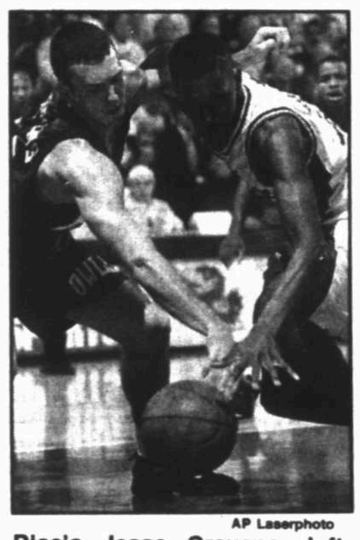
Rice center Kevin Nanny picked up his third foul with about five minutes to play in the first half and was not a factor, failing to score. The Owls (3-3) are hurting at center as Shaun Igo recovers from knee surgery and Nanny comes back from an ankle injury.

Rice took its first lead at 25-23 on a 3-pointer by Thomas McGhee, but the Jayhawks then went on a 17-4 run, scoring six straight points at the start of the second half.

Cold-shooting Kansas couldn't put away the Owls, who fought back to within 51-45 on a 3-pointer by Adam Peakes with just over 10 minutes to play.

The Jayhawks made just three of 20 3-point attempts, and now have made just 11 of 56 this lead with 3:43 left when Haggerty's driving layup made it 67-56.

Kansas coach Roy Williams did not start 7-footer Greg Ostertag and Sean Pearson for the second straight game, but Scot Pollard and Billy Thomas were a combined 1-for-10 in the first half



AP Laserphoto

Rice's Jesse Cravens, left, and Kansas' B.J. Williams reach for the ball.

■ SWC Roundup

Southwestern led by 38-29 at halftime and held double-digit leads three times in the first half before the Bears went on a 14-2 run over a six-minute span midway through the second half to take the lead for good.

Baylor, which only led once early in the first half, had an 11-point

SMU 81, North Texas 74

DALLAS — Erion Harris came off the bench to score 11 of his 16 points over the game's final 10 minutes, leading Southern Methodist past North Texas.

Harris converted two free throws with 31.4 seconds left to push SMU's lead to 79-74. He then dunked the ball with eight seconds left to seal the victory for the Mustangs (2-5).

Adam Smith led North Texas (5-3) with 29.

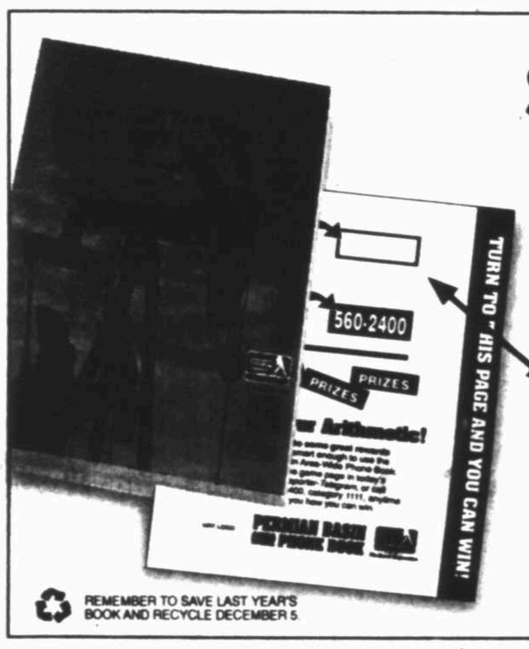
Troy Matthews and Jermyn Bracey paced SMU with 18 points each.

The Mustangs, shooting 66 percent from the free throw line entering the game, converted seven of eight foul shots over the final two minutes.

SMU was also on target from 3-point range in the second half, hitting seven-of-14. The Mustangs were 12-for-26 from long range for the game, led by Matthews' 5-for-9.

Harris' 18-foot jumper with 4:31 to play gave SMU the lead for good, 66-64, then Matthews converted a 3-pointer with 3:02 to play to push the Mustangs' advantage to 69-65. Jabari Hearn connected on another 3-pointer with 2:24 left to pad SMU's lead to 72-67.

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NHL players will not surrender free agency to rescue season

Associated Press

While players say there is still room to negotiate in the NHL labor dispute, they aren't about to give away free agency to save the season.

"I don't see removal of the cap or the tax as a tradeoff for giving up free agency," said Ken Baumgartner of the Toronto Maple Leafs, a member of the union's negotiating committee.

Union head Bob Goodenow and NHL commissioner Gary Bettman did not comment on the matter Thursday. There was no contact between them and no new talks planned, with the two unlikely to meet before next week.

It's generally acknowledged a deal would have to be worked out before the new year to salvage a 50-game schedule and full playoffs before July 1, conditions the owners require for the season to go forward.

Goodenow and Bettman have not met since Dec. 6, when the league made its last proposal.

With the lockout completing its 83rd day Thursday, players continued to express solidarity following a mass union meeting in Toronto on Wednesday. The meeting involved 240 players, the largest union gathering of the year.

"We are very unified coming out of that meeting," said Randy Ladouceur, captain of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Ladouceur was still optimistic about saving the season.

"There may be room for movement in some areas," he said.

One area is believed to be salary arbitration. It was one of the issues discussed recently in lower-level negotiations between the lawyers for both sides.

"I would imagine it (salary arbitration) is the deal-maker," said Bruce Driver, player rep of the New Jersey Devils.

The lawyers also talked about entry-level salaries and free agency.

And while there has been no formal proposal from the owners regarding the contentious payroll tax issue, it has been reported that it was also discussed during the informal negotiations.

The NHL has denied that the owners have proposed to take the tax off the table. But a management source told The Associated Press that owners would be willing to remove the tax if the players made more concessions regarding salary arbitration and free agency.

"There has to be a lot more concessions, though," the source said.

The players say they have seen nothing official from the owners regarding the tax issue.

"We have seen no formal proposal without a tax," Baumgartner said.

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TEXAS: Burkett wants to join 'winning team'

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he said in a conference call with reporters from the Dallas-Fort Worth area. "But I can tell you that I'm really excited about it.

"I want to be on a winning team. The Rangers seem to be making that commitment. That's all you can ask for."

Burkett has never been to the Rangers' new stadium, The Ballpark in Arlington. He said it will be difficult to leave San Francisco.

"I've had success there," he said. "I've been there my whole career. I can't say that I'm especially happy that I'm not going to be there."

Infielder Doug Strange has been designated for assignment to make room for Burkett on the 40-man roster. The Rangers have 10 days to trade, release or outright Strange to the minors.

Aurilia and Wilson were moved from the Rangers' Oklahoma City roster to the Giants' Pacific Coast League team in Phoenix.

Tomba breaks long World Cup drought

Associated Press

■ World Cup Skiing

ALTA BADIA, Italy — Alberto Tomba longed for this one, and it was a long time coming.

Tomba, the three-time Olympic champion from Italy, won his first World Cup giant slalom in nearly three years Thursday, giving him three victories in three days and five this season.

The 28-year-old Tomba had the fastest times in both runs to beat Urs Kaelin of Switzerland by 0.45 seconds down the steep Gran Risa track at Alta Badia in the Italian Dolomite mountains. Christian Mayer of Austria was third, 0.61 seconds behind Tomba.

It was Tomba's 38th career victory, and he is off to his best start since the 1987-88 season, during which he won nine races and two gold medals at the Calgary Olympics.

"I had been expecting this day for a long time," Tomba said. "I really wanted to win this giant slalom, in this place. The latest victory is always the most exciting, but I can't say today's was better than yesterday's. I love them all."

Tomba already had won four slaloms this season, two at Lech Am Arlberg Tuesday and Wednesday.

Counting consecutive slalom wins to end last season, Tomba now has won a record of six slaloms in a row, beating the men's World Cup record of five done three times by Swedish great Ingemar Stenmark and matched once by Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg.

The triumph, before a partisan crowd of 5,000 who played trumpets and shouted "Alberto you are the greatest," widened Tomba's overall lead in the World Cup standings. He now has 550 points.



AP Laserphoto

Alberto Tomba shares the joy of his World Cup giant slalom win with his dog Yuko Thursday in Alta Badia, Italy.

LOCAL SPORTS

MHS sophs take Cooper

ABILENE — Russell Gardner scored 23 points Tuesday to lead the Midland High sophomore basketball team to an 86-56 district-opening win over Abilene Cooper. The Bulldogs are now 10-7 overall. Torrance Mason had 18 points for MHS and Justin Marzette had 16.

COM wins Lubbock meet

LUBBOCK — The City of Midland swim team easily beat out 14 clubs from across the state and New Mexico and Arkansas last weekend to win the Lubbock Swim Club A/B Winter Invitational. COM set 16 meet records in the event for swimmers from the eight-and-under division to the senior division.

COM finished with 1,468.5 points with Fort Smith, Ark., coming in second at 848.5. COM had 68 swimmers in the event while the other teams combined for 196 swimmers. Katie Lowry was the meet's high point swimmer for 8-and-under girls and Lee Irons for 10-and-under boys. Scott Strauss was on two winning relay teams and won five individual events.

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COM first place finishes at the Lubbock Swim Club A/B Winter Invitational:

Boys: 13-14 400 medley relay—Scott Strauss, Clint Rand, Paul Urquiets, Kevin Williams, 4:01.19 (meet record). 11-12 medley relay—Nick Robichaud, Sean Dant, Greg Strauss, Michael Ball 4:48.95. 13-14 breast stroke—Kyle Edens 43.32 (TAGS, meet record). 10-and-under freestyle—Lee Irons 2:26.70. eight-and-under butterfly—Kyle Edens 34.65 (meet record). 11-12 200 freestyle—Gregg Strauss 2:06.63. 11-12 individual medley—Gregg Strauss 1:10.43. 10-and-under 100 IM—Lee Irons 1:20.75. 13-14 200 backstoke—Scott Strauss 2:07.67 (meet record). 11-12 100 back—Nicholas Robichaud 1:09.18. 50 back—Lee Irons 37.11. Senior 200 butterfly—Adam Jimenez—2:06.53 (meet record). 13-14 100 breast—Clint Rand—1:07.52 (meet record). 10-and-under 100 free—Lee Irons 1:06.56. 13-14 100 back—Scott Strauss 59.35 (meet record). 11-12 200 IM—Gregg Strauss 2:24.23. 10-and-under 200 IM—Lee Irons 2:46.78.

Girls: 11-12 400 medley relay—Heather Apperson, Emily Alvarado, Shanna Halsell, Kristin Sheffield 4:34.48. 10-and-under 200 medley relay—Julie Fisher, Jessie Fisher, Brooke Mayes, Mallory Keathley 2:38.50. 8-and-under 50 breast—Katie Lowry 44.33 (meet record). 8-and-under butterfly—Katie Lowry 35.99 (meet record). 10-and-under IM— Brooke Mays 1:19.22. 80and-under 100 IM—Katie Lowry 1:22.13 (meet record). 8-and-under 50 back—Katie Lowry 39.65. 10-and-under 50 fly—Mallory Keathley 34.92. 13-14 100 back—Erin Irons 1:06.35. 10-and-under 200 IM—Brooke Mays 2:44.63.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram staff reports.

ABC gets Eclipse Award for Kentucky Derby coverage

NEW YORK (AP) — "ABC Wide World of Sports" won the 1994 national TV Eclipse Award on Thursday for its coverage of the Kentucky Derby.

It was the sixth time in nine years ABC has won the award, voted by a panel of judges representing the Thoroughbred Racing Associations, Daily Racing Form and National Turf Writers Association.

ABC was cited in particular for its use of an innovative remote-control tracking camera that covered horses as they sped down the backstretch at Churchill Downs. The camera was suspended on a wire that cut diagonally across the infield.

"I know all of my colleagues take great pride in sharing this award as the new year approaches," ABC Sports producer Curt Gowdy Jr. said.

This Derby was ABC's 20th, and the network has covered all three Triple Crown races since 1986.

Winner of the radio award was John Asher of WHAS in Louisville for his audio portrait of Hall of Fame trainer Charlie Whittingham. It was Asher's fifth Eclipse Award.

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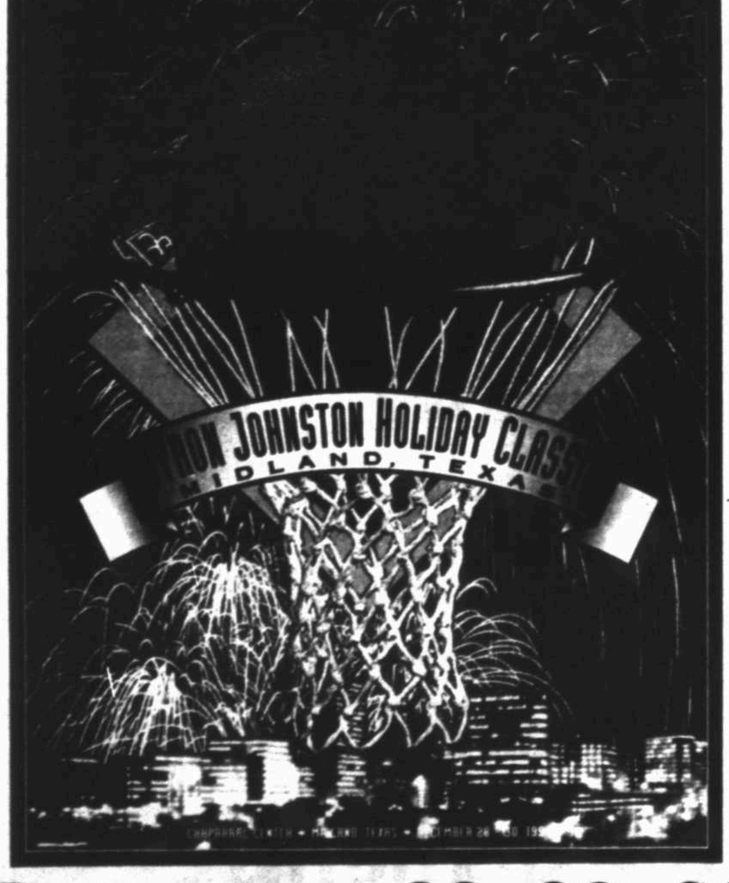
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Amarillo High
Wichita Falls Rider
Game 8 - 8:45 pm
Midland High

Game 14 - 5:15 pm
Game 16 - 8:45 pm
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Game 3 - 12:00 pm
Georgetown High
El Paso Hanks
Game 7 - 7:00 pm
Midland High

Game 13 - 3:30 pm
Game 15 - 7:00 pm
Game 23 - 7:00 pm — First Place
Game 21 - 3:30 pm — Third Place
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Prices rise

Crude futures moved higher Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

West Texas Intermediate for February delivery rose 7 cents to close at $17.09 per barrel.

