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Dallas' 31-24 loss to the New Orleans Saints on Friday was the Cowboys' eighth in 12 games and left their playoff hopes dangling by a string that's likely to be cut today./1C

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Local duo seeking to oust Painter

Lawmen Pat Bostick, Mike Hall want to get entrenched sheriff out of office

Bostick

Hall

Painter

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter, who has prevailed in four elections, including three contested races and one shoo-in since 1984, is taking on at least two contenders who want the sheriff to operate within the bounds of Midland County.

The announced opponents, both experienced peace officers, are in a rivalry largely centered around the sheriff's management style and his inter-county tactical program STAR — Sheriffs of Texas Agreed Response.

STAR's commander is Painter's chief deputy Clayton McKinney, a former Texas Ranger who signed on with Painter in the mid-1980s.

"I am not surprised that there are some people that want me out of office," Painter, 52, said. "They can't control me.

"The citizens of Midland County are the ones that own this office, and I have made application to be their sheriff and manage it" through 2004, which would be his 20th year in office.

So far, Painter has attracted two peace officers who are contesting his reign:

Patrick Bostick, a 42-year-old investigator for District Attorney Al Schorre, a former sheriff's deputy who, in 1994, campaigned for a county commissioner's post but lost.

Mike Hall, a 52-year-old sheriff's patrol sergeant, a former Midland policeman, and a former Texas prison guard.

The three candidates are seeking the Republican Party nomination in the March 14 primary elections and the right to run for election in the Nov. 7 general election. Filing deadline is Jan. 3.

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Contrary to a notion that Bostick and Hall might combine forces, that is, one would bail out of the race and support the other, to make a concerted run at the entrenched sheriff, both Bostick and Hall said they would not relent.

"I'm in the race," Hall said. "I have talked to Pat (Bostick) two or three times. And he has never indicated that he is going to drop out. That's all I know about it. I've not heard anything that even hints that Pat Bostick is going to drop."

Bostick said that he is in race for the duration.

"There are too many people behind me (not to run)," Bostick said. "The law-enforcement community is behind me ..., but they can't come out publicly and say it. That would be suicidal on their part."

In addition to some deputies in the sheriff's ranks pulling for him, Bostick said that the Fraternal Order of Police "publicly supported me."

Frank Cahoon, a former Texas legislator and community leader who supported Painter's 1996 opponent, said that "I wish it would happen" — Bostick and Hall join forces to defeat Painter. "I'm a Mike Hall supporter; I just think Mike would be a better (sheriff). I'd rather Bostick give in."

Brian Carney, a Midland lawyer who is chairman of the Midland County Republican Party, said that Painter, Hall and Bostick are "all capable people and are capable of running a good race."

Each has "as much right as anybody to run," Carney said. "Thank God that's the way it works. May the best man win. Good luck.

"This isn't Gary's first rodeo."

In 1984, Painter was a patrol lieutenant for then-Midland County Sheriff Dallas Smith when he resigned to campaign for sheriff.

Following a political struggle that took him to the Texas Supreme Court to win a place on the ballot, Painter defeated Smith in the Republican Party primary election by winning 60.5 percent of the vote to Smith's 39.5 percent. In the 1984 general election, Painter garnered more than 58 percent of the vote to Democrat Joe Carr's 27 percent. Smith, a write-in candidate, collected less than 15 percent of the 39,751 votes.

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Steeped in controversy

Painter, already steeped in controversy due to his far-reaching forays in combating drug traffickers, won re-election in 1988 for a second four-year term without opposition.

By 1992, however, Painter ran into a bar-

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Lottery could be man's ticket to U.S. citizenship

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

Adrian Daniel Gheorghita celebrated his first Christmas in this country on Saturday, but he got his "real" Christmas present months ago when he became a winner in a worldwide lottery that gave him a future in America.

The lottery is the U.S. Department of State Diversity Visa Program, which each year has a lottery to issue 50,000 visas around the world.

"I don't know what it's like to win the Texas lottery," said Gheorghita, who gave up an executive marketing position with a multi-national corporation in his native Romania to pursue the American dream.

Now a night clerk at Kent Kwik in Midland, the native of Ploiesti, Romania, says it is a priceless dream. "I have no experience with winning a lot of money. But I don't think I would trade that experience for the opportunity to become an American citizen."

He proudly flashes a copy of the State Department letter that he carries with him. It begins: "Congratulations! You are among those randomly selected and registered for further consideration in the 1999 diversity immigrant program."

He smiles broadly. "When I read that, I was elated. It was like being born again. For the first time, I knew I had a future. I had no future in Romania. It is not possible to compare the stability between U.S. and Romania. Corruption is rampant in Romania. Emil Constantinescu is now president. He is considered democratic and is trying to move country in the right direction, but it is slow."

Gheorghita said the "letter of hope" that offers him a future was sent to only 3,600 in Romania. Worldwide it was sent to more than 90,000 applicants, but only 50,000 all over the world would eventually be given visas to immigrate to the United States.

He said the visa lottery, conducted by the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest, is widely advertised in Romania and thousands apply every year. "Some apply many times, year after year and never win, but I was lucky enough to win the first year I entered."

Gheorghita is single, but if he were married, his wife and children would have received visas also.

His father and brother are not eligible, but his father, who owns and operates vineyards near Ploiesti, Romania, had to sell a tractor to provide the $600 visa fee and $5,000 travel and expense money for Adrian to immigrate. Once established in this country, Adrian may be able to bring his father and brother to America.

"Before 1989, we were political prisoners in Romania, but now we are economic prisoners. It takes great financial sacrifice to get the money to leave, and then you have to have someplace to go."

After four months of working in a nursing home in New York, Gheorghita said he wound up in Midland because of a friendship he had made with Ralph Gates, pulpit minister of Fairmont Park Church of Christ.

Gates met Gheorghita in 1994, when he was in Romania to establish a Church of Christ congregation in Bucharest and was also teaching at the World English Institute. "Adrian came to the school to improve his English," Gates said. "I think it helped him land a very substantial job in Romania, marketing pesticides for a multi-national corporation with 130 offices."

Gheorghita, a temporary guest of Allen and Cindy Boyd of Midland, said he eventually wants to get involved in marketing in the United States. He reads continually about American business, including works by Bill Gates and Thomas Edison.

"I love the free flow of information in this country. I love the opportunity and the stability. Prices are stable, the government is stable. There is room to do whatever you want. First, I learn to survive," he said in slightly halting English. "Then I learn to walk, then to run. I am too small for marriage now, but I will gain some status, then look for a wife."

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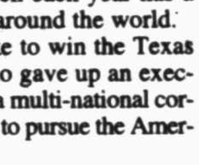
Wrapped in the American flag, Adrian Gheorghita, a winner in Romania's U.S. State Department Diversity Lottery, celebrates his first Christmas in America and says just being an American is a precious gift.

A look inside



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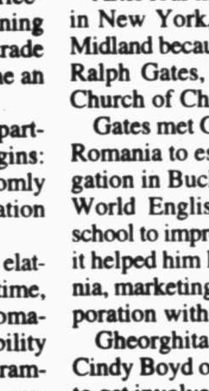

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10-year-old walkin' in a winter dreamland

By Matt Josefy
Staff Writer

While most children's dreams of ol' Saint Nick have now come and gone, Kelsey Lane's biggest wish is just now coming true, thanks to the elves at the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"She's a very sweet little girl and I think being able to go to Disney World is probably going to be the highlight of her Christmas," said Make-A-Wish volunteer Jodie Webb.

Today, at 10:15 a.m., Kelsey, her sister, her mother, and step-dad will board an American Airlines flight for Orlando to begin a week-long tour of Disney World, Epcot Center and Universal Studios Florida. Kelsey, age 10, has acute lymphatic leukemia, which has recently gone into remission.

"I wanted to go there because it's a big fun place," Kelsey said. "One of my friends was like 'no fair.'"

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Kelsey Lane, 10, has acute lymphatic leukemia, which has recently gone into remission. Her wish of seeing Disney World is coming true with the help of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Brian Adamcik
Reporter-Telegram

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Hijackers demand India release religious leaders, Kashmir fighters

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A day after a hijacked Indian Airlines plane began a terrifying odyssey across western Asia and into the Middle East, the captors on Saturday issued their first public demands: India must free a Pakistani religious leader and several Kashmir fighters.

Taliban troops wearing beards and black turbans stood guard around the plane at the airport in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, where the A300 Airbus made its fourth stop since taking off Friday on a scheduled flight from Nepal to New Delhi, India.

The hijackers, who were holding as many as 161 captives on board, have killed at least one passenger, releasing his body along with 27 hostages during a stopover in the United Arab Emirates on Friday before arriving Saturday morning in Kandahar.

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia, which is headquartered in Kandahar, said it would not negotiate with the hijackers and insisted that the United Nations do so instead.

"We do not want them to stay here and we have told the United Nations this. They should intervene," said Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil, a Taliban spokesman. He said the hijackers have threatened to blow up the aircraft.

In New York, a U.N. spokeswoman said the world body had not received an official request from the Taliban but "stands ready to help in any way they can."

The United Nations has designated its coordinator for Afghanistan, Erick de Mul, to deal with the hijacking and he "is aware of the situation," the spokeswoman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Earlier Saturday, India Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee said his government would not bow to any hijacker demand.

After receiving food and fuel in Kandahar, the hijackers issued their first public demands, asking India to free religious leader Maulana Masood Azhar and several Kashmir fighters, Muttawakil said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Muttawakil said he met two of the hijackers, the first meeting with the captors since the horrific ordeal began. He said one of the hijackers identified himself as Ibrahim, the brother of Azhar, the imprisoned religious leader. Muttawakil did not know the nationality of the other hijacker but he said he could have been from Kashmir.

Muslim militant secessionists have been waging a bitter and protracted insurgency in Indian-held Kashmir, demanding either outright independence for the Himalayan state or union with Islamic Pakistan.

Azhar, who traveled to India in 1992 to help anti-Indian militants in Kashmir, belongs to a rich landowning family in Pakistan, according to Indian security officials.

He was arrested in 1994 by Indian security in Anantnag, a small town in the insurgency-wracked northern state of Jammu-Kashmir. He is being held in a high-security jail in Kot Bhalwal, near Jammu, the state's winter capital.

His group, the Harkat ul-Mujahedeen, which was formerly called Harakat-ul-Ansar, has tried several times to use kidnappings as a way of freeing him, but failed. The group is on a U.S. list of terrorist organizations.

The hijackers — reportedly armed with grenades, pistols and knives — seized the plane about 40 minutes after it took off from Nepal heading for New Delhi on Friday. It stopped in India, Pakistan, and the United Arab Emirates and was refused landing at several airports before making its latest stop, in Kandahar.

The plane was carrying 178 passengers and 11 crew members when it took off. While the plane was refueling in the Emirates, the hijackers released 27 hostages and the dead body.

The released hostages told doctors and officials in New Delhi that the slain man was Rippan Katyal, who had been returning from a honeymoon in Nepal. His bride, Rachna, remained on the plane.

The Times of India said many of the passengers were honeymooners returning from Nepal.

One of the women freed in the United Arab Emirates, Pooja Tyagi, said the hijackers ordered passengers to cover their eyes with their clothes. Tyagi said the slain man was knifed to death after looking twice at the hijackers, according to her brother-in-law, V.K. Tyagi, a Delhi University professor.

Tyagi also said the hijackers spoke Hindi, but he could not make out their nationality.

A doctor who attended to the released hostages in New Delhi said they told him that two of the hijackers spoke Kashmiri and one seemed Nepalese.

Two men who were among those freed at the Al Minhad military base in the United Arab Emirates said the hijackers carried knives, hand grenades and pistols.

It was unclear if there were further deaths among the passengers. The two freed men told reporters that at least two passengers were killed with knives. Indian Civil Aviation official Ravinder Gupta said one person was killed and two injured. Earlier, the hijackers told the pilot they had killed four people on board and wounded five more, Indian officials said, but the claims could not be confirmed.

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

The plane returned to Lahore, where it made an emergency landing at the airport, which had been darkened in an attempt to prevent the pilot from landing. Pakistani authorities gave the hijackers food and allowed the aircraft to refuel and take off after negotiating with the captors.

Upon leaving Lahore, the plane headed toward Kabul.

However, Afghan authorities told the pilot it was impossible to land safely in the country during the night, according to a Taliban official.

The aircraft then tried to land in Muscat, the capital of the Gulf country of Oman, but was refused permission, according to authorities there. It then headed for the Emirates.

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

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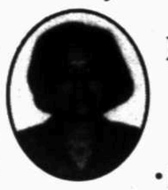
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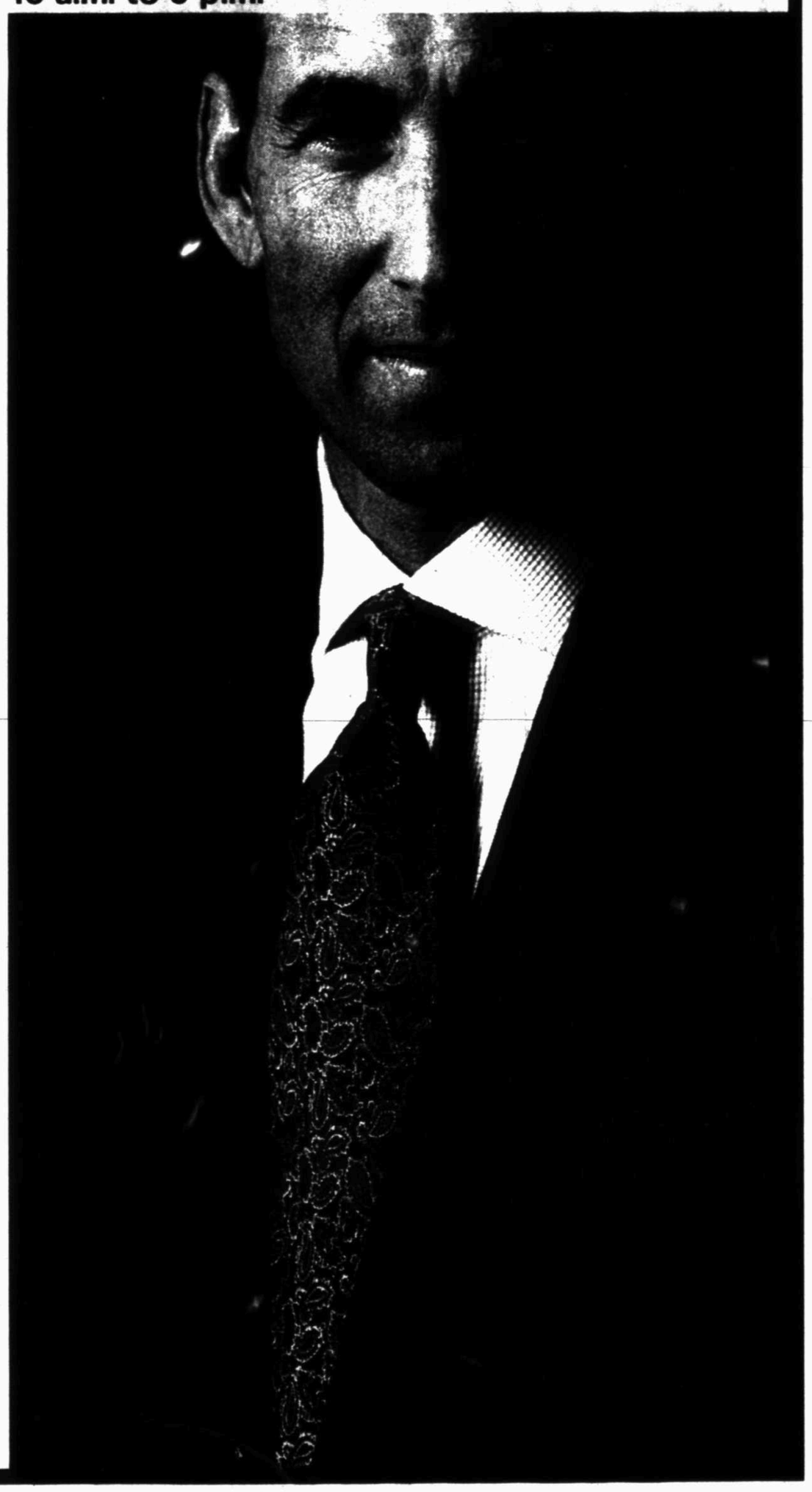

Pope, triumphant and troubled, ushers in Christmas, new era

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Fulfilling his much-cherished dream of leading his church into a third millennium, a frail Pope John Paul II on Saturday called on mankind in his Christmas Day address to abandon weapons, violence and hatred.

From the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica on a damp and chilly day, John Paul appeared before tens of thousands of pilgrims, delivering his traditional Christmas message of thanks, hope and peace.

"We thank you for all the good of the years, centuries and millennia which have passed," the 79-year-old pontiff said in a prayer to God. "We must, however, confess that humanity has sometimes sought the truth elsewhere, invented false certainties and chased after deceptive ideologies."

Only hours before, the pope slowly got down on his knees on the cold stone floor of the basilica to pray during a late-night ceremony to open the bronze Holy Door and usher in the Vatican's Jubilee, a special year of forgiveness and self-reflection for the church and its followers.

It was a moment of personal triumph. He had spoken fervently for years of his desire to strengthen his church throughout the world in Christianity's third millennium.

John Paul has suffered through a 1981 assassination attempt, surgeries for a tumor and a broken hip, as well as symptoms that match those of Parkinson's disease, although the Vatican has never confirmed that diagnosis.

At the end of the nearly three-hour-long Christmas Eve ceremony, a beaming John Paul, in an impromptu gesture of joy, walked out of the basilica through the Holy Door to greet more than 50,000 well-wishers who, unable to fit inside the church, had kept vigil outside in the cold, sometimes drizzly, night air.

After a few hours of sleep, the pope was outside in the damp air again, this time to publicly review mankind's shortcomings in the past and now.

Describing himself and fellow believers as "pilgrims in time," John Paul spoke of "all the places of grief and of war" and urged people to "ban the senseless use of arms and the recourse to violence and hatred which have doomed individuals, peoples and continents."

"At times, people have refused to respect and love their brothers and sisters of a different race or faith; they have denied fundamental rights to individuals and nations," he lamented.

John Paul then added an apparent reference to efforts to discourage abortion.

"In the mystery of Christmas you come to enlighten people's minds, so that legislators and political leaders, men and women of good will, may be committed to welcoming human life as a precious gift."

His voice, often slurred, seemed to gain strength at the end as he read out salutations in 59 languages. His left arm trembled violently as he leaned on his cross-topped pastoral staff and gave his blessing with his right hand.

During the Holy Door ceremony, the pope faltered at times and had to be supported by two aides.

The Holy Year, packed with public events, will be especially grueling for the ailing pope. This month he is scheduled to open Holy Doors at three other Rome basilicas, including one Saturday evening at St. John Lateran's, along the itinerary Holy Year pilgrims trace to gain indulgences.

Most evenings through Jan. 6, 2001, when the Jubilee ends, John Paul is expected to briefly greet the tens of millions of pilgrims likely to come to Rome.

The pope himself will be a pilgrim. Eager to retrace steps at Biblical sites, he is going to the Holy Land in March. But a trip to Iraq hasn't been able to be put together. Baghdad reportedly told the Vatican that it could not organize the trip because of the U.N. embargo against it and the no-fly zones monitored by Western allies.

AP Photo

Pope John Paul II waves to pilgrims and faithful from the central balcony of the main facade of St. Peter's Basilica after delivering the Christmas blessing at the Vatican Saturday.

China amends laws to clean up futures, stock exchanges

BEIJING (AP) — China's legislature on Saturday toughened laws to counter insider trading, market manipulation and other crimes in stock and futures exchanges.

The legislature's amendments made using or leaking information about securities or futures dealings punishable by up to 10 years in prison and fines two to five times the amount of any profits from such crimes, the state-run Xinhua News Agency said.

Spreading false information to "seriously disrupt securities or futures markets" was also made punishable with imprisonment and fines, according to the amendment adopted at a nine-day meeting the legislature's executive Standing Committee that ended Saturday, Xinhua said.

Securities and futures firms employees also could be jailed or fined for releasing false information or manipulating market prices for their own gain, Xinhua said.

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Monday	Tuesday
Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 56	High 60	High 63
Low 33	Low 28	Low 30

Today's forecast calls for cloudy skies and a high in the mid 50s with wind from the east at 5-10 mph.

Sunday night will be mostly cloudy with a low in the mid 30s.

Monday will be partly cloudy with high around 60.

Monday night will be clear with a low in the upper 20s.

Tuesday will be mostly sunny with a high in the lower 60s.

Wednesday and Thursday will be partly cloudy with lows in the 30s and highs in the mid 60s.

After an overnight low of 43, Saturday's high was 48, compared to the record high for that date of 78, set in 1955. The record low of 7 was set in 1983.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Friday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Total for month	Trace
Total for year	7.6 in.
Normal total (year to date)	14.8 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	48
low	43
Normal high	57
Normal low	29

Pollen count

Trees: n/a Weeds: n/a
Grass: n/a Molds: n/a
Dust: n/a
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Sunrise ... 7:47 a.m.
Sunset ... 5:52 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

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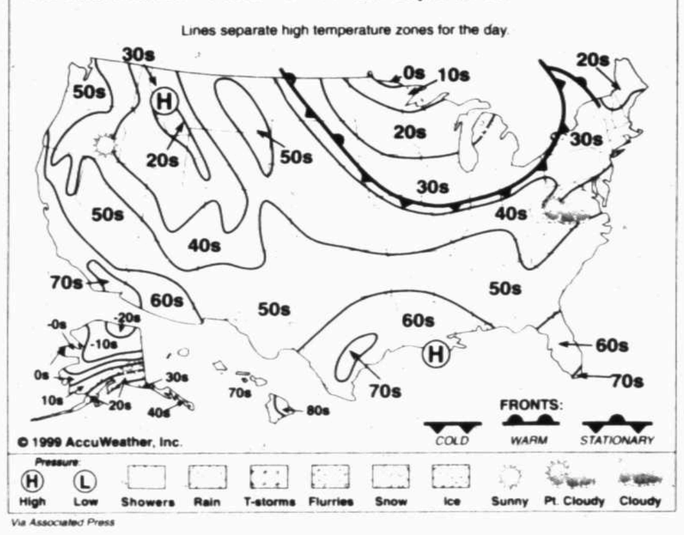

Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk		Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y	25	7	cdy		Kansas City	53	21	clr	
Albuquerque	43	38	02	cdy	Las Vegas	64	40	cdy	
Anchorage	21	3	03	sno	Little Rock	47	25	clr	
Asheville	35	19	clr		Los Angeles	75	47	clr	
Atlanta	41	24	clr		Louisville	28	7	cdy	
Atlantic City	31	13	cdy		Memphis	42	23	clr	
Baltimore	32	14	cdy		Miami Beach	66	51	clr	
Billings	52	34	clr		Milwaukee	29	9	clr	
Birmingham	43	20	clr		Mpls-St Paul	43	19	cdy	
Bismarck	49	30	clr		Nashville	37	19	cdy	
Boise	26	21	cdy		New Orleans	52	40	clr	
Boston	25	12	cdy		New York City	29	20	cdy	
Buffalo	25	14	04	sno	Norfolk,Va	32	26	clr	
Burlington,Vt	19	3	sno		North Platte	65	19	clr	
Casper	43	28	clr		Oklahoma City	59	25	clr	
Charleston,S.C	40	32	34	clr	Omaha	50	17	clr	
Charleston,W.Va	26	9	cdy		Orlando	58	41	clr	
Charlotte,N.C	35	21	clr		Pendleton	30	28	cdy	
Cheyenne	51	29	clr		Philadelphia	31	18	cdy	
Chicago	28	7	clr		Phoenix	66	44	cdy	
Cincinnati	26	1	cdy		Pittsburgh	25	9	sno	
Cleveland	26	12	sno		Portland,Maine	24	4	cdy	
Columbia,S.C	39	30	clr		Portland,Ore	48	29	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	27	8	sno		Providence	26	12	cdy	
Concord,N.H	23	7	cdy		Raleigh-Durham	32	25	clr	
Dayton	25	6	cdy		Rapid City	58	33	clr	
Denver	55	32	clr		Reno	51	18	clr	
Des Moines	39	14	cdy		Richmond	33	18	clr	
Detroit	28	13	cdy		Sacramento	62	34	clr	
Duluth	44	14	cdy		St Louis	44	18	clr	
Evansville	34	8	clr		Salt Lake City	38	22	cdy	
Fairbanks	10	-32	10	sno	San Diego	72	48	clr	
Fargo	47	18	cdy		San Francisco	63	42	clr	
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Grand Rapids	23	8	sno		St Ste Marie	30	12	clr	
Great Falls	51	39	clr		Seattle	42	32	cdy	
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Hartford Spgfld	27	10	cdy		Sioux Falls	45	17	cdy	
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Indianapolis	29	4	cdy		Tampa-St Ptrsbg	58	44	clr	
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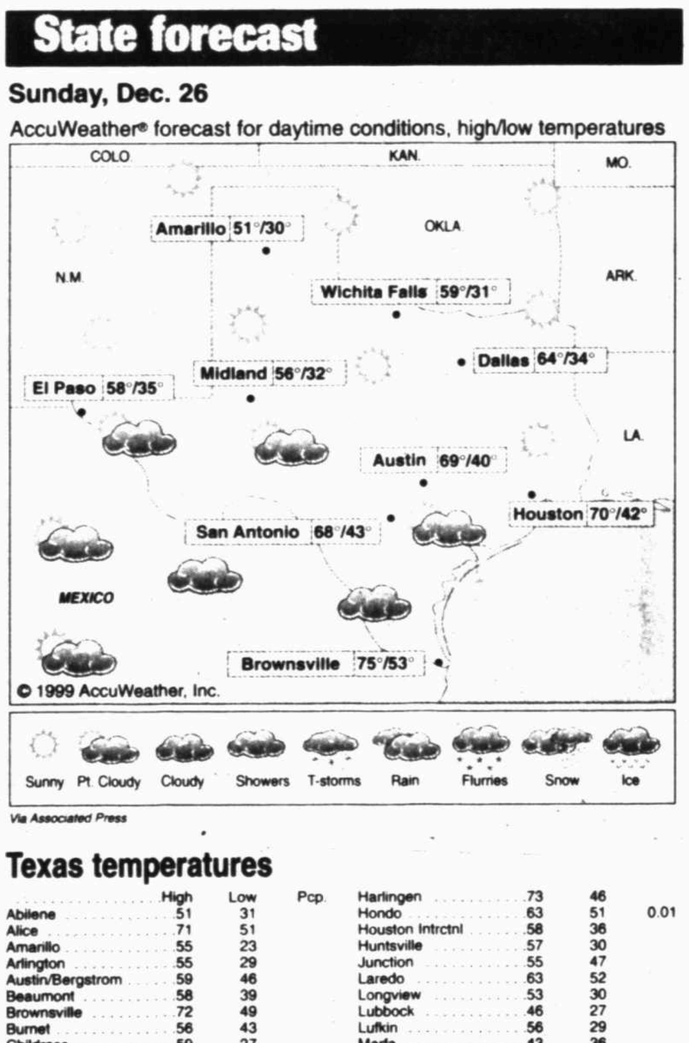

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Texas temperatures

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Arlington	55	29		Huntsville	57	30	
Austin/Bergstrom	59	46		Junction	55	47	
Beaumont	58	39		Laredo	63	52	
Brownsville	72	49		Longview	53	30	
Burnet	56	43		Lubbock	46	27	
Childress	59	27		Lufkin	56	29	
College Station	59	34		Marfa	43	36	
Conroe	58	33		McAllen	72	49	
Corpus Christi	68	51		Mineral Wells	58	26	
Corsicana	55	31		Navy Corpus	63	52	
Dalhart	59	23		New Braunfels	61	n/a	
Del Rio	59	50		Palacios	66	48	
Denton	54	26		Rockport	65	48	
DFW Airport	55	32		San Angelo	52	45	
Dryden	51	44	0.09	San Antonio	61	50	
El Paso	41	34	0.08	San Marcos	59	46	
Fort Stockton	46	38	0.12	Terrell	55	30	
Fort Worth Alliance	56	24		Tyler	55	30	
Galveston	55	47		Victoria	65	48	
Georgetown	57	39		Waco	56	31	
Guadalupe Pass	33	31		Wichita falls	56	26	
				Wink	47	40	0.09

SHERIFF: 'I am not intimidated,' Painter said

(From 1A)

rage of Republican contenders, including former Midland Police Chief Wayne Gideon. Still, Painter won 63 percent of the vote in a four-way race that also included Midland businessman Melvin McEwen and County Attorney's Investigator Reuben Richardson.

By then, Painter had garnered statewide attention, both praise and notoriety, in carrying out reverse-sting operations in concert with other law-enforcement agencies outside Midland County, elsewhere in Texas and in other states.

In August 1991, Painter rebuffed a Midland County Commissioners' Court order designed to curtail his out-of-county reverse drug-sting operations and to confine his operations within Midland County. Painter sued the court, the county's policy-making and budget-setting body.

The order outlined conditions for and limitations to out-of-county travels by county officials and employees.

In late February 1992, visiting Texas District Court Judge Virgil Mulanax ruled in favor of the Commissioners' Court to curtail the sheriff's out-of-county exploits. At the same time, the judge instructed the commissioners not to interfere in the day-to-day operations of the Sheriff's Department.

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Working harder, smarter

Of a 1993 agreement judgment stemming from the lawsuit, Painter said, "We are just going to have to work harder, and longer and smarter. We can do that."

Members of the Commissioners' Court, then presided over by County Judge Charles "Bro" Seltzer, said that they are "truly hopeful" the judgment signals "a conclusion of the ongoing conflict with Sheriff Painter."

In the 1996 race, Painter defeated Mike Kaufman, a Midland financial adviser and a retired U.S. Air Force fighter pilot, by winning 57 percent of the 16,823 votes to Kaufman's 43 percent.

Kaufman had pledged to work toward developing "faith and trust in law-enforcement people"; ensuring "good cooperation" among the law-enforcement agencies within Midland County in effecting "better law enforcement," and "living within" the sheriff's allotted budget "instead of overspending."

Back then, Painter said that "If I am doing something that's so terribly wrong and bad, (the voters) are going to know about it. And they (will) vote me out of office. And if someone else is more qualified, they will vote them into office."

Painter, who holds a bachelor's degree in police administration from Sul Ross State University, is a U.S. Marine Corps Vietnam War veteran, a former Texas Department of Public Safety highway patrolman, former deputy sheriff in Van Horn and Marfa, former Midland police officer, and was a Midland County sheriff's lieutenant before he was elected sheriff in 1984.

In heading into the 2000 elections, Sue Brannon, a leader in the Midland County Republican Women, said that Republican women "never endorse a candidate in the primary.

"We always stay neutral," she said. "That doesn't mean you can't work for them if you are that committed" to a candidate. "We are out to elect a Republican," said Mrs. Brannon, who noted that "there is more unity in the Republican Party than there has been in years. We are fortunate to have so many good people who are willing to run, who are willing to take the heat."

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A cop — not a politician

Looking toward the 2000 elections, Painter said, "I am not a politician; I'm a cop. And I'm a good one. I do my job."

What some people label as politicking in Painter is courtesy and a reflection of his upbringing, Painter said.

"I was raised up to be kind, to be friendly to people, and to treat people the way I would like to be treated and to treat people and property with respect," Painter said. "That's just the way I was raised. And I will be that way whether I'm the sheriff or not. I have absolutely nothing but respect for the people here and for their intelligence. That's an important part of the election process.

"If I was a politician, I wouldn't have all of this controversy going on."

A big share of that controversy is his STAR program that his trusted chief deputy, Clayton McKinney, launched in 1997 following the Fort Davis standoff. That confrontation pitted law-enforcement agents, including SWAT teams, against elements of the Republic of Texas, its militia and ROT ambassador Richard McLaren.

With Painter's approval, McKinney organized STAR. The coalition is designed to do SWAT-team work as well as being ready to address natural and man-made disasters with a unified force of deputy sheriffs and police officers from about 60 Texas counties, Painter said.

Painter said that he has not left Midland County unprotected while STAR was in training.

STAR's hardware includes surplus military equipment, including trucks, a mobile communications center and armored personnel carrier.

Training, which has been financed in part through Painter's drug-forfeiture funds, has been in the Pecos and Big Bend National Park areas.

If elected sheriff, Bostick and Hall each say they would focus his manpower and resources on Midland County and not outside the county.

For emergencies that would demand more manpower than the sheriff's office could muster, Bostick and Hall would call on other agencies, such as the Texas Department of Public Safety and its SWAT forces, the Texas National Guard and the Midland Police Department.

"I am not intimidated," Painter said. "And I am not surprised by this kind of (suggested) move (Bostick and Hall combining forces to oust Painter) because of certain individuals who are doing their best to get me out off office.

"It's a shame that my opponents would rather have the National Guard and the Texas State Guard come in and push their citizens around rather than have peace officers who are organized and coordinated through the STAR unit to take care of the business that is authorized by the constitution of the state of Texas," Painter said.

"The sheriff (of each county) sends the person that he has trained or the one that he can do without" to participate in the McKinney-commanded STAR. "The officers that are sent depends on the situation."

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Sneaking around

Painter charged that there are "people who have been sneaking around behind my back, cutting my throat, been sneaking around when they are supposed to be on duty, performing political acts.

"There are people who are not satisfied for one reason or another. They think they need a pay raise. All I can do is make the request (of the Commissioners' Court). And (Bostick and Hall) do have friends, personal friends, that are going to align with them. And I understand that. That happens. You are going to have people who are personal friends, personal acquaintances, church family who are going to align with one individual or the other.

"And that's the process. And we each have to find our support. I have a wide range of support ... not only from the people just on the street but people that are white-collar and blue-collar.

"And everyone has the same vote," Painter said. "It doesn't matter how much money they have or how much they can buy. They all have the same vote. That is so important in our American politics, especially in the state of Texas, where we are at the grassroots level, county level.

Of Bostick and Hall, Painter said that neither one of them has "ever made a recommendation ... in writing or talked to me in person about how they would recommend that (sheriff's office) be changed in order to be better.

"Now, all of sudden, they are coming up with all of these ideas to make it better," he said. Painter said that he has given his officers opportunities to make suggestions free of reprisals.

"Neither one of those people have ever stepped forward and brought me anything in the way of recommendations that would do anything better for the sheriff's office."

Bostick, who has been in law enforcement for more than 21 years, cited outside resources to complement the sheriff's forces and that would nullify the need for STAR.

"You have the Texas Department of Pubic Safety that is very well staffed" and its SWAT forces. "They have helicopters. They have airplanes."

McKinney's STAR concept would "defeat our resources here (in Midland County)," Bostick said, and would "leave us like sitting ducks. We need to worry about our own back yard."

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Motivation

Bostick, who has "good support," said that he would "lead by motivation.

"The first thing that has got to be done with that whole (sheriff's) department is restructuring — to bring it into the new millennium.

"Next, you've got to have a rules-and-regulation manual. You've got to have something that the people who work for the sheriff's office can follow."

Bostick, who noted that he has had extensive SWAT training, said that the sheriff's SWAT training ought to be in concert with the Midland Police Department and with the Midland Independent School District's police force.

"In reality, the Midland sheriff's office should be training with the Midland Police Department and the school district, but it's not happening."

If he were elected sheriff, Bostick said that he would not hire McKinney. "I would bring in a whole new staff. With a new staff, you get new ideas You can't get rid of everybody" for the sake of continuity. "There's a lot of good people over there. I don't have anything against Mike (Hall). He's got his own agenda, and I've got mine. You've got to have new ideas to keep marching forward. You have to continually advance your department," Bostick said. "You can't ... sit idle."

In his campaign, Hall is concentrating on the management of "money and resources in Midland County ... for the people that pay" the bills.

"The sheriff is elected as a steward of the office. Accountability and responsibility play a large part" in the resources within the county."

Hall said that he would "bring law enforcement back into Midland County.

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

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

"We need to utilize our resources in Midland County for Midland County citizens," Hall said. On call in emergences are the National Guard, the Texas State Guard, the DPS and its SWAT forces and air power for emergencies and searches. "We need to concentrate our efforts right here in Midland County."

WISH: Kelsey has matured through illness

(From 1A)

Her favorite rides are the waterslides.

The foundation provides children with life-threatening diseases the opportunity to have a wish fulfilled.

"She's really nice, very positive and upbeat, considering she has a life-threatening disease. She's very aware of her illness and is not uncomfortable talking about it," said Shilpa Abbitt, another volunteer who has worked with Kelsey.

"We'd gone through most of Kelsey's chemotherapy, that she just finished up, when our doctor called Make-A-Wish and told them about Kelsey. We'd heard of it but didn't think much of it. It still didn't take two seconds for her to say what she wanted to do," mother LeeAnne Pickering said.

Kelsey has two other dreams, neither of which could have been filled by the organization.

"For my family to win the lottery," she laughed, but she also mentioned her desire to be a doctor so she can help people.

"Because I've been around all the medical experience and I don't think it's fair that they have to be sick," she said. "I liked 'Patch Adams.' I think doctors should be really funny like some of mine are."

With her leukemia in remission, Kelsey no longer has multiple treatments each week. Instead, she only has appointments every four months. She was diagnosed about three years ago.

She has a few pieces of advice and tells what it's like to undergo chemotherapy.

"Whenever you're getting shots, just relax and take it," she said. "Chemo makes your skin really sensitive and numb. You don't want to be touched."

"She's a normal fifth-grader, but she's been a different kid since the chemo has stopped. She used to be so quiet; now she's loud and crazy," Mrs. Pickering said with a smile.

Kelsey enjoys playing volleyball. She also likes to color and read "Mary Kate and Ashley" mystery books. Her favorite subject is math.

"Multiplication tables are kind of hard, but my teacher makes them fun," she said.

Her family, including 6-year-old sister Jamey, is excited about the trip as well. It will be step-father Kenneth Pickering's first trip to the Magical Kingdom, and Mrs. Pickering's first in a long time.

"Right now Kelsey's very ecstatic," Mr. Pickering said. "What impresses me the most is that they take care of everything. I just keep trying to figure out how much money I'm supposed to take and they say none. I wish every kid who has ever dealt with cancer could have this."

An Orlando-based organization, "Give the Kids the World," co-sponsors wishes that involve Disney World. The trip will end slightly earlier than what is usually sponsored, on December 31, to ensure that Y2K does not take away the excitement of the trip.

Though she considers herself just like any other girl her age, Kelsey has matured through the course of her illness.

"Anything this traumatic makes them really grow up. Her teachers say she helps the other kids with their problems at school. This trip will be kind of like a beginning for her," Mrs. Pickering said.

"People need to appreciate what they have. It's a gift to have those special groups of people like Make-A-Wish that can come in and bring a little brightness to a dull situation," she said.

Ms. Abbitt and Ms. Webb put together "wish-enhancers" such as a limousine ride to the airport today and gift certificates to help pay for trip accessories.

"I've been volunteering (with Make-A-Wish Foundation) for a couple years. I like what they do. I would hope for every child to have a good childhood, but it's sad when they have an illness. We do whatever we can to make it pleasant," said Ms. Abbitt.

The program takes a number of steps to ensure the authenticity and the compassion put into what they do.

"You can't just call and say 'my kid's sick, and this is what I want.' Most of them are referred through a physician. Unfortunately, for all the ones we grant wishes to, there are probably a lot more that we don't know about," Ms. Webb said. "Isn't this what Christmas is all about ... giving of yourself to someone who needs or deserves it more than you do?"

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Russian forces step up drive to take Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Russian forces launched a major operation Saturday to capture Grozny, trying to push deeper into the Chechen capital as tanks and artillery hammered the city in one of the fiercest bombardments yet.

Plumes of black and gray smoke rose over the devastated city as buildings burned out of control and explosions rocked the ground. Chechen fighters in bunkers amid the ruined buildings fired back at the Russians and clashes flared at several points on the city's outskirts.

Russian commanders denied that Saturday's attacks marked the start of an all-out frontal assault by massed infantry and tanks to capture Grozny in a single strike. The Russian plan apparently calls for ground troops to probe until they hit major resistance and then pull back to let artillery and airstrikes clear the area.

"Nothing terrible is happening in Grozny. This is just a continuation of an operation to liberate the city from bandits," said Col. Gen. Viktor Kazantsev, commander of Russia's forces in Chechnya.

Russian commanders want to avoid the kind of heavy losses they suffered in street fighting in Grozny during the 1994-96 war, using their superiority in artillery and air power to offset the army's lack of trained infantry.

The military's aim appears to be to take the city methodically, sector by sector, in a strategy that could take days or weeks. If the plan works, the rebels eventually would be trapped in a small pocket and then wiped out by Russian firepower.

"There will be no storming of the city in the traditional sense of the word," Russian military spokesman Maj. Alexander Diordiyev said Saturday. "Everything will be done intelligently, to avoid unnecessary losses among Russian troops and civilians."

Russian officials stressed the ground operations were being spearheaded by pro-Moscow Chechen forces led by Bislan Gantamirov, followed by Russian special forces and Interior Ministry troops. Regular army units were hanging back on the outskirts of Grozny, shelling the city to help the advance of the special forces.

Some Russian officers, who did not want to be named, complained Saturday that the pro-Moscow Chechen forces were almost useless in fighting and were being used for propaganda purposes.

The commander of one pro-Moscow Chechen faction, Malik Saidullayev, predicted Saturday that it would take months to capture Grozny and that Russian forces would suffer heavy losses.

Thousands of insurgents entrenched in Grozny "are beyond comparison to those who fought years ago in terms of their combat experience and technical capabilities," Saidullayev was quoted as saying by Interfax.

The militants have built strong fortifications throughout the city and are putting up heavy resistance. The Chechen command wants to retain Grozny to keep alive its drive for independence.

"The majority of (Chechen) field commanders believe that a surrender of the city without a fight will significantly undermine the militants' morale," Diordiyev said.

Russian forces continued to move into Chechnya on Saturday to bolster the units around Grozny. A column of some 50 vehicles, including tanks and Grad rocket launchers, was seen moving into Chechnya from the west, and helicopter gunships flew low overhead on combat missions.

Trying to play down Western concern about civilians trapped in Grozny, Deputy Prime Minister Nikolai Koshman, Russia's representative in Chechnya, suggested residents have "understood that they can survive where they are and we are trying to avoid hitting the areas where they are located."

Up to 40,000 mostly elderly residents are thought to be trapped in Grozny, which has been under Russian bombardment for weeks. The Russian military opened two routes out of the city for civilians, but most people have been too frightened to risk the dangerous journey.

Grozny remains the last rebel stronghold in Chechnya's northern lowlands. But thousands of militants still roam Chechnya's rugged southern mountains.

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Soldiers ride atop Armored Personnel Carriers as they move along a main road leading to the Chechen capital Saturday.

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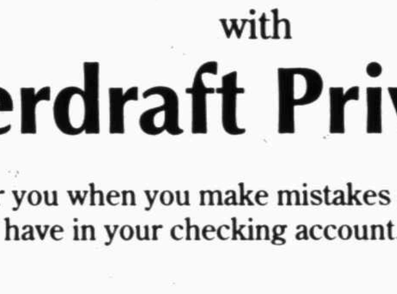

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Flood survivors struggle amid chaos on coast of Venezuela

By Niko Price
Associated Press

LA GUAIRA, Venezuela — Two weeks ago, Venezuela's Caribbean coast was bustling with sunbathers and merchants gearing up for the holiday season.

Now the sunbathers and merchants are gone — as are the beaches and the stores. They are covered by a blanket of mud, three stories tall in some places, that has erased entire neighborhoods from the map and killed thousands of people.

Even the dead were not spared. At La Guaira's cemetery, tombstones have disappeared beneath the mud and coffins have floated to the top of it. Some jut ridiculously out of the ground. Others lie scattered on top of the mess.

One steel coffin sits open and rusting in the middle of the soft mud, filled with brackish water. A small lizard scurries over it. No one can get close enough to see what else is inside.

The mud banks that have replaced the beaches may be burial grounds for thousands more. Officials give death toll estimates ranging from 5,000 to 30,000, but the number of bodies recovered is counted in the hundreds. Thousands more may remain under the mud or have been swept out into the angry sea.

The tragedy struck the night of Dec. 15. It had been raining for days; in the first half of December, nine times the normal rainfall drenched coastal Vargas state.

"If you put out a glass it would fill with water," said Humberto de Sousa, 44. "It was like someone was pouring a bucket of water over you."

That night the mountains began to collapse. The Avila mountain range, which separates the capital Caracas from the coast, burst in a series of mudslides that oozed over coastal towns and villages.

Ricardo Estrada, 35, awoke at 1:30 a.m. to find his room in the town of Los Corales flooded. He groped in the dark for the key to the room, which was locked from the inside, but couldn't find it in the rapidly rising water. He grabbed his cellular phone and dialed his sister.

"I wanted to say goodbye, then wait calmly for death," he said Saturday from his hospital bed in Caracas.

But the call would not go through. Moments later, another wave of water swept over him, breaking through the wall of his room and carrying him outside. It scraped him down the town's main avenue, nearly a mile into the sea.

"It was like I was thrown into Niagara Falls," he said. "Entire houses were rushing down the road. Cars went by like leaves in a river."

Despite deep cuts and scratches and a broken ankle, Estrada managed on his third try to reach the shore, where he clung to a rock like a cat. A doctor who lived in a beachfront apartment pulled him to safety, and soldiers evacuated him in a helicopter the next day.

A week later, the deep green of the mountains is gouged by hundreds of brown lines snaking down toward the sea. Hilltop shacks of wood and tin lie scattered along the coastline. Beachfront homes and time-share apartments have simply disappeared, replaced by fields of rocks hundreds of yards wide.

Survivors wander aimlessly amid overturned cars and jumbled piles of shipping containers. They line up outside surviving mansions converted into aid centers and clinics, scrambling for the food, water and medicine so many lack.

When the sun falls another tragedy begins, as police, soldiers and volunteers take to the streets with rifles and clubs to fend off youths bent on robbing what little is left of the wealth of the resort strip. Authorities, after first tolerating the looting of shipping containers at La Guaira's port, suddenly turned on the people, firing in the air, and at least once at a looter.

Overall, the government response has been impressive. Soldiers and police have evacuated more than 140,000 people stranded on rooftops and in the mud and have ferried huge quantities of food and medicine to remote communities.

More than anything, the tragedy has brought together Venezuelans in a society split deeply along class lines. As the scope of the disaster became clear, wealthy housewives volunteered at shelters and young men in Armani sunglasses zipped poor survivors away from the coastline in Land Rovers.

President Hugo Chavez, who has taken on what he calls a corrupt oligarchy in favor of the poor, took relief into his own hands, donning the uniform of the paratrooper he once was and setting off in helicopters and boats to pull people to safety. He worked tirelessly, often sleeping only two hours a day as he turned the rescue and relief operations into a personal mission.

International aid in the form of food, equipment and money streamed into Venezuela. It came in the tens of millions of dollars, the loans in the hundreds of millions. By this weekend, most people said the government appeared to have prevented major famine and epidemic.

"If today they stopped handing out food, we could eat for a month with what they've given us," de Sousa said, sitting on his balcony in the ghost town that the beach resort of Macuto has become.

De Sousa's grocery shop and apartment escaped damage in the disaster. But from his balcony, he watched as ritzy apartments and then the beach itself disappeared.

Despite the destruction, he vows not to abandon the town he grew up in.

"I guess I could swing my suitcase over my shoulder and hit the road," he said. "I prefer to stay."

Ivory Coast president prepares to leave country following coup by ex-army chief

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast (AP) — The former army chief who staged a largely bloodless coup in Ivory Coast took steps Saturday to consolidate his hold on power as the ousted president prepared to flee the West African country.

Junta leader Gen. Robert Guei appointed nine senior military officers to a Committee of National Salvation that will oversee the country for a transitional period and named himself president of the committee.

To ensure continuity, Guei said regional administrators and civil servants in charge of the various ministry offices will remain in their posts. Foreign Minister Amara Essy will also keep his position, he said.

"The man changes but the nation remains," Guei said, quoting former President Felix Houphouet-Boigny in a Christmas Day broadcast on national television and radio.

Guei also announced the arrest of Laurent Dona Fologo, secretary-general of ousted President Henri Konan Bedie's Democratic Party of the Ivory Coast, and Trade Minister Guy-Alain Gauze. They were being held in barracks "for their own safety," he said.

A curfew was in effect for a second night Saturday, and soldiers were ordered to shoot anyone on the streets after 6 p.m.

Ivory Coast, a nation of 19 million people, has long been considered a model of stability in West Africa. The military takeover is the country's first since independence from France in 1960.

The unrest began Thursday, with troops rampaging and looting in the commercial capital of Abidjan in protest over unpaid salaries, poor living conditions and what they called the bad governance of the country. On Friday, Guei declared the military was in control and had suspended the constitution, courts and parliament.

Despite the rioting, many Ivorians welcomed the coup, saying they hoped the military would improve Ivory Coast's shaky economic and political circumstances.

People huddled around their radios in the streets, listening to the military announcements. Some jumped up and down in excitement and chanted: "No more Bedie.".

France, the United States and various African countries, however, have condemned the coup and called for a return to civilian rule.

Bedie has taken refuge at a French military base near Abidjan's international airport, the French government said Saturday.

Guei said Bedie was planning to "flee to France." However, a spokesman for the French foreign ministry, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said he had no information on where Bedie wanted to go.

One of Guei's military aids, Maurice Bouho, said the junta had blocked Bedie from using an Ivorian presidential aircraft, but would allow him to leave by other means.

"Our objective is not to hurt or kill anyone," Bouho said, adding the junta could change its mind if Bedie did not leave before the end of the day Saturday.

Guei, who has called a meeting for today with representatives of all public service sectors, wants life to return to normal in the country on Monday.

He has also guaranteed press freedom, but warned journalists to be responsible and not to report "garbage."

He said Saturday his forces had arrested soldiers who participated in looting during the coup. The junta also ordered soldiers to turn in commandeered civilian vehicles at an Abidjan military base so they can be restored to their owners.

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Border arrests give new ammunition to backers of law to track foreigners

WASHINGTON (AP) — The arrests of suspected terrorists at the Canadian border last week has bolstered supporters of a controversial law that would require the tracking of every foreigner entering the United States.

That law is set to take effect in 2001, but lawmakers from northern states have been trying to junk it for years, arguing that it will create long lines at the border and deter tourists.

But with recent arrests in Washington state and Vermont that have fueled heightened fears of terrorism, the law's backers have new ammunition.

Ahmed Ressam, an Algerian, was arrested in Washington state and charged with attempting to bring bomb-making materials into the country. He has pleaded innocent. Investigative sources said there are indications he may have received terrorist training in Afghanistan or Algeria.

Lucia Garofalo, a Canadian woman, and Bouabide Chamchi, of Algeria, were charged in Vermont with conspiring to misuse a false passport and offenses related to the transportation of aliens into and inside the United States. Prosecutors said she has ties to a terrorist group.

"This case is the best wake-up call that either Canada or the U.S. are going to get about our porous shared border," said Rep. Lamar Smith, the San Antonio Republican who chairs the House Judiciary's subcommittee on immigration, and the chief defender of the law.

States bordering Canada have warned that should the law go into effect as scheduled, it would cripple trade and tourism. Besides, they say: Border guards didn't need the law to apprehend Ressam.

"There might be some heightened concerns about the recent reports, but (the arrest) shows that the current efforts are working," said Sen. Rod Grams, a Minnesota Republican who is cosponsoring a bill to repeal the measure.

The law, Section 110 of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, requires the Immigration and Naturalization Service to come up with an automated system to track the entry and exit of all non-citizens.

The Senate has voted three times to repeal the law, including this year, but the House has yet to go along. Last year, congressional and White House negotiators agreed to delay the law's start-up until 2001, giving the INS time to come up with a workable plan.

But opponents of Section 110, led by Sen. Spencer Abraham, R-Mich., say the law would lead to long lines at the border and cripple tourism and trade. And, they point out, it might not be needed.

"The one thing we can say is that we caught this guy," said Ali Cleveland, manager of labor policy for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, referring to Ressam. "The border patrol did their job, was suspicious, he ran, but eventually was apprehended."

But proponents of the law say last week's arrests show the need for increased security. Dan Stein, director of the Federation for American Immigration Reform, blames Abraham for the controversy.

Stein predicted that the arrests will strengthen the hand of his organization and its allies.

"The porous nature of our northern border is inappropriate to the modern age," he said. "The legacy of the world's largest unguarded land border will soon be history. What we need is a land border that requires inspections."

Abraham's spokesman, Joe Davis, declined to respond to Stein's accusations, but he argued that the law wouldn't have helped Border Patrol officers identify those arrested.

"Implementation of 110 is unrelated to the recent incidents," he said. "The purpose of the law is to track people who have stayed in the country too long, not people who have false documents."

Canada strongly opposes the law, but Section 110 advocates say that a recent study by the country's own intelligence agency, the Canadian Security Intelligence Service, buttresses the case for retaining it.

"Proximity to the United States, a common border, large expatriate communities and a healthy economy draw representatives of virtually every terrorist group in the world to this country," the report states. "Support networks in Canada have provided terrorists with safe-haven and transit to and from other countries, including the United States."

Opponents of Section 110, backed by the INS, insist that the arrests prove there's no need for the kind of tracking the law proposes.

North Dakota Gov. Ed Schafer, a Republican, called efforts to use the arrests to bolster the law "a typical knee-jerk Washington insider reaction.

"In the old West, you shoot the bad guys," he said. "You don't handcuff the good guys."

AP Photo

A border patrol officer walks near a granite marker indicating the border to Canada near Houlton, Maine. Anyone who wanted to enter the United States from Canada into Maine could easily walk in through open fields.

Company recalls ground beef that may have E. coli bacteria

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Beef Processors, Inc. voluntarily recalled Saturday thousands of pounds of ground beef with sell dates of Dec. 28 or earlier because federal inspectors say it may be contaminated with E. coli bacteria.

"We sincerely regret any inconvenience this may cause our customers," Supreme Beef president Steven F. Spiritas said in a statement. "As a family-owned business, we take pride in our reputation for providing consumers with high-quality and wholesome meats."

The company said the Department of Agriculture notified it Saturday that one sample of the beef tested positive for E. coli, though no illnesses were reported.

The ground beef was produced on Dec. 20 and distributed to at least eight states — Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Florida and New Mexico, according to the statement.

The company is recalling all ground beef and ground beef products in one, two and five pound packages with a sell date by Dec. 28 and the label "Supreme Beef Processors, Inc." or "Spiritas Farms," and the establishment number 7143.

Also included is Supreme Beef Processors, Inc. five- and 10-pound chub ground beef — an industry term denoting ground beef packaged in a cylindrical or tube-like container — with sell dates of Jan. 4 or 5.

The company advised customers who purchased products with those sell dates to return them to the store where they were purchased for a full refund.

E. coli can cause serious illness in young children, the elderly and people with weakened immune systems.

The recall comes a few days after the company scuffled in court with the federal government in Dallas after the Agriculture Department tried to shut it down because it said it found salmonella in the company's meat.

Supreme Beef argued that it was not responsible for the salmonella and that the government had no right to shut it down. A federal judge agreed and continued a temporary restraining order keeping the plant open until the matter is resolved at trial.

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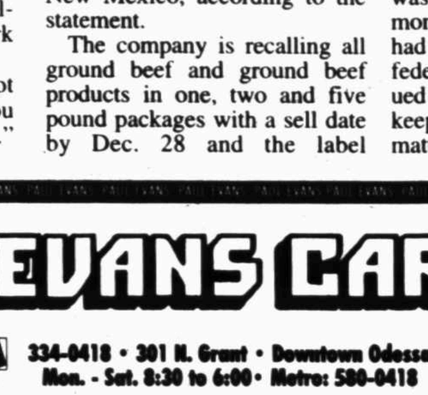

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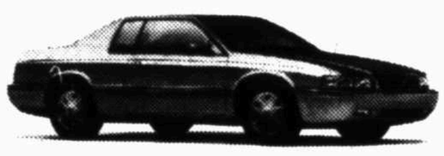

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Now that gifts are unwrapped, many are ready to head back to mall

NEW YORK (AP) — Just hours after unwrapping their Christmas gifts, many Americans are ready to begin another perennial holiday tradition: heading to the mall for the after-Christmas sales.

The crowds that come in the days after Christmas aren't there anymore just to return or exchange unwanted items. Deep discounts woo shoppers to buy things they might have passed over before.

"That's when I get my big-ticket items," said Marvis Meeks, of Dayton, Ohio, who planned to take advantage of the sales.

For retailers, the burst in buying in the last week of December has proven to be quite lucrative and has helped make up for disappointing sales before Christmas.

Last year, shoppers did 11 percent of their buying after Christmas, more than they did over Thanksgiving weekend, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group.

This year, many merchants won't have to rely as heavily on a surge in late December to achieve respectable sales because they've had a strong Christmas season.

But that hasn't stopped them from slashing prices and promoting their end-of-season sales. Many stores, including Bloomingdale's and Sears, advertised discounts running as much as 70 percent off.

On the Internet, too, cybershops — including Eddiebauer.com and jcrew.com — are touting bargains. America Online just launched a clearance area on its Web sites — which include AOL.com, CompuServe.com and Netscape.com — that features sale items from many of its 275 merchant partners.

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The best prices will be found on cold-weather clothing. Since the weather was warmer than usual in parts of the country in early December, many stores have been left with an oversupply of goods.

That means shoppers will find cashmere sweaters for well under $100 at many stores, and heavy winter coats selling for as much as half off the retail price. Also being discounted: scarves, hats, fleece jackets and gloves.

Toy stores have had a strong year with many items — including Pokemon trading cards, Game Boy Color video-game players and Amazing Ally dolls — selling out, but they are still offering deals to clear their shelves.

Electronics stores, which did brisk sales of DVD players and digital cameras, also will be discounting, as will home furnishing stores, which will try to unload everything from scented candles to wine racks.

While many consumers shop after Christmas, it is also the busiest time of the year to return or exchange gifts. A new survey of 800 people by American Express found that 46 percent of respondents typically return between one and 10 holiday gifts every year.

Regardless of why they flock to stores, Americans looking for deals will likely shop at some point over the next week.

"We always try to hit some of the sales before Christmas, but the crowds never really seem to make it worth it," said Debra Campbell, of the Indianapolis suburb of Fishers. "I don't know why we do it. We still go the day after too."

Study finds drug companies pay less in taxes than other industries

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pharmaceutical companies pay significantly less in taxes than any other U.S. industrial sector despite charging higher prices for drugs in this country than overseas, according to a new congressional study.

The study comes as Congress prepares to again confront the cost of drugs, responding to complaints that medicine is cheaper in Canada and Mexico and that seniors do not get most drugs paid for under Medicare.

Drug makers paid an effective U.S. tax rate of 16.2 percent from 1993 to 1996, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. That compares to an average tax rate of 27.3 percent paid by all other major industries, including mining, construction, services, retail and agriculture.

At the same time, American consumers pay more for the same drugs than people in much of the developed world. For example, prices in the congressional district of Rep. Fortney "Pete" Stark, D-Calif., are twice as high for five common prescription drugs than in Canada and Mexico.

"It is totally unfair for U.S. taxpayers to subsidize drug companies to develop products, and then have those new, life-saving products sold for a cheaper price in rich foreign nations," said Stark, the senior Democrat on the House Ways and Means health subcommittee, who requested the study.

A White House budget official, Daniel N. Mendelson, said the pharmaceutical industry's higher profits and lower taxes could lead to price controls, although he said there are no plans to propose such a solution.

But prescription drugs are sure to be in the political crosshairs when Congress reconvenes in January.

Although drugs are an essential tool of medicine, Medicare does not cover them for patients outside a hospital. And drug companies oppose adding a Medicare drug benefit, arguing it could lead to price controls.

Many Democrats, including Stark and President Clinton, are pushing for a universal prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients, while many Republicans are backing a private-sector alternative focused mainly on the poorest elderly.

Stark is also drafting legislation to deny tax credits to companies that charge more in the United States than other countries.

Mendelson said the administration's proposals haven't gone behind the Medicare benefit, but said it's his personal view that "if we fail to enact it, there will be pressure on the price side. There's a lot of pressure building up. Seniors are a group that is strong politically."

Drug companies are a force in campaign fund-raising, contributing $13.1 million in the 1998 election cycle to House and Senate candidates, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, a campaign finance watchdog group. The top donor was Pfizer Inc. at $1.13 million, followed by Bristol-Myers Squibb at about $820,000 and Eli Lilly & Co. at $787,000.

The overall health industry, of which drug companies are a part, contributed $58.8 million in unregulated "soft money" to both political parties during the 1998 election. And drug makers spent $71 million to lobby Congress that year.

The Congressional Research Service study shows that the pharmaceutical industry was able to reduce its tax bill through a variety of legal credits by almost $3.8 billion in 1996. That's 50 percent less than the industry's tax before the credits were applied to $24.8 billion in taxable income.

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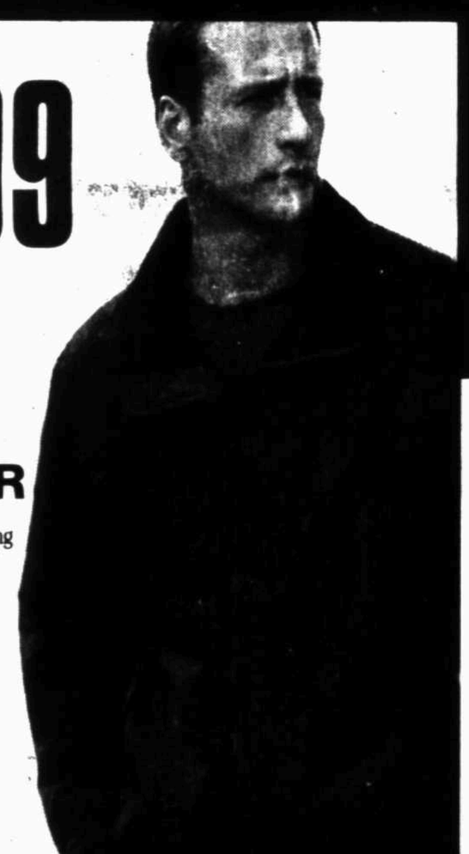

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Makes one gallon, (32, 4 ounce servings)
Slowly stir together: One 12 oz. can whole cranberry relish & 2 cups orange juice
Add: 2 qts. cranberry juice cocktail, one 750 ml btl. of extra dry champagne and small block of ice
Garnish: Place orange slices all around the edge of the bowl. Fasten whole cranberries to the center of four or five orange slices and float on top of punch.

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City officials ought to proceed carefully in filling manager's post

In the aftermath of the ugly proceedings which culminated in the forced resignation of Midland City Manager Mike McGregor, the city has launched its effort to fill the vacancy in the city manager's office.

The events leading up to McGregor's forced departure were fueled by the rivalry between Deputy City Managers Glen Hackler and Rick Menchaca. Various members of the council had a hand in feeding that rivalry.

It's unfortunate because both Hackler and Menchaca have demonstrated that they are bright, competent, able men and either of them would make a strong Midland city manager.

The current climate in city government suggests that there could be a split among the council members as to their preference for city manager.

City officials have already declared their intention to fill the post from within the ranks of our current city lineup. Other candidates who have emerged are City Attorney Keith Stretcher and Director of Engineering and Development Marcus Johnston. Again, these men have shown that they are caring, capable city servants and would make good candidates.

The current climate in city government suggests that there could be a split among the council members as to their preference for city manager. There have been hints that this could be the next ugly chapter in a city story that had been enjoying harmonized success up until recent weeks.

It's too bad.

Midland faces many challenges in the years to come and we need to be focused on the future.

We need dedicated officials who can set aside personal ambition and pride and work together for the common good of the city.

The filling of the city manager's post will be a move that is closely watched by this community. And it may be another event which helps set the stage for the upcoming city elections.

We encourage the city council, mayor and candidates for the position to conduct themselves with grace and dignity in the weeks leading up to the council's selection of a new city manager.

This could be another ugly episode.

But it doesn't have to be. It's all in the city council's hands now.

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 1999. There are five days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 26, 1799, George Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

On this date:

In 1776, the British suffered a major defeat in the Battle of Trenton during the Revolutionary War.

In 1893, Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung was born in Hunan province.

In 1917, during World War I, the U.S. government took over operation of the nation's railroads.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of Congress.

In 1944, in the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division was relieved by units of the Fourth Armored Division.

In 1944, Tennessee Williams' play "The Glass Menagerie" premiered at the Civic Theatre in Chicago.

In 1972, Harry S. Truman, the 33rd president of the United States, died in Kansas City, Mo.

In 1974, comedian Jack Benny died in Los Angeles at age 80.

In 1975, the Soviet Union inaugurated the world's first supersonic transport service with a flight of its Tupolev-144 airliner from Moscow to Alma-Ata.

In 1996, JonBenet Ramsey, a 6-year-old beauty pageant contestant, was found beaten and strangled in the basement of her family's home in Boulder, Colo. To date, the slaying remains unsolved.

Ten years ago: Romanian television broadcast videotape of ousted President Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, at their secret trial and footage of Ceausescu's body after his execution. That same day, a provisional government took control of Romania.

JACK ANDERSON

Answer to don't ask, don't tell: Just don't ask

WASHINGTON — They got it half right: Don't ask.

All this fuss about gays in the military is a peacetime phenomenon. After all, how many draft boards rejected men for service in any of the wars fought this century? How many anti-Vietnam protesters were able to duck service by claiming a homosexual sexual orientation?

Anderson

People secure in their own sexuality do not concern themselves with the subject. What soldiers in combat look for are fellow soldiers who are willing to do their duty. To paraphrase Sen. Barry Goldwater, the father of modern-day conservatism, "I care how straight a man shoots, not how straight he is."

We have seen this phobic attitude before. When President Truman signed an executive order in 1948 ordering the racial integration of the armed forces, there was massive resistance within the military. General Omar Bradley, then the Army chief of staff, publicly questioned why the military should integrate when the rest of society remained segregated. Echoes of the uproar over black people serving alongside white people in the armed services can be found in today's controversy over whether gay people should be allowed to serve openly in the military.

The same argument is made today that was made then, that the military shouldn't be used for social experimentation. Lawrence Korb, a former Defense official in the Reagan administration, says the military doesn't exist only to protect a piece of geography, but to protect a way of life. The concepts of equality and freedom of speech embraced by the Founding Fathers don't exclude gay people, or anyone else who wants to serve their country.

Attitudes toward gay people have undergone a sea change in recent years, reflecting their clout in the political process. Domestic partnerships are increasingly recognized by corporations in allocating health and pension benefits, and President Clinton has named a number of openly gay people to serve in his administration.

It is a measure of Clinton's naivete about the military that he thought he could end discrimination against gay soldiers with a sweep of the pen, the way Truman did with segregation. Disappointed Clintonites say the new president should have stood his ground. But let's remember what Clinton was up against when he abandoned his executive order and sought a compromise with the Pentagon and Congress. Colin Powell, one of the most revered leaders in the country, opposed gays openly serving. The ranking members of the Senate Armed Forces committee, Democrat Sam Nunn and Republican John Warner, made a highly publicized visit to a submarine to dramatize the difficulty of serving in close quarters with homosexuals. Members of Congress, some genuinely opposed and others fearful of offending constituents, told Clinton they would not support him if the measure came to a vote.

The emotionally explosive issue crippled Clinton's young presidency, and led to the crafting of the ugly compromise known as Don't Ask, Don't Tell. Ugly because it tramples on First Amendment rights, forcing gay people to conceal their sexual orientation, and perpetuating a life of secrecy.

In theory, the compromise was designed to end the harassment of soldiers suspected of being gay. In practice, the harassment continued unabated, and the number of people discharged from the military for being homosexual reached 1,145 in 1998, up from 597 in the policy's first year.

Military leaders say you can't legislate attitudes, but you can affect behavior. Instead, the military looked the other way, and the open season on gays continued. Don't Ask, Don't Tell simply became another vehicle for perpetuating the military's ban on homosexuals. A 1993 Rand study that explored the experience of integrating gays into the militaries of seven foreign countries concluded the policy could work if it was consistently communicated from the top with an emphasis placed on behavior and conduct, not on teaching tolerance or sensitivity.

A half-century ago, Truman, a simple man, showed great courage and backbone in clearing away prejudice. But there were wars to fight in Truman's day, and necessity intervened. Worrying about gays is a peacetime phenomenon, and much of the opposition is generational. Lawrence Korb predicts that in 10 years, as older leaders retire and young people rise in the ranks, gay people will serve openly and we'll wonder what all the fuss was about.

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COKIE AND STEVEN V. ROBERTS

Jesus was the political phiiosopher

It's Christmas week, when the tidings of peace on earth, good will to men ring out over the country. But the mention of Christ's name in a political debate has brought more than a little ill will, as arguments rage over George W. Bush's response to the question, "What political philosopher or thinker do you identify with and why?" We think the critics who are accusing Bush of injecting a cheap religiosity into this campaign by answering, "Christ, because he changed my heart," are missing the point. We'd like to ask the follow up question: Governor, if you truly identify with Jesus as a "political philosopher," do you really want to shape your policies according to Christ's teachings? If so, you could find yourself in something of a political fix, starting with throwing those money changers out of the temple.

Roberts and Roberts

Is George W. Bush, or any of the others who invoked Jesus in the debate, going to stand up on the stump and warn that it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to achieve the kingdom of heaven? What are the policy implications of that? Not to mention turning the other cheek. The gospels don't give us much sense of what Jesus' political philosophy might be, other than his response to the pharisees' attempt to trick him into choosing between church and state by declaring they should render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, unto God the things that are God's. It's possible, we suppose, to interpret that answer as an endorsement of taxes, since they were the issue at hand.

The history of the last 2000 years contains far too many chapters of horrors committed in Jesus' name, with some of the worst — the Inquisition, the Crusades — officially sanctioned by the Catholic Church. But in the last few decades of this century, the Vatican has made a sincere attempt to preach policies according to what the Pope and his advisers see as Christ's word. Foremost among them: what the Church calls "a preferential option for the poor." That means the least fortunate in the society come first, that every policy decision should be weighed to see how it affects those in poverty, and discarded if it has a negative effect. That principle has caused Pope John Paul II to become the world's leading advocate for the forgiveness of third world debt.

Then there's the whole set of issues broadly grouped under the "right to life" — opposition to war, to abortion, to human rights offenses, to assisted suicide and to capital punishment. The Vatican strongly objected to the Persian Gulf War, and to continuing the imposition of sanctions against Iraq. Given those views, it would seem that Saddam Hussein would welcome the Pope with open arms. But the Iraqis have told John Paul II not to make his planned visit to Ur, Abraham's home. They've used their inability, or unwillingness, to provide adequate security as an excuse, but Iraqi experts say Saddam Hussein's fearful that the pontiff's likely pleas for human rights could cause unrest. Saddam probably remembers that the Pope's visit to Cuba put such pressure on Fidel Castro that he was prompted to release hundreds of political prisoners.

And what happened the last time John Paul II came to this country? He convinced the governor of Missouri to commute the death sentence of a really rotten killer. Not only did the Pope make a private, personal appeal to the governor, but he told a throng of thousands in the conservative Catholic community of St. Louis that "the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil." That line delivered from a podium rather than a pulpit wouldn't play too well.

Theologians and thinkers can argue whether the Pope has it right. The Catholic pontiff has no monopoly on interpreting Jesus' words. The pope's attempts to translate the message of the gospels into public policy is certainly open to debate. But it's clear that John Paul II is acting out of a genuine identification with Jesus as a "political philosopher" and it's led him to policy prescriptions that wouldn't get the applause George W. Bush received when he simply invoked Christ's name. That's something to think about as we sing this week of peace on earth, good will to men.

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GEORGE WILL

Many reflect on last millennium, ready for MM

WASHINGTON — With year MDCCCCLXXXXVIIII (as Roman numerals were used in year M) yielding to year MM, give thanks for Arabic numerals. Consider also the texture of life when the first millennium ended.

Will

There was disagreement about dating that end. Some people dated the beginning of the Christian era from the Resurrection, so 1000 was 33 years premature. Others said the beginning of the era was nine months before Christ's birth, on March 25, Lady Day, the day the Angel Gabriel told Mary she would bear a child. As late as the 1660s, Samuel Pepys in his "Diaries" honored Lady Day as the beginning of each new year because the Annunciation marked the first manifestation of the divine on earth.