Local crude purchasers raised their posted price 25 cents to $15.50 a barrel.

Compaq Europe

HOUSTON — Compaq Computer Corp. is recalling its LTE Elite notebook computer from dealers in Europe because of a faulty power supply component.

The computer maker also said Thursday it will fix the LTE Elite computers that already have been sold.

"In a very small number of units, we discovered, through an internal audit, a faulty capacitor," said Yvonne Donaldson, a Compaq spokeswoman. "The faulty capacitor is found in the power supply."

The problem could result in power failures in European voltages.

For customers who own the notebook computers, Compaq will make repairs through companies it has contracted to provide service.

Dollar mixed

NEW YORK — The dollar surged against the peso Thursday amid new twists in the unfolding economic crisis in Mexico, but slipped against most other key currencies due mostly to technical factors in thin, post-holiday dealings.

The peso plunged nearly 20 percent at one point, as nervous investors dumped Mexican assets. The currency recovered some of its losses, closing at 4.60 pesos to the dollar, off nearly 16 percent compared with late Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the Canadian dollar fell against the U.S. dollar on concerns that the Canadian currency would be sold off after the Bank of Canada activated a currency swap line at the request of Mexico's central bank.

The dollar rose to 1.3992 Canadian dollars from 1.3941 late Wednesday.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.5746 marks, down from 1.5791.

The dollar also was changing hands in New York at 100.23 Japanese yen, down from 100.48 late Wednesday.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Thursday: 1.3307 Swiss francs, down from 1.3325; 5.4390 French francs, down from 5.4450; and 1,639 Italian lire, down from 1,646.

The British pound was quoted at $1.5468, up from $1.54535.

Market gains

NEW YORK — The stock market ended Thursday's session on a mixed note, with the Dow Jones industrials posting a moderate gain but most of the market weakening.

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Economy steamrolls to year end

Worries that rising interest rates will check growth temper holiday cheer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The economy is racing toward its strongest yearlong showing in a decade, led by consumer spending.

The holiday cheer is tempered by worries that rising interest rates will check growth too abruptly after the Christmas shopping season. But no slowdown is showing up yet.

The Commerce Department said Thursday the economy grew at a robust 4 percent annual rate in the third quarter — and a 4.1 percent rate for the first nine months of 1994.

Private economists anticipate a similar advance for the final quarter that is about to end, putting the economy on target for its best annual performance since it surged 6.2 percent in 1984. Gross domestic product, measuring the total output of goods and services produced in the United States, increased 2.9 percent last year.

"We need consumers to be more cautious about spending in the future, to bring about the slowdown that we all anticipate," said economist Sung Won Sohn of the Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "The bottom line is the economy is doing a bit too well."

With the exception of a moderating housing boom, higher interest rates have had limited impact. Rates on 30-year mortgages, which hit a three-year peak of 9.25 percent last week, slipped to 9.18 percent this week, the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. reported.

The Federal Reserve has raised rates six times since February, hoping to slow spending and check inflation before it becomes unmanageable. The central bank passed up the opportunity to boost rates yet again at a meeting this week.

Analysts, anticipating a seventh increase early next year, said it is only a matter of time before the credit squeeze takes hold. They emphasized the long lag time before higher rates are felt fully.

"I worry that the Fed is trying to bring growth down to its target rate of 2.5 percent a bit too rapidly," Sohn said.

"Slower growth is the necessary condition of interest rate stability," said economists for Merrill Lynch & Co. in a statement.

The Clinton administration has been loathe to criticize the Fed, and officials Thursday stressed the positive.



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From left, Mary Cochran, Bill McCormick, and Lexie Kauffman hope to begin selling their "White Trash" cereal snack mix nationwide beginning next year.

Midlanders find mix for snack-food success

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

For the past year, a trio of Midlanders has gathered on Sunday afternoons discussing ideas for a new business.

What the three — Lexie Kauffman, Mary Cochran and Bill McCormick — eventually settled on is marketing a snack food made from the recipe of Mrs. Kauffman's sister, Caroline Terry.

Mrs. Kauffman said her sister is thrilled with the idea and the three have dedicated the product to her.

"White Trash," a candy-coated cereal mix, made its debut at Odessa's Merry Marketplace in November.

"We sold out the first day and had to spend all night putting more product together as fast as we could for the second day," Ms. Kauffman said.

The second day sold out as well.

That prompted the three, who have incorporated as BLM Enterprises, to open a Christmas cart at Midland Park Mall, located in center court in front of Dillards.

"Our original projection was selling 2,000 units and at this point in time, we've packaged 4,000 units," Mrs. Cochran said.

She said that by Christmas they expect to sell 5,000 units of the snack mix, which is manufactured by Simply Food of Midland.

Noting that "Once you get a taste, you're hooked," Mrs. Kauffman said another reason for the product's success is "people love the novelty of the name. It's turned the term "white trash" into a good thing."

There are plans to expand beyond Midland-Odessa.

When Mrs. Cochran and her husband visited New York City earlier this month, she dropped off samples of "White Trash" at major department stores, which have expressed some interest.

The three entrepreneurs plan to attend a food trade show in Dallas next month and they hope to exhibit at a specialty food trade show in San Diego in February.

The manufacturer of the plastic buckets in which they package the snack mix is planning to take the product to a gourmet trade show in Las Vegas in March.

"We hope to get into the national store chains," Mrs. Cochran said. "We also want to get into the food catalogs, everywhere we can."

Locally, "White Trash" can be found at The Canopy, Expressions, Flowerland, Crafts By Hand, Flowers by Ron and the Front Street Mini Mall.

As hard as the work has been the last few weeks, Mrs. Kauffman and Mrs. Cochran agree that it has been very rewarding.

"We wanted to create and do things, and it's been rewarding to conceive of something and work out all the details and see it all come together," Mrs. Cochran said.

And if the product loses popularity, "We'll try variations of the recipe, we'll try other products, we'll keep trying," she said. "We're not quitters."

City's banking scene shifts on merge plan

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The banking landscape in Midland changed on Dec. 1 when Norwest Corp. — owner of Midland National Bank — completed its acquisition of Texas National Bank.

Regulatory approval is pending on merging the Texas National and Midland National bank charters. With approval, the new entity will change its name to Norwest Bank Texas, Midland N.A.

The change is expected late in the first quarter of 1995.

Local officials decided to change the name in order to take advantage of financial services offered by Norwest.

"I'm excited about the prospects of combining the two banks," said Wayne Merritt, who will serve as president of the new entity.

"We can leverage off each other's strengths and be a larger, more powerful provider of financial services."

Bill Franklin, president of Midland National, will serve as chairman of the board of the new entity.

Merritt said the combined banks have more than $400 million in assets and between 35,000 and 40,000 different accounts.

He said Norwest has a policy of letting banks continue supporting local endeavors, so there shouldn't be many new faces "when customers come into the bank to see their loan officers."

There will be some consolidation in the work force, he said, with some back office and support positions being reduced.

"What we've found is, for example, one person found a position with Norwest Mortgage, another with Norwest Finance; others have been offered jobs in Lubbock," Merritt said.

"As we continue to mold this new organization, there will be additional positions created, so we'll have people doing one job now that will be trained if necessary, to do another. What we're hoping for is that we'll create, as we grow, a lot of new positions."

The consolidation will also affect the number of Midland branches. Texas National expects to open its newest branch on north Midland Drive just south of Loop 250 on January 9. When the two banks are consolidated, the Texas National branches at Midkiff Road and Cuthbert Avenue and Colorado Street and Texas Avenue will be closed.

INVESTORS' GUIDE

IRS can seek delinquent taxpayer's inheritance

By Bill Doyle

Q: If a person is delinquent with tax payments and has been left money in a will, would the Internal Revenue Service have a right to take all or part of it?

If the money was left in a trust fund, would the IRS be able to take all or part of it?



Doyle

A: When you inherit money through a will, it's yours and the IRS can go after it to pay delinquent taxes.

If the money was left in a trust, it depends on the terms of the trust. Generally, if you can get at the money in a trust, or receive income from it, the IRS can get at it too.

Q: I have utility stocks purchased through a dividend reinvestment program, and I think they are tax-exempt, resulting in a zero basis — cost for tax purposes — when sold. If I do not sell these stocks and they are inherited by my children when I pass on, will the zero cost basis still hold for them, or will they be at the market value at the time of death as with ordinary stocks?

A: First of all, let's clear up the confusion about your utility stocks being tax-exempt. Corporations can invest in utility stocks and the income can be tax-deferred. But not individuals.

Your stocks are like any other stocks that have increased in value as far as your heirs are concerned. When you die, your heirs will inherit the stocks at the market value on the date of your death. If your heirs sell the stocks right away, there would be no capital-gain tax.

One caveat: The market value of your stocks at death would be included in your estate, and if the estate is worth more than $600,000, a federal estate tax would be due.

Q: Three years ago we shifted a large sum of cash from certificates of deposit into a municipal bond fund, and we have been reinvesting the dividends. Because of the downslide in mutual fund values, we're not too happy with our situation. What should we do?

A: Stop reinvesting and keep the income.

Bond funds are primarily intended to produce income. Apparently you were looking for an income-producing investment, so you moved from CDs to a bond fund. If that was the case, then your investment was appropriate.

In general, regular reinvesting in an income fund is not a good idea. It is a strategy used primarily to build up equity in funds that include stocks in their portfolios.

If, by chance, you don't need the income from your bond fund, consider changing to a stock fund for long-term growth.

Q: I know that when one dies, stocks left to a surviving spouse are "stepped up" in value to the current market prices so there would be no capital gains tax if they were sold. Does this apply to a person living in a "community property state"?

A. Yes. The step-up tax break works in every state, including those with community-property laws.

If you own the stock in joint name with your spouse, half the value of the stock on the date of death would be stepped up in value to have a zero basis. The basis for the other half would be the difference between the purchase price and the current market value.

Let's say you paid $5,000 for the stock and it is held in joint names. Each partner would have a basis of $2,500. If it is worth $20,000 when one partner dies, his or her half would have a stepped-up basis of $10,000. The survivor would add his or her original $2,500 basis to $10,000 to equal a new basis of $12,500, for stock with a current value of $20,000.