The world, as an ordinary Englishman experienced it, was full of such manifestations in 1000, according to Robert Lacey and Danny Danziger, two British journalists who have turned a bright idea into a nifty book, "The Year 1000." They asked a slew of scholars—historians, archaeologists, museum curators—what the world then felt like to those who experienced it.

The answers are often educated guesses based on other than documentary evidence, in part because Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries caused precious manuscripts to be burned, used as roof insulation, drumskins and beer barrel linings. But other evidence is articulate.

Human skeletal remains reveal widespread arthritis, silent testimony to hard manual labor. Workers toiled in a quiet countryside, where the only mechanical sounds were the wheezing of a blacksmith's bellows and the creaking of a watermill's wooden cogs. It hardly makes sense to speak of a "work ethic" in an era when indolence meant starvation. Work was hard and unaided by stimulants—there was no coffee, tea or chocolate in England then.

But, Lacey and Danziger say, life was softened somewhat by the sense that "you were not on your own." The message of Jesus' miracles and those of the saints was that God intervened in daily life, if asked persuasively. Persuasion included pilgrimages, as to the Glastonbury Thorn, a hawthorn tree which originated from Christ's crown of thorns. Or from the staff of Joseph of Arimathea. So 'twas said. In any case, it flowered every Christmas. Still does, and a sprig from it adorns the queen's lunch table every Christmas Day.

In 1000, forks and England's first recorded Caesarean section were five centuries away, so eating was messy and pregnancy often lethal. The criminal justice system was, shall we say, pre-Miranda. Gallows stood at the end of every town, their cargo left swinging until birds pecked the bones clean.

Slavery was common—in the 11th century, Dublin had Europe's largest slave market—but the difference between slavery and other conditions was not always dramatic. In 1000, before stone buildings and iron bars made prisons feasible, and when people had no money to forfeit in fines, their labor was what could be taken from them.

And an Anglo-Saxon code said that in time of famine "a father may sell his son aged under seven as a slave if necessity forces him to do so." But, Lacey and Danziger write, very few people were free, as we understand freedom: "Almost everyone was beholden to someone more powerful than themselves."

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LETTERS

Clinton had strong words about Nixon

President Clinton's 1974 opinion on Richard Nixon: "The president should resign. He has lied to the American people time and time again and betrayed their trust. He is no longer an effective leader. Since he has admitted guilt, there is no reason to put the American people through an impeachment. He will serve absolutely no purpose in finishing out his term: The only possible solution for the President is to save some dignity and resign."

Bill Clinton on Richard M. Nixon in 1974. Doesn't it sound like prophecy? From the Anti-Christ!

Terry L. Cherryhomes

Honest woman returns lost check

I would like to report an occasion in which an honest, trustworthy and caring person put her honor before greed and gain. Pat Smith found a check I had lost while shopping. She called me soon after I had arrived home and told me I could come to her house and pick up the check.

Now about the lost check. I had been to K-Mart to purchase a telephone answering machine. At the check-out counter I discovered the warranty was not satisfactory, but I had made the check to K-Mart, dated and signed it. Then without the amount ever being entered but just left blank, I tore the check from the checkbook and put it in my vest pocket intending to destroy it later. I then went to Best Buy and purchased an answering machine there.

But somehow this check came out of my vest pocket in the parking lot at Best Buy and that is where Mrs. Smith found it. Both she and her husband Henry refused any reward, saying they just did not want me to suffer any loss. I had not even missed the check when Pat Smith called me and told me she had it.

I'll always be extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Smith for their goodness and honesty.

I don't have a lot of money so this incident could have been disastrous for me. I just wanted to thank the Smiths publicly. They surely deserve that and more.

Roy M. Bland

TV, paper ignored skating exhibition

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Reporter-Telegram and the local TV stations for the coverage given to the Second Annual Holiday on Ice show presented by the MCM Ice Figure Skating School at Music City Mall — NOT! I realize that Lee Football is the only game in town but these kids and adults worked so hard and presented such an outstanding show that it seems a shame that their efforts were completely ignored.

Many of the feature performers were from Midland and with the exception of a handful of skaters, all are locally trained. Skaters came from Midland, Andrews, Crane, Monahans, Odessa and all points between to participate in this program. A professional skater was brought in as the special guest star. The people viewing the show were treated to a first-class performance at no charge.

Thanks to the Odessa American's coverage, the Saturday night performance was packed. The bleachers were filled by 6:15 p.m. for the 7 p.m. show.

Come on guys! Don't miss the boat! You could be missing the opportunity to cover some real stars before they become stars. You could also be missing the opportunity to encourage those that may not be future stars but are putting heart and soul into their chosen sport. After all, figure skating is a sport. That it requires a tremendous amount of strength, stamina and discipline while freezing and still looking as graceful as a dancer. This is even more reason to show the skaters that their efforts are appreciated.

Ann Flatt

Conservatives are measured by test

So Glen Thomason (Letters, Dec. 12) is hostile to liberals. Well, let's put conservatives on the same platform, using the Jeff Foxworthy test.

When you see purple mountains majesty and amber waves of grain you see jobs, shopping centers, condos and parking lots — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe it is man's right to hunt a species to extinction — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe that HMOs and health insurance companies should tell doctors how to practice medicine and that they are looking out after the patient's best interests — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe the government has the right to look in your bedroom window and to tell you what you can and cannot do to your own body — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe that teen-age pregnancy and transmission of sexually transmitted diseases can be reduced by "just not talking about it" — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe that giving tax breaks to the wealthy, cutting Medicare and raiding the Social Security trust fund is going to help the middle class and the poor — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe that automobiles that drip oil and spew toxic fumes in the air don't affect the air you breathe and the water you drink — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe that the AK-47 assault rifle is used for sport and hunting — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe the Constitution and the Bill of rights applies to all men as long as they are white Anglo-Saxon Protestants who are heterosexual with obedient wives and 2.3 children — you might be a screaming conservative.

If you believe the Founding Fathers, who in their great wisdom constructed the greatest democracy in the world, held themselves up to the same standard they laid down on paper — you might be a screaming conservative. They were slave owners and were taught the story of Moses the same as Glen and I were. I don't believe that standards of decency and morality were that much different 200 years ago.

I could go on and on but suffice to say, conservatives expect everyone to live to one common standard and never deviate while liberals celebrate the diversity that is the human race.

Christopher P. Rucker

Medicare should pay 100 percent

Why doesn't Medicare pay 100 percent for all medical needs instead of 80 percent (plus shots, x-rays, lab work) so we don't have to have a supplement insurance to pay for the rest?

Medicare charges $45.50 per month for 80 percent of your coverage. I pay some $135-plus per month for 20 percent coverage. Something needs to be changed.

This is not a "pork" request. Washington needs to look at their whole card on this. I know some do not have a supplementary coverage, but those of us that do sure need some help. I would be glad to pay Medicare the other 20 percent for full coverage so we would not have to have a supplementary insurance.

Cloyd Shanks

Readers' views on Survivors of Homicide Christmas party

It was the best Christmas party

I want to thank the Midland Police Department for giving us the best Christmas party ever.

The Midland Police and Optimist Club gave me a bike. Thank you.

The ladies were so nice to make sure everything went well. Food was donated by I.O.F Foresters Court No. 1751. Good food!

Santa came too. Thank you, Santa. Thank you all for a wonderful party.

Bradley Frescaz

Gifts appreciated for grandchildren

I would like to give praise and thanks to the Midland Police Department and the Optimist Club for the gifts that were given to my grandchildren on Dec. 9. It was a blessing to have received them.

They really enjoyed the bicycles and the helmets as well as the party. Let's not forget the most important moment of all when Santa Claus appeared.

Thank you once again. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Janice Belcher

A thank-you to Midland Police

Special times of the year are a time for happiness and a time for families to get together. However, when a loved one has been murdered, these times are hard to cope with.

Having a city that cares for and loves their citizens makes these times easier to handle. The Survivors of Homicide has existed for five years and with the help of the community, it does make a difference.

This year's party, with the help of the Midland Police Department went well and the victim's children had a wonderful time. The gifts are heaven sent.

I would like to express our appreciation to the Midland Optimist Club for donating 17 bikes to the children and to thank them for donating their time and effort.

The special ladies that took the time to make sure all was in order were a gift in themselves. Their names are Sharon Stuard and Gloria Newman.

We also want to thank Chief John Urby for letting all this be possible, and Lt. David Wilkes for his help, as well as Officer Pipes for being there to distribute the bikes and safety helmets.

There are so many more to thank, but we want to express our sincere appreciation to the Midland Police Department for all their time and support to offer these children a very joyful time they will never forget.

Thank you for letting this season of joy be one for the children, and for the love and support they need.

We will always have this memory of knowing that the Midland Police Department is here to protect the community and know that they are our friends.

Merry Christmas to all.

Lydia Z. Frescaz
Survivors of Homicide

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ANOTHER VIEW

ACLU injunction asks to bar conduct code

There apparently is no limit to anti-religious nit-picking. The American Civil Liberties Union wants an injunction to keep an Indiana school from posting an 11-point code of conduct. Among the rules: "Trust in God," "respect authority," "honor your parents and family members" and "save sex for marriage."

The ACLU says that code violates the separation of church and state — and probably would even without the "trust in God" part because it still would be too similar to the Ten Commandments. ...

Would it be permissible if the moral instruction to the students was "don't trust God," "disrespect authority," "don't pay any attention to your parents" and "have sex whenever you want"? ...

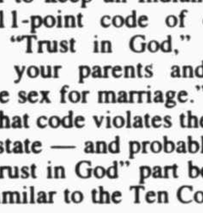
The Supreme Court has ruled that the First Amendment means government must maintain a "wholesome neutrality" toward religion, not official hostility.

— The Florida Times-Union
Jacksonville, Fla.

WILLIAM SAFIRE

Command lets you eat your Internet words, leaves dignified crumbs

"Another damned, thick, square book!" said the duke of Gloucester in 1781 to a hard-working historian, Edward Gibbon, whose "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" would ultimately run to six damned, thick, square volumes. "Always **scribble, scribble, scribble,** eh, Mr. Gibbon?"



Safire

That was the most famous use of a word that means "to write hastily, often illegibly," rooted in the Latin **scribere**, "to write." A **scrivener** is a public copyist, but that noun has fallen into disuse except among notaries public; a **scribe**, once "a copyist of biblical texts," is now used jocularly to mean "journalist," and a **scribbler** is a put-down of a writer. This eye-strained wretch, in the millennial winter of his discontent, can be found down in the subbasement of information architecture in a cubicle labeled **content provider**.

But the noun and verb **scribble** has been resuscitated by the Internet set and given a new command position. In "Wired Style," by Constance Hale and Jessie Scanlon, the **scribble command** is a boon to **flame-throwers** — those intemperate types who post curses on bulletin boards and otherwise abuse the civility of computer intercourse: "**Scribbling** ... the saving grace of flame-throwers on the Well, the **scribble** command lets posters delete their words after the fact. The original post is replaced by a **<scribbled>** notice. It lets you eat your words, but not without leaving some digital crumbs."

If you have second thoughts about some snarl you have posted on the Well, a members-only Sausalito, Calif., "online community," where this 1985 PicoSpan software was first used, you can delete it with the **scribble** command. The post time, date and user name will be listed, but the text of the heated message will be replaced by the word **scribbled**.

What a great idea. Our civilization would neither decline nor fall if only we could work out a mental eraser that would scratch out insults we wish we had never hurled. Thanks to Internetese, at last self-expurgation has a moniker — eh, Mr. Gibbon?

WHAT'S PAST MUST NOT BE PRELUDE

It is time to get right with the old millennium. In the course of the last thousand years, and especially in 1999, I have made a few mistakes that I want to get off my conscience so I can start with a clean slate.

In a jeremiad denouncing "shoppertainment" in factory-outlet malls, I wrote: "Standing here in the epicenter of pre-Christmasism, laden with shopping bags of merchandise that proves my worth both as a provider and conspicuous consumer, a nagging thought intrudes: Is this the way I want to spend my leisure time?"

As Robert Peyser of Brookline, Mass., writes, "Might you not agree that the participial phrase beginning with the words 'Standing here' ought to modify 'I'?" I might. That was a double dangling participle — hard to do — and it would be wrong to let it slop over to 2000. Should have written: "... consumer, I was struck by the thought ...."

In a factual lapse, I misinformed readers that Al Capone "died in jail — 'nutty as a fruitcake,' as a gangland visitor reported." A mob of his Chicago followers pointed out that their hero, Scarface Al, died of cardiac arrest in 1947 at his Palm Island, Fla., home after being released from jail (but — as reported accurately here — nutty as a fruitcake).

"The 50 American states are not sovereign," I wrote in a column that sought to explicate the exquisite difference between **state** and **nation**, "no matter what they say in Texas and Hawaii (the only states that were once sovereign nations)."

An indignant troop of Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys came after me on that one. (**Vermont** means "green mountain.") From 1777 to 1791, the settlers of the New Hampshire Grants, as Vermont was first known, refused to consider themselves part of neighboring New York and functioned as an independent nation, issuing their own money and telling the 13 states forming a union to take a hike.

Finally the feisty Vermonters paid greedy New York $30,000 to drop its claim, which paved the way for it to become the 14th state. Sen. James Jeffords, on behalf of his incensed constituents, was especially worked up about my error, and I hope this does not start a secession movement.

The Gotcha! Gang follows me from these pages to television appearances. I was heard to say **congratulate** and **accreditate** as if those words had no **t** (except the one in **ate**), but only a **d**. Leslie Hill-Levitt Latham of West Redding, Conn., wondered if this frequent mispronunciation would lead to a change in spelling to **congradulate** and **accredidate**.

Hats off to **congratulations** — the word is impossible to pronounce correctly. When a **d** or a **t** comes between two vowels, what linguists call "flapping" takes place, and we hear the sound of **d/t** or **t/d**, an amalgam of the two.

Worse, as Ellen Kaisse, professor of linguistics at the University of Washington (Seattle), notes, "The **y** sound before the **u** makes the consonant **t/d** sound more like **ch/j**, and people pronounce this word in about three ways: **congradyulate, congrachulate** or **congrajulate**."

What's a kudos-giver to do? I will adopt slang's shortened noun form, **congrats**, but will still struggle along with the word I pronounce **congradulate** as a verb. However, I will not adopt that spelling, preferring to stick with the **t** for old times' sake. (As for the mispronounced and misspelled verb **accredidate**, I'll strike it from my mental set; the verb is "to accredit.")

And as for those lifting a glass at the big hooh-hah in a few days: a festive, neatly snipped-off, easily pronounceable and correctly spellable **congrats** to one and all.

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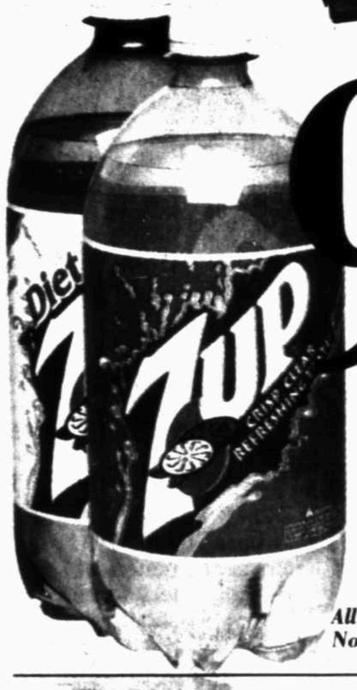

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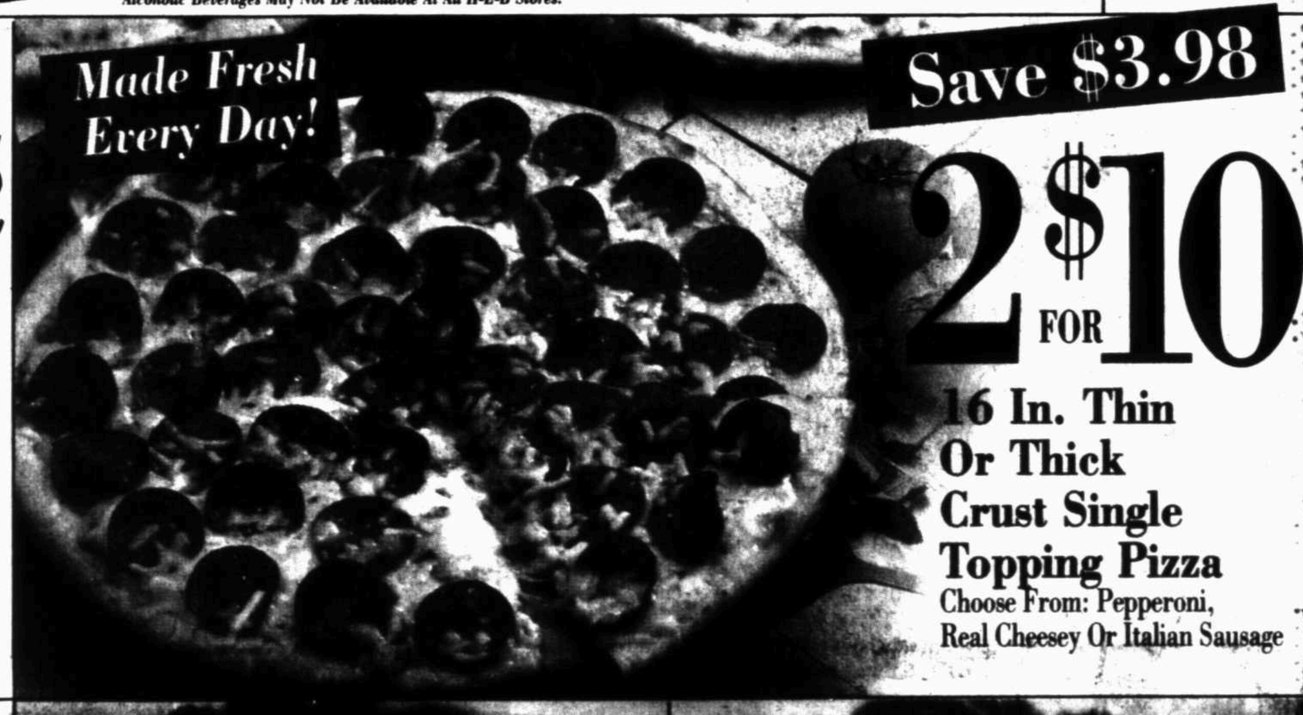

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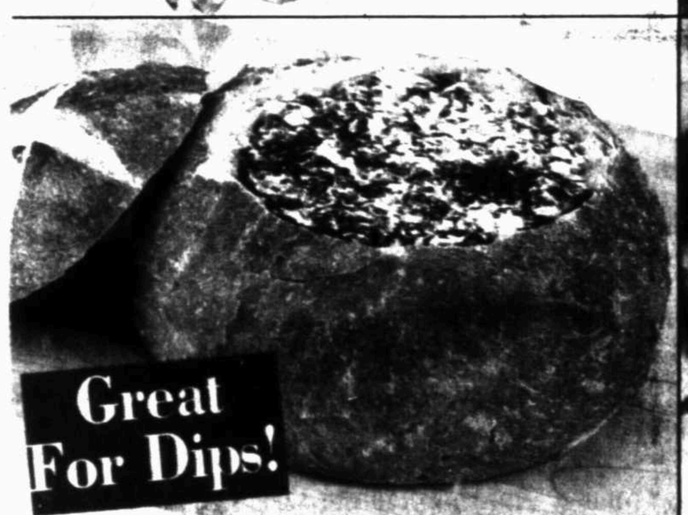

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The Power Grid

Few really understand how this star of Y2K fear works

By Joseph B. Verrengia
Associated Press

FOLSOM, Calif. — To pierce the heart of California's $23 billion electric power grid, Y2K terrorists would have to steal Ed Riley's hands.

Riley, operations director of the agency known as the California Independent System Operator, has negotiated his way past a receptionist, security cameras and roving guards to reach Mission Control, buried in an unmarked building in a look-alike office park in suburban Sacramento.

At the threshold of the grid's command center, he high-fives a fingerprint scanner. A green laser reads his unique pattern of fingerprint whorls and palm creases to satisfy the grid's computer — Y2K compliant, of course — that the man standing at the door is really Ed Riley. The boss.

Click. Enter.

Windowless and larger than a movie theater, the room could be the set for the next James Bond thriller.

Workers confer in whispers at 12 banks of computers. They are dwarfed by a mosaic map of California's power grid and its extensions from British Columbia to Baja. The map extends 160 feet — so long the wall must bend to accommodate it.

By itself, the California grid is the fifth largest in the world.

Yet, it is but one corner of the nation's electrical system power — an omnipresent but poorly understood web of generating plants, transmission lines and transformers that combine to make North American cities and towns twinkle like stars in a galaxy.

Now, Y2K fears have bestowed another description on the power grid:

Vulnerable.

"The grid is only as strong as its weakest member," said Rick Cowles, a New Jersey-based utilities consultant who testified at Senate Y2K hearings. "The first end-to-end test we'll have is during the actual transition to January 1."

Riley can't worry about the entire nation. His job is to keep the most populous state from plunging into a blackout at the dawn of the new millennium.

Every four seconds, he receives a status report on the constant torrent of electrons as they are generated at 700 power plants and race down transmission lines spanning 124,000 square miles.

His system crackles with 46,000 megawatts of juice serving 27 million of the world's most energy-insatiable consumers. Every light bulb. Every coffee maker. Every computer. Every curling iron.

About 600 billion billion (that's right: 600 billion billion) electrons a second must flow through the filament of a 100-watt bulb so you and your child can read about Harry Potter's latest adventures at the Wizard School. Until the lights flicker, few people think about what it takes to keep them on.

Utility operators in California and nationwide hope to keep it that way. They are confident that Y2K will pass without a catastrophic power outage, or at least one of their own making.

The industry has spent as much as $4.5 billion to replace or reprogram computers that might have otherwise convulsed at the stroke of 2000. Some individual utilities required $70 million in repairs.

Large portions of the national grid, including California's system, passed a Y2K simulation on Sept. 9. Since then the U.S. Department of Energy and other agencies have certified that the grid — including nuclear stations — poses no significant worries.

Y2K should be an ordinary winter's night for power consumption and reliability, they say, and they warn people not to jump to conclusions if their lights should go out. After all, households already spend up to 72 hours a year on average without electricity because of system hiccups and weather-related power interruptions, said John Koskinen, President Clinton's top Y2K expert.

They recommend taking routine precautions: food, water, batteries and blankets sufficient for a few days.

"The electrical utility industry is ready for the millennium rollover," declared Michael R. Gent, president of the North American Electric Reliability Council, the grid's overseer.

Yet Y2K remains Riley's torment.

"I worry about crackpots," he said. "My biggest fear is that some nuts will try to blow up a transmission tower."

It's here, in the California ISO's command center, that Riley would try to contain the damage from an attack by trying to reroute power to other lines within seconds.

"The FBI is chasing down every lead related to Y2K," Riley said. "We've heightened security at all of our facilities."

It's a huge task that extends to every corner of the United States, as well as parts of Canada and Mexico.

The national grid consists of more than 3,000 power plants — fueled by coal, oil, gas, nuclear, hydro and wind. Combined they generate 824,569 megawatts at the peak of the summer.

There's no battery big enough to store such vast amounts of energy. So the system operates 365 days a year, 24-7.

It's at this stage of the grid — where electricity is made — that hundreds of thousands of computers and software programs, as well as embedded microchips, automatically operate and monitor key components.

In a conventional power plant, conveyor belts haul 20,000 tons of coal a day into a blast furnace. Other plants run onoil or natural gas.

They fire boilers that produce high-pressure steam superheated to 930 degrees Fahrenheit. The steam spins windmill-like turbines connected to a shaft at 3,600 rpm. The shaft extends into a generator, rotating a set of large electromagnets that induce an alternating current of 22,000 volts in an armature of thick copper rods.

The new electricity reaches its customers on transmission lines in a stream of electrons that jump from atom to atom along copper wires.

Electricity dissipates as it encounters resistance in the wire, heating the copper and surrounding air. To compensate, utilities employ transformers to increase the current's voltage, or the force at which the current flows.

Transformers use magnetic fields to step up the current to more than 400,000 volts. This super-current races for hundreds of miles along a maze of wires strung between 150-foot metal towers connecting cities and states.

Nationwide, the grid's web of interstate high voltage transmission lines travel 201,243 miles. That's enough to encircle the planet eight times.

As the electricity approaches a community, other transformers reverse the process and lower the voltage to levels that can light buildings instead of melt them or burn them down.

It's complicated because different customers require different voltages. Railroads might run commuter trains on 33,000 volts. But households only require 110 volts for small appliances and lights.

The transmission and distribution system doesn't rely much on computers. It can be operated manually by technicians who read dials and flip switches.

"It's mostly poles and wires," said James Sinclair, spokesman for ISO New England, a regional grid operator that hurls electricity from hydro stations in Quebec to the doorstep of New York City.

"Not much there that can go awry," Sinclair said.

But the network is far-flung, and isolated equipment is vulnerable to attacks or accidents.

Power surges can melt transmission lines. Electrical arcs between terminals can fuse iron components. Sudden spikes or dips in demand can trigger brownouts.

Cowles hopes that all facilities, including rural and older ones, will prove to be Y2K-compliant. "If one utility hasn't done their Y2K homework, then everyone is going to have problems," he predicts.

He advises anyone who depends on electrical equipment to have a backup plan.

On New Year's Eve, grid operators nationwide are taking several precautions:

They'll double reserve generating power to 20 percent in case power stations trip off-line. They're urging industrial customers not to curtail their energy use. Too little demand can upset the grid, too. They're reducing open lines between regions and states to prevent outages from spreading like wildfire.

They've purchased satellite phones and two-way radios in case telephone service is lost.

And extra repairmen will be posted at vulnerable choke-points — transformers, circuit breakers and transmission lines. ISO New England alone will have 1,500 crews on duty.

Have we squashed the bug?

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Is time spinning technology out of control?

The answer, in some measure, may come this week as Year 2000 unleashes the computer bites of Y2K, a technical bug that has grown economic, behavioral and logistical legs.

Y2K underscores the interconnection of computers and society's connection to them. No wonder many computer experts, as recently as a year ago, predicted doom when 2000 hits and computers potentially misread two-digit years of "00" as 1900.

"People were concerned about the end of the world as we know it," says John Koskinen, President Clinton's Y2K czar. They cited technology "so complicated and interrelated and interconnected, there would never be a way to get everyone working together to deal with this serious problem."

Government and industry leaders hope to prove skeptics wrong. The big test comes Saturday: Will Y2K trip up technology, or has the bug been tamed?

If Y2K causes havoc, as pessimists fear, then perhaps society has lost its grasp of technology. Recovery could take months or years.

For several years, computer programmers and consultants have pored over billions of lines of computer code, updated time references and developed backup procedures. The Commerce Department estimates that, by 2001, government and businesses will have spent more than $100 billion in the United States alone.

Despite all the work, Y2K advisers do expect problems, particularly in developing countries. A United Nations study cites a "medium to high risk" that Y2K errors could harm public health and safety. Businesses could collapse and jobs be lost.

Even the United States is likely to encounter problems, although Y2K experts are hoping for no more than inconveniences, such as incorrect printouts. The government has set up a $50 million crisis center to monitor potential trouble spots.

Much of the Y2K work required extensive testing and coordination among companies, utilities and regulators in industries not accustomed to working together.

In addition, some companies and governments, local and abroad, did not have the money or the will to undertake the task. So a Y2K-ready U.S. company with plants in Egypt or Turkey, two countries deemed at risk by technology consultants, might still encounter power outages or shortages of raw materials.

With or without Y2K, systems occasionally break down. Outages are so common in some developing countries that Y2K may be seen as just another glitch.

Even in the United States, households lose an annual average of 13 hours of electricity to power failures, not counting those caused by bad weather. Each day, up to 2 percent of the nation's 227,000 cash machines break down or run out of money.

The aviation industry insists that weather will delay more flights than Y2K. "After all, it's the middle of winter," says Sophie Bethune, spokeswoman for the Aviation Millennium Project in Washington, D.C.

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Organization moving beyond getting a new job to keeping it

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Filling a niche in the welfare-to-work boom, Dress for Success has outfitted thousands of women in professional suits, pumping up their self-esteem and wardrobes as they set out for job interviews.

Now, like the women themselves, the nonprofit organization is looking beyond getting a job to keeping a job.

"I knew that our clients needed more," said Nancy Lublin, who founded Dress for Success in Manhattan nearly four years ago.

So Lublin decided to offer women who are new to the professional world a place to make new connections — a sort of Junior League for welfare-to-work.

"I had a father who always worked and I could call home and say, 'Dad this is what's frustrating to me.' The only difference between me and my clients is that I have friends and family to support me and they don't," she said.

With welfare rolls at a 30-year low, there is intense national interest in what comes next, including helping women keep and advance in the jobs they find.

Aided by a $300,000 grant from Citigroup, participants in 23 cities will meet once a month, starting in January, for advice on financial planning, child care arrangements and workplace rules, both written and unwritten. The talks cover everything from choosing a mutual fund to choosing the right fork at lunch with the boss.

Leanora Benjamin, who was in a pilot program in New York City this year, got some real help with a real problem: a coworker who was constantly screaming at her.

"Before, I would have blew up at her, I would have screamed back. Who knows what that could have led into," Benjamin said. "They said, 'Hold it in or talk to someone else about it.' Now I just don't pay any attention to her at all."

At the Professional Women's Group, she met other women like her, who have come off welfare and are trying to make it in the corporate world.

"We're all trying to get ahead," she explained.

Prodded by tough new rules, many former recipients had little trouble finding a job in the booming economy. But keeping the job and moving up the ladder has always been tougher, requiring all sorts of adjustments, particularly for people who have been out of the labor force for years.

Many state welfare agencies and private programs have shifted their attention to job retention, often assigning caseworkers to follow up with former recipients after they have begun work.

And some businesses are helping new workers adjust. At United Airlines, former welfare recipients are assigned mentors. Bank of America and Xerox offer financial planning courses.

"It's a logical next step," said Amy Brown of Manpower Demonstration Research Corp., who advises state welfare agencies. "Programs know that job loss is common and getting the job is only the first step."

The programs take several forms. There's trouble shooting, pioneered by private groups like America Works and Strive, where caseworkers talk with employers and with clients after they've been hired, looking to address problems early. There are support groups like the Dress for Success plan. And there are efforts to sign people up for benefit programs including food stamps, Medicaid and tax credits that can help people earning low wages.

That is the new focus for the Welfare to Work Partnership, which spent two years exhorting businesses to hire people off the rolls. With more than 12,000 companies signed up, it is shifting to help those who have already been hired.

Among its new goals: Helping businesses tell workers about government benefits, and finding ways for them to retain workers and help them advance.

Support groups like those being launched by Dress for Success have not been formally evaluated, so researchers can't say whether they make a difference.

A gift for astronomers: Hubble returns to orbit

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — After bestowing more than a dozen gifts on the Hubble Space Telescope, space shuttle Discovery's astronauts on Saturday accomplished the last big job of their holiday repair mission: releasing the world's finest observatory to resume its scientific quest.

Frenchman Jean-Francois Clervoy used Discovery's robot arm to lift Hubble from the shuttle cargo bay and, as the spacecraft sped more than 370 miles above the South Pacific, gently let it go. The 43-foot telescope gleamed as it slowly drifted away against the backdrop of a blue, cloud-dotted Earth.

"Thanks for the great Christmas present," Mission Control told the astronauts. "It's just what we wanted."

As Hubble moved out of sight, shuttle commander Curtis Brown Jr. noted the appropriateness of delivering Hubble back into orbit on Christmas. He wished everyone on Planet Earth a Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Millennium and so did his six crew members, in five languages.

"It is very special on Christmas Day that we're going to return Hubble back to the heavens and allow it to look at the stars like people did thousands and thousands of years ago," Brown said earlier in the day.

Refurbished inside and out, the $3 billion telescope had been parked aboard the shuttle since Tuesday. Two teams of spacewalking mechanics spent three straight days replacing broken and outdated instruments. In all, they put in 13 boxes of gear worth close to $70 million.

"What a Christmas for Hubble," exclaimed program manager John Campbell. "Six gyros, new ones, not normally found under the tree. A new computer. Better batteries. Everybody needs batteries on Christmas. More storage. New clothes. Better fine guidance, and everybody needs better guidance on Christmas. And a new radio transmitter."

Astronomers can't wait to begin using the Hubble again. The first observations are expected in two weeks, ending a two-month hiatus, the longest ever for the 9-year-old observatory.

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— Curtis Brown Jr., shuttle commander

Hubble's unparalleled eye to the universe closed on Nov. 13 following a series of gyroscope breakdowns. Without enough functioning gyroscopes, the telescope could not hold steady while focusing on stars, galaxies and other cosmic targets.

The astronauts replaced all six gyroscopes during the first spacewalk and equipped each of the telescope's six batteries with voltage regulators to prevent overheating. Once the observatory was free of Discovery, the new gyroscopes took control, prompting cheers in orbit and Mission Control.

Spacewalk 2 had the crew replacing Hubble's 1970s-era computer with a faster, more powerful model and improving the telescope's aim with a new guidance unit. Spacewalk 3 saw the addition of a new radio transmitter, a top-of-the-line data recorder and large solar shades.

Because of the rushed pace in orbit, the astronauts had little time to relax let alone celebrate Christmas — until the third and final spacewalk ended late Friday.

Santa appeared in Discovery's crew cabin, in red suit, cap and beard, to wish Merry Christmas to boys and girls everywhere, especially those in Houston.

In a holiday call to Discovery, NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin asked the seven astronauts if they had spotted Santa delivering presents. Brown said that although they were real busy, they caught a couple glimpses and even had a visit from the big guy himself.

"Well, he must have blessed you because that was one wonderful mission," Goldin replied. "Everyone on this planet is going to share the fruits of what you have done ... you've done all of us proud."

Discovery is due back on Earth on Monday. NASA cut the mission from 10 to eight days and eliminated a fourth spacewalk in order to get the shuttle back in plenty of time before New Year's Eve, to avoid any potential Y2K computer problems.

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Don't look now, but both front-runners are still in front

By Walter R. Mears
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With testing time near, Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush confront stiffening challenges as the leaders for the 2000 presidential nominations. But they remain the men to beat, and their rivals have scant margin for error in trying to topple them.

Bill Bradley has made headway against Gore in the Democratic race, and Sen. John McCain has emerged as the Republican alternative to Bush.

Both challengers are rated the leaders in the latest New Hampshire primary polling, and they both came from far back to get there. McCain jokes that he started at 2 percent with a 5 percent margin of error, so maybe 3 percent actually were against him then.

Upsets in the first primary, on Feb. 1, certainly would slow either or both of the national front-runners. But both Bush and Gore have advantages awaiting them, politicians aligned with them say.

They are solid bets to go into New Hampshire as winners in the season-opening caucuses in Iowa on Jan. 24.

McCain is not competing there; Steve Forbes is Bush's closest challenger.

Bradley plans to spend almost full time campaigning for the caucuses next month, trying to whittle Gore's evident lead. It is not just in the polls; the caucuses are dominated by Democratic regulars, part of the party establishment backing Gore.

"We have to do better than expected in both Iowa and New Hampshire," says Bradley.

But beating expectations — running better than the polls and analysts forecast — may not be enough. Bradley needs to win at least one.

After New Hampshire, the Democrats do not vote against until March 7, the 14-state primary day featuring both California, where Gore leads the polls, and New York, where Bradley narrowly is ahead in his own territory. A week later, six southern states vote, a promising arena for Gore.

There will be no February letup in the six-candidate Republican campaign. McCain's strategy hinges on winning the primaries in New Hampshire, then upsetting Bush leads in South Carolina and Michigan, and winning at home in Arizona.

Slowing the front-runner will not suffice, in either party. These are state-by-state contests for delegates, but the pileup of primaries by mid-March produces the early equivalent of nearly national elections. Nearly two-thirds of the nominating delegates will be selected by the middle of March. That works to the advantage of the best-known candidates, the leaders in national polls, in which Bush and Gore still are far ahead of their rivals.

Bradley and McCain have shown that the candidates once deemed inevitable nominees could be beatable. Now they've got to beat them.

The challengers are effective campaigners, and it shows. Gore is sounding a bit strident against Bradley. Bush says he will show his feisty side against McCain.

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They also are boosted by a simple fact of political life: a race is more interesting and engaging than a walkaway. So they have drawn extra attention, and frequently favorable reviews.

A case in point: Bush's Yale University transcript showed him a C student, and it became fodder for critics questioning whether he is smart enough to be president. McCain was fifth from the bottom of his class at the Naval Academy, and writes that he almost got kicked out. Not that it is information relevant to the campaign, in either case.

Bush has had his stumbles: in the awkward handling of questions about the use of drugs, which led to a denial covering the past 25 years; in magnified slips on foreign affairs details; in trying to stay out of 1999 campaign debates he finally had to enter.

Gore remodeled his balky, overspending campaign and declared a sort of limited independence of the day job, although President Clinton says he is still the most active vice president in history.

But slips are not falls. Their advantages are no less real than when their races looked one-sided.

Bush has raised a record $63 million plus for a campaign unfettered by the state spending limits that cover everybody else except Forbes, self-financed and the only other candidate who could afford to pass up federal campaign funds and the strings that go with it.

Gore insists he has no fund-raising problems, although Bradley had more money on hand at last report. New finance filings are due next week.

Both he and Bush have the endorsements of their party establishments. That is a particular plus for Gore, backed by about 600 of the nearly 800 Democratic super delegates, party leaders and office holders who get automatic votes on the nomination.

That is no small head start. Bradley says he can get their attention and pry them loose by winning primaries.

$900 million to go to cities, states, nonprofits to help nation's homeless

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration is giving out $900 million to cities, states and nonprofit groups to help some 245,000 homeless people find their way off the streets and into productive lives.

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The White House's announcement landed squarely in the middle of one of the nation's most competitive Senate races.

New York City is to receive about $60.5 million of the $900 million, according to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. But city agencies won't have much say in how it is spent because Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced this week that HUD would hand out the money itself.

Cuomo said he acted after a federal court ruled that city officials demonstrated a pattern of antagonism and acted with "retaliatory intent" against a non-profit group, costing the organization $2.4 million in federal funds.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said the move was politically motivated and designed to help his likely Senate opponent, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton.

The grants Clinton announced today will go to more than 350 states and communities, and more than 1,000 non-profit groups.

About $750 million will be spent on long-term programs designed to keep homeless people off the streets by providing drug treatment, job training and other social services.

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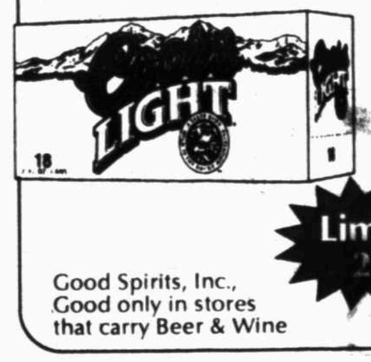

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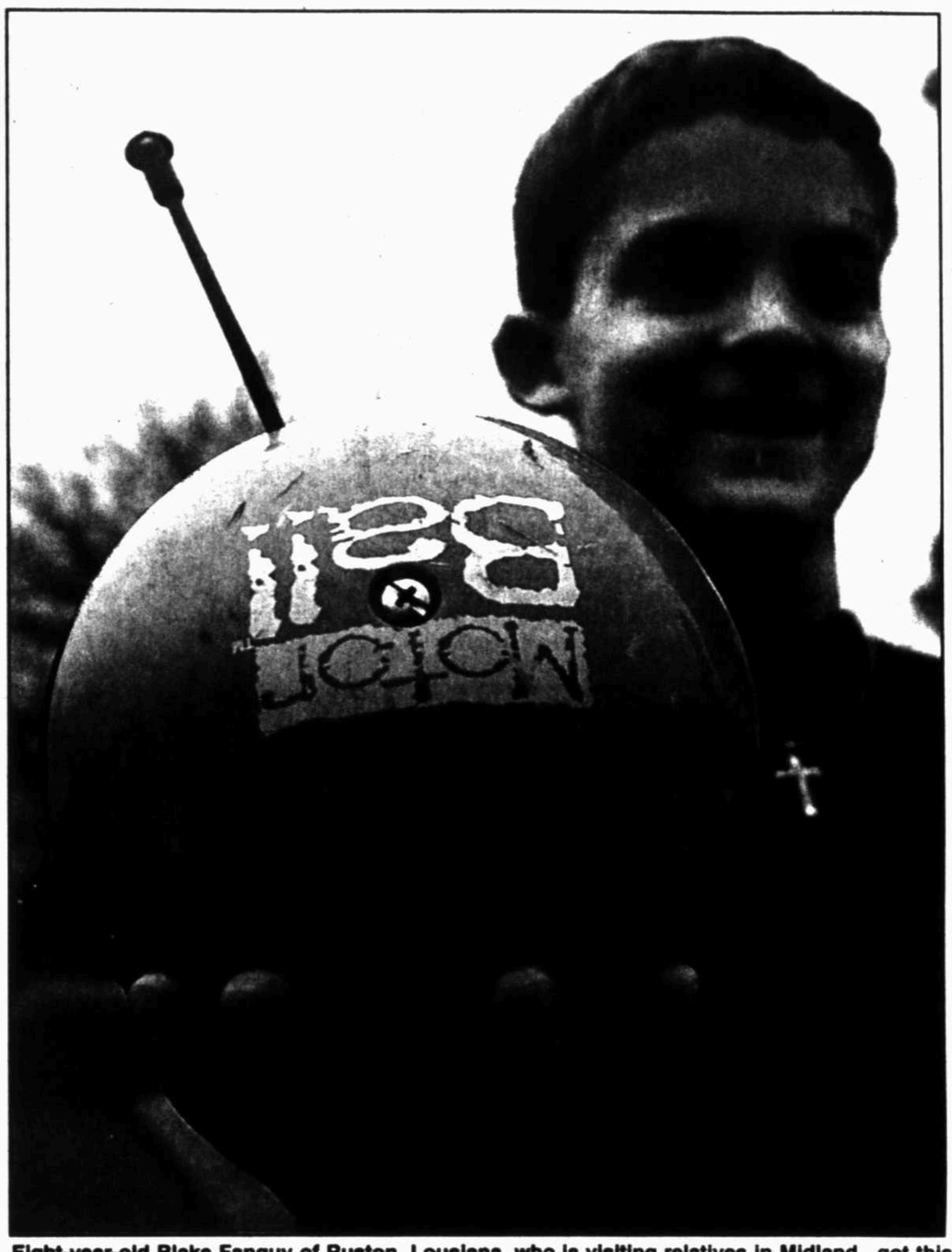

Eight-year-old Blake Fanguy of Ruston, Lousiana, who is visiting relatives in Midland, got this Motor Ball for Chirstmas. The toy is a remote controlled device.

Local children give big 'thumbs up' to their gifts

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

Eleven-year-old Jane Sullivan of Midland didn't get a big family Christmas dinner this year — and not on other Christmas holidays either. But don't feel sorry for her or offer to invite her and her family over to share in yours.

Jane isn't an orphan and the family is not destitute.

No, they just have a different Christmas tradition.

Instead of the turkey and ham for dinner, which so many Midlanders enjoy, Jane, her father, John Sullivan and mother, Cynthia Black, and brother Matthew, 13, have a not-so-traditional Christmas breakfast with all the trimmings.

"Our tradition is to have a big breakfast on this day and with everything — sausage and bacon and all the rest of it," said Jane's mother, Ms. Black. "It's the one time of the year we do that, because normally we are very health conscious."

That leaves the day open for presents and playing in Halle Park, which is what Jane, along with her visiting cousin from Houston, Juliett Ambler, did Saturday afternoon.

Jane had a good day. She got the only thing she asked for — a dog. The Welsh corgi came not with batteries, but a full range of "doggie paraphernalia" as her mother called it. She did receive a lot of clothes, which unlike the boys interviewed, she actually likes.

Jane's brother, Matthew, also got what he wanted — a set of beginners golf clubs, which came in a "very, very used old Wilson bag from the '60s," noted his mother.

The Sullivans were to have Christmas dinner, by the way, but with friends at the friends' house. Later, the evening would be devoted to talking long-distance with relatives in Massachusetts.

In another part of town, Andy Edwards was joyfully riding around on his best gift, the one from Santa, he said — a shiny new California Chariot. That's a vehicle that seems to resemble a very modernized scooter from days gone by. It's a non-motorized vehicle that combines the front end of a BMX bicycle connected to two parallel skateboards with hard roller-skate-type wheels.

While the California Chariot is this year's dream gift, Andy also received gifts Friday night. Among those was a R.A.D. robot, which is a toy robot that "fires missiles, picks stuff up, has a tray that carries things and you can do it all with a remote control."

The best part of this Christmas was getting a lot of gifts, he admitted, but so was buying a 40th-anniversary Barbie doll, with some help from his grandmother, to give to his mom.

Other than that, it was a laid-back day at the Edwards home. "I slept late, opened gifts at 10 a.m. and I've been playing with my cousin T. J. Mantsel, who is 17," he added.

The rest of the day was to be spent hanging out with the three cousins, because their dad had to work.

Andy is enjoying the holidays immensely and is very much unprepared to go back to school, he added.

Meanwhile, over on Pecan and Main streets, John Arrendondo of Midland was a happy little three-year-old Christmas morning. He received a very small bicycle, complete with training wheels, as well as a set of pro wrestling action figures complete with a wrestling ring, a bowling set, a Ninja turtle sword, and lots of clothes. His mother, Anita Arrendondo, had to admit he didn't really care for the clothes as much as the toys.

Later in the day, it was a traditional Christmas dinner with turkey and ham, but with a side order of tamales, as well.

Eight-year-old Oscar Rodriguez gleefully rolls down a sandy hill while clutching the Scooby Doo doll he got for Christmas.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

Next week, it's off to California for the Arrendondo family to welcome in the new year at the home of Ms. Arrendondo's father in Santa Paula.

From Ruston, La., near Shreveport, came Blake Fanguy, 8, and his family for Christmas with his Aunt Elisa Bruce on Harvard Street, who has four daughters, 5, 6, 7 and 11 years of age.

Blake received a "way cool" motor ball, which is an automated, remote controlled ball the size of a cantaloupe that apparently can fetch itself without the help of a dog.

But Blake's favorite gift was a gold crucifix on a chain, which he proudly wore around his neck. He also received a Game Boy, a "real watch" and "a bag full of small stuff."

Accompanying Blake on his West Texas Christmas trip were his mom and dad, his brother Lane, 12, and sister Paige, 6.

The Fanguys have been here since December 17 and they are all going to back to Louisiana today. "We're going to listen to music, nap and play the Game Boy," said Blake, who admitted he "is kind of looking forward to going back to

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Nine-year-old Andy Edward's gifts included this "California Chariot," a vehicle that combines parts from a BMX bike, two skateboards and roller skates.

'Working the Santa shift': Somebody has to do it

By Rick McLaughlin
Staff Writer

T'was the day of Christmas and all through the house,
not a wage-earner was stirring, not even a mouse.
The stockings may have been hung near the chimney with care,
but workers were off to work, no matter how unfair.

Nearly everyone loves their holidays off, but some places just have to be open for business — law enforcement agencies, fire departments, hospitals and other emergency services that "work the Santa shift." Even some non-essential businesses are open for the convenience of the public, as it was in Midland on Christmas Day.

At the Walgreens Pharmacy on Midland Drive, people were lined up at all available counters Saturday afternoon buying some late-breaking sale items, wrapping paper, soft drinks and ice cream, some food items and lots and lots of batteries for those electronic Christmas gifts.

They were also doing a brisk trade in last-minute gifts, mostly men buying household appliances like coffee makers.

The people who work on major holidays have mixed feelings about the sacrifice they have to make. Some don't mind at all, but most would rather be home with family and friends celebrating the holiday.

"I think it's great," said Sonya Guzman, a recently hired clerk at a Midland 7-Eleven store. "I had nothing better to do today and I would have been home watching a local TV channel because I don't even have cable." Ms. Guzman's family is in Lamesa, where she is from, and without transportation, she might just as well be working, she noted.

The manager of her store, Kay Pettit, doesn't mind working at all. "It's fantastic," she said. "I don't mind one bit because it's a time for giving and they (customers) need to have a store open," she said as she rang up the gasoline, beer, food and snacks, and batteries the customers were lined up to buy. "Other stores in town are closed and we're here to help them out."

Ms. Pettit and her family had a pre-holiday early in the week. They went to San Angelo to visit other family and had pre-Christmas parties Monday and Tuesday.

While some might think people would have other things to do on Christmas Day than watch video movies, Mandy Choat of the Hollywood Video store on Loop 250 would disagree. "It's a big day for us," she said, "and it's mostly Christmas-oriented videos they rent."

Working the 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. shift, Ms. Choat said, "I really wish I was home with my family. But my boss asked me a month ago and I said I could."

Now, she said, she wishes she hadn't. "But, when I get my paycheck, I'll be happier. I'd probably just be laying around and pigging out on all the food and snacks anyway," she added.

Her colleague, Ronna Beene, was sympathetic. "I don't mind. I'm not really from here and wouldn't be doing much anyway."

Ms. Beene also had an early Christmas Tuesday with her Midland parents for her brother, who is from Oklahoma.

But working holidays is an old hat

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GARY OTT

Men with darting eyes ... some things never change, and shouldn't

Let's face it, some things never change. And I hope they never do.

Here's an example.

It was 5:45 p.m. this past Tuesday at a local bookstore. The place was hopping as a wide assortment of people attempted to get in some last-minute Christmas shopping.

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There were single people, married couples and even entire families scurrying up and down the various aisles. Some were thumbing through books, trying to determine if they would make appropriate gifts, while others seemed more interested in the social aspects of shopping, meaning they were standing around in small groups and laughing a lot.

Still, it was the action taking place in the sports section of the store, back in a far corner, that caught my attention.

A scene as old as mankind itself was unfolding. It involved a man and a woman. Actually, it involved a man attempting to "check out" a woman without her knowing it.

Here's what occurred:

The man — he appeared to be, oh, 40 or so — was seated in a chair casually glancing through a book that detailed the life of former basketball great Michael Jordan. He didn't seem all that interested in what he was reading, but it was a good way to pass the time. Occassionally, he would look up and watch the people around him. But, just as quickly, he would return to the book.

Then it happened.

The woman — and, yes, she WAS good looking — appeared out of nowhere. She had butterscotch blonde hair that was pulled back in a loose ponytail, and her black slacks were nicely accented by a gray sweater. She possessed a certain understated elegance that seemed to say, "Yes, I suppose I AM pretty enough, but I don't give it much thought one way or the other. It's just the way I look."

Maybe so, but the man was obviously quite taken by her. Michael Jordan's early childhood years suddenly held no interest for him. And try though he might, he couldn't keep from sneaking glances at her. He attempted to be discreet, but he wasn't having much luck. The eyes wouldn't let him. It was as though they had a mind of their own. The brain was saying, "Keep your eyes on the book," but his eyes were countering, "Oh, shut up and mind your own business."

In the end, the eyes won out.

And that's when the fun began.

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When the man first spotted the woman, his reaction was immediate ... and predictable. Indeed, it was precisely the same reaction every man has when he first gazes at an attractive woman. He focused on the side of her face and then slowly moved his eyes down to her feet, absorbing every curve and subtle nuance along the way. Once there, his eyes reversed directions and moseyed back up to her face.

He liked what he saw. That was obvious, especially when he got up from his chair and casually replaced the book he had been reading, managing to ease next to the woman in the process. His eyes immediately went to her left hand. Perfect! No wedding ring.

That bit of good news seemed to inspire the man. So he started up a conversation, feeble though it was.

He cleared his throat and said, "Are you a golfer or are you just buying a gift?"

The woman, who was deep in thought, looked up from her book about Jack Nicklaus and said, "Uh, just shopping ... for my dad. He's a golf nut."

An awkward pause followed.

But the man decided not to give up. He said, "I've read that book. It's very good." He was lying, of course, but for some reason the words just popped out of his mouth without warning.

It didn't really matter, though, because the woman wasn't terribly interested in what he had to say. But in order to make polite conversation, she said, "Really? Did you enjoy it?"

The man, possessing your basic male ego, quickly assumed that the woman's response was in a reality a "come on" to him.

So he sprung into action.

"Oh, it was a marvelous book," he gushed, again making up things as he went. "I especially enjoyed the part about his rivalry with Arnold Palmer. And then that chapter on him winning The Masters in 1986 was truly fascinating. It brought tears to my eyes." He could only hope the book touched on those topics.

Still, even if they didn't, he was reasonally certain he was scoring — and I use that term loosely — critical points with his vast knowledge of Jack Nicklaus.

So he forged ahead.

He was about to delve into the Ohio State years when the woman abruptly said, "Well, I'll be darned, look at the time. I was supposed to be somewhere 15 minutes ago."

And just like that, she was gone.

The man watched her leave. His shoulders sagged ever so slightly as he grabbed the book about Michael Jordan and returned to his chair.

But as he did, his eyes darted about the bookstore one more time in hopes of spotting more prey.

Yeah, some things never chance. And I hope they never do.

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Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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OBITUARIES

Carol Orem

Carol Claire (Atkinson) Orem, of Midland, died Thursday, December 9, 1999 in Houston after a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband, C. G. Orem, Midland; three daughters, Carol Landrum, Mt. Home, Ar., Margaret Schaible, Houston, Tx., and Janet Atyia, Rapid City, SD.; four sisters, Margaret Kubler of Peoria, Az., Edith Baker of Pine, Az., Elizabeth Stephens, Annapolis, Md., and Dr. Janet Weston, Parker, Co.; and three grandsons.

She was born Dec. 25, 1922 in Pawnee City, Nebraska and moved with her family to Rapid City, SD during the Depression. She joined the Navy during World War II, where she worked as a cryptographer, decoding Japanese weather reports.

After the war, she attended the University of New Mexico earning degrees in mathematics and chemistry. She later worked on the first generation of computers. She married C. G. Orem in 1946.

Mrs. Orem attended St. Nicholas Episcopal Church. She was a member of United Way and the Midland Society of University Women. For many years she was an active and integral part of the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council, serving most recently on the Board of Directors.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, December 29, 1999 at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council, 5217 N. Dixie, Odessa, Tx 79762.

Laura Cason

Laura Pearl Cason, a resident of Lamesa, Texas, for the past sixty-three years, passed away on December 24, 1999, at Midland Memorial Hospital. She was 90 years old. She was born on January 8, 1909 in Waxahachie, Texas, to Henry and Lula Mae Strickland. She was one of four children. Her father owned and operated Strickland & Son Jewelers in Waxahachie as well as serving as an itinerant Methodist preacher. She spent all of her childhood in Waxahachie and enjoyed telling her children about her family trips to Georgia and North Carolina in their Model "T" to visit relatives and cousins.

Mrs. Cason received her teaching degree from Trinity University. While living in Waxahachie, she taught grades 1-8 in a "one-room" classroom. She married Ben Cason on November 11, 1930 in Marietta, Oklahoma. When the Waxahachie School Board found out she had gone to Oklahoma to be married, she was quickly dismissed, since at that time the custom was that "young" married women should not instruct young children until a respectable period of time had passed after the marriage.

They moved from Waxahachie to Lamesa in 1936. During World War II, her husband was stationed in San Diego, California where she and her children would live for a short time on the Coronado Naval Base. They then returned to Lamesa where she taught and substituted in the Lamesa school system, until she went to work for Ebbie Lee Insurance Company. She worked in this job for many years, until her retirement in the early 1980s. She was a member of the Lamesa First Baptist Church for over 50 years, where she served as a Sunday School teacher and department secretary for different age groups in the church.

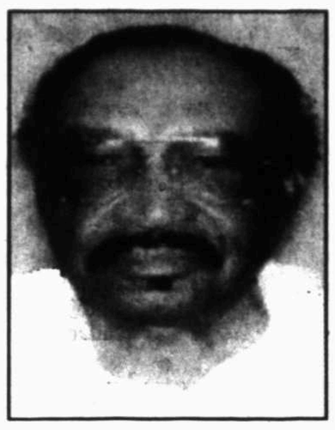
Mrs. Cason was preceded in death by her husband in 1978, as well as her sister and two brothers. She is survived by her daughter, Cynthia Agee and her husband, John; her son, Benny Cason and his wife, Carolyn; her grandchildren, Ricky Agee and his wife, Kim; Kerry Agee and his wife, Janie; and Alese Agee, all of the Dallas area; Chris Cason of Fort Worth; and Jennifer Briscoe and her husband, Paul, of Fort Worth; and three great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family wishes to give a very special thanks to Dr. Gregory Bartha who demonstrated great compassion and understanding when she was so ill; and to the hospital staff for the care which they gave to her. Also, much gratitude goes to her caregivers in Lamesa for the past three years, Maria and Henry Villalobos. Mrs. Cason loved them dearly and considered them family.

Mrs. Cason loved her church, her work, and her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They will miss the love and care which she showed to each one. Her own children will remember her in special ways....staying up all night to sew clothes for special occasions, making sure piano lessons were practiced, taking them to Taos and Red River, New Mexico every summer for great fun in square dancing and fishing, letting them have any and all kinds of pets, and instilling in them the desire to learn and to do the best at whatever task was at hand. They will miss her, but never forget her.

Graveside services are scheduled for Monday, December 27, at 11 a.m. in Lamesa Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Branon Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers will be Ricky Agee, Kerry Agee, Chris Cason, Paul Briscoe, Gene Lee, Lee Edward Spencer, and Ebbie Lee.

Memorials may be directed to a favorite charity, or the Dr. Gregory Bartha Scholarship Fund, Attention: Elise Coombes, Midland College, Midland, Texas.



Plumer Hudspeth

Plumer Wilson "P.W." Hudspeth, 81, died Tuesday, December 21, 1999, at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born on June 24, 1918 in Waco, Texas to Plumer and Rosa Moore Hudspeth. He was the eldest of four children to the marriage.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, December 29, at 11 a.m. at Goodwill Baptist Church, 1508 S. Main with Rev. Leroy Lengyon officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, two brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his wife, Rosa M. Hudspeth of Midland; three sons, Donald R. Hudspeth of Odessa, Rev. Michael L. Hudspeth of Rowland Heights, Calif. and Wayne E. Hudspeth of Los Angeles, Calif.; four step-sons, Milton McKenzie of San Antonio, Leon McKenzie of Dallas, Willie L. Hubert of Midland and Alvin W. Hubert of Houston; two daughters, Helen Green of Waco and Patsy Williams of Midland; 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of cousins and friends.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Anna Rush

Anna Lucile Rush of Midland passed quietly away on Thursday, December 23, 1999 at Midland Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

Anna was born April 18, 1917 in Flat Rock, Illinois to Lauren E. and Eva Hedges Rush. She grew up in Brown and Coleman Counties, Texas, going to school and living in Grosvenor, Texas in her youth. She was the youngest of six Rush children that included Elmer, Raymond, Ruth, Lena and Wanda. She worked as office manager for Barnes Electric in Hobbs, New Mexico for 25 years, then moved to Midland and worked as secretary/office manager for Luttrell Gas Consulting Service for another 15 years, before retirement. She has resided at Trinity Haven Health Center in Midland for the past five months. Anna loved her family, and lived a full life of happiness and closeness with her family, despite the physical roadblocks thrown at her by life. She will be sorely missed by those of her family who remain ... and thought of as that sweet, good-natured "Aunt Anna" by all the many friends who knew and loved her.

She is survived by her brother, Raymond R. Ruth of El Paso, Texas; nephews, Jimmy Rush of Purcell, Oklahoma, Eugene Rush of Hobbs, New Mexico, Ron Rush of El Paso, Texas and Don Luttrell of Midland, Texas; and a number of grand-nephews and nieces.

There will be a graveside service at 10 a.m. on Monday, December 27, 1999 at Resthaven Memorial Cemetery in Midland, under the direction of Newnie Ellis Funeral Home.

Belle Grimes

Belle Grimes was born October 18, 1926 in Guion, Texas to William Avery and Flora Belle (Harrison) Cleveland. She married Robert L. Grimes in 1946. They moved to Midland in 1951 where they lived until moving to Bryan about 5 years ago. She retired from Unocal Corporation in 1989.

Mrs. Grimes died in Bryan, Texas on Wednesday, December 22, 1999.

Her husband, Robert L. Grimes; three brothers, and two sisters preceded her in death. Survivors are her sons, Sonny Grimes and his wife, Leo, of Orangedale, CA and Robert L. Grimes and his wife, Laura, of Hockley, Texas; her daughter, Jeanie Miller and her husband, Tom, of Channing, MI; her brothers, Lewis Avery Cleveland of Dallas and Dwain Cleveland of Glenrose, Texas; her sisters, Hallie McVey of Somerville, Texas and Billie Elliott of Midland, Texas; 5 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be at Ellis Funeral Home on Sunday, December 26. The family will be present from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Graveside services have been scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, December 27, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Ellis Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Today's Agenda

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library at 688-8991.

11th Step Study group for people in recovery, 10:30 a.m., 2103 W. Louisiana Ave., 697-4751 or 682-1646.

Greater Permian Basin Duplicate Bridge & Novice Duplicate Bridge, 1:30 p.m., Allison Bridge Center.

Overeaters Anonymous, 4 p.m., 408 S. G Street. 694-4166; 580-7545; 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Tall City VFW 7208 Auxiliary Bingo, 7 p.m., 1904 Rankin Highway. (lic.: 1-51-0171588-4).

Alpha/Omega Group, 11 a.m. 311 S. Pecos St.

Study group, "A Search for God," 7 p.m, 689-9331.

Sex Addicts Anonymous—Reflections, 550-1173. The meetings are closed.

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Doris L. Bozzell

"IF I CRY, WILL I EVER BE ABLE TO STOP?"

Questions derived from concerns expressed by grieving people — Mark Mercer, M.S., L.P.C. SWA

This question usually means several things. The bereaved person feels like their tears are a huge body of water behind a fragile dam. They fear that if the tears ever begin to flow, the dam will shatter. They are afraid the tears will wash them away, they will lose their minds, or they will cry forever.

I have not yet seen anyone begin to cry and not be able to stop. I have seen many people who have not cried and are unable to start. It is the *uncried* tears that can break the dam. They can lead to chronic anxiety, depression, rage, marital discord, and a host of ailments such as backaches, headaches, and stomach problems. And of course the grief itself remains as well.

Alan Williams, Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Chaplain, suggests that you be sure to have a close, supportive, trusted friend with you when you are concerned about being unable to cope with overwhelming emotion.

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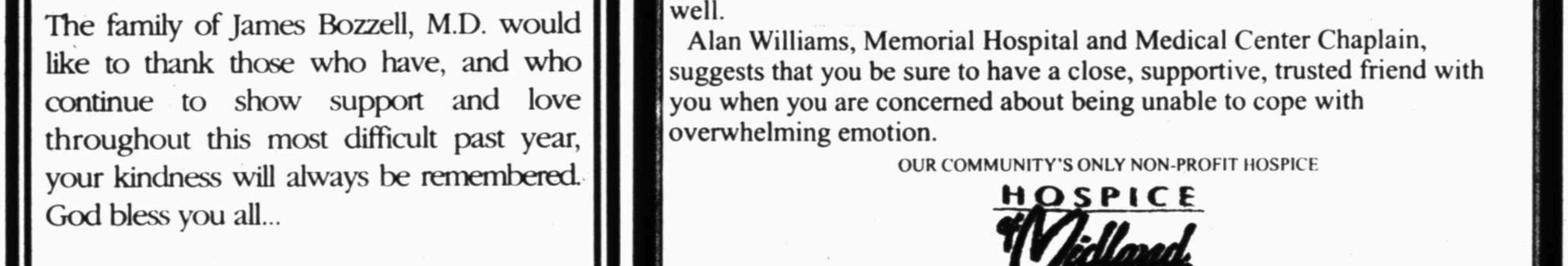

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CHECKING OUT THE LIBRARIES

Noise is subject of new story time sessions; introductory Internet sessions offered

By Sandra Wegner

Noise, a subject to which every pre-school child can relate, is the theme of a new series of story times. The programs will be presented for children 3 years of age and older 10 to 10:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning and repeated the following Wednesday morning, Jan. 11 through Feb. 16.

Whether animals, music, buildings or machines make the noises, the youngsters will have a good time with Children's Librarian Barbara Davis. There is no pre-registration for the free events.

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The Main Library is offering one-hour introductory Internet sessions beginning 9:30 a.m. Jan. 15 for those who consider themselves the "computer impaired." Even if the student has never moved a "mouse," these hands-on Saturday morning sessions will give an idea of what the World Wide Web is about.

The sessions are free and limited to four students. Pick your day and call the periodicals area of the Main Library at 688-8991 for more details.

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There was music in the Main Library for Christmas. Many thanks to Rita Dewey, Lynn Semrud, Shari Hamilton and Patricia Petosky of West Texas Harmony for their gentle barbershop blend; to Mark Benson for his calming harp; and to Kathy Webster, Lauryl Hoose, Norma Binam and Vicky Durham of the Desert Winds for their soothing woodwind sounds. Patrons and staff enjoyed these lunchtime programs.

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You don't have to be a genealogist to enjoy the latest issue of "The Thorny Trail," published by the Midland Genealogical Society. Midland in the 1930s is the issue's theme, and readers are often delighted to find familiar names of the past and the present in the articles.

You will find the issue in the Redfern Genealogical Research Center of the Main Library. Extra copies are also available from the Society at the Library for $8.50. You may also contact Betty Edgar at 682-3810 or Megan O'Hearn at 683-8600 for a copy.

The Society's mailing address is the same as the library's at 301 W. Missouri Ave, 79701. If the issue is mailed, the cost is $10.

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TExpress is a statewide courier service created to speed the delivery of books and photocopied materials that are loaned between member Texas libraries.

Midland County Public Library and the Learning Resource Center of Midland College begin participation in TExpress Jan. 3. Funded by the state, as well as member libraries, TExpress is an example of the growing state support of public libraries.

Wanting to be sure that none of its citizens are left behind in the telecommunications revolution, Texas has made grants available to all qualified public libraries, enabling the libraries to give their patrons Internet Access. Midland County Public Libraries received one of these grants.

Databases of information, before only available on a subscription basis, can now be accessed in public libraries online, and the State Library is paying the subscription charge.

Going a step further, public libraries may give their patrons the address and password to another subscription database, Electric Library, to access on their home computers. This, too, is courtesy of the State Library.

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Main Library at 301 W. Missouri and Centennial Branch Library in Midland Park Mall will be closed Monday, Dec. 27; Friday, Dec. 31; and Saturday, Jan. 1. Both libraries will also closed on Martin Luther King Jr.'s Day, Jan. 17.

Come Monday morning, Jan. 3, the county libraries expect to be open for business. In Y2K testing earlier this year, only one problem was found. All items checked out with a due date in the year 2000 were instantly overdue. The glitch has been corrected.

Happy New Year to one and all.

Car ends up in backyard

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

No one was injured in this Christmas Day accident at the intersection of Heritage Boulevard and Grassland Boulevard. The accident occured at about 4:45 p.m., as a car crashed through a backyard fence after clipping the corner of a garage.

WORK: Working holidays is old hat for emergency services employees

(From 1B)

for emergency services people. "It's just part of the job, something we have to do," said Midland Police Department Patrolman Leonard Hendon. The 27-year veteran of law enforcement noted he has done it many times during his 18 years with the MPD. "If I wasn't doing this, I'd be sitting at home with my family, my wife and 19-year-old son, and relaxing." What he was doing was assisting in the stop of a car in a convenience store parking lot. The car was reportedly being driven recklessly on Andrews Highway near downtown Midland.

Without big alternate holiday plans for dinner and presents, they made do with Hendon's Christmas Day noon lunch break. "It's as close as we could get."

At the Midland County Sheriff's Office, Erika Heredia of the Records Division said, "I'd rather be at home with my family, my parents, aunts, uncles and cousins. But it is mandatory that someone has to be here 24 hours a day."

Community Service Officer Ernie Davis has been with the Midland Police Department six years and has worked Christmas Day all six years. "It's okay I guess. I'd rather be home but we must fulfill our duties," he said.

Davis would have had this Christmas off, because for once it fell on his day off. "But, we were shorthanded, so ..."

Like many other holiday working people, the Davis family simply moved the holiday to a more convenient day. "My wife, parents and grown children had our Christmas on Christmas Eve with turkey and ham, and opening presents." Davis gave his wife a computer outfit, while she gave him a home theater.

Davis is also a reserve deputy sheriff and will be on the road working the county on New Year's Eve. But then, that is another holiday and many other Midlanders will be working again while others make merry.

GIFTS: Children were enjoying their toys Saturday

(From 1B)

school to see my friends."

Dustin Gillian, 13, and his cousin, Chad Elliott, 15, didn't have far to go to spend Christmas day with their relatives since so many live in Midland. They had a ham and turkey dinner with all the trimmings with some 15 members of the family on Christmas Day.

The cousins had similar gift lists this year — stereo systems, which suited both teenagers just fine.

The two will be going back to school on January 4, and neither was particularly pleased about it, which coincidentally seemed to be the reaction of all the Midland Christmas revelers.

Some things just don't change.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Eight-year-old Max Arguijo launches his Air Hogs toy into the air; the toy is powered by air that is pumped into the plane's fuselage.

DEATH NOTICES

J.C. Trout

ODESSA — J.C. Trout, 76, died Friday, Dec. 24, at a local hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 27, in the Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors Chapel with the Revs. David Johnson and L.D. Green officiating. Burial is to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

He was born April 18, 1923, in Binger, Okla.

He moved to Odessa in 1950. He began working as a tool pusher, retired from Parker Drilling Co. in 1985, then worked for Rototec, Inc. He was a member of Central Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvia and Vedie Trout; and a brother, Norman Trout.

Survivors include his wife, Iwana Jones Trout; two sons, Mike Trout and Pat Trout; four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; five brothers, Buster, Floyd, Marvin, Bobby and Orville; four sisters, Betty, LaVerna, Jewel and Bernice; and 50 nieces and nephews.

Eugene Jones II

ODESSA — Eugene Clifford Jones II, 44, died Friday, Dec. 24, in Odessa.

Memorial services are to be 4 p.m. today, Dec. 26, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 4141 Tanglewood Lane, with the Rev. Judy Cobb officiating under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.

He was born Jan. 19, 1955, in Selma, Ala.

He coached at Bonham Junior High in Odessa, Permian High School from 1981-1986, Lewisville High School, Galena Park High School, Spring High School, and returned to Permian High in 1997 as an assistant coach.

Survivors include two sons, Daniel B. Jones of College Station and Andrew E. Jones of Arlington; his mother, Betty Warren of Lubbock; a sister, Jana Thomas of Stephenville; stepchildren, Wes Sheets, Brent Sheets and Amanda Sheets; several nieces, and a great-niece and nephew.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Myron Snyder Scholarship Fund, Acct. #814, c/o Permian High School Athletic Dept., 1800 E. 42nd St., Odessa, 79762.

Jessie Ramos

STANTON — Jessie Ramos died Friday, Dec. 24, in Abilene.

Funeral services are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home and Chapel.

Viola Chandler

BIG SPRING — Viola Chandler, 71, died Saturday, Dec. 25, at her residence.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Lurline Morrison

STANTON — Lurline Morrison, 88, died Saturday, Dec. 25, at a Lubbock hospital.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Charles Moore

BIG SPRING — Charles Moore, 39, of Big Spring died Thursday, Dec. 23, in Big Spring.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Betty Crenshaw

BIG SPRING — Betty Crenshaw, 77, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 25, in Big Spring.

Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ila Reese

BIG SPRING — Ila Reese, 87, of Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 25, in Big Spring.

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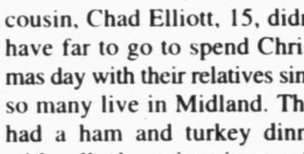

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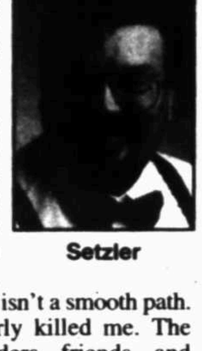
ADVENTURES IN TEACHING

Watch for sharp turns on life's learning curves ... and 'pit falls' too

By R. Eric Setzler

Recently, I completed an article describing that many people forget how difficult the road to adulthood can be. To prove my point, I used some examples from my childhood. These were stories of real events and not glamorized memories of youth.



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The incidents described provided me important lessons of what not to do in later life, which is as important as knowing what to do. Life's learning curve isn't a smooth path. My adventures nearly killed me. The reactions from readers, friends, and coworkers were remarkable. Many of them expressed amazement that anyone could have survived such a childhood. One of my best friends even told me, "A head injury at an early age would explain a lot." However, the examples I gave only touched the surface of my adolescent misadventures. The following catalog my experiences in my late preteen and early teenage years.

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MAKING A TRACTOR DISAPPEAR

In late elementary school, Michael and I decided to dig a very deep hole in a field behind our house. As children, we objected to doing chores, like vacuuming or carrying out the trash; however, as prospective animal trappers, we cheerfully dug a six-foot deep hole that had a 12-foot diameter and covered it with a strong layer of plywood and a very thin layer of dirt. Mike and I knew better than to dig tunnels or overhangs that could collapse on us. For months, we waited for escaped circus animals or herds of buffalo to be trapped. Meanwhile, our artificial cave served as the best kids' clubhouse in the world. Children from miles around visited "The Cave" until we were forced to abandon it as the result of a magic trick. One fine morning, we watched in amazement as a farmer and his tractor vanished in plume of dust into our clubhouse as he plowed the field. Consequently, we developed a strong interest in magic tricks. After all, it's not everyone who can make an entire farmer and tractor disappear. I should mention the farmer and his equipment were undamaged; however, his cursing nearly damaged our DNA.

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SKIDDING IN CALICHE

When I was in junior high school, I used to ride motorcycles, especially dirt bikes. On a warm spring day, I was riding on a caliche road in New Mexico. Foolishly, I was only wearing jean shorts and a pair of tennis shoes. The wind whipped through my shoulder length hair as the song, "Born to be Wild," played in my nearly empty head. When my motorcycle reached 55 miles an hour, I suddenly realized I had forgotten to give my parents an important message, and I needed to turn around immediately. Overreacting, I watched in horror as my hand closed on the front break of the motorcycle.

My brain screamed, "No, no!" while my hand replied, "Yes, yes!" The front brakes locked and caused the motorcycle to flip repeatedly. Surprisingly, I wasn't killed, just mauled. With no helmet or heavy clothing to protect me, my body received hundreds of cuts and bruises that covered every inch of my body. For months afterward, everyone thought I was the victim of a bear attack. Even today, sneezing unexpectedly can make gravel from the caliche road appear.

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THE ROCKET FLIGHT

As a young man, I loved building and launching model rockets. Since my resources were limited, I could afford only a couple of launches a month. One warm summer afternoon, a new friend brought an entire coffee can full of model rocket engines. Suddenly, I knew what it felt like to be rich. After several phone calls, a group of eight future rocket scientists met at my house for the great rocket launch. Unfortunately, I only had one rocket, a brightly colored Alpha III with plastic fins and nose cone. Consequently, we were forced to launch the same rocket repeatedly for two hours. The excessive usage began to take its toll until finally, heat from a rocket engine melted the base of one of the three plastic fins and bent it at an odd angle. We were excited because there was no telling what effect this unplanned modification would have on the rocket's performance. Apparently, we were long on speculation and short on brains since we were eager to experiment.

On its final and ill-fated flight, the rocket rose 10 feet into the air, turned at a right angle, and then flew parallel to the ground down the street like a cruise missile. We were speechless with admiration until we noticed it was headed right for a two-story house at the end of the block. In unison, our little group moaned in dismay. At the last second, the rocket pulled its nose cone up, narrowly missed the house, and flew up into the sky. We cheered and leaped into the air. My friends pounded me on the back and gave me credit for skillful piloting of the missile. Although I didn't deserve their adulation, I bowed several times. (Since the rocket did not have a guidance system, the hand of God must have directed it away from the house.) My brother pointed out a startling development — the Alpha III rocket was hurtling back to the earth. The laughing died out when it landed with a loud explosion in a backyard of a home across the alley from the two-story house. A rising cloud of dark smoke was a signal that all was not well. When I turned to suggest to my friends we should investigate, I found that my brothers and I were alone. This was one of the greatest disappearing acts of all times! My fellow rocket scientists had abandoned us by running home. They were close friends, but no dummies.

My loyal brother, Mike, and I ran over and climbed over a fence to put out the burning backyard. Fortunately, the fire only burned about a fourth of the grass and melted part of a garden hose. From the neighbors, we discovered the owners of the house would be gone on vacation for two weeks. This meant two weeks of worrying. Every day we planted and watered their yard. When they finally arrived at 10:30 p.m. on a Sunday evening, Mike and I were waiting in their driveway. We lucked out because the father worked as a youth counselor at a church. Instead of being angry, he offered to teach us Morse code.

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CONCLUSION

Young people have always faced tremendous challenges. Youth provides an opportunity to develop survival skills that adults later call "common sense." Some people tend to forget that logical thinking is a function of maturity. Someone said that God takes care of fools and children. As a young person, I discovered someone had to keep a careful eye on me for whatever the reason.

Texas cities hosting big New Year's Eve parties to ring in 2000

FORT WORTH (AP) — This is one package that includes all of the basic necessities for celebrating New Year's Eve: accommodations, champagne, party favors, a front-row view of fireworks and a Jaguar convertible.

OK, the $70,000 automobile is a luxury, as are the $10,000 diamond necklace and diamond cuff links, and the additional first-class trip to Mexico.

While 200,000 people are expected to attend San Antonio's free celebration on New Year's Eve, the city's new Westin Riverwalk is offering its lavish millennium package for a mere $99,999.99 — all taxes and gratuities included.

"When we put it together and started out, we were just having fun," said Douglas V. Browne, the hotel's general manager. "Neiman Marcus with their most eccentric gifts for Christmas, that is kind of where all the thinking ... came from: an eccentric New Year's Eve for the person who has it all and wants more."

For Texans who just want to celebrate New Year's Eve at big parties that feature bands, food, drinks and huge fireworks displays, there are plenty of options — and most are free.

Like San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston and other cities throughout the state are hosting celebrations marking the arrival of the year 2000.

About 250,000 people are expected in the capital city Friday night for "A2K: Austin on the Verge," a free downtown New Year's Eve party featuring concerts by Lyle Lovett, Shawn Colvin and local artists.

"This is a New Year's Eve gift to the citizens of Austin," Mayor Kirk Watson said. "We're on the verge of a Texas-sized party ... where Austin's native sons and daughters will sing and dance their way into the new century."

Also in Austin, the annual star drop — the dropping of a neon ball at midnight — will take place on Sixth Street, an area known for its bars, restaurants and nightclubs.

More than 45,000 tickets were handed out for "Dallas 2000: The Downtown Celebration."

The highlight of the Dallas celebration will be the midnight lighting of the Pegasus, a landmark flying red horse sign atop the historic Magnolia Building. A $600,000 project made possible the restoration of the 65-year-old symbol.

Large video screens will be set up along several downtown blocks for all of those in attendance to be able to see the activities. And for those Dallas-area residents who didn't get the free but required tickets, the event will be broadcast live over the Internet.

The Hyatt Regency Dallas is offering a $1,000 New Year's Eve package that includes a deluxe guest room, gourmet four-course dinner and a millennium countdown with a Dom Perignon toast. And $300 of the price constitutes a final tax deduction of the year, a contribution to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of North Texas.

El Paso and Lubbock are charging for their citywide celebrations, but the price isn't bad.

"The El Paso Millennium Community Celebration" will cost $10 for adults, and will include a street party with four musical stages and a laser show. The event peaks with a Times Square-style ball drop. More than 20,000 people are expected.

El Paso also is offering a more formal gala that will cost $125 per person. About 1,500 people are expected for the event that will feature a big band orchestra, an oldies band, a champagne buffet and then a menudo breakfast after midnight. According to an old wives' tale, menudo — diced tripe stewed in heavy red chile puree — sobers you up.

"This is the happening thing," said Bettie Flores, organizer of the El Paso celebration. "This is the place to be on New Year's Eve. This is the first time El Paso has had anything like this. We're used to seeing Dick Clark in New York City, so we're doing our own ball drop."

Lubbock is hosting a three-part party. There will be a concert by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and two New Year's celebrations, one for the East Coast midnight that includes dinner and dancing, and another for the Central time midnight that will offer the "First Breakfast of 2000." The events are $35 per person.

In Fort Worth, about 20,000 are expected for the free "Magic in the City Celebration" and the People's Plaza Party.

"This is an exciting way for people throughout the area to share what is literally a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Mary Palko, chairwoman of Fort Worth's millennium committee.

The San Antonio Fiesta is a 12-hour multicultural celebration that will conclude with a giant fireworks display at midnight. Free events are scheduled throughout the day at several downtown venues.

And there is still a very lavish accommodation offering a balcony view of the San Antonio fireworks.

"There is probably a one in a million chance that somebody will buy it," said Browne of the Westin Riverwalk. "But put all of the items together, they well exceed $99,999."

TCU offers business degree focusing on Internet commerce

DALLAS (AP) — Change is in the wind for business majors at Texas Christian University.

About 80 business students will begin work in the spring in what is at least one of the first accredited undergraduate degree programs focusing on e-commerce.

The Internet business program will offer students at the private Fort Worth university a mixture of traditional and virtual business studies toward a degree in electronic business, The Dallas Morning News reported on Saturday.

Other colleges and universities, including Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, have offered specialty courses or advanced studies in e-commerce, but not an undergraduate degree.

TCU sophomore business major Brian Goodfriend sees it as a wave of the future.

"Electronic commerce and the Internet are going to be the future, and you might as well learn what you can now," said Goodfriend, 20, a TCU sophomore who is planning on adding an extra year to his studies so he can add the e-degree to the finance degree he already is working toward.

That is what many of the 80 students accepted for the spring are doing. Many will be staying in school an extra year at the university to complete the new degree, some adding it as a second or third degree paired with a more traditional finance, accounting, marketing or management degree.

"It will give me more opportunities. A lot of people have let this pass them by," Goodfriend said.

So far, more than 100 students inquired about the program. TCU officials are hoping the program will put the university in the vanguard of a new approach toward business studies.

"This is the future," said Jane M. Mackay, an associate professor and director of the new electronic business program at TCU's Neeley School of Business.

"A lot of people have said this is just a trend," she said. "It's almost like (when) we were wondering how much people would use e-mail, or the telephone. ... Technology is never going away."

Fort Worth-area businesses are getting behind the program. Electronic commerce is expected to generate about $400 billion in revenue by 2002, officials said. Such a prospect means businesses and corporations will need employees with sophisticated Internet skills.

"It truly is a revolution," said Sandi Walker, vice president of information technology for Bell Helicopter Textron in Fort Worth, who served on an advisory board for the new degree program.

"We really are changing our whole business model because of technology. That's something that hasn't happened since the Industrial Revolution," she said.

The new program will begin this spring with an introductory course. An additional course will be added each year to flesh out the degree plan by the spring of 2001. Those courses will be required in addition to the core business courses required of most other business degrees, Ms. Mackay said.

Ed Adcock, 50, who returned to school last year to complete his degree after working years in the business world, hopes the new degree will give him an edge.

"I jumped at it," he said. "Here's an opportunity at my age. ... It's new and it's dynamic and it's fun. This is where the business world is going."

Born in Iowa in 1975 to migrant farm workers, Jose Villareal graduated *cum laude* from U.T. Permian Basin in 1998 with a degree in biology. He is now studying at the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth where he received the Stanley H. Kaplan Award as a first-year medical student. Jose Villareal followed a dream.

BOOKS

BOOKS IN BRIEF

Best sellers

Local best sellers are based on weekly sales at Midland bookstores and reflect varied reading interests. This week's local best sellers are from Hastings, 3111 W. Cuthbert, Midland.

National best sellers are from The New York Times.

LOCAL
Fiction

1. **The Green Mile,** by Stephen King.
2. **Atlantis Found,** by Clive Cussler.
3. **Timeline,** by Michael Crichton.
4. **Southern Cross,** by Patricia Cornwell.
5. **Seize the Night,** by Dean Koontz.
6. **Hearts in Atlantis,** by Stephen King.
7. **Hunting Badger,** by Tony Hillerman.
8. **Welcome to the World Baby Girl,** by Fannie Flagg.
9. **In Danger's Path,** by W.E.B. Griffin.
10. **Tribulation Force,** by Tim LaHaye.

Nonfiction

1. **The Greatest Generation Speaks,** by Tom Brokaw.
2. **The Greatest Generation,** by Tom Brokaw.
3. **LIFE: Our Century in Pictures,** edited by Richard B. Stolley and Tony Chiu.
4. **Golf for Dummies,** by Gary McCord.
5. **Guinness Book of World Records 2000,** by Guinness Media.
6. **People of the Century,** by Dan Rather.
7. **Dating for Dummies,** by Joy Browne.
8. **Carbohydrate Addict's Diet,** by Dr. Richard Heller.
9. **Angela's Ashes,** by Frank McCourt.
10. **Are We Living in the End Times?** by Tim LaHaye.

Children's

1. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone (paperback),** by J.K. Rowling.
2. **Fun House Coloring/Activity Book.**
3. **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban,** by J.K. Rowling.
4. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets,** by J.K. Rowling.
5. **Carl the Dog Coloring Books.**
6. **Toy Story 2,** by Golden Books.
7. **Pokemon Master Trainers Guide.**
8. **Tarzan: Always in My Heart,** by Golden Books.
9. **Pokemon Trainer Kit.**
10. **Best Christmas Pageant Ever,** by Barbara Robinson.

NATIONAL
Fiction

1. **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets,** by J.K. Rowling.
2. **Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban,** by J.K. Rowling.
3. **Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone,** by J.K. Rowling.
4. **Timeline,** by Michael Crichton.
5. **Saving Faith,** by David Baldacci.
6. **Irresistible Forces,** by Danielle Steel.
7. **A Walk To Remember,** by Nicholas Sparks.
8. **Pop Goes the Weasel,** by James Patterson.
9. **Hunting Badger,** by Tony Hillerman.
10. **Hearts in Atlantis,** by Stephen King.

Nonfiction

1. **Tuesdays With Morrie,** by Mitch Albom.
2. **The Greatest Generation,** by Tom Brokaw.
3. **Have A Nice Day!** by Mick Foley.
4. **'Tis,** by Frank McCourt.
5. **The Greatest Generation Speaks,** by Tom Brokaw.
6. **LIFE: Our Century in Pictures,** edited by Richard B. Stolley and Tony Chiu.
7. **The Century,** by Peter Jennings.
8. **And The Crowd Goes Wild,** by Joe Garner.
9. **When Pride Still Mattered,** by David Maraniss.
10. **ESPN Sportscentury,** edited by Michael MacCambridge.

Book signing

Author D.R. Meredith of Amarillo will sign copies of her newest mystery, "Murder in Volume," from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 16, at Waldenbooks in Midland Park Mall.

Meredith is the author of several mysteries set in the Texas Panhandle.

'End of world' series has great start

LEFT BEHIND
by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins
(Tyndale House Publishers—
Wheaton, Ill., 1995;
$22.99 hard cover, 468 pages)

Reviewed by Matt Josefy

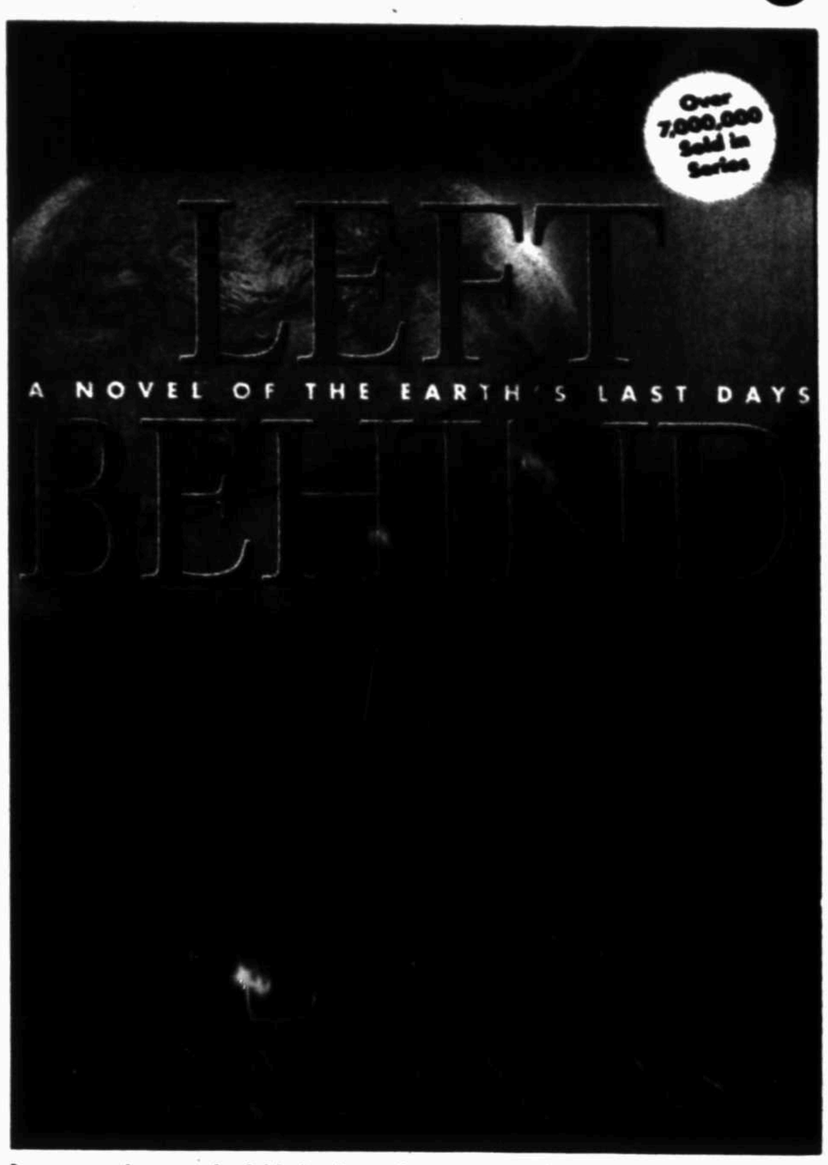
The end of the world has fascinated societies ever since civilization first existed. Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins have co-authored a series that takes a Christian world-view and capitalizes on that curiosity. Apparently their efforts have been successful, as the first in the series of seven books hit the New York Times Best Seller and now millions of copies of the books have been sold.

The natural desire to speculate about the uncertain future coupled with a easy-to-read style makes the book difficult to put down. Granted, there are a few points where the plot seems slow, but this is only relative to the rest of the book when you're racing around the globe in state-of-the-art jets, sweating in fear that superiors will find out your true loyalties, or being stunned by the turn of events that changes the entire planet.

In "Left Behind," the first novel in the series, millions of disappearances rock the world of Rayford Steele.

Steele's wife had recently taken strides into what he considered religious fanaticism. Steele is about the closest the authors could have gotten to setting up the life of a prototypical American man. He has no problem with religion, but is not seriously involved; loves his wife, but has weak moments; loves his kids, but does not really know them; is happy with his job, but would always be happy with more money.

Steele is a pilot and was in the air during the time of the disappearances. He later pats himself on the back for that stroke of luck, as hundreds of wrecks occurred simultaneously on the ground.



It seems that neatly-folded piles of clothing are the only remaining evidence of the large, though not overwhelming, percentage of the population suddenly missing.

Steele finds himself without his wife and son and is uncertain as to what he should do next — both with his daughter and with his senior flight attendant Hattie Durham.

Obviously, he is not the only one disturbed with the disappearances. Everyone has an explanation to offer. There is little consensus and everything is speculated from UFO's to an evolutionary cleansing. In fact, journalist Buck Williams, the Pulitzer prize winner, is on assignment to "tie together a cover piece that tries to make sense of the most monumental and tragic phenomenon in the history of the world."

Williams, known for his instincts as a writer, is just as puzzled as anyone else. Fortunately, he gets paid to try to answer his own personal confusion, and in the process stumbles on some interesting theories and intriguing people.

Of course, the emerging mystery-man Nicolae Carpathia from Romania is one of them, thanks to a recommendation from the Israeli science whiz Chaim Rosenzweig, who has brought Israel back to prominence.

Remarkably, the book seems like it has created a whole new time period, though it covers a relatively short period of months. Actions happen quickly. Subtle clues point ahead like a mystery but are not disturbing to the reader who likes to be pleasantly surprised.

In the midst of the rapid pace, LaHaye and Jenkins still pause to reflect on the emotions, which seem amazingly true to life, that one in such a tragedy would experience.

Ultimately, the reader gets exactly what he is willing to get out of it. This can be just a good adventure, a brain-racking mystery, or a magnanimous challenge in the spiritual realm.

Kelton spins bittersweet tale of future meeting past

THE GOOD OLD BOYS
by Elmer Kelton
(Texas Christian University Press-Fort Worth,
1985 (first published by Doubleday, 1978)

Reviewed by Linda Anderson

I first fell in love with the works of Elmer Kelton, surprisingly enough, when I saw the made-for-television movie based on his novel, "The Good Old Boys." (The fact that hero Hewey Calloway was played by former Midlander and favorite actor Tommy Lee Jones didn't hurt either.)

In an introduction to the book, Kelton wrote that his novel, which takes place in 1906, is kind of a bittersweet look at a place and a time where the past and the future meet — and not always happily. Kelton's words: "Hewey Calloway tries to live a life that is already out of its time. He attempts to remain a horseback man while the world relentlessly moves into a machine age. He tries to hold on to the open range of recent memory even after that range has been cubed and diced and parceled by barbed wire. He lives in an impossible dream, trying to remain changeless in a world where the only constant *is* change.

"Though the story is set in 1906, the problem of dealing with change has intensified with every succeeding generation. Technogical and social upheavals have outpaced our ability to adjust. We find ourselves under constant challenge to come to terms with a new and sometimes frightening world we cannot entirely understand.

"Hewey is regional, but his problem is universal."

The action in both the novel and the movie takes place in familiar territory — San Angelo figures prominently in the story and Midland itself is mentioned more than once.

The clash between the new and the old is vividly represented by Hewey's nephews — Cotton, who is fascinated by the new technology and spends his free time reading books on the internal combustion engine, and his younger brother Tommy, who is fascinated by their Uncle Hewey's stories of his life as a cowboy.

Cotton wants to go to Midland to see one of those automobiles he's heard so much about. Cotton's parents — Hewey's brother, Walter, and sister-in-law, Eve — are less than enthusiastic about this project.

Eve and Hewey have this conversation: "She (Eve) picked up her coffee cup, but she set it down again, the coffee untouched. It was probably cold anyway. 'I thought all we had to do was to raise the boys in a good Christian home and they'd turn out just like us. But Cotton has gotten away from us somehow. He's different.'

"Hewey frowned. 'You trying' to say he's like *me?*'

"Eve stared back at him. 'He does have some of your ways. He's restless and all … enough to scare me, rememberin' *you*. But he's got other ways that are his own. He's not the same as us and not the same as you either. He's *Cotton*.'

"'He been in trouble?'

"'No, nothin' like that. He works hard, never troubles anybody but us, and he doesn't intend to do even that. He did run off once for a couple of days … talked the freighter Blue Hannigan into givin' him a ride to Midland … told him he was on an errand for us. He came back on his own. Never explained much … just said he wanted to go and see one of those automobiles he had read about. Said he didn't ask us because he figured we'd say *no*.'

"'Would you have?'

"'Certainly. A boy has got no business runnin' off to a big city like Midland by himself. Must be two … maybe three thousand people livin' over there. No tellin' what kind of sinful goin's-on a boy might see.'

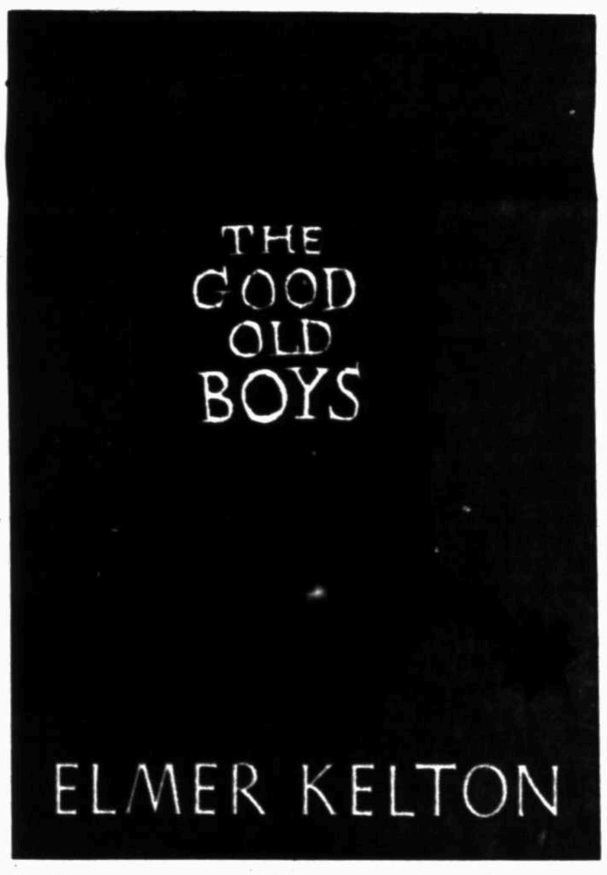
"Hewey agreed. 'Sure is a big town, all right.'"

In spite of what Eve may think, Hewey is not a bad person. He's just a man who has been living his own way for so long that he has no concept of how his actions may affect others. He's a man who, deep down inside, is still only a little boy confused by the changes in his world — changes that he is powerless to stop.

The death of an old cowboy, whose body Hewey discovers out in the prairie, leads Hewey to some philosophical reflection. While he's waiting with the body for someone to come back with a wagon, he thinks about the future. Kelton wrote: "Hewey had never spent enough time in churches to know much about conventional preachment. Though he had no doubt whatever of an afterlife — his father and other good people had assured him there was one — he had only the vaguest notion what kind of life it would be. He liked to think heaven was what each person wanted it to be. …

"To him, heaven ideally should have something of the familiar for each person. He would like to think there would be work to do, but only pleasant work, and no more of it at one time than a man felt like doing. There would be sunshine, but only pleasantly warm, never oppressively hot. There would be rain, but only when a man could sit in the comfort of the bunkhouse and watch it through the open door while he sipped his black coffee and smoked his Bull Durham cigarettes. He would never have to be out in it on horseback, miles from house or chuck wagon, soaked to the skin and chilled to the marrow of his bones. All would be familiar in heaven, and all would be friendly, if he could have it made up to order."

In the end, Hewey has to face up to his shortcomings, face up to the consequences of his actions, and fix some of the wrongs he has caused. He also has to learn that living with others doesn't mean you have to let them choose how to live your life, and that being true to yourself also comes with a price to pay.



Kelton has captured the feel of West Texas — which, after all, still produces some independent-minded individuals. This makes a lot of sense, since Kelton lives in San Angelo, and in spite of the technological changes of the last nearly-100 years, West Texans are still West Texans.

The characters feel real. There's not a stereotypical character in the book. The reader gets to know them as people. Even the fat-cat, heart-of-stone banker has a soft spot or two.

But Kelton does get creative with their names, which is a lot of fun. Cotton, of course, has a big role. Then there's a freighter named Blue Hannigan (today, he'd be a truck driver), and my favorite cowboy name of all times, Snort Yarnell, Hewey's friend and hell-raisin' buddy. You can't beat a cowboy name like Snort Yarnell.

"The Good Old Boys," which takes place the last time the century turned and technology was rapidly evolving, is a terrific read now, when the century is turning again and technological confusion is the main topic of conversation.

The sweetness of the human nature and the human interaction in the book relieves the technology-caused problems. The world may march on, but love and compassion are still the answer.

Nominations requested

AUSTIN - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will accept nominations for its annual T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award until Dec. 30, 1999. THC will award up to three $1,000 cash prizes to authors of Texas history books published in 1999.

The book award encourages original research of Texas history. The award is named for historian and THC member T.R. Fehrenbach of San Antonio, one of the state's leading authorities on Texas history and the author of 18 books.

For guidelines and a nomination form, visit the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us or contact Marty Moulthrop at (512) 463-6255.

Books that will give young readers hours of enjoyment

By Beverly Medlyn
N.Y. Times News

Here are some books that young readers will enjoy:

THE HAT: The Hedgie Gift Box
By Jan Brett
(G.P. Putnam's Sons, $16.99)

Brett's 1997 charmer about a cute little hedgehog is freshly packaged into a gift box with a stuffed toy hedgehog just in time for the Christmas season.

The story centers on Hedgie, who crawls inside a sock that blows off a clothesline. As the other animals poke fun at him, Hedgie proudly proclaims that he's wearing a hat to keep warm in the snow. Not a bad idea, they think. Soon the clothes line is stripped bare.

Brett's colorful, realistic illustrations appeal to young children. Her trademark border pictures add another layer of meaning to the tale. For ages 2-5.

FINGER PUPPET THEATER:
The Three Litttle Pigs
Illustrated by Peter Stevenson
(Scholastic, $13.95)

What a great idea! Finger puppets, board books and fairy tales — all wrapped up in one package. Scholastic's Finger Puppet Theater series also includes Hansel and Gretel, Goldilocks and the Little Red Riding Hood.

Four finger puppet characters come with each story, which children act out using the sturdy board book pages as a stage. Lively text and amusing pictures carry the plots.

Young imaginations will soar! For ages 3-7.

MORRIS'S DISAPPEARING BAG
By Rosemary Wells
(Viking, $15.99)

Author of more than 60 children's books, Wells and her beloved bunny Morris always are a hit. This tale begins on Christmas morning. Morris' brother Victor gets a hockey outfit. His sister Rose gets a beauty kit. His sister Betty gets a chemistry set. Hands off, they say to Morris, who gets a teddy bear.

Then Morris discovers one last gift left under the tree, which leads to much merriment. The adorable pictures of the bunny family are funny and captivating. For ages 3-7

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AN AMERICAN IN BOSNIA

Flight crew risks everything to make sure soldier would make it home

By Kyle Vernon

In this day of morally bankrupt politicians, live combat talk shows, and lawsuit-happy citizenry it is easy to cast away all faith in humanity. Day by day, hour by hour, it seems the news stories bleed us dry of any emotion that we have left. If it isn't some deranged freak going nuts with a rifle for some posthumous attention, it's some mother killing her child. In this environment of negativism it is so easy to overlook the good stories, the ones that make you proud that you work and support some of the finest people that humanity ever produced.

Vernon

This story is a simple one, a crew went out against the odds and did their job. I don't know their names, in fact I can't tell you the date it happened, but it happened. I confirmed it.

The military is only thought about in terms of warfare. So many times the military parades to the front pages during a conflict to only fade away entirely once the bombs have stopped. During the hostilities you hear about feats of bravery and daring, but so few of us realize it goes on after the television cameras and reporters pack up and go home.

This is a story about an aircrew that went out and did what they had to do. In the winter Bosnia is famous for its pea soup thick fogs. Here at Tuzla we have gone for days at a time without so much as seeing a half-mile clearly, not to mention the sun. When the sun comes out, as it did for only four days during this November, it can hardly provide warmth. Unlike Texas at its lower latitude, here in Bosnia the sun barely wobbles above the horizon. It comes up around seven and sets just before four. On those clear days you can be assured that the temperature will also settle into the teens once it has set.

The only thing that prevents the temperatures from heading into the negative numbers here is the fog that forms when the atmosphere can hold no more moisture. Of course, these fogs cause havoc with the flights into and out of Tuzla. So many times the planes simply fly over the field their required three times and then turn around and fly to the next destination or back to the point of origin. The daily cargo flight has done this often enough that we now get our daily paper in one week increments.

I have stood on the learning center porch and heard one plane after another fly over head in their futile attempts to wait out the rotten visual conditions.

It was on one such foggy night that I heard a C-130 land. Standing on my porch at my shipping container house I was amazed to hear the plane slap down on the runway in the fog. I live close enough to the runway that you can hear the wheels of the plane as they roll over the gaps between the concrete slabs. I can hear the plane, but with even my proximity to the runway I still can't see it. This is the only plane to land today, both the cargo flight and the passenger flight did their three passes and flew off. Now it is dark and the fog is even thicker. I mentally ask myself what kind of idiot is in the pilot's seat and move on.

Tuzla airport is a tough approach under even the best conditions. Two miles from the runway centerline in any direction are mountains. The late Ron Brown, Secretary of Agriculture, died on approach to Tuzla when his 737 slammed into a mountain as the plane was turning onto final. The conditions when I hear the C-130 land are even worse than when that plane went down. Some hotshot pilot flew the approach and transited to a visual landing in visibility of less than an eighth of a mile.

At the speed of a C-130, even one with all the laundry out (flaps and gear), an eighth of a mile gives you just enough time to blink your eyes before hitting what ever it is in front of you.

It isn't until later I find out what really happened. It turns out a soldier at another camp was severely burned in an accident and the C-130 that landed was sent to medivac him out to Germany. The medical staff here did what they could, but the injuries were just too severe for the tiny base support hospital. They stabilized him when he arrived, but they knew he needed more care. In the terms given to me his condition floated between serious and critical. Every minute counted.

As the C-130 rolled its nose into the German sky and turned south for the run to Bosnia the conditions changed for the worse, both for the weather and for the soldier. The fog thickened and the soldier went critical. I'm sure the pilot knew, given the nature of the mission, that the airplane meant the difference. The difference was life and death.

It takes a special aircrew to risk all for a peacetime mission. You have to know the limits of your plane and your fellow crewmembers before pushing into danger. You trust that the hundreds of people who keep your plane flying have done their job. You train so much for the real thing that when it happens it seems just like training. You push your plane, doesn't matter if it's a cargo plane or fighter, past the point of no return and pray you come back. This aircrew did that. In darkness and icy conditions they went into a foggy mountain valley and found a runway amidst countless unnamed peaks. The injured soldier was loaded aboard and the plane departed. He will live. His children will have a father. His wife will have a husband, all thanks to a crew that didn't wave off — a crew that probably should have turned around.

So for all of the bad things that are out there know that there are also good people. Know that there are people who are willing to help and go the extra mile. In this day when the military is the budgetary equivalent of an ugly step-child and scores of soldiers, seamen, and airmen are leaving, know that there are still a few left who care.We can live without the politicians, the trashy talk shows, and the people who would rather live off of others people's money, but we can't live without the good people.

This isn't just for the military, but for all of the good people out there. The people who go the extra mile should know that they are appreciated. It can be a simple gesture like sending your local police department and fire department a thank you card or helping others through some civic organization, but in the year 2000 try to reinforce the positive instead of just shaking your head at the negative.

Girl's milk money buys priceless holiday gift

EL PASO (AP) — Susana Roacho turned her milk money into a priceless gift.

For four weeks, the soft-spoken 11-year-old saved her milk money ... $1 a day ... to buy a coat for a woman who has helped her family over the years.

"I am very grateful for everything that she has given us," Susana said of Becky Quintana, the shelter supervisor for El Paso's Child Crisis Center. "It's a way for me to thank her and give her something in return." A friend's mother sells the coats, and allowed Susana to pay in installments. Without telling her mother at first, Susana set aside the dollar a day she was given for milk or juice at school to make the payments.

She's still making payments on the coat, scrounging up change to make her daily $1 payment.

A dedicated big sister to four brothers, Susana said she doesn't consider giving up her milk money a sacrifice. Ms. Quintana disagrees.

"This family doesn't have much, and for her to give that up for me is just overwhelming," a teary-eyed Ms. Quintana said as she hugged her new black jacket tightly. "I know this family has struggled and has had a rough life. This is priceless."

Susana, her mother Maria Roacho and four young brothers live in northeast El Paso on public assistance and some money the mother makes cleaning homes. The family was referred to the Child Crisis Center four years ago for help with food, clothing and diapers for a sick baby.

Ms. Quintana has been working with the Roachos since.

One of Susana's brothers, now 4 years old, was born with a kidney disorder that requires regular doctor visits, medication and special care. Two other toddlers have kidney problems, which run up medical and diaper bills.

Poised and well-spoken, Susana doesn't hesitate to say what she wished for this Christmas.

"I wish my little brothers were cured and that they were healthy."

What would she like for Christmas?

"I don't really need anything," she said. "I care more that (my brothers) be healthy and happy."

Susana, however, has dreams for her future.

She aspires to become a veterinarian or perhaps go to college to study geology or another science field to "investigate earthquakes."

For now, Susana remains dedicated to her mother and brothers.

"They're my family. I don't mind taking care of them," she said, her bangs draping over her big brown eyes.

Maria Roacho said Susana is more than a big sister to the younger children ... she's a second mother.

She helps bathe the children, feeds them dinner and often reads them stories.

Maria Roacho, who's separated from her husband, praised her daughter for her good deed.

"I felt very moved about what she was doing," the mother said, putting her hand to her heart.

Ms. Quintana said Susana learned about generosity from her mother.

Maria Roacho often bakes cookies for Ms. Quintana, and brings back diapers or other supplies she didn't immediately need for others to use at the Child Crisis Center.

"El que bien actua, Dios lo ayuda," or "God helps those who are good," Maria Roacho said. "When I've needed help, God has opened doors for me."

Ms. Quintana said she'll never forget this Christmas ... or the milk money that made it special.

"It's been a very rewarding holiday for me," Ms. Quintana said, hugging Susana.

How to avoid holiday career killers

By Marua Coder
Associated Press

Committing a major faux pas at your office's holiday party can be a big blow to your career. With many companies planning parties this season, Peter M. Hess, founder of YAPA, an Internet-based membership organization for young professionals, and Lou Kennedy, an author on business etiquette, have compiled a list of no-no's to avoid this holiday season.

The biggest gaffe: not going to a "must-attend" event. It shows "disrespect for your company, your supervisors and your colleagues," Hess says.

Handling yourself inappropriately, wearing inadequate clothing, talking about pay or personal issues and excessive drinking were also among the biggest mistakes Hess and Kennedy warn against.

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PART-TIME BENEFITS: Companies are improving their benefits packages to hold on to valuable part-time workers in the current tight labor market. RewardsPlus.com, a Web-based benefits services firm, polled human resources managers and found that a third of companies with 1,000 or more part-time employees are giving these workers medical benefits. The survey found 75 percent of employers offer benefits to part-time staff working more than 30 hours a week; 62 percent of employers offer benefits to those working 20 to 29 hours a week; and 25 percent offer benefits to those working less than 20 hours.

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WORKING ABROAD: Because of the strong job market, overseas companies are making an extra effort to recruit U.S. executives. According to a study by Thorndike Deland, a New York search firm, European, Japanese and Latin American firms have been slow to offer competitive compensation packages, and that has left these companies with big recruiting problems.

Thorndike Deland surveyed 200 U.S. current and former executives of foreign-based companies to explore how overseas jobs can become more attractive to senior-level candidates. Among the recommendations: higher salaries, bonuses, programs similar to the stock options offered by U.S. companies and better benefits. Some respondents also suggested foreign companies place U.S. executives on their boards.

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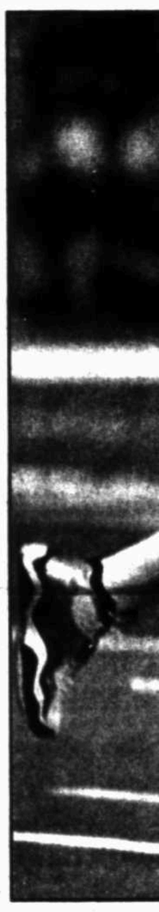

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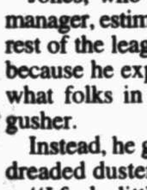

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Texans highlight 1999's unequaled sports stories

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — Whenever there were great moments in sports in 1999, Texans were usually making them.

There was Austin's Lance Armstrong riding to an emotional victory in the Tour de France and Dallas' Michael Johnson adding the 400-meter world record to the 200-meter mark he set at the 1996 Olympics.

There was Mia Hamm, who grew up in Wichita Falls, leading the U.S. women's soccer team to its first World Cup title and Dallas native Justin Leonard sinking the putt that gave the Texan-filled U.S. Ryder Cup team a tremendous comeback victory.

There were three team titles in major pro sports, including an unprecedented NHL-NBA double. Much to the delight of Texans, the losing team in all three championships hailed from New York.

Almost lost in the celebrations was the new WBA bantamweight champion, Fort Worth's Paulie Ayala. The little guy took the belt from Johnny Tapia in June, then won his first title defense four months later with a unanimous decision in his hometown.

Unfortunately, not all the news was good.

The annual bonfire at Texas A&M toppled in darkness, killing 12 and putting the nearly century-old tradition under scrutiny. Several Aggie football players and many fans were in tears eight days later after pulling out a 20-16 victory over archrival Texas.

Former SMU golfer Payne Stewart was flying to Dallas for business, then Houston for the Tour Championship when his plane went off course and crashed, killing Stewart and five others. A memorial service at the course in The Woodlands began under a morning fog and featured a bagpipe player eerily emerging from the mist.

Other notable deaths this year included the bizarre suicide by Katrina Price, a former basketball star at Stephen F. Austin and Waco LaVega High; and the drug overdose by former Dallas Cowboys star Mark Tuinei.

Injuries took several other Texas stars out of action.

Charles Barkley and Michael Irvin, two of the most colorful personalities on Texas teams, had their season ruined early and possibly their careers, too. Barkley already planned to call it quits and Irvin may have to

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AP Photo
Lance Armstrong returned triumphantly from a battle with cancer to win the Tour de France this past summer. Armstrong was one of many Texans who made the headlines around the United States and around the world with top performances in 1999.

DALLAS COWBOYS FOOTBALL

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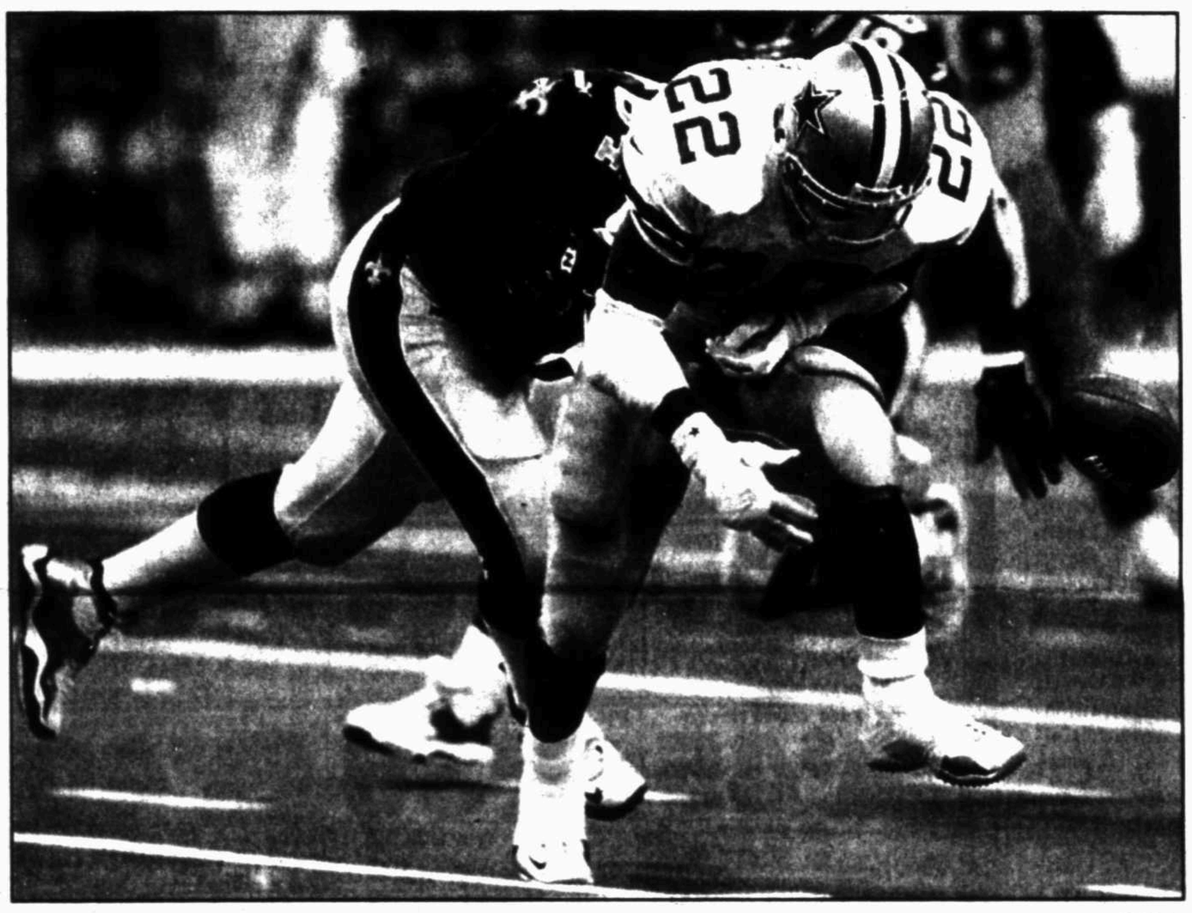

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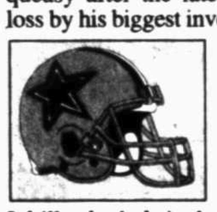
Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith (22) fumbles the ball after being hit by New Orleans Saints defender Robert Newkirk (64) during the fourth quarter of their Christmas Eve match in the Louisiana Superdome.

Cowboys' loss turns season into duster instead of gusher

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jerry Jones felt a little queasy after the latest disappointing loss by his biggest investment, the Dallas Cowboys. It reminded him of another kind of business deal gone bad.



"I feel the way I feel when I drill a dry hole in the oil and gas business," Jones said.

Dallas' 31-24 loss to the New Orleans Saints on Friday was the Cowboys' eighth in 12 games and left their playoff hopes dangling by a string that's likely to be cut Sunday.

The Cowboys (7-8) still have one game remaining, next Sunday at home against the New York Giants. Another loss would give Dallas two sub-.500 seasons in the three years.

"Right now, we're playing for pride," coach Chan Gailey said. "And that's not a lot of fun."

Since starting 3-0, the Cowboys haven't won consecutive games and have lost seven straight on the road. In the last two weeks, they blew fourth-quarter leads against teams long ago eliminated from the playoffs.

"We haven't played up to our abilities all year," said Randall Godfrey, the team's leading tackler. We've got too many great players to end up with this record."

Jones, who also is Dallas' general manager, estimates that he outspent the rest of the league on up-front bonuses because he expected this season to be what folks in the oil business call a gusher.

Instead, he got what's known as the dreaded duster.

"I feel a little foolish and stupid for doing and making some of the commitments I did," Jones said. "I didn't have to do that to end up 7-8."

Gailey has been an easy target because he's the coach and offensive coordinator. Jones has stood by him all season and he's not stopping his support now.

"I'm not even thinking about fixing this thing without Chan as the head coach," Jones said.

If there's going to be any finger-pointing, Jones said it should be aimed at himself.

"The ultimate responsibility is mine," he said. "I've got to reach in my thoughts, I've got to reach in my pocket. I've got to reach every place I got."

While solving the problems won't be easy, identifying them is.

Dallas consistently had physical and mental breakdowns that cost it leads or scoring chances. Most losses came down to the final minutes, leaving the Cowboys shaking their heads over a few plays that got away.

The fourth quarter of the Saints game was filled with good examples, such as:

—Deion Sanders getting beat for a 50-yard bomb when he wasn't paying attention, setting up the New Orleans touchdown that made it 24-all.

—Emmitt Smith fumbling and Saints cornerback Fred Weary returning it 58 yards for the touchdown that made it 31-24.

—Troy Aikman, trying to tie the game in the final minutes, getting intercepted in the end zone on a pass thrown into double coverage, a bad choice considering the Cowboys had three downs and two timeouts left.

The entire game featured a well-rounded blend of meltdowns from the offense, defense and special teams.

A holding penalty on Larry Allen erased a Smith run to the 5, turning a good touchdown chance into a field goal. Another first-down run in Saints territory was wiped out by holding on Flozell Adams, leading to a punt.

Lemanski Hall was caught holding on Jason Tucker's 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, pulling those points off the board. And Darren Hambrick's late hit on quarterback Jake Delhomme after already sacking him for a 14-yard loss gave New Orleans 15 yards and a first down.

"It's been a very disappointing season," Aikman said. "This team had high hopes. We didn't fulfill any of them."

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According to the Associated Press, three of the other four NFC East teams — New York, Dallas, Arizona — are still in contention for a playoff spot. Philadelphia is the lone team out of contention.

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ESPN countdown reaches final two — Ruth, Jordan

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Babe Ruth vs. Michael Jordan; the man who saved baseball vs. the man who sold basketball.

ESPN's countdown of the century's greatest athletes has reached the final two — Ruth and Jordan — with the winner to be announced Sunday on ABC.

One was the most compelling sports personality of the first half of the century, the other an athlete who delivered his sport to the doorstep of corporate America.

Ruth turned the country's attention from the Black Sox scandal and became baseball's first home run slugger. Jordan spearheaded basketball's charge into the mainstream of Madison Avenue, wedding the game's entertainment element to advertisers.

They are the survivors of the yearlong countdown after running back Jim Brown was announced as No. 4 and boxer Muhammad Ali came in at No. 3.

Many had expected Ali to be the other finalist with Ruth, but not Mark Shapiro, coordinating producer of the series.

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"I was not surprised he came in at No. 3," Shapiro said on Saturday. "The panel was asked to vote on athletes based on athletic ability alone. If you separate that, he shouldn't be shocked at being No. 3. Ali at No. 3 has more to do with who he is politically and socially.

"He fought and beat everybody in the best era of heavyweights, but was he a better fighter than Sugar Ray Robinson? Not in my book."

Robinson was No. 24 in the ESPN list.

Jordan finished just one point ahead of Ali in the vote by a panel of 48 sports journalists and experts. No. 1's margin over No. 2 was over 100 points, Shapiro said.

After the top four, the ESPN list has Wayne Gretzky at No. 5; Jesse Owens, No. 6; Jim Thorpe, No. 7; Willie Mays,

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Football fans miffed by Sun Bowl seating

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Don't expect the best seats at the Sun Bowl to be occupied by Minnesota or Oregon fans.

Before the Gophers and Ducks learned they would face off in the New Year's Eve contest, bowl officials extended preferred ticket treatment to locals who attend the game every year in El Paso.

The policy isn't unusual for bowls, but it has frustrated some fans spending hundreds of dollars to travel to the post-season showcase.

"It seems strange that the Gopher ticket office wasn't able to get in on the best seats on their side of the stadium," said Chuck Fowler of Oakdale, Minn., a Gophers season ticket holder.

Fowler bought two tickets through the university ticket office and ended up with seats near the goal line. A few days ago, he found two seats at midfield through Ticketmaster.

"I strongly considered going ahead and buying a second pair of seats, but I didn't," he said. "When you're paying to go all the way down there, you don't want bad seats for the game."

Bowl officials and the ticket offices at each school have heard complaints. But Ellen Hughes, Sun Bowl ticket office manager, said large groups complicate matters.

"I wish I could create a lot more of the better yardage seats to give to the schools," Hughes said. "But they want clumps of seats so people can sit together. Our repeat customers pretty much fill the bulk of the midfield seats."

The New Year's Eve afternoon game is Oregon's third consecutive bowl, but Minnesota's first postseason football trip in 13 years.

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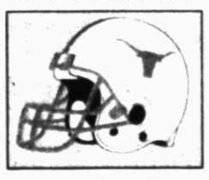
UT's freshmen impress, although seldom seen

By Jerome Solomon
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — In a week, the decade and the University of Texas' 1999 football season will come to a close.

The Longhorns will deem their season a success regardless of what happens in the Cotton Bowl against Arkansas on New Year's Day; a handful of



lows can't overshadow the abundance of highs they experienced in their surprising run to the Big 12 Championship Game.

For the Longhorns' 24 freshmen, tabbed by most experts as the No. 1 recruiting class in the country, the Cotton Bowl is not about closure. To paraphrase Karen Carpenter, they have only just begun.

"The season has gone by so fast," freshman Roderick Babers of Houston said. "It blew by. That's what the older guys said. Now, I know it because it seemed like just yesterday we were reporting in on Aug. 2 for two-a-days and now we're getting ready to play the last game.

"It's amazing to me how fast things have gone by. But that's the way it's going to be, so you have to take advantage of every time you're out there."

That is what this group of freshmen tried to do, in what, for most, were limited opportunities. Half the freshmen on the roster saw no action, taking a redshirt season.

Of those who played, only Babers, a cornerback on specialty defenses, and quarterback Chris Simms earned starts.

Derrick Dockery, the offensive lineman from Garland, saw extensive play-

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BOWL ROUNDUP

Wake Forest triumphs

By Gordon Sakamoto
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU — It's a good thing Jim Caldwell didn't give in to Ben Sankey's frequent requests for a position change.

During his four-year career at Wake Forest, Sankey, a backup quarterback until this season, asked for a switch so he could get more playing time.

Caldwell told Sankey to sit tight and good things would happen.

It did in the Aloha Bowl on Saturday, when Sankey ended his collegiate career by guiding the Demon Deacons (7-5) to a 23-3 victory over Arizona State.

Voted the game's outstanding player, Sankey passed for one touchdown and put his team in position for another TD and Matthew Burdick's three field goals.

"I can't say enough about him," Caldwell said of Sankey. "We are indebted to his commitment to the program.

"He played behind someone for four years. He wanted to play another position — wide receiver or safety. He's a tremendous individual."

But Sankey wasn't about to talk about the past. His focus remained on the Sun Devils.

"Arizona State underestimated us and came to play smash-mouth football," Sankey said. "We were sluggish at first. That happens. But we worked our game plan. We did the little things and didn't worry about ASU's defense."

Both teams struggled offensively in the first half, with Burdick and Mike Barth exchanging field goals.

In the third quarter, a partially blocked punt by Marvin Chalmers led to a 24-yard field goal by Burdick, and Sankey connected with Jimmy Caldwell — the coach's son — on a 56-yard scoring pass. Caldwell caught the ball on a slant pattern, dodged two defenders and raced untouched into the end zone.

"I saw the safety cheating up," Sankey said. "Jimmy ran a great route. I just look for his uniform. He did the rest. It was a momentum-builder."

Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder said, "We had a double-robber called. It was to take away that play. Once again, we didn't make the play. But it was the right call."

The final points came after Nick Murphy's punt went out at the Wake Forest 49. On the ninth play of the drive, Morgan Kane dived over for the score. A fumble recovery also led to Burdick's 43-yard field goal.

"It was one of our better-played games offensively. And we shut down a team with a lot of weapons," Jim Caldwell said.

Arizona State was dealt a setback before the kickoff when 10 players, three of them starters, came down with food poisoning.

"Not to make any excuses, but we woke up this morning with eight to 12 guys sick," Snyder said.

Ten Arizona State players, including three starters — quarterback John Leonard, defensive tackle Jawell Samilton and safety Alfred Williams — saw only limited action as a result of the outbreak. Prior to the game, the Sun Devils lost quarterback Ryan Kealy with a knee injury.

Sankey completed 13-of-22 passes for 188 yards. Kane rushed for 83 yards on 21 attempts.

For the Sun Devils (6-6), J.R. Redmond rushed for 89 yards.

UT: Texas' freshmen wait their turn

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ing time as the third guard, regularly subbing for senior Roger Roesler. Kenny Hayter saw action in seven games at running back and was third on the team in rushing attempts, but had just 33 carries.

Defensively, Babers led the freshmen in tackles with 28, 23 solo, and he topped all defensive backs with three sacks. Cory Redding (26 tackles) made his way into the defensive line rotation.

And the group has gone through some drastic changes.

Chad Stevens, star tight end at Cy-Fair, has moved to fullback. O.J. McClintock, star receiver at Round Rock Westwood, is looking to make his mark as a linebacker. Robo-backer Redding, about whom teammates rave, is robo-end Redding.

Redding points to Babers' spiritual growth as one of the more poignant changes among the new breed, citing his earnest participation in a weekly Bible study/prayer group that has quietly become a popular activity among college athletes.

On a lighter note, according to Simms and Babers, none of the transformations was more pronounced than that of defensive lineman Tillman Holloway (Basalt, Colo.), who began the season shy and reserved and ends it as a chatterbox.

"He did not say a word the first three weeks he was here and now he won't shut up," Simms said. "It's really amazing. He just talks and talks, until you just got to get away from him or your ear's going to pop."

Simms is not shy about sharing a good-natured jab or two with his classmates, though he said he is still too "New Jersey-ized," to have a Texas twang; don't expect a "y'all" to be among his utterances.

To a man, the heralded group wanted to make more noise on the field this season, but the players realize that will come with time.

"As a group I can't say enough about how great a year it's been," Simms said. "We're at one of the best universities in the country and we play for one of the best college football teams in the country.

"We've handled it well. Everyone is used to being a star in high school, but you get here and you're kind of the unknown soldier. But we all know it's a great opportunity and we need to keep working hard and hopefully you'll get to play a lot one day."

Before that day comes, the freshmen need to learn some things.

"I didn't know I could learn so much," said Redding, who is from Houston. "You've got meetings, you've got football, you've got school, and rewind it and you've got meetings, you've got football, you've got school. I thought I already knew everything about football."

In what can only be viewed as shocking news to those he has manhandled on the field, Redding said the biggest difference in him after a full season of college ball is he has learned to be meaner than he was.

"I don't really take too much," Redding said. "My whole attitude is tougher. I've moved it up to another level."

Redding, who was USA Today's national Defensive Player of the Year after his career at North Shore, authored some vicious hits on special teams and picked up three sacks but didn't have the impact on defense he would have liked. Still, he had 26 tackles and was chosen the Big 12 Freshman Defensive Player of the Year in a vote by the league's coaches.

"I struggled a little bit because I don't feel I have the weight to hold the position," said the 245-pound Redding. "But I feel with a year of strength and conditioning with Mad Dog (coach Jeff Madden), I'll put on the weight I need to and I will keep the speed."

Speaking of speed, Babers, who played at Lamar, toyed with opposing offenses in high school, almost daring them to throw his way. But on this level, he found out he is not as fast or as good as he thought. At least that was his impression early.

Everyone else, including his coaches, see it differently. Babers just has high standards.

"There are a lot more things you need to know, compared to high school football, because the speed of the game is so different," Babers said. "It's more about a football education than just going out there and using my physical skills. Once I learn everything, my physical skills will catch up to all of that and I will be on the level I want to be."

As the individuals reach personal levels of accomplishment, so shall the freshman class. And as it improves, so shall the Longhorns. At least that's what the youngsters believe.

"The players in this class will do way more and be even better players than what they're hyped up to be," Babers said. "I have no doubt about it. The skills that are in this group make it special. A lot of guys are maturing physically, mentally and spiritually. This class is going to shock a lot of people. We're going to surpass the expectations.

"We consider ourselves a very special group. Even though we're team players, we still have our pride in our class. And everybody believes we're going to win a national championship.

"The goal is to win the national championship every year. We didn't get it this year, but we're working for that next year. That's the next goal. There's a lot of pride in this class. We joke about it all the time that there will never be another class as good as this one. We'll see."

Yes, we will.

Small college players make big statement at Blue-Gray Classic

By Jenna Halvatgis Fryer
AP Sports Writer

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Disappointing seasons at Auburn, Notre Dame, Ohio State and UCLA meant a lot of big-time names played in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic.

But it was the little players from the small schools who made the biggest difference Saturday, accounting for five of the six touchdowns in the 22-22 tie.

Kareem Larrimore of West Texas A&M returned a kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown, Demario Brown of Utah State and Curtis Keaton of James Madison combined for three touchdowns and quarterbacks from Lehigh and Northern Arizona both threw touchdown passes.

"Every game we play during the season is like an all-star game because we play the top teams in the country with the best players," Notre Dame's Deke Cooper said. "But it turns out this game is no different. Some of those little guys were great players today."

Jake Arians of UAB missed a 22-yard field goal as time expired, and the game ended in a tie. The attempt was way wide to the right, the last of a number of botched kicks by both teams.

"I'm always mad when I miss, but I had a good week anyway," Arians said. "I guess it was just probably meant to end in a tie."

The Blue had tied it 22-22 with 4:09 to play on a 2-yard touchdown run by Brown, his second score of the game.

But Travis Brawner of Northwest Missouri State missed the point after, which would have given the Blue the lead. Brawner's enusing kickoff went out of bounds, giving the Gray the ball on the 35.

The Gray couldn't convert, though, and the Blue moved to the Gray's 26, aided by Tim Lester's 38-yard pass to Windrell Hayes. But the Gray turned it over when Lester of Western Michigan was intercepted by Evan Howell of Oklahoma State.

The Gray then quickly moved for what it hoped would be the winning score. Justin Fuente of Murray State threw passes of 14 and 24 yards to JaJuan Dawson of Tulane. Keaton then gained 11 yards on two runs and Fuentes threw an 8-yard pass to Dawson.

The Gray, representing the South, then tried to run it in for the touchdown, but Keaton was pushed out of bounds at the 5 with five seconds to play.

That set up the chance for Arians, who earlier missed from 58 yards.

Keaton, who transferred from West Virginia to James Madison, was the Gray's outstanding player. He had 14 carries for 104 yards and scored one touchdown on a 6-yard run.

"I felt like I had something to prove today and I am not done doing that," Keaton said.

Quarterback Travis Brown of Northern Arizona, who threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Scott Montgomery of Duke, was the Gray's most valuable offensive player. Mike Green of Northwestern Louisiana was the most valuable defensive player.

"All of those kids can play," Gray coach Tommy Tuberville said. "They kind of get overlooked next to the big names, but they held their own today."

Iowa State's Darren Davis, younger brother of New Orleans Saints running back Troy Davis, was the Blue's outstanding player. He ran for 116 yards on 13 carries.

Hayes of Southern California had nine catches for 153 yards and was the most valuable offensive player. Keith Miller of California was the most valuable defensive player.

The Blue led 16-7 after three quarters. The Gray's only score at that point came when Larrimore returned the kickoff for a 99-yard touchdown. It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown in the Blue-Gray's 62 years.

BOWL: Schools don't get good tickets

(From 1C)

The lack of bowl experience may have worked against Gophers fans. Some paid from $720 to $1,275 for an official university charter package because they assumed the game tickets would be in prime locations.

Instead, many were assigned tickets between the 20 yard line and the goal line. The university offered season ticket holders what they considered to be the best seats — in Rows 20 to 44.

The school avoided giving anyone what was deemed to be a bad ticket — seats so low that views are obstructed by players or seats too high and far from the field, said Marc Ryan, a spokesman for the men's athletics department.

Ryan said the university was given about 1,000 tickets between the 40 yard lines. Those tickets are largely being used by administrators, regents, selected donors, staff and coaches' families.

Fans who bought tickets directly from the Sun Bowl often fared better because their tickets weren't bought as part of a larger group. Many of Oregon's bowl-savvy fans chose this route.

Direct ticket sales hurt universities, which by contract are responsible for selling 8,000 tickets apiece — a feat no team in Sun Bowl history is believed to have accomplished.

Each school expects to sell or give away at least 4,000 tickets, with the Big Ten and Pac 10 conferences absorbing the cost of unsold tickets.

Through Wednesday, Minnesota had sold 2,290 tickets to the public, which is a few hundred ahead of Oregon's sales.

The Sun Bowl seats 51,000 and about 46,000 people attended last year's game. About 35,000 tickets have been sold to date, a number Hughes said was ahead of last year at this time.

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

National Football League

NFL Standings

	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
x-Indianapolis	12	2	0	.857	388	274
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	276	213
Miami	9	5	0	.643	285	277
New England	7	7	0	.500	269	268
N.Y. Jets	6	8	0	.429	251	269
Central						
y-Jacksonville	13	1	0	.929	358	169
y-Tennessee	11	3	0	.786	304	274
Baltimore	7	7	0	.500	299	257
Pittsburgh	5	9	0	.357	251	253
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286	276	414
Cleveland	2	13	0	.133	189	408
West						
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	338	258
Seattle	8	6	0	.571	306	265
Oakland	7	7	0	.500	329	268
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	234	290
Denver	6	9	0	.400	308	306
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Washington	8	6	0	.571	396	347
N.Y. Giants	7	7	0	.500	264	298
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	326	258
Arizona	6	8	0	.429	207	296
Philadelphia	4	11	0	.267	234	326
Central						
Tampa Bay	9	5	0	.643	221	219
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	341	301
Detroit	8	7	0	.533	305	299
Green Bay	7	7	0	.500	298	286
Chicago	6	8	0	.429	254	287
West						
x-St. Louis	12	2	0	.857	461	192
Carolina	7	7	0	.500	356	338
San Francisco	4	10	0	.286	246	393
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	214	337
New Orleans	3	12	0	.200	247	389

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff spot

Friday's Game

New Orleans 31, Dallas 24

Saturday's Game

Denver 17, Detroit 7

Sunday's Games

Arizona at Atlanta, noon
Buffalo at New England, noon
Carolina at Pittsburgh, noon
Chicago at St. Louis, noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon
Indianapolis at Cleveland, noon
Jacksonville at Tennessee, noon
Minnesota at New York Giants, noon
Oakland at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 3:15 p.m.
Washington at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.
OPEN: Philadelphia

Monday's Game

New York Jets at Miami, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 2

Arizona at Green Bay, noon
Baltimore at New England, noon
Cincinnati at Jacksonville, noon
Detroit at Minnesota, noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo, noon
New Orleans at Carolina, noon
Oakland at Kansas City, noon
St. Louis at Philadelphia, noon
Seattle at New York Jets, noon
Tampa Bay at Chicago, noon
New York Giants at Dallas, 3:05 p.m.
Miami at Washington, 3:15 p.m.
San Diego at Denver, 3:15 p.m.
Tennessee at Pittsburgh, 3:15 p.m.
OPEN: Cleveland

Monday, Jan. 3

San Francisco at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

End Regular Season

NFL Injury Report

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

Sunday

ARIZONA (6-8) AT ATLANTA (3-11) — Cardinals: DOUBTFUL: DE Brad Ottis (knee); RB Michael Pittman (toe). QUESTIONABLE: G Lester Holmes (knee); T L.J. Shelton (ankle); DT Eric Swann (knee). PROBABLE: LB James Folston (hamstring); T Matt Joyce (back); DE Andre Wadsworth (knee). Falcons: DOUBTFUL: DE Lester Archambeau (ankle); WR Chris Calloway (hip); C Robbie Tobeck (quadricep). QUESTIONABLE: QB Chris Chandler (ribs-shoulder); WR Tim Dwight (knee-hamstring); LB Ruffin Hamilton (hamstring); T Ephraim Salaam (knee-hip).

BUFFALO (9-5) AT NEW ENGLAND (7-7) — Bills: OUT: DB Ken Irvin (foot); G Joe Panos (neck). QUESTIONABLE: LB Dan Brandenburg (leg); T Robert Hicks (ankle); WR Eric Moulds (lower back); WR Andre Reed (chest); RB Antowain Smith (toe). Patriots: OUT: CB Ty Law (hand). PROBABLE: CB Steve Israel (ankle).

CAROLINA (7-7) AT PITTSBURGH (5-9) — Panthers: QUESTIONABLE: RB Tshimanga Biakabutuka (ankle); S Mike Scurlock (back). PROBABLE: CB Eric Davis (abdomen); RB William Floyd (hip); LB Donta' Jones (chest); RB Fred Lane (groin); WR Muhsin Muhammad (ankle); CB Rod Mullen (shoulder). Steelers: OUT: TE Mark Bruener (foot); TE Mitch Lyons (knee); DT Joel Steed (knee). QUESTIONABLE: WR Courtney Hawkins (ankle); S Chris Oldham (groin). PROBABLE: WR Troy Edwards (groin); RB Chris Fuamatu-Ma'afala (hand); LB Earl Holmes (ankle); RB Richard Huntley (foot); RB Jon Witman (ankle).

CHICAGO (6-8) AT ST. LOUIS (12-2) — Bears: QUESTIONABLE: G Chris Villarrial (hamstring). Rams: OUT: S Keith Lyle (shoulder). PROBABLE: WR Az-Zahir Hakim (hip).

CINCINNATI (4-10) AT BALTIMORE (7-7) — Bengals: OUT: CB Roosevelt Blackmon (ankle); QB Akili Smith (toe). DOUBTFUL: DE John Copeland (hamstring). PROBABLE: DT Kimo von Oelhoffen (ankle). Ravens: QUESTIONABLE: WR Billy Davis (ankle); PROBABLE: DE Rob Burnett (leg-hip); WR Qadry Ismail (knee-back); DT Tony Siragusa (shoulder-chest); CB Duane Starks (hip); CB James Trapp (leg-toe).

GREEN BAY (7-7) AT TAMPA BAY (9-5) — Packers: OUT: S Rodney Artmore (hamstring-injured reserve). QUESTIONABLE: LB Kivuusama Mays (ankle); S Scott McGarrahan (hamstring). PROBABLE: WR Corey Bradford (heel); S LeRoy Butler (shoulder); QB Brett Favre (neck); RB Dorsey Levens (ribs); T Ross Verba (knee); T Mike Wahle (ankle). Buccaneers: OUT: G Ken Blackman (knee); QB Trent Dilfer (shoulder). PROBABLE: WR Reidel Anthony (ankle); CB Ronde Barber (thigh); WR Jacquez Green (foot); T Paul Gruber (shoulder); C Tony Mayberry (neck); DT Anthony McFarland (back); DT Warren Sapp (shoulder); DE Steve White (toe); WR Karl Williams (thigh).

INDIANAPOLIS (12-2) AT CLEVELAND (2-13) — Colts: DOUBTFUL: DE Brad Scioli (groin). QUESTIONABLE: CB Steve Muhammad (flu). PROBABLE: LB Mike Barber (elbow); LB Cornelius Bennett (hand); CB Jeff Burris (hand); WR Marvin Harrison (elbow); RB Edgerrin James (hip); QB Peyton Manning (ankle); DT Tony McCoy (back); WR Jerome Pathon (shoulder); LB Mike Peterson (knee); CB Tyrone Poole (neck); LB Spencer Reid (knee); RB Paul Shields (thigh); DE Mark Thomas (knee). Browns: OUT: G Orlando Brown (suspended); QB Tim Couch (ankle); WR Ronnie Powell (neck); C Dave Wohlabaugh (knee). QUESTIONABLE: WR Darrin Chiaverini (hamstring); WR Zola Davis (hamstring). PROBABLE: RB Terry Kirby (flu).

JACKSONVILLE (13-1) AT TENNESSEE (11-3) — Jaguars: OUT: WR Reggie Barlow (knee). QUESTIONABLE: TE Kyle Brady (knee); RB James Stewart (foot). PROBABLE: DE Tony Brackens (leg); LB Kevin Hardy (neck). Titans: QUESTIONABLE: S Blaine Bishop (thumb); DE Josh Evans (ankle-knee); T Jason Mathews (back); G Benji Olson (hip); WR Yancey Thigpen (ankle).

KANSAS CITY (9-5) AT SEATTLE (8-6) — Chiefs: QUESTIONABLE: RB Donnell Bennett (ankle); LB Ron George (ankle-knee); TE Mitch Jacoby (ankle); T Glenn Parker (back). PROBABLE: C Tim Grunhard (arm-thigh); CB James Hasty (calf); DT Chester McGlockton (ankle-shoulder); G Ralph Tamm (knee); WR Tamarick Vanover (illness); DE Dan Williams (illness). Seahawks: OUT: S Brian Walker (hamstring). QUESTIONABLE: LB James Logan (knee). PROBABLE: CB Chris Canty (concussion); RB Ahman Green (hamstring); G Brian Habib (knee); LB Anthony Simmons (ankle); CB Shawn Springs (shoulder); RB Ricky Watters (shoulder); CB Willie Williams (foot).

MINNESOTA (8-6) AT N.Y. GIANTS (7-7) — Vikings: OUT: CB Keith Thibodeaux (shoulder-injured reserve); S Orlando Thomas (shoulder-injured reserve). QUESTIONABLE: WR Cris Carter (ankle). PROBABLE: CB Jimmy Hitchcock (knee); RB Leroy Hoard (quadricep); CB Chris Rodgers (hamstring). Giants: OUT: TE Dan Campbell (ankle); CB Jason Sehorn (leg). DOUBTFUL: WR David Patten (back). QUESTIONABLE: TE Toby Myles (ankle); CB Phillippi Sparks (groin); LB Corey Widmer (back); C Brian Williams (knee). PROBABLE: LB Jessie Armstead (knee); RB Sean Bennett (knee); LB Marcus Buckley (leg); TE Pete Mitchell (ankle); RB Joe Montgomery (ribs).