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AcomIn	15.06	15.06	—.08
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GovtA p	7.52	7.85	—.01
GovtB p	7.52	7.52	—.02
GovtC p	7.51	7.51	—.02
GrInc p	2.12	2.21	
GwthC	20.11	20.11	+.07
GthF p	23.77	24.83	+.08
GwthB t	20.10	20.10	+.07
GrIncB p	2.11	2.11	
InBldC x	9.33	9.33	—.17
InMA p	8.90	9.30	
InsMB	8.90	8.90	—.01
IntlA p	16.31	17.03	+.03
MrtgA p	8.12	8.48	—.02
MrtgB p	8.13	8.13	—.01
MrtgC p	8.13	8.13	—.01
MtgTA p	9.45	9.87	
MtgTB p	9.45	9.45	
MtgTC p	9.45	9.45	
MMSA p	7.35	7.68	—.38
MMSB t	7.35	7.35	—.38
MCAA p	9.16	9.57	—.01
MCAB p	9.16	9.16	—.01
MCAC p	9.16	9.16	—.01
MBCAA p	11.65	12.17	—.02
MINB p	9.25	9.25	
MNYA p	8.58	8.96	—.01
MNYB p	8.58	8.58	—.01
NMuA p	9.25	9.66	
NMuC p	9.25	9.25	
NEur p	12.75	13.32	—.03
NAGvA p	6.56	6.85	—.02
NAGB p	6.56	6.56	—.03
NAGvC p	6.56	6.56	—.02
PGthB pe	10.41	10.41	—.67
QuarA p	17.65	18.43	+.08
ST Mlla p	8.01	8.37	—.38
ST Mlb t	8.01	8.01	—.38
Tech p	29.37	30.67	+.25
WldIn p	1.77	1.77	—.07
WldPrB p	9.93	9.93	—.09
AmSouth Funds:			
Balanc	11.16	11.69	—.01
Bond	10.10	10.41	—.03
Equity	14.00	14.66	
LtdMat	9.91	10.22	—.02
RegEq	16.22	16.98	—.05
Ambassador Pld:			
Balncd	9.59	9.59	
Bond	9.07	9.07	—.02
EmCpGr	15.90	15.90	+.01
Grwth	12.43	12.43	+.04
IdxStk	11.90	N.L.	
InsBond	9.13	9.13	—.02
IntlStk	12.68	12.68	—.15
SCoGr	13.56	N.L.	+.09
Ambassador Inv:			
EmCoGr	15.87	15.87	+.01
Grwth	12.40	12.40	+.04
IncBd	9.68	9.68	—.03
IntBond	9.13	N.L.	—.02
IntlStk	12.65	12.65	—.03
TPBd	9.73	9.73	
TPIntBd	9.90	9.90	
Amcore Vintage:			
Equity	10.47	N.L.	
PxInco	9.48	N.L.	—.01
Amer AAdvant Instl:			
Balan	12.12	N.L.	—.01
LtdTr	9.63	N.L.	
Amer Capital:			
CmstA p	12.38	13.14	—.01
CpBdA p	6.39	6.71	—.01
EQA p	22.96	24.36	+.06
EQB t	22.40	22.40	+.06
EmtA p	11.30	11.99	+.02
EmB t	11.25	11.25	+.02
EqIncA p	5.16	5.47	
EqIncB t	5.16	5.16	
FMgA p	11.90	12.17	—.01
GlEqA p	10.99	11.66	+.04
GlEqB t	10.76	N.L.	+.04
GlGvA p	7.94	8.34	—.01
GlGvB t	7.97	N.L.	—.01
GvScA p	9.64	10.12	—.02
GvScB t	9.65	9.65	—.02
GvTlA p	7.98	8.38	—.02
GvTlB t	7.99	7.99	—.02
GrInA p	11.38	12.07	
HarbA p	13.20	14.01	
HarbB t	13.16	13.16	+.01
HiYldA p	5.85	6.14	+.01
HiYldB t	5.86	5.86	+.01
MuBA p	9.60	10.08	
PaceA p	9.76	10.36	+.02
TEHA p	10.54	11.07	
TEHB t	10.54	10.54	
TxEIA p	10.67	11.20	—.01
American Funds:			
A Bal p	11.99	12.72	—.02
Amcp p	11.60	12.31	+.03
AMutl p	20.11	21.34	—.05
Bond p	12.66	13.29	—.02
CapIB p	31.64	33.57	—.03
CapW p	15.05	15.80	+.02
CapWG p	17.35	18.41	+.02
Eupac p	20.95	22.23	—.01
Fdinv p	17.38	18.44	—.03
Govt p	12.66	13.29	—.02
Gwth p	25.24	26.78	+.05
HI Tr p	13.25	13.91	+.02
Inco p	13.41	14.23	—.03
IntlBd p	12.91	13.56	—.03
ICA p	17.61	18.68	—.03
LtTEB p	13.56	14.24	
NEco p	13.61	14.44	
N Per p	14.25	15.12	—.01
SmCp p	21.00	22.28	+.04
TxEx p	11.08	11.63	
TBCA p	14.55	15.28	—.01
TEMd p	14.29	15.00	
TEVA p	14.76	15.50	—.01
Wsh p	17.49	18.56	—.04
A GMPl	8.97	9.52	—.03
A Herlg	.84	N.L.	+.01
Amer Natl Funds:			
Grth	4.33	4.59	+.02
Inco	21.04	22.32	
APl Gr pf	12.18	N.L.	+.10
Am Perform:			
Equity	10.04	10.46	—.01
IntBd	9.90	10.21	—.02
AmUtlPd	19.85	N.L.	
Amway	6.82	7.03	+.01
Analyst	12.02	N.L.	—.01
Aquila Funds:			
AZ TF	9.79	10.20	—.01
CO TF	9.79	10.20	—.01
HI TF	10.65	11.09	
KY TF	9.94	10.35	
OR TF	9.93	10.34	
ArielApp p	20.68	N.L.	—.05
ArielGro p	28.19	N.L.	+.08
Atlas Funds:			
CaMunA	10.27	10.59	
GvtScA	9.53	9.82	—.02
GrolncA	13.47	13.89	+.08
NaMunA	10.37	10.69	
BB&T Funds:			
GrolncT	10.95	N.L.	+.02
InsGovT	9.17	N.L.	—.02
BEA Funds:			
EMktE	20.05	20.05	—.94
IntlEq	18.36	18.36	—.18
ShDuCh	4.90	N.L.	
SpPx p	15.31	15.31	—.11
USCPtln	14.32	14.32	—.04
BNY Hamilton:			
Eqinc	10.65	10.98	
IntGovt	9.09	9.37	—.03
NY TE	9.57	9.87	
BT:			
InstAstM	9.38	N.L.	
InstEqIx	10.56	N.L.	+.01
InvEqIx	10.53	N.L.	
InvIntEq	13.60	N.L.	+.08
Babson Group:			
Bond L	1.47	N.L.	
Enterp	16.59	N.L.	—.05
Grwth	12.07	N.L.	—.02
Intl	15.98	N.L.	+.01
UMB B	10.46	N.L.	—.03
UMB St	15.91	N.L.	—.01
Value	25.52	N.L.	—.02
BallardBichl&Kaiser:			
Diversn	11.62	N.L.	—.02
IntlEq	5.70	N.L.	—.02
IntlFl	7.80	N.L.	
Baird Funds:			
AdjInc	8.82	9.12	
BlChip p	18.91	20.06	—.02
CapDv p	21.96	23.30	—.02
BarnsA	22.35	N.L.	+.13
Bartlett Funds:			
BasVl	14.06	N.L.	+.01
FlxedI	9.48	N.L.	—.03
VI Intl	11.55	N.L.	+.01
BayFunds Instl:			
ST Yield	9.15	N.L.	—.04
Bond	9.41	N.L.	—.02
Equity	10.44	N.L.	—.02
Benchmark Funds:			
BondA	18.40	N.L.	—.02
DivGtrA	9.87	N.L.	—.04
EqIdxA	10.76	N.L.	+.01
FocGtrA	9.90	N.L.	
IntlGtrA	10.00	N.L.	—.01
ShtDurA	9.97	N.L.	
SIBdA	19.58	N.L.	—.04
SmCoIA	10.84	N.L.	+.01
Benham Group:			
AdjGov	9.27	N.L.	—.02
CATFI	10.41	N.L.	
CatIn	9.20	N.L.	
CaTFS	9.89	N.L.	
CatFH	8.50	N.L.	
CatFL	10.18	N.L.	
EqGro x	11.53	N.L.	—.38
EurBd x	10.23	N.L.	—.23
GNMA	9.90	N.L.	—.03
GoldIn x	10.89	N.L.	—.11
IncGro x	13.93	N.L.	—.65
NITFI	10.17	N.L.	
NITFL	10.66	N.L.	
Tgt1995	95.11	N.L.	—.08
Tgt2000	66.51	N.L.	—.15
Tgt2005	45.99	N.L.	—.08
Tgt2010	32.94	N.L.	—.06
Tgt2015	24.15	N.L.	—.02
Tgt2020	16.35	N.L.	—.02
TNote	9.75	N.L.	—.03
UtilIn x	8.86	N.L.	—.04
Berger Group:			
100 p	15.43	N.L.	+.05
101 p	10.72	N.L.	—.05
SmCoGp p	2.80	N.L.	+.02
Bernstein Fds:			
GvSh	12.14	N.L.	—.03
ShtDur	12.13	N.L.	—.02
IntDur	12.37	N.L.	—.03
Ca Mu	12.70	N.L.	
DivMu	12.71	N.L.	—.01
NYMu	12.69	N.L.	—.01
IntlVal	15.31	N.L.	+.09
BerwynFd	17.25	N.L.	+.04
BerwynInc	10.64	N.L.	+.01
Biltmore Funds:			
Balncd	9.77	10.23	—.01
Equity	10.12	10.60	
EqIndx	10.32	10.81	
Fixedln	8.98	9.40	—.02
QuantEq	9.57	10.02	—.01
STFlxIn	9.55	10.00	—.01
SCMuni	10.11	10.59	—.01
Blanchard Funds:			
FlexInc	4.55	N.L.	—.01
GlGr p	9.43	N.L.	—.02
PrcMl p	6.80	N.L.	—.02
ST Gl	1.69	N.L.	—.02
Brndyw	23.06	N.L.	+.14
Brinson Funds:			
Global	10.29	N.L.	—.01
NUSEqt	9.67	N.L.	+.02
Bull & Bear Gp:			
SpEq p	18.26	N.L.	+.29
Burnhm p	19.83	20.44	—.04
C&SRity	32.75	N.L.	+.17
CGM Funds:			
CapDv	21.54	N.L.	—.06
Mutl	25.35	N.L.	—.08
California Trust:			
CalInc	11.23	N'L.	
Calvert Group:			
GlobEq	16.02	16.82	—.14
Inco	15.60	16.21	—.04
Social p	27.88	29.27	
SocBd	15.22	15.81	—.03
SocEq	17.79	18.68	—.25
TxF Lt	10.62	10.84	
TxF Lg	15.84	16.46	+.03
TxF VT	15.33	15.93	—.01
Cambridge Fds:			
GvInB t	12.43	12.43	—.02
MulnB t	13.92	13.92	—.01
Capstone Group:			
Grwth			
GvtInc		N.L.	
Cardinal Family:			
Fund	11.22	11.94	—.01
GvtOblg	7.82	8.19	—.02
Centurn Funds:			
EqGrwC	9.35	N.L.	+.02
FedSlnC	9.70	N.L.	—.02
Cnt Shs x	22.51	N.L.	—.34
ChesGrth	13.57	13.99	+.01
Chestnt	148.25	N.L.	+.15
Clipper	48.93	N.L.	—.12
Colonial Funds:			
CalTE A	6.63	6.96	
ConTE A	6.85	7.19	
FedSA	9.85	10.34	—.02
FundA	7.28	7.72	+.01
GrthA p	12.00	12.73	—.01
HiYldA	6.28	6.59	+.01
IncoA p	5.95	6.25	—.01
IntGrA	9.71	10.30	+.03
MATxA	7.14	7.50	—.01
NY TE A	6.45	6.77	
OhTE A	6.72	7.06	—.01
SrsInA	6.50	6.82	
TxEx p	12.38	13.00	
TxInsA p	7.56	7.94	
USGtrA t	11.24	11.93	—.81
USGvA	6.25	6.56	
UtilA p	11.76	12.35	—.02
CATEB t	6.63	6.63	
CTTEB t	6.85	6.85	
FedSB t	9.85	9.85	—.02
FunaB t	7.27	7.27	
GlEqB	11.07	11.07	+.02
GwthB t	11.96	11.96	—.01
HYMB t	9.38	9.38	
HYSecB t	6.28	6.28	+.01
IntGrB	9.64	9.64	+.04
MATxB t	7.14	7.14	—.01
OHTxB t	6.72	6.72	—.01
StrthB t	6.50	6.50	
TxEB t	12.38	12.38	
TEInsB t	7.56	7.56	
USGtB tx	11.17	11.17	—.77
USGvB t	6.25	6.25	
UtilB t	11.76	11.76	—.02
Columbia Funds:			
Balance	17.38	N.L.	—.01
ComStk	15.29	N.L.	+.02
Fixed	12.15	N.L.	—.03
Grth	26.04	N.L.	+.09
IntlStk	12.55	N.L.	
Muni	11.45	N.L.	
Spec1	19.62	N.L.	+.08
Common Sense:			
Govt	9.92	10.64	—.02
Grwth	14.86	16.24	+.03
Grlnc	15.23	16.64	—.02
MunB	12.76	13.40	
Compass Capital:			
Eqinc	11.19	11.63	+.03
PxIln	9.82	10.20	—.02
Grwth	10.69	11.11	—.03
IntlPl	10.14	10.54	
NJ Mun	10.48	10.89	
Shint	9.99	10.38	—.02
Composite Group:			
BdStkA p	11.38	11.92	—.01
GwthA p	12.32	12.90	+.02
InPlA p	8.30	8.65	—.01
NW50A p	14.06	14.72	+.05
TxExA p	7.10	7.40	
USGvA p	9.64	10.04	—.02
Conestoga Funds:			
Equity	13.45	13.72	—.02
Conn Mutual:			
Govt	9.80	10.21	—.02
Grwth	14.73	15.51	—.05
Income	9.20	9.39	—.03
TotRet	13.91	14.64	—.04
CO Cap Mkt Fds:			
IntrPx		N.L.	
IntlEq	9.79	N.L.	+.03
IntlPx	8.01	N.L.	—.04
LgGrw		N.L.	
LgVal	8.48	N.L.	
MgBld	7.42	N.L.	—.01
Muni	7.54	N.L.	
SmGrw	13.18	N.L.	+.15
SmVal	8.11	N.L.	—.01
TxRtn	7.62	N.L.	—.02
Copley	19.79	N.L.	—.03
CoreFunds:			
BalanA	9.95	N.L.	+.02
EqIdx	20.26	N.L.	
GtEqA	9.44	N.L.	+.02
IntBdA	9.49	N.L.	—.01
IntlGtrA	12.03	N.L.	—.02
Crabbe Huson:			
AstAll p	12.18	N.L.	
Equity p	15.66	N.L.	+.03
Special	13.14	N.L.	+.08
CrestFunds:			
BondTr	9.16	N.L.	—.02
SIBdTr	9.47	N.L.	—.02
SpEqTr	10.06	N.L.	+.03
ValueTr	10.18	N.L.	—.02
CsFd Adj	9.82	N.L.	—.01
DG Investor:			
Equity	10.75	10.97	+.01
GvtInc	9.19	9.38	—.02
LTGvt	9.48	9.67	—.02
Dean Witter:			
AmVl t	21.01	21.01	+.05
CalTF t	11.82	11.82	
CapGr t	11.85	11.85	+.02
Convt tr	10.03	10.03	—.15
DevGr t	16.96	16.96	
DivGr tx	29.13	29.13	—.30
Divln tx	9.23	9.23	—.07
Euro tr	11.71	11.71	
1.05			
Glbl t	8.65	8.65	—.01
GlbDiv tx	10.78	10.78	—.18
GlobUt t	9.89	9.89	—.79
FedSec t	8.70	8.70	—.02
HiInSc t	10.08	10.08	+.13
Hilnc p	9.59	9.59	—.00
HiYld	6.32	6.69	—.20
InsSm t	8.83	8.83	+.01
Insmd t	9.20	9.20	—.02
LtdMun	9.02	9.02	
MuAZ t	9.59	9.99	
MuCA t	9.52	9.92	
MUFL t	9.82	10.23	
MUNJ t	9.66	10.06	
MbPA t	9.77	10.18	+.01
NYTF t	10.78	10.78	
NtlRa t	10.54	10.54	—.46
PacGr tr	18.51	18.51	—.80
PrcM tr	9.91	9.91	—.26
Premr p	8.69	8.96	—.02
SelMu p	11.30	11.30	
Mngd tx	10.32	10.32	—.36
ST US p	9.66	9.66	—.02
Strat t	13.70	13.70	—.57
TaxEx	10.98	11.44	
USGvt t	8.40	8.40	—.02
Util	12.36	12.36	—.20
ValAd t	19.61	19.61	—.23
WWIn x	8.38	8.38	—.04
WldW tx	16.65	16.65	—.84
TC Bal px	8.85	8.85	—.15
TCCor t	11.32	11.32	—.03
TC Inc x	9.64	9.64	—.15
TCLat t	10.69	10.69	—.79
TCNor px	7.86	7.86	—.47
TCSCp t	9.31	9.31	+.07
Del Grp Instl:			
Dlchl	6.03	6.03	
Delaware Group:			
TrendA p	11.52	12.22	+.05
ValueA p	19.14	20.31	—.03
DekpA p	22.16	23.51	+.17
DeclnA p	15.74	16.70	+.02
DeTRA p	12.49	13.25	+.01
DelusA p	17.59	18.66	+.02
DelGlA p	11.89	12.62	+.02
DelchA p	6.03	6.33	
USGvA p	7.69	8.07	—.02
TreasA p	9.01	9.29	—.01
TxUSA p	11.54	12.12	—.01
TxInsA p	10.61	11.14	
TxPkA p	7.93	8.33	
Dimensional Fds:			
IntlVal	10.02	N.L.	+.06
US Lrg	13.77	N.L.	
US Sml	8.41	N.L.	+.02
US 6-10	11.02	N.L.	+.03
Japan	25.07	N.L.	+.44
UKing	22.69	N.L.	—.14
Cont	14.33	N.L.	—.03
Fixd	99.73	N.L.	—.03
Eq Inc		N.L.	
EQII	17.68	N.L.	+.01
Eqldx	16.91	N.L.	
ErCapAp	10.62	N.L.	+.06
Europ	19.73	20.34	+.15
Exch	102.88	N.L.	+.02
Fidel	18.37	N.L.	+.01
Fifty	10.78	11.11	+.04
GNMA	9.98	N.L.	—.02
GloBd		N.L.	
GloBal		N.L.	
GovtSc	9.18	N.L.	—.02
GroCo	26.92	27.75	+.03
GroInc	21.04	21.69	+.01
HiYld	11.21	N.L.	—.01
InsMu	10.64	N.L.	
IntBd		N.L.	
InterGvt	9.14	N.L.	—.01
IntGr		N.L.	
InvGB		N.L.	
Japan r	12.93	N.L.	+.14
LatAm r			
LtdMun	8.96	N.L.	
LowP r	15.72	16.21	+.03
MI TF	10.54	N.L.	—.01
MN TF	10.09	N.L.	
MagellIn	65.70	67.73	+.12
MktIn r	34.14	N.L.	
MA TF	10.46	N.L.	—.01
MidCap	10.61	N.L.	+.04
MtgSc	10.24	N.L.	—.03
MunBd	7.34	N.L.	
NY HY	10.98	N.L.	—.01
NY Ins	10.45	N.L.	—.01
NewMkt		N.L.	
NwMill	11.96	12.33	+.01
OTC	22.86	23.57	+.07
Oh TF	10.48	N.L.	—.01
Ovrsea		N.L.	
PcBas	16.05	N.L.	+.16
Puritn		N.L.	
RealE	12.99	N.L.	+.09
RetGr	16.17	N.L.	
ShtBd		N.L.	
ST Wld		N.L.	
SmCap	10.21	10.53	—.01
SEAsia r	13.02	13.42	+.10
StkSlc	17.71	N.L.	
Trend	50.54	N.L.	+.02
USBI	9.98	N.L.	—.02
Utility	13.06	N.L.	—.01
Value	40.57	N.L.	+.12
Wrldw		N.L.	
Delafield Selects:			
AGold r	19.14	19.73	—.11
Auto r	18.86	19.44	+.21
Biotch r	23.30	24.02	+.11
Chem r	32.92	33.94	+.05
Comp r	28.77	29.66	+.10
DvCm r	19.63	20.24	+.06
Electr r	17.92	18.47	—.03
Energy r	15.93	16.42	—.08
EngSv r	11.23	11.58	—.03
Envir r	9.87	10.18	
FinSv r	43.18	44.52	—.21
Food r	30.46	31.40	—.35
Health r	70.47	72.65	—.29
HomF r	21.05	21.70	
InEqp r	19.12	19.71	+.02
IndMt r	21.96	22.64	+.07
Leisr r	37.68	38.85	+.06
MedDl r	21.44	22.10	—.05
NtGas r	8.67	8.94	—.04
Paper r	19.40	20.00	
PrMet r	17.08	17.61	—.21
RegBk r	16.30	16.80	—.10
Retail r	23.61	24.34	+.05
Softwr r	26.57	27.39	+.27
Tech r	40.63	41.89	+.24
Telcm r	37.18	38.33	+.03
UtilGr r	33.13	34.15	+.02
Fidelity Spartan:			
AgrMun	9.19	N.L.	—.01
CAHY r	9.42	N.L.	
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Govt p	10.50	11.20	—.01
High P p	4.82	5.14	+.01
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InvGr p	9.24	9.86	—.03
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NYTF p	13.62	14.53	—.01
SpSit p	17.11	18.25	+.05
TxBs p	9.39	10.02	—.01
TxRt p	11.23	11.98	+.01
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HiQtBp	9.75	10.24	
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Intlnc p	9.66	9.81	—.01
MMun p	9.67	10.13	—.01
Tellin p	12.41	12.99	+.02
TRTs p	9.17	9.60	—.02
Value p	11.03	11.55	—.01
Flagship Group:			
AATEa p	10.00	10.44	—.01
AZTEA p	9.94	10.38	
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FLTE p	9.89	10.32	
GATEA p	9.67	10.09	—.01
GMRb p	16.31	N.L.	—.04
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MITEA p	10.79	11.26	
MOTEA p	9.93	10.37	—.02
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NMTE p	9.13	9.53	
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CapitlA p	16.79	17