OAKLAND (7-7) AT SAN DIEGO (6-8) — Raiders: OUT: DE Tony Bryant (ankle); S Eric Turner (calf). QUESTIONABLE: WR Terry Mickens (neck); RB Jon Ritchie (knee). PROBABLE: DE Rod Coleman (hamstring); RB Tyrone Wheatley (groin). Chargers: DOUBTFUL: CB Terrance Shaw (knee). QUESTIONABLE: LB Gerald Dixon (ankle); S Michael Dumas (toe); S Rodney Harrison (shoulder); QB Ryan Leaf (shoulder). PROBABLE: TE Reggie Davis (toe); WR Charlie Jones (back); CB Darryll Lewis (knee); LB Junior Seau (abdomen).

WASHINGTON (8-6) AT SAN FRANCISCO (4-10) — Redskins: QUESTIONABLE: RB Stephen Davis (ankle). PROBABLE: G Brad Badger (ankle); WR Albert Connell (shoulder); DE Ndukwe Kalu (foot); CB Mark McMillian (ribs); G Keith Sims (knee); WR Michael Westbrook (wrist). 49ers: OUT: QB Steve Young (concussion). DOUBTFUL: DE Chike Okeafor (knee). QUESTIONABLE: DT Junior Bryant (leg).

Monday

N.Y. JETS (6-8) AT MIAMI (9-5) — Jets: QUESTIONABLE: S Steve Atwater (hamstring); DT Jason Wiltz (toe). Dolphins: OUT: TE Troy Drayton (knee). QUESTIONABLE: WR Oronde Gadsden (ribs); RB J.J. Johnson (hamstring); WR O.J. McDuffie (toe). PROBABLE: TE Hunter Goodwin (back); LB Robert Jones (tricep); CB Sam Madison (knee); CB Patrick Surtain (concussion); DE Jason Taylor (ankle); S Shawn Wooden (quadricep).

NFL Possibilities

The possibilities for the NFL playoffs entering Week 16:

AFC EAST

Indianapolis — Have clinched AFC East division title and a first-round playoff bye.

Miami — Can clinch AFC playoff berth with a win AND a Seattle loss or tie.

Buffalo — Can clinch AFC playoff berth with a win AND EITHER a Miami loss OR Seattle loss or tie.

AFC CENTRAL

Jacksonville — Have clinched playoff berth. Can clinch AFC Central division title and a first-round playoff bye with a win or tie. Can clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a win and an Indianapolis loss or tie.

Tennessee — Have clinched a playoff berth.

Note: Eventual AFC Central champion has clinched a first-round playoff bye.

AFC WEST

Kansas City — Can clinch AFC West division title with a win.

NFC EAST

Washington — Can clinch NFC East title with a win. Can clinch NFC playoff berth with a Green Bay loss, a Carolina loss; or a N.Y. Giants loss.

NFC CENTRAL

Tampa Bay — Can clinch NFC Central title with a win AND a Minnesota loss or tie. Can clinch a first-round playoff bye with a win AND a Minnesota loss or tie AND a Washington loss or tie. Can clinch an NFC playoff berth with a win OR a Carolina loss or tie AND EITHER a Minnesota loss or a N.Y. Giants loss or tie.

Detroit — Can clinch NFC playoff berth with a Green Bay loss, an Arizona loss or tie and a Carolina loss.

Minnesota — Can clinch an NFC playoff berth with a win AND EITHER a Green Bay loss or tie OR a Carolina loss or tie.na loss or tie.

NFC WEST

St. Louis — Have clinched NFC West title, a first-round playoff bye and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Note: Atlanta, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, New England, New Orleans, N.Y. Jets, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Diego and San Francisco are eliminated from playoff contention.

Saints 31, Cowboys 24

Dallas	0	7	17	0	— 24
New Orleans	10	0	7	14	— 31

First Quarter

NO—FG Brien 32, 4:25.

NO—Poole 8 pass from Delhomme (Brien kick), 1:38.

Second Quarter

Dal—E.Smith 1 run (Murray kick), 10:36.

Third Quarter

Dal—Tucker 20 pass from Aikman (Murray kick), 10:34.

Dal—FG Murray 33, 5:56.

NO—Kennison 51 pass from Delhomme (Brien kick), 5:10.

Dal—LeFleur 3 pass from Aikman (Murray kick), :06.

Fourth Quarter

NO—Delhomme 4 run (Brien kick), 11:16.

NO—Weary 58 fumble return (Brien kick), 9:59.

A—47,835.

	Dal	NO
First downs	24	18
Rushes-yards	26-122	29-61
Passing	246	249
Punt Returns	1-0	2-7
Kickoff Returns	6-203	5-111
Interceptions Ret.	1-5	2-22
Comp-Att-Int	39-23-2	28-16-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	3-29
Punts	5-42.6	5-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	11-86	6-32
Time of Possession	30:27	29:33

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, E.Smith 23-110, Thomas 3-12. New Orleans, Ri.Williams 23-61, Craver 3-6, Delhomme 3-(minus 6).

PASSING—Dallas, Aikman 39-23-2-246. New Orleans, Delhomme 27-16-1-278, Ri.Williams 0-1-0-0.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Tucker 7-128, LeFleur 4-30, Ismail 3-28, E.Smith 3-3, Bjornson 2-22, Sanders 2-10, Brazzell 1-21, Thomas 1-4. New Orleans, Poole 4-90, Kennison 3-95, Ri.Williams 3-31, Wilcox 3-28, Hastings 1-24, Cleeland 1-5, Franklin 1-5.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Broncos 17, Lions 7

Denver	0	0	10	7	— 17
Detroit	0	0	0	7	— 7

Third Quarter

Den—Gary 45 run (Elam kick), 14:18.

Den—FG Elam 32, 8:25.

Fourth Quarter

Den—Carswell 1 pass from Griese (Elam kick), 13:37.

Det—H.Moore 13 pass from Batch (Hanson kick), 1:56.

A—73,158.

	Den	Det
First downs	22	16
Rushes-yards	36-204	12-32
Passing	165	242
Punt Returns	3-43	1-9
Kickoff Returns	2-17	4-97
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	1-16
Comp-Att-Int	22-30-1	21-40-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	5-25
Punts	5-43.8	8-47.6
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	5-40	10-78
Time of Possession	36:41	23:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Denver, Geary, 29-185, Loville 4-17, Griese 3-2. Detroit, Batch 2-9, Irvin 5-8, Crowell 1-8, Hill 4-7.

PASSING—Denver, Griese 22-30-1-171 Detroit, Batch 21-40-0-267.

RECEIVING—Denver, McCaffery 7-65, Carswell 6-35, Chamberlin 4-52, R.Smith 4-24, Loville 1-(minus 5). Detroit, Crowell 5-95, Sloan 5-50, Moore 4-62, Morton 4-47, Schlessinger 2-11, Irvin 1-2.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NFL Rushing TDs

The career rushing touchdown leaders in the National Football League (x-active):

Player	TDs
1. x-Emmitt Smith	136
2. Marcus Allen	123
3. Walter Payton	110
4. Jim Brown	106
5. John Riggins	104
6. Barry Sanders	99
7. Franco Harris	91
8. Eric Dickerson	90

Career Passing

By The Associated Press
Through Dec. 24
Quarterbacks who have thrown for 30,000 or more career yards (x-active):

1. x-Dan Marino, Mia	60,921
2. John Elway, Den	51,475
3. x-W. Moon, Hou-KC	49,117
4. Fran Tarkenton, Min-NYG	47,003
5. Dan Fouts, SD	43,040
6. Joe Montana, SF-KC	40,551
7. Johnny Unitas, Bal-SD	40,239
8. Dave Krieg, Sea-Ten	38,147
9. Boomer Esiason, Cin-Cin	37,920
10. Jim Kelly, Buf	35,467
11. Jim Everett, LA-NO-SD	34,837
12. Jim Hart, StL-Wash	34,665
13. Steve DeBerg, SF-Atl	34,241
14. John Hadl, LA-SD	33,503
15. Phil Simms, NYG	33,462
16. x-Steve Young, TB-SF	33,124
17. Ken Anderson, Cin	32,838
18. x-V. Testaverde, TB-NYJ	32,575
19. S. Jurgensen, Wash-Phil	32,224
20. John Brodie, SF	31,548
21. x-Troy Aikman, Dal	31,022
22. Norm Snead, Was-SF	30,797

Leading Rushers

By The Associated Press
Through Dec. 24
(x-active)

	Att.	Yards	TD
1. Walter Payton	3,838	16,726	110
2. Barry Sanders	3,062	15,269	99
3. x-Emmitt Smith	3,221	13,841	136
4. Eric Dickerson	2,996	13,259	90
5. Tony Dorsett	2,936	12,739	77
6. Jim Brown	2,359	12,312	106
7. Marcus Allen	3,022	12,243	123
8. Franco Harris	2,949	12,120	91
9. x-T. Thomas	2,834	11,854	65
10. John Riggins	2,916	11,352	104

Harrah's Odds

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Updated odds for the college bowl games and this week's NFL football games as provided by Harrah's Reno Casino & Sportsbook:

NCAA Football

Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
Marshall ..... 3 BYU

Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
Penn St. ..... 6 Texas A&M

Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
Kentucky ..... 3 Syracuse
Holiday Bowl
Kansas St. ..... 11 1/2 Washington

Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
Louisville ..... 3 Boise St.
Micron PC Bowl
Virginia ..... 2 1/2 Illinois
Peach Bowl
Clemson ..... 2 1/2 Mississippi St.

Dec. 31
Insight.com Bowl
Colorado ..... 8 Boston College
Sun Bowl
Minnesota ..... 2 1/2 Oregon
Liberty Bowl
Southern Miss. 4 1/2 Colorado St.
Independence Bowl
Oklahoma ..... 4 Mississippi

Jan. 1
Cotton Bowl
Texas ..... 7 1/2 Arkansas
Outback Bowl
Purdue ..... 5 1/2 Georgia
Gator Bowl
Miami ..... 5 Georgia Tech
Citrus Bowl
Florida ..... 1 1/2 Michigan St.
Rose Bowl
Wisconsin ..... 11 1/2 Stanford
Orange Bowl
Alabama ..... 2 Michigan

Jan. 2
Fiesta Bowl
Nebraska ..... 4 1/2 Tennessee

Jan. 4
Sugar Bowl
Florida St. ..... 6 Virginia Tech

NFL

Sunday

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Minnesota	2 1/2	at N.Y. Giants
Buffalo	3	at New England
Arizona	2	at Atlanta
Jacksonville	3	at Tennessee
Carolina	3 1/2	at Pittsburgh
at St. Louis	10	Chicago
at Baltimore	7	Cincinnati
Indianapolis	13 1/2	at Cleveland
at Seattle	3	Kansas City
Oakland	3	at San Diego
at Tampa Bay	3 1/2	Green Bay
Washington	7	at San Francisco

Monday

at Miami ..... 3 1/2 N.Y. Jets

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	17	8	.680	—
New York	17	11	.607	1 1/2
Orlando	15	11	.577	2 1/2
Philadelphia	14	14	.500	4 1/2
Boston	11	14	.440	6
New Jersey	9	18	.333	9
Washington	9	18	.333	9

Central Division

Indiana	17	9	.654	—
Charlotte	16	9	.640	1/2
Milwaukee	15	12	.556	2 1/2
Toronto	14	12	.538	3
Detroit	12	14	.462	5
Atlanta	11	15	.423	6
Cleveland	11	15	.423	6
Chicago	2	21	.087	13 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	19	9	.679	—
Utah	16	10	.615	2
Denver	13	12	.520	4 1/2
Minnesota	11	13	.458	6
Dallas	9	18	.333	9 1/2
Houston	9	18	.333	9 1/2
Vancouver	6	19	.240	11 1/2

Pacific Division

L.A. Lakers	22	5	.815	—
Portland	20	7	.741	2
Seattle	18	9	.667	4
Phoenix	17	9	.654	4 1/2
Sacramento	14	10	.583	6 1/2
L.A. Clippers	8	18	.308	13 1/2
Golden State	6	20	.231	15 1/2

Friday's Games

No games scheduled.

Saturday's Games

Indiana 101, New York 90
San Antonio at L.A. Lakers, late

Sunday's Games

Houston at Washington, noon
Boston at L.A. Clippers, 3 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 5 p.m.
Toronto at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 7 p.m.
Miami at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Denver, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 8 p.m.

Pacers 101, Pacers 90

NEW YORK (90): Thomas 1-4 0-0 2, L.Johnson 6-10 4-6 16, Ewing 6-10 4-6 16, Houston 4-11 2-3 10, Sprewell 11-18 1-1 23, Camby 5-9 3-8 13, Ward 0-1 0-0 0, Childs 1-2 1-1 4, Wallace 3-6 0-0 6, Dudley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-71 15-25 90.

INDIANA (101): Rose 3-8 0-1 6, Davis 6-13 2-2 14, Smits 1-8 1-2 3, Miller 6-16 12-14 26, Jackson 4-9 1-1 10, Croshere 2-9 9-12 13, Best 2-3 0-0 5, Harrington 0-2 2-2 2, Perkins 5-5 2-2 14, Mullin 2-3 3-4 8. Totals 31-76 32-40 101.

New York	28	22	14	26 — 90
Indiana	22	28	23	28 — 101

3-Point Goals—New York 1-7 (Childs 1-1, Sprewell 0-1, Ward 0-1, L.Johnson 0-2, Houston 0-2), Indiana 7-19 (Perkins 2-2, Miller 2-9, Best 1-1, Jackson 1-2, Mullin 1-2, Harrington 0-1, Croshere 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—New York 50 (Camby 15), Indiana 47 (Croshere 10). Assists—New York 16 (Sprewell 6), Indiana 17 (Jackson 7). Total fouls—New York 32, Indiana 24. Technicals—L.Johnson, Thomas, Indiana Illegal Defense 2, Rose. Flagrant fouls—Thomas, Rose. Ejected—Thomas, Rose. A—18,345 (18,345).

NBA Leaders

By The Associated Press
Through Dec. 23

Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Iverson, Phil.	18	185	123	529	29.4
O'Neal, LAL	26	287	125	699	26.9
Hill, Det.	26	252	177	689	26.5
Malone, Utah	26	245	178	668	25.7
Duncan, S.A.	28	246	174	666	23.8
Carter, Tor.	26	236	125	612	23.5
Rider, Atl.	24	212	105	557	23.2
Payton, Sea.	27	222	109	623	23.1
Mourning, Mia.	25	229	110	568	22.7
Finley, Dall.	27	242	102	611	22.6
Webber, Sac.	22	206	80	497	22.6
Marbury, N.J.	27	210	149	601	22.3
Stackhse, Det.	26	170	209	571	22.0
Garnett, Minn.	24	215	82	525	21.9
Allen, Mil.	27	203	127	588	21.8
A-Rahim, Van.	25	187	161	541	21.6
Houston, N.Y.	27	212	112	571	21.1
Robinson, Mil.	26	219	84	549	21.1
Sprewell, N.Y.	27	199	116	529	19.6
Jones, Char.	24	152	122	466	19.4
Kemp, Clev.	26	167	168	504	19.4

FG Percentage

	FG	FGA	PCT
Williams, Det.	100	152	.658
Mutombo, Atl.	117	189	.619
O'Neal, LAL	287	501	.573
Mourning, Mia.	229	413	.554
Davis, Ind.	121	225	.538
Patterson, Sea.	127	239	.531
DeClercq, Clev.	95	184	.516
Stockton, Utah	120	234	.513
Harrington, Van.	148	289	.512
Gugliotta, Phoe.	134	263	.510

Rebounds

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Mutombo, Atl.	26	114	271	385	14.8
O'Neal, LAL	26	115	260	375	14.4
Duncan, S.A.	28	112	260	372	13.3
Garnett, Minn.	24	76	226	302	12.6
Feick, N.J.	27	116	205	321	11.9
A-Rahim, Van.	25	72	199	271	10.8
Webber, Sac.	22	62	171	233	10.6
Davis, Ind.	25	93	166	259	10.4
Mourning, Mia.	25	70	185	255	10.2
Malone, Utah	26	57	206	263	10.1

Assists

	G	AST	AVG
Kidd, Phoe.	26	242	9.3
Payton, Sea.	27	241	8.9
Cassell, Mil.	27	235	8.7
Brandon, Minn.	24	198	8.3
Van Exel, Den.	25	202	8.1
Stockton, Utah	26	208	8.0
Williams, Sac.	24	186	7.8
Knight, Clev.	25	191	7.6
Marbury, N.J.	27	202	7.5
Strickland, Wash.	27	201	7.4
Armstrong, Orl.	26	192	7.4

College Football

Bowl Schedule

By The Associated Press

Wednesday, Dec. 22
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Payout: $750,000
Texas Christian 28, East Carolina 14

Saturday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 22, Gray 22.
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: $800,000
Wake Forest 23, Arizona State 3
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: $800,000
Oregon State (7-4) vs. Hawaii (8-3), (n)

Monday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Payout: $750,000
Marshall (12-0) vs. Brigham Young (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Tuesday, Dec. 28
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: $1.2 million
Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Penn State (9-3), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 29
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: $750,000
Kentucky (6-5) vs. Syracuse (6-5), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: $1.8 million
Kansas State (10-1) vs. Washington (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 30
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: $750,000
Boise State (9-3) vs. Louisville (7-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN2)
Micronpc.com Bowl
At Miami
Payout: $750,000
Virginia (7-4) vs. Illinois (7-4), 6 p.m. (TBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: $1.6 million
Mississippi State (9-2) vs. Clemson (6-5), 6:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 31
Insight.com Bowl
At Tucson, Ariz.
Payout: $750,000
Boston College (8-3) vs. Colorado (6-5), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso
Payout: $1 million
Oregon (8-3) vs. Minnesota (8-3), 1:15 p.m. (CBS)
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: $1.2 million
Colorado State (8-3) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: $1 million
Mississippi (7-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: $1.9 million
Georgia (7-4) vs. Purdue (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
Payout: $2.5 million
At Dallas
Texas (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-4), 10 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: $1.4 million
Georgia Tech (8-3) vs. Miami (8-4), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: $3.8 million
Florida (9-3) vs. Michigan State (9-2), noon. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: $12 million
Stanford (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-2), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: $11-13 million
Michigan (9-2) vs. Alabama (10-2), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)

Sunday, Jan. 2
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe Ariz.
Payout: $11-13 million
Nebraska (11-1) vs. Tennessee (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 4
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: $11-13 million
Florida State (11-0) vs. Virginia Tech (11-0), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Blue-Gray Classic
Blue 22, Gray 22

Blue	7	7	2	6	— 22
Gray	7	0	0	15	— 22

First Quarter

Blue—Price 10 run (Brawner kick), 9:59.

Gray—Larrimore 99 kickoff return (Arians kick), 9:41.

Second Quarter

Blue—Brown 4 pass from Stambaugh (Brawner kick), :04.

Third Quarter

Blue—Safety, Zimmerman tackled Fuente in end zone, 6:02.

Fourth Quarter

Gray—Montgomery 20 pass from Brown (Arians kick), 14:00.

Gray—Keatog 6 run (Dawson pass from Brown), 10:52.

Blue—Brown 2 run (Brawner kick), 4:09.

	Blue	Gray
First downs	23	13
Rushes-yards	37-174	34-138
Passing	297	132
Comp

Track makes huge strides

By Bert Rosenthal
AP Track Writer

From 1900, when the Olympics were held in Paris, through 1999, track and field monopolized the summer sports scene nearly every four years.

That 100-year span produced a wealth of great athletes, great performances and great changes, not only during the Olympics, but virtually every year.

From Jim Thorpe to Paavo Nurmi to Fanny Blankers-Koen to Jesse Owens to Roger Bannister to Carl Lewis to Jackie Joyner-Kersee to Michael Johnson, the athletes have taken their places in sport's annals with history-making showings.

Women were included in the Olympics track and field program for the first time in 1928.

In the beginning, they weren't allowed to compete in long-distance events and certain field events. But next year, when the women's pole vault and hammer throw are added to the Sydney Games, women will participate in basically the same Olympic events as the men except for the 3,000-meter steeplechase and 50-kilometer walk.

While the Olympics might still seem unwieldy with a total of 46 events for men and women, they have been stripped of some peculiar competitions. Events such as the stone throw; shot put, javelin and discus with both hands; freestyle javelin; and standing high jump, long jump and triple jump have been eliminated.

The sport has gone through the Black Power protests of U.S. sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos at the 1968 Mexico City Games; the 1980 and 1984 Olympic boycotts, led by the U.S. and Soviet Union, respectively, which robbed the competition of many medal contenders; and a barrage of high-profile drug cases over the past dozen years, beginning with the disqualification of 100-meter winner Ben Johnson of Canada from the 1988 Games.

How far has the sport come in a century? Well, the men's 100 meters at the 1900 Olympics was won in 11.0 seconds, the 200 in 22.2 and the 400 in 49.4. Those times would be lucky to win a high school meet these days, with the world records 9.79 for the 100, 19.32 for the 200 and 43.18 for the 400.

Similar progression has been made in all other events, with the help of superfast tracks, more modern training facilities, healthier athletes and financial rewards.

Lewis, the controversial sprinter and long jumper who won nine Olympic gold medals, was voted by an AP panel the greatest male Summer Olympian of the century, edging Nurmi.

The Flying Finn, who set 29 world records at distances from 1,500 meters to 20,000 meters, also won nine Olympic golds during the 1920s. He planned to run the 10,000 and marathon at the 1932 Olympics, but was declared a professional by the International Amateur Athletic Federation and banned from competition.

The versatile Joyner-Kersee won six Olympic medals, three golds, and was chosen the greatest female Summer Olympian. She excelled in the hurdles, long jump and heptathlon, in which she holds the world record. She also was an outstanding basketball player.

Blankers-Koen first entered the Olympics in 1936 at 18. She didn't win a medal in Berlin, and her highlight was getting Owens' autograph after he won golds in the 100, 200, long jump and 400 relay — a feat matched by Lewis in 1984.

When the Olympics resumed in 1948 after a 12-year break because of World War II, Blankers-Koen was a winner in four of the nine women's events — the 100, 200, 400 relay and 80-yard hurdles.

One of the greatest all-around athletes in history was Thorpe, winner of the pentathlon and decathlon at the 1912 Games. Not only did he excel in track and field, he earned varsity letters in 11 different sports at Carlisle, was chosen an All-American halfback in 1911 and 1912, and even won the 1912 intercollegiate ballroom dancing championship in 1912.

The greatest day in track and field history was May 6, 1954. That's when the scholarly Bannister, running in Oxford, England, became the first runner to break the 4-minute mile.

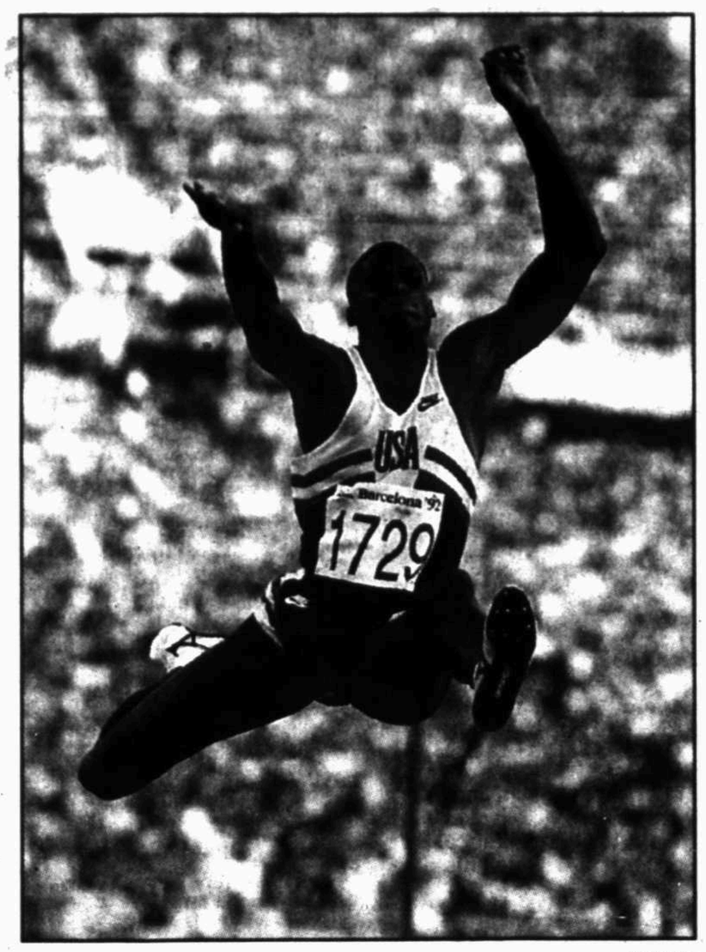
Through all the Olympic Games, no man had swept the men's 200 and 400 golds until the irrepressible Johnson did it in 1996, capping his historic performance with an astonishing world record of 19.32 in the 200. Johnson gained a monopoly on the 200 and 400 world records by smashing the 400 mark in 1999 with a time of 43.18.

The sport also produced other great athletes and outstanding performances.

There was Al Oerter, who won four consecutive Olympic discus titles, and Ukrainian Sergei Bubka, who won the world championship in the pole vault the first six times it was contested between 1983 and 1997 and became the only vaulter to clear 20 feet, indoors and outdoors.

Then there was Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia winning the 5,000 and 10,000 at the 1952 Olympics, four years after winning the 10,000 and finishing second in the 5,000. Zatopek also set 18 world records.

There also was Florence Griffith Joyner, who set women's world records in the 100 and 200 and won golds in both sprints and the 400 relay and a silver in the 1,600 relay at the 1988 Olympics; Wilma Rudolph, the gold medalist in the women's 100, 200 and 400 relay at the 1960 Olympics; and Babe Didrikson, who qualified for all five women's track and field events at the 1932 Olympics but was allowed to compete in only three, and won the javelin and the 80-meter hurdles and set a world record in the high jump.



AP Photo

Carl Lewis won nine gold medals during his distinguished career, and was arguably the greatest track and field athlete ever.

Slim pickings for fans 100 years ago

By Ronald Blum
AP Sports Writer

Americans didn't open their sports sections on the morning of Jan. 1, 1900 — there weren't any.

Sports news, what little there was, got mixed between insurance, business, fashion and other coverage a century ago in papers with tiny print, few pictures, no graphics and occasional cartoons.

With little mass communication, most sports coverage was local. The first college bowl game was two years away. The NFL, NBA and NHL didn't exist.

What stories there were focused on a New Year's Day fight, a scheduled 25-rounder between heavyweights Charles "Kid" McCoy and Peter Maher at the Coney Island Athletic Club in New York.

McCoy — his real name was Norman Selby — knocked out Maher in the fifth round and the pair split $16,000 — $4,000 less than the promoter promised.

"Both men concluded their preparation for the battle today with mild exercise," The Atlanta Constitution reported. "McCoy's work consisted of a five-mile horseback ride, tossing the medicine ball, a cold shower bath and a hard rub down."

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch focused on a Dec. 31 baseball owners' meeting.

"The long expected break between the American League, formerly the Western League, and the National League has come at last," the paper said. "The American League held a secret meeting in Chicago on Sunday. When it was over, president Ban Johnson said: We have decided to break with the National League and throw up the national agreement."

The Washington Post had a feature on a cross-country run, "The opening local athletic event of the century."

"The run will be a little over six miles, starting from and finishing on the track at YMCA Field, corner of 17th and C Streets," it said. "The race will be a good test of nerve and endurance."

The New York Times also had a running story.

"Just as the bells began ringing in the new year at midnight," it reported, "two lightly clad athletes began the first annual team relay race between the Shamrock Harriers and the Pastime AC from Getty Square, Yonkers, to the New York City Hall."

The Chicago Tribune reported on former Cubs manager Cap Anson declining to answer accusations about the team's financial affairs. "When the time is ripe and I have looked over the matter at my leisure, I shall make answer and it shall be made public," he was quoted as saying.

The San Francisco Chronicle covered handball and dog racing.

MILLENNIUM MOMENTS

Landmark sports moments of the millennium. Forget the videotape. Go to the parchment and quill pen:

Circa 1000 — A crude form of basketball takes hold among the Mayans of Mexico. Stone hoops more than 20 feet high are placed at either end of a court in the now famed ruins of Chichen Itza. The object of the game is to put a hard rubber ball through the hoop. Such is the reverence for this sport that it is said the winning team sacrificed itself to the gods. Mayan archeologists are unclear on how this affected the point spread.

1307 — With still 700 years to go, the millennium's clutch sports performance comes from William Tell. The legendary Swiss hero is arrested in his town square and the governor promises to free him on one condition: Tell must shoot an apple off his son's head. Tell, the most skilled archer in the land, steadies his crossbow and splits the apple. No evidence of beta blockers is found in Tell's urine sample.

1314 — King Edward II of England bans soccer and threatens those playing it with imprisonment. The game known as "mob football" is noisy, violent and unruly, with hundreds on a side kicking a ball from one end of town to another. Hooliganism is not yet an issue. The hooligans are playing the game.

1542 — The birth of Mary Queen of Scots, the first woman to play golf. Like her grandfather, James IV of Scotland, Mary is an avid golfer and during her reign the great St. Andrews course is founded. Mary infuriates the church by playing golf days after the murder of her husband, Lord Darnley. With golf the least of it, she spends the last half of her life in prison and is beheaded in 1587.

1603 — The Japanese emperor issues an edict making swimming compulsory in schools. Asian scholars are uncertain when students first begin bringing notes to be excused from gym class.

1626 — The Dutch buy Manhattan and introduce "Dutch pins" or nine-pin bowling. The game is popular and attracts gamblers. New York and Connecticut outlaw the game in the 19th century. To sidestep the law, 10-pin bowling is played. Descendants of Dutch settlers take no credit for the advent of polyester bowling shirts and team sponsorships by "Bernie's Bar and Grill."

1719 — James Figg opens the first academy for boxers in London. Figg's reputation as fighter, wrestler and swordsman is unchallenged and celebrated in verse. His bouts often feature more than two men and end when just one man remains standing. Figg becomes perhaps boxing's first promoter, staging at least one fight before King George I. The rich and the royal curry favor with Figg. From such roots Don King flowers.

1858 — Two Long Island teams compete in the first baseball series. Fans are charged 50 cents for the game at Fashion Race Course to cover the cost of the track. This is the first time spectators pay admission for a baseball game. Historians can cite no record of organizers soon demanding the need for "luxury suites."

1873 — A college administrator draws the line on university sports. Cornell students try to arrange a football game with the University of Michigan, hoping to meet halfway in Cleveland. When his students request permission for the trip, Cornell president Andrew Dickson White replies: "I will not permit 30 men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind."

1999 — As the Olympic bribery scandal snowballs, a doctoral student in history holds his ground. Andrei Siperco of Romania, the son of an IOC member, rejects airline tickets, expense money and a spot in a university from Salt Lake City bidders. "It didn't seem right," he said. So at the gateway of the millennium, with avarice and temptation at every turn, that noblest of creatures stands: an honest man.

Technology, speed drive 1900s

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

Henry Ford once said the first race occurred the first time two cars showed up in the same place at the same time.

Now, nearly a century after it began, auto racing is one of the biggest spectator sports in the world.

When the 20th century started, most of the racing was on streets and roads in Europe, with fearless drivers trying to beat one another from one town to another as equally fearless spectators lined the roadways for a glimpse of the noisy, fast-moving, dust-raising vehicles.

And the faster they went, the more dangerous they became.

"Who would have believed the speeds?" asked the late Fred Agabashian, who drove in 11 Indy 500s between 1947 and 1957. "A lot of us thought 130 was too fast when I first came to Indianapolis."

A half-century after World War II, the threshold reached more than 230 mph.

Early in the 20th century, spectator deaths were commonplace. But by the end they were rare. And so were fatalities to drivers.

"That's the biggest difference in racing today," said Mario Andretti, who won the Daytona 500 in 1967, the Indy 500 in 1969 and added a Formula One championship in 1978. "When I raced in Formula One, it seemed like a driver was killed just about every race."

As the century closes, drivers usually walk away unharmed from crashes at speeds far in excess of those that once proved fatal.

One big reason is rubberized fuel cells, developed for use in helicopters during the Vietnam War to keep the aviation fuel from igniting when hit by snipers' bullets.

■ Auto Racing

Combined with space-age materials, computer design and modern ergonomics, drivers today are in far less danger than their predecessors.

Spectators were often killed or injured, and countries like France, Germany, Britain and Italy took turns organizing and banning races through the first half of the 1900s.

But the thirst for racing could not be quenched, on either side of the Atlantic.

The speed rage began in America with R.E. Olds driving a lightweight Pirate over the measured mile on the hard sand in Ormond Beach, Fla., at 53.5 mph. Three years later, that mark was raised to 127.6 by Frank Marriott in a steam-powered Stanley Steamer.

Carl Fisher, a visionary who founded Miami Beach, made his fortune building and selling cars. Fisher added to his riches by building a race car and barnstorming the Midwest, racing and beating the fastest thoroughbred horses of the time.

His real contribution to the sport, though, was building the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which has become the centerpiece of worldwide racing since it held its first auto race in 1909.

The first 500-mile race on Indy's then all-brick 2 1/2-mile oval was in 1911, with Ray Harroun winning in a modified production car called the Marmon Wasp. Since then, only the two world wars have interrupted racing at Indy.

The names of the 83 winners include some of the biggest stars of the century. Among them are Andretti and A.J. Foyt — selected by a blue ribbon panel as The Associated Press co-drivers of the century — Louis Meyer, Mauri Rose, Rodger Ward, Al Unser, Al Unser Jr., Bobby Unser, Emerson Fittipaldi and Rick Mears.

But Indy was only one part of racing's growth.

Economic recessions and depressions affected the sport gravely, but auto racing kept bouncing back. Its most profound changes came after World War II.

Indiana businessman Anton "Tony" Hulman and a group of associates bought the Indianapolis track, which had fallen into disrepair.

Now, the Indy 500 attracts more than 400,000 each Memorial Day weekend.

While Indy was seeing its front-engine roadsters go the way of the Model T, — giving way to the sleek, rear-engine missiles of today — the Grand Prix circuit began in Europe.

Both circuits have grown dramatically in recent years, with huge crowds, huge purses and great competition.

Fiery Texan Foyt became the first four-time Indy 500 winner and added victories in the 1967 24 Hours of Le Mans sports car race and the 1972 Daytona 500 NASCAR race.

NASCAR, which began to build its reputation when France opened his Daytona International Speedway in 1959, developed a star of national magnitude in second-generation driver Richard Petty. His pioneering father, Lee, won two titles as well as — in a photo finish so close it took two days to determine — the first Daytona 500.

The younger Petty won 200 stock car races, seven Daytona 500s and seven championships, which stood as an unprecedented record until current star Dale Earnhardt matched it in 1994. Petty once won 27 races in a single season and became known as "The King" of stock car racing.

Equipment changes with the times

Associated Press

The spartan equipment used by athletes at the beginning of the century bears little resemblance to the space-age gear they use today.

A hundred years ago, baseball players wore small, formfitting gloves, scarcely bigger than their hands. They have been replaced by huge, leather mitts with oversized webbing that makes playing defense a lot easier.

Catchers' masks changed dramatically, too, from wire and leather contraptions to Fiberglas helmets that often cover the whole head and include extensions to protect the throat.

There were no masks or helmets in the early days of hockey. In 1930, goalie Clint Benedict used a leather covering to protect a broken nose but that experiment lasted just two games. In 1959, Jacques Plante, tired of being a bulls-eye, refused to play without a face protector.

His milk-white mask served as the prototype, first for birdcage style masks and then more elaborate full head helmets. Skaters, bareheaded for decades, began wearing helmets in the '70s and they now are required for all players.

Football also has undergone a dramatic change in equipment, with elaborate padding added to protect players who wore little more than hip pads in the game's early days.

The first football helmets were just half-inch thick slabs of leather and offered little protection. Gradually, they evolved into lighter, padded plastic affairs with face masks across the front.

In tennis, wood rackets gave way to larger graphite models that offered increased speed and hitting surface. Golf clubs, too, evolved with larger club heads and lightweight shafts helping players lower their scores.

AP Photo

No one has written more history at historic Augusta National (site of The Masters) than Jack Nicklaus, a six-time winner who has become as synonymous with the Masters as the green jacket itself. He was even honored with a monument in 1998, the 40th anniversary of his first appearance. Oddly, it was at that ceremony when Nicklaus first wore a green jacket he could finally call his own.

The Nicklaus Files: No green jacket for years

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. — Tiger Woods went to sleep wearing his green jacket after a record-smashing performance made him the youngest Masters champion ever.

From Tommy Aaron to Fuzzy Zoeller, only a select group of players have owned one — not just any green jacket, but the most coveted prize in golf that comes with winning the most exclusive major championship.

Until two years ago, Jack Nicklaus wasn't on that list.

How could that be?

No one has written more history at historic Augusta National than Nicklaus, a six-time winner who has become as synonymous with the Masters as the green jacket itself. He was even honored with a monument in 1998, the 40th anniversary of his first appearance.

Oddly, it was at that ceremony when Nicklaus first wore an Augusta National green jacket he could finally call his own.

"Everybody talks about the green jacket," Nicklaus said. "I never owned one until 1998."

Nicklaus says he has told the story many times. He wasn't about to repeat it until he saw the attentive faces of a small group of reporters huddled around him on the patio of his south Florida home this week.

What followed was one of the most fascinating stories to come forth regarding the hallowed grounds of Augusta National.

Nicklaus was a chubby 23-year-old when he won his first Masters in 1963. Augusta tradition allows for the previous year's winner — Arnold Palmer, in this case — to drape the green jacket on the shoulders of the new champion.

Club officials keep several jackets handy for the presentation, and they brought out a size 46 long for Nicklaus.

"They thought I was so big," Nicklaus said. "It was like an overcoat. It just hung on me."

The jacket was only for show. Defending champions have their own coat waiting for them upon their return. For whatever reason, a green jacket with a "Nicklaus" name tag stitched inside wasn't in his locker in 1964.

Not to worry. Nicklaus borrowed one from Augusta member Thomas Dewey, the former New York governor of the famous headline, "Dewey defeats Truman."

Nicklaus won again in 1965 and 1966. Still no jacket. He continued to wear Dewey's coat for the Champions Dinner on Wednesday before the tournament, not wanting to make a fuss.

"They never said anything," Nicklaus said. "And I wasn't going to say anything."

Dewey's jacket finally wore out about the time Nicklaus won his record-tying fourth Masters in 1972. This time, he took matters into his own hands. Since Nicklaus had an endorsement deal with Hart, Schaffner and Marx, he asked the Cincinnati-based clothier to make him a green jacket.

"It wasn't even the same material or the right color," he said.

No one noticed.

That jacket lasted a short time past his fifth victory in 1975, and Nicklaus was back to borrowing a green jacket every year from Augusta National members — and not letting on about the oversight.

Eleven years later, the 46-year-old Nicklaus won the Masters again, but still had not one green jacket to show for any of his six titles.

Nicklaus enjoyed the story and shared it among friends. But he never told anyone from Augusta National until 1997 when he dropped it on then-chairman Jackson Stephens, a pokerfaced oilman from Arkansas rarely ruffled by anything.

"I told him, 'I've won this tournament six times and I've never been given a green jacket,' " Nicklaus said. "I don't own a green jacket."

Ridiculous, replied Stephens, who ordered him to the pro shop to be measured for a green jacket immediately.

Nicklaus declined.

Alas, not even the great Nicklaus has the final word at Augusta.

When he returned in 1998, he found a note in his locker from Stephens, who had scheduled an appointment with the tailor for Nicklaus. Nicklaus gave in and was measured for a 44 regular — his first green jacket, 35 years late.

It will hang from his locker in the Champions Room when Nicklaus returns in April. Perhaps he can pull off another miracle and win his seventh Masters, in which case Jose Maria Olazabal would help him put on the green jacket.

His own green jacket.

From Vardon to Woods, golf didn't change much

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

Rewind the clock 100 years and golf really hasn't changed that much.

The mashie, spoon and niblick are no longer around, taken over by specialty clubs made of space-age material. After the gutta percha came the rubber-core ball, and now there are more than 5,000 brands and types and markings that the U.S. Golf Association approves every year.

A scoop of sand has been replaced by the wooden tee.

Links golf has given way to island greens. Caddies have yielded to carts. Ties and tweed coats are out. Anything with a logo is in.

But the game of golf, no matter where it is played or how high the stakes, has always been more about the gunslinger than the ammunition he carries.

In that respect, the 1900s ends the way it began.

The best player in the world won yet another major championship and embarked on a quest to conquer the world, equipped with the goods to revolutionize the game.

In 1899, that man was Harry Vardon.

He was the longest hitter of his era, thanks to a more open stance and overlapping his hands on the club, which gave birth to the "Vardon Grip." He left England for America in 1900 and helped popularize the game during his 20,000-mile exhibition tour. No telling how many players Vardon brought to golf, but suffice it to say the stock exchange closed the day he came to New York City.

In 1999, that man is Tiger Woods.

He leaves the 20th century as the dominant figure in golf, having won the final major championship of the 1900s, with presumably many more to come. And his historic victory in the 1997 Masters — the first man of color to win the green jacket, by a record 12 strokes with a record score of 18-under 270 — broadened golf's appeal.

Even in the latter half of this year, Woods' accomplishments touched so many generations of the 20th century.

— At 23, Woods has already won 21 times as a professional, the fastest start since Horton Smith won 15 times at the same age in 1931.

— His four consecutive PGA Tour victories is the longest streak since Ben Hogan in 1953.

From Vardon to Woods, golf has come full circle as it approaches the 21st century.

Walter Hagen broadened golf in his own way. He brought style and was eager to fill the role as golf's first superstar.

He became the first American to the win the British Open, in 1922, and he won the PGA Championship a record four years in a row — 22 consecutive matches against the best players in the world. Hagen finished his career with 11 majors, second only to Jack Nicklaus.

Bobby Jones, the greatest amateur ever, brought civility to the game and also its most revered goal — the Grand Slam.

A practicing lawyer with degrees from Georgia Tech and Harvard, Jones is said to have never played more than 80 rounds a year. Still, he won 13 national championships between 1923 and 1930, saving the final year for the greatest accomplishment of the century.

Jones won the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Open, British Amateur and British Open in 1930. "The impregnable quadrilateral," The New York Sun christened it, a title that soon gave way to the Grand Slam.

Gene Sarazen gave golf the sand wedge and put the Masters on the map with a 4-wood shot that he holed from 235 yards in 1935 for a double eagle, the rarest shot in golf.

The most significant year of the 20th century, however, might have been 1912, the birth of an American Triumvirate — Ben Hogan, Byron Nelson and Sam Snead, who combined to win 21 major championships and their own piece of fame.

Snead won a record 81 times on the PGA Tour. Nelson won 11 consecutive tournaments in 1945 and 18 times for the year, records that stand as perhaps the most untouchable in any sport.

Hogan's endless pursuit of perfection coupled with an indomitable spirit to overcome made him one of the most mystical figures in golf. Despite a car accident that nearly killed him in 1949, Hogan returned to win six of the next nine majors he played, and in 10 of the next 15 he was first or second.

Arnold Palmer stirred the imagination with his charismatic charges that captivated the country and ushered golf into the era of television. With a hitch of the pants and a ferocious swing, Palmer brought new energy to the game and became one of the most influential figures of the century.

Who is sports' Millennium Man? The last word on the No. 1 figure of the century

By Hal Bock
AP Sports Writer

By now, all the votes are in, all the lists are done and the consensus of opinion is that the sports figure of the century was ... drum roll, please, ... Babe Ruth.

Unless it was Muhammad Ali.

Or maybe Michael Jordan, Jim Brown or Wayne Gretzky.

Ruth, in particular, deserves special mention for a remarkable final 50 years. The Babe was the No. 2 choice behind Jim Thorpe in an Associated Press poll for the first half of the century. He's been dead since 1948, but in the end-of-century poll, he moved up to No. 1.

So pick a favorite. There is no wrong one among them. They are all compelling figures, each of whom left an indelible mark on the world of sports.

Ruth, the slugger, was a cartoon character come to life, a mountain of a man who merely saved baseball. Ali, the three-time heavyweight champion, was a hero for his antiwar stance at a time when the country was torn apart by that debate.

Jordan did things with a basketball that defied the imagination and Gretzky matched him with a hockey puck. Brown dominated football as few could and walked away at the top of his game.

But as significant as they were, they are also-rans to the real athlete of the century, a man of conscience who changed the sports landscape permanently.

Jackie Robinson.

Robinson has finished far down on most of the lists, ignored for the sociological revolution he created when he became the first black man to play major league baseball in this century.

Think about the significance of that. This was not about runs, hits and errors. This was about America, forced to face up to the promise of democracy and the basic truth of the Pledge of Allegiance — "One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Robinson integrated baseball in 1947, seven years before the Supreme Court ordered the desegregation of public schools.

At UCLA, he had been a better football player, a better basketball player, and probably a better track and field man. But Robinson's baseball skills were strictly secondary in this environment. For this experiment to succeed, he had to be a better person than he was a player.

This was a man of enormous courage and conviction, a man who was subjected to vile treatment and shrugged it off because he understood the larger picture. This was a man who made America a better place, who opened opportunity to a whole segment of its society.

Imagine what it must have been like to be the only black player in the game. Think about the assignment Branch Rickey gave him — ignore the death threats, the beanballs, the attempts to spike him. Turn away from the racist taunts, even though the competitive fire inside him must have screamed at him to answer back, to strike back.

Look at the archive film of Robinson sitting by himself on the bench, his eyes darting from side to side, seeming sometimes like a deer caught in the headlights of a speeding truck. His face was drained of the joy he should have felt playing in the major leagues. In its place was the strain of a man under pressure, a man who could not afford a single misstep.

Robinson's burden was not his alone. It was the burden of an entire community of people. The torment, however, was shouldered alone.

Every day, he was faced with unspeakable challenges, forced to deal with them alone. His support system was his team, a team that included players from the Deep South, some of whom were not exactly thrilled with having him wear their uniform.

Robinson pressed on and because he did, a door was opened and a segment of American society gained a measure of equality.

So go ahead and celebrate Ruth's gusto for life, his home runs and histrionics. Pay tribute to the civil rights symbol Ali became. Sit in awe of the athletic achievements of Jordan and Gretzky and Brown.

But first, remember Robinson, a man who by his strength of character, changed everything, forever.

ESPN: Jordan, Ruth top elite list

(From 1C)

No. 8; Jack Nicklaus, No. 9; and Babe Didrikson, No. 10.

"Anyone of them could have been 1, 5, 10," Shapiro said. "It didn't matter to me. What was important is that you learn as much about the human being as the athlete."

Ruth's assault on baseball came during the Golden Age of Sports in the 1920s and '30s. Jordan was a product of a far different time in the 1980s and '90s.

"If Jordan wins, that's why he wins," Shapiro said, "because he played in the '90s with the media explosion, with satellite TV and the Internet."

Included in the Ruth profile is recently discovered archival film of the Called Shot home run in the 1932 World Series. Shapiro uses the segment to open the show.

For him, the toughest profile to do was Ali's, which aired Friday night.

"The big problem was knowing what we left on the cutting room floor," he said. "Twenty minutes on Ali is not fair. He is too complex. He went through too much."

The history series has been a labor of love for Shapiro, 29, a graduate of the University of Iowa. "Who we are is who we were," he said.

The full SportsCentury series profiling the top 50 athletes will run consecutively on ESPN2 Dec. 30-31.

Next for Shapiro is a one-hour biography series of athletes that will run on ESPN Classic Monday through Friday beginning in July.

"We might start with No. 51 through 100," he said.

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YEAR IN TEXAS SPORTS

STORY: Spurs, Stars win titles

(From 1C)

because of a neck injury.

Hakeem Olajuwon is out with a hernia and Sean Elliott is trying to battle back from a kidney transplant he received from his brother.

Two coaching icons also bowed out.

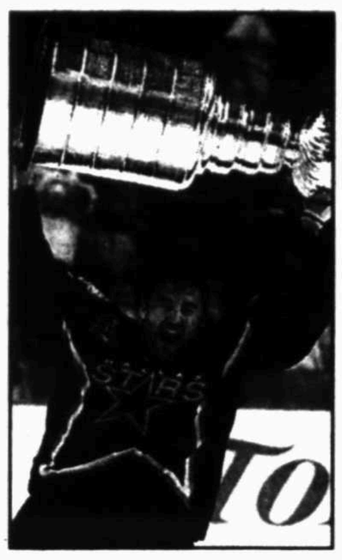
Don Haskins, the Texas-El Paso coach whose all-black starting lineup beat all-white Kentucky in the 1966 NCAA finals, walked away after 38 seasons and an induction in the Basketball Hall of Fame. Spike Dykes handed over the reins of the Texas Tech football team after 13 seasons and a school-record 82 wins.

The year ended with the troubling tale of Dallas Mavericks rookie Leon Smith, a 19-year-old who jumped from a ward of the state of Illinois to NBA millionaire. In the last month, he's attacked a friend in Dallas and an ex-girlfriend in Chicago, spent time in institutions and been in and out of police custody.

But sports is supposed to be about games — and championships.

To better understand how special 1999 was in that sense, consider that the entire decade of the '80s featured no team titles and this year had three. Better yet, the glory was spread like a Southwest Airlines route: San Antonio, Dallas and Houston.

The San Antonio Spurs won the lockout-shortened NBA season, but there's no asterisk by their title. There is one interesting footnote: they're the first ABA holdover to win an NBA crown.



AP Photos

(Left) Dallas Stars goalie El Belfour skates around with the Stanley Cup. The Stars defeated the Buffalo Sabres in last season's finals. (Right) Golfer Payne Stewart, an SMU grad, celebrates a made putt at the U.S. Open. Stewart died this year in a plane crash.

The Dallas Stars capped a tremendous regular season by winning the first Stanley Cup in franchise history. Folks in Buffalo are still crying "no goal" over the title-winning shot by Brett Hull in triple overtime of Game 6. Hull says whenever people ask him whether the goal was legal, he smiles and flashes his championship ring.

The Houston Comets, the only team ever crowned WNBA champions, won the first two with Kim Perrot as their starting point guard. They won No. 3 for No. 10, dedicating this one to her memory less than a month after she died of a rare form of cancer.

Texas teams came up short in baseball, but at least a Texan stood tall at the end.

Katy's Roger Clemens, who spurned his home-state teams by going to the New York Yankees, somewhat justified his decision with a great outing in the final game of the World Series.

The Astros and Rangers did make the playoffs for a second straight year, but both were ousted in the first round. Maybe the next century will have an I-45 World Series.

The Dallas Cowboys had a mostly forgettable 1999, starting with an embarrassing home playoff loss Jan. 2. Their current season showed early promise, but has been deflated by injuries.

The best NFL news in Texas actually came from Houston, where Bob McNair finally lassoed an expansion team.

The Texans, as they're likely to be called, cost $700 million and won't start playing until 2002, when a new stadium in the Astrodome parking lot will be ready.

Stadiums also were big news in 1999.

On opening day of the NBA season, San Antonio residents kept their franchise from leaving town by voting for a new arena. But Houstonians — tapped out after committing tax dollars to baseball and football facilities — rejected an arena for the Rockets and Comets.

The Astros' new stadium opens in a few months. The Astrodome's replacement will be called Enron Field, a name that costs the energy giant $100 million over 30 years.

In Dallas, American Airlines agreed to pay $150 million over 30 years for naming rights to the new home of the Stars and Mavericks. That building opens in 2001.

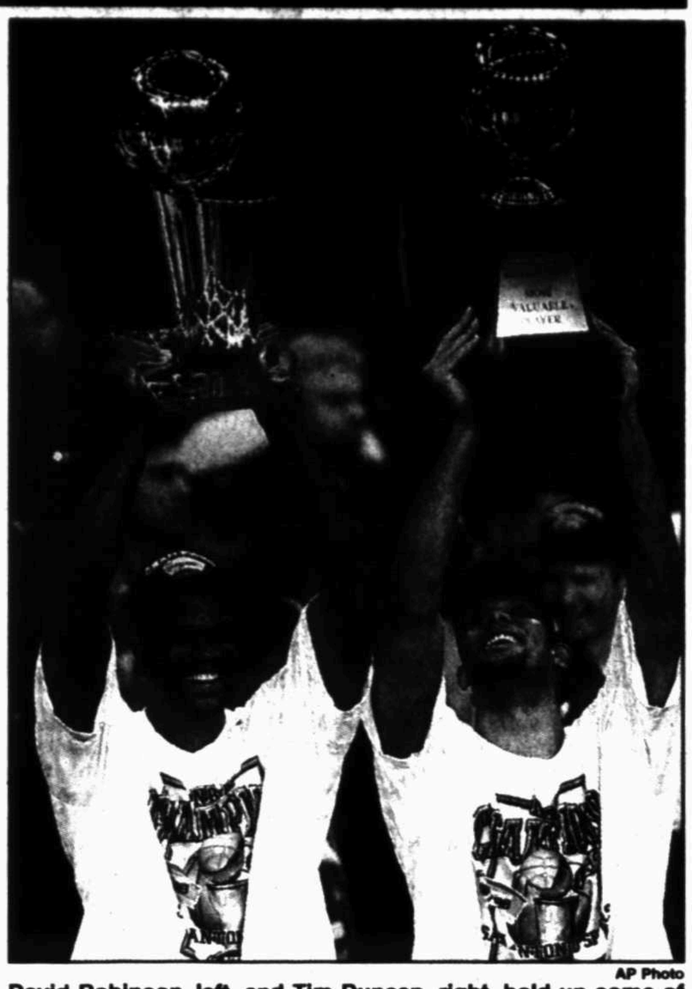
Big dollars have come to be expected in sports. Signings like Craig Biggio's recent three-year, $28 million contract that makes him the highest-paid player in Astros history barely make a ripple.

The Rockets traded for Scottie Pippen, signed him to a five-year, $67 million deal and less than 10 months later he was traded to Portland. Houston also pulled off a three-team, 11-player trade that's the largest in NBA history to get Steve Francis, the No. 2 pick in the summer draft.

The Rangers also became wheeler-dealers, sending Juan Gonzalez to Detroit in a nine-player deal after deciding they weren't going to pay him the astronomical price he wants when his contract expires after the 2000 season. A few days later, Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez was named AL MVP, an honor Gonzalez won two of the previous three years.

The Rangers and Astros shared a nice moment this summer when Nolan Ryan was inducted into the Hall of Fame. Although the strikeout and no-hit king wears a Rangers hat on his plaque, he owns the Astros' Class AA affiliate that will be starting in Round Rock in 2000.

The first major sports event of the new millennium will kick off shortly after 10 a.m. Jan. 1 when Texas plays former Southwest Conference rival Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl.



AP Photo

David Robinson, left, and Tim Duncan, right, hold up some of the hardware from the San Antonio Spurs' championship run last season. The Spurs defeated the New York Knicks to win the title.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

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

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

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

Golf...

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

Baseball...

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

Soccer...

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

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

Job vacancy...

There is an opening for the **head girls soccer coach** at Odessa High School. Must have experience in soccer and have a valid teacher's certificate to teach Social Studies. Salary is based on degree and experience, $5,760 above teaching. Medical Benefits and Life Insurance. It is a 10 1/2 month contract and all other state and local benefits will apply. Interested individuals may immediately contact or send resume to: Don Ford, Athletic Director, Ector County Independent School District (915) 334-7172. Fax: (915) 334-6711 or Jim Carson, Campus Athletic Coordinator, Odessa High School, (915) 337-6655. Fax: (915) 33-6014.

Swimming...

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

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Cost is $45 per month, $65 for a couple. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Rita Simmons at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics - **Learn to Swim year round lessons** for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

The **COM Masters Swim Team** is open to anyone 20 and over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Monday-Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Diving lessons are offered at various times. For information, call 684-7755...

The **Midland YMCA** offers year-round 30-minute swim lessons for parents and children and 45-minute lessons for youth. Private lessons are available. For more information, call Leaf Faller at 682-2551...

Midland YMCA is offering **water aerobics classes,** including Hydro-fit and Deep Water aerobics. Classes are available both morning and evening. Call Leaf Faller or Deborah Posson at 682-2551 for more information...

Basketball...

The Boys and Girls Club of Midland is offering an **After-school Youth Basketball Program** for third through sixth grades. Registration runs through Jan. 2. League play will begin the first week of January. The cost of the program will be $10 per child and a $3 membership is required. For more information, call the Huff Park Unit at 683-5297 or the Taylor Park Unit at 683-0500...

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

Tennis

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

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

The **Midland Women's Tennis Association** is beginning its spring league Feb. 1. Play will take place on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Green Tree Country Club and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15 a.m. at Midland College. A $15 fee should be sent to Jennifer Wilson at 3609 Springmont Drive, Midland, 79705. For further information, call Teresa Krisa at 687-5433. The organazation is also conducting and **Icicle Freeze Tournament** at Midland College on Jan. 25 (moved to Jan. 27 if weather interferes) from 9 a.m. to noon....

Softball...

Umpires are needed to work high school games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and Wall. For more information, call Mack at 520-5961 or Freddie at 694-5508...

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

Miscellaneous...

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

The Midland branch of the **American Escrima Wing Tsun Organization** is holding an adult self defense combat class in association with the Midland Wrestling Club. Classes will be held three times a week. For more information, call David Lesser at 687-6973 or 685-0531...

Lake Sabine is trout & true

By Robert Sloan
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT — Sabine Lake is probably the hottest trophy trout fishing venue on the entire Gulf of Mexico coast, right now. That's saying a lot. But I don't know of any other saltwater bay, anywhere in the world, that's producing double-digit trout as rapidly as Sabine.

Two bold examples of what I'm talking about are catches of giant trout that occurred earlier this month on Sabine. Sabine Lake guides Jerry Norris and Dickie Colburn went fishing and returned to the dock Dec. 9 with not one but two trout over 10 pounds each.

"I didn't have a trip booked so I went out to check on a couple of shell reefs," says Norris. "I found a reef along the Louisiana shoreline that had some bait. I was using a TopDog Jr., and found out real quick there were some big trout feeding over that shell."

The heaviest he caught that afternoon weighed 10 pounds even.

On up the Louisiana shoreline a few miles, was Dickie Colburn. He was fishing in 3 1/2 feet of water with the same brand of lure that Norris was casting - a Top Dog Jr.

"I was fishing a little flat with a shell bottom," says Colburn. "I was working the lure pretty slow when a big trout just sort of inhaled it."

That big trout weighed 10.10 pounds. It's a personal best for Colburn.

Both trout are going on the wall as trophies.

But don't get the wrong impression. Giant trout are not jumping into boats, but they do seem to be fairly numerous.

One thing that is for sure, Mirrolures Top Dog Jr. is hot as a firecracker. And the top colors seem to be bone-silver, white-silver or chartreuse-silver. Colburn's trout smacked a pattern known on the lake as a lab rat. It's actually all white with silver sides.

"I'm not sure that color is all that important," says Norris. "The main thing is to be where the fish are feeding. Right now that's shallow, along the bank over shell. Another very important factor is to key on baitfish like mullet. Big trout are going to be where mullet are numerous."

Shell and mullet. Put those two together and you're definitely in the right water. Proof of that is Kelly Rising's Sabine Lake record 11.8 pound trout caught last March. Rising says he was fishing a shallow shell reef that was loaded with mullet when he made that record catch.

If that record holds up through this spring a lot of Sabine anglers will be real surprised. It wouldn't surprise me if a state record speckled trout is caught on Sabine within the next few months. The current state record is a 13.69-pounder caught Feb. 6, 1996, on Baffin Bay.

While talking to Rising, Norris and Colburn — all experienced trout anglers on Sabine — I've picked up one very important detail. They don't move around much after they locate the water they're looking for.

Grinding is the term used to describe how these anglers are catching trophy trout.

"You basically stand in one spot and cast over and over and over till something happens," says Colburn. "You don't move around too much. If you're on the right structure the fish will eventually show up."

Basically you want to establish your territory and plant your feet for a few hours.

Recent conditions on the lake have been primo. The water is clear. Surface temperature is in the low 60s. Plenty of baitfish are moving along shallow shorelines. And the fishing for trout from five to 10.10 pounds has been excellent, providing you have the patience to stand your ground and do the grind.

Word of catching trophy trout travels fast. And right about now just about everybody from here to Mars is talking about fishing Sabine. Many are already doing so. Some of the prime wade fishing flats are loading up with "tourists" daily.

One thing to keep in mind is courtesy. It's all public water.

But the most important thing is to practice catch and release. Sure, keeping a career trout is expected. But there is no need to string a limit of huge trout. Sabine is going to be getting a huge amount of fishing traffic during the next several months. The big female trout, fish over about 5 pounds, are the lifeblood of Sabine. Do your part for conservation, practice catch and release as often as possible.

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Nike co-founder, noted track coach Bowerman dies at 88

By Richard Green
Associated Press Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Bill Bowerman, the Oregon track coach who co-founded Nike and pressed foam rubber into his wife's waffle iron to create the modern running shoe, has died. He was 88.

He died in his sleep Friday night or early Saturday in his home in Fossil, company spokesman Scott Reames said.

Bowerman helped introduce jogging to the masses with his book on the subject in 1967. He was also the U.S. track coach at the terrorist-scarred 1972 Munich Olympics.

He coached at Oregon from 1949-72, and his most famous runner there was Steve Prefontaine, the brash, mustachioed prodigy who inspired a generation of distance runners. Prefontaine died in a car crash in 1975.

Nike chairman Phil Knight was one of Bowerman's pupils and called him one of the great influences on his life. Together they formed what became a multi-billion-dollar shoe and apparel company. Bowerman retired from the Nike board of directors this year.

"He was for so many of us a hero, leader and most of all teacher," Knight said. "My sadness at his passing is beyond words."

The company announced in October that a silhouette of Bowerman in his old Tyrolean hat would appear on Nike running shoes, along with a smaller "swoosh," the company's trademark symbol.

Knight, who trained under Bowerman in the late '50s and who was later a business student at Stanford, teamed with his old coach. Their operation evolved into Nike, named for the Greek goddess of victory.

Initially, each chipped in $500 and manufactured 330 pairs of the new waffle-designed shoe that they sold for $3.30 a pair. Bowerman's team wore the shoes. Athletes around the world began wearing them, followed by public.

Bowerman created the modern running shoe in the late 1960s by fashioning a lightweight sole with leather, glue, latex and his wife's waffle iron. He experimented with different cushions and layers of material to give his runners an edge.

Bowerman called the Munich Olympics the "worst experience I've had in my entire educational and athletic life." An attack left 11 Israeli athletes dead, along with five terrorists and a West German policeman.

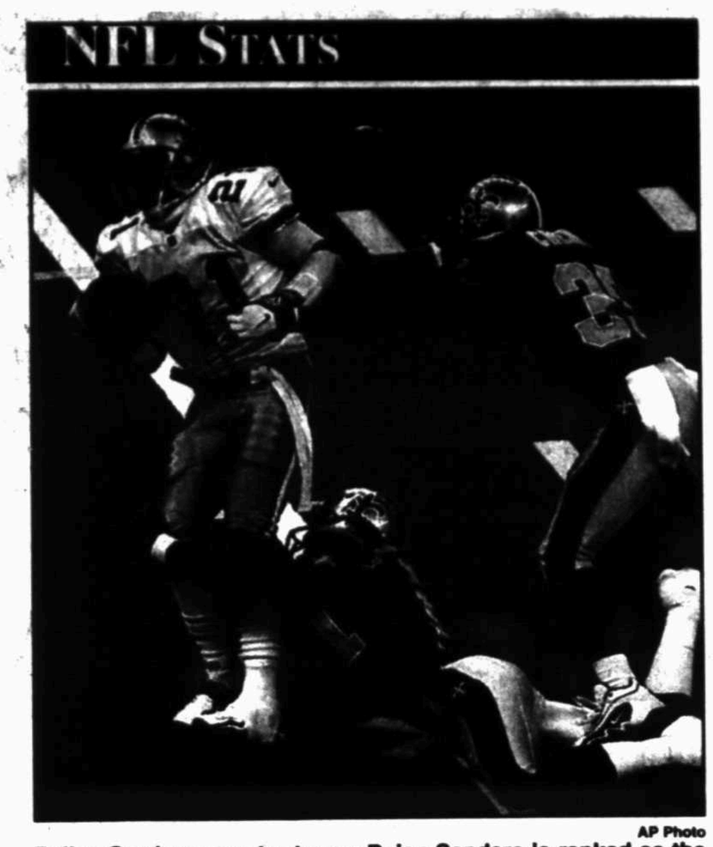
Bowerman said he had been concerned at the outset about security in the Olympic village. The security, he said, was "boys and girls probably 15 to 18 years old in Bavarian mountain uniforms."

Bowerman coached 24 NCAA individual champions and four NCAA team champions in 1962, 1964, 1965 and 1970. In 16 of 24 years, his Oregon track team finished in the top 10 in NCAA championships.

He refused to take much credit for building Oregon into a national track power. He once said his predecessor, Bill Hayward, who coached from 1904-1947, took charge at the rain-drenched school, separating the "swimmers from the sunbathers."

Bowerman, who was born in Portland, is survived by his wife, Barbara, and sons, Jon Bowerman, Jay Bowerman and Tom Bowerman.

NFL STATS



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Dallas Cowboys punt returner Deion Sanders is ranked as the second best punt returner in the NFC, according to NFC statistics through Week 15.