Cowboys-Giants tough to figure

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

How do you figure a game when one team has nothing to play for and the other has everything, like the Dallas Cowboys at the New York Giants?

The Giants, 3-7 five weeks ago, are now 8-7 and host the Cowboys with a chance to make the playoffs if they win and Green Bay loses. Dallas has already clinched the NFC East and is set as the NFC's second-seeded playoff team.

So how do you figure the game?

The Cowboys, favored early by 6½ points but now only a 3-point pick, are clearly the better team — they won 38-10 at Texas Stadium on Nov. 7. And they've won 14 straight against NFC East opponents, the closest a 16-13 overtime win over the Giants in last year's final game — one that gave Dallas the division title.

But Emmitt Smith, who carried the Cowboys last year with a sore shoulder, may make only a token appearance to preserve his streak of consecutive games played. And Michael Irvin could rest, too.

So figure it this way.

Blair Thomas runs for 20 yards in 19 carries, is replaced by Lincoln Coleman, who fumbles twice, and ...

GIANTS, 16-13

New England (pick 'em) at Chicago

Remember the '85 Super Bowl? Bears 46, Patriots 10.

■ NFL Picks

PATS, 46-10.

Detroit (plus 3½) at Miami (Sunday night)

Another tough game to figure. Both teams should know by gametime what they need to do. Or don't need to do.

DOLPHINS, 31-27

San Francisco (no line) at Minnesota (Monday night)

The Vikings also will know their situation at gametime. The 49ers almost always tank meaningless games.

VIKINGS, 38-16

Green Bay (minus 6) at Tampa Bay

Easy. The Packers win and makes the playoffs. They can even win the division — with help.

The Bucs? They can avoid 10 losses for the first time in a dozen years.

Sorry.

PACKERS, 20-10

Kansas City (plus 4) at Raiders

Two teams that are better than their records.

Or are they?

RAIDERS, 27-22

Pittsburgh (plus 3½) at San Diego

The Chargers probably want it more. And a lot of bruised Steelers may rest.

CHARGERS, 20-9

Arizona (minus 3) at Atlanta

The Cardinals are on a roll. But Buddy Ryan's team just needs too much help to make the playoffs.

CARDS, 17-10

Seattle (plus 10½) at Cleveland

The Browns know where they stand.

BROWNS, 10-9

Philadelphia (pick 'em) at Cincinnati

Rich Kotite's farewell.

BENGALS, 3-2.

Buffalo (plus 3) at Indianapolis

Will the Bills' pride crave .500? It doesn't matter.

COLTS, 20-14

Washington (plus 3½) at Rams

Anaheim Farewell?

RAMS, 20-19

New Orleans (no line) at Denver

Elway or no Elway?

SAINTS, 20-16

Jets (minus 1) at Houston

Jeff Fisher runs the table.

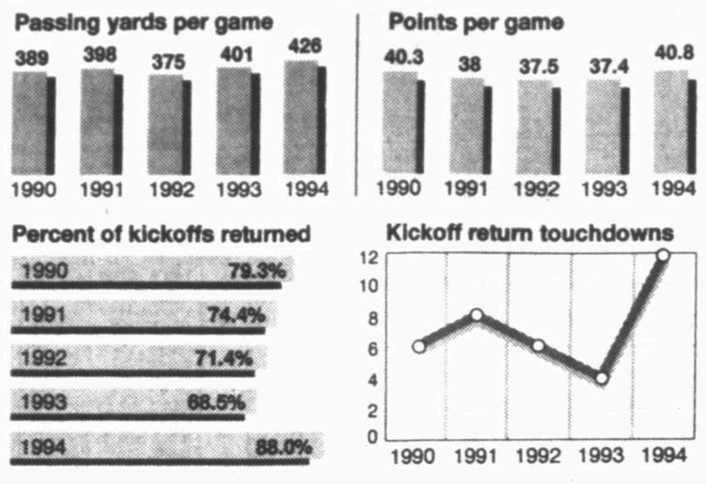
JETS, 8-6

Last Week: 7-7 (spread); 11-3 (straight up) Season: 93-112-5 (spread); 130-80 (straight up)

Offensive production on the rise

Offensive production has shown an increase this season throughout the National Football League. Here are some areas that have risen over the previous year:

(1990-93 are season totals, 1994 through week 15)



Source: NFL

AP/Ed De Gasero

SWITZER: Reserves may be used if game gets out of hand

(From 1C)

care of business."

Switzer said it's difficult to rest people in the pro ranks because the rosters are half the size of college teams. He said the only time he might use more reserves would be if the score got out of hand, one way or the other.

Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman said he wants to play a lot Saturday to get himself ready for the playoffs. He returned to the lineup two games ago after missing two games because of a knee injury.

"We want to go into the playoffs feeling good about our football team and being able to make a serious run at this thing," Aikman said. "So we go in feeling like we need to win the game just like they do. But there is no question they're going to have a lot to play for and they're going to come in ready."

Giants coach Dan Reeves has sidestepped the question of whether the Cowboys will play hard on Christmas eve.

"That's Barry's problem," Reeves said. "That ain't mine. I wish I had that problem. There's no need for me to even answer that. My concern is to try to get ready to play them at their very best because I think that's what champions play. They play at their very best. A champion never stops proving what he is."

The Cowboys looked like champions in crushing the Giants 38-10 in early November, the worst regular-season loss for New York since 1980.

"There were a lot of things that happened in that game that really made us look bad," said Giants quarterback Dave Brown, who completed 4 of 17 passes for 56 yards in the first meeting before being benched. "They played great. We really didn't play well at all."

Now the Giants either have to play well to make the playoffs, or they have to hope the Cowboys are down and Tampa Bay comes up big.

Rams group gives up

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Save the Rams task force announced Thursday it's given up trying to convince the Los Angeles Rams to stay in Southern California and now will take its case directly to the NFL.

Save the Rams, a 50-member group of business and civic leaders in Orange County, anticipates the team soon announcing an agreement to move to St. Louis.

The task force plans to do everything possible to convince the NFL's other 29 owners to vote down the expected relocation request at their next league meetings in March.

"The offers we've made have been substantial, far beyond what anyone thought possible six months ago," sports agent Leigh Steinberg, a co-founder of Save The Rams, said at a news conference outside Anaheim Stadium.

"But the Rams have never showed enough interest to negotiate with us. It's become increasingly clear in recent weeks they intend to move to St. Louis.

"So we wanted to let everyone know we're now moving to Phase II. We just want people to know we're here and fighting to keep the team."

Club president John Shaw had no comment on the development. He said earlier in the week that progress had been made with St. Louis.

"We are going to take our proposals to the owners," Steinberg said. "And we're going to ask the NFL if it's right to let a team that's been loyally supported for 50 years leave just because it's not well-supported during a lame-duck season.

"Phase II will be directing all of our efforts in communicating this single, direct fact: It is abundantly clear that it is not in the best interests of the NFL to allow the Rams to leave Southern California."

Save the Rams will try to make the case that a move is not necessary because its proposals are more than enough to guarantee the Rams a profit.

The group's latest proposal includes a new stadium built with private money; a guarantee of 45,000 season tickets and 100 luxury suites; a new state-of-the-art practice facility; a new lease that generates more revenue for the Rams, and $50 million to purchase a minority share of the team.

NFC Central league's wildest division

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

For the first time in NFL history, four teams from the same division could make the playoffs. And, hard to believe, it's the NFC Central.

This season, the NFC Central is pro football's wildest yet most-balanced division, with everyone except Tampa Bay, naturally, in the playoff chase.

And the Buccaneers merely are the hottest team in a division that, for years, has been one of the league's weakest.

But through trades (Warren Moon to Minnesota), free agency (Reggie White to Green Bay) and sheer lunacy (Philadelphia cutting Cris Carter, whom the Vikings picked up for $100) the talent base has been improved significantly. Should the Vikings, Bears and Lions win this weekend, all will have 10 victories. In this age of parity, 10 wins deserves to make the playoffs.

■ NFL Report

"I think a 10-win season is an achievement a team can be proud of," Lions coach Wayne Fontes said. "Not many teams get them."

Particularly in the NFC Central. Just two seasons ago, the Bears, Lions and Bucs finished 5-11. In 1990, Chicago was 11-5, everybody else was 6-10.

The Vikings were expected to be the division's power after acquiring Moon from Houston to run their talent-filled attack. They already had a big-play defense, and 1,000-yard running back Terry Allen was returning from knee surgery that cost him a year.

They've been inconsistent, but a victory Monday night over San Francisco —hardly an easy task — hands the Central crown to Minnesota for the second time in three years.

The Vikings might not have Moon, however, after he hurt his knee against Detroit last Saturday.

"I would have liked to have won the division three weeks ago, man. Ain't no secret about that," said safety Vencie Glenn. "We would have liked to have won it a long time ago, but we let some games slip away from us. But that's the situation we've put ourselves into."

The Lions may be the best bet in the division. Barry Sanders is within reach of 2,000 yards rushing, Dave Krieg has connected on some key pass plays and the defense has done just enough to support the prolific offense.

"We have just never given up," offensive tackle Lomas Brown said. "Even when this team was 2-4, no one considered giving up, we just kept working hard.

"This was as good a game as any since (beating) Dallas. For us to approach 50 points against a defense like the Vikings is an amazing thing." Detroit has won two of the last three division titles and if it wins at Miami on Sunday night, then the Vikings falter, the Lions will finish on top again.

Chicago has been the most surprising of the Central contenders. In his second season as Bears coach, Dave Wannstedt has worked minor miracles with an unimpressive roster. He was wise enough to stick with Steve Walsh at quarterback after high-priced free agent Erik Kramer was injured and the Bears started winning with Walsh.

Wannstedt keeps things simple, highlighting his developing defense and a conservative attack that leads the league in possession time.

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Grassland Estates, located just west of Loop 250 and just north of Highway 191 in Midland, will have its second annual "Lights Before Christmas" neighborhood lighting extravaganza from dusk to midnight Saturday, Christmas Eve.

Hosted by Grassland Estates Homeowners Association, the event will feature displays of over 4,750 luminarias.

To relieve traffic congestion and increase viewing pleasure, organizers have planned a designated route through the subdivision. Drivers are asked to enter off Hwy. 191 (Andrews Highway) access road onto Hereford Blvd., follow the marked route and exit by way of Crowley Blvd. to Wadley...

...**CENTERS FOR** Children and Families will present Parent Information Seminars in January 1995.

Parents and other adults who are interested in raising confident children, communicating with teenagers and handling stress are invited to attend. Minimal fee will be charged, and all seminars will be at Centers for Families and Children, 1031 Andrews Hwy., Suite 200, in Midland.

January 1995 seminar on "Communication" will be 7-9 p.m. Jan. 10, 17 and 24. Seminar for February 1995 on "Family Rules and Discipline" will be 7-9 p.m. Feb. 7, 21 and 28.

In March 1995, seminar on "Parenting Teens" will be 7-9 p.m. March 7, 21 and 28. April 1995 seminar, "Stress Management," will be 7-9 p.m. April 11, 18 and 25.

For information call 561-5508...

...**SOUTHEAST SENIOR** Citizens chapter #4816 of American Association of Retired Persons will meet noon Thursday at 1803 E. Indiana Ave. in Midland...

...**LT. WILLIAM** Brewer chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet 1:30 p.m. Jan. 3, 1995, at the Woman's Club in Hogan Park.

National defense program will be presented by Staff Sgt. Robert Strickland of the Texas National Guard. Officers and delegates to Texas state conference and Continental Congress will be elected. For information call 697-4235...

...**MARIAN BLAKEMORE** Planetarium will present "Hubble Vision: Report from Orbit" 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 8.

The planetarium will be closed Christms Day and New Year's Day. "West Texas Skies," normally presented on Sundays will be rescheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday and Jan. 3. For more information, call 683-2882 or 570-7770...

...**MUSEUM OF** the Southwest will be closed for the Christmas holiday today through Monday. It will be open regular business hours — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The museum will close for the New Year's holiday Dec. 30 through Jan. 2. Regular hours will resume following the holidays. For more information, call 683-2882 or 570-7770...

...**MIDLAND NEED** To Read will sponsor a training session for volunteer tutors Jan. 17 and 19, 1995, at Midland College. The program is an adult literacy organization providing one-on-one tutoring for adults with low level reading skills. For more information about becoming a volunteer, coontact Patti Groce at Midland College at 685-4572...

...**NEWCOMER'S CLUB** will have a get-acquainted coffee 9:30 a.m. Jan. 5, 1995, at 4904 Oakwood Court (The Oaks at Green Tree). Anyone new to Midland or Odessa is invited. For more information, call 563-4113 or 697-4551...

...**MIDLAND CHRISTIAN** Women's Club will have "A Soup-er Bowl Luncheon" 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 3, 1995, at the Midland Country Club. Geni Manning, a former Dallas Cowboys' Cheerleader, will tell how she scored victory in her life. "The Referees" will describe hand signals and Natalie, Natasha and Tanya Eustace will present a musical "Halftime Show."

Lunch is $10. A free nursery will be provided at Northwestern Baptist Church. All mothers are asked to bring a lunch for their child. Midland Christian Women's Club is non-denominational and has no membership fees. All interested women are invited to attend. For lunch and nursery reservations, call 697-0073 or 686-7714...

FAMILY MATTERS

Season's feelings vary for individuals

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR READERS: Christmas is here again. For some, it is a time of great joy and excitement. For others, it is a time of sadness, loneliness, disappointment, agitation, stress and often depression. The sources of these "season induced" undesired feelings are many and varied. However, a very common source is the Christmas' experienced in the family of origin.


May

During this season, I have found it very helpful to write about my feelings — whatever they are. Our conscious mind will typically try to protect us from past pain. However, it is rarely able to completely block feelings of "Christmas' past." In Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," Scrooge is confronted with the visions of Christmas' Past, Present and Future. Happily this powerful one-night experience changed his life. He became the person that God intended for him to be.

The "Ghosts of Christmas' Past" often present themselves in feeling form this time of year. We may not get as direct a visual intervention as Scrooge, but many of us will get a direct unwanted emotional intervention.

Rather than fighting the feeling, I have found it to be very helpful to accept and embrace the reality of the feeling. Rather than "hinding under the covers" like Scrooge, going directly to the pain often helps indetify long-standing issues.

I am very partial to writing about feelings as a direct path to the pain. Through such writing (or journaling), we can often become aware of where our feelings are grounded. And grounded they are — in disappointment, loss, grief, fear and so on. Why would we go try to "bring up" the pain rather than avoiding it? Because avoiding it hasn't worked, has it? Scrooge could only change when he acknowledged his feelings and the consequences of past actions — lost love, loneliness, pain to others, failing to help, etc.

If you are experiencing unexplained feelings that seem inconsistent witht he season, I encourage you to consider writing about your feelings. Give your inner feelings a vehicle for expression — a safe voice.

One of the feelings that often presents itself is a sadness or hurt associated with gift giving or receiving. I would like to share a story about Christmas that speaks about gift giving and what it can mean.

In the beautiful short story, "The Gift of the Magi," O. Henry captures the essence of the spirit of giving. O. Henry tells of a young married couple, Jim and Della Young, who had little money but each had a possession they were very proud of — Jim's gold watch that had been his father's and grandfather's, and Della's beautiful brown hair that fell below her knees.

On this speical Christmas, Della cut off her beautiful hair in order to sell it and buy a watch fab chain for her husband's prized watch. Unknown to Della, Jim had sold his watch in order to buy Della a set of beautiful combs for her hair.

O. Henry writes: "The magi, as you know were wise men — wonderfully wise men — who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication.

"And here I have lamely related to you the uneventful chronicle of two foolish children in a flat who most unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of their house. But in a last word to the wise of these days let it be said that of all who give and receive gifts, such as they are the wisest. Everywhere they are wisest. They are magi." Have a Merry Christmas.

THE FOLLOWING CHRISTMAS TIPS ARE OFFERED BY THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SAD:

- Sometimes it is appropriate to ask them what they can do for themselves to make a sad situation better.
- If they want to be held while they cry, that is fine.
- Help them to understand that crying is a normal reaction to sadness.
- Help your child to use his or her energy in positive ways.
- Anger and sadness do not have to be feared.
- You can encourage your child to write in a journal or diary too.
- If you decide to use a journaling technique, assure your child that you will *not* read his or her journal.
- Encourage your child to express her or his sadness, anger, etc., in writing.
- You may want to suggest that after he or she writes, that you are available to discuss ways to address the sources of the emotion.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

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

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DEAR ABBY

Home for holidays may mean leaving husband behind

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 27 years and have three grown children. His jobs have caused us to move to various states and, consequently, I've had few opportunities to spend Christmas with my parents.


Van Buren

My father passed away last year and my mother is now 81, and quite frail. I propose that we fly to Michigan to spend Christmas with my mother. She has even offered to pay our plane fares.

My husband refuses to go because Mother lives in a cold climate, and he doesn't want the hassle of traveling during the Christmas holidays, with the threat of ice and snow.

I feel that this may be my mother's last Christmas. Our children and grandchildren have offered to travel to wherever we are to be with us for Christmas.

Abby, this is causing a lot of animosity between my husband and me. If my mother dies this year, I know I will regret not having this one last Christmas with her. What should I do? — NEW ORLEANS READER

DEAR READER: Fly to Michigan and spend your Christmas with your mother. And if your husband chooses to stay home, tell him that he will be missed.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow, and my only son is getting married soon. He is marrying a lovely girl, and I like her very much. She has planned a beautiful wedding, but here is the problem.

The song I would like the orchestra to play when I dance with my son at the reception is "A Song for My Son," but my future daughter-in-law prefers that we dance to "Sunrise, Sunset." Even though I think "Sunrise, Sunset" is a lovely song, I prefer "A Song for My Son."

Abby, should I be the one to choose which song my son and I will dance to at the reception? Or should the choice be made by my future daughter-in-law because her family is paying for the wedding? — MOTHER OF THE GROOM

DEAR MOTHER: Don't get into a power struggle with your future daughter-in-law. As a diplomatic compromise, I suggest you begin with "A Song for My Son" and end with "Sunrise, Sunset."

DEAR ABBY: I have been meaning to write this letter for weeks. A while back you published a letter from a woman signed "Nameless," a widow in her 60s who met a very attractive widower in his 70s at a World War II veterans reunion. They were instantly attracted to each other, but he was afraid of upsetting his family with the news that he had met someone special, because he had been widowed only six weeks.

I was in the same position as that man. A few years ago, I met a wonderful widow aboard a Princess Cruise ship. We, too, lived 1,000 miles apart and had grown children.

I suggest that they book single rooms on a 10-day (or two-week) cruise and experience the courtship of dating daily ... meeting for dinner and dancing, shipboard games, etc. It is an ideal way for two people to get to know each other.

If they are right for each other, they will know it, and the courtship will be exciting. And if they are as fortunate as I was, his children will encourage him to propose marriage. — A LOVE BOAT ALUMNUS

DEAR ABBY: I do not believe in calling my children before I go to see them. I am Mexican-born. All my children are married to Anglos, and now they are Anglicized, and have asked me to please call them on the telephone before I come to see them.

Abby, I am their mother; I am not their stepmother, a cousin or a friend. As their mother, I gave them life and raised them. All three of them finished college.

We Mexicans welcome family members in our home at any time of the day or night, and we do not have to call first. Anglos stand on ceremony, and call first.

Well, I am not changing my ways; I am sticking to my old Mexican custom. What do you say, Abby? — MEXICAN MOTHER IN FORT WORTH

DEAR MOTHER: There is an old saying, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do."

You are in Fort Worth now, and your children have married Anglos who follow the Anglo custom of calling before dropping in.

I say call before dropping in.