NFL Team Statistics

By The Associated Press
Through Week 15
TOTAL YARDAGE
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Indianapolis	5104	1496	3608
Oakland	4991	1932	3059
Jacksonville	4909	1891	3018
Cincinnati	4800	1848	2952
New England	4686	1219	3467
Denver	4679	1616	3063
Kansas City	4590	1821	2769
Buffalo	4540	1740	2800
Tennessee	4477	1523	2954
Seattle	4272	1315	2957
Baltimore	4154	1505	2649
Pittsburgh	4148	1642	2506
Miami	4127	1234	2893
New York Jets	4083	1683	2400
San Diego	3870	1003	2867
Cleveland	3448	1009	2439

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Buffalo	3594	1168	2426
Jacksonville	3622	1186	2436
Baltimore	3830	1089	2741
Miami	3844	1270	2574
Denver	4102	1511	2591
Oakland	4109	1321	2788
New England	4121	1508	2613
Pittsburgh	4166	1699	2467
Kansas City	4364	1391	2973
San Diego	4376	1231	3145
Indianapolis	4488	1442	3046
Tennessee	4575	1356	3219
New York Jets	4691	1570	3121
Seattle	4745	1685	3060
Cincinnati	4746	1434	3312
Cleveland	5650	2616	3034

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
St. Louis	5496	1743	3753
Washington	5184	1877	3307
Minnesota	5036	1493	3543
Carolina	4956	1339	3617
Chicago	4832	1247	3585
Green Bay	4693	1331	3362
San Francisco	4456	1702	2754
New York Giants	4403	1260	3143
Dallas	4373	1780	2593
Detroit	4355	1197	3158
New Orleans	4338	1524	2814
Atlanta	3806	1005	2801
Tampa Bay	3662	1509	2153
Philadelphia	3623	1695	1928
Arizona	3257	1050	2207

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Tampa Bay	3780	1324	2456
St. Louis	4057	1069	2988
Dallas	4150	1309	2841
New York Giants	4166	1237	2929
Atlanta	4428	1852	2576
Detroit	4543	1190	3353
Arizona	4554	1926	2628
Green Bay	4571	1600	2971
New Orleans	4595	1585	3010
Philadelphia	5022	1800	3222
San Francisco	4833	1525	3308
Carolina	4875	1582	3293
Washington	4898	1604	3294
Chicago	4910	1624	3286
Minnesota	4943	1525	3418

AVERAGE PER GAME
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Indianapolis	364.6	106.9	257.7
Oakland	356.5	138.0	218.5
Jacksonville	350.6	135.1	215.6
Cincinnati	342.9	132.0	210.9
New England	334.7	87.1	247.6
Denver	334.2	115.4	218.8
Kansas City	327.9	130.1	197.8
Buffalo	324.3	124.3	200.0
Tennessee	319.8	108.8	211.0
Seattle	305.1	93.9	211.2
Baltimore	296.7	107.5	189.2
Pittsburgh	296.3	117.3	179.0
Miami	294.8	88.1	206.6
New York Jets	291.6	120.2	171.4
San Diego	276.4	71.6	204.8
Cleveland	229.9	67.3	162.6

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Buffalo	256.7	83.4	173.3
Jacksonville	258.7	84.7	174.0
Baltimore	273.6	77.8	195.8
Miami	274.6	90.7	183.9
Denver	293.0	107.9	185.1
Oakland	293.5	94.4	199.1
New England	294.4	107.7	186.6
Pittsburgh	297.6	121.4	176.2
Kansas City	311.7	99.4	212.4
San Diego	312.6	87.9	224.6
Indianapolis	320.6	103.0	217.6
Tennessee	326.8	96.9	229.9
New York Jets	335.1	112.1	222.9
Seattle	338.9	120.4	218.6
Cincinnati	339.0	102.4	236.6
Cleveland	376.7	174.4	202.3

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE
OFFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
St. Louis	392.6	124.5	268.1
Washington	370.3	134.1	236.2
Minnesota	359.7	106.6	253.1
Carolina	354.0	95.6	258.4
Chicago	345.1	89.1	256.1
Green Bay	335.2	95.1	240.1
San Francisco	318.3	121.6	196.7
New York Giants	314.5	90.0	224.5
Dallas	312.4	127.1	185.2
Detroit	311.1	85.5	225.6
New Orleans	309.9	108.9	201.0
Atlanta	271.9	71.8	200.1
Tampa Bay	261.6	107.8	153.8
Philadelphia	241.5	113.0	128.5
Arizona	232.6	75.0	157.6

DEFENSE

	Yards	Rush	Pass
Tampa Bay	270.0	94.6	175.4
St. Louis	289.8	76.4	213.4
Dallas	296.4	93.5	202.9
New York Giants	297.6	88.4	209.2
Atlanta	316.3	132.3	184.0
Detroit	324.5	85.0	239.5
Arizona	325.3	137.6	187.7
Green Bay	326.5	114.3	212.2
New Orleans	328.2	113.2	215.0
Philadelphia	334.8	120.0	214.8
San Francisco	345.2	108.9	236.3
Carolina	348.2	113.0	235.2
Washington	349.9	114.6	235.3
Chicago	350.7	116.0	234.7
Minnesota	353.1	108.9	244.1

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Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, Ind.	461	286	3696	26	15
Gannon, Oak.	435	263	3250	20	11
Lucas, NY-J	223	135	1277	11	4
Banks, Bal.	261	136	1786	16	6
Blake, Cin.	329	182	2342	16	8
Brunell, Jac.	430	255	2965	14	8
Grbac, K.C.	418	252	2892	17	12
Kitna, Sea.	420	231	2893	21	14
Bledsoe, N.E.	493	280	3776	18	20
Griese, Den.	376	216	2650	13	13

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
James, Ind.	323	1400	4.3	72	10
Martin, NY-J	313	1234	3.9	36t	3
Dillon, Cin.	253	1173	4.6	50	5
E. George, Ten.	286	1170	4.1	40	9
Watters, Sea.	298	1117	3.7	45	5
Gary, Den.	229	936	4.1	71	6
Bettis, Pit.	251	893	3.6	35	5
J. Stewart, Jac.	240	889	3.7	44t	13
Wheatley, Oak.	213	837	3.9	30t	7
Rhett, Bal.	222	802	3.6	52t	5

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
J. Smith, Jac.	98	1367	13.9	57	6
Harrison, Ind.	97	1474	15.2	57t	12
K. Johnson, NY-J	83	1121	13.5	65	7
Brown, Oak.	81	1113	13.7	45t	6
Glenn, N.E.	69	1147	16.6	67	4
McCardell, Jac.	67	761	11.4	49	4
R. Smith, Den.	66	890	13.5	71	4
Johnson, Cle.	64	957	15.0	64t	8
Martin, Mia.	61	935	15.3	69t	4
Scott, Cin.	61	918	15.0	76t	7
Gonzalez, K.C.	61	707	11.6	73t	10

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Rouen, Den.	71	3288	65	46.3
Tupa, NY-J	74	3356	69	45.4
Miller, Pit.	77	3473	75	45.1
Gardocki, Cle.	100	4386	61	43.9
Smith, Ind.	49	2120	61	43.3
Bennett, S.D.	80	3459	60	43.2
Hentrich, Ten.	80	3399	65	42.5
Richardson, Bal.	93	3938	63	42.3
L. Johnson, N.E.	77	3260	58	42.3
Pope, K.C.	86	3632	64	42.2

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
C. Rogers, Sea.	20	302	15.1	94t	1
Jacquet, Mia.	25	338	13.5	45	0
Vanover, K.C.	41	481	11.7	80t	1
Barlow, Jac.	35	384	11.0	74t	1
K. Williams, Buf.	31	327	10.5	27	0
Gordon, Oak.	36	344	9.6	78	0
Brown, N.E.	32	304	9.5	32	0
Edwards, Pit.	24	224	9.3	48	0
Mason, Ten.	23	209	9.1	65t	1
Wilkins, Ind.	36	327	9.1	39t	1

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Mack, Cin.	42	1159	27.6	99t	1
Stone, NY-J	25	633	25.3	50	0
Marion, Mia.	53	1300	24.5	93	0
Faulk, N.E.	39	943	24.2	95	0
Watson, Den.	45	1068	23.7	71	0
Wilkins, Ind.	41	969	23.6	97t	1
Green, Sea.	33	773	23.4	54	0
Harris, Bal.	35	787	22.5	66	0
Powell, Cle.	44	986	22.4	43	0
Glenn, NY-J	22	480	21.8	46	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
James, Ind.	14	10	4	0	84
E. George, Ten.	13	9	4	0	78
J. Stewart, Jac.	13	13	0	0	78
Harrison, Ind.	12	0	12	0	74
Gonzalez, K.C.	10	0	10	0	60
Mayes, Sea.	9	0	9	0	54
Wheatley, Oak.	9	7	2	0	54
Dawson, Cle.	1	1	0	0	49
Allen, N.E.	8	7	1	0	48
Bennett, K.C.	8	8	0	0	48
Dudley, Oak.	8	0	8	0	48
Johnson, Cle.	8	0	8	0	48
McNair, Ten.	8	8	0	0	48

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Mare, Mia.	22-22	37-43	54	133
Vanderjagt, Ind.	41-41	29-33	53	128
Hollis, Jac.	32-32	30-35	50	122
Peterson, Sea.	30-30	28-34	51	114
Elam, Den.	27-27	26-33	55	105
Carney, S.D.	20-20	26-30	50	98
Stoyanovich, K.C.	38-38	20-26	51	98
Stover, Bal.	31-31	22-27	50	97
K. Brown, Pit.	23-24	24-28	51	95
Vinatieri, N.E.	26-27	23-27	46	95

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Quarterbacks

	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Warner, St.L	441	289	3878	36	10
George, Min.	284	167	2356	22	8
Beuerlein, Car.	495	303	3851	29	14
B. Johnson, Was.	461	277	3459	22	12
Frerotte, Det.	266	161	1937	8	6
Batch, Det.	206	113	1529	11	7
Matthews, Chi.	236	144	1379	8	5
Cunningham, Min.	200	124	1475	8	9
Aikman, Dal.	371	217	2430	13	10
Chandler, Atl.	247	141	1803	12	11

Rushers

	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Davis, Was.	290	1405	4.8	76t	17
Faulk, St.L	237	1248	5.3	58	6
Staley, Phi.	307	1229	4.0	29	4
E. Smith, Dal.	284	1165	4.1	63t	10
Garner, S.F.	216	1071	5.0	53	3
Enis, Chi.	280	895	3.2	19	3
Levens, G.B.	245	884	3.6	32	5
Ri. Williams, N.O.	216	816	3.8	25	2
Alstott, T.B.	201	806	4.0	30	4
Smith, Min.	183	772	4.2	30	0

Receivers

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Muhammad, Car.	86	1163	13.5	60t	7
Carter, Min.	82	1058	12.9	68	12
Bruce, St.L	73	1120	15.3	60	11
Moss, Min.	72	1214	16.9	61t	10
Mathis, Atl.	72	906	12.6	52	4
Faulk, St.L	72	817	11.3	57t	3
Engram, Chi.	72	772	10.7	56	2
M. Robinson, Chi.	71	1223	17.2	80t	9
Ismail, Dal.	70	1007	14.4	76t	5
Crowell, Det.	68	1123	16.5	77t	7
Toomer, NY-G	68	1049	15.4	80t	6
Freeman, G.B.	68	956	14.1	51	6

Punters

	No	Yds	LG	Avg
Berger, Min.	56	2559	75	45.7
Gowin, Dal.	74	3203	64	43.3
Royals, T.B.	79	3416	56	43.2
Landeta, Phi.	100	4198	60	42.0
Player, Ariz.	88	3685	60	41.9
Jett, Det.	74	3081	62	41.6
Maynard, NY-G	82	3379	63	41.2
M. Turk, Was.	51	2091	57	41.0
Stanley, S.F.	60	2407	70	40.1
Aguiar, G.B.	66	2647	64	40.1

Punt Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Milburn, Chi.	25	307	12.3	54	0
Sanders, Dal.	28	337	12.0	76	1
Barber, NY-G	41	491	12.0	85t	1
Cody, Ariz.	30	356	11.9	31	0
Hakim, St.L	40	433	10.8	84t	1
Rossum, Phi.	25	225	9.0	39	0
Green, T.B.	23	204	8.9	31	0
Mitchell, Was.	38	318	8.4	33	0
Uwaezuoke, Det.	18	150	8.3	20	0
Kennison, N.O.	31	232	7.5	18	0

Kickoff Returners

	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Horne, St.L	24	744	31.0	101t	2
Tate, Min.	20	509	25.5	76t	1
Bates, Ariz.	42	1046	24.9	68	0
Rossum, Phi.	49	1194	24.4	89t	1
Bates, Car.	44	1067	24.3	100t	1
Milburn, Chi.	54	1278	23.7	93	0
Palmer, Min.	27	621	23.0	51	0
Philyaw, N.O.	42	965	23.0	55	0
Mathis, Dal.	18	406	22.7	37	0
Fair, Det.	34	752	22.1	91	0

Scoring
Touchdowns

	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	Pts
Davis, Was.	17	17	0	0	104
Carter, Min.	12	0	12	0	72
E. Smith, Dal.	12	10	2	0	72
Bruce, St.L	11	0	11	0	66
Moss, Min.	11	0	10	1	66
Walls, Car.	10	0	10	0	60
Faulk, St.L	9	6	3	0	56
Hakim, St.L	9	0	8	1	54
M. Robinson, Chi.	9	0	9	0	54
Westbrook, Was.	8	0	8	0	50

Kicking

	PAT	FG	LG	Pts
Wilkins, St.L	56-56	17-24	51	107
Conway, Was.	44-45	20-29	51	104
Longwell, G.B.	30-30	24-29	50	102
Hanson, Det.	25-26	25-30	52	100
Kasay, Car.	33-33	22-25	52	99
Anderson, Min.	39-39	18-28	42	93
Gramatica, T.B.	21-21	22-26	53	87
Brien, N.O.	15-16	23-28	52	84
Richey, S.F.	25-26	19-21	52	82
Cnnnghm, Dl.-Cr.	36-36	14-24	47	78

Devotion helps Cowboys DL Spellman defeat his demons

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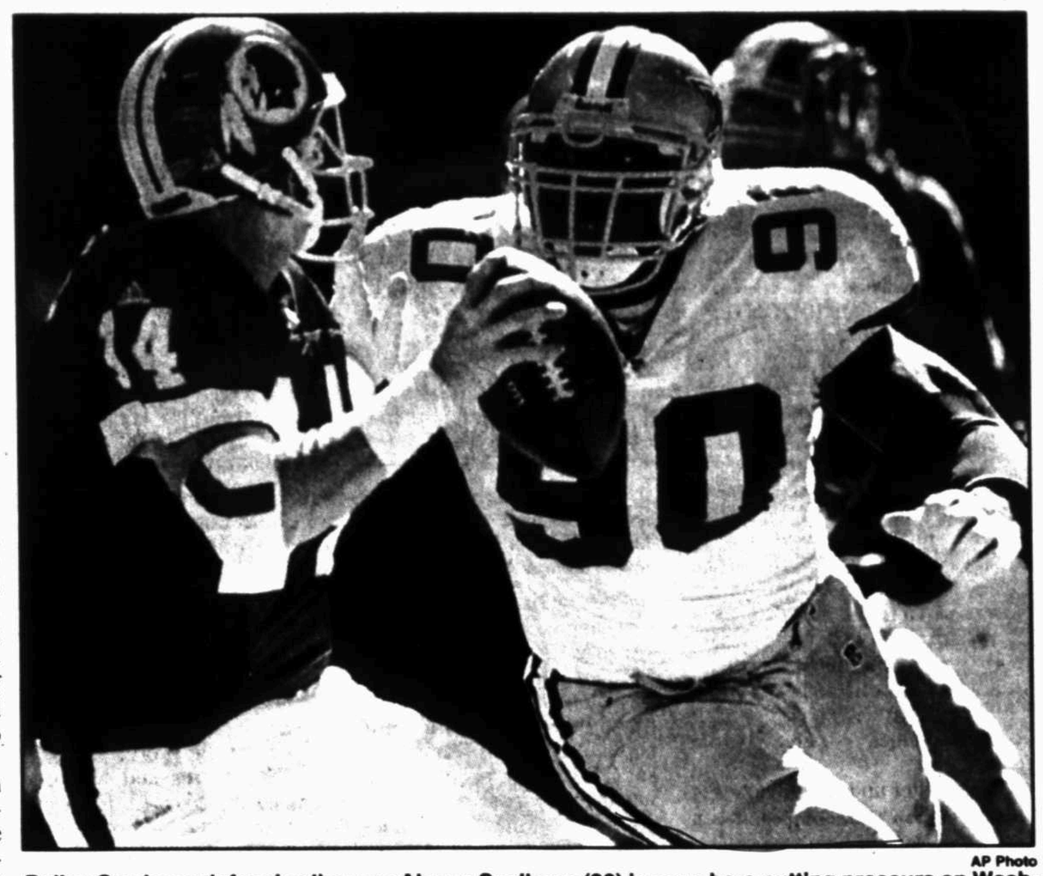

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Dallas Cowboys defensive lineman Alonzo Spellman (90) is seen here putting pressure on Washington Redskins quarterback Brad Johnson (14) during the fourth quarter of Dallas' 38-20 win earlier this season. Spellman has had a remarkable turnaround this year for the Cowboys.

IRVING — Alonzo Spellman sits on a bench at his cubicle in the Cowboys locker room, tilting his knees together to balance a plate of food on his lap.

Then the hulking defensive lineman drops his chin toward his chest, shuts his eyes and prays in silence. He's motionless for 30 seconds. Forty-five. More than a minute passes and he's still frozen in prayer.

The serene scene is a far cry from the wild-man reputation Spellman brought to Dallas.

The transformation from reckless to religious changed Spellman's life and probably saved it. With his demons under control, he returned to football this summer after a 19-month layoff and has been playing as well as ever.

But when Spellman signed with the Cowboys, he was infamously known for a series of bizarre episodes in 1998 that led to his release by the Chicago Bears.

His downfall began that March when he refused to leave his publicist's house for eight hours. The next day, he kicked down a hospital door and walked barefoot into a frigid Chicago afternoon wearing only a thin white gown.

Two months later, Detroit police used pepper spray to subdue him after he went out of control while breaking up a fight between two female companions. Three months after that, police found him sleeping in his car — parked in the fast lane of a highway.

Spellman knew his life was spinning out of control, but he felt helpless. Even being diagnosed and treated for bipolar disorder, a mental illness that triggers erratic behavior and depression, couldn't pull him out of it.

"I tried everything I could to make things better for me," said Spellman, declining to give specifics. "And none of it worked."

After losing his job, Spellman broke up with his wife and was evicted from his suburban Chicago house. With his life sliding away, Spellman decided it was time to return to his faith.

He was baptized at 3 months and raised a devout Christian. He faded from the church while attending Ohio State, and drifted even more after the Bears made him a first-round pick in 1992.

The 6-foot-4, 292-pound Spellman abandoned the family-oriented, Christian lifestyle that led him to success in the first place. He loaded up on expensive clothes and fancy shoes, size 18. He drove fast cars and fathered three children out of wedlock.

"I starting thinking it was more about me than it was about God," Spellman said. "He had to chop me back down to size."

Realizing he'd made a mistake, Spellman asked for forgiveness.

Every day for six months he got on his hands and knees and prayed.

He doesn't remember the exact date of what he calls his "delivery," but it was around late May or early June. He remembers everything else about it.

"I was by myself. I had put on a tape and was listening to the music and looking at some pictures of my family," Spellman said, his deep voice becoming softer.

"Then, the Lord walked into my heart. I felt the Holy Spirit all over me. I broke down and starting crying. I fell to my knees and prayed to him and repented."

Spellman and his agent, Leigh Steinberg, had agreed that his football career would have to wait until his life was in order.

By July, he was ready.

The Cowboys, a team accustomed to players with off-field problems, had been interested in Spellman for months. He was interested in them because of the counseling department run by Calvin Hill that helps players deal with personal crises.

The Cowboys also had Deion Sanders.

Sanders first reached out to Spellman after seeing news reports of his problems. The pair were barely acquainted, but Sanders had recently gone through a religious awakening of his own and thought Spellman could use some spiritual guidance, too.

"We had an automatic bond," Sanders said. "It was something special that we've shared because both of us had struggled with the verge of suicide on our minds. I wanted to be there for him and he's been there for me, too."

Sanders was the one who first urged the Cowboys to talk to Spellman. The players remained in contact and Sanders encouraged Spellman to resurrect his career.

"He made the transition so much easier," Spellman said. "Having that spiritual outlet to link into was a huge plus."

Spellman signed a one-year contract for the veteran minimum of $400,000 and reported to training camp July 30. A month later, coaches moved him from end, his lifelong position, to tackle, where they needed someone while Leon Lett was suspended.

The move isn't easy for many players. It was even more difficult for a guy who'd been away from football for 1 1/2 years.

But Spellman adapted quickly and worked hard. He did so well that he's remained the starter even though Lett is back.

And he's still improving.

Against Philadelphia earlier this month, he chased quarterback Donovan McNabb all over the backfield, setting up several sacks, including one of his own. He also pried the ball away once in Dallas' 20-10 victory.

Against the Jets last weekend, Spellman forced quarterback Ray Lucas to change his throwing motion twice on one play, first by blocking Lucas' view with his upraised arms, then by running Lucas out of the pocket.

"He's been an outstanding asset to the team on the field and off," said Chad Hennings, Dallas' other starting tackle. "His whole demeanor, the character he's shown here, has been nothing short of outstanding."

There's been no talk of a new contract for Spellman, but he probably won't go anywhere.

"We will certainly remember who was there when Alonzo needed them," Steinberg said.

Spellman has only recently opened up about his saga, although there are some aspects he declines to discuss.

He realizes that many people will be inspired by his story, especially those afflicted with bipolar disorder. But he's not interested in being a poster child for causes. He believes the only people who can truly understand what he's overcome are other professional athletes.

"I'm not a role model to tell people to do it this way or do it that way," he said. "All I know is that I prayed and it happened."

The only message Spellman wants to send is that he didn't do it alone.

"No one can ever say it wasn't God who touched my life and changed it because only God could have done that," he said. "No human person could've done that. That had nothing to do with Alonzo Spellman. Believe me.

"I thank God every day for doing that. I really do. I thank him even more that he did it at 28 instead of 38."

Gary leads Broncos over Lions

By Harry Atkins
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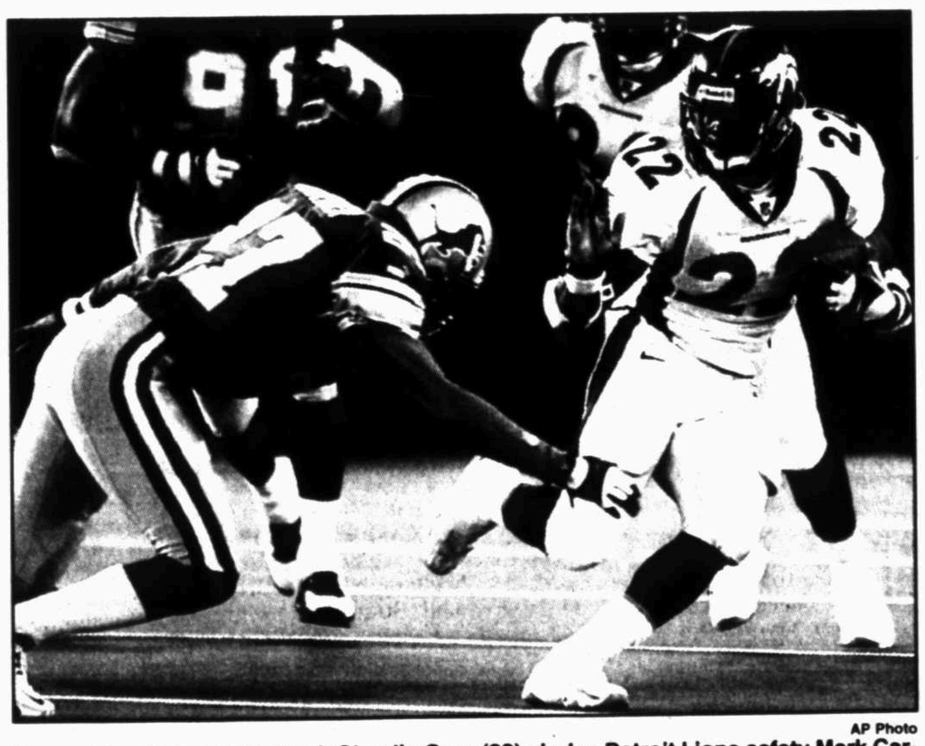

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Denver Broncos running back Olandis Gary (22) eludes Detroit Lions safety Mark Carrier (27) for a 22-yard gain during their game on Saturday. The Broncos won 17-7.

PONTIAC, Mich. — Olandis Gary. Rhymes with Barry. And on Christmas Day, the Denver rookie ran a little like the now-retired Barry Sanders, too.

Much to the chagrin of the sagging Detroit Lions, whose playoff hopes took another hit.

Gary rushed for 185 yards, all but 11 in the second half, to lead the Broncos to a 17-7 victory, extending Detroit's losing streak to three games.

"In the first half, I think we were just warming up," said Gary, who switched to bigger shoes at halftime. "Our offensive line blocked well for me today. We came out in the second half and played Broncos football."

The Lions, meanwhile, came out flat, drawing the wrath of coach Bobby Ross.

"There's just not the competitive fire and spark that I would want to see from our ballclub at this stage," Ross said. "We have some weaknesses, but that's not the point.

"You overcome those things with fire and intensity, and I just don't like it."

The Lions (8-7) might still earn a wild-card spot in the weak NFC if they win their final game next week at Minnesota. But that's a big if for this team, which has lost five of seven since a 6-2 start.

"It seems like we only play well if our backs are against the wall," wide receiver Johnnie Morton said. "That might be the only positive in this.

"It seemed like every play, someone wasn't there. It wasn't 10 guys screwing up on one play, it was a different guy screwing up on 10 plays."

Gary, who rushed for 183 yards a week ago in an overtime victory over Seattle, scored on a nifty 45-yard run for the Broncos (6-9).

"He was awesome," tight end Byron Chamberlain said. "He kind of started off slow. He kept running hard, kept hitting the holes hard, and sooner or later, it seemed like those guys didn't even want to tackle him."

Just like a guy named Sanders used to do it for Detroit, right?

"I don't know about that," Gary said. "Barry's a great guy. I'm just glad he didn't play today, because things would have turned out a little different."

Batch, making his first start since fracturing his right thumb in a Nov. 7 game against St. Louis, looked rusty, completing 21 of 40 passes for 267 yards. There were some drops, but Batch was largely ineffective until late in the game, when he capped an 80-yard drive with a 13-yard touchdown toss to Herman Moore with 1:56 remaining.

"It wasn't because of the injury," Batch said. "I have no answers."

Detroit's rally was too little and far too late. The Broncos broke a scoreless tie by scoring on their first three possessions of the second half, building a lead the struggling Lions could do nothing about.

Jason Elam's 32-yard field goal gave Denver a 10-0 lead and Brian Griese, who completed 22 of 30 passes for 171 yards with one interception, threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Dwayne Carswell early in the fourth quarter.

Detroit's run defense, fifth in the NFL, shut down Gary in the first half. But he more than made up for it, blistering the Lions for 134 yards in the third quarter alone.

The Broncos needed just two plays to snap the 0-0 tie.

On the first play of the third quarter, Griese hooked up with Ed McCaffrey for 17 yards. Another 15 yards were tacked on after Ron Rice was flagged for hitting McCaffrey in the head while he was down.

That gave Denver the ball on the Lions 45. Gary broke off left tackle, made a nice move to evade a tackler at the 10 and slanted over the goal line for a 7-0 lead.

NFL PREVIEW

Jacksonville takes on Tennessee, needs win over Cincinnati more

By Dave Goldberg
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Sunday's game in Nashville looks huge for the Jacksonville Jaguars, who still need to wrap up home-field advantage for the AFC playoffs and want to prove their 13-1 record isn't the result of a weak schedule.

Yes, if the Jaguars beat the Titans, it will be their first victory over a team with a winning record, although it's not their fault the Jets, 49ers, Falcons and Broncos all collapsed this season.

But the most important game — win or lose against the Titans — might be their regular-season finale in Jacksonville on Jan. 2 against 4-11 Cincinnati.

Here's why:

The Jaguars lead Tennessee by two games in the AFC Central and would have to lose to the Titans and then to Cincinnati to squander that lead. But they lead Indianapolis (12-2) in the race for home field throughout the AFC playoffs by just one game.

If Jacksonville loses Sunday to Tennessee (11-3) and beats the Bengals, the tiebreaker — if Indianapolis also finishes 14-2 — is point differential in the AFC, and the Jags currently hold a 49-point advantage.

But if the Jaguars beat the Titans and lose to the Bengals, and the Colts win their last two games, the tiebreaker becomes common opponents. A loss to Cincinnati would make the Jags 4-1 and the Colts 4-0 in that category, and the Colts would get the home field.

The Titans, who have clinched a wild-card spot, don't win big. Six of their games have been decided in the final two minutes, and five have been comeback wins.

"It's all about going out every Sunday and finding a way to win," said 38-year-old guard Bruce Matthews, who was chosen for his 12th Pro Bowl this week. "That's what I like about this team. It hasn't been the best or the prettiest football, but we found a way to win 11 times."

Jacksonville, on the other hand, seems to get nervous whenever it doesn't blow out its opponent. Coach Tom Coughlin was seriously disappointed after the 24-14 win in Cleveland last week.

Now he's trying to build incentive to beat the Titans.

"What we're trying to accomplish is to come out like a team that's hot, on fire, getting it going," said linebacker Lonnie Marts said. "It's got to start somewhere. We wanted it to start against Cleveland and it didn't."

Maybe they'll start against Tennessee. They just have to keep it going against Cincinnati,

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The playoff picture this week is not as complicated as it seems.

Washington can clinch an NFC spot by winning, and most of the other teams in contention can make the playoffs simply by winning their last two games — although Tampa Bay needs to win and have the Vikings and Lions lose.

Minnesota, Detroit, and the New York Giants can make it if they win out, because there are several games left between those teams, such as Sunday's contest between the Vikings and Giants.

The weekend started Friday with New Orleans (3-12) beating Dallas 31-24, dealing the playoff hopes of the Cowboys (7-8) a severe blow. Jake Delhomme, playing in his first NFL game, passed for two touchdowns and ran for one while completing 16-of-27 for 278 yards.

Kansas City (9-5) at Seattle (8-6)

Despite a four-game losing streak that has cost them a seemingly impregnable three-game lead in the AFC West, the Seahawks will control the division if they beat the Chiefs in the Kingdome. That's because their last victory was a 31-19 win in Kansas City on Nov. 21.

So if Seattle wins, it gets the tiebreaker and can clinch the division with a win over the Jets at the Meadowlands the final week.

The Chiefs will clinch the division if they win. They have four straight victories since their loss to Seattle, primarily because they lead the NFL with an almost unreal plus-23 turnover differential.

Mike Holmgren is taking the Seahawks' skid like the schoolteacher he used to be.

"This whole stretch will be a huge lesson for our team," he says. "If the lesson doesn't take place this season, then it's got to be next season."

Green Bay (7-7) at Tampa Bay (9-5)

Tampa Bay, whose six-game winning streak ended last week in a 45-0 blowout in Oakland, can just about clinch a playoff spot with a win here.

"I'm confident we can come back," coach Tony Dungy said after the Bucs' most lopsided loss in their largely undistinguished history.

The Packers can't be sure of the playoffs even if they win twice; their last game is at home to Arizona. Their problems have been an off year by Brett Favre, in part because of his injured thumb, a shaky offensive line and a young secondary.

Minnesota (8-6) at New York Giants (7-7)

The last time these two played was two seasons ago in the Meadowlands, when the Vikings overcame a 22-13 deficit in the final two minutes to beat the Giants in a first-round playoff game. This one is like the playoffs — the winner needs to win only one more game and its in the postseason, the loser (particularly if its the Giants) will have problems.

But New York needs no help if it wins, because it plays in Dallas the final week and has already beaten the Cowboys.

New York Jets (6-8) at Miami (9-5) (Monday night) Buffalo (9-5) at New England (7-7)

The Dolphins, who broke a three-game losing streak with an ugly 12-9 win over San Diego, need only a win and a Seattle loss to make the playoffs. But the Dolphins lost 28-20 to the Jets in the Meadowlands two weeks ago.

New York also won in Dallas last week and Bill Parcells was clearly upbeat about his team's new role as a spoiler. The Jets are 4-2 since Ray Lucas took over at quarterback for Rick Mirer, with all four wins against contenders.

The game in Foxboro was supposed to be big for both teams, but the Patriots were eliminated in Philadelphia last week, their fifth loss in six games. The Bills, on the other hand, can make the playoffs with a win here and a loss by either Miami or Seattle.

Indianapolis (12-2) at Cleveland (2-13)

Several notable things.

The Colts, who clinched the AFC East title last week, can set a record for one-season turnaround — 10 games, from a 3-13 mark last season. They're also alive for home-field advantage in the AFC if Jacksonville cooperates.

This is the last game of their first season for the Browns, who won't have Tim Couch. Ty Detmer starts instead.

Washington (8-6) at San Francisco (4-10)

The Redskins can delight Dan (The Fan) Snyder and take some of the heat off Norv Turner with a win because they will clinch the NFC East.

The omens are good for the Redskins: Washington's strength is offense and the 49ers have allowed 40 points or more in five games this season.

Carolina (7-7) at Pittsburgh (5-9)

The Panthers have won four of five and five of seven behind improbable Pro Bowler Steve Beuerlein to get back into playoff contention. But they don't play any of the other NFC contenders, so they need to win this game and beat New Orleans at home next week, and get help from elsewhere.

The Steelers are playing out the string as Bill Cowher, who says he won't go elsewhere, begins to plan for next season.

Arizona (6-8) at Atlanta (3-11) Chicago (6-8) at St. Louis (12-2)

The Bears, probably the feistiest team in the league, remain alive for a wild card, although they need considerable help. So do the Cardinals, who have damaged themselves with two straight losses.

Chicago's likely to have problems. The Rams have clinched home field in the NFC, but they're 7-0 at home, where they win by an average of 25 points and want to keep playoff momentum going.

Cincinnati (4-10) at Baltimore (7-7) Oakland (7-7) at San Diego (6-8)

The Raiders and Ravens are on the fringe of AFC contention, but both need to win twice and get a lot of help. Baltimore has won four of five to get there with the unlikely pass-catch combo of Tony Banks and Qadry Ismail.

Cincinnati has some incentive, too. The Bengals have won three straight and a victory would give them their first four-game streak since 1989.

Oakland stayed alive with its 45-0 rout of Tampa Bay last week. The Chargers were eliminated when John Carney's potential game-tying field goal hit the left upright in Miami.

Today's Games

A look at the matchups for Week 16 in the National Football League (times CST):

ARIZONA (6-8) AT ATLANTA (3-11)
TIME, TV — noon, FOX
OPENING LINE — Falcons by 2.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Cardinals 6-8; Falcons 5-9.
SERIES RECORD — Cardinals lead 13-6.
LAST TIME MET — Cardinals beat Falcons 29-26 on Dec. 21, 1997 at Arizona.
LAST WEEK — Cardinals lost to Bills 31-21. Falcons lost to Titans 30-17.
CARDINALS OFFENSE — RUSH (28), PASS (29), OVERALL (30)
Gained just 178 total yards. 232.6 per game is worst in NFC. QB Jake Plummer was 11-for-29 for 119 yards, with 1 TD vs. 2 INTs. WR Frank Sanders had 5 catches for 57 yards. WR Rob Moore had 2 catches for 38 yards and 1 TD. RB Mario Bates had 2 TDs rushing. 75 yards rushing per game is second worst in NFC. Had the ball for only 6:58 in second half.
FALCONS OFFENSE — RUSH (29), PASS (20), OVERALL (27)
Had 282 net yards passing. Had been averaging 193.8 per game. QB Danny Kanell was 18-for-29 for 237 yards with 2 TDs before leaving in third quarter with sprained knee ligament, ending his season. WR Jammi German had 2 TD catches. WR Terance Mathis had 5 catches for 79 yards. WR Eugene Baker had 5 catches for 66 yards. C Robbie Tobeck (quadricep) is doubtful.
CARDINALS DEFENSE — RUSH (30), PASS (9), OVERALL (18)
Allowed 159 yards rushing. Yielding 137.6 per game, worst in NFC. Allowed 3 TDs in 4 red zone attempts. LB Ronald McKinnon had 8 tackles and 7 assists. CB Tom Knight had 7 tackles and 1 INT. LB Rob Fredrickson had 8 tackles and 2 assists. DE Thomas Burke and S Kwamie Lassiter each had 5 tackles. DE Simeon Rice and LB Patrick Sapp each had 1 sack. S Tommy Bennett had 1 INT.
FALCONS DEFENSE — RUSH (29), PASS (8), OVERALL (15)
Allowed 399 total yards. Had been allowing 309.9 per game. S Eugene Robinson and LB Jessie Tuggle had 6 tackles. DT Shane Dronett had 3 tackles and 1 sack. DT Ed Jasper had 4 tackles. DT Travis Hall had 1 sack and 1 forced fumble. DE Lester Archambeau (ankle) is doubtful.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Cardinals KR Bates had 129 yards on 6 returns. His 24.9 return average is third in NFC. Falcons K Morten Andersen had a 32-yard FG. P Dan Stryzinski averaged 42.3 yards on 4 punts.
KEY MATCHUP — CB Williams vs. WR Mathis.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Williams is lone Cardinals player going to the Pro Bowl. ... Sanders leads NFC with 27 third-down receptions. He needs 7 catches for third straight 70-catch season. ... Cardinals pass defense allows 187.7 yards per game, third in NFC. ... Rice has 4 1/2 sacks in last 4 games and his 14 1/2 sacks is second in NFL. ... Mathis needs 7 catches for second-best receiving season. He ranks second in NFC with 26 third-down catches. ... Falcons DE Chuck Smith needs 1 sack for third career 10-sack season. ... Stryzinski has allowed NFL-low 102 return yards on 75 punts.

BUFFALO (9-5) AT NEW ENGLAND (7-7)
TIme, TV — noon, CBS
OPENING LINE — Bills by 3.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Bills 7-7; Patriots 5-8.
SERIES RECORD — Patriots lead 40-37-1.
LAST TIME MET — Bills beat Patriots 17-7 on Nov. 28 at Buffalo.
LAST WEEK — Bills beat Cardinals 31-21. Patriots lost to Eagles 24-9.
BILLS OFFENSE — RUSH (8), PASS (21), OVERALL (14)
Gained 159 yards rushing. Converted 12 of 17 third downs. QB Doug Flutie was 21-for-32 for 239 yards with 2 TDs. FB Jonathan Linton had 21 carries for 81 yards with 1 TD. WR Eric Moulds had 6 catches for 73 yards and 1 TD. TE Jay Riemersma had 5 catches for 62 yards and 1 TD. WR Andre Reed had 3 catches for 42 yards. He is questionable (rib).
PATRIOTS OFFENSE — RUSH (26), PASS (6), OVERALL (11)
Had 288 net yards passing, but just 62 rushing. Allowed 6 sacks. QB Drew Bledsoe was 23-for-49 for 331 yards with 4 INTs. WR Troy Brown had 5 catches for 105 yards. RB Jerry Ellison had 5 catches for 50 yards. TE Ben Coates had 2 catches for 42 yards. Scored no TDs in 5 red zone trips. Have scored 15 TDs in 41 trips on the season, worst in AFC.
BILLS DEFENSE — RUSH (3), PASS (1), OVERALL (1)
Allowed just 178 total yards, 108 passing. Yielding 256.7 total yards, 173.3 passing, per game, both tops in the NFL. DE Phil Hansen had 3 tackles, 2 assists and 1 sack. LB Sam Cowart had 4 tackles and 4 assists. DE Marcellus Wiley had 2 tackles and 1 sack. DB Donovan Greer had 1 INT. CB Thomas Smith had 4 tackles. DB Ken Irvin (foot) is out.
PATRIOTS DEFENSE — RUSH (16), PASS (8), OVERALL (9)
DE Willie McGinest had 5 tackles and 3 assists. LB Tedy Bruschi and CB Kato Serwanga each had 2 tackles and 1 INT. LB Ted Johnson had 4 tackles and 4 assists. S Lawyer Milloy had 4 tackles and 2 assists. Allowed 24 points to team averaging just 15 points per game.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Bills KR Henry Jones returned a failed onside kick 37 yards for a TD. Patriots K Adam Vinatieri had 3 FGs (23, 43, 46 yards). P Lee Johnson averaged 49.5 yards on 6 punts.
KEY MATCHUP — QB Flutie vs. QB Bledsoe.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Flutie has 546 yards passing and 4 TDs in last 2 meetings vs. Patriots. He needs 41 yards for his first 3,000-yard season. ... Moulds has 231 yards and 2 TDs in last 2 games vs. Patriots. ... Reed needs 5 catches to move into second on career receptions list. Bills G Ruben Brown and FB Sam Gash will represent Buffalo in Pro Bowl. ... Patriots have won 4 of last 5 at home vs. Bills. ... Bledsoe is 7-3 with 2,396 yards, 17 TDs vs. 6 INTs in past 10 starts vs. Bills. ... Coates has 10 TDs receiving vs. Bills, most vs. any club. ... McGinest has at least 1 sack in 6 of past 7 vs. Buffalo. ... Milloy is lone Patriots player making trip to Pro Bowl.

CAROLINA (7-7) AT PITTSBURGH (5-9)
TIME, TV — noon, FOX
OPENING LINE — Panthers by 3.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Panthers 9-5; Steelers 4-9.
SERIES RECORD — Panthers lead 1-0.
LAST TIME MET — Panthers beat Steelers 18-14 on Dec. 22, 1996 at Carolina.
LAST WEEK — Panthers beat 49ers 41-24. Steelers lost to Chiefs 35-19.
PANTHERS OFFENSE — RUSH (20), PASS (2), OVERALL (6)
Rolled up 452 total yards, 362 in the air. Averaging 258.4 yards passing per game, second in NFL. QB Steve Beuerlein was 27-for-38 for 368 yards and 4 TDs. WR Muhsin Muhammad had 11 catches for 126 yards and 3 TDs. WR Patrick Jeffers had 8 catches for 138 yards and 1 TD. TE Wesley Walls had 3 catches for 57 yards. Had 4 TDs in 5 red zone trips.
STEELERS OFFENSE — RUSH (11), PASS (28), OVERALL (23)
Had 269 net yards passing. Had been averaging 178.6 per game. QB Mike Tomczak was 23-for-46 for 278 yards with 2 TDs and 4 INTs. WR Troy Edwards had 5 catches for 58 yards and 1 TD. WR Bobby Shaw had 3 catches for 69 yards and 1 TD. RB Jerome Bettis had 19 carries for 63 yards. TEs Mitch Lyons Lyons (knee) and Mark Bruener (foot) are out.
PANTHERS DEFENSE — RUSH (21), PASS (28), OVERALL (27)
LB Micheal Barrow had 7 tackles and 1 sack. CB Eric Davis had 4 tackles and 1 INT. DB Doug Evans, DT Tim Morabito and CB Michael Swift each had 4 tackles. DT Jason Peter had 3 tackles and 1 sack. Allowed 297 yards passing to team averaging 189 per game. Allowing 348.2 total yards per game, fourth worst in NFC.
STEELERS DEFENSE — RUSH (28), PASS (4), OVERALL (11T)
Gave up 218 yards rushing. Allowing 121.4 yards rushing per game, second worst in AFC. LB Levon Kirkland had 8 tackles and 1 forced fumble. LB Jason Gildon had 4 tackles and 1 sack. LB Earl Holmes had 4 tackles and 2 assists. DB Travis Davis and DE Orpheus Roye each had 3 tackles and 2 assists. Allowed TDs in all 3 red zone attempts. DT Joel Steed (knee) is out.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Panthers K Richie Cunningham had 2 FGs (21, 43 yards) and coverted all 5 PATs he attempted. Steelers rookie K Kris Brown had 2 FGs (42, 47). He has hit on 24-of-26 on the season.
KEY MATCHUP — QB Beuerlein and WR Muhammad vs. Steelers pass defense (176.2 yards per game).
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Beuerlein, Walls, Muhammad and special-teamer Michael Bates will represent the Panthers in the Pro Bowl. Walls and Bates will start. ... Beuerlein ranks second in NFL with 29 TD passes and 3,851 yards passing. He is third with a 93.3 QB rating. ... Walls leads all NFL TEs with 10 TDs and needs 3 for TE single-season record. ... Jeffers has 16 catches for 285 yards and 3 TDs in past 2 games. ... Tomczak has 6 TD passes in past 4 games. ... Bettis needs 107 yards rushing for his fourth consecutive 1,000-yard season. ... Gildon needs 1 1/2 sacks for second straight 10-sack season. ... Steelers have NFL-low 4 fumble giveaways.

CHICAGO (6-8) AT ST. LOUIS (12-2)
TIME, TV — noon, FOX
OPENING LINE — Rams by 10.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Bears 11-3; Rams 12-2.
SERIES RECORD — Bears lead 47-31-3.
LAST TIME MET — Rams beat Bears 20-12 on Nov. 8, 1998 at Chicago.
LAST WEEK — Bears beat Lions 28-10. Rams beat Giants 31-10.
BEARS OFFENSE — RUSH (24), PASS (4), OVERALL (8)
Had 292 net yards passing. Averaging 256.1 per game, third in NFC. QB Cade McNown was 27-for-36 for 301 yards and 4 TDs, becoming first Bears rookie with 300 yards passing in a game. WR Marcus Robinson had career-high 11 catches for 119 yards and 3 TDs. WR Bobby Engram had 10 catches for 94 yards and 1 TD. RB Curtis Enis had 22 carries for 69 yards. WR Curtis Conway will miss rest of season (shoulder).
RAMS OFFENSE — RUSH (7), PASS (1), OVERALL (1)
Gained 412 total yards vs. team allowing 288.2 per game. Gaining 392.6 total yards per game, tops in NFL. QB Kurt Warner was 18-for-32 for 319 yards and 2 TDs. RB Marshall Faulk had 165 yards from scrimmage (97 receiving, 68 rushing). WR Az-zahir Hakim had 3 catches for 79 yards with 2 TDs. WR Torry Holt had 5 catches for 70 yards. WR Isaac Bruce had 2 catches for 39 yards.
BEARS DEFENSE — RUSH (25), PASS (25), OVERALL (29)
LB Barry Minter had 9 tackles. LB Warrick Holdman and CB Walt Harris each had 5 tackles. DE Roosevelt Colvin had 3 tackles and 1 sack. CB Terry Cousin had 3 tackles and 1 INT. DT Jim Flanigan and S Chris Hudson each had 1 INT. DE Bryan Robinson and DE Clyde Simmons each had 1 sack. S Tony Parrish had 4 tackles. Allowing 350.7 total yards per game, second worst in NFC.
RAMS DEFENSE — RUSH (1), PASS (17), OVERALL (6)
Scored 2 TDs. Allowed 67 yards rushing. Allowing 76.4 per game, tops in NFL. LB Mike Jones and DB Devin Bush each had an INT return for a TD. DE Grant Wistrom had 4 tackles and 1 sack. LB London Fletcher had 4 tackles and 4 assists. DB Billy Jenkins had 5 tackles. DBs Taje Allen and Dre' Bly each had 4 tackles. DE Kevin Carter had 1 sack.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Bears P Todd Sauerbrun averaged just 28 yards on 3 punts. K Chris Boniol missed a 30-yard FG. Rams P Mike Horan averaged 41 yards on 3 punts, dropping all of them inside the 20.
KEY MATCHUP — WR Robinson vs. CB Todd Lyght.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Last week, McNown tied rookie record for TD passes in a game (4). ... Robinson leads NFC with 1,223 yards receiving and tops club with 9 TDs on 71 catches. He needs just 79 yards receiving to set club record. ... Bears' 18 fumble takeaways lead NFC. ... Kick return specialist Glyn Milburn will represent Chicago at Pro Bowl. ... The Rams send 6 players to Pro Bowl: Warner, Bruce, Faulk, Carter, Lyght and OT Orlando Pace. All will start. ... Faulk leads NFL with 2,065 yards from scrimmage and goes over 2,000 yards for second straight season. ... Rams have scored 7 defensive TDs, club record. Jones has 3 TD returns for club record. ... Carter leads NFL with 15 sacks.

CINCINNATI (4-10) AT BALTIMORE (7-7)
TIME, TV — noon, CBS
OPENING LINE — Ravens by 7 1/2.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Bengals 5-9; Ravens 8-4.
SERIES RECORD — Ravens lead 4-3.
LAST TIME MET — Ravens beat Bengals 34-31 on Nov. 21 at Cincinnati.
LAST WEEK — Bengals had bye. Ravens beat Saints 31-8.
BENGALS OFFENSE — RUSH (4), PASS (16), OVERALL (9)
Gained 459 total yards, 279 rushing, in Week 14. 132 yards rushing per game in third in AFC. RB Corey Dillon had 28 carries for 192 yards with 3 TDs. QB Jeff Blake was 11-for-22 for 176 yards and 1 TD. WR Darnay Scott had 2 catches for 76 yards, including 53-yard TD. WR Carl Pickens had 3 catches for 46 yards. Scored season-high 44 points in Week 14.
RAVENS OFFENSE — RUSH (17), PASS (24), OVERALL (22)
QB Tony Banks was 24-for-36 for 298 yards with 3 TDs and 3 INTs. WR Qadry Ismail had 7 catches for 115 yards and 1 TD. WR Justin Armour had 4 catches for 50 yards and 1 TD. RB Priest Holmes had 3 catches for 44 yards and 1 TD. WR Patrick Johnson had 3 catches for 43 yards. Had 274 yards net passing. Had been averaging 182.7 per game.
BENGALS DEFENSE — RUSH (14), PASS (29), OVERALL (25)
Allowed just 11 yards rushing in Week 14, fewest yards ever allowed by Bengals defense. LB Takeo Spikes had 5 tackles and 1 sack. DT Kimo von Oelhoffen had 3 tackles, 1 1/2 sacks, 1 forced fumble and 1 fumble recovery. LB Brian Simmons and DB Rodney Heath each had 4 tackles. S Greg Myers and DE John Copeland each had 1 INT.
RAVENS DEFENSE — RUSH (2), PASS (10), OVERALL (4)
Allowed just 11 yards rushing to team averaging 116.4 per game, setting club record. Tied team record with 4 INTs. LB Ray Lewis had 6 tackles, 4 assists and 1 INT. CB Duane Starks and CB Rod Woodson each had 4 tackles and 1 INT. S Corey Harris had 1 INT return for a TD. CB De Ron Jenkins had 5 tackles. Allowing AFC-best 77.8 yards rushing per game.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Bengals PR Craig Yeast had 91 yards on 3 returns, including an 81-yard TD. Ravens P Kyle Richardson averaged 35.7 yards on 9 punts, dropping 3 inside the 20.
KEY MATCHUP — RB Dillon vs. LB Lewis.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Dillon has over 1,000 yards rushing for third straight year, becoming 11th RB to gain 1,000 in each of first 3 seasons. ... Bengals averaging 36.5 points over past 4 games vs. 13 over first 10. ... Blake is 47-for-80 for 751 yards and 6-to-1 TD-to-INT ratio, with 109.9 QB rating over past 3 games. ... Dillon and KR Tremain Mack will represent the Bengals in the Pro Bowl. ... Ismail, who did not have a catch in each of the last two seasons, has 58 for 1,003 yards this year. ... Banks has 1,386 yards passing and 14 TDs in past 5 games. ... Woodson has 4 INTs vs. Blake. ... 5 Ravens players will go to the Pro Bowl: Lewis, Woodson, OT Jonathan Ogden, DE Michael McCrary and LB Peter Boulware.

INDIANAPOLIS (12-2) AT CLEVELAND (2-13)
TIME, TV — noon, CBS
OPENING LINE — Colts by 13 1/2.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Colts 9-3; Browns 6-10.
SERIES RECORD — Browns lead 13-7.
LAST TIME MET — Browns beat Colts 21-14 on Sept. 25, 1994 at Cleveland.
LAST WEEK — Colts beat Redskins 24-21. Browns lost to Jaguars 24-14.
COLTS OFFENSE — RUSH (18), PASS (3), OVERALL (3)
QB Peyton Manning was 23-for-37 for 298 yards and 2 TDs. RB Edgerrin James had 148 yards from scrimmage (89 rushing, 59 receiving) with 1 TD rushing and 1 receiving. WR Marvin Harrison had 9 catches for 117 yards. TE Marcus Pollard had 3 catches for 50 yards. TE Ken Dilger had 3 catches for 35 yards and 1 TD. 364.6 total yards per game is tops in AFC.
BROWNS OFFENSE — RUSH (31), PASS (28), OVERALL (31)
QB Tim Couch was 10-for-16 for 86 yards, but left with sprained ankle and is out. Ty Detmer relieved, going 13-for-24 for 153 yards with 1 TD. G Orlando Brown was suspended indefinitely by the NFL for attacking an official after being hit in the eye with a penalty flag. WR Darrin Chiaverini had 10 catches for 108 yards and 1 TD. C Dave Wohlabaugh (knee) is out.
COLTS DEFENSE — RUSH (15), PASS (20), OVERALL (16)
Allowed just 3 of 13 third-down conversions. DE Chad Bratzke had 3 tackles and 3 sacks. LB Cornelius Bennett had 6 tackles, 3 assists, 1 sack and 1 forced fumble. LB Mike Peterson had 6 tackles and 4 assists. DB Jeff Burris and DB Chad Cota each had 6 tackles. DB Jason Belser had 5 tackles. Allowed 1 TD on 3 red zone attempts.
BROWNS DEFENSE — RUSH (31), PASS (12), OVERALL (31)
Allowed 442 total yards, 181 rushing. Yielding NFL-worsts 376.7 total and 174.4 yards rushing per game. LB Jamir Miller had 9 tackles. DB Dayion McCutcheon had 6 tackles. DB Corey Fuller had 4 tackles and 1 fumble recovery. DB Marquez Pope had 4 tackles and 1 forced fumble. LB Wali Rainer had 4 tackles. LB John Thierry had 1 sack. DB Earl Little had 1 INT.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Colts P Hunter Smith averaged 51.3 yards on 3 punts. Browns P Chris Gardocki averaged 42.5 yards on 8 punts, dropping 2 inside the 20.
KEY MATCHUP — RB James vs. LB Miller.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Manning, Harrison and James will start for AFC in Pro Bowl. ... Colts have won 10 straight. ... James has 14 TDs on the season, club rookie record, and needs 2 to tie for fifth most by a rookie. ... Harrison needs 3 catches for first 100-catch season in Colts history. ... Bratzke has 5 multiple sack games. ... Colts K Mike Vanderjagt has hit 21 FGs in a row. ... Browns RB Karim Abdul-Jabbar has 4 TDs rushing in 6 career games vs. Colts. ... Browns RB Terry Kirby is tops among AFC RBs with 57 catches. ... Browns WR Kevin Johnson needs 43 yards receiving to become 13th rookie with 1,000. He needs 2 TD catches to set club rookie mark.

JACKSONVILLE (13-1) AT TENNESSEE (11-3)
TIME, TV — noon, CBS
OPENING LINE — Jaguars by 3.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Jaguars 7-6; Titans 8-5.
SERIES RECORD — Jaguars lead 5-4.
LAST TIME MET — Titans beat Jaguars 20-19 on Sept. 26 at Jacksonville.
LAST WEEK — Jaguars beat Browns 24-14. Titans beat Falcons 30-17.
JAGUARS OFFENSE — RUSH (2), PASS (13), OVERALL (7)
Gained 442 total yards, 181 rushing. 135.1 yards rushing per game is second in AFC. QB Mark Brunell was 21-for-33 for 267 yards with 1 TD passing and 1 TD rushing. RB Fred Taylor had 26 carries for 136 yards with a 41-yard TD run. WR Jimmy Smith had 8 catches for 134 yards. WR Keenan McCardell had 8 catches for 96 yards.
TITANS OFFENSE — RUSH (15), PASS (15), OVERALL (15)
Gained 399 total yards. Had been averaging 313.7 per game. QB Steve McNair was 15-for-29 for 216 yards with 1 TD passing and 1 TD rushing. He added 76 yards rushing. WR Chris Sanders had 5 catches for 100 yards and 1 TD. WR Isaac Byrd had 84 yards on 2 catches, including a 61-yard TD from TE Frank Wycheck. RB Eddie George had 55 yards rushing and 26 yards receiving.
JAGUARS DEFENSE — RUSH (4), PASS (2), OVERALL (2)
Allowed 269 total yards. Yielding 258.7 per game, second in NFL. LB Lonnie Marts had 7 tackles, 1 sack and 1 fumble recovery. S Carnell Lake had 6 tackles and 1 sack. LB Brant Boyer and DE Gary Walker each had 5 tackles and 1 sack. DE Tony Brackens had 4 tackles and 1 sack. DE Joel Smeenge had 3 tackles and 1 sack.
TITANS DEFENSE — RUSH (12), PASS (24), OVERALL (20)
Forced 6 turnovers (3 INTs, 3 fumbles). Allowed just 65 yards rushing. CB Dainon Sidney had 4 tackles and 2 INTs. DE Jevon Kearse had 2 sacks. S Marcus Robertson had 4 tackles, 1 INT and 2 forced fumbles. S Perry Phenix and CB Samari Rolle each had 5 tackles. LBs Joe Bowden and Eddie Robinson each had 3 tackles and 1 fumble recovery.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Jaguars K Mike Hollis had a 41-yard FG, but came up short on tries from 49 and 48 yards. Titans K Al Del Greco had 3 FGs (38, 27, 43 yards).
KEY MATCHUP — OT Tony Boselli vs. DE Kearse.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — Jaguars have won 11 straight; only loss this season is to Titans. ... Jaguars can clinch division title with win or tie. ... Taylor has 210 yards rushing and 2 TDs in past 2 games. ... WR Smith has 16 catches for 232 yards and 1 TD in past 2 vs. Titans. ... Jaguars will send 7 players to Pro Bowl: Smith, Boselli, Brunell, Brackens, Lake, OT Leon Searcy and LB Kevin Hardy. ... Kearse has 9 1/2 sacks, 38 tackles, 8 QB pressures, 6 forced fumbles and 4 passes defensed over past 6 games. He set NFL rookie record with 13 1/2 sacks on the season. ... George needs 30 yards to become fourth player with 1,200 yards rushing in each of first 4 seasons. ... 4 Titans players go to the Pro Bowl: Kearse, George, Wycheck and G Bruce Matthews. Kearse will be first rookie DE to start.

MINNESOTA (8-6) AT NEW YORK GIANTS (7-7)
TIME, TV — noon, FOX
OPENING LINE — Vikings by 3.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Vikings 2-10; Giants 7-7.
SERIES RECORD — Vikings lead 7-5.
LAST TIME MET — Giants beat Vikings 15-10 on Sept. 29, 1996 at New York.
LAST WEEK — Vikings beat Packers 24-20. Giants lost to Rams 31-10.
VIKINGS OFFENSE — RUSH (19), PASS (5), OVERALL (4)
QB Jeff George was 16-for-29 for 258 yards and 2 TDs. WR Randy Moss had 5 catches for 131 yards and 2 TDs. WR Jake Reed had 5 catches for 73 yards. WR Matthew Hatchette had 4 catches for 40 yards. RB Robert Smith had 19 carries for 54 yards. WR Cris Carter started, but left with no catches. He is questionable (ankle). Gaining 359.7 total yards per game, third in NFC.
GIANTS OFFENSE — RUSH (23), PASS (10), OVERALL (17)
QB Kerry Collins was 21-for-37 for 273 yards with 1 TD, but had 2 INTs returned for TDs. WR Amani Toomer had 9 catches for 162 yards. WR Ike Hilliard had 5 catches for 51 yards with 1 TD. RB Tiki Barber had 3 catches for 43 yards and also rushed for 33 yards. RB Joe Montgomery had 41 yards on 12 carries. Had just 94 total yards and 4 first downs in the first half.
VIKINGS DEFENSE — RUSH (18T), PASS (31), OVERALL (30)
LB Dwayne Rudd had 10 tackles, 1 sack and 1 fumble recovery. S Robert Griffith had 9 tackles and 1 INT. CB Jimmy Hitchcock had 8 tackles and 1 sack. CB Kenny Wright had 6 tackles and 1 INT. DE Chris Doleman had 4 tackles, 1 sack and 1 forced fumble. Allowing 353.1 total, 244.1 passing, yards per game, both worst in NFC. S Orlando Thomas (shoulder) is out.
GIANTS DEFENSE — RUSH (7), PASS (14), OVERALL (11T)
Allowed 412 total yards, 319 passing. Had been allowing 288.2 total, 200.8 passing, per game. DB Emmanuel McDaniel had 8 tackles. CB Jeremy Lincoln had 5 tackles and 1 forced fumble. S Percy Ellsworth had 4 tackles and 1 fumble recovery. S Sam Garnes had 5 tackles. LB Ryan Phillips and DT Keith Hamilton each had 4 tackles. DE Cedric Jones had 1 sack and 1 forced fumble.
SPECIAL TEAMS — Vikings P Mitch Berger averaged 46.8 yards on 6 punts, dropping 2 inside the 20. Giants P Brad Maynard dropped 3 of 5 punts inside the 20.
KEY MATCHUP — WR Moss vs. S Ellsworth.
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES — George has a 99.7 QB rating. If he reaches 100, Vikings will become first team with 2 QBs with 100 ratings. ... Moss has 6 100-yard games this season, tied for club record. He is second in NFC with 1,214 yards receiving and is tied for third with 10 TDs. ... Moss, Carter, Berger, G Randall McDaniel and C Jeff Christy will represent Minnesota at Pro Bowl. ... Collins has 1,152 yards passing and 6 TDs in last 4 games. ... Toomer is first Giants player with 4 100-yard games since '87 and his 1,049 yards receiving are most since '83. ... Giants LB Jessie Armstead and DE Michael Strahan will represent Giants as Pro Bowl starters.

OAKLAND (7-7) AT SAN DIEGO (6-8)
TIME, TV — 3:05 p.m., CBS
OPENING LINE — Raiders by 3.
RECORD VS. SPREAD — Raiders 7-7; Chargers 8-6.
SERIES RECORD — Raiders lead 48-29-2.
LAST TIME MET — Raiders beat Chargers 28-7 on Nov. 14 at Oakland.
LAST WEEK — Raiders beat Buccaneers 45-0. Chargers lost to Dolphins 12-9.
RAIDERS OFFENSE — RUSH (1), PASS (12), OVERALL (5)
Rolled up 400 total yards against defense allowing 260 yards per game. Gained 262 yards rushing; 138 per game is tops in NFL. QB Rich Gannon was 15-for-26 for 141 yards with 1 TD. RB Napoleon Kaufman had 122 yards and 2 TDs, including a 75-yarder, on 8 carries. RB Tyrone Wheatley had 19 carries for 111 yards. WR Tim Brown had 4 catches for 47 yards and 1 TD.
CHARGERS OFFENSE — RUSH (30), PASS (18), OVERALL (26)
Allowed 5 sacks. Gained just 186 total yards, 26 rushing. 276.4 total, 71.6 rushing, per game are second worst in AFC. QB Jim Harbaugh was 20-for-40 for 178 yards. RB Terrell Fletcher had 9 catches for 66 yards. WR Mikhael Ricks had 3 catches for 29 yards. Had no TDs in 4 red zone attempts.
RAIDERS DEFENSE — RUSH (10), PASS (11), OVERALL (8)
Allowed just 137 total yards, 37 rushing, en route to first shutout of season. Had been allowing 305.5 total yards per game. LB Eric Barton had 7 tackles and 1 sack. DE Lance Johnstone recoverd a fumble for a 13-yard TD. DT Grady Jackson had 4 tackles and 1 sack. S Charles Mincy had 3 tackles and 1 INT. DT Russell Maryland had 2 tackles, 4 assists and 1 forced fumble.
CHARGERS DEFENSE — RUSH (6), PASS (23), OVERALL (14)
Allowed just 53 yards rushing. Yielding 87.9 yards rushing per game, fourth best in AFC. LB Junior Seau had 4 tackles and 3 assists. DT John Parrella had 4 tackles, 1 sack and 1 forced fumble. DE Raylee Johnson had 3 tackles and 1 fumble recovery. DT Norman Hand had 3 tackles and 1 sack. Allowed no TDs in 4 red zone trips. CB Jimmy Spencer is out (broken arm).
SPECIAL TEAMS — Raiders P Leo Araguz averaged 41.2 yards on 6

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Pam Allen, *Classified Consultant 682-6222*

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Please check your ad the first day it appears, and, if you find a mistake, please call our office at 682-6222 so we can correct the error immediately. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. If an error does occur, you can choose to rerun your ad once for free, or we'll gladly refund the cost of the portion of the ad affected by the error. If an ad is inadvertently omitted, we will assume liability up to the cost of the ad itself – consequently, we will publish your ad in our next available edition or refund the price you have paid.

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We welcome your suggestions or comments. Please call: Brandi Alexander, Telephone Sales Supervisor, 687-8813.

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❶ Super Seller I - We'll advertise your household item (priced under $350) for… **7 DAYS 15 WORDS $10.50**

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Write an ad with 15 words to describe your household furniture or appliance and call today!

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(Mon. - Thur.) Submit your 15 word ad in writing (please fax it, mail it, or bring it in).

All of our specials are for private, non-commercial individuals only and some specials require pre-payment, some do not. One item per ad please. One FREE BEE per family per week. Call 682-6222 for complete details.

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE:

❶ Sure Sell - Advertise anything on wheels, until it sells. That's right, everyday, as long as it takes! **20 WORDS UNTIL IT SELLS $29.95**

Think of 20 words to describe your vehicle (including the price) and call us today!

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You'll get 24 words to describe your vehicle. You can bring a photo to us or we'll take one for you! Call us today for details.

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You'll get 4 lines to describe your vehicle (that's about 18 words, including the price). If you would like more information in your ad, each additional line is only $5.

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A friendly Advertising Consultant will help you word and schedule your ad for best results.

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WORD ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Tue., Wed., Thu., or Fri	6p.m. the day before
Saturday	Noon Friday
Sunday	6p.m. Friday

DISPLAY ADS:

PUBLISHES ON:	DEADLINE IS:
Wednesday	3p.m. Monday
Thursday	3p.m. Tuesday
Friday, Saturday	3p.m. Wednesday
Sunday, Monday	3p.m. Thursday
Tuesday	3p.m. Friday

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For only **$42.00**, we'll help you design something special. Include a photo from the past or present at no additional charge!

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In Memory Of - Publish a special memorial, to mark the passing of a loved one, for family & friends to keep. Include a poem, prayer, and/or the names of all who care.

Card Of Thanks - ads are also available. Take this opportunity to thank everyone who brought food, sent flowers, or was there for you when you needed them most. We'll help you design a respectful, thoughtful ad. Call for details!

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
NON-EXCLUSIVE FIXED BASE OPERATOR (FBO)
MIDLAND AIRPARK AIRPORT

INVITATION TO BID
NOTICE TO PROPOSERS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of Midland, Texas, c/o City Secretary, 300 N. Loraine, Room 340, City Hall, Midland, Texas 79702, for equipping and operating a non-exclusive fixed base operation at Midland Airpark Airport will be received until 4:00 p.m. on January 14, 2000.

Any proposals received after the date and closing time specified above will be returned unopened. Only written proposals on the forms contained herein will be submitted. Oral, telephone or telegraphic proposals will not be accepted.

Proposals as submitted must be identified on the outside of the sealed envelope as "Request for Proposals for Equipping and Operating a Non-Exclusive Fixed Base Operations at Midland Airpark Airport, Midland, Texas," and must bear the name and address of the proposer.

Proposals packages are available at the office of the Director of Airports, 9506 LaForce Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Airport Administration, Midland International Airport, Terminal Building, Midland, Texas 79711 for a non-refundable fee of $10.00.

Proposers must provide evidence that they are fully competent, have the necessary experience, organization and financial capacity to fulfill the requirements for equipping and operating a "Non-Exclusive" Fixed Base Operations at Midland Airpark Airport, and must provide evidence of all necessary certificates and licenses. Proposals will be evaluated, but not limited to the following criteria listed below:

- Firm background and qualifications
- Experience (actual FBO management experience)
- Management/staffing
- References and financial condition
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation

A pre-proposal conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. on January 6, 2000, in the Department of Airports' Media Room, 3rd Floor Airport Administration, Terminal Building, Midland International Airport, 9506 LaForce Boulevard, Midland, Texas to review the proposal documents. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference is highly recommended.

Proposals must be accompanied by a bank cashier's check, certified check, or Proposal Bid Bond, payable to the City of Midland, Department of Airports in the amount of five percent (5%) of the base annual rent (BAR).

The successful proposer will be required to furnish the City of Midland a Performance and Payment Bond in the amount equal to six months of the base annual rentals due to the City of Midland and within 30 days of notice of the award. The City of Midland reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any formalities in connection therewith, and to accept any proposal deemed advantageous to it.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, age, sex or handicap in consideration for an award of any contract entered pursuant to this advertisement and according to the City's Federal Aviation Administration approved DBE Program in accordance with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26.

The issuance of this RFP and the receipt and evaluation of proposals does not obligate the City to award a contract. The City will not pay costs incurred in responding to this RFP. The City may cancel this procurement at any time prior to the City's execution of a contract without liability. The City may reject the proposal of any party who has been delinquent or unfaithful in any former contract or lease with the City. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and advertise for new proposals. The award, if any, will be made to the proposer whose proposal best suits the City's needs, and offers a fair and reasonable base annual rent guarantee, as determined by the City, at its sole and absolute discretion.

For information concerning the proposal package, contact Ken A. Day, Director of Airports, at (915) 560-2200.

"HAPPY ADS" for any occasion as low as $42.00 Call 682-6222 for more information

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SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF MIDLAND

WHEREAS by virtue of Writ of Execution issued out of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, on the 9th day of November, 1999, in cause Nos.

CV13013 CV13304 CV13305 CV13319 CV14509 CV14584 CV14648 CV14677 CV14737 CV14738 CV14439 CV14740 CV14741 CV14742 CV14743 CV14774 CV14796 CV14832 CV14833 CV14856 CV14868 CV14951 CV14953 CV15005 CV15023 CV15046 CV11778 CV11780 CV11782 CV11790 CV11804 CV11813 CV11822 CV11828 CV11829 CV11832 CV11834 CV11835 CV12131 CV12138 CV12139 CV12140 CV12149 CV12284 CV12285 CV12302 CV12313 CV12353 CV12354 CV12381 CV12399 CV16498 CV16499 CV16500 CV16550 CV16551 CV16557 CV16561 CV16586 CV16602 CV16603 CV16667 CV16924 CV16925 CV15050 CV15051 CV15093 CV15117 CV15145 CV15179 CV15332 CV15425 CV15512 CV15556 CV15661 CV15829 CV15856 CV15875 CV15876 CV15878 CV15912 CV15946 CV15948 CV15955 CV15960 CV16010 CV16075 CV16078 CV16102 CV16143 CV16155 CV16169 CV16172 CV16224 CV16247 CV16279 CV16285 CV16293 CV16305 CV16306 CV16313 CV16321 CV16322 CV16323 CV16324 CV12418 CV12426 CV12427 CV12428 CV12446 CV12468 CV12534 CV12786 CV12811 CV12813 CV12864 CV12866 CV12895 CV12906 CV12944 CV16926 CV16929 CV16931 CV16987 CV16993 CV17133 CV17291 CV17292 CV10870 CV10876 CV10881 CV10918 CV11070 CV11073 CV11521 CV11526 CV11603 CV11700 CV11719 CV11721 CV11722 CV11723 CV11727 CV11735 CV11739 CV11740 CV11747 CV11750 CV16325 CV16326 CV16351 CV16362 CV16439 CV16445 CV16448 CV16452 CV16454 CV16455 CV16471 CV16477 CV16480

where The State of Texas was Plaintiff, and 24 Hour Bail Bond, Lonnie Payne was Defendant, on a judgment rendered in said Court against Defendant and in favor of said Plaintiff, for the sum of FORTY ONE THOUSAND, FORTY FIVE and no/100 DOLLARS, with interest thereon at the rate of N/A per cent per annum, from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit; I did on the 14th day of December, 1999 , at 3:00 o'clock p.m., levy upon the following described lots, tracts and parcesl of land situated in Midland County, Texas, as the property of 24 Hour Bail Bond, Lonnie Payne to-wit:

Lot 11, Block 19, Greenwood Addition, more particularly described in Vol. 1045, Page 478, Midland County Deed of Records Approximate address 503 S. Jackson

Lot 7 W. 25.1' and W. 33.2' of Lot 8, Block 44 Greenwood Addition, more particularly described in Vol. 1081, Page 678, Midland County Deed of Records. Approximate address of 1910 E. California

Lot 7, Block 2 Russell Heights Addition, more particularly described in Vol. 1000, Page 561, Midland County Deed of Records. Approximate Address 510 E. Estes

and on the 4th day of January, 2000, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M. and 4 o'clock P.M. on said day, at the courthouse door of said County, and I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of 24 Hour Bail Bond, Lonnie Payne in and to said above described property.

Witness my hand this the 16th day of December, 1999.

Gary Painter Sheriff
Midland County, Texas
By Bill Stone Deputy

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MIDLAND

In the name and by the authority of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given as follows: TO

Odland Properties, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Company, Unknown Members of Odland Properties, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Company, Gregory John Huxley, Jeffrey Douglas Dawson R. W. Gill and Company Pty Limited ACN: 000 176 232, Lienholder, if living, and if any or all of the above named defendants be dead, the unknown heirs of each or all of said above named persons who may be dead, and the unknown heirs of the unknown heirs of said above named persons, and the unknown owner or owners of the hereinafter described land, and the executors, administrators, guardians, legal representatives, legatees and devisees of the above named persons, and any and all other persons, including adverse claimants, the unknown stockholders of any defunct corporations, their successors, heirs and assigns, owning or having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in or lien upon the following described property, delinquent to Plaintiff herein, for taxes, all of said property being located in said County and State, to-wit:

Lots 1 thru 3, Block 66, Original Townsite to the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 1340, Page 205 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas.

Which said property is delinquent to Plaintiff for taxes in the following amount: $4,822.22, exclusive of interest, penalties and costs, and there is included in this suit in addition to the taxes, all said interest, penalties and costs therein allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein.

You are hereby notified that suit has been brought by the Midland Central Appraisal District, Plaintiff, against the above named persons, as Defendants, by petition filed on February 11, 1999, in a certain suit styled the Midland Central Appraisal District et al vs. Odland Properties, L.L.C., a Texas Limited Liability Company (In Rem Only), et al, for collection of the taxes on said property and that said suit is now pending in the District Court of Midland County, Texas, 385th Judicial District, and the file number of said suit is T9099, that the names of all taxing units which assess and collect taxes on the property hereinabove described, not made parties to this suit are NONE.

Plaintiff and all other taxing units who may set up their tax claims herein seek recovery of delinquent ad valorem taxes on the property hereinabove described, and in addition to the taxes all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law thereon up to and including the day of judgment herein, and the establishment and foreclosure of liens, if any, securing the payment of same, as provided by law.

All parties to this suit, including Plaintiff, Defendants, and Intervenors, shall take notice that claims not only for any taxes which were delinquent on said property at the time this suit was filed but all taxes becoming delinquent thereon at any time thereafter up to the day of judgment, including all interest, penalties and costs allowed by law thereon, may, upon request therefore, be recovered herein without further citation or notice to any parties herein, and all said parties shall take notice of and plead and answer to all claims and pleadings now on file and which may hereafter be filed in said cause by all other parties herein, and all of those taxing units above named who may intervene herein and set up their respective tax claims against said property.

You are hereby commanded to appear and defend such suit on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation as set out below, said appearance and answer date being the 24th day of January, A.D., 2000, (which is the return day of such citation), before the honorable District Court of Midland County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse thereof, then to show cause why judgment shall not be rendered for such taxes, penalties, interest and costs, and condemning said property and ordering foreclosure of the constitutional and statutory tax liens thereon for taxes due the Plaintiff and the taxing units parties hereto, and those who may intervene herein, together with all interest, penalties, and costs allowed by law up to and including the day of judgment herein, and all costs of this suit.

This citation is issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court in the City of Midland, Midland County, Texas, this the 10th day of December, A.D., 1999.

Vivian Wood,
Clerk of the District Court, Midland County, Texas, 385th Judicial District

Wilda Smith, Deputy

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INVITATION TO BIDDERS

Midland Memorial Hospital is accepting sealed bids for the construction of renovations for the Midland Memorial Hospital - **Oncology Renovations** on the fourth floor of Midland Memorial Hospital. Bids will be recieved at the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital, at 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas until:

Tuesday, January 18, 2000 at 12:00 PM (noon)

Bid opening will be at 2:00 PM in the Laboratory Conference Room of Midland Memorial Hospital, 2200 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701 on Tuesday, January 18, 2000. Results of the bid will not be made public until after the Midland County Hospital District Board of Directors has awarded the contract.

Bids shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland Memorial Hospital
2200 W. Illinois
Midland, Texas 79701

ALL SEALED BIDS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED "BID #406-120399 ENCLOSED".

No bid which has been submitted or filed in response to this notice may be changed, amended, or modified by telegram or otherwise after the time noted above. A bid may be withdrawn, however, and resubmitted at time prior to the time set for receipt of bids.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) and a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by the Owner.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bidders may obtain documents at the office of the Architect, Rhotenberry Wellen Architects by contacting Mr. Travis Durham, AIA at the following address:

1102 W. Texas Avenue
Midland, 79701
915-682-1252 phone
915-682-1257 fax

A pre-bid conference is scheduled for Wednesday, January 5, 2000 at 10:00 AM in the Surgical Conference Room (3rd floor) of Midland Memorial Hospital. A tour of the proposed construction area will follow the conference. All interested General Contractors and sub Contractors are invited to attend.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for the **TELERADIOLOGY SYSTEM** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Wednesday, December 22, 1999.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED " RFP #408-122199 ENCLOSED".

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL FAXED PROPOSALS FROM RESPONDENTS BE ACCEPTED.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE OF THE MATERIALS MANAGER BY 12:00 PM, TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL MAY 18, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE ACCORDING TO THE POLICY/ PROCEDURE OF MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER. MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

DIRECTOR OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT
MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
2200 WEST ILLINOIS
MIDLAND, TEXAS 79701

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Midland County Hospital District is accepting proposals for the **DIGITAL RADIOLOGIC FLUOROSCOPIC SYSTEMS** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Wednesday, December 22, 1999.

ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE SEALED AND LABELED " RFP #409-122199 ENCLOSED".

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal #99-12-0005) for Maintenance and Support of Distance Learning Equipment. Address sealed Proposal #99-12-0005 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. For overnight delivery the mailing address 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., January 12, 2000. Proposal forms may be obtained beginning January 3, 2000 at Region 18 ESC or by call Gary Bond, Purchasing Agent, at (915) 567-3258.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal #99-12-0002) for Security System Installation. Address sealed Proposal #99-12-0002 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. For overnight delivery the mailing address 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., January 20, 2000. Proposal forms may be obtained beginning January 3, 2000 at Region 18 ESC or by call Gary Bond, Purchasing Agent, at (915) 567-3258.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal #99-12-0006) for Routers, E-mail Server and E-mail Software. Address sealed Proposal #99-12-0006 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. For overnight delivery the mailing address 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., January 12, 2000. Proposal forms may be obtained beginning January 3, 2000 at Region 18 ESC or by call Gary Bond, Purchasing Agent, at (915) 567-3258.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal #99-12-0004) for Local Telephone Service. Address sealed Proposal #99-12-0004 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. For overnight delivery the mailing address 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., January 12, 2000. Proposal forms may be obtained beginning January 3, 2000 at Region 18 ESC or by call Gary Bond, Purchasing Agent, at (915) 567-3258.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is soliciting sealed Request for Proposals (Proposal #99-12-0003) for Long Distance Telephone Service. Address sealed Proposal #99-12-0003 to Mr. Gary Bond, Region 18 Education Service Center, P.O. Box 60580, Midland, Texas 79711. For overnight delivery the mailing address 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland, Texas 79711. Proposals will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m., January 12, 2000. Proposal forms may be obtained beginning January 3, 2000 at Region 18 ESC or by call Gary Bond, Purchasing Agent, at (915) 567-3258.

Sell it in 10 or we'll run it again!* Classified 682-6222 *Anything on wheels, 4 lines minimum- $20.50 Call today for complete details.

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Notice of Sex Offender
Aviso de Registracion de Violador Sexual

- Daniel Hernandez
- 28 Year old Male
- Sexual Assault
- 3101 Roosevelt, 79701
- Photo available at: http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

- Walter Smith
- 24 Year old Male
- Indecency With a Child
- 1009 S. Jackson St., 79701
- Photo available at: http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

- Oscar Rivera
- 34 Year old Male
- Indecency With a Child
- 2301 N. Pecos, 79705
- Photo available at: http://records.txdps.state.tx.us

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for the Sale of Used District Vehicles, Bid #0-0023 addressed to Mr. Leon Hartter, Director of Purchasing, 7201 West County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707 until 2:00 p.m. CST, January 12, 2000. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1752.

Real Wheel Deals ONLY $25.00 w/Photo Call for info 682-6222

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 am, January 12, 2000, to be opened at 11:00 am in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #037-00 to purchase:

Irrigation materials for Beal Park for the Parks Division

Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General Conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Midland Independent School District will receive bids for Purchase of Oil, Gas & Mineral Leases, Bid #0-0022.

Legal description; An 8 acre tract out of the North 25.5 acres of the South 120 acres of a 287 tract, Section 2, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland County Texas.

Bids are to be addressed to Mr. Wilson Heidelberg, Executive Director of Auxiliary Services, 615 W. Missouri, Midland, TX 79701 may be obtained by calling (915) 689-1046.

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MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 (WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR 1998)

Data Control Codes		GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES 100-199 General Fund	200-499 Special Revenue Funds
	REVENUES:		
	Local and Intermediate Sources:		
	Investment Income	$ 1,249,644	$ 88,214
	Other Local and Intermediate Sources	57,951,700	2,095,800
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	59,201,344	2,184,014
5800	State Program Revenues	48,705,468	1,631,516
5900	Federal Program Revenues	270,954	11,995,542
5020	Total Revenues	108,177,766	15,811,072
	EXPENDITURES:		
	Current:		
0010	Instruction and Instructional-Related Services	68,833,272	6,572,251
0020	Instructional and School Leadership	7,533,359	659,810
0030	Support Services - Student (Pupil)	11,890,011	7,834,311
0040	Administrative Support Services	2,915,971	4,048
0050	Support Services - Nonstudent Based	16,455,896	120,835
0060	Ancillary Services	147,791	558,128
0070	Debt Service	21,630	-
0080	Capital Outlay	195,852	-
6030	Total Expenditures	107,993,782	15,749,383
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	183,984	61,689
7020	Other Resources	-	-
8030	Other (Uses)	-	-
1200	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues & Other Resources Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Uses	183,984	61,689
0100	Fund Balance - September I (Beginning)	17,093,342	1,974,629
3000	Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	$ 17,277,326	$ 2,036,318

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES 500-599 Debt Service Fund	600-699 Capital Project Funds	TOTALS (Memorandum Only) 98 August 31, 1999	97 August 31, 1998
$ 304,998	$ 830,798	$ 2,473,654	$ 2,569,344
5,185,849	-	65,233,349	59,563,477
5,490,847	830,798	67,707,003	62,132,821
839,387	-	51,176,371	54,771,755
-	-	12,266,496	10,385,809
6,330,234	830,798	131,149,870	127,290,385
-	-	75,408,523	71,083,879
-	-	8,190,169	7,626,161
-	-	19,724,322	17,615,165
-	-	2,920,019	3,083,421
-	-	16,576,731	15,534,700
-	-	705,919	726,460
7,074,527	-	7,096,157	7,270,826
-	11,478,707	11,674,559	10,464,896
7,074,527	11,478,707	142,296,399	133,405,508
(744,293)	(10,647,909)	(11,146,529)	(6,115,123)
1,961,353	19,498,050	21,459,403	-
(1,736,066)	-	(1,736,066)	-
(519,006)	8,850,141	8,576,808	(6,115,123)
3,696,164	8,815,286	31,579,421	37,694,544
$ 3,177,158	$ 17,665,427	$ 40,156,229	$ 31,579,421

CAUSE NO. CV 42778

GORDON R. BENTLEY, DOUGLAS C. BENTLEY, TAMAR HOPE VINSON, as the Sole Heirs at Law of RUTH A. BENTLEY, Deceased, and CMS OIL AND GAS COMPANY,

Plaintiffs,

V.

DALE K. RITTENHOUSE, and his wife,DARLENE RITTENHOUSE, D. L. BURRIS, Trustee, UNKNOWN TRUST BENEFICIARIES of any Trust for Which Ruth A. Bentley May Have Acted as Trustee, and ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY TITLE OR LEGAL OR EQUITABLE INTEREST in Larid Conveyed by Substitute Trustee Deed to Ruth A. Bentley, Trustee, as Grantee,

Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS 385 JUDICIAL DISTRICT

CITATION BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: (1)Unknown Trust Beneficiaries of the Trust for Which Ruth A. Bentley May Have Acted as Trustee,

(2)All Persons Claiming Any Title or Legal or Equitable Interest in Land Conveyed by Substitute Trustee Deed dated October 4, 1988, to Ruth A. Bentley, Trustee, as Grantee.

Suit has been brought by Gordon R. Bentley, Douglas C. Bentley, and Tamar Hope Vinson, as the sole heirs at law of Ruth A. Bentley, deceased, to declare them to be the owners of the surface, one-half of the minerals, and the executive mineral leasing rights that were acquired by "Ruth A. Bentley, Trustee" in a Substitute Trustee Deed dated October 4, 1988, recorded at Volume 98 1, page 577, in Midland County, Texas concerning a 43.16 acre tract of land more specifically described as follows: Being 41.37 acres of land, 34.14 acres being out of the West part of the East one-half of Section, 6 and 7.23 acres being out of the NE/4 of Section 7, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, and being described more fully by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a I" IP, the NW corner of the NE/4 of Section 7;

THENCE N. 74° 45' E. 13.6 feet to a 1/2" reinf. bar set at the SE corner of Midland Industrial Park for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 15° 16' 41" W. 2550.7 feet along the East line of Midland Industrial Park to a 1/2" reinf. bar set for the NW corner of this tract in the South right-of-way line of W. Industrial Avenue;

THENCE N. 58° 45' E. 192.5 feet along the S. ROW line of W. Industrial Avenue to a 1/2" reinf. bar set for the NE corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 15° 15' E. 600.2 feet to a 1/2" reinf. bar set for a corner of this tract at the SW corner of the Omega Club tract;

THENCE with the South line of said Omega Club tract N. 67° 21" E. 400 feet to a 1/2" reinf. bar; N. 53° 07' E. 133.9 feet; N. 69° 25' E. 151.6 feet to a fence corner post for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 20° 10' E. 1125.4 feet to a fence corner post for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 70° 10' W. 534.6 feet to a 1/2" IP set for a corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 15° 15' E., and at 950.75 feet cross the South line of Section 6 and the North line of Section 7, continuing for a total distance of 1621.4 feet to a 1/2" reinf. bar set for the SE corner of this tract in the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20;

THENCE S. 58° 30' W. 446.0 feet along the N. ROW line of Interstate Highway 20 to a concrete Highway Department Right-of-Way marker for the SW corner of this tract in the Westline of the NE/4 of Section 7;

THENCE N. 15° 35' W. 792.1 feet to the PLACE OF BEGINNING.

If you are or claim to be a beneficiary of the trust for which Ruth A. Bentley may have acted as trustee or, if you claim any title or legal or equitable interest in the lands conveyed by the Substitute Trustee Deed dated October 4, 1988, to Ruth A. Bentley, Trustee, as Grantee, you are hereby commanded to appear and file an answer at or before 10:00 a.m. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance which shall be 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 20th, 1999. Your answer should be addressed to the Clerk of the 385th Judicial District Court, Midland County Courthouse, 300 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701. In the event you do not file an answer by the above-described date and time, judgment by default may be rendered for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Filed in said Court on the 2nd day of November, 1999 against Dale Rittenhouse, and his wife, Darlene Rittenhouse, D. L. Burris Trustee, Unknown Beneficiaries of any Trust for Which Ruth A. Bentley May Have Acted as Trustee and All Persons Claiming Any Title or Legal or Equitable Interest in Land Conveyed by Substitute Trustee Deed to Ruth A. Bentley, Trustee, as Grantee.

WITNESS: Vivian Wood, Clerk of the District Courts of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my name and the seal of said Court at office this 3rd day of November, 1999.

ATTEST: Vivian Wood, Clerk of the District Courts of Midland County, Texas.

By: Sylvia Bass, Deputy

ISSUED on this the 3rd day of November,1999, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.

Vivian Wood
District Clerk of Midland County, Texas

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFFS:
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The principal items of work are set forth in specific detail in the proposal section of the specifications; however, the principal work items may be generally described as: approximately 7,515 square foot new 3-bay Fire Station. The new building includes, office, multi-purpose room, kitchen, exercise room, sleeping areas, restrooms and hose storage.

Information for Bidders, proposals forms, bonding documents and copies of the plans and specifications may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 5214 Thomason Drive, Midland, Texas, Texas, 79703, (915) 697-1447, at a cost of $75.00 for a set of specifications and full size plans. Upon return of the complete set of plans and specifications $75.00 of the deposit will be refunded if returned within 10 days after the bid opening.

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ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE PRICE PROTECTED UNTIL MAY 14, 2000.

ALL PROPOSALS WILL REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AFTER AN AWARD HAS BEEN MADE. VENDORS WILL THEN BE ALLOWED TO REVIEW THE PROPOSALS IN THE PURCHASING OFFICE ACCORDING TO THE POLICY/ PROCEDURE OF MIDLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER. MIDLAND COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL PROPOSALS AND TO WAIVE FORMALITIES.

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NOTICE TO GENERAL CONTRACTORS

Notice to General Contractors for Texas Department of Transportation, Odessa, Texas, Contract No. 060XXR1010 for the Removal and Replacement of two Walk-Thru Doors and three Windows including all Window Screens, located at the Monahans Maintenance Yard Welding Shop, 4311 S. Stockton, Monahans, Texas.
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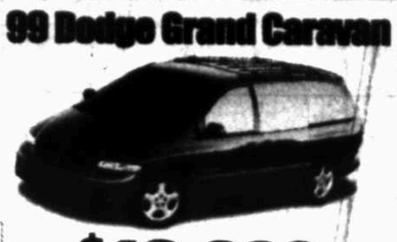
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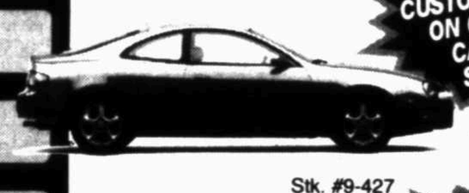
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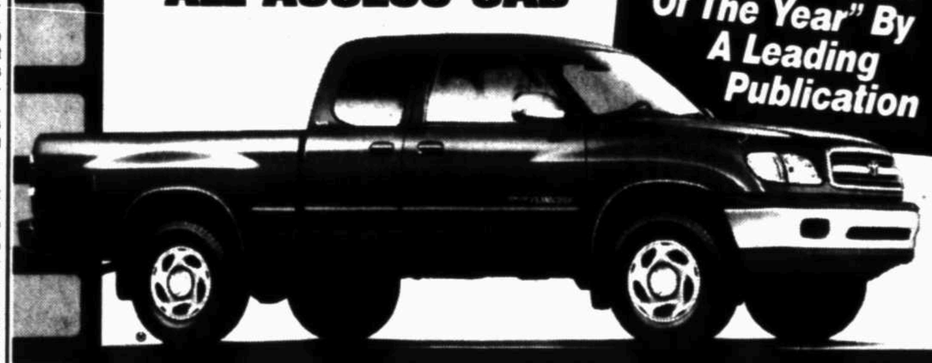

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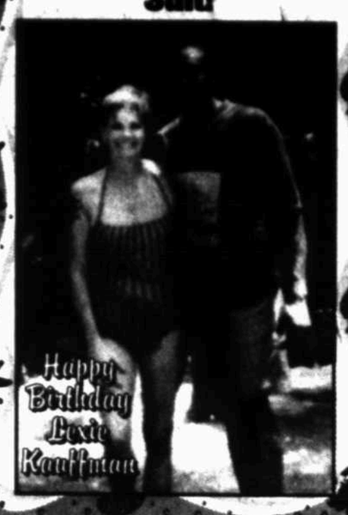

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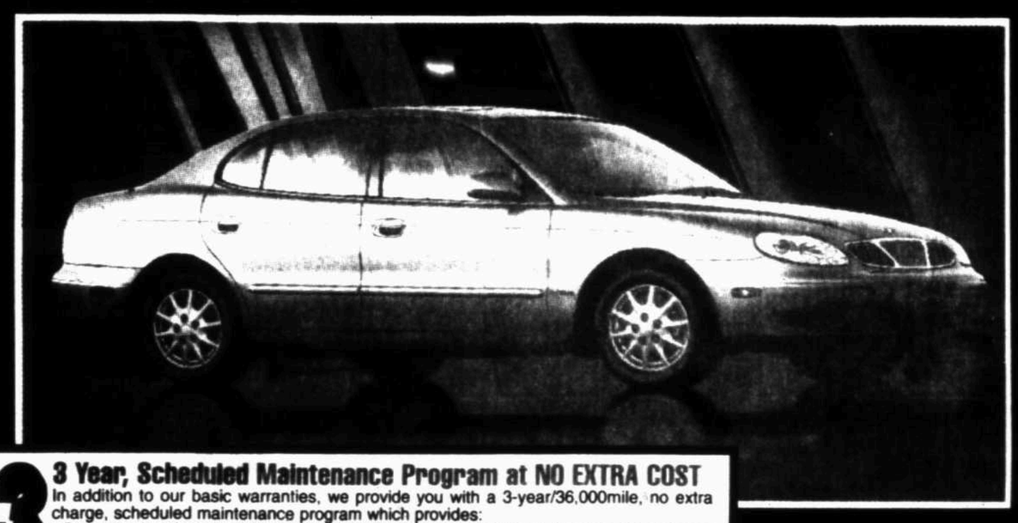

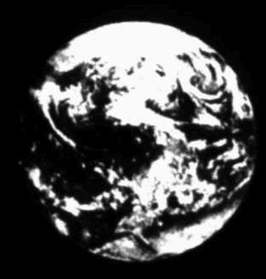

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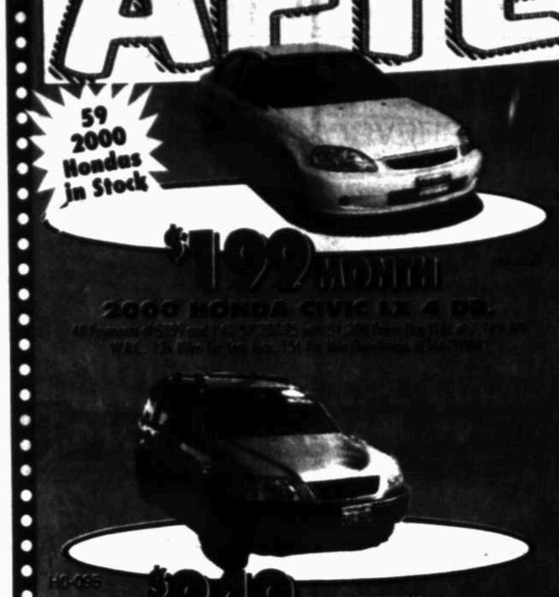
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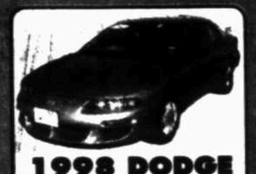
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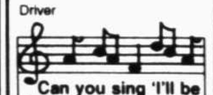

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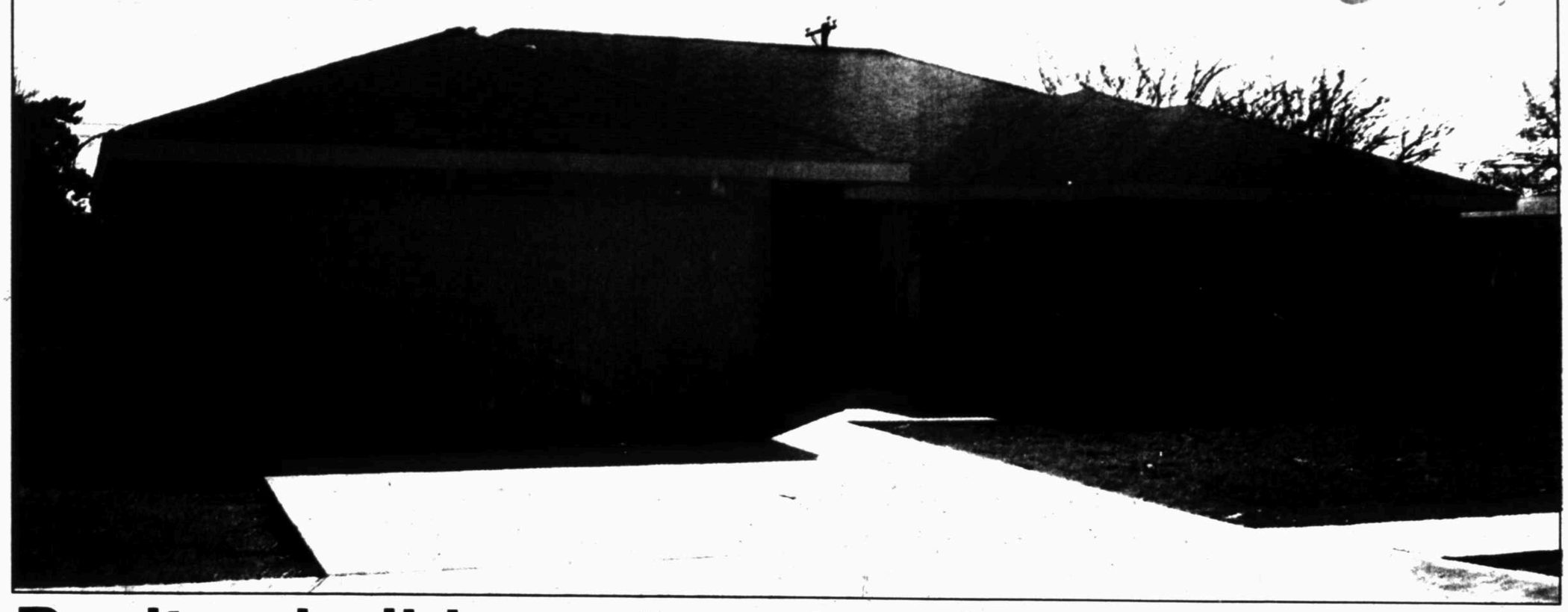

Realtor, builder puts pet project on the market

The cozy kitchen has beautifully rustic pine cabinetry. The knots and grain of the wood add lots of personality to this functional kitchen. Beveled edge formica countertops provide a durable, smooth surface.

Photos by Brian Adamcik

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2511 Storey was a vacant lot for many years, right in the middle of a quiet neighborhood near Memorial Stadium. For many years this lot was just there, and it sat and sat. That is until John Williams of Williams & Associates Realtors and Builders placed a four bedroom, two bath home on this needy space.

This writer met with Williams' associate, John Boswell to view this home. He said he was not sure how long the lot was vacant, but that he knew that it had been bare since 1973 when he came to Midland. Boswell also noted that the neighbors were thrilled to have this home added to their neighborhood. This red brick structure has filled an empty hole in the neighborhood and made it more complete.

Boswell said that Williams was especially proud of this home because he was bringing something new to an older part of town. He also remarked that due to the changes in the oil industry over the last few years, more people were moving back into the center of town, and that this new home in an older neighborhood reflected that trend.

While this home is still lacking a few finishing touches, such as a lawn and fencing, the builder did not want to pass up the chance of showcasing a home that is very near and dear to his heart.

The exterior of the home is in a rich red brick with wood siding painted white. The two-car front-entry garage has a wide driveway.

Just inside is a small tile foyer that opens directly into the great room. This home has picked up on the growing trend of having one large living area instead of a formal living room and a separate den. A massive red brick fireplace is set into the corner, providing a dramatic focal point for this room. A lighted ceiling fan cools and illuminates this large space. French doors open out from the great room to what will soon be a large back yard.

From the living room and to the left is the dining area. This sunny nook is set just off of the kitchen in a bay window shaped area. Two windows peek out of the back of the house in this nook. White and grey mottled tiles cover the floor of the dining area, kitchen and utility room.

The kitchen has gorgeous solid pine cabinetry. The natural finish of the wood has a rustic, yet elegant effect. The countertops are a beveled-edge formica with a grey tile backsplash. A window is cut out above the huge double sink and offers a view of the great room. A pantry with deep shelves is tucked into the corner of the kitchen. There is room above the cabinets for decorative accents and collectibles. Appliances in this kitchen include: a Sharp microwave with a built-in range hood, a Frigidaire oven and range top and a Frigidaire dishwasher.

Just off the kitchen is the utility room. This room features the same beautiful pine cabinetry of the kitchen, as well as room for an upright freezer and an extra large free-standing sink for hand-washables.

To the right of the great room are the four bedrooms.

The first bedroom has a bay window with a great view of the neighborhood. Boswell pointed out that this room is suited for many functions from a bedroom to a nursery, to an office or a hobby room. The unique shape of the room makes it very versatile and attractive. This bedroom, as well as the others is painted in a light beige with white trim. All of the bedrooms feature walk-in closets with lots of shelves and rods.

Down the hall and to the left is the master suite. The master bedroom has a pan ceiling with a lighted ceiling fan. Two windows are placed along the rear wall.

The master bathroom has a double vanity with makeup lighting and a large mirror. The cabinetry mirrors that found in the kitchen with rustic pine woodwork and formica countertops. The vanity area is carpeted and the rest of the bathroom is tiled. A frosted window is set above the commode. The tiled tub/shower combo is custom designed for a sleek, modern look. A fairly large walk in closet is tucked in next to the vanity.

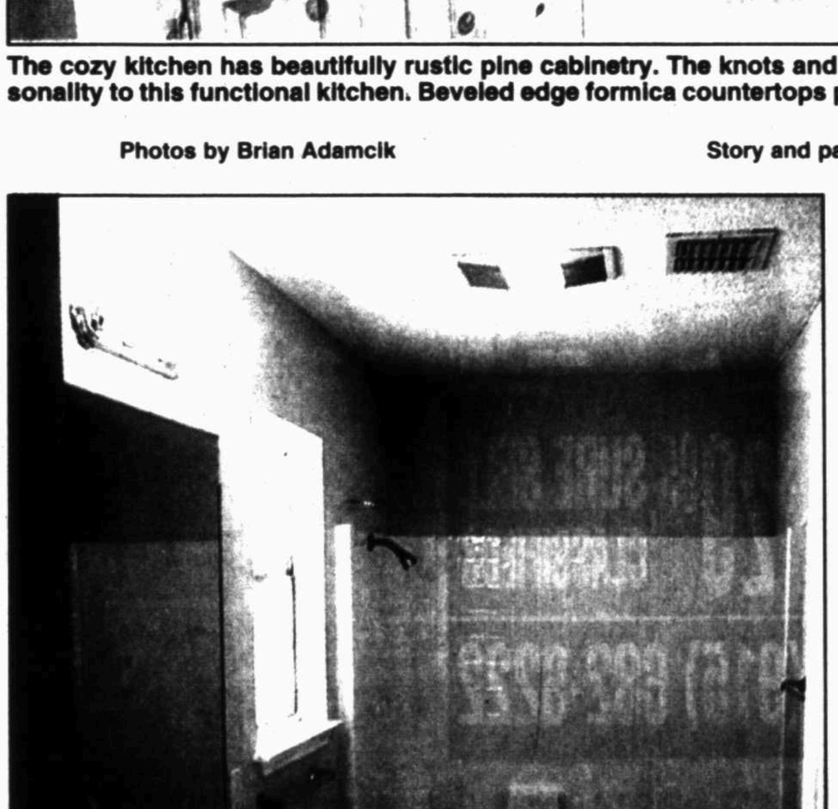
Just down the hall from the master suite is the second bathroom. This bathroom is designed almost identically to the other bathroom, with the exception of a wide, narrow window above the tub/shower enclosure.

The next room is another bedroom, this one with a window on to the side of the home. The final bedroom is at the front of the home and has a large picture window.

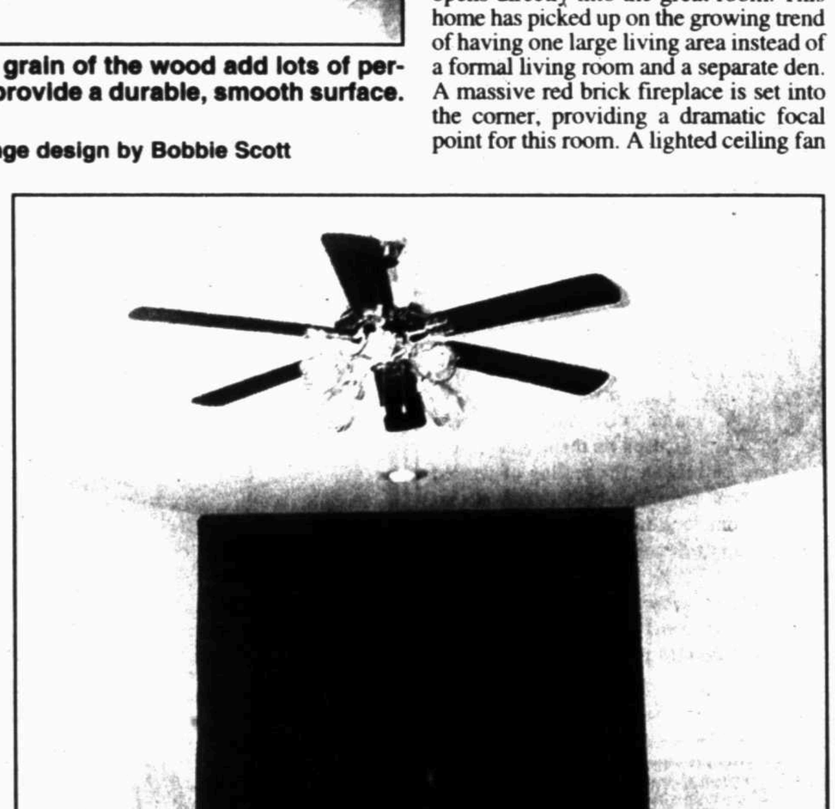
This home, priced at $79,500 is being shown by appointment by John Boswell and John Williams of Williams & Associates Realtors. They can be reached at 694-9663.

As a final note, this writer just happened to have one of those chance conversations that always come at the perfect time. Pam Allen, a member of the Reporter-Telegram's Classified Department staff, is acquainted with the Williams family and was privy to a personal tour of this home. She remarked that she was impressed at how well this home fit into the existing neighborhood and that she enjoyed the light and airy feeling the home has because of its many large windows. She also said that the attractive corner fireplace was something she enjoyed seeing.

Hopefully this home has sparked your interest — come on … go see it for yourself.



A view of one of the home's two bathrooms. These conveniently designed bathrooms include "heat-a-vent-a-lights" to take the chill off of cold mornings.



The massive corner fireplace is the focal point of this home's great room. The raised hearth is an attractive touch that adds to the elegance of the red brick.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Weatherproof your Home for Winter

It's time to prepare your home against winter's harsh weather. A few simple, precautionary steps can save money and add to the value of your home.

"Keep in mind the benefits of making the improvements and the risks involved in leaving some jobs unfinished," says Raymond (Skeet) Doss, president of the Permian Basin Board of REALTORS®, Inc.

Here are some handy tips for winter weatherproofing your home:

1. Heating systems. Heating systems vary, but in general, industry standards advise a professional check-up every year for oil-powered units and every three years for those powered by gas. However, do-it-yourself maintenance also is advisable. With the furnace off, you should replace air filters, and vacuum dust from the blower, fan blades, grills and air intakes. Replace any cracked or frayed belts.

If your furnace supplies heat using hot water in pipes or radiators, you may need to lubricate the motor that pushes water through the system. Remember: The efficiency of hot-water systems can be impaired if air gets caught within the systems, because air takes the place of hot water. Make sure the value that lets air escape is working properly.

2. Chimney flues. Checking your chimney is another important weatherproofing task. If you are uncertain about the condition of a furnace or chimney flue, it's best to hire a chimney sweep to clear out creosote, the flammable oily residue that accumulates when wood is burned. If left uncleaned, creosote could be reignited, causing a chimney fire. If you decide to clean out the furnace flue yourself, take apart exposed pipe sections and brush them outdoors. To clean a chimney flue, pull a sand-filled canvas bag back and forth through the opening, working from the roof. Make certain the flue is closed to keep soot from filtering inside the house.

3. Smoke detectors. Although battery-powered smoke detectors should be tested year round, it is crucial to test them in the winter, because sources of fire, such as fireplaces, wood stoves and portable heaters are used. Testing battery-powered units is simply - make sure the batteries work. A unit connected to the electrical system should also be tested, but probably does not need any maintenance except, perhaps, a light dusting.

4. Air or water leaks. Look for air cracks around windows, doors, pipes, ducts and other openings. It is important to seal these leaks with flexible caulk. Seams where siding meets windows and doors should be caulked. On brick siding, fill in eroded joints with mortar to keep out air, water and snow.

5. Insulation. Check the attic to see if insulation needs to be added or replaced. This is the most significant area of heat loss in many homes, so it is also important to see that it has proper ventilation. Inadequate ventilation could lead to premature deterioration of the insulation materials. It may be necessary to check insulation in exterior walls, crawl spaces and along foundation walls as well.

6. Gutter cleaning. Clean the leaves from all gutters. Then, make sure the drainage system works by running water through them.

"Preparing your home for winter is a smart way to cut energy costs and make sure your home is safe," says Doss. "It's a job that is well worth the time and effort."

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RC (Skeet) Doss, President Permian Basin Board of REALTORS®, Inc.

MOVING WITH CHILDREN

Whether you're moving in the area or to a totally different location, moving is stressful to everyone in the family. Children are often confused and frightened about the "unknown". Experienced relocation professionals offer the following tips to make moving smoother for the entire family:

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• Tell children about the move early. Don't try to protect them until the move is about to take place. Children pick up on phrases and stress in conversations and may be more upset about the unknown than you realize. It's OK to let them know if you're unhappy about the move, but emphasize the good points, explaining why the move is necessary.

• Share scheduling with the children. Remember, a school-year move offers some advantages, especially for small children. They will be known as "new" and receive extra attention to make them feel more comfortable.

• Assign children special duties such as packing up their rooms. For garage sales, consider allowing children to include some of their own items and give them the money from those items.

• Help children make new friends in the new location. It might be a good time to involve a family teenager in carpooling younger siblings, providing both transportation and opportunity for everyone to get acquainted with new friends.

• Try getting children excited about the new location. Every area has something to offer.

• Do you homework about the schools you children will attend. Make sure you have all the required school records for the transfer. If your children did not go on the househunting trip with you, take pictures of the new school to take back, so they can see where they will be going to school.

In short, make the move a "family experience". It can help make all of you closer if you include everyone in the process.

(Story submitted by Kay Sutton, broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Kay Sutton, Realtors)

SMART "HOUSE-HUNTING"

Buying a home should be exciting and fun, however this can become a very stressful time if you are working without a plan of action. One way to limit the feeling of being overwhelmed is to ensure that you are seeing only those homes that fit your needs. In the beginning of a house hunting trip, buyers may have the notion that they want to see all the houses available in their price range at this given time. This soon turns out to be confusing and dishearting, and the buyers are wearing themselves out going in and out of homes they would not consider for their family. Know your goals and priorities and have your Realtor prepare a well-planned course of action for you. Ask for a schedule of appointments - this will commit your agent as well as yourself to keeping this time for a serious house-hunting and won't waste time for either one of you. If you are concerned you will miss "the house" ask your Realtor to provide a list of all the houses in your price range and a list of the properties chosen to be seen and how the selection was made. This should confirm that your agent has in mind the priorities you have and will help you stay focused on them. Also it will eliminate the feeling of wasted energy, time, and loss of enthusiasm that comes from looking at dozens of homes that just don't fit your needs.

This article submitted by Anita Noles, Marilyn Jo Smith and Norma Pine, Owners of RE/MAX of Midland/Chaparral Realtors.

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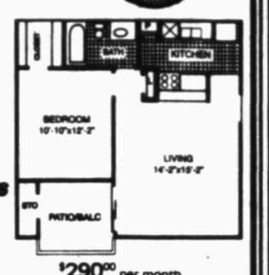

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CASPER.....New Whitehead: 3 bd-2 ba-1 liv-Pick all Options ..... $ 86,000
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S. CO RD 1125.....20 Lots in Super New Subdivision-Fiesta Ranch Estates-Pick Yours Today! ... $ 10,000 ea
S. CO RD 1190....8 lots in Southland Hill Addtn ready to develop-May sell together or as package .... $ 10,000 ea
S. CO RD 1190.....Water Well on Property - Ready to develop-Southland Hills Addition ..... $ 12,000
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S. CO RD 1210.....Approx 10+Ac-Horses OK-No Mob.Homes-Deed Restricted to Min.1200 Sq.Ft.Home ... $ 25,000
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I-20.....22+ Acres-Prime I-20 Frontage ..... $ 385,000
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ANDREWS HWY....Hot Corner Location - Near Hospital - High Visibility & Traffic Count - Ideal for Drive-Thru .... $ 90,000
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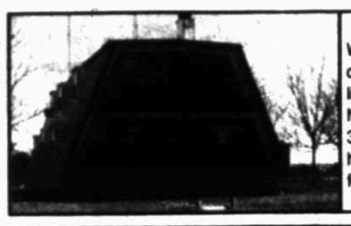

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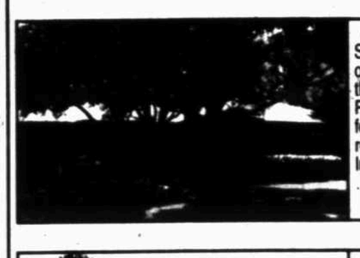

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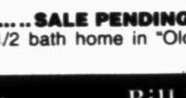

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TOTAL TRANSACTIONS	2344

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CRESTRIDGE-Spacious 4BR in Crestgate. 3 living areas (pool table sized playroom).....122,900
PRINCETON-Sensational Old Midland home with 4BRs plus an office! Totally redone inside & out.....122,500
SENTINEL-Fabulous home nestled in Old Midland w/sparkling in-ground pool. Remodeled beyond belief.120,000
SHANDON-Fabulous 5BR/3BA/2LA. Lots of tile, super kitchen.....119,900
ARROYO-Townhouse type. 3BR/3BA, high ceilings, huge master and bath.....119,900
WESTMINISTER-Wonderfully different plan, gorgeous pool & terrace, humongous closets, 2LA/3BR/2.5BA.....119,500
RAINBOW-Great investment property on this terrific duplex w/3BR/2BA/1LA plus FP one each side.....119,500
AUBURN-16x36 workshop and a great 4BR/3LA home on quiet cul-de-sac.....119,500
HARVARD-Charming 3BR/2BA w/beautiful hardwood floors. Excellent condition. Lots of new.....118,000
RICHMOND CMP-Great price in Polo Park. Fantastic home!.....115,900
GULF-Lush yard w/large living, workshop and mother-in-law suite.....115,800
AUBURN PL.-Spacious 4BR/3BA/2LA, home located in quiet cul-de-sac!.....115,000
BELFIELD-New carpet, tile and paint, AC/heat, fence. Wonderful floor plan, great area.....115,000
PURPLE SAGE-Super 4BR/3BA, formal dining, lots of new! Fabulous kitchen.....114,500
GODFREY CMP-New 3/2 with great features, quality Hoffman construction.....112,000
GODFREY CMP-Outstanding Hoffman construction, 3/2 w/great amenities.....112,000
GLENEAGLES-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA.....110,000
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ST. ANDREWS-1998 model TH w/a maintenance free yard. 3BR/3BA.....110,000
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HARVARD-3BR/2BA w/2 addition half baths, nice patio off of den, lots of light, 2 dining, RV cover.....110,000
PRINCETON CMP-Motivated seller. Priced below appraisal. Desirable location, beautiful 3BR.....105,900
STANOLIND CMP-Fannin area, 4BR/2.5BA, great trees, grand floor plan.....105,000
BEDFORD-Custom, "one owner" home in popular Old Midland. Great updating, pretty landscaping.....102,000

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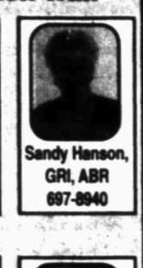
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BEDFORD-Lovely "Old Midland" w/spacious bedrooms, baths and kitchen. Wonderful large yard.....99,500
GULF-Updated contemporary, high ceilings, light and bright. Huge live oaks.....98,900
ARROWHEAD-Wow-3BR/2LA+ a study! Fireplace in sequestered master.....98,500
HUNTINGTON-Exceptionally nice, spacious rooms, many updates. Great landscaping.....98,000
TERRACE-Sensational home in Fannin with spacious bedrooms, bonus room, and abundant storage.....97,900
FANNIN-Beautiful home in Fannin area. Complete remodel. 3/2 w/a great open kitchen/LA.....96,000
BRIGHTON CMP-Great buy in Saddle Club South. 3/2, many extras.....95,000
DENGAR CMP-Wonderfully clean 4BR in Fannin area. Lots of space!.....94,900
NORTHRUP-Unique home across from Midland Christian School. 3BR/2BA.....94,500
SHERWOOD CMP-Home warranty offered on this light and bright custom Kahler built home.....92,000
BOYD-Better than new! 2/2, seq, bedrooms, neutral colors. Beautiful! Formal dining.....91,900
CLAREMONT-A 1995 beauty w/3BR/2BA/2-car garage. Open plan w/lots of tile & closets. Seq. master.....89,900
WARD-Possible 0 down. Super nice home in wonderful condition. Very open plan, light & bright.....89,900
MAXWELL CMP-Non-qualifying assumption, pool and workshop.....89,900
ST. ANDREWS CMP-Cute ivy-covered 3/2/2 in Fairmont Park, landscaped yard, office off kitchen.....89,900
VENTURA-Great home in mature area. 3/2 with 2LA's, lots of Mexican tile and built-ins.....89,500
CIMMARON CMP-Fannin school. Fabulous 4BR/2BA/2LA, corner lot.....89,500
KANSAS-Charming 3BR/2BA w/pretty hardwoods. Exactly what you've waited for.....89,000
WHITNEY-Unique design. 3/2/2/LA, new sprinkler - front & back, roof, paint interior and exterior. 5CF.....88,500
GULF-Charming Lee High area. 3BR/2BA, great value for size.....87,900
ELMA-3BR/2.5BA plus bonus room. Recent new - A/C, dishwasher, GDO-parquet flooring.....86,900
PRESTON-Charming 3/2 w/great kitchen and large living. Near schools + $1500 incentives.....86,700
SAN ANTONIO-Nice and large 3BR/2BA. Gourmet kitchen, open floor plan.....86,000
WHITTLE WAY-Lovely Wydewood home w/tons of updates plus extra large bedrooms.....86,000
SEABOARD CMP-Extra nice 3BR, recent remodel included a huge LA/FD & lots of built-ins.....85,000
GOLF COURSE CMP-Nice 3/2 in Old Midland. Sunroom and additional carport in back & circle drive in front.85,000
REGAL-1 large LA, 3BR/2BA/2-car garage. Lovely - convenient to schools, park and Loop 250.....85,000
GULF CMP-Unique floor plan. MaMar. 3/3/2/2LA, cabana, hot tub.....85,000
CRESTMONT-Beautiful gray brick home in Fairmont. 3/2 with bonus room that could be 4th bedroom.....84,900
HYDE PARK-Neat 3BR/2BA/2LA & 2-car garage near Lee High. Assume 6.5% loan-payoff in 10 yrs.....84,500
INDIANA-Charming museum area 3/2/2LA w/656 updated apartment. Yard on WW. HOW warranty.....84,500
WESTERN CMP-3/2 w/2LA, sophisticated townhouse w/New Orleans style patio.....84,000
MANOR-3% buyer incentive. Move in for total of 3%, large 3BR/3BA, new tile, carpet, paint. 3-car grage.83,900
PURPLE SAGE-Vista West addition, big backyard, 3 spacious bedrooms, teal carpet.....82,450
NORTHRUP CMP-Fantastic floor plan. 2BR TH. Low maintenance. Lovely high ceilings, 2 dining areas.....81,900
MANOR CT. CMP-3BR/2BA on quiet cul-de-sac. Superior addition location. Tree-shaded.....81,000
WYDEWOOD-Darling 3BR/2BA home. Beautiful yard with lots of flowers.....79,950
GOLF COURSE-Lovely lovely one-owner TH. 2BR/2BA/1LA,FP, big rooms.....79,900
DOUGLAS CMP-Well maintained home in mature area. 3BR/2BA with a lot of extras.....79,900
NEELY CMP-It's only perfect! Lovely formals, spacious den, sunroom, remodeled kitchen, custom decor.79,900
NORTH N-Beautiful space, landscaping, trees. Formal area, cozy den, lovely huge garden room. 3BR/2BA.79,500
BOYD-Home warranty, hot tub, workshop, wonderful 4BR, 3BR/3BA.....79,500
OAKLAWN-Old Midland, 3/2 w/beautiful remodeled kitchen, tile & paint. This is a great updated home.....79,500
MICHIGAN-Old Midland Charm. Lots of square footage. Berber carpet, 10x24 outside storage.....79,500
ABMSLEE-Delightful older 4BR/3BA in lush neighborhood.....79,500
CIMMARON CMP-4BR in Fannin district. Large corner lot.....79,000
CUTHBERT-Beautiful hardwood floors through out this nicely updated Old Midland home.....78,500
LAWACA-Magazine pretty! Very spacious home in Northgate! 3/2/2, sprinklers, Ready for you.....77,500
WYDEWOOD-Wydewood beauty, living area w/soaring ceilings and formal dining. 3BR/2BA/2-car garage.77,900
WINDSOR CMP-Great 4BR near schools and shopping. Priced right and ready for occupancy.....75,000
FANNIN-Approximately 1900 sq. ft., big rooms, oversized yard, good value.....75,000
PLEASANT-Huge! Over 4000 sq. ft. for all the room you need.....75,000
MARK LANE-Seq. master, great floor plan, rear-entry garage, cute house, light, 3BR/2BA.....74,900
DENTCREST-Townhouse - 3/2.5 charming, easy care.....74,500
McDONALD-Great location in Rusk/Lee area. 3/2/2. Corner lot across from Rusk School.....73,000
NORTHRUP-Terrific swimming pool, 3-car garage, 2-carport, 3BR/2BA Th.....73,000
JORDAN CMP-Great plan, large living, nice kitchen, 3BR/2BA, small office, quiet street.....73,000
WHITTLE WAY-Gorgeous 3BR/2BA in established neighborhood. Possible NO assumption.....72,500
LANHAM-Wonderful & spacious 2BR TH w/loft that could be 2nd LA or 3BR, tons of storage.....72,000
CAMARIE-New carpet, paint, tile floors. Very nice home. Great yard, big trees, sprinklers.....71,900
SCHARBAUER-Great 3BR w/lots of new in recent years Large living w/formal dining, country kitchen.....70,900
DENGAR-Lots of space in this 4/2 located near schools and shopping.....70,000
HUMBLE-4BR/2BA, large kitchen, 2 dining areas, pantry on a quiet street.....69,900
OHIO CMP-3/2/2 doll house! Vaulted ceilings, skylights, deck, shop, great assumption - 7.25% interest.....69,900
DENGAR-Fabulous 4BR in "Fannin area" w/new kitchen.....69,900
SHELL-Lots of new in this pretty 3BR - good condition, large yard, nice plan.....69,500
OXFORD-Quiet street, lovely 3/2 with double ovens and storage too!.....68,900
BENTWOOD-Looking for a great home with a workshop? This is it!.....67,500
CLUB DR CMP-Totally charming 3BR in Old Midland and delightful for entertaining.....67,500
WHITTLE WAY-Absolutely charming 2BR/2.5BA TH w/heated & cooled atrium! Shows beautifully.....64,000
GREENBRIAR-3BR/2BA/2LA/2-car garage. High efficiency A/C, insulated 3 yrs, fans and track lighting.....64,000
BAUMANN-Perfect home on tree-shaded lot. 3BR/2BA/2LA, formal dining.....63,900
SUMMIT RD.-Looking for a great home with deer and turkey hunting and fishing close by? Lake Spence.....63,850
COUNTRY CLUB-So much space for the money! 3BR/2BA in great area. Will lease.....63,500
TENNESSEE-Charming Old Midland cottage w/guest house. Hardwood floors, brick ext. & sprinkler sys.....62,500
GOLF COURSE-Wonderful location! Zoned residential house is to be sold with property as is.....60,000
SUNNYSIDE-Great 3/2/2-car garage w/many upgrades - plush carpet, vaulted ceilings, marble FP, lighting.....60,000
NORTH A-Tons redone in this nice 3BR/2BA! Wonderful central location. High ceilings, tile floors.....59,900
BAUMANN-Wheel chair accessible, non-qualifying assumption, water well, workshop, great home.....57,000
DOUGLAS CMP-Fantastic buy. You won't beleive how nice. Recently updated so nice.....55,900
BENTWOOD CMP-2% buyer incentive. Updated, exceptional large rooms, seq. MBR, FP, roomy baths.....54,900
PLAYER CT-3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage, corner fireplace, located on quiet cul-de-sac! Call now!.....53,500
LEISURE-Move in condition. Priced below market.....53,500
RIC CMP-3/2, $3,000 towards buyers closing costs. Doll house, great re-do. Don't miss.....51,900
FRANKLIN-Quadraplex - great investment property. 2/2 bedrooms and 2/1 bedrooms. Good tenant.....50,000
WADLEY-Great home, corner lot, ready to live in. 3BR/2BA.....50,000
LOUISIANA CMP-Looking for a great home? This is well worth the call!.....49,999
RIC-Almost perfect! Big, big living area w/3BR, RO & WS.....49,900
THOMASON-New carpet, paint, and vinyl throughout.....49,900
BOYD-Old Midland cottage with lots of charm and lots of new.....47,500
ERIE CMP-3BR/2BA/1LA, fresh paint, 12" tile in kitchen & entrance in '98.....47,000
ROOSEVELT-Nice 3BR/2BA with fireplace. No garage.....46,000
HARLOWE CMP-Super, clean, cute and cozy location in quiet neighborhood with wonderful yard.....45,500
PLEASANT DR. CMP-3BR/2BA/2LA. $1,500 allowance with acceptable offer. Tile kitchen & entry.....45,000
ROOSEVELT-Lovely 2BR/2BA w/FP. Spacious rooms, lots of storage. Wonderful covered patio.....45,000
SINCLAIR CMP-Distinctive "contemporary" w/detached studio, great for music, lg. yard, well & sprinklers.44,900
EDWARDS-Large 2 or 3BR, quiet, well maintained street.....43,900
W. 3RD. ST.-Spotless & updated. 3/2/2-car garage.....43,000
STOREY-3BR/1BA/1-car, current rental property.....42,900
PASADENA-Great 3/2/2LA w/new carpet, paint, roof and heat and air. Don't miss this one.....42,500
COWDEN-2BR/1BA/1LA, bonus room, garage, hardwood floors, Berber carpet, brick floors.....41,500
IDLEWILDE #11 CMP-2BR/1.5BA TH, taupe colors, spotless, nice area. Bedrooms up.....39,900
TRAVIS-Large 2BR/2BA + office or 2nd LA, high ceilings, FP.....39,900
ERIE-Great space at affordable price. Remodeled kitchen!.....39,900
IDLEWILDE #3-Updated, charming and ready! 2BR, hollywood + 1/2 bath, tile floors, nice carpeting.....39,900
STOREY-Investment property. Repairs in progress. Lower price as is condition.....39,000
BROOKS-3BR/1BA, front living and a large den w/FP, central heat and air. Great starter.....38,500
HILL-Large 4BR/2BA could be set up as mother-in-law suite.....37,500
SEMINOLE CMP-So much new and excellent condition make this 3BR/2BA a cream puff.....36,500
WILSHIRE-3BR, refrigerated A/C. Great for first time buyer.....35,900
NOBLES CMP-Charming cottage. Absolutely wonderful starter home. Hardwood floors. So much new.....35,000
THOMASON-Great 3/1, getting new carpet and paint. Nice yard and garage. Check this out.....34,900
MAPLE-Charming 3/2. Ref. AC/central heat. Beautiful carpet, new paint. Check quick.....33,900
COLLEGE-Perfect for investors! Cute 1 bedroom duplexes. Lots of character!.....30,000
KENTUCKY-Adorable 3BR/1BA in perfect condition across from Ulmer Park. Eight blks S of hospital.....29,950
TANNER-Great 3/1 - getting new carpet and paint. Nice yard and garage. Check this out.....29,500
HOWARD-3BR/1BA w/2LA. Good investment property.....28,000
TRAVIS-Very nice 3BR/1BA. Much updating since '96. Central heat and air, wood floors.....24,000
CALDERA #160-Scoop up 2 units at $23,900 each! Very nice.....23,900
CALDERA #280-Great investment buy! Two units available, $23,900 each.....23,900
WASHINGTON-Great rent house. Lots of new in progress.....22,500
409 5th CMP-Cute home in Stanton! Very good location!.....20,900
TRAVIS-Perfect for investment or first time buyer.....18,500
OAK-Starter home or rental. Sold as is. Needs repair.....13,900
BOULDER #804-2BR/2BA/1LA, FP, second level faces Loop 250.....12,000

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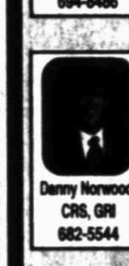
E. CO. RD. 110-Very special property on 10 acres, great condition, wonderful living areas, delightful kitchen, sparkling pool.....249,900
N. CO. RD. 1241-Classic country home, great decor and plan. Barn, arena, wells and more.....239,000
W. HWY. 176-Cowboys paradise, 3BR/2BR on 16.92 acres, arena, 250 trees.....205,000
CAROL LANE-Country living in the city. 5BR/4BA. Updated, inground pool, barns, stables, arena.....171,500
S. CO. RD. 1218-Updated country home on 20 acres with mature Pecan trees.....159,500
E. CO. RD. 110-Wow! 4 BR/3 full & 2 half baths, 3 LA's on 2 acres.....154,900
S. CO. RD. 1138-Wow! Greenwood, new 24x24 shop, carpets, tile, paint inside & out! 4/3/2, 1.43 ac.....149,500
W. CO. RD. 68 CMP-Wonderful, totally redone, super pool includes Colorado River Tap. Must see.....139,900
W. CO. RD. 150-50 pecan trees, 2 acres, fabulous home! Sprinklered, Mexican tile, high ceilings. WOW.....125,000
S. CO. RD. 1130-Dandy 3BR Greenwood suburban on 5 acres. Priced for immediate sale.....125,000
S. CO. RD. 1065 CMP-Buy a Ranch! 68 fenced acres and 3/2/2/garage. 2 water wells and barn and stalls.117,400
W. CO. RD. 54 CMP-Great country property! 3WW and a nice shop. Very nice house and good location.....114,900
FM 307 CMP-34+ acres w/lighted arena, stalls and cross-fenced pastures and 3/2/1 house.....105,000
IRVIN CMP-Ideal suburban 4BR w/2LAs and pond.....89,900
N. CO. RD. 1105 CMP-Country charm + 8 acres in Greenwood area.....88,000
ELKINS RD.-3/2/1 with 2 car garage on 20 acres! 2 owner home.....83,900
E. CO. RD. 108 CMP-Great 3/2 in Greenwood, lots of extras, workshop and additional parking.....77,000
E. CO. RD. 108 CMP-4BR in Greenwood, spotless, plus 2-garage and 2-car carport and pool.....76,900
W. CO. RD. 140-Country living at its best! Quiet and peaceful. 4BR/2BA/fireplace.....72,000
E. CO. RD. 90-3/2 on 1.5 acres in Greenwood! Not behind the schools, very nice drive-up w/horse pens.....69,900
E. CO. RD. 90-Greenwood 3/2 - high ceilings plus bonus room and office area.....69,000
E. CO. RD. 90 CMP-Larger than most for price in Greenwood! 3/2, pretty ceiling in kitchen and dining area.....68,900
CO. RD. 3201-Stanton. 3BR brick home on 15+ 1 acres. W. of Stanton. 20x26 workshop, large carport & more.....85,000
E. CO. RD. 140-Redone & spotless on 1 ac. Beautiful hardwood floors. 3BR/3BA/2LA, 2-c garage w/3-c carport.....62,500
S. CO. RD. 1285-Prime acreage between Midland and Odessa off of 1788; mobile home w/10 acres.....57,900
S. CO. RD. 1135-3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.....49,950
S. CO. RD. 1135-So nice 3BR/2BA on approximately 1.9 acres. Greenwood schools.....49,950
S. CO. RD. 1083 CMP-3BR/2BA Greenwood home on 2 acres, 1860 sq. ft. according to appraiser. $3,000 decorating allowance.....48,000
W. CO. RD. 110-Country near the city! 4 acres w/2BR/1BA/2LA, 2 car carport.....42,500
S. CO. RD. 1210 CMP-3% buyer incentive. Precious 2BR/1BA, new carpet, paint, roof, central HVAC, 2 acres.....34,900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LOTS THROUGHOUT THE CITY

RACQUET CLUB DR-Last available lots in coveted Racquet Club South.....150,000 each
BLUEBIRD-12.212 acres available across from the ball park. Can be sub-divided.....146,520
SINCLAIR-5 acres in desirable area for development.....100,000
BLUEBIRD-7.18 acres. Can be sub-divided.....86,220
ISLAND CIRCLE-One of the last lots available in prestigious Green Tree North across from the water.85,000
CARDINAL LN-Two 3.997 acre lots, great country living in the city, city water available.....64,000
MOCKINGBIRD LANE-4 acre lot. Perfect for country living in the city.....57,000
SUNRISE-Desirable .79 acre lot facing golf course in Green Tree North.....53,000
CUTHBERT-Fabulous new development of zero lot line homes. Call for information to reserve your lot!.49,900 ea.
MIDKIFF-2 acres, great location on North Midkiff.....40,000
L-Rare and beautiful lot in museum district, special site.....37,500
FAIRWOOD-Choice lot in wonderful Mockingbird Heights.....37,000
SADDLE CLUB EAST LOTS-Prestigious - only a few remaining.....33,000-45,000
TATTENHAM CORNER-Beautiful urban/suburban lots in quiet cul-de-sac.....27,500 each
ELM ST. & LAMESA RD.-Lot could be commercial location.....22,500
E. HWY. 80-3 acres.....12,000
LA SALLE-Nice residential lot in Wydewood area.....9,500
CROCKETT-5 lots sold separately or as a package.....6,000 each
GASTON-Lot in Permian Estates.....3,000
SHANDON-One lot.....2,950
SHANDON-Three lots each.....2,100-2,800
VARIOUS OTHER HOME SITES-Call for more details.....2,850-35,000

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IH-20 East, Antique Haven, 7000 sf store and nice 4500 sf house, 20 acres.....CALL
LOOP 250 NORTH-1 acre between Olive Garden and Service Merchandise.....CALL
ILLINOIS-2250' tile bldg, 1 blk to MMH.....70,000
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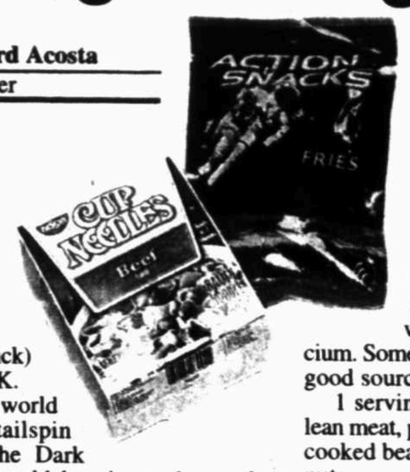

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One, (click) happy Y2K.

As the world takes a tailspin back to the Dark Ages, it would be nice to know that while living in the old World War II shelter you will have enough food to last a good five years.

Story after story tells of people stocking up on water and nonperishable food to see them through possible Y2K problems at the first of the year. However, just because life is going to be nothing more than four gray walls for five years, is no excuse not to have a balanced diet.

According to the USDA, proper nutrition comes from following the food pyramid.

(The following information about the Federal Drug Administration food pyramid comes from the Ganesa Media Laboratories web site, http://www.ganesa.com/food/index.html which received information from Natural Health Magazine November/December 1993.)

Bread, Cereal, Rice, and Pasta: 6-11 Servings

These foods provide complex carbohydrates, an important source of energy. They also provide B vitamins, minerals and fiber. Starchy foods are not fattening if you don't add butter, cheese or cream sauces. Select whole-grain products to maximize fiber and other nutrients.

1 serving = 1 slice of bread; 1 ounce of ready-to-eat cereal; 1/2 cup cooked cereal, rice or pasta.

Fruits: 3 Servings

Fruits are rich sources of vitamins, most notably vitamin C. They are low in fat and calories. Select fresh fruits and fruit juices, and frozen, canned or dried fruits. Avoid fruit processed with heavy syrups and sugar-sweetened juices.

1 serving = 1 medium apple, banana, or orange; 1 melon wedge; 1/2 cup of chopped fruit or berries; 3/4 cup fruit juice.

Vegetables: 3-5 Servings

Vegetables provide vitamins (especially A and C), are excellent sources of fiber, and are naturally low in fat. For maximum nutrients, select dark leafy green, deep-yellow or orange vegetables and starchy vegetables such as potatoes and yams.

1 serving = 1 cup raw leafy greens; 1/2 cup other vegetables chopped; 3/4 cup vegetable juice.

Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dried Beans, Eggs, and Nuts: 2-3 Servings

Animal foods are excellent sources of protein, iron, zinc and B vitamins, as are beans, nuts and seeds. Tofu (made from soybeans) and white beans also supply calcium. Some seeds, such as almonds, are good sources of vitamin E.

1 serving = 2-3 ounces of cooked lean meat, poultry, or fish; 1 egg; 1/2 cup cooked beans; 2 tablespoons seeds and nuts.

Milk, Yogurt and Cheese: 2-4 Servings

Milk products are the richest sources of calcium. They also provide protein and vitamin B12. Choose low-fat varieties to keep calories, cholesterol and saturated fat at a minimum.

1 serving = 1 cup of milk or yogurt, 1-1/2 ounces of cheese.

Fats, Oils and Sweets: Use Sparingly

These foods provide calories, but little else nutritionally. Exceptions are vegetable oil, which is a rich source of vitamin E (1 tablespoon is all you need) and molasses, an excellent source of iron.

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All of these items can be found at any store in America. However, after the Millennium change, and the earth begins spinning in the opposite direction and the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse ride across the earth, it may be hard to get out to the local grocery store.

Much like Christmas it is better to buy early and plan ahead and fill your storm shelter with Y2K-compliant foods and drinks.

The first thing you need is something to cook with. Assuming you already have pots, pans and other whatnots, next on the list is fire.

Bundles of wood go for about $1.99. Each bundle has about seven logs; one meal, one log. Using one log per meal each day for five years comes out to about $1,550 worth of cooking wood.

Total so far: $1,550.

Bread, Cereal, Rice, and Pasta

While pushing the shopping cart around the store you can see why pasta is an all around winner.

It lasts practically forever, can be the main dish or side dish to enjoy while you slowly lose your mind from lack of human contact. The wiggly little noodles may even bring back memories of the heat waves coming off the downtown nuclear meltdown on the afternoon television news.

Pasta, three servings a container at a $1 per container. If served three times a week the cost comes out to $260.

Rice is another nearly perfect food and is also dirt cheap. You may even be able to share a meal with the imaginary people who you keep telling you that they are in fact Elvis, but are not going to leave the building.

Rice, 20 servings a box, four times a week at $2.39 a box comes out to $124.

Oatmeal is the king of this category. Not only does it help meet the daily nutritional requirements, but is also very inexpensive and can last a good five years. Oatmeal can also be used make for interesting wall designs if you are

eager enough and put what is left of your mind to it.

Oat meal, 30 servings a big round box at $2.75 comes out to $167..

Total for this category: $551.

Total so far : $2,101.

Fruits and Vegetables

One of the bad things about water is that it can go stale. However, wine is made from grapes and is supposed to age. Plus it comes in great big jugs which, if blown into properly, will make the lovely sound often heard on the Andy Griffith Show and you can party like it was 1999.

Jug of wine, four liters for $18.49; if only one liter is used a day, $8,436.

Unless the scurvy pirate look comes back into fashion, vitamin C is a must. The only problem is fresh fruit will last about as long as the electric appliances will once the power goes out. Fortunately, big cans of fruit juice, jam-packed with vitamin C, are available for your shopping convenience. The can-o-juice is also a great buy and most of the time go for two to three cans for $1.

Big can of juice times one can a day at three for a $1 comes out to $608.

The great thing about canned goods is that the regular pyramid says they are good and good for you. However, avoid soups. They expire within enough time of its arrival to the store that they have an expiration date.

Can goods, at three cans a day at an average cost of 60 cents come out to be $3,285.

Total for this category: $12,329.

Total so far: $14,430.

Meat, Poultry, Fish, Dried Beans, Eggs, and Nuts

Again canned goods come to the rescue. It might be a good idea to come up with a craft project for all the cans that will pile up in the hole away from home. There is some comfort in knowing that, if it can be grown or raised it, can and will be canned. These items are some what expensive, but are probably better than raising your own chickens.

Canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken, turkey, potted meat, vienna sausage and SPAM) at an average cost of $1.50 a can times three times a day comes out to $8,212.

Does anything go better than with a jug of wine while you watch the strange figures dance in the darkness of your imagination than a can of mixed nuts?

Sealed can of peanuts, 30 servings a can at $2.39 comes out to $145.

Total this section: $8,357.

Total so far: $22,787.

Milk, Yogurt and Cheese

Maybe that aged cheese sealed in wax could handle a five-year stand underground, but other than that, stay away from this stuff. Even the dairy substitutes turn bad quickly.

Total this section: $0.

Total so far: $22,787.

Fats, Oils and Sweets

Ironically, the thing that is supposed to be the worst for you are among the lease expensive buys.

Oils and fats, the biggest container costs $2; using one container every two months comes out to $60.

Total this section: $60.

Total so far: $22,847.

But wait, there is more.

Other items that could be useful a Y2K shack:

- Water, if saved correctly, one gallon a day at 25 cents a gallon comes out to $456.
- Canned entrees other than soup at once a week (your personal amount may vary) at about 80 cents a can comes out to $208.
- Adult undergarments (so you don't have to waste water flushing toilets), using three a day at $13.97 for a package of 24 comes out to $3,187.
- Toothbrush, new one every three months at $2 comes out to $40.
- Soap. See last week's Lifestyle page on soap making.

Total for extras: $3,891.

Total so far: $26,738.

However, the two mandatory items for your Y2K shelter;

- M&Ms. MM is the Roman numerals for 2000. They won't last forever, but it would be a cute touch.

One of each type $1.50.

- The centerpiece of the entire massive mound of food must be Twinkies. As everyone knows they last forever and are so darn yummy.

This year the little golden gems even come in a Special Millennium numbered collectable boxes.

Special Millennium Twinkies 10 in a package at $3.12 a package eating only one a day comes out to $569.

Total for extra extras: $570.50

So once you go out to the check-out counter and watch the shift change twice while the poor girl is trying to ring up, be ready to hear something like, "Your Total comes out to be ***$27,308.50***. Would you like paper or plastic?"

Happy shopping and Merry Y2K.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

To register or not to register: Couple considers the wedding gift question

by U. Frank Williams Jr.

During my years as a wedding photographer, I've seen trends come and go. Fuscha bridesmaids dresses, the macarena and pastel tuxedos have all had their day in the sun. One of the significant trends I've noticed is the approach toward gift-giving.

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Not long ago, most people actually gave gifts. Naturally, inviting 100 loved ones to your wedding ceremony would surely produce duplicate gifts. That was OK; you'd just smile, send your thank-you cards, and try to make sure each of the seven toasters you received was returned to the proper store.

Nowadays, people try to avert that problem by just showing couples the money. Gift tables have gotten smaller; money bags have gotten bigger. That's all fine and good, as long as the checks don't bounce (I've seen it happen!). And after spending hundreds — if not thousands — of dollars on a ceremony and reception, every penny helps. Besides, getting money means Cori and I get to pick exactly what we want for our home.

Nevertheless, I can't get over the feeling that giving money is unimaginative and impersonal. The perfect solution, of course, is listing a bridal registry. No duplications, no asking friends and family back home for receipts, and we get to pick out the gifts. Sounds perfect.

So Cori and I strolled into a local department store to sign up for our bridal registry. After entering our personal information, the machine printed out a sheet which we presented to the customer service desk. The store employee gave us a scanner and sent us on our way.

Needless to say, Cori held the scanner. As we walked through the aisles of the store, my fiancee looked like Captain Kirk wielding a phaser on some hostile planet in an episode of Star Trek, waiting to shoot something. Anything. The kitchenware didn't stand a chance. And with each beep of the scanner, a childlike grin came over her face and she giggled a little. You'd think she was sitting on Santa's lap right before Christmas.

The problem is, when you're a kid chatting with St. Nick, your parents are usually within eavesdropping range, so they can get you what you want. But how do you tell your family and friends — most of whom live out of state — where you've registered without sounding tacky?

The most logical approach (and the most offensive) would be to mention vour registry in our invitations. "Cori and Frank invite you to share in their happiness — and to purchase gifts from the following fine stores..."

Doesn't that just ooze tackiness?

We figured the best way to inform our loved ones is to simply tell them when they bring up our wedding. After all, isn't word of mouth the best advertising?

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HAVE YOU HEARD?

Minuet Club hosts annual ball

By Marilyn McKnight Harrison

Sixteen young women made their bows Tuesday evening at the Minuet Club's Presentation Ball at the Petroleum Club of Midland.

This year's debutantes are **Emily Booth, Courtney Cole, Sarah Cowden, Kiersten Donnelly, Hilary Essex, Holly Gilkerson, Natalie Hall, Marci Holland, Jessica Marshall, Kelli Martin, Melissa McGavran, Casey O'Neill, Sarah Pace, Kelly Scharbauer, Jennifer Staley** and **Cathleen Wright.**

Festivities for the girls began on Dec. 18 when they were honored with a luncheon at Midland Country Club. The hostesses were **Terry (Mrs. Jack) Wilkinson, Jill (Mrs. Don) Poage, Patti (Mrs. Chuck) Wallace, Robbie (Mrs. Raymond) Casey, Mary Ann (Mrs. Lee) Majors, Karen (Mrs. Douglas) Scharbauer, Celia (Mrs. Word) Wilson, Jan (Mrs. Steve) Goree** and former Midlander **Brenda (Mrs. Chris) Brown** of Dallas.

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That afternoon, Courtney was the guest of honor at an "Afternoon of Pampering" at the home of **Janet (Mrs. Tony) Sam.** Also hosting were **Lora (Mrs. Lee) Jones, Elizabeth (Mrs. Jim) May, Candy (Mrs. Paul) Page, Shirlee Locker** and **Suzanne (Mrs. Tom) Smith.**

Parties continued into the evening with a dinner for Emily given by **Shirley and Budge McDonnold** and **Judy Booth** at the McDonnold home.

Last Sunday, the debs were honored with a family breakfast in Midland Country Club's Garden Room. Guests included the debs' parents and siblings. Host couples were **Judy and Michael Canon, Karen and Spencer Beal, Harriett and John Dublin, Ellen and Larry Bell, Kerry and Matt Faudree, Jann and Vincent Bash,** and **Nancy and Alan Myers.**

That afternoon, Hilary and Marci were honored with a Bunko party at The Shack. Hosts were **Debbie and James Van Stavern.** In the evening, Kelli Martin was honored with a dinner party at Shogun's by **Karen and Doug Scharbauer, Beverly and Lynn Conine,** and **Kathy and Bill Wallace.**

Monday began with a Debs and Dads Brunch at the Petroleum Club. Host couples were **Mary and Barry Beck, Jere and Bus Hubbard, Bonnie and Orman Hubbard, Caroline and Perry Bolger, Margaret and Courtney Cowden, Paige and Mike Gates, Vina and John Rahlfs, Carole (Mrs. Johnny) Warren, Altie and Bill Russell, Betty and Don Ewan,** and **Norma Jean and Bud Boles.**

That evening, the Minuet Club board, headed by **Robin Hightower,** hosted the traditional waltz dinner at the Petroleum Club.

On the day of the ball, the debs were honored with a manicure party at Bella Gente. Hostesses were **Denna (Mrs. Allen) McGuire, Nadine (Mrs. Tom) Craddick, Lynda (Mrs. Carty) Beal, Mary Emma (Mrs. Rob) Bennett, Margaret (Mrs. Burgess) Wade, Donna (Mrs. Ted) Fergeson, Susie (Mrs. Gary) Burnett, Judy (Mrs. Donald) Floyd, Linda (Mrs. Rodney) Satterwhite,** and **Sherry (Mrs. Jerry) Hewett.**

Holly's parents, **Victoria and Ernie Gilkerson,** hosted a breakfast for the debs, their dates and out-of-town guests at their home following the ball.

Casey was honored with a luncheon on Wednesday at Abuelo's. Host couples were **Susie and Don Evans, Polly and Ferrell Davis, Patty and Tevis Herd,** and **Lucy and John Woodside.** That evening, Kelly Scharbauer was honored with a a dinner at the Racquet Cub. It was hosted by **Dorothy and Clarence Scharbauer** and Karen and Doug Scharbauer.

Rounding out this season's parties was a brunch on Thursday given in honor of Casey and Kelly Scharbauer at Midland Country Club. **MoMo and Harry Miller** were the host couple.

THE MIDLAND OPERA THEATER'S annual fund-raiser, entitled "Hollywood Nights" this year, was indeed a night to remember.

Held recently at the Petroleum Club, it featured an evening of beautiful music by Santa Fe pianist **Doug Montgomery,** who has performed for this event for several years, and violinist **Anthony Kawalkowski.** They drew rave reviews for their duets, including old and familiar songs, as well as music from the movie, "Titanic," and Doug's brilliant rendition of "Rhapsody in Blue."

As a tie-in with the Hollywood theme, rare film clips of Ginger Rogers and her leading men were shown from the private collection of the event's chairman, **Carol (Mrs. Peter) Crain.** Carol was a close friend of the legendary screen star. A high light of the showing came with Doug's announcement, "Now I'm going to be Ginger's leading man," and he played the piano accompaniment of "Tea for Two" as Miss Rogers danced on the screen.

Guests oohed and aahed as they entered the club ballroom, which had been transformed into a nightclub of the Thirties with an Art Deco look. The guests enjoyed cocktails and dinner before the performance in a romantic setting, provided by soft pink lighting and a mirrored ball suspended from the ceiling. Midland interior designer **Gwen Watson,** who was responsible for the elegant look, also created the table centerpieces from beaded flowers in purple, pink and silver in tall cylindrical vases on black lame cloths.

Among those spotted in the large crowd were **Joanie Holt, Beverly Pevehouse, Jim Cox, Sally (Mrs. Lee) Wood, Mary Alice Knox, Keleen Beal, Jane and Russell Ramsland, Pat and Lloyd Innerarity, Mary and Henri de Compiegne,** and **Mary and Bill Kennedy.**

THE REAL REASON for the season was strongly felt at the Christmas carol and gospel singing party held recently at the home of **Kay Beauchamp** south of Midland. Co-hostesses were **Mary Antonelli, Rene Powers** and **Lois Kuykendall.**

Guests gathered around Mrs. Beauchamp's piano and organ for the sing-along. When the musicians took breaks, music flowed from two of the hostess's collection of juke boxes, one containing Christmas songs and the other hymns. Song books were printed especially for the occasion.