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

Italian style Red Clam Sauce goes low-fat

By Nancy Byal
Associated Press

Unlike many creamy or cheesy pasta dishes from Italy, pasta with clam sauce is inherently low in fat, just the way it's been cooked for generations. The secret lies in using only enough olive oil to cook the garlic. The rest is easy, cooking down the chunky clam-tomato sauce until it reaches the exact thickness you want.

PASTA WITH RED CLAM SAUCE

10-ounce can whole baby clams
3 cloves garlic, minced
1 tablespoon olive oil or cooking oil
½ teaspoon coarsely ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon crushed red pepper
2 4½- or 16-ounce cans whole Italian-style tomatoes, cut up
2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
½ teaspoon dried basil, crushed
½ teaspoon anchovy paste (optional)
8 ounces pasta, such as medium shell, mostaccioli or cavatelli

Drain clams, reserving juice; set aside. In a large skillet cook garlic in hot oil over medium heat for 30 seconds. Add black pepper and red pepper. Cook and stir for 30 seconds more. Add reserved clam juice and undrained tomatoes to skillet. Stir in parsley, basil and anchovy paste, if desired. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer, uncovered, for 30 to 35 minutes or until the sauce reaches the desired consistency. Stir in clams; heat through.

Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions. Drain well. Serve clam sauce over hot cooked pasta. Makes 4 main-dish servings.

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Trimmings 'no-no' for pets

By Marsha Z. Ammons
N.Y. Times News Service

Christmas is a time of decorating, wrapping gifts, entertaining, serving rich foods and having house guests — sometimes a stressful time for you and potentially dangerous for Fido and Fluffy, as some cat owners recently discovered.

Their feline was vomiting just a little, so off to the veterinarian they went. An X-ray or two later, Kitty was in surgery for the removal of a miniature, artificial Christmas tree that had been too tempting. The next day, the cat was almost as fit as a fiddle, the vet reported.

But there is a way to have Christmas — or any other special holiday or occasion — and enjoy pets without worrying about Mr. Mouser knocking over a tree loaded with $500 worth of ornaments or Bowser chomping away on glass baubles, animal experts say.

For many people, the biggest holiday decoration in the home is a Christmas tree. Cats can scamper up the trunk, use limbs for trampolines and chew off needles. Dogs tend to bump against trees.

Solution? Lasso that tree to the wall or window frame. Kitty Angell, of Bedford, Texas, who is a Cat Fanciers' Association judge and a writer for Cats Magazine, secures her tree with monofilament fishing line. Tie one end to a small nail or hook in the wall or window frame, pull the free end around the tree and tie it to a second nail or hook. Some pet owners even loop a short line from the top of the tree to a swag hook in the ceiling.

"You hardly notice the fishing line," Angell said. "I've also really tried to get away from glass ornaments. Cats can knock one down, but it around, break it and cut themselves. Dogs will try to eat the ornaments. I had more trouble with my dogs than my cats."

Betty Stites of Arlington, Texas, an American Kennel Club judge, agrees that dogs will sometimes try to munch an ornament — and edible tree-trimmings. She does put a tree up, but avoids decorations that are edible or smell like food.

Angell trims the lower branches of her tree with stuffed or soft ornaments. She discourages the use of "angel hair" as a finishing touch. "That's nothing but spun glass," she said. "Ani-

Please see PET/4D

Cookies, breads make great fillers for holiday gift baskets

Associated Press

The following spritz recipe can be transformed into many different cookies, just by varying the ingredients. You can fill baskets and boxes with these buttery treats. No time to make cookies? Bake an orange walnut bread instead. It's a moist nut bread with just a hint of orange.

BEST EVER SPRITZ
⅔ cup sugar
1 cup butter, softened
1 egg
½ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla
2¼ cups all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 400 degrees. In large mixer bowl combine all ingredients except flour. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until mixture is light and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add flour. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed, 2 to 3 minutes. If desired, add the ingredients from the variations listed below.

If dough is too soft, cover and refrigerature until firm enough to form cookies, about 30 to 45 minutes. Place dough in a cookie press; form desired shapes 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake in a 400-degree F oven for 6 to 8 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Makes 5 dozen cookies.

LEBKUCHEN SPICE SPRITZ: To basic dough, add 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, ½ teaspoon allspice and ¼ teaspoon cloves. Glaze: In small bowl stir together 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons milk and ½ teaspoon vanilla until smooth. Drizzle over warm cookies.

EGGNOG GLAZED SPRITZ: To basic dough, add 1 teaspoon nutmeg. Glaze: In small bowl stir together 1 cup powdered sugar, ¼ cup softened butter, 2 tablespoons water and ¼ teaspoon rum extract until smooth. Drizzle over warm cookies.

PINA COLADA SPRITZ: Omit vanilla in basic dough recipe; add 1 tablespoon pineapple juice and ¼ teaspoon rum extract. Stir in ½ cup finely chopped coconut. Frosting: In small bowl combine 1 cup powdered sugar, 2 tablespoons softened butter, 2 tablespoons pineapple preserves and 1 tablespoon pineapple juice. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until light and fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Spread on cooled cookies. If desired, sprinkle with toasted coconut.

MINT KISSES: To basic dough add ¼ teaspoon mint extract. Immediately after removing cookies from oven, place 1 chocolate candy kiss on each cookie.

CHOCOLATE CHIP SPRITZ: To basic dough add ¼ cup coarsely grated semisweet chocolate.



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For holiday gift-giving: Orange Walnut Bread and Best-Ever Spritz. The basic recipe for the Spritz can be varied, depending on the ingredients.

ORANGE WALNUT BREAD
2 cups all-purpose flour
¾ cup sugar
½ cup milk
½ cup orange juice
1 egg, slightly beaten
2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 tablespoons grated orange peel
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ teapoon salt
½ cup chopped walnuts

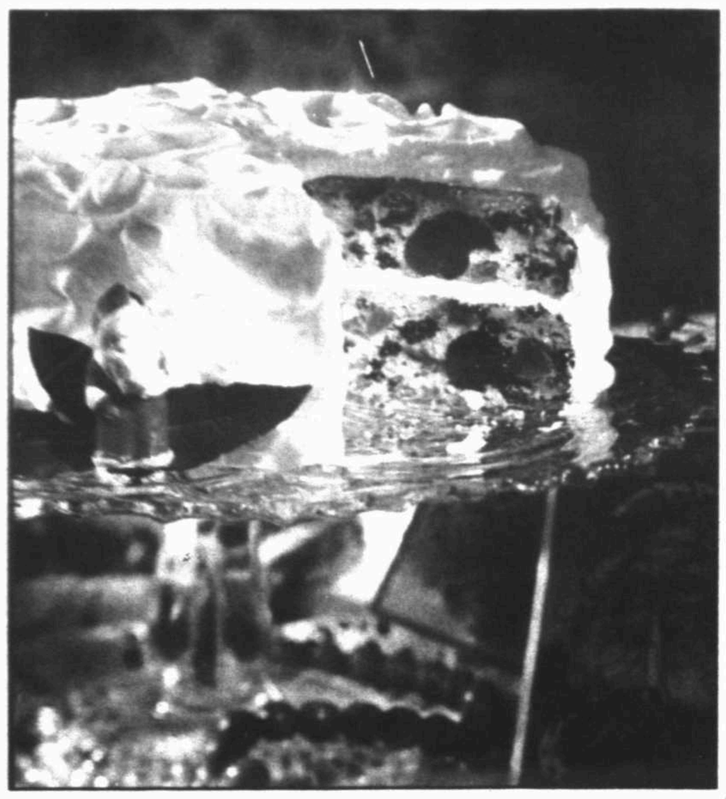
Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl combine all ingredients except walnuts; stir just until moistened. Stir in walnuts. Pour into greased 8x4-inch loaf pan. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 50 to 60 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove from pan. Makes 1 loaf.

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It's icing on the fruitcake

By Nancy Byal
Associated Press

One look and even the staunchest of fruitcake dissenters will think about trying this wonderful frosted fruitcake. It's layered with a rich marzipan filling and frosted with a glossy snow-white icing. Keep the decorating simple. A few nuts, some candied fruit, bay leaves or a couple of small Christmas ornaments is all you need to make this dessert truly festive. You can store the frosted cake for up to one week in the refrigerator or up to six weeks in the freezer.



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Royal Christmas Cake is frosted fruitcake made with rich marzipan filling and frosted with a glossy snow-white icing. It can be stored in the refrigerator for up to one week or up to six weeks in the freezer.

ROYAL CHRISTMAS CAKE
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
½ teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon baking soda
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
¼ teaspoon ground cloves
1½ cups currants
1½ cups dark or light raisins
1½ cups diced mixed candied fruits and peels
1 cup candied red and-or green cherries
½ cup ground almonds (2 ounces)
4 eggs
1 cup sugar
¾ cup margarine or butter, melted
½ cup rum, brandy or orange juice
3 tablespoons lemon juice
Rum, brandy or orange juice
8-ounce can almond paste
1 recipe Royal Icing

Grease two 9x1½-inch round baking pans. Line bottom and sides with parchment or waxed paper to prevent overbrowning; grease paper.

In a large mixing bowl stir together flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda, nutmeg and cloves. Stir in currants, raisins, fruits and peels, cherries and almonds. Set aside.

In a mixing bowl beat eggs slightly with a fork. Add sugar, margarine or butter, ½ cup rum and lemon juice; stir until combined. Stir egg mixture into fruit mixture; pour into pans.

Bake in a 300-degree oven for 1¼ to 1½ hours or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. (Cover pans loosely with foil after 1 hour of baking to prevent overbrowning.) Cool in pans on a wire rack.

Remove cooled cake from pans. Wrap layers separately in rum, brandy or juice-moistened 100 percent cotton cheesecloth. Overwrap with foil. Store in the refrigerator for one to two weeks. Re-moisten cheesecloth with rum every three or four days or when dry.

To assemble, place one cake layer, top side down, on a serving plate. Spread with half of the almond paste. (Or, if paste is too thick to spread, divide into two balls. Place each ball between two sheets of waxed paper; flatten slightly. With a rolling pin, roll each portion from center to edges until 10 inches in diameter; trim to form a 9-inch circle. Remove one sheet of paper from one circle; invert onto cake. Peel off remaining paper.)

Spread some of the Royal Icing over almond paste on first cake layer. Add second cake layer, top side up; top with remaining paste. Frost top and sides of cake with remaining Royal Icing. Makes 16 servings.

ROYAL ICING: In a large mixing bowl combine 4 cups sifted powdered sugar, ½ cup water, ¼ cup meringue powder and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat with an electric mixer on high speed for 7 to 10 minutes or until very stiff. Use immediately, covering the icing in the bowl with a damp paper towel. Makes 3½ cups.

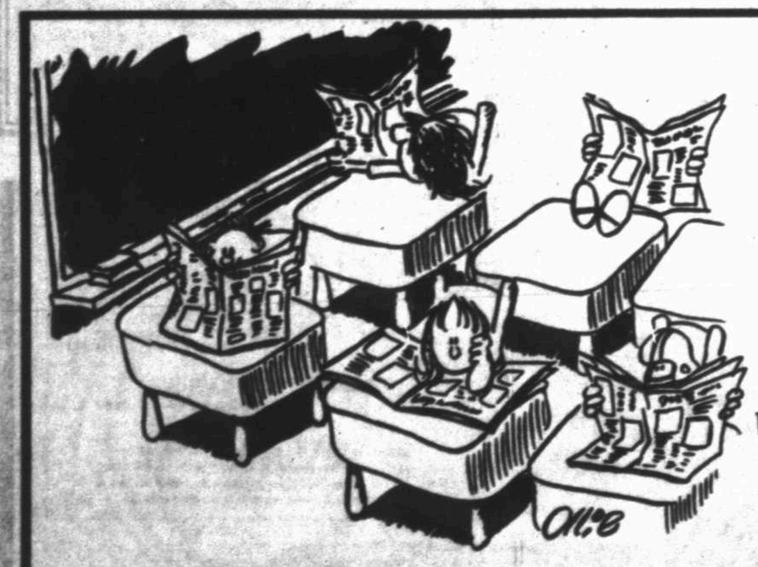
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PRIMETIME

Seniors' programs hit ski resorts

By Barbara Lloyd
N.Y. Times News Service

There is an accent on youth in the ski industry, as there is in everything else. But increasingly, resorts are finding that sports-minded seniors are staying north to ski rather t[illegible] following the exodus south to play golf.

"Being 70 and skiing isn't an oddity anymore," said Gwen Allard, the founder in 1987 of a senior skier development program at Windham, N.Y. "People are running up and down our slopes at 80 and 90. There's no reason for them to give up their participation in the sport as they age. But what we're trying to do is develop quality programs that won't break seniors or ski-area budgets."

The seniors program, coordinated through the Educational Foundation of the Professional Ski Instructors of America, has grown to include 48 ski areas in the East. More areas in the West are beginning to see its merits.

Under the program, ski areas offer clinics and ski instruction to people 50 and older for nominal fees.

"People entering the golden years are much more active participants than their parents were," said Allard, 57. "When I started the seniors program seven years ago, I felt that the ski industry was not looking at this growing population."

Statistics from the National Sporting Goods Association, a trade group, show that the number of people 65 and older who skied in 1988 was .3 percent of the country's estimated 12.4 million skiers. In 1993, the number grew to .7 percent of 10.5 million skiers.

"There is no reason for aging skiers to give up their participation in the sport," Allard said. "They can stay warm if they dress right, and they can still ski 80-90 percent of the slopes they did at 20. I'm not saying they're going to ski it the same way, but they can still enjoy it."