As guests arrived, they were greeted by the sounds of Christmas music piped outside and a beautiful lighting display. Inside, the mood was festive, and good fellowship prevailed.

A variety of party foods, punch and coffee were served to approximately 50 guests. A beautiful centerpiece of red and white carnations, which decorated the main serving table, was sent anonymously, or perhaps was an early gift from Santa.

FOR THE SECOND YEAR, Kimberly and Bob Dimit hosted a holiday open house as a way to celebrate the season.

Background piano music set a festive mood, as guests gathered in the couple's beautifully decorated home in Green Tree North.

Delicious hors d'oeuvres with a Southwestern flair, such as tamales, burritos and South of the Border potatoes, were served in the dining room on antique sterling silver serving pieces inherited from Bob's grandparents. Wine, soft drinks and wassail also were available.

The focal point of decorations in the formal living room was the nine-foot Douglas pine Christmas tree, adorned with white twinkle lights and traditional and antique ornaments belonging to Bob's great-grandparents. The great room, where many of the guests gathered, was cozy with a fire in the fireplace and a large wreath with ornate ivory and gold decor above and stockings hanging from the mantel.

A conversation piece in the large bookshelves off the foyer was a display of old black and white photos of ancestors, as well as a chronology of the Dimits' daughters, three-and-a-half year old **Margaret** and one-and-a-half year old **Abby.**

Poinsettias added a splash of color throughout the home.

The outside was festive as well. Clear lights decorated the home and yard, and the white columns of the house were wrapped with garlands.

Among their friends who gathered for the occasion were **Virginia and Bob Jones, Norma and Dr. Jess Parrish, Barbara Jowell, Kim Dollens, Tim Tompson, Kim and Dr. Scott Lancaster, Georgia Trobaugh, Marge and Harold Rubin, Sandy Beach** and his wife, **Melissa Hendrix,** and **Sabrina and Chris Statton.**

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Food safety specialists issue Y2K warning

By Jude Mahoney

ATLANTA (AP) — Food safety authorities say record-breaking numbers of consumers canned food at home for the first time this year because they fear the new millennium could begin with a power failure.

"We can pretty much tell the increase came from folks who are worried they won't have electricity to run their freezers," says Dr. Elizabeth Andress, food-safety specialist for the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service.

But Andress and her colleagues say novice canners may not have followed the strict procedures necessary to kill the pathogens in foods they preserved at home, and could become ill or die if they eat the contaminated food.

"Canning" means the process of placing food into heat-resistant containers, sterilizing and sealing it. To kill all the possible microorganisms that cause disease, the food and containers must be heated to extremely high temperatures.

This is especially true for the Clostridium botulinum bacterium that causes botulism, but it also applies to Salmonella, E. coli, and Listeria, all of which can cause serious sickness or death. Clostridium botulinum can grow and spread in low-acid foods like meats and many vegetables if it is not killed during the canning process.

According to canning specialist Susan McClure, editor of "Preserving Summer's Bounty," low-acid foods, including most vegetables, must be processed at 240 degrees F to kill the C. botulinum bacterium.

Traditional water-bath canners can only reach 212 degrees F, so people who want to can low-acid foods must use a pressure canner to reach the desired temperature, or can their foods at a state-run cannery.

High-acid foods like fruits and pickled vegetables can be preserved in a water-bath canner. McClure outlines the canning process in the September-October issue of "Organic Gardening" magazine, and warns canners not to cut corners on safety.

Program Assistant Kathleen Neal of the Georgia Extension Service agrees. "My nightmare is people who mix high and low-acid foods in a single dish like chili, then try to can it.

"Although there are published guidelines for processing separate ingredients, like beans, meat, peppers or tomatoes, there are no data that tell us exactly how long combinations like chili should be processed to guarantee that they're safe to eat.

"I always advise people to can the ingredients separately, then mix the dish together when they're actually going to eat it."

If you're worried about possible power failures in your area, McClure has a few suggestions for keeping food cold. You're in luck if your freezer is stuffed solid, because if you don't open the door and admit warm air, everything will likely stay frozen for 48 hours.

If it's half full, McClure estimates 24 hours to "full meltdown." If you expect the food to thaw before power is restored, place dry ice inside the freezer, but out of direct contact with the food. You'll need to wear gloves to do this, as dry ice will burn your skin.

McClure estimates that 25 pounds of dry ice will keep food frozen for two to three days in a half-full, 10-cubic-foot freezer and three to four days in a fully loaded one.

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If you're not expecting a power failure, this scrumptious recipe for Pickled Carrots with Dill Seed may inspire you to try canning anyway. It's from "The Bountiful Kitchen" by Barry Bluestein and Kevin Morrissey.

The book was a runner-up in the international Julia Child Cookbook Award competition, and includes easy recipes for homemade pickles and preserves, condiments, soaps, cosmetics, candles and potpourris.

PICKLED CARROTS WITH DILL SEED

3 bunches carrots (about 2 dozen)
2 teaspoons dill seed
1 teaspoon white peppercorns
1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
1-1/2 cups distilled white vinegar
1-1/4 cups water

Cut greens from the carrots, leaving about 1/4-inch of stem on each. Peel the carrots and trim to a length about 1-1/4 inches shorter than the height of the jar they will be pickled in.

Sterilize a tall, heat-resistant glass clamp jar fitted with a rubber ring. Put the dill seed, peppercorns and red pepper flakes into the jar. Pack the carrots into the jar, stems up. Bring the water and vinegar to a boil in a small, nonreactive saucepan and pour the hot mixture over the carrots to within 3/4-inch of the top of the jar. Seal securely.

Process the jar in a hot water bath for 20 minutes. Remove the jar from the canner and set aside to cool. As with any pickle, these carrots will taste best if they are allowed to cure in the brine for at least a week before they are served. The sealed carrots have a shelf life of about one year. After they've been opened, they'll last about three months in the refrigerator.

For additional, free food-safety advice:

■ *Contact your local agricultural extension service, which is affiliated with the land-grant university of every state in the union.*

Established by federal mandate, the cooperative extension service is charged to provide information about food and agriculture to consumers as well as to farmers.

■ *Offering immediate advice and information about canning by phone, Altrista Consumer Products, manufacturers of Ball and Kerr canning products, has a "Home Canners Help Line" at (800) 240-3340.*

■ *Online, look for easy instructions from the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Services at http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/scripts/htmlgen.exe?MENU—HE:HOME—CANNING—GUIDE.*

Still time to plan Y2K bash

By Carol Bidwell
N.Y. Times News Service

So you're not going to Las Vegas and dropping big bucks to party with people you don't know; not going to New York to see the ball drop in Times Square; not dancing till dawn buoyed by rivers of the finest champagne.

But that doesn't mean you're stuck on New Year's Eve with a frozen pizza and a bottle of $3 wanna-be champagne, either.

It's not too late to plan an elegant, intimate gathering to welcome in 2000. All it takes is a bit of organization, a willingness to be flexible and a bunch of compatible people.

"I think people have realized that this is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and rather than spend it with a bunch of strangers at a big party, they're looking for something more personal, a time of quiet reflection with friends," said Bob Klingensmith of Chatsworth, at a Canoga park liquor store. He was picking up a few bottles of Irish whiskey he'll share with friends on New Year's Eve.

PARTY PLANNERS suggest you first decide whether you'll have a sit-down dinner, a wander-around buffet or a casual, grab-a-bite evening around the TV. The kind of party you choose will suggest the size of your guest list: Dozens may be able to mingle through your apartment with chips full of dip, but your dining table can just seat so many.

Don't have enough glasses or chairs, and your china is from the thrift store? Although the best of the rental merchandise has already been spoken for, it's not too late to look into renting even the basic necessities.

"There are a lot of wonderful things available in rental today, things that are like the finest heirloom china and the finest crystal," said Joann Roth-Oseary, president of Someone's in the Kitchen catering in Tarzana.

Or you can make do with what you have, using the most mundane materials to make your party setting sparkle, said party-planner-to-the-stars Colin Cowie, who has operations in Los Angeles and New York.

A bedsheet or a shawl can be a tablecloth, and lighting bunches of inexpensive votive candles can provide a romantic setting.

At a recent dinner he threw for friends, he had big pieces of mirrored glass cut to fit a long, narrow table for a sit-down dinner. As a centerpiece, he used ball-shaped white candles set into a meandering river of snowy rock salt; when lit, the candles shimmered and the tabletop reflected the light.

"It was very simple to do and it didn't cost a lot," Cowie said. "Money has nothing to do with style, or with having a great party. A formula for a good party is a great guest list, a well-stocked bar, a delicious dinner and wonderful music. You can't go wrong."

Cowie suggests a cold seafood buffet and bottles of bubbly for a group if you've got a healthy bank balance, or a pot of stew and pitchers of martinis if your cash isn't flowing quite as freely as you'd like. Or maybe it's time to whip up a pot of your special chili or a big pan of lasagna.

Don't cook? Ask each of your guests to bring a dish to share. Or check out the deli and takeout sections of your supermarkets; most offer party trays of cold cuts and cheeses and even entire holiday meals, if you order in advance. And some caterers, even though they're busy organizing big New Year's Eve bashes, will cook extra for your small party. Just be prepared to pick up the food yourself on Dec. 31.

OR YOU COULD serve an all-desserts buffet, with your guests awash in a sea of chocolate and whipped cream, either homemade or purchased. But do desserts go with champagne, the traditional drink as the calendar rolls over to next year?

"Nothing goes better with champagne than more champagne, or maybe some strawberries or raspberries," said Dan Whittemore, owner with wife Linda of Dandy Don's Ice Cream Sundae Bar catering in Van Nuys. "If you have a $30 bottle of champagne, you don't want anything to interfere with the delight of the champagne."

If you plan to buy champagne, better buy it soon, advises David Breitstein, owner of the Duke of Bourbon in Canoga Park.

'Fat cat' is aspiration

By Elizabeth Schuett
N.Y. Times News Service

INGLIS, Fla. — Just in case reincarnation is an option, I've made up my mind to come back as a fish-camp cat because from what I've seen lately, it's a pretty good life. In exchange for racking up an occasional mouse, there is the promise of warm nights and endless fresh fish. Best of all, there are tourists to shmooz.

Fish camp, for the benefit of those who have never experienced it, is a place where folks go to get away from their comfortable beds and user-friendly plumbing. It's a place with roach motels under the sink and beer bottle caps under the sofa. There are bare bulbs overhead, no closets, and the showers are straight out of Bates Motel.

Every time I go, I wonder why. I don't enjoy fishing because I'd feel lousy about killing a perfectly healthy fish when I could buy one that's already in the can. And I find the great outdoors most appealing when I'm on the inside looking out at it.

But for some reason that has not yet made itself clear to me, about twice a year I wind up in a fish-camp cabin on the edge of a lake in central Florida, frying bacon, boiling grits, and catering three squares a day for Big Tom, the fish-camp cat.

Big Tom, as his name indicates, is an oversize beauty built like maybe he's just recently retired from the Packers starting lineup. He moved into my cabin the same night I did. All I had to offer him was some half-and-half that I'd picked up for my morning coffee. I poured two fingers in a bowl and set it beside the door.

Big Tom sniffed the cream then looked up at me with that "Is this the best you can do?" look cats do so well. I found myself making excuses, late flight, closed stores, and promising to do better in the morning. Big Tom thought it over and then, just to be polite I guess, lapped enough cream to coat his whiskers. While I unpacked, he sat on the sofa washing up.

That evening, Big Tom stayed long enough to help me make the bed and check out the bathroom. I let him go in first, just in case. While I showered, Big Tom sat on the toilet lid and talked to me of the cabbages and kings of the fish-camp kitty world. He told me of the granddaddy gator who lives in the boat inlet, and filled me in on a family of pileated woodpeckers who hang out in the cypress tree beside the dock. I paid attention.

While I dried, Big Tom preened and purred and stretched out on the carpet to be admired. He even let me stroke his lush black coat a couple of times before wandering out into the night. I asked if he'd be coming back to sleep. He didn't answer so I closed the door and turned in.

The early morning fog muffled the slapping of the waves against the dock as the fishing boats churned down the inlet and headed for the lake. Big Tom wandered in from his nightly prowl and while I rustled us up some bacon and grits, he fell into a deep sleep on the sofa. Pretty soon he was dreaming — whiskers twitching, paws waggling. Guess maybe the gator was chasing him.

After breakfast, Big Tom curled up on my pillow as I dressed to go to the store. He never stirred when I tiptoed out the open front door or when I came back in.

That's how it went for the week. In exchange for kitty treats and cozy napping places, Big Tom allowed me to scratch behind his ears and tell him what a fine fellow he was. Once I even asked who he might have been in his previous life. Of course, he didn't answer. All he did was break into one of those enigmatic grins that cats do so well and blink several times, quite deliberately.

Big Tom, I suspect, has been around for many moons. I just wish I could figure out how to get his job when we both move on.

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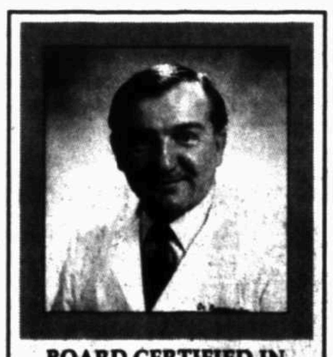

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National Arbor Day Foundation's Through the Trees In Celebration program is accepting donations. For every $10 donated to the Arbor Day Foundation, 10 trees will be planted in Targhee National Forest. The Foundation will also send a gift certificate to each person being honored or to the donor for personal presentation.

The program is designed to reforest areas that have been destroyed by fire, disease and other natural causes. For more information write The National Arbor Day Foundation, Attn: Trees In Celebration, 211 N. 12th Street, Lincoln, Neb. 68508, or call (402) 474-5655...

...SAVE THE Manatee Club (SMC) is sponsoring the Adopt-a-Manatee program. For a $20 annual membership fee, each adoptive "parent" receives an adoption certificate, a photo and biography of his or her adopted manatee, membership handbook and a personalized holiday gift card.

This adoption program is the primary source of funding for SMC, a nonprofit organization established in 1981. Proceeds go to education and public awareness programs; manatee research, rescue and rehabilitation; and lobbying and legal efforts to protect manatees and their habitat. For more information call 1-800-432-5646...

...VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, has two weekly group meetings.

The men's support group will meet 10-11 a.m. Jan. 4 at the VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. All men with visual impairment are invited to attend.

The women's group will meet for movie and popcorn 10 a.m.-noon Dec. 29 at the VAN House. Persons attending are invited to bring brown-bag lunches if they wish.

For more information about either group call 694-2648...

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2980...

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Travel industry hearing from single travelers

By Betsy Wade
N.Y. Times News Service

Tour companies say they are hearing clients voice an increasing distaste for the single supplement, the additional fee for those occupying a room alone.

Joseph Cali, senior vice president for marketing at Grand Circle Travel in Boston, for example, said the clients he met on two recent trips complained to him a lot about this extra charge, which some catalogs list at 25 percent of the quoted price of a trip. A friend who travels often says she believes supplements add 30 percent to her land costs.

Cali said that among his company's clients who are 65 and over, nearly 50 percent of the women and 14 percent of the men were traveling by themselves, and that "they want us to be more single-friendly."

Many companies catering to travelers 45 to 65 years old are trying to accommodate those wanting single rooms; demographics demonstrate how the chorus is likely to rise. Martha Farnsworth Riche, a former director of the Census Bureau, says this age group is increasing so rapidly that it is in effect a "new country," populated by people still working, in good health and in their prime spending years. They frequently travel alone or, if with friends, seek the privacy of a single room.

In a U.S. population totaling 270 million, Ms. Riche said in a discussion at the Journalism and Women Symposium in September, 57 million — 21 percent — were in the 45-to-65 group in 1998, with the baby boomers pouring in at the young end. She said Census Bureau statistics indicated that this bloc would number 62 million by next year, and 73 million by 2005, an increase of almost 18 percent in a decade when the overall U.S. population will be growing 10 percent.

Ms. Riche, who heads her own demographics organization in Bethesda, Md., emphasizes that these people will be active because "healthy life expectancy is growing just as fast as the older population."

WORKING WITH HOTELS

Big tour operators I talked to said they were closely examining the changes that are coming with the surge in those enjoying what Ms. Riche called their "20 new years."

In the last three years, Saga International in Boston, which sells tours directly to people over 50, has been highlighting "single rooms at no additional cost" on brochures for some trips. Kerry Chrisley, a spokeswoman, said 10 percent to 25 percent of her company's clients got single rooms. "We try to foster relationships with our hotels," she said, so that when extra single rooms are needed, the hotel is willing to be accommodating.

Single rates without surcharges are more often found on trips using only one hotel or residence. A Saga trip to Costa Rica is typical. A one-week stay at the San Jose Palacio is offered nine times early next year at a price of $1,099 to $1,299 a person, including air fare from Miami, whether two are in a room or one.

Grand Circle, which also markets directly to over-50 travelers, has some single rooms with no extra charges in its listings, for example, 13-night visits to the Nautilus Hotel on the Costa del Sol, and offerings in Majorca. Cali said that five to 10 rooms out of 25 on a regular departure might be singles. A 1997 survey of clients indicated that 36 percent were not married, he added.

Price range is also a factor in the surcharge, and less expensive trips are more likely to have no extra fee. Smithsonian Study Tours appends a note giving the extra cost for a single room to virtually every listing. (On the Oxford study tour, all rooms are singles.) But the brochure for Smithsonian Odyssey Tours, a less expensive line operated by Saga, says: "A limited number of single rooms are available on each tour at the best rate possible or at no additional charge."

Marsha Lucash of Middletown, N.J., said she looked for places that cater to solo travelers, not in hopes of meeting Mr. Wonderful but because she did not want to spend her vacation surrounded by couples.

And, she said, places that charge a single supplement seem to discourage solo travelers. At a resort in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, she said, "When I went in to dinner, the maitre d' graciously pulled out the chair at a table for two, and that was where I was supposed to spend my vacation."

Ms. Lucash said her trip was saved when she met three women from Toronto and they hung out together. Organizations like Club Med that seek to match up single travelers, even if they do not succeed in finding a roommate, usually have a dining-room plan that does not leave singles stranded.

LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS

Paolo Mantegazza, president of Globus and Cosmos Tourama in Littleton, Colo., which takes 2.5 million clients a year on its tours, said that his company saw changing patterns reflected in its recent demographic survey. "The boomers turning 50 and entering this market are more travel wise, more open to experiences," he said. "Their sheer numbers alone force us to review what we do."

"The earlier senior market," he added, "was more balanced in the number of couples and single travelers. The new senior market is much more driven by single women: divorced, widows and 'travel widows.' The boomers are used to going out on their own if the partner does not want to participate."

Retirees, he said, have a lot of time and want to be active on their vacations. Now, people still working want to vacation longer in one place and examine it in more depth — for example, to experience "the real Asia" by taking tai chi classes or learning to cook dim-sum.

The design of tours, formerly focused on the five-cities-in-10-days model, he said, is also affected by the popularity of cruises and all-inclusive resorts, which do not require daily repacking and moving.

Frank Anthony, president of Saga, concurred on the increasing demand for in-depth and educational travel, which meshes easily with the use of one hotel as a base for exploration. "We find that single people can meet with others or explore on their own," he said. "If one person in a couple wants to stay behind, this is manageable."

Being based in one place makes it easier for the operator to offer a lower surcharge or none, because it will deal with only one hotel and the longer stay increases an operator's leverage. "Single travelers have paid a lot, a penalty," Anthony said. "We try to make a name for ourselves in avoiding this. For two years, we have had a London Christmas for singles that sells well, and we look to continue expanding that."

Globus, Mantegazza said, has been seeking to make the prices more attractive to single travelers. The company's numbers allow it to negotiate vigorously for better rates, but there is still another anomaly: "Europe has been in a boom," he said, and "hoteliers are not always responsive. If things slow up, we will be able to do something."

As Ms. Lucash noted, there is a second problem: eating alone. The options are opening up here, too, because of more older travelers and an increasing number of women traveling on expense accounts. And more and more, travelers complete their business but stay over Saturday night to avoid higher fares, yet dislike being compelled to have a room-service dinner.

Business travel magazines have recently spotlighted restaurants that provide big tables where solo diners are grouped together, and arrangements for eating at the bar or in the bar area. I recently found that the Holiday Inn at the Salt Lake City airport was able to provide an acceptable Saturday afternoon supper at the bar for a stomach from another time zone.

Marya Charles Alexander in South Pasadena, Calif., has been harvesting such tidbits in her newsletter "Solo Dining Savvy," published six times a year. (She also publishes a yearly list of 100 best choices.)

Ms. Alexander urges single diners who have a bad experience to write the restaurant, or her, rather than make a scene on the spot. She says she gets news from restaurateurs about what they offer to attract solo diners. She finds that single diners increasingly consider themselves worthy of good treatment and are assertive about their needs.

(The newsletter costs $29 a year; the "100 Top" $9.95. Solo Dining Savvy, P.O. Box 1025, South Pasadena, Calif. 91031; (800) 299-1079.)

The single supplement is not immutable. For those willing to share if they can find a suitable single, many tour companies, in addition to newsletters and membership groups like Jens Jurgen's Travel Companion Exchange in Amityville, N.Y., (516) 454-0880, offer ways for people to connect with others. Some tour companies offer singles-only trips, especially at slow periods. Tours to some areas — India, for example — use hotels built with only single rooms.

But expectations create difficulties. Americans who book a single room abroad are sometimes surprised by what they find, probably because they were looking for a 300-square-foot U.S.-style hotel room, with two beds or a double bed. What they more often find is a rather cell-like room with a single bed, a desk-dresser and a shallow cupboard.

Operators try to warn Americans that Europeans build single rooms on the less desirable sides of hotels, the trade-off for privacy.

I got a typical European single for a health conference in Zurich, Switzerland, years ago. What really stunned me was the vista: a huge clock tower just outside the one window. It stayed lighted all night. But by the end of the week, it seemed like a friend.

AP Photo

A festive dessert to finish a holiday meal, this light and creamy version of Tiramisu is pleasingly low in fat.

Lower-fat dessert only tastes decadent

Associated Press

Everyone looks forward to dessert, especially during the holidays.

But that appealing sweet course can often be loaded with fat and calories, so it is a nice surprise to note that this version of the popular Tiramisu is not only luscious but light in fat, only 8 grams a serving. That means you can get an early start on that New Year's resolution to eat a lower-fat diet.

Tiramisu is the Italian for "pick me up." This creamy melange of lady fingers and soft cheeses is flavored with coffee and chocolate. It will give a nice lift to the end of a festive meal, after the rich and filling main-course dishes.

TIRAMISU

12 ladyfinger biscuits
1/4 cup brewed decaffeinated espresso or strong coffee, cooled
1/2 cup warm (105 degrees F to 115 degrees F) water
2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons powdered egg whites
1-1/3 cups nonfat ricotta cheese
1/3 cup fat-free egg substitute
1/2 cup mascarpone cheese
2 tablespoons sugar
2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa powder

Dip each biscuit into the espresso; place in a single layer on bottom and around sides of a glass or ceramic baking dish, about 8 inches square or similar capacity.

Combine the water and powdered egg whites in a large stainless steel bowl, stirring gently until the powder dissolves, 3 to 4 minutes. With an electric mixer, beat at medium-high speed until stiff peaks form, 5 to 7 minutes.

In another large bowl, beat together the ricotta, egg substitute, mascarpone and sugar. Stir in about one-third of the beaten egg whites, then gently fold in the remainder with a rubber spatula. Pour over the ladyfingers. Cover and refrigerate 6 to 8 hours. Sprinkle with the cocoa just before serving. Makes 8 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 182 cal., 8 g fat, 0 g saturated fat, 80 mg chol., 117 mg sodium, 15 g carbo., 10 g pro.

Recipe from Weight Watchers International.

Paris plans bigger 'Beaubourg' museum for coming century

N.Y. Times News Service

At 11 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2000, the Georges Pompidou Center (or Beaubourg, as Parisians call the museum, after the street that runs behind it) reopens its doors after more than two years of renovation. About 5,000 square feet of exhibition space have been added to France's most significant modern art collection, along with an expanded library, a rooftop restaurant, a cafe and boutique on the mezzanine overlooking the lobby and a series of auditoriums on the lower level for film screenings and dance, theater and music performances.

The soaring entrance hall on the Piazza, or Place Georges Pompidou, the heart of the Pompidou Center and now its sole entrance, is marked by a large awning (visitors will no longer have free access to the roof terraces via the exterior escalator). The heating and air-conditioning were updated, handicap access was improved and 370 computer stations with Internet connections were added in the library. Renovations of the lower level and ground and first floors were designed by Renzo Piano, one of the museum's original architects (the other was Richard Rogers).

Originally conceived to receive 5,000 visitors a day, the Pompidou Center was attracting a daily attendance of 25,000 following its 1977 opening, requiring numerous face lifts since. The most recent and most extensive has cost $88 million.

Scythian treasures to tour U.S. museums

N.Y. Times News Service

For 400 years the Scythians, a tribe of nomadic horsemen, ruled over the European steppe stretching from the Danube, east across what is now Ukraine and into Russia, with their reign reaching its height more than 2,500 years ago. Among the legacies of their culture is some of the most accomplished gold artwork ever produced.

Some 170 of these artifacts from the Museum of Historical Treasures of Ukraine-Kiev, the Institute of Archaeology of the Academy of Sciences of Ukraine-Kiev and the State Historical Archaeological Preserve-Pereiaslav may now be seen at the San Antonio Museum of Art, where the exhibition "Gold of the Nomads: Scythian Treasures From Ancient Ukraine" will run through Jan. 30. Over the next year, the objects will travel to the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Mo., and the Grand Palais in Paris.

Most of the lavish gold jewelry, vessels and weaponry, which were found in burial mounds known as kurhans in Ukraine, were commissioned by the Scythians from Greek workshops along the northern coast of the Black Sea. Among the objects on display are a gold helmet with combat scenes depicted in relief, plaques decorated with images of winged dragons, fourth-century Sphinx earrings, a fourth-century gold headdress, swords, scabbards and daggers.

The San Antonio Museum of Art, 200 West Jones Street, is open Tuesday to Sunday. General admission is $5, $1.75 ages 4 to 11, $4 ages 65 and up and for students; admission to the Scythian exhibition is an additional $5 a person regardless of age. Information: (210) 978-8100.

Education Extra!

Making the Grade

Keefe

Hulme

Graham Keefe, 18, a senior at Lee High School, has been named Midland West Rotary Club's Student of the Week. He is a member of baseball, Latin Club (Latin Honor Society), UIL Math and Science Competition, School Literary Magazine, Boy Scouts (Eagle Scout), Teen Court, Midland Youth Advisory Council, YMCA Youth and Government Program, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and National Honor Society. He plans to attend a four-year university.

Shea Hulme, 17, is a senior LHS, has also been named Student of the Week by Midland West Rotary Club. She is a member of National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students and Texas Scholars; works as a kindergarten aide at Parker Elementary School; and is a member of D-Fy-It, chaplain of Midland Youth Advisory Council, a candy striper at Midland Memorial Hospital, member of Community Bible Study, a volunteer at the Crisis Pregnancy Center, and member of the Golf Course Road Church of Christ Youth Group. She was named Lion's Club Student of the Week, won the Social Studies Academic Award and is an academic letterman. She plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in nursing.

Education Notes

Angelo State University is accepting applications from high school seniors for Carr Academic Scholarships for 2000-01. More than 300 of these scholarships, ranging in value from $1,500 to $6,000, are available.

To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must normally be in the top 15 percent of his or her high school class and have a combined math and verbal score of 1140 or higher on the SATI or a composite score of 25 or higher on the Enhanced ACT Assessment. Financial need is also a criterion for selection.

Deadline for submitting applications and all supporting materials is Feb. 1, 2000, although completed applications from outstanding students may be considered up until June 1, 2000, to the extent that funds are still available.

For applications and more information contact Financial Aid Office, Angelo State University, Box 11015, ASU Station, San Angelo, Texas 76909, or call (915) 942-2246 or 1-800-933-6299. Additional information is available on the web site at http://www.angelo.edu

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South Plains College in Levelland will celebrate the 25th anniversary of Thursday Nite Live, an Austin City Limits-style television show featuring the talents of students. The three-day celebration program is scheduled for March 2-4, and will include a live television performance, reunion concert and salute to **Nathan Tubb**, who began it all a quarter-century ago.

Focus will be on former students in the program. Interested people can contact SPC (beginning Jan. 3) at (806) 894-9611 or write SPC at 1401 College Ave., Levelland, Texas 79336.

Education Guidelines

Deadline for all education items is 2 p.m. Friday that is 10 days before the Sunday the item is to run. Deadline is the same whether the item is mailed in, brought in or sent by e-mail or over the computer modem.

As with all free editorial items, education news is published on a first-come, first-served basis, as space allows.

The Reporter-Telegram reserves the right to edit all submissions to conform to Associated Press style and space allowances.

MAKING THE GRADE

Making the Grade section honors high school and college students' academic achievements. Items submitted for Making the Grade must be no more than 100 words in length.

Items that are not accepted are:

- Announcements of students applying to colleges.
- Announcements of students being accepted to colleges.
- Students' places of employment or hobbies.
- United States Achievement Academy winners because USAA will not verify honorees.
- Junior high school honors.

Use of photographs:

- Photographs will NOT be used with scholarship announcements.
- Photographs will NOT be used to announce college graduations since we do not publish photos for high school graduations either.
- Photographs WILL be published for Students of the Week presented by Midland Lions Clubs and Rotary Club.

EDUCATION NOTES

Included in Education in Brief will be:

- Announcements of all upcoming school and education-related events.
- Announcements of teacher academic honors.

Submissions should be no more than 100 words in length.

OTHER

Photographs will NOT be published with "Top Dawg" and "Top Rebs" that are submitted for each six-week period.

Students are not announced individually for being named as Duke Talent Identification honorees or being named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. These students are announced as a group when the press releases are received from the organizations.

University Interscholastic League winners:

- Lists will be published of all UIL winners in all categories — speech, debate, writing, math, vocational technology, etc. — for students winning first through third places in all divisions — district, regional, state.
- Photos will be taken of students who win first place at state or who place in state categories which make them eligible for national competitions.

Cheerleader honors:

- Cheerleader awards from summer camps and competitons — including sweepstakes awards — are announced with education news.
- Squad photos will be published for first place in the state competition awards.
- Squad photos will be taken of cheerleaders leaving to perform at Rose Bowl, Orange Bowl and other prestigious events.
- Photos will not be taken of squads for just receiving invitations to attend such events.

Junior high school honor rolls:

- The Reporter-Telegram has had an agreement with MISD for many years to publish a lengthy list of junior high school honor roll students every six weeks.
- Other junior high school honors — including other academic achievements, end-of-year academic awards, academic pep rallies — will not be published.

High school honor rolls are not published; instead high school academic honors will be published in Making the Grade.

ADHD treatments studied

By Kate N. Grossman

CHICAGO (AP) — A carefully monitored medication program is more effective than intensive behavioral treatment for children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, according to a new study.

"We found that when the best behavioral management treatment and medication treatments are pitted head to head, medical treatment is a hands-down winner," said the study's lead author, Dr. Peter Jensen of the National Institute of Mental Health.

The study also found that a combination of medicine and behavioral therapy can be even better.

The study's main findings apply to a child's ADHD symptoms, including concentration problems and impulsiveness. But when it comes to non-ADHD symptoms — such as anxiety, poor social skills and academic performance — Jensen said combining medicine and psychosocial treatments was most effective.

ADHD is the most commonly diagnosed disorder in children, affecting an estimated 3 percent to 5 percent of school-age children.

The study, published in the December issue of the American Medical Association's Archives of General Psychiatry, tracked about 600 7- to 10-year-olds over a 14-month period at six locations across the country. The study, which was done in concert with Columbia University, tried to find the most effective treatments.

A second, related study found that for children with anxiety disorders as well as ADHD, behavioral treatments alone can be just as effective as medicine.

That study, which asked which treatments worked best for specific groups of children, was written by Stephen P. Hinshaw, a psychologist at the University of California, Berkeley. He concluded that Jensen's findings applied to all children studied regardless of gender, medication history or history of disruptive disorders. The only significant exception was children with anxiety disorders.

The children in the study were placed in one of four treatment groups: medication alone, behavioral treatment alone, a combination of both or whatever care was available the community.

The researchers found that community care was the least effective, even though almost 70 percent of children in that group were treated with medication.

Jensen said the combined treatment "normalized" about two-thirds of the children. That means those ADHD children were indistinguishable from non-ADHD children. Medicine alone normalized about half of the subjects, therapy worked in about one-third of the cases and community care reduced symptoms in only about one-fourth of the children.

'Bully Box' teaches children kindness, respect in schools

By Mara Lee
N.Y. Times News Service

KETTERING, Ohio — In middle school, it's all about fitting in.

Wearing the right clothes, using the right slang. Not being too smart or too slow. Not being too large or too small.

For those who refuse to toe the line or who can't camouflage their differences, there are penalties.

When you're 12 years old, on trial in the court of your peers, there is no mercy.

Hannah knows. Her best friend doesn't wear the preppy uniform common in the south suburbs. She dresses with humor and irony, a T-shirt with a toy from 10 years ago, baggy pants, lots of necklaces.

"She's sort of like a freak" in the popular boys' eyes, Hannah said. Those boys started messing with her. "Calling her a lesbian and everything, during classes and after school, at football games. She was so stressed out. She didn't know what to do."

Hannah (not her real name) is an eighth-grader at Van Buren Middle School, and this year, Assistant Principal Matt Rugh decided to try to teach preteens about kindness and respect in a new way.

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, the school has been trying to convince students not to put each other down. They talk about empathy and about how being different is OK.

But at the beginning of puberty, when physical and social differences are at their most awkward and most pronounced, that message is a hard sell.

Researchers who have studied bullying, including psychologist Paula Fried, who coauthored "Bullies and Victims: Helping Your Child Through the Schoolyard Battlefield," say it's natural for preteens to try to influence their peers and to want more personal power.

It's getting that sense of power through hurting others that worries adults who work with this age group.

Rugh decided to go beyond lectures and bulletin boards with the Bully Box.

That box, which is in the guidance counselor's office, is a way for students to let adults know what's going on outside their earshot. Most of it is taunting, though there are a few reports of shoving in the halls.

At Van Buren, more than 75 percent of bullies whose names end up in the box are boys, and most of their victims are boys who are the same age or younger, and always smaller.

Rugh thinks the box has helped sixth-graders come forward about abuse they've seen or experienced. Seventh- and eighth-graders seem to be more comfortable about directly approaching guidance counselors or other adults.

Half the complaints in the box come from witnesses, not victims. Getting witnesses involved is crucial, researchers say. "Bullies are skilled at finding those situations where adults aren't around," Rugh said.

Witnesses have told him several times about special-education students who become scapegoats.

"That kind of thing just sickens me. I think it sickens most kids," Rugh said. "Most kids are not about making other kids feel bad."

Hannah said her friend was afraid to put a note in the box because she was afraid they'd find out she was the one who told.

"I just said I have to do it because I don't want my friends to be hurt," Hannah said. "People call each other names every single day. They just take it as normal. Sometimes it just gets out of hand."

Rugh said he's gotten more information about taunting since he started this box.

Once alerted, he talks to other witnesses, the victim, the accused bully's friends, and finally the accused bully.

With that kind of evidence, he almost always gets a confession.

He avoids casting it as, "Johnny says you're picking on him all the time."

"Paybacks are a possibility," he said.

But Hannah and her friend are pleased with how those boys behave now. Rugh said he's talked to about 40 kids (30 were warned) and he hasn't had the same kids in twice once he's talked to them.

"I'm not dying to give suspensions. I'm not dying to give detentions. I'm interested in getting a change in behavior," Rugh said.

All the middle school disciplinarians in this region face these issues, but a sample of 11 schools found only three use written notes, like Van Buren.

Gene Eyler, eighth-grade principal at Northmont Middle School, said two years ago that school began a two-week curriculum on bullying. In those talks, teachers encourage students to tell adults about incidents, or to leave a note in the mailbox if that's easier.

Since then, complaints have more than doubled. Eyler said he gets at least one every day. The school has 1,050 seventh- and eighth-graders.

"It's time to say no," he said. "No more 'boys will be boys.'"

Doug Mescher, assistant principal at West Carrollton Middle School, said a peer mediation form helped convince students this was important enough to tell administrators, not just their parents.

"They were reluctant to (tell) in the past," he said.

MOST ASSISTANT principals had not heard of this idea, even at Kettering Middle School in the same district as Van Buren.

But many said it sounded like a good idea.

Fried said the option of writing a note helps kids get over their fears about retaliation, and also is a good outlet for witnesses.

"The most important thing is to have schools acknowledge this is really important," she said. "These words and feelings don't evaporate."

She said teens who are constantly victimized can become depressed, even to the point of suicide, or can become filled with rage.

Students often skip school because they fear other students, researchers have found.

Rugh also works with the bullies' targets. Some have irritating habits and seem to bring it on themselves, and he tells them that although they didn't deserve it, they can prevent taunting by being more mature.

Others, he tries to pump up, saying, "Do you really care what that kid thinks? Your parents love you, teachers love you, you have lots of friends."

Rugh doesn't know if it's reduced teasing, and said it would be arrogant to claim that.

"It definitely can't hurt," he said. But he has heard boys in the hall say to each other: "You better watch it, you're going to end up in the Bully Box!"

Parents can help keep bullies away

By Mara Lee
N.Y. Times News Service

DAYTON, Ohio — Parents can help their children deal with bullying, whether they're witnesses, like the majority, bullies (about 7 percent) or victims.

Van Buren Middle School Assistant Principal Matt Rugh says: "Listen, listen, listen. (Don't say) 'What's wrong with you?!' It's got to be more than, 'What'd you do in school today?'"

Paula Fried, co-author of "Bullies and Victims: Helping Your Child Through the Schoolyard Battlefield," says: "Oftentimes parents don't know their kids are bullies. Talk to them without shaming them. Help them to develop empathy. Help (victimized kids) not to take the bullying personally. This says more about the bully than the victim."

Victims can develop strategies, using a sense of humor to deflate the bully with a one-liner, or just showing it's not bothering them.

Nancy Mullin-Rindler, associate director of a bullying project at the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women, says: Even if your child is only a witness, remember they are touched by bullying incidents.

"It makes them feel scared and anxious as well," she said. "When bullying is unchecked, bystanders tend to lose a sense of empathy for the victim and are more likely to join in the next time."

She suggests the school's parent-teacher organization send volunteers to watch at lunchtime and on the playground.

WEB RESOURCES FOR PARENTS

Safe Child program Web page is located at : http://www.safechild.org/bullies.htm

WEB RESOURCE FOR CHILDREN

http://www.childline.org.uk/bullying.html

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WEDDINGS

MACHADO-OLIVAS

Angelica Machado and Raymond Francisco Olivas will be married 5 p.m. today at Church of God Sabbath Day in Midland.

The bride is the daughter of Lorenzo and Rosa Machado. Parents of the bridegroom are Rigoverto and Maria Guadalupe Hernandez of Midland.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Midland High School. Her husband graduated from Lee High School in 1997.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Francisco Olivas

FEHLER-PATTON

WACO — Karie Shea Fehler of Clifton and Brett Everett Patton of Midland were married in November at First Baptist Church in Waco. The Rev. Charlie Elliott of First Baptist Church of Midland officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Douglas and Kristye Fehler of Clifton. George and Anita Patton of Midland are parents of the bridegroom.

Deana Page was honor attendant for the bride. Her other attendants were Jamie Brynie, Amy Whitney, Cathilee Bird, Kristi Patton, Jennifer Wilhite, Hannah Galvan and Adri Galvan.

Brandon Patton was honor attendant for his brother, who also was attended by John Chancellor, Will Rucker, Travis Bird, Jay Blaylock, Brian Saltzman, David Page and Curren Page. Ushers were James Watkins, Nathan Fehler, brother of the bride, and Jeff Casbeer.

After a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple lives in Louisville, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Brett Everett Patton

ENGAGEMENT

BRUNE-LANG

Kimberly Elaine Brune and Robert Joseph Lang, both of Pittsburgh, are planning to be married Aug. 26, 2000, at the Museum of the Southwest in Midland. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. A.J. Brune III of Midland. Parents of the future bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Lang of Erie, Pa.

Miss Brune is a 1990 graduate of Midland High School, a 1994 graduate of Vanderbilt University and a 1996 graduate of Carnegie-Mellon University. She is employed with Janus Technologies. Her fiance graduated from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania in 1990, and from Carnegie-Mellon University in 1992. He is employed with the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University.

Kimberly Elaine Brune and Robert Joseph Lang

ANNIVERSARY

Couple celebrates anniversary

Gene and LaDell Jumper of Midland celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Dec. 4 at Bellview Baptist Christian Life Center in Midland. Hosts were their children and grandchildren.

Jumper and the former LaDell Faught were married Dec. 23, 1949, in Abilene. They have two children — Jimmy Lee Jumper and Jan Otho, both of Midland — and four grandchildren.

The couple moved to Midland in 1954. Jumper was employed with N.C. Sturgeon Construction until he retired. His wife was an oil and gas accountant with Dinero Operation Co. until she retired.

Gene and LaDell Jumper

They are members of Bellview Baptist Church.

Palm Springs rebounds to 'trendy'

By Eric Noland
N.Y. Times News Service

PALM SPRINGS — She was quite a knockout in her prime. Fresh. Frisky. Possessing a beauty that smoldered — often literally. Famous entertainers frequently made the trek from Hollywood to spend time with her, to bask in her sun and her glory. In time, however, younger, brighter rivals began to emerge, and the rejection that followed was not a pretty sight.

By the 1980s, Palm Springs, Hollywood's desert playground in the '30s, '40s and '50s, was helplessly observing an exodus, as travelers drifted deeper into the Coachella Valley — bound for lavish, glistening, *new* resorts in the communities that sprouted to harbor them: Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta.

Before long, Palm Springs was in imminent peril of becoming a pathetic dowager in cracked pink stucco, sifting through the black-and-white photos of a long-gone era — look, here's Jayne Mansfield in repose with a Chihuahua perched on her back.

But Palm Springs fooled them all. It tidied up, moved the dining tables outdoors and introduced a relatively foreign concept — foot traffic — to Southern California. It invited the film community for a festival and established a weekly street market. It launched a kick line in which no hoofer under age 50 would be permitted.

THE TOWN PLAYED, without a hint of apology, to its colorful history. Then, funny thing, nostalgia and kitsch suddenly became cool. And everyone came streaming back.

It's a thoroughly delightful place once again — all the more so at this time of year, when it offers a dry, sun-washed antidote to the damp chill that constitutes winter in Los Angeles. And yet it hasn't lost its quirkiness.

On a recent morning walk along Palm Canyon Drive, Sinatra music was heard streaming from the open door of a sidewalk establishment. Not Frank. Nancy.

Casually dressed desert bums jockeyed for position at open-air cafes with the clad-in-black, cell-phone crowd.

One eccentric soul happened by, leading a dog by a thick leather leash; the bug-eyed pooch was no bigger than a rat.

The entire scene was punctuated by a veritable car show of Detroit excess. You thought all the gas-guzzling sedans were phased out during the '70s oil crunch? Not quite. They're still being manufactured and sent directly to Palm Springs, where they line up hood ornament to tail fin, windows up and air conditioners blasting. Really big cars driven by a curmudgeonly set that thinks Japanese compacts are tinker toys and SUVs ride like bread trucks.

These are the signs of a community's prosperity, its rebound.

"We've held our own," said Sally McManus, who grew up in Palm Springs and now is director and curator of the Palm Springs Historical Society. "We had a little period where we weren't doing that well, but we're going strong now."

The revitalization began in the late 1980s, when the late Sonny Bono was mayor of Palm Springs. "Downtown was in need of rehab," said Brian McGowan, city economic development specialist. "The decision was made to make it into an arts and entertainment district."

The process was numbingly slow, for a variety of reasons. In order to promote foot traffic in the downtown area, ordinances had to be overthrown. One prohibited sidewalk lighting — a remnant from the '50s that sought to enhance star-gazing. Another barred outdoor dining; McGowan isn't sure how that one got on the books. The recovery was also conducted at a snail's crawl because of the early-'90s recession, which tended to linger longer in communities whose economies were tourism-based.

But dogged strides were taken to make the region more appealing. Lights went up. Tables went outdoors. Proprietors were encouraged to install French doors, swing them wide and share the music with the outside world.

Now Palm Canyon Drive teems with activity day and night, particularly in the area of Tahquitz Canyon Way. In fact, the Starbucks on that corner is said to be the second-highest-grossing franchise in the Seattle-based coffee chain.

It's an inviting place, and it feels like a downtown district — something those resort communities down valley can't offer.

This is a great spot for people watching and window shopping, or for long, leisurely moments on one of those restaurant patios.

The setting is difficult to beat, with the San Jacinto Mountains providing a backdrop to the cleaned-up Mission Revival architecture of the town. The best time for savoring the mountains' beauty is in the morning, when the rising sun fires them in brilliant shades of purple and pink.

The Palm Canyon Drive scene is further punctuated by thick strands of mature bougainvillea vines — they cascade over walls and eaves, spreading their red blossoms everywhere.

For a random chuckle, don't miss Palm Springs' "Walk of Stars." Cheeta the chimp, from the Tarzan movies, has a star here, right next to Chevy Chase. And it wasn't enough to honor Elvis Presley; his manager, Col. Tom Parker, has a star, too.

PALM SPRINGS' comeback is also reflected in a recent explosion of organized events.

■ An international film festival was established nine years ago. The next event is scheduled for Jan. 13-24 at the Palm Springs Festival of Arts complex. Box office: (760) 322-2930.

■ VillageFest, a Thursday night street fair, has been going strong for eight years, offering visitors a feast of music, food and vendors' wares (Palm Canyon Drive between Amado and Baristo roads).

■ The Fabulous Follies, a chorus line of veteran hoofers (currently ranging in age from 55 to 85) that has shown no signs of flagging — either in popularity or in energy — since its first kick at the Plaza Theatre in 1990. The group's handbills read: "They're sexy, they're beautiful, they're talented ... they're old." Reservations: (760) 327-0225.

Next summer, a major renovation project will begin at the Desert Fashion Plaza. "They're literally going to take the roof off the thing and make it into an outdoor walking-shopping area," McGowan said.

Whenever possible, dinner in Palm Springs should be taken out-of-doors, and there are numerous such options along Palm Canyon Drive. For perhaps the best fine-dining option in the area, however, head to Le Vallauris, a few blocks west of the main drag at 385 W. Tahquitz Canyon Way. Tables are set up on a tree-shrouded patio, romantically lit, and the French-California selections are delectable.

Two other restaurants, LG's Prime Steakhouse and the Kaiser Grille, have also attracted attention, in part because of their participation in a kind of reverse exodus. In the '80s, according to McGowan, Palm Springs' finer dining establishments were fleeing to the resort enclaves down valley. LG's and the Kaiser Grille, however, are highly regarded Palm Desert restaurants that branched out into Palm Springs. The owners decided that something special was happening there.

If you go:

GETTING THERE: Palm Springs is 110 miles due east of Los Angeles and can be reached via I-10.

LODGING: At the Estrella Inn, standard winter rates range upward from $125. Its charming villas are priced from $200, though rates are scheduled to rise the first of the year. Address: 415 S. Belardo Road. Phone: (760) 320-4117. Reservations: (800) 237-3687. Web: www.estrella.com. The rooms at Korakia Pensione are priced from $120 to $260. Address: 257 S. Patencio Road. Phone: (760) 864-6411. For a spa experience in Palm Springs, try The Palms, a sister property of The Oaks in Ojai. Standard rates range from $135 to $215 (rates to increase on Jan. 1). Address: 572 N. Indian Canyon Drive. Phone: (760) 325-1111. Reservations: (800) 753-7256. Web: www.palmsspa.com.

DINING: The finest dining in the area can be found at Le Vallauris, 385 W. Tahquitz Canyon Way, (760) 325-5059. For a more casual setting along the main drag, try the Mexican/Southwest food at the Blue Coyote Grille, 445 N. Palm Canyon Drive, (760) 327-1196. A great spot for an afternoon drink is the patio of Las Casuelas Terraza, 222 S. Palm Canyon Drive, (760) 325-2794.

INFORMATION: For general tourism information on Palm Springs, to order a free tourist brochure or to make lodging reservations, phone (800) 347-7746. Web: www.palm-springs.org.

LIFESTYLE GUIDELINES

The deadline for all items to be published in the Lifestyle pages is 2 p.m. Friday, about 10 days before the item is to appear in the newspaper.

AROUND TOWN

Items submitted for the Around Town column will be published at least once; more than once if space allows. The Around Town column is published Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays. Deadline for all Around Town items is 2 p.m. each Friday for items which will be published the following week, beginning on Monday. The space is free of charge and is offered on a first-come/first-serve basis.

CLUB NEWS/LUNCHEONS/ FASHION SHOWS

Deadline for all Club News items, luncheons and fashion shows (which are published in Sunday newspapers) is 2 p.m. Friday, 10 days before the item will appear.

MILESTONE EVENTS

The Reporter-Telegram publishes announcements of milestone events — including engagement, wedding and anniversary announcements; quinceañeras, bar mitzvahs and bat mitzvahs — free of charge.

Deadline to have an announcement published in the Sunday paper (including wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements) is 2 p.m. the Friday that is 10 days before the publication date.

■ Engagement announcements: There is no limit as to how early in advance of the wedding an engagement can be announced. However, engagements must be published in the paper no later than two weeks before the wedding date.

■ Wedding announcements: Wedding announcements must be published up to six weeks after the event. Names of no more than 25 attendants for the bride and 25 attendants for the bridegroom will be published. Cities of residence for wedding attendants will no longer be published. Relationships will be published only for brothers and sisters, parents (or grandparents) or children of the wedding couple. For those wishing to list more, advertising space may be purchased.

■ Wedding anniversaries: Anniversary announcements — 25th or higher — are also accepted for publication up to six weeks after the anniversary date or celebration.

■ Pageants: Announcements of pageant winners are published for teen-age and adult winners only. Photographs are published of winners, not runners-up or contestants. These announcements will be published on a space-available basis.

Forms for weddings, engagements and anniversaries are available in the Editorial office. All materials should include the signature and telephone number of the person submitting them.

Photographs may be submitted with wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements, but are not required. A portrait of the bride-elect or engaged couple may be submitted with engagement announcements. Portrait photographs of the bride only or of the wedding couple may be submitted with wedding announcements. A different photo must be submitted for engagement and wedding announcements. Anniversary photos should be current.

Vertical photos are preferred. Both black and white, and color or studio quality portraits are acceptable from wallet size up to 8x10. Polaroid shots are not accepted.

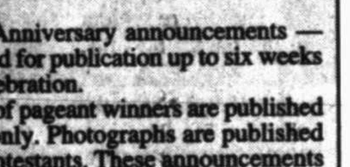
Photos can be picked up in the Editorial Department after publication, or a self-addressed, stamped envelope can be enclosed for the photo to be returned by mail.

Vermont began

Associated Press

WINDSOR, Vt. — This town on the Connecticut River has been called the birthplace of Vermont.

Chartered by New Hampshire in 1761, it was named for John Stuart, Earl of Windsor.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HOME & GARDEN

NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

Flower fans await arrival of tiny blooms

By Frances Williams

Photos by Don Merritt and Burr Williams

At the end of the holiday season, Native Plant Society members begin looking forward to finding the earliest wildflowers, which normally begin blooming in late January. But in this year of drought, they may have to rely on memories of past springs when winter snows and rains brought a good wildflower show.

"Fairy bouquets" are among the fondest memories of spring flowers. These are tiny plants less than 6 inches tall, with blossoms only 1/2-inch across. Minute flowers cover the dwarf plants in spikes, racemes or circular clusters, and make a brave showing among the leaf litter of the previous year's vegetation. They are sometimes called "belly flowers" because it is necessary to assume a prone position to photograph the dainty beauties.

One of the first to bloom is Whitlow-wort *(Draba cunieflora)*. It is a member of the mustard family, and has four petals arranged in the form of a cross. The white blossoms are about 1/4-inch wide and grow in a cluster about an inch across by an inch tall. The flowers are followed by flat, oval seed pods measuring about 1/4-inch across.

During the "rainy '80s," Midland had several spectacular spring wildflower displays. I had retired and we had moved to a 16-acre patch of scrubby mesquite trees with a variety of soils. I had time and had only to step out the door to indulge in wildflower watching. That spring I found Whitlow-wort for the first time, and every time I find it again, I remember those wonderful days.

Filaree *(Erodium cicutarium)* is also called "storksbill" because of its long, pointed seed pods. Filaree came with the Spanish explorers of the 1600s as a weed seed in hay. Filaree's pink star-shaped flowers rise above its finely dissected leaves, which lie flat on the ground. Filaree loses its petals about mid-morning, so one must get up early to see it in bloom. It is very drought-hardy, and even with scant moisture in the ground can still produce flowers.

Dwarf verbena *(Verbena pumila)* is a plant which any flower-grower will instantly recognize, although its entire circle of lavender-pink blossoms is no larger than a quarter. The long stems of this plant sprawl on the ground, with the flowering tips turned up a few inches. My younger son was fascinated by wildflowers from a very early age, and by the time he was 10, could identify all the common species in Midland County. He frequently brought me tiny blossoms such as dwarf verbena, which I had never noticed before, arousing my interest in looking for fairy bouquets.

The misnamed Bluets *(Hedyotis humifusa)* are favorites with everyone. Its flowers are pink or white, not blue, so it has often been called "innocence." In her book, "Wildflowers of the Western Plains," Zoe Kirkpatrick wrote: "Bluets look like miniature bouquets of soft, pinkish blossoms, each with its face turned up to the sky. Every feature of this flower is simple and delicate — its size, color and shape — which may be why it received the common name, Quaker Ladies."

Bladderpods, above, are the earliest, most abundant flowers in Midland County pastures.
Blue Gilia, right, one of the few truly blue flowers, grows in dry, barren soils.

The intricate flower structure of Henbit, a common denizen of Midland lawns, is shown in this close-up.

A sprawling Dwarf Verbena almost hides a few golden blossoms of Bladderpod.

Lawn-proud people consider Henbit *(Lamium amplexicaule)*, a weedy nuisanace. It is another European immigrant. Its pink, two-lipped flowers are only 1/2-inch long and are shaped like a cartoon dog's head. This belly flower grows only in lawns because it requires more than normal West Texas moisture. Henbit begins blooming when only a few inches tall, and the more it is watered, the more it grows. There is no reason to spend time trying to kill it, for it soon dies and disappears, having lived out its brief life cycle. Those who feel compelled to get down on hands and knees to pull up henbit should take time to examine the tiny flower. Its delicate beauty is surprising.

Blue Gilia *(Gilia rigidula)* is a stunning plant with deep blue flowers and yellow centers. The flower head is about half an inch across. The flower is tubular at the base, but spreads into five lobes. The needle-like leaves grow low on the stem, allowing the small flowers to make a brilliant show at the top. It should be grown in every West Texas flower garden as a border, for it does well in shallow, dry caliche soil. If there are summer rains, Blue Gilia blooms again in the fall.

In late February when the pastures are covered with a cloth of gold, the flower responsible is Bladderpod *(Lesquerella gracilis)*. The vivid yellow flowers are about 1/3-inch across and grow on stems which may be from 2 to 8 inches tall, depending on the amount of winter moisture. The flowers are followed by spherical, inflated pods about 1/8-inch in diameter. I shall never forget the first time I walked across a field where bladderpods had bloomed earlier. I kept hearing "snap, crackle, pop," just like a bowl of Rice Krispies, as I crushed the dry, bladder-like pods under my feet.

When I came first to Midland more than 50 years ago, the only book about Midland County wildflowers was written by a local resident, Eula Whitehouse. From it, I learned to identify a small spring flower she called "Sand Bells." Modern authors evidently do not know this early book, because each has a different common name for *Nama hispidum. Nama's* gray leaes are somewhat succulent, and are hairy or *hispidum*, leading to common names such as "Waterleaf" and "Rough Poolmat."

Its blue-purple petals are fused to form a small bell about 1/2 inch long, and it grows in sandy soil, so "Sand Bells" is the most appropriate name. The flowers grow in clusters of the stems, forming a bright patch of blue, which is not easily overlooked.

If we should be so lucky as to have an inch or more of rain, or an 8-inch snow during January, join me in searching for the fairy bouquets of spring in late February. Because of the late start, they will be even smaller than usual, but they will be enchanting.

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Anyone interested in our local wildflowers should pick up a copy of "Wildflowers of the Western Plains" by Zoe Kirkpatrick, published by the University of Texas Press. It features close-up color photographs of each flower, as well as descriptions of the plant, flower, leaves and fruit. The geographic range is also given, as well as interesting notes about the plant.

How to restore that old fountain, and make it better than new

By the Associated Press

When restoring an old foundation, a standard mortar starting mix for restoration work is 1 part portland cement, 2 to 4 parts lime and 8 to 12 parts sand. You may have to do some experimenting with the different kinds of sand available locally before you choose what's best. It's OK to mix different kinds of sand to try to get the consistency of the mortar as close to the original as possible. Keep the mix relatively dry — it's easier to work with and you'll get less splattering. Try to be as neat as possible, because this will reduce the time spent on cleaning the surface when you are done.

When it comes to tinting agents, iron oxides are the best way to go. These oxides are available at masonry supply outlets. The tint is anywhere from one-half percent to 2 percent of the volume of the mix. Start with about one-eighth teaspoon as a base, and work your way up from there. Make four samples and let them sit four or five days (the mortar will lighten up considerably over time) and see which one comes closest to the original color. Then, try going a little above and a little below this mix, to give you two more shades to choose from. Out of the three, one should be close enough so that your repainting blends in with the rest of the wall.

The basics of repainting hold true for any foundation work. First, the joint must be cleaned out to a depth about three times the width of the joint. So, if you're working on a one-half-inch-wide joint, cut it back to one-and-one-half inches.

Various sized cold chisels and stiff wire brushes are good cleaning tools. Be sure to brush away all the morfar before adding your new mortar.

Keep the joint moist and layer in the new material — don't try to fill it all at once. On interior walls or any areas below grade, it's OK to fill the joint flush with the wall surface. On exposed areas, shaping the mortar in a V-joint to expose the edges of the brick looks nice.

The unevenness of the joints in a rubble or stone wall makes this repainting project a bit harder. A general rule of thumb is to show as much of the building material (in this case the stone) as you can. Keep the mix as dry as possible, drier than you would for brick. You'll need a variety of different size pointing tools on hand to fill the different size joints, and will find yourself switching constantly between them. These are commonly available at masonry supply houses.

The final step in this job is aging and cleaning the results of all your hard labor. This must be done a day or two after your reprinting is complete. Don't wait any longer since you must do this while the mortar is still soft and hasn't completely cured.

First, wet the wall down thoroughly — really saturate it. Then apply a weak solution of muriatic acid to the new spots you've pointed. Generally, you'll end up with a solution that is 4-, 5- or 6 parts water to 1 part muriatic acid. (The acid is sold in a solution form to make it safer to use. Therefore, the solution you create for cleaning your masonry work is dependent on the strength of the acid solution you buy.)

There's an easy way to arrive at the right mix. Add a little acid to a bucket of water and drop in a piece of the new mortar. If it doesn't foam, add a little more acid. The minute the mortar foams, you've attained a chemical reaction between the lime and the acid, and the mix is ready.

Just brush it on the wall with a soft or natural bristle brush. Don't leave it on for more than a minute or two. Follow this with a thorough rinsing with a hose. Only tackle patches of 10- to 15 square feet at a time. No matter how good you are, you're bound to slop a bit of the mortar on the face of the brick or stone. But if you kept the mortar mix dry, it shouldn't require lots of elbow grease or a strong acid solution to remove the mortar stains.

New Year's resolution for 2000:

Organize, organize, organize — and experts give tips on exactly how to do it

By Danny C. Flanders and Alma Hill
N.Y. Times News Service

Enough's enough.

That realization made Kimberly Harrison seek professional help.

"It's a problem I'd been working on for a while, but I finally just needed someone to help me get a handle on things," says the Woodstock homemaker and mother of two.

Harrison suffers from one of today's most common addictions — stuff. The excess of the '90s, heaped by a lack of time for organizing it, has snowballed into an avalanche of clutter that leaves homeowners like her chronically frustrated. That is, until this month when Harrison hired a professional organizer to help her and her family get a grip.

"I feel like a new person now," she says. "It is such a relief."

And, with the holiday season delivering even more "stuff" many frustrated consumers are eyeing the new year as a time for changing habits.

"Their biggest resolutions each New Year's are to get healthy and to get their closet organized," says Jim Stockstill, a trainer for the Container Store in Buckhead.

The retailer is among a growing number of storage businesses targeting the time-pressed consumer's weakness for disarray. And for those too busy or too overwhelmed by organizational products to shop, there are hundreds of experts willing to unravel a mess for them.

"The organization industry is just booming," says Judith Kolberg, president of the 50-member Georgia chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers. "People are just wired to the max and looking for an antidote for simplifying their lives. There's also the recycling consciousness. People don't want to waste anything — and especially their time."

Some professionals specialize in business organization, while others concentrate on homes, says Kolberg, whose own niche is the "chronically disorganized."

The pantry was the starting point when Harrison hired Charlotte DeMarco to make sense of her home.

"We have a huge walk-in pantry that had become a storehouse for lots of toys, lots of kids' clothes — everything but food," says Harrison, whose children are 3 and 1. "We couldn't find a thing in there."

DeMarco removed everything from the pantry and created labels for organizing the shelves by category. She then placed tiered units on the shelves so that the labels on all canned goods could be seen. Baskets and a turkey basting pan became instant storage bins. "I didn't have to buy a plethora of things," Harrison says.

DeMarco moved seasonal housewares, such as Christmas and picnic items, to a new home in cabinets over the fridge, the least accessible yet most practical place for such seldom used things.

By simply purging the pantry of other items, Harrison was left with two large bags filled with garbage and two giant boxes of giveaways. The job, which cost about $200 for seven hours of work, also left her with a lesson she won't soon forget.

When it comes to organizing, DeMarco taught her to think of every item in the house as either "friend, acquaintance or stranger." Friends are called on all the time, acquaintances are needed only some of the time, while strangers aren't allowed in the house. The message? Store each accordingly.

"I'll never forget that," Harrison says. "This morning, as I walked through rooms, I started asking myself, 'Do I really need this anymore?'"

BEDROOM CLOSET

One of the home's most disorganized areas is the bedroom closet, so once in order, it provides a sense of satisfaction few can deny.

"What we try to do is make everything where you can see it and access it easily," says Lance Stadmiller of California Closets in Atlanta, which designs and installs storage systems. "Once you have a place for things, you don't have to think about it. You know where it is."

Organize a closet by:

■ Taking inventory of everything you would like to store in the closet. Separate items by season and store noncurrent ones in another part of the house.

■ Donating articles you rarely wear to charity or storing them in a box for a future garage sale.

■ Removing the clothes-hanging bars so that you can more easily visualize the amount of space. Measure the floor-to-ceiling space and, if adequate, install double-hung bars.

■ Purchasing a storage system that can be reconfigured as your needs change or if you move.

■ Protecting your belongings. "A lot of people invest in clothing but don't protect it," said Jim Stockstill of the Container Store. Choose quality products that won't damage clothing, such as plastic hangers, clear plastic shoe boxes, tie/belt racks, hanging accessory organizers and pest-protection items, including cedar blocks and sachets. Storing special-occasion shoes in clear boxes on high shelves to save space for everyday wear.

■ Standing purses upright between vertical shelf dividers so they are easy to see and retain their shapes.

■ Taking advantage of space under the bed for long-term storage of items, placed in clear containers.

■ Using the back of the door for hanging racks and bags for shoes, belts, ties, scarves, jewelry and other accessories.

■ Adding a trash can for holding dry-cleaning bags and wire hangers.

KITCHEN/PANTRY

No area contains more items than a kitchen, so don't let an organization job there overwhelm you. Always start small, with a drawer or cabinet, Stockstill says.

Start by:

■ Considering one of the variety of storage systems on the market for maximizing the space inside your cabinets and pantry. The most practical ones can be expanded by adding shelves, drawers and doors as needs change.

■ Making spice jars easy to see by placing them on tiered units on shelves. Spices tend to prefer a dark area, so don't leave frequently used jars on counters.

■ Placing a step stool in the pantry that can be hung on the back of the door or wall.

■ Using deep drawers for bulky potato chip bags or cereal boxes, and shallow ones for napkins and placemats.

■ Using turntables in hard-to-get-to corner cabinets and in refrigerators.

■ Storing opened boxes of cereals and grains in clear containers for saving space and avoiding bugs.

■ Repairing or discarding small appliances that are broken.

■ Using dividers to organize utensils.

■ Placing tiered units on top shelves so that items can be seen.

■ Using vertical space in cabinets but not placing items on top of things, such as stacks of plates. Instead, use racks to elevate items.

BATHROOM

The biggest challenge in organizing a bathroom is counter space. Maximize it by:

■ Using jewelry trays and valets for holding keys and change.

■ Storing cosmetics in clear acrylic containers.

■ Placing soaps, shampoos and conditioners in shower totes or on wall racks attached with suction cups.

■ Using rolling carts, wall-mounted racks and over-the-door racks for holding toiletries.

CHILDREN'S ROOMS

Few things create more clutter than toys because kids rarely return them to their neat boxes after playing with them. Make toy storage fun by:

■ Choosing brightly colored stackable bins for holding odd-shaped toys.

■ Storing them in groups of like items.

■ Creating a bulletin board to which wooden cutouts and other small items can be attached with Velcro.

■ Providing deep clear plastic chests.

HOLIDAY ITEMS

Who hasn't felt the frustration of untangling a string of Christmas lights or wrestling with crumpled gift wrap? Avoid compounding your holiday stress by:

■ Storing ornaments in compartmentalized bins and boxes.

■ Wrapping tree lights around cardboard dividers and storing them in a box.

■ Storing rolls of gift wrap, along with bows, ribbons, scissors and tape, in a flat, compartmentalized box or plastic bin.

10 TIPS TO GET ORGANIZED

Here are some general tips for organizing your home, according to the Container Store, Target, California Closets and the National Association of Professional Organizers:

■ Edit belongings for items that can be thrown away, donated to charity or sold in a garage sale.

■ Decide which items need to be accessible and which can be stored.

■ Visibility, flexibility and accessibility are the keys to storage.

■ Get in the habit of putting things away immediately and not letting them stack up.

■ Designate one central location in the house where all mail, including bills, magazines and junk mail, can be sorted. Give all family members a box, with their name labeled on it, for holding their mail.

■ Throw out junk mail and magazines after tearing out anything of interest for future reference.

■ Create a tickler file for papers with dates and deadlines that require attention later. Include files for each month and one labeled "current" with dividers marked 1-31 for each day.

■ Get rid of any box, except for ones holding memorabilia and keepsakes, that you haven't looked inside in two years.

■ If you're planning a yard sale, designate a box for collecting the items.

■ Get rid of clothes and accessories you haven't worn in two years.

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High school gives beauty lessons to elderly

By Ginia Bellafante
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — In her 1992 book, "The Change," Germaine Greer famously counseled women against Cher-like acts of age defiance. Women should use their later years, she maintained, finally to break free from the "fretful struggle" always to look good.

This is just the kind of feminist thinking that probably doesn't sit well with Joyce Cox, who spent a racent Friday morning in a crushed velvet jacket getting silver feathers etched onto her pearlized, paper-clip-length nails and talking about her recent turn as a sort of advanced-age Gisele.

Ms. Cox, a retired mail-room worker, had modeled a handkerchief skirt at a fashion show held at the Hope of Israel social center in the Bronx a few weeks earlier. "Guess how old I am?" she asked. "Guess," she prodded, before pre-empting with the answer. "Sixty-nine."

Ms. Cox, along with about 58 other women, were getting manicured, pedicured and plucked in the classrooms of the Jane Addams Vocational High School in the South Bronx, whose cosmetology students each year offer makeovers to neighbors who generally exceed the age of the average "Dawson's Creek" viewer by about 55 years.

Jane Addams, which was founded in 1934, has 1,600 teenagers enrolled. About 300 wear white smocks every day, balancing course work called Beauty 3 or Beauty 4 with course work called English or algebra. They hunch over plastic heads with penned grids on the scalps, learning to layer hair and finger wave and box braid it in classrooms that make few concessions to modernity, save for a Christy Turlington photo on the wall.

Proving that male vanity is not the sole province of Maxim magazine's readership, Charles Estridge, the only male client at the event, said he has been coming to Jane Addams for beauty treatments for years. While getting a manicure on Friday, he said he was most looking forward to his facial. Estridge had just turned 80.

"We use two creams, an emollient, a mask and an astringent," said a student who was tending to Estridge's nail filing and was about to begin his skin care. "People come out with a glow."

Maria Isabel, another student, said, "I like better blow-drying and hair coloring," referring to the beauty curriculum. Ms. Isabel came to the United States from the Dominican Republic in 1992. Until two years ago she spoke no English; now, she is a member of the National Honor Society and plans to apply to college next year.

However dramatically money and celebrity have attached themselves to some in the business of making people look more attractive, Ms. Isabel and her friends generally aspire to jobs traditionally accorded more status, rather than becoming the next Frederic Fekkai.

"I want to be a manager in any type of business," Tenisha Artis, a 12th grader, said. "I just wanted something to fall back on after I go to college."

Another senior said, "It's nothing to make a future with." An 11th grader, Valene Benjamin, said she did think of opening a salon one day, but her more immediate goals included getting into the University of Connecticut, studying accounting and playing professional basketball.

This is not welcome news to the beauty industry, which is suffering from a labor shortage that Ray Testa, president of the American Association of Cosmetology Schools, described as brutal. Testa estimated that there are about 1,000 beauty schools in the country, half the number that existed in the 1980's. In Manhattan, Testa said, there are just two beauty schools left.

Dan Coniglio, head of the International Chain Salon Association, a trade group, conceded that "a lot of people don't look at cosmetology as a viable profession," despite the fact that the number of Americans getting their hair cut in salons is at an all-time high, he added.

Some graduates of Jane Addams go to work in places like Vidal Sassoon and Tear Drops of Elegance, a beauty parlor in Harlem.

Bridge Winners

The following are bridge winners for Dec. 6-12.

MONDAY
Christmas party
NORTH-SOUTH:
1. Gloria Crites, Becky Kinsey
2. Betty Sheeler, Jerry Williamson
3. Jane Myers, Leonora Slusher
4. Wayne Rector, James Simpson
EAST-WEST:
1. Ricki Perry, Aggie Anguish
2. Jimmie Penn, Mary Hammond
3. and 4. Tie: Kathryn Gesell, Joe Brittain, Mary Renton, Ken Hill

WEDNESDAY
1. Wayne Rector, James Simpson
2. and 3. Tie: Babe Griffin, Joe Brittain, Belvin Redus, Clarence Marley
4. Betty Sheeler, Sue Gardiner

THURSDAY
1. Beverly Holmberg, Betty Moudy
2. and 3. Tie: Dorothy Lloyd, Mildred Stuart, Betty George, Bonnie Hubbard
4. Helen Owen, Dottie Fox

FRIDAY
1. Frances Levin, Laura Williams
2. Flo Curry, Betty Sheeler
3. Gloria Crites, Mary Hammond
4. Vangie Lindsey, Ricki Perry

SATURDAY
1. Ann Servatius, B.J. Filley
2. Sally Whiteley, Belle Harris
3. Deborah Brookins, R.J. Englert
4. Babe Griffin, Barbara Steinert

SUNDAY
Christmas Club Championship
NORTH-SOUTH:
FLIGHT A:
1. Marian Mathews, Sarah White
2. Deborah Brookins, R.J. Englert
3. Lena Nichols, Leonora Slusher
FLIGHT B:
1. Deborah Brookins, R.J. Englert
2. Mildred Stuart, Corrinne Recer
3. Doroty Demaray, Babe Griffin
EAST-WEST:
FLIGHT A:
1. and 2. Tie: Sandra Rea, Debbie Kemp, Belvin Redus, Clarence Marley
3. Jean Pistole, Gloria Crites
FLIGHT B:
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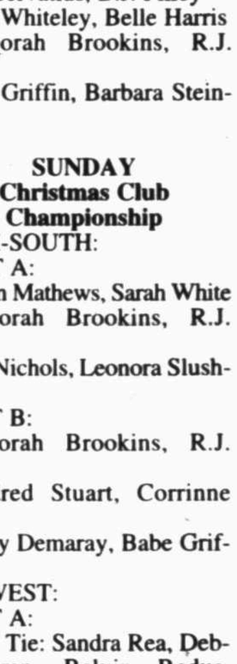
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DEAR ABBY

Legacy of teen solvent abuse is life of craving and despair

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: When I read your column about "huffing" chemicals, I had to respond.