SKI AREAS ARE designing their senior clinics to meet this increasing demand. At Jiminy Peak, in Hancock, Mass., the program is open to people 50 or older, beginner to advanced, each Thursday morning.

"We find there are a whole bunch of skiers who are pretty happy with their skiing," said John Root, director. "But they want to know how to handle certain tactical situations, like bumps, ice, the steeps, or powder. They want to know how to use the skiing they already own."

At Attitash/Bear Peak, N.H., the "Thank Goodness I'm Fifty" program costs $25 for seasonal membership. Included in the price of the Thursday morning classes is a social get-together from 8:30 to 10 a.m., and lessons from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

"In this area, the older folks have been coming here for quite awhile," said Jean Leone, administrator for sales at Attitash. "Most of them are good skiers, and they're very aggressive."

Low as the prices are for lessons, they are not free. But it is common in the industry for ski areas to give free lift passes to people who are 70 and older.

Allard believes that aging skiers, many of whom are on the leading edge of the baby-boomers population bulge, will ultimately drain ski resort budgets if the practice persists.

Her opinion doesn't mesh with that of Lloyd Lambert, a 93-year-old skier from Ballston Lake, N.Y., who founded the 70-Plus Ski Club in 1977. With 11,000 members, the club has agreements with ski areas worldwide for free lift tickets for its 70-something skiers.

"I ski the lower runs now, maybe four or five times, and then I take a rest," Lambert said. "I used to go to the top and ski everything. But I stopped that. I thought, well, what's the use of taking chances. There's moguls out there, and I don't like moguls."

Lambert said that he gets letters from new members on fixed incomes who spoke of waiting to become 70 so they could take advantage of a free lift pass.

ALTA, A SKI AREA in Utah noted for its large annual snowfalls, has acknowledged the aging skier for years. But the cutoff for a free pass has always been 80 years old, and still is, said Rosie Gale, sales supervisor. Founded in 1936 as the second oldest ski resort in the West to Sun Valley, Idaho, Alta has numerous seniors who frequent its slopes.

Gale defends the area's policy, noting that an adult lift ticket at Alta, a large area with 2,500 acres of ski terrain, is $25. The price is comparable to a child's pass at many other ski areas.

"Everybody here get's a kid's price," she said. "If they make it to 80, they get a free ticket."

Senior program points way to future

By John Affleck

EAST GREENBUSH, N.Y. (AP) — Cornelia Johnson let her husband do the driving for 20 years. When he died, she found herself stranded at her rural home with no confidence in her road skills.

So she went back to high school.

Mrs. Johnson, 72, is one of dozens of people to take a drivers' education course for senior citizens offered by the East Greenbush School District in suburban Albany.

"The course gave me my confidence back," Mrs. Johnson said. "Now I feel like I've been driving forever."

The course is one of the first using a school to address what will be a tough dilemma as the baby boomer generation reaches retirement age: balancing the need of older people for independence with the public's need for highway safety.

"A lot of people have talked about it but East Greenbush is doing something," said Donn Maryott, director of a senior highway program for the Governor's Traffic Safety Commission.

Seniors can take private courses, Maryott said, but none of them give participants the chance to drive with an instructor for only a $5 registration fee, as the East Greenbush program does. The program is funded by the school district.

For many older people, particularly those in rural areas, the automobile isn't just a convenience — it's a lifeline. It provides a vital link to families, friends, doctors and shopping centers.

Nonetheless, highway statistics raise questions about whether all seniors drivers should be on the road.

In New York, as in other states, seniors are behind the wheel less frequently than younger people when accidents occur. Nineteen percent of New York drivers' licenses belonged to people 60 and older in 1993, with 8 percent of drivers involved in accidents falling in that age bracket, according to the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

However, the American Association for Retired Persons, or AARP, said every major traffic study for 30 years has shown seniors crash more often than any group except teen-agers when the standard is accidents per mile driven.

As the number of older people on the road increases — the American Automobile Association predicts one-third of all drivers will be 55 and older by the year 2000 — traffic experts are concerned the nation's highways will become more dangerous.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles solicited opinions last fall from seniors' groups, doctors, police and others on how to keep seniors on the road while guarding the public.

Just how to determine when someone should give up their license is the hard part. Doctors, for instance, don't want to be made responsible for administering a required vision test to seniors for fear older patients won't seek medical attention.

Making it harder for constituents to retain their drivers' licenses is a difficult call for politicians, so voluntary programs like East Greenbush's may act as a bellwether for handling the influx of senior drivers.

The AARP opposes licensing and testing procedures it considers discriminatory against older drivers. It puts out a book to help them assess their driving skills and offers an eight-hour classroom course, but the East Greenbush program goes a few steps further.

Participants use instructors and facilities at Columbia High School, including classrooms and simulators. Seniors can stay in the program until they feel comfortable driving solo.

Seniors can learn to compensate

Associated Press

After age 55, vision, hearing and reflexes begin to slowly decline for most people, according to the American Association of Retired Persons. Tips for senior drivers to help compensate for changes brought about by aging:

- **Have regular medical and vision checkups.**
- **Avoid driving in stressful traffic situations.**
- **Limit driving to familiar areas.**
- **Take medication in prescribed amounts and at specified intervals.**
- **Avoid driving after surgery until medically cleared.**
- **Avoid prolonged hours of driving.**
- **Bring along a passenger to help navigate.**

Maine volunteers help seniors get around

By Glenn Adams

AUGUSTA, Maine (AP) — In rural, rugged Maine, where houses can be miles apart and public transportation is spotty at best, having a car can be a matter of survival.

And in a state known for its independent-minded inhabitants, the privilege of driving seems more like a natural right.

That explains why the reaction was so virulent when a state panel issued a report that suggested making all motorists over 40 take tests to assure they are mentally capable of driving. Many took it as a threat to their freedom and the idea was dropped.

"If you take away our driving permits, you take both our legs away," 87-year-old Frank Duffy of Bangor said at a public hearing. "It makes me mad. I'm scared of this task force."

There's a flip side.

In the past two decades, the number of drivers over 65 has doubled. The National Safety Council said older drivers have a poorer record than their middle-aged counterparts, when the number of miles driven is taken into account.

Maine's Legislature created a task force to assess the transportation needs of older people — with safety of all drivers taken into account. The tests for drivers over 40 was a preliminary proposal.

"I don't think you're going to see a test for cognitive ability of drivers until you see testing for cognitive ability of legislators," said a task force member, Sen. John O'Dea.

The task force changed its tack after the over-40 testing suggestion was abandoned and rallied around a proposal that borrows from a tradition as old as taking Granddad for a Sunday ride.

A pool of volunteer drivers would be organized so a fleet of chauffeurs would be on call to give seniors rides when they need to get to the store, the doctor, a relative or to run other chores.

Creating such a network would encourage drivers who shouldn't be behind the wheel to stop driving, without restricting their mobility. The drivers might be freed from certain liabilities so they would be willing to offer their services.

Admitting you should stop driving isn't an easy thing to do, said Kathy Freund, chairwoman of the Task Force to Study the Safe Mobility of Maine's Aging Population.

Dorothy Abbott, who turned 91 on Dec. 14, said she has always enjoyed driving. She used to make frequent trips more than 400 miles south to New Jersey but now restricts herself to 30 or 40 miles from her Portland home.

To keep her skills sharp, Abbott has completed a safe-driving course for seniors.

The volunteer driver proposal is going to the Legislature, which gets down to business in January. In the meantime, the American Association of Retired Persons has agreed to provide a $25,000 grant to Freund for a more detailed look at transportation alternatives for seniors.

She envisions a database of volunteer drivers who could be contacted through a toll-free telephone number. Users might be able to accumulate credits entitling them to rides in a number of ways.

"I'm trying to develop a very consumer-oriented service people would choose," said Freund, who would like to set up a demonstration project — the nation's first — in a year.

PRIME TIME CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities for the week include:

- Monday: Closed.
- Tuesday: Meals only.
- Wednesday: Meals only.
- Thursday: Meals only.
- Friday: Meals only.

MIDLAND YMCAs

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

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

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.
- Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.
- By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

- Wednesday and Friday: 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10 a.m. Aqua Aerobics; by appointment, Water Rehab Therapy.

Scheduled activities for the Town West YMCA are;

- Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics; 10 a.m. no-impact aerobics.
- Tuesday and Thursday; 9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. Prime Time Water Aerobics.
- Tuesday through Friday; 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Biking for Fitness and Nautilus Weight Training for Prime Time adults is offered.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

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

- Monday: Closed for Christmas holiday.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 686-1627. Activities for Dec. 26-30:

- Monday: Closed for Christmas holiday.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. blood pressure test; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. art class, bridge, dominoes, pitch and ladies' billards; 7 p.m. Gospel singing.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, ceramics, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch and health talk; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:15 a.m. line dancing; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing; 10 a.m. benefits/counseling; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, pitch.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and quilting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and pitch.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) has opportunities for volunteers 55 years and older. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program operates from Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

- Rape Crisis Center needs bilingual volunteers for translating. Translators will work with other volunteers that are trained to assist victims of sexual assault during recovery.
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At Wit's End

Christmas gift equality costs mother big bucks

By Erma Bombeck



Bombeck

I tallied up the price of the gifts to my children the other day and realized one is $2 short of the amount I spent on the other two.

There are those who will say: "Christmas isn't about money. It's about little tokens of love and giving and sharing."

I say to you, you've been reading too many Hallmark cards.

It's a stupid thing I'm doing. I know that. Ask me why I look both ways before I cross a one-way street. I don't know. I just do it.

But I know for a fact that children are born with microchips in their brains that record and store the exact day their brothers and sisters got their first bicycle/watch/car. If you miss doing the same for one child within that time frame, then that can mean only one thing: You love his brother better than you love him.

Every child in the family vies for the attention of his parents. Some will get it sticking two carrots in their nostrils at the table. Others will make all A's. Another will speak only two words to you a year. But they're all in the race.

My husband says the kids have outgrown the Christmas tabulating routine. I don't want to take the chance. "It's just going to be stocking stuffers," I said.

When I went to buy a $2 gift for the one on the short end, I found I had to pay $10 for an address book. That made the other two $8 short. In buying a fanny pack for my daughter, I had to pay $12 for it. That meant the first son was now $12 short and his brother $4 light.

That wasn't right. So I charged the malls again.

I'm at the stage now if I buy a candy cane for one, a postage stamp for the other and a stick of gum for the third, I'm paid up on my affection for another year.

I know in my heart they're all grown-up adults and don't even think about such things at Christmas, but years ago when they were small, I told my son the poignant story of a town's quest to make the chimes ring in the old church.

The townspeople were told that when someone put a gift of value and sacrifice on the altar, it would happen. One by one they offered gold and valuables. The church bells remained silent. Then a little waif took off his coat, which was his only protection against the cold, and placed it on the altar. It was the only thing he had. The chimes rang gloriously.

My son turned to me and asked, "What did his brother give?"

Erma Bombeck's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

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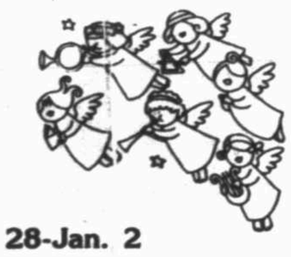
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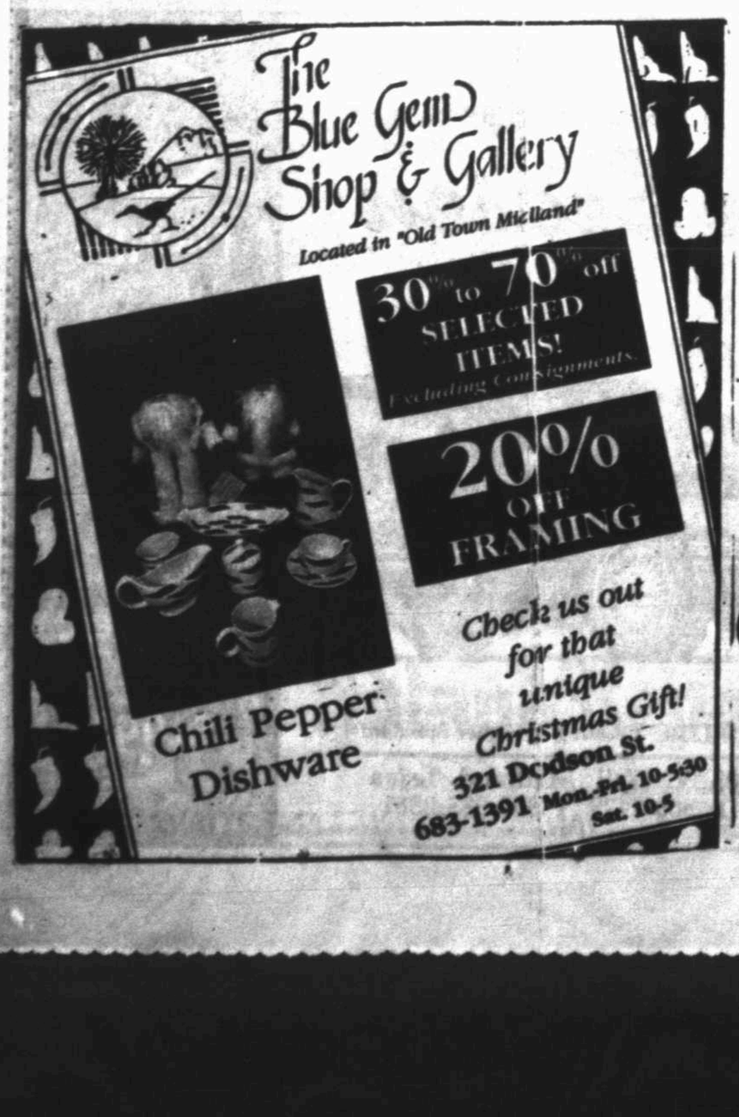
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NO. 10,988

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD HARRY ADAMS, DECEASED

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the estate of EDWARD HARRY ADAMS, Deceased, were issued on December 21, 1994, under Cause No. 10,988, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Margaret Adams Griffin and Campbell A. Griffin, Jr.

Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the estate, addressed as follows:

Margaret Adams Griffin
Campbell A. Griffin, Jr.
Estate of Edward Harry Adams
c/o Frank N. Cremer
Turner & Davis, P.C.
P.O. Box 2796
Midland, TX 79702

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated: December 21, 1994.

Respectfully submitted,

TURNER & DAVIS
400 W. Illinois, Suite 1400
P.O. Box 2796
Midland, Texas 79702-2796
Phone: 915-687-0011
Fax: 915-687-1735

By: Frank N. Cremer
State Bar No. 05064700

ATTORNEYS FOR MARGARET ADAMS GRIFFIN AND CAMPBELL A. GRIFFIN, JR., INDEPENDENT EXECUTORS

NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at **5:15 P.M., Tuesday, January 10, 1995**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request, ON APPEAL, by **Newman Outdoor Advertising** for a Specific Use permit with Term for a Billboard, on Lot 3, Block 12, Kelview Heights Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas. Generally located on the northeast corner of the intersection of Golf Course Road and Upland Street. The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available neat the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7248. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at 5:09 P.M., Tuesday, January 10, 1995, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **EOS and Mr. A Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7248. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.**

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NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at **5:12 P.M., Tuesday, January 10, 1995**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, for approval of a proposed Zone Code Amendment regarding building site creation. The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available neat the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7248. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at 5:06 P.M., Tuesday, January 10, 1995, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Abilene Memorial Company** for a Zone Change from LR-2, Local Retail District, to PD, Planned District for a Transition District, on Lots 4 and 5, Bloc 12, Kelview Heights Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, Generally located on the northwest corner of Big Spring Street and Pecan Avenue. The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available neat the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7248. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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115 Announcements

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The City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing, at 5:03 P.M., Tuesday, January 10, 1995, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Thomas K. Herman** for a Specific Use Permit with Term for the sale and on-premise consumption of alcoholic beverages in a restaurant, on a 7,200 square-foot section out of Lot 18, Block 1, Providence Park Addition, Section 2, City and County of Midland, Texas. Generally located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Wadley Avenue and Midkiff Road. The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available neat the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request servbices through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7248. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed bids will be accepted in the office of the County Purchasing Coordinator, First Floor, Suite 101 of the Midland County Courthouse, or P.O. Box 421, Midland, Texas 79702 until 4:30 o'clock P.M., Friday, January 20, 1995 to be opened by the Commissioners' Court, Monday, January 23, 1995 at the 9:00 o'clock A.M. meeting for the following:

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Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all formalities.

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Carole Wayland
Interim County Auditor

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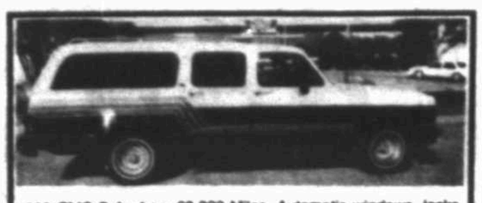
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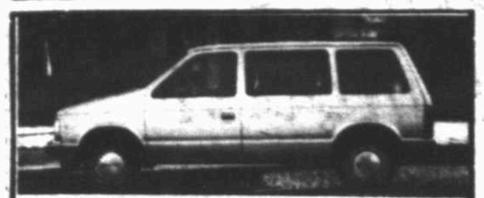
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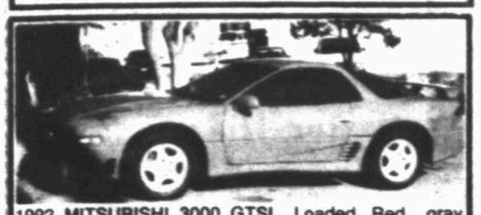
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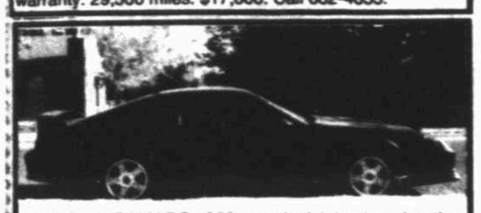
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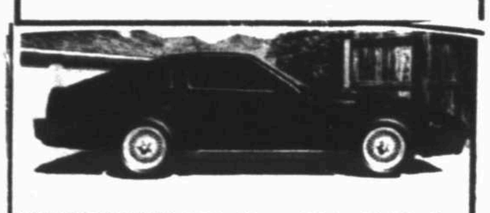
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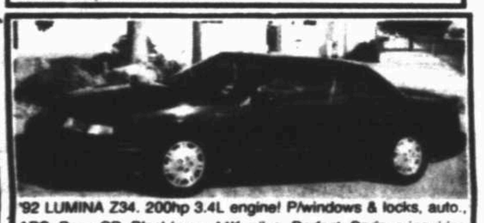
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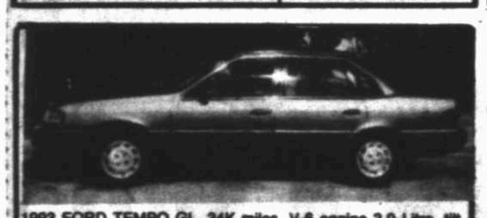
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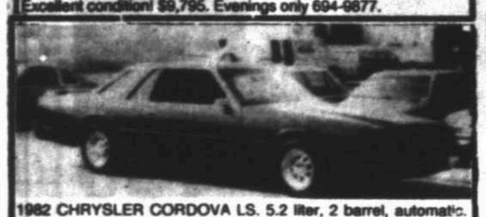
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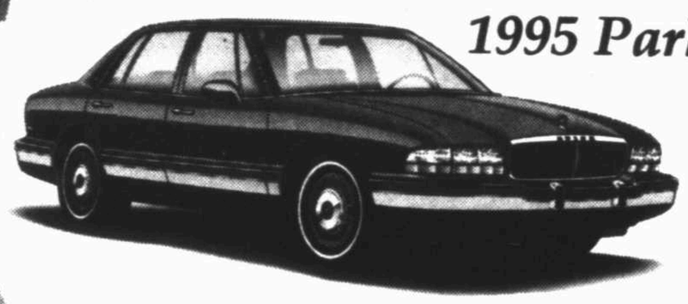
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Chapters 279 and 307 and Implementation Procedures

On Tuesday, January 31, 1995, the Texas Natural Resource Conservative Commission (TNRCC) will conduct public hearings according to the following schedule:

1. 8:30 a.m. - 30 TAC Chapter 279, Water Quality Certification
2. 10:30 a.m. - 30 TAC Chapter 307, Texas Surface Water Quality Standards and "Implentation of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission Standards Via Permitting" referred to as the "standards implentation procedures"

The hearings will be held in Room 1-111 of the Travis Building at 1701 N. Congress Avenue in Austin, Texas. The Executive Director's staff will receive oral and written public comment concerning these proposed changes. Written comment must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 7, 1995. The public hearings shall be conducted pursuant to S26.011 of the Texas Water Code, 40 CFR S25.5, and the Administrative Procedures Act. The Chapter 307 public hearing will also be conducted pursuant to SS26.024 and 26.025.

Chapter 279. Pursuant to section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act, the TNRCC is responsible for certifying that federal licenses and permits that will result in a discharge into navigable waters of the United States will comply with the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards. The TNRCC certification rules contained in Chapter 279 are adopted under the authority of the Texas Water Code, sections 5.013, 5.103, 5.105, 5.120, and the federal Clean Water Act, section 401.

Chapter 307. TNRCC has the sole and exclusive authority to establish and revise water quality standards for the State of Texas. These standards are established and reviewed on a periodic basis pursuant to the Texas Water Code, S26.023, as amended, and the federal Clean Water Act, S303 (c), as amended. The proposed revisions will comply with the provisions of the federal Clean Water Act, as last amended in 1987 (33 United States Code 1251 et seq.)

Implementation Procedures. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance and explanations of the general and technical procedures used by the TNRCC in implementing the Texas Surface Water Quality Standards in wastewater discharge permits. The proposed document reflects changes to the September 1993 version that was approved by the Executive Director of TNRCC.

Any written comments for Chapter 279 should be sent to Mark Fisher (tel. 512/239-4586), for Chapter 307 to Charles Bayer (tel. 512/2394583), or for the Implementation Procedures to Vickie Reat (tel. 512/239-4593), Water Planning and Assessment Division, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

Complete copies of the proposed Chapter 279 and Chapter 307 rules will be published in the Texas Register. Copies of the proposed rules will be available for mailout by December 23, 1994 and of the proposed standards implementation procedures by January 6, 1995. Copies will be available for viewing in the Regional offices and the TNRCC library in Austin, Texas. Requests for copies of the proposed rules or implementation procedures should be sent to Becky Ledesma (tel. 512/239-4531), Water Planning and Assessment Division, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

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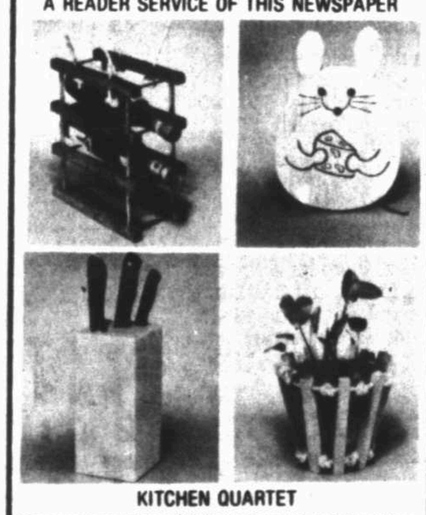
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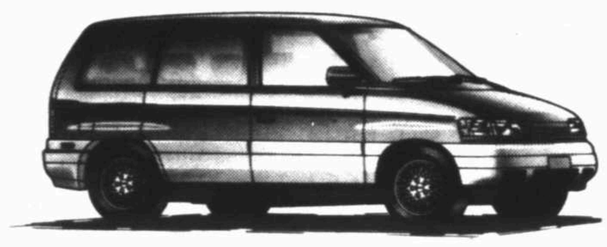
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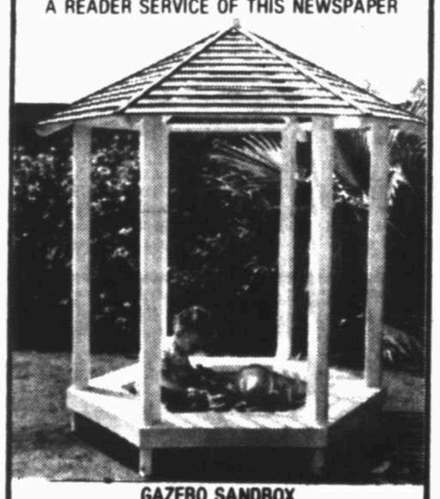
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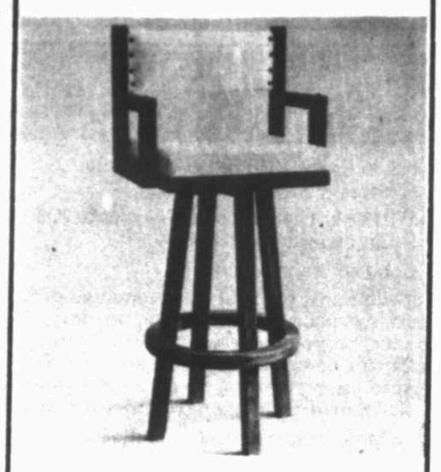
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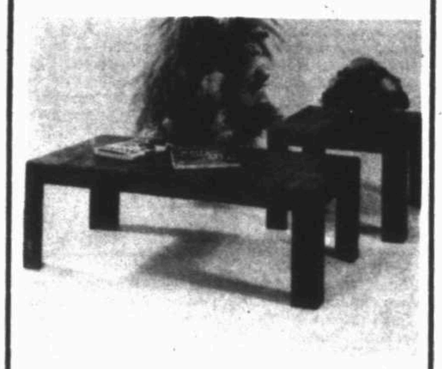
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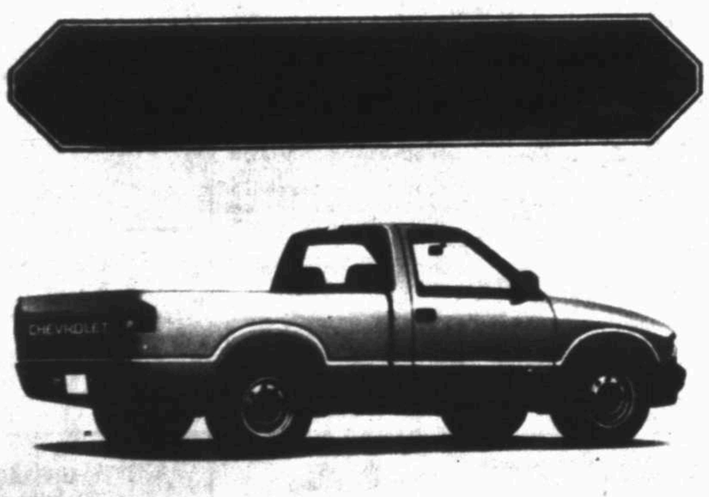
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