Van Buren

I was a teen-age solvent abuser. For most of my early school days, I was an overachiever. I was not popular, but I had one or two good friends and was active in Scouting and volunteer activities.

Because I was into books and getting good grades, by junior high I was teased and beaten up by my schoolmates. High school brought more of the same merciless harassment.

I began to withdraw into solitary activities and discovered model building.

My descent into hell began innocently. I loved to build model cars, boats and planes. I discovered that the fumes from the glue gave me a buzz.

Soon I was buying as much as a tube of model glue a day and huffing the fumes. I staggered around in a fog most of the time, couldn't remember things, and my grades slipped badly.

I heard something on the news about kids who had died as a result of sniffing Pam. I decided to try that as well, secretly hoping it would kill me. I huffed a number of other aerosol products, too. In my depression, I tried to kill myself by taking an overdose of aspirin. No luck.

After the second overdose, a friend began dragging me along to activities and events and focused my attention on other things. My depression lifted, I managed to pull myself together, and I finished high school near the top of my class.

A couple of years later depression set in again. I dropped out of life and began huffing glue again.

I huffed myself into unconsciousness and even a couple of seizures. Paranoia and hallucinations became the norm. I woke up once and found myself carrying on a conversation with a tree — yes, it was answering back! The police were called when I was found running around with a knife, sure someone was out to get me. I was hospitalized on at least three occasions.

Fast-forward 20 years: What do I have to show for my stupidity today? I stutter, and confuse similar-sounding words in conversation. My hands shake. I frequently have problems remembering things for more than a few minutes.

Worse yet, I'm now allergic to fragranced items including fabric softeners, detergent, hand lotion, perfume, cologne, hairspray and household cleaning items. Did you know that perfumes contain toxic chemicals such as toluene — the same stuff that's in model glue?

Even though chemicals make me horribly ill, the craving to abuse them never quits! On a good day, I hate myself for the damage I've done to my brain and body. On a bad day, I wish I had succeeded in committing suicide years ago.

Parents: Pay attention to your children and their behavior. Have your children taken an unusual interest in being alone? Does their breath, clothes or room smell funny? Do they have balance problems while walking across a room? Difficulty sleeping? No appetite? Paranoia? Grades falling? Apathetic? Personal hygiene lacking? Do you find plastic bags with strange-looking dried-up white stuff in them? Your children could be abusing glue or aerosol products!

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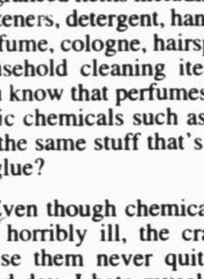

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Loss Control

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- Insulate pipes in your home's crawl space and attic.
- Seal leaks that allow cold air inside, near where pipes are located.
- Disconnect garden hoses and, if practical, use an indoor valve to shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Run a trickle of hot and cold water at night when the mercury drops.
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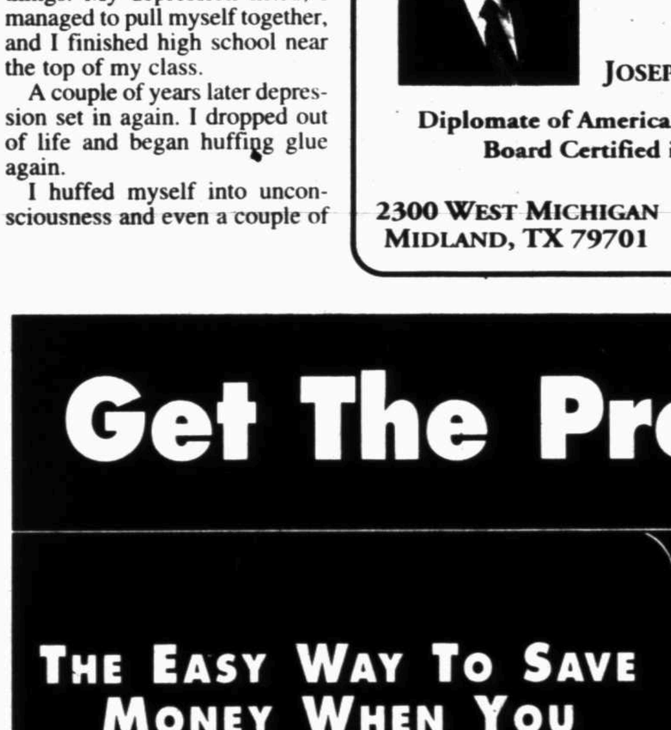

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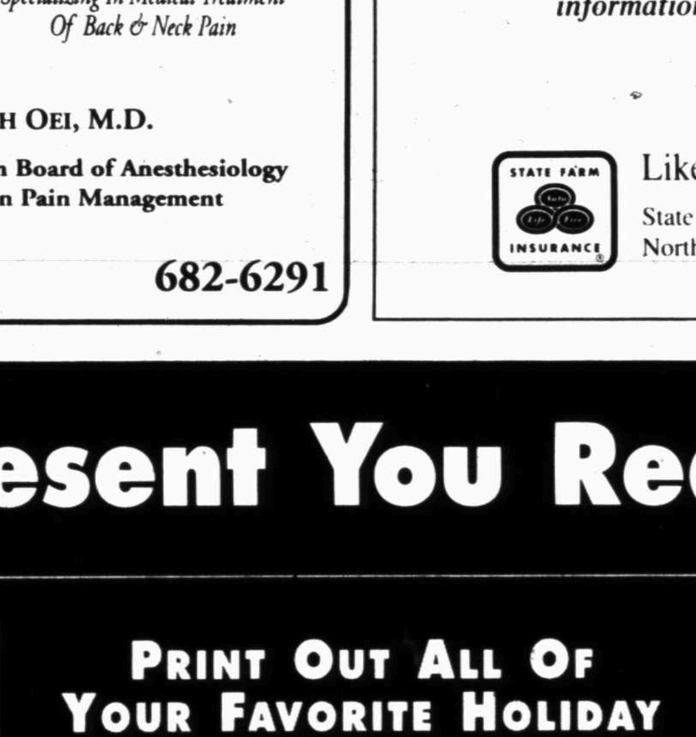

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Beaumont is home to 17 museums

By Jennifer A. Dlouhy
Associated Press

BEAUMONT — To outsiders, Beaumont is best known as the hub of the oil and gas industry, the city whose famous Spindletop oil well ushered in a century of petroleum-based economic growth.

Some travelers only know Beaumont as a convenient stopping point along Interstate 10.

But among travel agents and in the tourism industry, Beaumont is known not just for Spindletop or the city's convenience. Instead, travel agents remember Beaumont for its museums — all 17 of them.

From fire fighting to steamboats and ships, Beaumont offers an eclectic mix of entertainment and education — so much so, that in 1987, former Mayor Maury Meyers dubbed Beaumont the "Museum Capital of Texas."

It's been almost a decade since the city Convention and Visitor's Bureau touted the city with the slogan, but the figures are hard to dispute: there's one museum for every 7,200 people in Beaumont.

No one planned to develop a Museum Mecca. It just happened.

In the late 1980s, a renewed commitment to revitalizing downtown Beaumont prompted city residents and officials to build the Texas Energy Museum and the Art Museum of Southeast Texas on Main Street. Even police officers joined in, developing a museum in the Beaumont Police Department's basement on College Street.

The Fire Museum of Texas, the Edison Plaza Museum, the Telephone Pioneer Museum and the Temple of the Brave all off of Main Street add to the downtown displays.

"Now, you have this nice corridor of museums all within walking distance of each other," said Ryan Smith, executive director of the Texas Energy Museum, which opened in 1990.

The mix of museums throughout Beaumont clearly draw tourists to the area, said Jef Russell III, executive director of the Beaumont Convention and Visitors Bureau. But, he admitted, it's difficult to know just how much money the attractions bring to the area.

"It's very important to have these museums here," he said. "It has a tremendous impact on visitation."

Because Beaumont has no large, comprehensive science and history museums, like those in Houston, there was room to cultivate smaller, more unique museums, Smith said.

Take for instance, the Edison Plaza Museum, which showcases the work of famed inventor Thomas Edison. Edison lived in Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Florida. Never once did the scientist take up residence in Southeast Texas. He had no relatives in Beaumont and probably never even visited the city.

So why is Beaumont home to a museum about the man's life?

Simple, said Janeen Odom, who gives tours of the Edison exhibits. Beaumont might never have been home to Edison but was home to one of his fans: W. Donham Crawford, who for four years was the chairman and CEO of Gulf States Utility Company.

For a lifetime, Crawford collected Edison memorabilia. When he died, Crawford's wife donated the hand-blown glass equipment, phonographs and other items to the company, which established the museum in the historic Travis Street Substation, the first place to send electricity to 22 cities.

People donated and loaned newspaper clippings, old equipment and Gulf States merchandise to the museum, which now has more than 1,400 items, including ledgers and lighting from Edison's Menlo Park laboratory.

Just a block away, the Fire Museum of Texas displays an array of fire fighting equipment — and a two-story dalmatian-spotted fire hydrant. There are similar exhibits across the state, but only one has received the state's endorsement, said Director Linda Gaudio.

Another museum, off Interstate 10, near downtown, pays homage to hometown hero, athlete and musician Babe Didrikson Zaharias. "We're very unique, nationwide, because we cover the life of just one person," said Raleigh Marcell, who staffs the domed building, that doubles as a visitors' welcome center.

On their way to and from the Atlanta Olympic Games, people would visit the center to view "the Babe's" trophies, scrapbooks and Olympic medals, Marcell said.

Others are lured to the area by what may be the only museum dedicated solely to steamboats. The Clifton Steamboat Museum on Fannett Road showcases shipbuilding and U.S. military history.

Photo courtesy Sam Hollis

Minuet debutantes presented

The 1999 Minuet Club debutantes were presented at the annual ball Tuesday evening at the Petroleum Club. They are, front row from left: Jennifer Staley, Holly Gilkerson, Emily Booth, Sarah Pace, Kelly Scharbauer, Courtney Cole and Cathleen Wright; and top row from left: Melissa McGavran, Hilary Essex, Kelli Martin, Sarah Cowden, Natalie Hall, Kiersten Donnelly, Marci Holland, Jessica Marshall and Casey O'Neill.

MIDLAND COLLEGE

BRIEFLY

Spring registration

Registration for all students who want to enroll at Midland College for Spring 2000 classes resumes Jan. 3 after the Christmas break. Spring classes begin Jan. 18.

Students have several registration options:

—Students who have completed the necessary paperwork and have been cleared by Student Services to register may schedule appointments with faculty members to receive advising and scheduling help and then complete the telephone registration process from faculty offices.

—Students who have passed the TASP and who have been cleared to enroll may enroll themselves at computer terminals in the Career Center in the Student Service area of the Scharbauer Student Center.

—Registration in the Student Services office is open to all students.

Counselors are generally available 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. Registration is in the Scharbauer Student Center.

Those students who have not taken the TASP test or who have not passed the TASP test must register in person with the counseling staff.

For information about the TASP test, registration or financial aid, contact a counselor at 685-4505.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Health Sciences cont. ed.

The Midland College Health Sciences Continuing Education program courses provide continuing education for health care professionals and training for persons seeking employment in health care fields.

Courses being offered this spring include Medication Aide Training, Nurse Aide Training, Phlebotomy, Optometric Assistant Training, Certification Course of Activity Professional, Health Unit Coordinator Training, Medic First Aid/ CPR and American Heart Association-CPR training.

Massage Therapy, one of HSCE's most popular courses, is a Texas Department of Health approved 300-hour course that prepares the student for the state massage therapy registration exam. The course includes 125 hours in Swedish massage techniques, 25 hours of physiology, 50 hours of anatomy, 15 hours of hydrotherapy, 15 hours of business practices and professional ethics, 20 hours of health and hygiene and a 50-hour internship. The course is scheduled 6-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8 a.m.-6 p.m., every other Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18-May 21. Instructors are Paul Hamels, Barbara Willey and Donna Reed-Taylor.

Many of the HSCE courses are offered at a variety of times and locations throughout the semester. For information, call 685-4603 after Jan. 4.

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Perfect Partners

A new gymnastics program offered through continuing education program is strengthening Midland College's ties to the community

Midland College soon will strengthen already strong ties with the Midland community. In January Continuing Education starts a new program: gymnastics.

The Sandstormers, a local gymnastics club, recently approached the College about forming a connection in the hopes of establishing a consistent gymnastics program for all ages in the city.

The new program will be called "Midland College Gymnastics, Home of the Sandstormers." A full lineup of classes is scheduled to start in January.

The gymnastics program floundered in August when the Alamo YMCA where the program was housed was closed. The Sandstormer Booster Club ran the program while searching for a new partner willing to take on the program.

"We were looking for someone to help us provide a consistent gymnastics program in Midland," Lynette Barker, President of the Sandstormer Booster Club, said.

"Currently there is one other program, predominately for boys. We wanted an all-around program that included bars, beams, vault and floor for everyone."

Talks with MC continued for months.

"We felt that a gymnastics program would complement other programs in MC's continuing education program, making a perfect partnership," Tammy Parish, Assistant Coordinator of Continuing Education, said.

"Gymnastics is a wonderful sport for all children," Kathy Shannon, head coach of the competitive team, said.

"It's a wonderful basis for all kinds of sports. Many of our students have gone on to play other sports with great success, including tennis, baseball, and football. I've been told by coaches that they are successful because they are coachable, willing to listen, to make changes and to get better."

Shannon said she felt that it was because they work with both sides of the brain, both creative and physical parts.

"In addition, they learn discipline which helps in other pursuits as well," Shannon said.

Children age six and up learn skills in all-around gymnastics, with emphasis in developing strength, coordination and knowledge of sport. The class includes tumbling, elements of dance and use of all gymnastics apparatus.

The Level IV and V USGA Programs require year-around participation. This club team is by invitation only.

"The program is strengthened by having a Level X judge in Kathy Shannon, the highest level of judge in gymnastics," Clark White, member of the Sandstormer Booster Club and a key factor in the new association.

The back hand spring classes for ages six and up offer tumbling classes emphasizing back hand springs, as required for most cheerleading.

Cheerleading classes for ages six and up are also offered. These classes offer instruction in cheerleading skills and techniques, including motions, voice and jumps.

"With MC's enthusiasm we look for an extremely successful program," Barker said.

"I'm excited about combining such a strong, motivated parents group with MC's assets and enthusiasm," Ochs said. "MC is part of the community and doesn't promote programs without thought of their impact on the community."

The program will need to grow in order to be self-supporting. Currently, 18 girls, all of whom compete, are working out, but hopes are that the classes, for ages one and up will grow quickly.

A new location was found at 2817 W. Industrial. MC will pay the building's lease and utilities, as well as hire coaches as part-time MC employees.

Equipment and 70-80 team trophies have already been moved to the new building.

"We're lucky to have such dedicated parents willing to spend their weekend moving equipment with three 18-wheelers," Shannon said.

Goals include forming a partnership with MISD to have high school gymnastic teams.

"We are the only city in west Texas without a gymnastics team," White said.

"Recently UIL rules were changed so that gymnasts can train in a private gym away from schools, yet compete for their school," White said.

"We're hoping that this new program will open up gymnastics for everyone in the community," White said.

MC MIDLAND COLLEGE GYMNASTICS
"Home of the Sandstormers"

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"They learn selflessness when they give up something they want to do in order to give something to the team."

Classes offered start with one- to three-year-olds, and these classes require attendance by parents. These classes cover child initiated discovery of gymnastics, which promotes gross motor development.

"Gymnastics students learn body awareness early and improve their coordination," Ochs said.

Three- to five-year-olds learn basic skills in gymnastics using vault, bars, beam, floor and trampoline, which enhances cognitive and motor development.

News of Midland College People

O'Shaughnessy Hall residents adjust to on-campus living

by Wanda Lawson

Midland College student, Debra Brower said she loves her room at the new residence hall.

The facility has 96 beds, and each room houses two students.

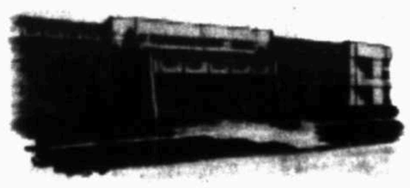
"We are still growing and making adjustments. We learn from the residents. They know their needs better than we do," said Julia Vickery, student life coordinator.

At the beginning of the semester, the students had expressed a need for a crosswalk in front of the residence hall. That project has since been completed.

Vickery said that the girls recently asked for an RO water system. MC is making plans to install RO water in the lobby, where the girls can each have access, if they choose.

"MC is fortunate to have such a wonderful bunch of girls," Vickery said.

There are four rooms that are American Disabilities Act (ADA) ready. There are lights that blink when the doorbell rings (for the deaf) and all four are fully wheelchair accessible. There are four handicapped parking places. Two of those have van accessibility.



"It is noted that students bring in a higher grade point average when living on campus," said Adrian Carrasco, recruitment coordinator.

According to Carrasco, the campus is the occupants' front yard and they can utilize the college at any time. Included in the fee of $1500 per semester are utilities, cable, Internet access, counseling and meals. He said there are several payment plans available.

Resident hall manager, Louisa Lopez, lives on-site. Lopez said girls in a dormitory setting are more likely to form study groups.

There are more advantages to living in the residence hall than monetary, according to Lopez.

There is the safety factor of having someone at the front desk 24 hours a day. Lopez is on-call 24 hours a day in case of emergencies. Lopez, who is bi-lingual, said that being bi-lingual is really helpful since one of the students in the residence hall is from Colombia.

There are residents from Africa, Saudi Arabia and Scotland. In Texas, residents come from Greenwood, Stanton, Lubbock, Iraan, Coahoma, Monahans, Pecos, Andrews and Ft. Stockton as well as Midland.

Lopez was raised in Midland. She received a BA degree from St. Mary's University in San Antonio in May 1999. In the summer of 1997, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities placed Lopez as an intern with the FAA in Atlantic City, NJ.

In the summer of 1998, the Hispanic Association placed her with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington, DC.

The new men's residence hall should be completed in August 2000. It also will be a 96-bed facility with a full-time resident manager. It will have the same ADA facilities.

All it takes to reserve a room in either facility is a $100 fee and a completed application.

For more information about the residence hall or to obtain an application, call 685-4750. The phone number for O'Shaughnessy Hall is 685-8724.

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CLUB NEWS

PERMIAN BASIN GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL AUXILIARY

Permian Basin Geological and Geophysical Auxiliary met for Christmas tea at the home of Kristi Jumper. Kellijo Lathram was chairman; Geriann Green was co-chairman. Hostesses were Tammie Barnhill, Jane Finch, Tanya Godfrey, Joan Henry, Hazel Somerville, Pat Stanley and Michelle Tobias. About 75 people attended.

JUNIOR WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION

Junior Woman's Association of Midland met in the home of Sherri Merket. Co-hostesses were Sarah Blackburn, Monea Newman, Diane Nelson, Sabrina Statton, Sharon Ryan, Shawn Higgins and Shauna Brown; 11 members attended the holiday celebration.

MIDLAND STUDY CLUB

Midland Study Club met for Christmas luncheon at Green Tree Country Club. Dixie Osborne and Peggy Heineman were hostesses. Janet Pollard, Jim Ross and Mark Lowe presented a musical program. Jo Halpert and Harriett Lyson were guests of the 20 members attending.

YUCCA GARDEN CLUB

Yucca Garden Club met for Christmas tea at Midland Woman's Club. Anna McMann presided. Members read the club prayer. Elizabeth McKenzie called roll and read minutes; 17 members attended. Mary Crosby gave the treasurer's report. Mildred Burkett gave the Woman's Club report. Katrina Cain introduced Florence G. Doss, who reviewed the book, "The Second Christmas." Bettye Jones, Clara Johnston and Mickey Hewitt served dessert.

MUSICIANS' CLUB

Musicians' Club met at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Hostesses were Mrs. Roger D. Vester, Mrs. Stanley Fox and Mrs. R.M. Carroll. Hymn of the month, led by Mrs. R. Donald Janssen, was "Twas the Moon of Wintertime." The program, "Celebrate Christmas," was directed by Mrs. Sanford W. Smith. Performers were Marge Savage, Debby Vester, Allison Smith, Kathleen Janssen, Jane Ward, Linda Fox, Anne Carroll, Martha Lewis, Claudia Traxel and Marian Stone.

TWENTIETH CENTURY STUDY CLUB

Twentieth Century Study Club met at the home of Fran Schutte for Christmas brunch; 22 members attended and discussed personal stories, memories and traditions of Christmas. Members exchanged Christmas ornaments. Ella Noel and Jackie Hendricks were co-hostesses. Evelyn Minear read the Collect.

MIDLAND PORCELAIN ART CLUB

Midland Porcelain Art Club met in the home of Shirley Edwards for its Christmas party. Louise Jones read "The Legent of the Candycane," and Edythe Talley read a Christmas story. Members exchanged handpainted mugs and Christmas ornaments. Lou Long won the Christmas wreath. Mary Robertson of Midland and June Dunkin of San Angelo were guests of the 13 members attending.

DOWNTOWN LION TAMERS

Downtown Lion Tamers met at Ranchland Hills Country Club with 22 members and guests Pat Eastup and Karl Reagan attending. Marthyle West presided. Bonnie Minton led the pledge and prayer, and introduced Janet Bender, who presented a musical program. Katy Zeitler discussed the club's participation in the Salvation Army's "Dress A Live Angel" program.

PRECEPTOR ETA UPSILON CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Eta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Genell Emerson, who presided. Peggy Brown and Virginia Earhart reported on the recent trip to Christmas on the Pecos in Carlsbad, N.M. Cel Wiginton gave the treasurer's report. Donna Snyder reported on progress of the Christmas project. Dovie St. Peters reported on publicity and programs. Ms. Emerson gave a program on"The Candy Maker," and Rita Noah discussed a short article, "What if the Three Wise Men Had Been Women?" Beverly Acker and Beverlye Bristow led the exchange of Christmas ornaments. Secret sister gifts were exchanged and Christmas gifts for a child in need were wrapped.

PRECEPTOR EPSILON DELTA CHAPTER, BSP

Preceptor Epsilon Delta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met in the home of Pauline Heidel in Lamesa. Ann Poteet presided. Diana Henderson read the minutes. Suzy Arnold reported on the recent trip to Cloudcroft, N.M. Ms. Poteet was selected as the chapter's Valentine Sweetheart. Rozanna Milam gave a program on "Thanksgiving: Thanks Living.

LT. BREWER CHAPTER, DAR

Lt. William Brewer chapter, National Daughters of the American Revolution, met for Christmas tea at the home of Mrs. George Staley. Plans were made to plant a tree as a memorial for the 200th anniversary of George Washington's death; contributions and donations were made for the Veteran's Hospital in Big Spring. Co-hostesses were Mrs. L.P. Clarke, Mrs. Charles Gaines, Mrs. E.M. Watkins, Mrs. W. Clayton Harrington, Paula Beshears, Mrs. H. Jack Naumann, Mrs. J. Harvey Herd, Mrs. William Thams and Mrs. Edward H. Hudson.

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THE BIG APPLE

in the TALL city

BY GEORGIA TEMPLE

Times Square comes to town this Friday when the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc., hosts its first New Year's Eve bash at Midland Center.

"The 'Big Apple in the Tall City' will allow you to enjoy the complete Times Square experience without leaving home," said Tim Young, executive director of the MOSC. Guests walk through the "taxi-cab entrance" to "find themselves in New York City, complete with skyline, lighted billboards and the Statue of Liberty. Four big screen TV's will provide live coverage of the celebration around the world, and KMID News will broadcast live from the event throughout the evening."

Billed as "the party of a lifetime," the event marks a first for the organization.

"The response has been real good," said LuAnn Morgan, the event's co-chairman. "And the $100 ticket has caught a lot of interest."

The "Party and Dance" package begins at 9 p.m. The $100 per-person ticket includes open bar, hors d'oeuvres, dancing, a taxi ride home for those who have had too much to drink and complimentary champagne glasses as mementos of the event.

"The champagne glasses have 2000 on the stem and are crystal," Ms. Morgan said. "They are real nice."

The symphony has received calls about the $100 tickets with a number of the callers deciding they want to come for dinner, Ms. Morgan said. "So, they are going with the $200 ticket or $400 per couple."

The "Dinner, Party and Dance" package begins at 7 p.m. and includes a gourmet buffet of marinated quail, orange roughy and prime rib, music by the Lone Star Brass Quintet, and tempting desserts like chocolate raspberry mousse and crepes.

Dancing to the sounds of Image begins at 9 p.m.

"The band is a really good dance band out of Dallas," Ms. Morgan said. "Image plays a variety of everything. They played at Gov. Bush's last inauguration."

Dress is black tie. For reservations to the symphony's fundraiser, which is sponsored by Texaco and KMID TV, call 563-0921. "The calls we've been getting are people that weren't planning on doing anything and have finally decided they want to do something," Ms. Morgan said. "I think it's going to be fun. I'm excited about it."

For the 28th consecutive time, "Mr. New Year's" will lead the country into the next year. Starting at 10:30 p.m. Central Time, Dick Clark will report live on the activities in Times Square. As midnight approaches, the "King of the Countdown" will take viewers through the final seconds of 1999 on ABC-TV.

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Additional New Year's Eve celebrations include, but are not limited to, the following:

—Doc's Bar and Grill: Clockwork Orange. Party favors, drink specials and black-eyed peas. Cover: $12. Call: 620-8130 Tuesday or thereafter.

—Hilton, Midland: Comedy act and country-pop-rock group CPR. Check in for those staying in the hotel: noon. Hotel guests receive a blue bracelet that allows the wearer to go throughout the building that evening. Meals, open bar, a midnight champagne toast and a 1:30 a.m. breakfast are part of the

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Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Joyce Nichols Lewis

"2000 A.D." By FRANCES HANSEN

ACROSS

1 — party aka sleepover
7 Splits ingredients
14 Girl Fri.
18 Lacking vigor
19 Metric foot
20 Make — : begin
22 Start of a New Year's verse
25 Oater
26 Arti or parti ending
27 Herb shelf label
28 Writer Le Shan
29 Paint pigment
31 Oscar Wilde's forte
32 Commenced
36 William S. of CBS
37 — Na Na
38 Outrigger
42 Faulkner's "Requiem for —"
43 Scots Gaelic
44 Observed
45 Parallelogram: Abbr.
46 More of verse
52 Under the weather
53 Kind of sch.
54 Golfer Calvin
55 Florida city
56 Certain x-ray
58 Opening word?
60 Mortise insertion
61 Picked up the tab
63 They can be dire
66 Rapids craft
69 Is indebted
71 Toscanini's title
75 Cancel, NASA style
76 Swimmer's concern
77 Paisley toppers
78 Gasp of delight
79 More of verse
84 Songbird Adams
85 Not up yet
86 Bargain
87 Squeezer
88 Dispatch
89 Pronouns
90 Does a cotton-pickin' job
92 Separates the laundry
93 The works
94 Stair part
95 Definitely not a four-poster
97 Afternoon affair
101 Winding shape
102 Form of rummy
106 End of verse
111 Small drums
112 Abbott and Costello film
113 Spring bloomer
114 Heaven, to Israelites
115 Nemo or Bligh
116 Places for boutonnieres

DOWN

1 Crony
2 Over again
3 Ballet jump
4 He's "Famous" for cookies
5 Winter wear
6 Longed (for)
7 Home for heifers
8 Reply, briefly
9 Dissenting vote
10 Cochise or Geronimo
11 Anthony of "Doctor Dolittle"
12 Lou Grant portrayer
13 R.R. stop
14 Balance sheet entry
15 For men only
16 "— Prayer for Me Tonight": "Gigi" song
17 Disney film, 1982
20 Boult, Zmed and six popes
21 Ring decision
23 Baseball stat
24 Remote region
29 Hops heater
30 Shakespeare's grande amoureuse, for short
32 Like ABC
33 — Gay: WW II plane
34 Culpability
35 Tiny toiler
36 High school highlight
37 Two- —: tandem
38 Legal order
39 Memorable actress Ada
40 Eye: Prefix
41 Hindu "World Soul"
43 "Maria —"
44 Appear as if
47 Stash out of sight
48 Wings: Latin
49 Hose hookups: Abbr.
50 Bakers get a rise out of it
51 Most torrid
57 Raged
58 He purchased The Last Frontier
59 Plant blight
62 Yankees manager and family
64 Menotti's crippled child
65 "— camera..."
66 Christmas candies
67 Roof over one's head
68 Out
70 Mole
72 "—, With Love"
73 Cook a capon
74 "—, I know the muffin man..."
76 Small piece of sugar
77 Moore poem starter
80 Small villages
81 Twiddling one's thumbs
82 He sees the future
83 Nobelist writer Andric
90 Diocese dignitary
91 State firmly
92 Song division
93 Williams of "Happy Days"
94 Nerve networks
95 Oriole Ripken
96 Ryan or Tatum
97 Fairy queen
98 From — : the works
99 Novelist Morrison
100 Classic villain
102 Extended family
103 Cookie
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105 "Clan of the Cave Bear" author
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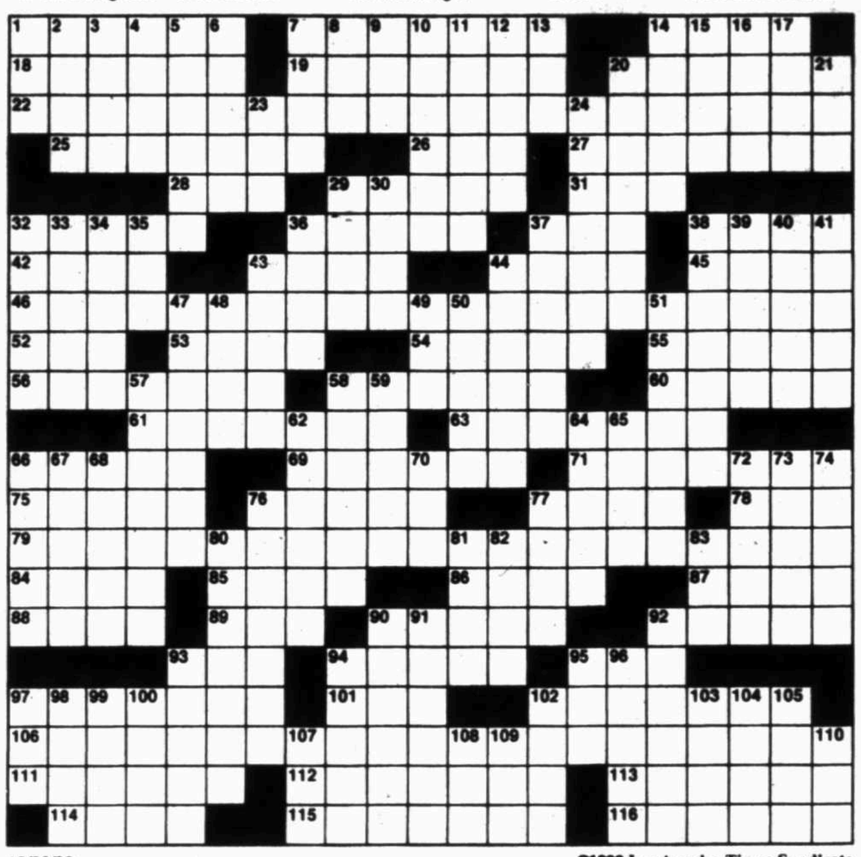
109 "Lord, is — ?": Matt.
110 Bell and Kettle



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Jacqueline Bigar's Stars

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 26, 1999:
You'll experience many changes this year. Work on an important relationship, whether business or personal. You can build on strong ground, adding security. Listen to your sixth sense with loved ones. Be willing to detach and look at situations as a whole. If you are single, you'll want a relationship, and you are likely to enter an extremely meaningful one. You are most likely to meet this person between now and summer. If attached, you grow together and develop a greater sense of togetherness. Plan that long-dreamed-of vacation for summer. VIRGO helps you detach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take time to mellow out and recuperate. You could be a bit snappy if you are tired. Make that extra effort to help restore order. A child needs some attention; make it your pleasure. Others come to you to share their goodbyes. Tonight: Lie back in your easy chair.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You find today even more mellow than yesterday. Use your intuition with family. Someone needs to talk. Understanding each other helps bond you even closer. Caring flows. You might even think Cupid has been let loose! Tonight: Let it all happen.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Call a friend early on to find out how his Christmas went. Your attention and caring mean a lot. Though you might easily opt to relax at home, invite others over. Your caring ways open up an important relationship. Tonight: Don't make anything complicated.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Don't forget to thank a parent, respected friend or elder for his extra efforts this holiday. Visit with others and catch up on news. Go over to a friend's, or get into a fun winter sport. You need to work out recent stress. Tonight: Let it all happen.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You wake up beaming. The only fallout is perhaps wanting to continue the party for at least another day. News from a distance propels you to take action. Be indulgent with a friend or loved one who really needs your attention. Tonight: Your treat.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might not have the easy start to the morning that you would like, but you feel good. Reach out for a child or loved one. Allow more feedback from this person. Do something fun; go off to the movies or enjoy a favorite sport. Tonight: Beam in what you want.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Make the most of the morning, when you feel like playing and enjoying children and loved ones. Later, schedule a timeout to do what you want. You need some time alone. Listen to your inner voice. Reach out to a loved one who might be very needy. Tonight: Make it a quiet night.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Accept the limelight and let others come to you. You are far more instrumental to your inner circle than you realize. Bring friends together for a post-holiday brunch or dinner. Catch up on what has gone on. Celebrate. Tonight: Where the gang is.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Make plans to meet with another soon, if not today. A must show throws you into the limelight. Others come to you, though in some fashion you feel overburdened and tired. You, however, are more than willing to go that extra mile or so to please. Tonight: A slow-down.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Take time with a special partner this morning. A leisurely brunch puts you in a great mood. Take a drive; reach out for a friend; make plans for a winter outing. You need a change of scenery to complete this close-to-perfect weekend. Tonight: Opt for something different.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your personality draws others, so you are rarely alone. Take time with a special friend or loved one in your life. You might not be sure exactly what he is feeling. Start sharing and talking. Partake in some eggnog and holiday treats. Tonight: A close encounter.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Finish up any remaining errands. Another might have a different idea about what might or might not work. Join friends; catch up on news. You find yourself with the job of helping another get rid of his leftovers. Go with popularity and the moment. Tonight: Say yes.

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BORN TODAY
Music producer Phil Spector (1940), entertainer Steve Allen (1921), former baseball player Carlton Fisk (1947)

Goren Bridge

WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

THE VANISHING LOSERS

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 9 4 2
♡ K Q
◇ A K 8 3
♣ A 9 8 6

WEST
♠ Q 10
♡ J 10 7 4 3
◇ 9 4
♣ K Q 3 2

EAST
♠ K J 8 7 5 3
♡ Void
◇ Q 10 7 2
♣ J 7 4

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♡ A 9 8 6 5 2
◇ J 6 5
♣ 10 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♡	Pass	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♣

As the year drew to a close, Trump Coup Tommy continued to thrive on hands where trumps broke badly. This was the latest in a series of coups he engineered.

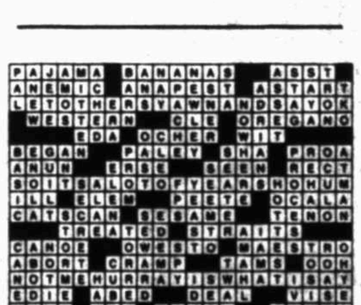
Tommy's weak two-heart opening bid was unorthodox since the hand contained two aces, and North could hardly be blamed for raising to game. North thought nine tricks were certain even if Tommy held nothing outside the trump suit, and as little as a queen in the right place would produce the 10th.

West led the king of clubs, taken in dummy with the ace. When East showed out on the king of hearts, the kibitzers counted five losers – two trumps and one in each plain suit. They reckoned without Tommy's wizardry.

Tommy led a low club from dummy. East rising with the jack to win the trick. The spade shift was won in the closed hand with the ace, dummy was entered with the queen of hearts and the nine of clubs was led, declarer discarding his spade loser as West won with the queen.

West's spade return was ruffed in hand, declarer cashed the table's ace and king of diamonds, then discarded the diamond loser on the eight of clubs as West followed suit helplessly. Declarer had eight tricks in the bank and was down to A 9 8 of trumps in hand while West remained with J 10 7. A diamond from dummy was ruffed with the eight, and the best West could do was overruff and return a trump into declarer's A-9 tenace. Tommy lost only two club tricks and one heart.

ANSWER TO TODAY'S PUZZLE



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MIDLAND MARQUEE
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THE ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
A project of
Arts Assembly of Midland
P.O. Box 3494, Midland, Texas 79702
(915) 687-1149
FAX 687-1600

NOTE: Please call museums and galleries to check holiday hours.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: Internationally recognized collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m. Call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation.

Arts Assembly of Midland: EXHIBIT: The second annual Art in the Park features four sculptures by Tim Glover, Meredith Jack, Paul Kittelson, and Jim Robertson, all of Houston. Exhibit continues through August 2000, Windlands Park, 1000 W. Dengar, 687-1149. Free.

Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: Contact: S.E.T.I., 2:30 p.m. and 'Tis the Season, special holiday show, 4 p.m., Museum of the Southwest complex, 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Admission charged. Children must be accompanied by adult. School field trips and adult programs may be scheduled by calling 683-2882.

The Brigl Collection: EXHIBIT: Selected works by William A. Brigl, by appointment, 1701 N. Garfield, 683-8445. Free.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: ART CLASSES: Adventures in Art 1999-2000 classes, a fun program of art appreciation, art history, and creative studio art classes for students ages 6-12, held 2:30-4:30 p.m. one Sunday each month. The topic for the next class Jan. 9 is "Artist as a Traveler." Tuition charged. EXHIBIT: Art Focus XC, paintings by Dallas area artists, through February 13. EXHIBIT: Journeys, children's book illustrations by Diane Stanley., through February 13. Museum gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Sunday 2:00-5:00 p.m. 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811. Exhibits are free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Eclectica, including dolls, purses, clay pins, collages, fetishes, jewelry, shrines, boxes, journals, triptychs, books, and bags. Modern and contemporary art are featured at the gallery. Gallery hours are 1-5 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. or by appointment, 1114 N. Big Spring, 685-9944. Free.

Midland College: McCormick Gallery, Allison Fine Arts Bldg., Midland College campus, 3600 N. Garfield. Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: Stones Unturned, records of Confederate veterans buried in Fairview Cemetery, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 688-8947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free. Also available for rental for weddings and other special occasions.

Museum of the Southwest: HOLIDAY EVENT: 2nd annual Christmas at the Mansion continues through Jan. 2. Attractions include a train exhibit and holiday trees. Free admission. Train exhibit open this week 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. EXHIBIT: Ben Woitena: Sculpture, Unfamiliar/
Contemporary Artists Series 1999, closes today. EXHIBIT: Currier & Ives: Printmakers to the American People, highlights from the collections of the Museum of the City of New York, through Jan. 2, Turner/Thomas Galleries. EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension: Sculpture selections from the Museum's collection, Sculpture Gallery, through Jan. 14, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:45 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 915 335-6646. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBIT: Discover E (Engineering) demonstrates how engineers impact our everyday lives. This hands-on exhibit continues through Jan. 9, 1500 I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-4403. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: EXHIBIT: Season's Greetings from the White House, a collection of holiday greetings and Christmas gifts, through Jan. 15. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tues.-Sat., 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 915 332-7123. Admission charged.

Thomas Kinkade Signature Galleries: EXHIBIT: 2101 W. Wadley, Suite 12, 682-9911. Hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-5 p.m. Sunday. No admission charged.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: Gallery hours are Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806. Free.

White Pool House Museum: EXHIBIT: A collaboration of pictures that depicts the Dust Bowl and The Great Depression of the 1930s. Museum hours are 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 112 E. Murphy St., Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Permanent collections including paintings, bronzes, firearms and artifacts that exhibit pioneer settlement of the Great Southwest, spur collections, saddles from ranching pioneer families, and archival collections including photographs of turn of the century ranch life. The library houses 30,000 volumes on settlement of the region and the cattle industry. 1805 W. Indiana. Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 682-5785. Free.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: EXHIBIT: Splash! Bang! Boom! explores the properties of matter, through January. EXHIBIT: My Town, an interactive cityscape, the latest permanent exhibit. Museum hours Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

Parker House Ranching Museum: EXHIBIT: Tom Lea, An Artist Correspondent in WWII. Museum hours are 10 am-3 pm Wed.-Sat., 1118 Maple (Maple and 13th St.), Odessa, 915-335-9918. Free.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

Holiday Inn: DANCE: Checkpoint entertains at a New Year's Eve celebration, Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 4300 W. Wall, 697-3181. Admission charged.

Midland County Exhibit Building: DANCE: Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys entertain at this New Year's Eve celebration, 9 p.m.- 1 a.m., 2435 E. Business Loop 20. Admission charged. Tickets available at Luskey's. For table reservations or ticket information, call 915 267-2060. Doors open at 8 p.m.

Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale: NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA: "The Big Apple in the Tall City" includes cocktails and hors d' oeuvres, entertainment by the Lone Star Brass, a Millennium Buffet, champagne toast at midnight, and dancing to variety band "The Image" from Dallas/Ft. Worth, 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Midland Center, 105 N. Main, 563-0921. Admission charged.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1
NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Arts Assembly of Midland maintains a calendar of all arts-related activities. To avoid conflicts with other organizations, please call 687-1149, P.O. Box 3494, Midland, TX 79702; email artsmid@iglobal.net; http://www.iglobal.net/arts.

✔ The Week Ahead

Arts and Entertainment opportunities in the Permian Basin Dec. 26-Jan. 1

Sunday, Dec. 26

Art collection

Gallery 1114 is presenting a collection of art from artists around the country through Jan. 15 at 1114 N. Big Spring St.

Artists include Sara Austin, Keely Barham, Kerrie Carbary, Sarah Fishburn, Bruce Kremer, Lynne Perrella, Judi Riesch, and Roslyn Stendahl. Their mix will include dolls, purses, clay pins, collages, fetishes and jewelry. Additionally, there will be shrines, boxes, journals, triptychs, books, and bags.

Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday, or by appointment by calling 685-9944.

Art show

Original oils and limited edition prints by Midland artist Sharon V. Ross Jackson are on display through Jan. 3 at the Midland Country Club.

Mrs. Jackson, professional portrait artist, is a juried member of Oil Painters of American and American Society of Portrait Artists. Her originals, painted in the Italian Renaissance manner, and prints are presently in corporate and private collections in 17 countries.

She has a B.A. from Texas Tech University as a major in interior design. She also attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, the University of Hawaii and the University of Colorado.

Holiday collection

ODESSA — The Presidential Museum has brought in a collection of holiday greetings and Christmas gifts, "Season's Greetings from the White House," which will be on display through Jan. 15.

The presidential Christmas theme of peace on earth and goodwill to all has varied over the years. President Coolidge issued the first official Christmas message to the American people in 1927; every chief executive since has delivered a Christmas message to the American people.

The Presidential Museum is located at the corner of 7th and Lee in downtown Odessa. Museum hours are 10-5, Tuesday through Saturday. For more information contact the museum at (915) 332-7123.

Family fun

ODESSA — Family Fun throughout the Holiday Season Christmas in Starbright Village will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. through Thursday at McKinney Park, north of I-20 and south of Highway 20 or east of Crane Avenue, west of Grant Avenue. Viewers can walk through lighted Christmas scenes in the park.

"First Nigh Celebration" will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight on New Year's Eve in the Municipal Plaza parking lot at Lee and 4th Street. Celebrate with live music, children's activities, and fireworks at this family event. See the raising of the City of Odessa Lighted Ball at the stroke of midnight.

For more information call (915) 335-4682.

Art from Ukraine

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Museum of Art, 200 W. Jones, is the first venue for a ground-breaking exhibition of ancient artifacts from Ukraine. The exhibit known as "Gold of the Nomads" continues until Jan. 30.

The result of three years of work by both Americans and Ukrainians, this exhibition is the first to travel to the United States from Ukraine since the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Many artifacts have only recently been excavated and will be seen for the first time. Co-curators are Dr. Gerry Scott and Dr. Ellen Reeder. For more information check the facility's web site, www.samuseum.org. The exhibit culminates at the Louvre in Paris.

Wednesday, Dec. 29

Art lessons

First Baptist Church is offering art lessons taught by Virginia Whitten of Big Spring 1 p.m. Wednesdays in the activities building.

The classes are open to beginners through advanced, offering lessons in oil, watercolor and mixed-media.

For more information call the activities building at 683-0647 or 915-263-4245.

Friday, Dec. 31

MOSC event

The "Big Apple in the Tall City," benefiting the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, will be held New Year's Eve at the Midland Center.

Guests choosing the "Dinner, Party and Dance" package, or any of a number of sponsor packages, walking through the taxi-cab entrance at 7 p.m., will find themselves in New York City. Four big screen TV's will provide live coverage of the millennium celebration around the world, and KMID News will broadcast live from the event throughout the evening.

Dinner will be accompanied by music of the Lone Star Brass Quintet. Guests selecting the "Party and Dance" package will walk through the entrance at 9 p.m., in time to hear the "Image Band."

A limited number of seats are available, call the Symphony office to reserve your place at 563-0921.

Sandhills Rodeo

ODESSA — The Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo presents "The Last P. R. C. A. Rodeo of the 20th Century" Friday and "The First P.R.C.A. Rodeo of the 21st Century" Saturday with a pre-show at 7:15 p.m. and rodeo at 7:30 in Odessa.

Arrival deadline for Hereford Steeres and Hefers begins at 11 a.m. Thursday with activities lasting through the day ending at 6:30 p.m.

On Friday the day begins at 8 a.m. with the Hereford Steer Show. At 9 p.m. a New Year's Eve Party and Dance, hosted by "B 93.3" will be held in Barn G. Beginning at 10:30 p.m. the "First Night" for family fun and "Midnight Fireworks" will be held in Downtown Odessa.

At 7 a.m. the Quarter Horse Show kicks off New Year's Day. Events end with The First Sandhills Rodeo of the 21st Century at 7:30 p.m.

The rodeo will last through Jan. 9 with a full line-up of events. For tickets and information call the Ector County Coliseum at (915) 366-3951.

Ball Cancels

ODESSA — David Ball, country performer, has cancelled his performance set for 9 p.m. Friday at the Ector County Coliseum.

Grand opening

GRANDVIEW — Linda and Ron Beaumont will host a Grand Opening celebration for The Beaumont Ranch at 6 p.m. Friday in Grandview, located off I-35 W at exit 15.

The evening begins with a cocktail party, followed by a three-act murder mystery, "The West Was Never This Wild," produced by Murders, Games, & More, which allows celebrants to take part in solving the mystery. A dinner buffet will be served, and dancing begins at the conclusion of the play.

Regional show band Russ Lowry & The Expressions will perform from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. At 11:59 p.m., a digital countdown and fireworks display begins that will be visible for miles. Included in the show will be millions of laser light beams projecting animation, graphics, aerial displays and moving patterns into the midnight sky.

After the festivities, a breakfast buffet will be served beginning at 12:30 a.m. Jan. 1, 2000, and hypnotist James Courts performs from 1 to 2 a.m.

Bookings for this New Year's Eve Bash can be made by calling (817) 866-4867 or toll-free at (888) 864-6935. Visit their web site at www.Beaumontranch.com.

Celebration set

SAN ANTONIO — "Celebrate San Antonio" will join the ranks of the largest celebrations welcoming the new millennium from coast-to-coast with more than 12 straight hours of events and festivities, featuring one of the most multiculturally diverse millennium celebrations in the country Friday in San Antonio.

There will be live music, international entertainment, food, family fun and a spectacular fireworks display high above the Tower of the Americas.

Beginning at noon, the ringing of church bells throughout the city will herald the countdown to the millennium. Local leaders from various religious denominations will proceed through the streets of downtown from Alamo Plaza to the Municipal Auditorium, where they will lead worshippers in an ecumenical service to "Celebrate Our Faith," offering prayers for the city in the new millennium

Following the enormous religious service, there will be an afternoon event, "Celebrate Our Heritage," which will honor the multicultural and historic heritage of San Antonio. The third and final phase of the day's activities will be the huge downtown fiesta, "Celebrate San Antonio," beginning at 6 p.m. on South Alamo Street between Market and Durango throughout historic La Villita.

The highlight will be a countdown to the millennium, ending at midnight in the San Antonio Express-News Fireworks Spectacular show casing the Tower of the Americas, the symbol of modern San Antonio build for the 1968 World's Fair.

Fore a free visitor package and additional information on San Antonio and this year's New Year's Eve festivities, call the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau toll-free at (800) 447-3372 or visit the SACVB's home page at www.SanAntonioCVB.com.

Saturday, Jan. 1

Music festival

TAMAULIPAS STATE, Mexico — A three-day international music festival to celebrate the new millennium will be held from noon Thursday to 8 p.m. Saturday at the Sugar Lake Resort on the President Roberto Gomez Reservoir in Tamaulipas State. The closest border crossing point is Rio Grande City and Camargo, Tamaulipas.

Advance tickets are $49 each and can only be purchased from the events web site at www.the-officialy2kparty.com. Admission is for three days and includes camping at Sugar Lake Resort, New Years Eve feast, fireworks, and entertainment. Lodging is available in nearby towns in Rio Grande City, McAllen and Harlingen.

Upcoming in Midland/Odessa

Tickets on sale

Tickets are on sale for the 1999-2000 Harlem Globetrotters North American Tour, "Positively Magical," sponsored by Denny's restaurants, to be held at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 12 at the Chaparral Center.

Ticket prices for the tour range from $15 to $20, with discounts offered for youth 12 and under, senior citizens, Midland College students and employees, and groups of 15 or more. They can be purchased at the Chaparral Center box office, CD Warehouse in Midland, Endless Horizons Discount in Odessa, Sound Decision in Big Spring, or by phone at (800) 462-7979.

For updates on the team, visit the official web site of the Harlem Globetrotters at www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

MCC venue

On the Midland Community Concerts' venue for the 1999-2000 "Season of a Century" are Joe Burgstaller performing the music of Rafael Mendez, Jan. 10; The Cassidys presenting Celtic music and step-dancing, Feb. 4; and Jay Ungar and Molly Mason playing the fiddle and guitar, April 7.

All concerts are held at Midland High School Auditorium. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m.

CC books and guarantees payment to its artists months in advance of their appearances, thus the series relies on season subscriptions. And memberships are still available. Prices are: adult season subscription, $45; family season subscription (two adults and any number of students), $90; and student season subscription, full time students through college, $15.

Tickets for individual concerts, if available, may be purchased at $25 for adults and $10 for students. For more information call 620-0033.

Performance set

The Texas A&M Singing Cadets will be in Midland to perform at 7 p.m. Jan. 13 at First Presbyterian Church in Midland.

Their repertoire includes a variety of songs — popular music, spirituals, patriotic selections, and school songs. Tickets are $8 and may be purchased by calling 688-1622.

Concert set

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale presents guest artist Fred Moyer, piano, and guest conductor Murray Gross to play Feb. 5 at the Lee High School Auditorium in Midland.

Admission for the concert is $10 for adults, $9 for seniors, and $5 for students. Music students through college are admitted free of charge.

Exhibition set

Midland Arts Association Spring Juried Art Exhibition will be held March 2 to April 9 at the Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri.

The show is by slide entry with due date for slides is Jan. 5. An opening reception for the show is set for 7 to 9 p.m. March 2. Cash awards of $2,500 will be presented at that time.

Three slides may be entered for an entry fee of $25 for MAA members and $30 for non-members.

Juror for the show will be Xiang Zhang, a member of the Oil Partners of America.

For more information call 682-8401 or 699-7136.

The exhibition is supported by the Texas Commission on the Arts and the Arts Assembly of Midland.

Artist Xiang Zhang will present a workshop in oils March 3-5 at the Midland Palette Club.

Advanced registration is required. The fee is $175 for three days, $67 per day, and is due by Feb. 3, 2000.

Zhang is a member of the Oil Partners of America. He grew up in China and graduated from the Central Academy of Drama in Beijing.

The artists' work has won awards in both regional and juried shows. His painting "Kid's Band," a group portrait of young jazz musicians, received a merit award in the 1995 Arts for the Parks Competition.

The three day workshop will include working with a model and still life.

Contact Doris Spires or Marie Marinovich at 682-8401 or 699-7136 for more information.

Musical planned

GREENWOOD — The Greenwood Theater Arts Department will be doing a production of the musical "Grease" at 8 p.m. Jan. 8 and 2:30 p.m. Jan. 9 in the Greenwood High School Auditorium.

Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for students and $2 for children 12 and under.

Upcoming Outside

Midland-Odessa

Cancellation

The Austin Symphony regretfully announces that its New Year's Eve Millennium Gala featuring the Temptations Review is canceled. Ticket purchasers will receive full refunds from the Austin Symphony.

Tickets who purchased tickets for the Millennium Gala, which would have benefited the Austin Symphony and its Endowment Fund, are being contacted regarding their funds. For more information, call 1-888-4-MAESTRO.

Midlanders/Odessans in the News

Book published

Thomas Hohstadt, former conductor of the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale, Inc., has published a book called "Dying to Live: The 21st Century Church." The book is available locally and on line through Barnes & Noble Booksellers as well as on line at www.amazon.com.

Hohstadt, who lives in Odessa, has spent his summers teaching at the International Worship Institute in Dallas and has conducted workshops in Dallas, San Antonio and New Mexico. He plans to have a local signing this spring. The tentative time and date are 2 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Midland Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

Opera broadcast

Former Midlander Susan Graham will be heard on the Texaco-Metropolitan Opera International Radio Broadcast on Saturday and Jan. 29. The broadcasts will be heard locally over KCRS.

On Saturday, the world broadcast premiere of Harbison's "The Great Gatsby" will be broadcast and heard locally at 12:30 p.m. (Central). The opera will be sung in English. Strauss' "Der Rosenkavalier" will be heard at noon (Central) on Jan. 29.

James Levine is conducting both operas.

Miss Graham, a mezzo soprano, performed this fall with the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale.

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Many hard-pressed to cite any voting trends for Golden Globe nominations

By Even Henerson
N.Y. Times News Service

They we're stunned, they were honored, they were ... deafened?

Speaking from her home in London, a somewhat congested Janet McTeer said she had been concentrating on kicking a case of the flu when she learned of her nomination for a Golden Globe award.

''My friend from Fine Line called and screamed it in my ear,'' said McTeer, who was nominated for best actress in a comedy or musical for her role in ''Tumbleweeds.'' ''It was the sort of noise that deafens dogs, but I got the gist.''

''I'm delighted, because now a lot of other people will get to see the film,'' she added.

Another Brit, Anthony Minghella, had just arrived in New York, where his new film ''The Talented Mr. Ripley'' is scheduled to open this week. He got off the plane and took a ''very good phone call,'' learning that ''Ripley'' had snagged five nominations, including one for Minghella's direction.

''I'm such a tortoise, I only finished this movie 10 days ago,'' said the Oscar-winning director of ''The English Patient.'' ''Just to know there's some support for this is enormously encouraging. I take these nominations very seriously indeed.

''I've gotten increasingly conscious of the expectation level after 'The English Patient.' It's nice to know that I'm not a one-hit wonder. I feel relieved, like I might get another job after this.''

Minghella handed plaudits to the Hollywood Foreign Press Association for recognizing ''Ripley'' star Matt Damon's ''unsplashy and modest performance.''

''The screenplay is so dignified by what he's done,'' Minghella said. ''He's got some recognition without turning in a virtuoso bells-and-whistles performance.''

Writer-producer Armyan Bernstein had equally effusive words for Damon's competition: Denzel Washington, who was also nominated for best actor in a drama for his work in Bernstein's film, ''The Hurricane.''

''This wasn't just one of the best performances of the year; this was one of the best performances ever,'' said Bernstein. ''I've been way overstated on this. I hope it doesn't come back to haunt me.''

Early in the day Monday, Bernstein spoke to the film's director, Norman Jewison — another nominee — who was skiing in Switzerland.

''This is just like one of those days to savor,'' Bernstein said. ''You walk out, look at the sky and say 'thank you' to whoever needs to be thanked.''

Those who shook the early morning bleariness enough to digest the nomination list were hard pressed to cite any voting trends. That such critically praised movies as ''American Beauty'' and ''The Insider'' would pull in multiple nominees makes sense. But how to account for Frank Darabont's ''The Green Mile'' netting only one nomination, for supporting actor Michael Clarke Duncan and not awards magnet Tom Hanks?

''Oh God, I wish I could comment on that,'' said Helmut Voss, president of the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. ''This has been a very quirky year as far as films are concerned. There really has not been one film that blew everyone away. It was a wide-open field.''

''American Beauty'' writer Alan Ball accepted the invitation of his Hollywood Hills neighbor — and ''Beauty'' producer — Dan Jinks to watch the 5 a.m. announcements on television. Jinks, Ball and fellow producer Bruce Cohen watched together. And celebrated together.

''I do know that, from a writing standpoint, I'm in very good company,'' said Ball. ''I've been a big fan of John Irving (nominated for ''The Cider House Rules'') since I read 'The World According to Garp' in college.

''I read Charlie Kaufman's script for 'Being John Malkovich,' and I thought it was very good.'' He also praised double nominee Michael Mann, co-writer and director of ''The Insider.'' ''And I'm not going to try to pronounce the name of the guy who wrote 'The Sixth Sense.' (M. Night Shyamalan). I'm huge fans of all their work.''

Monday was a day when nominees around the world sent pithy statements of thanks to their agents and publicists. From the uninspired (''I'm very happy and honored to be nominated'' — ''Toy Story 2'' songwriter Randy Newman) to the gracious (''I am completely delighted to be acknowledged for work that was such a pleasure to do'' — ''The Muse'' supporting actress Sharon Stone) to the inside jokers (''I am very flattered. The readers of 'Horse and Hound' will be thrilled'' — best actor in a comedy nominee Hugh Grant, who played a journalist-impersonating bookseller in ''Notting Hill'').

And from ''Cider House'' actor, Michael Caine, who had more in common with Janet McTeer Monday than being a Golden Globe nominee:

''Getting this news certainly brightened my day,'' Caine said in a prepared statement, ''as I lie here in bed with the flu.''

What's on TV New Year's Eve?

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — It only seems like Emily Litella, the late Gilda Radner's befuddled ''Saturday Night Live'' character, was in charge of programming on New Year's Eve for the Discovery Network.

You can almost hear her talking: ''What's all this I'm hearing about the Y2K bugs?''

Discovery is devoting its evening to Y2K bugs — the creepy, crawling kind. It will air documentaries on ants, bloodsucking parasites, cannibal mites, tarantulas and locust swarms. As midnight approaches, Discovery will be talking about how bugs found on corpses can reveal when a person died.

Gross!!

''It just sort of popped out of a brainstorming session in our scheduling department,'' said Dan Salerno, Discovery's vice president of programming. ''We thought it would be a fun way to approach it.''

TV networks are marking the big night in many different ways. While ABC and CNN are spending millions for telethon-like coverage of the new millennium, other networks, like HBO, have basically concluded that it's not worth doing anything special since most people have other things to do besides watch TV.

And, as Discovery proves, gimmicks abound: Viewers will be treated to New Year's marathons featuring the Jetsons, Andy Griffith and Jason of ''Friday the 13th'' fame.

The children's cable network, Nickelodeon, started talking about what to do on New Year's Eve two years ago. Executives thought about throwing a big party, but then decided on a more sober approach and will air a film with children all over the world talking about their hopes for a new millennium.

''To ignore it and treat it like just another day doesn't feel right to me,'' said Herb Scannell, Nickelodeon's president. ''Doing something special feels like the right thing to do.''

As might be expected, Nick's Viacom partner, MTV, is throwing a big party. MTV is also equipping a ''Fly 2K'' party plane and sending contest winners to Cairo, Rome, Paris and London and back to New York City.

HBO is airing typical fare: the movie ''There's Something About Mary'' and reruns of its music show, ''Reverb.''

''We have to assume that most of our subscriber base is caught up in the moment, either out of the house or out of the television audience,'' said David Baldwin, a senior vice president at HBO. ''Early on, the determination was made that this is not a night in which to invest an awful lot of programming dollars.''

HBO's partner, Cinemax, is showing the same adult movies it normally airs on a Friday night, perhaps locking in an audience home alone on New Year's Eve. It is seizing the moment by dubbing the overnight marathon, ''Sex Fi 2000.''

Here are some other TV millennium plans. All times are EST:

■ ABC's Peter Jennings may soon be remembered as the Jerry Lewis of millennium coverage, for his stamina if not his jokes. He's scheduled to anchor ABC's 24-hour broadcast that starts at 5 a.m. on New Year's Eve from the new ''Good Morning America'' studio in Times Square. ABC's plans, the most extensive of the broadcast networks, have been in the works for much of the past decade. Dick Clark will help count down the millennium.

■ CBS will air a special prime-time edition of David Letterman's ''Late Show.'' At 10 p.m., it airs the three-hour ''America's Millennium'' from the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. CBS News broadcasts one-minute inserts each hour from 11 a.m. to midnight.

■ After news updates all day, Tom Brokaw and Katie Couric anchor NBC's ''The Millennium,'' a news and entertainment special from 9 to 11 p.m. with concert appearances by Sting, Aretha Franklin and Gloria Estefan. Following local news and a Jay Leno monologue, Brokaw and Couric return to stay on the air until 3:30 a.m.

■ CNN is airing 100 consecutive hours of Y2K coverage, starting at 5 a.m. on Dec. 31 and continuing until Tuesday, Jan. 4. Mixed in with news reports will be more than 50 features evaluating the events of the last 1000 years.

■ PBS's 25-hour special begins at 4:45 a.m. and will span the world, showing Maori warriors on a mountaintop in New Zealand, Nelson Mandela at Robben Prison Island off Cape Town, love songs from the Taj Mahal in India and a camera's view from the South Pole.

■ Brit Hume and Paula Zahn anchor the ''Fox 2000'' special from 11 p.m. to 12:30 p.m., with news reports from locations like New York, London and Moscow and also from Roswell, N.M. The Red Hot Chili Peppers and Neville Brothers perform. Fox News Channel has 23 hours of live Y2K coverage starting at 5 a.m.

■ Pax TV airs a 24-hour international entertainment special starting at 6 a.m., focusing on live performances and celebrations from 156 countries. Aerosmith, the Bee Gees, Spice Girls, Sting and Santana are among the performers.

■ Starting at 6 p.m., The Movie Channel's ''Y2K Go Away'' marathon presents eight movies in the ''Friday the 13th'' series consecutively. The last one, ''Friday the 13th Part VIII: Jason Takes Manhattan,'' begins at 4:50 a.m.

■ Showtime's ''End of the World Marathon'' includes the movies, ''Hard Rain'' and ''Deep Impact.'' At midnight, the 1998 remake of ''Godzilla'' airs.

■ TBS airs 33 consecutive episodes of ''The Andy Griffith Show'' starting at 6:30 a.m. and ending at midnight, when the station loses the rights to broadcast the program that's been on its schedule for 22 years.

■ Finally, for an animated view of the future, The Cartoon Network airs every episode of ''The Jetsons,'' starting at 10 a.m. on Dec. 30 and finishing at the stroke of midnight, the dawn of a new millennium.

EVENTS: Area New Year's Eve celebrations

(From 1F)

celebration. Package prices: $325 for everything above and executive room; $299 for everything above and standard room; $225 for everything above and no room; and $999 tables are available for 10 with an option of 5 rooms at an additional $99.

■ Holiday Inn: Check Point. Prime rib dinner for two with wine. Champagne: $12 a bottle, comes with two collectible Y2K glasses. Room included: $133 per couple.

■ Jazz Louisiana Cajun Kitchen: Oil Pan Jack. Drink specials. Free champagne, party favors and a party pack at midnight. Cover charge at the door. Call: 689-7777.

■ Jody Nix & The Texas Cowboys New Year's Eve Dance: Midland County Exhibit Building, 2435 E. Business Loop 20. Tickets: $12 per person in advance, $15 per person at the door, $6 children 7-14 and free 6 and younger. Concessions and cash bar available. Advance tickets can be purchased at Luskey's, 2310 W. Michigan Ave. For table reservations and ticket information: (915) 267-2060.

■ The Bar: The Liquid Gypsies of New Mexico. Bottle of champagne to two people or a couple. A 100-foot net containing thousands of balloons that will drop at midnight. A 12:15 a.m. Mexican-style breakfast buffet. Reserved seating sold out. Walk-in guests: $25. Call: 685-1757.

■ Yucca 2K: ''Ballgowns to Bluejeans'' featuring the Pulsations. 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Benefit for HamHocks of Midland Community Theatre. Includes champagne, party favors and breakfast by Johnny's. Cost: $45 a couple/$25 per person. Call: 682-2544 and leave a message for Tracy Alexander.

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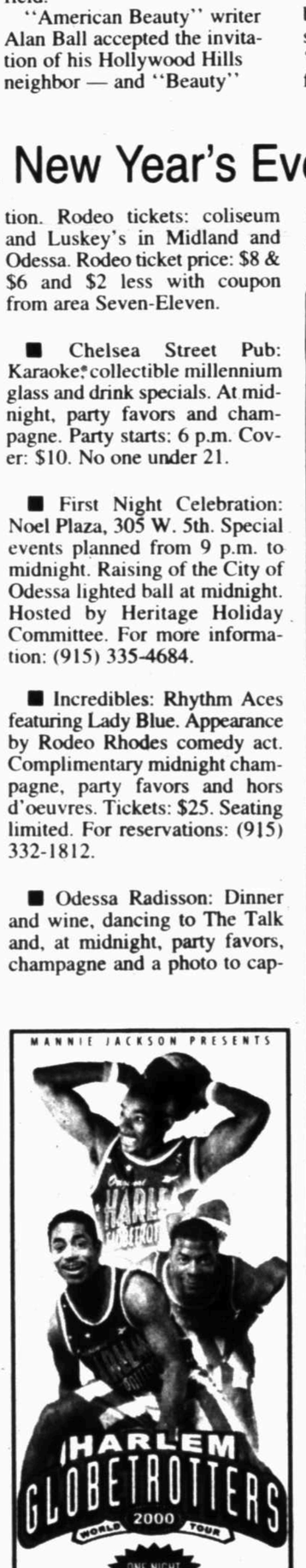
■ B93 New Year's Eve Party at Barn G, Ector County Coliseum. Follows last Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association Rodeo of the 20th century, the 67th annual SandHills Stock Show and Rodeo. Call: (915) 366-3951 for rodeo information and 563-5499 for party information. Rodeo tickets: coliseum and Luskey's in Midland and Odessa. Rodeo ticket price: $8 & $6 and $2 less with coupon from area Seven-Eleven.

■ Chelsea Street Pub: Karaoke, collectible millennium glass and drink specials. At midnight, party favors and champagne. Party starts: 6 p.m. Cover: $10. No one under 21.

■ First Night Celebration: Noel Plaza, 305 W. 5th. Special events planned from 9 p.m. to midnight. Raising of the City of Odessa lighted ball at midnight. Hosted by Heritage Holiday Committee. For more information: (915) 335-4684.

■ Incredibles: Rhythm Aces featuring Lady Blue. Appearance by Rodeo Rhodes comedy act. Complimentary midnight champagne, party favors and hors d'oeuvres. Tickets: $25. Seating limited. For reservations: (915) 332-1812.

■ Odessa Radisson: Dinner and wine, dancing to The Talk and, at midnight, party favors, champagne and a photo to capture the moment forever. Package price includes room: $300.



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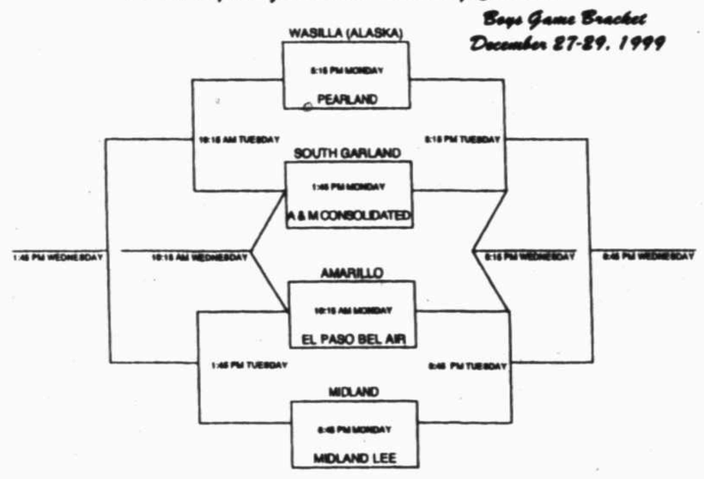

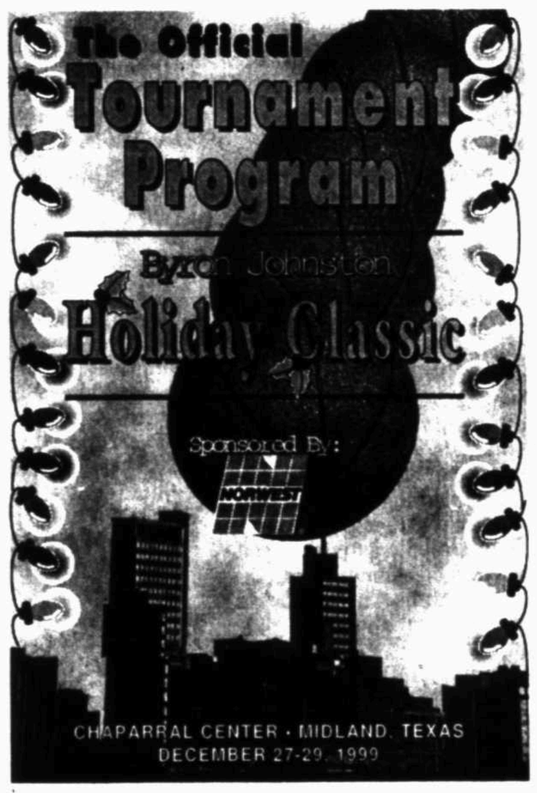

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15 years later: David and Maddie return to television

By Kathryn Shattuck
N.Y. Times News Service

It was a match made in hell: she with the cool gaze and the silky long legs, he with the rhythm 'n' blues soul and that incessant smirk. And from the moment Bruce Willis called Cybill Shepherd a rude five-letter name and she returned the compliment with a quick hand across his face, viewers were smitten by the bickering sweethearts and their television love nest, "Moonlighting."

Fifteen years later, their chemistry seems as potent as ever. Which is exactly what Bravo was banking on when it acquired 65 episodes of the ABC series and anointed them "TV too good for TV," an honor already bestowed on 1980s classics like "Max Headroom" and "Brooklyn Bridge." Next Sunday at 1 p.m., Bravo will introduce its newest addition with a mini-marathon of the first seven episodes before adding "Moonlighting" to its weeknight lineup at 7 p.m., beginning the next day.

"'Moonlighting' was ahead of its time, a natural," said Frances Berwick, Bravo's senior vice president for programming, who praises its "crisp humor, inventive story lines" and its stars' lasting appeal.

The show's producer and writer, Glenn Gordon Caron, dreamed up the series as a comeback vehicle for the model-turned-actress Ms. Shepherd. "Moonlighting" created in her image an alter ego named Maddie Hayes, a former cover girl left high and dry when her accountant skips town with her liquid assets in tow — leaving her stuck with a money-losing detective agency headed by a smart-mouthed charmer, David Addison, played by Willis in his first big role.

Maddie tried to get rid of him. Honestly, she did. But by the end of the pilot, when David tossed down a blanket on the office sofa and wagered that she might prefer spending the night at his place, the audience was betting he wasn't far off the mark. And it spent the next four years wondering, through sparkling banter, sly innuendo and a weekly cat-and-mouse game, Would they ever?

By the time they did, in a highly rated 1987 episode, the series was deemed by critics the best thing to hit television that decade. The Directors Guild of America, in an unprecedented occurrence, nominated one episode for best comedy and another for best drama. Willis won an Emmy. Both stars won Golden Globes.

Some things are better left undone. When the sexual tension waned, so did the audience's interest, and two seasons languished beneath desperate plot devices, including a pregnancy for Maddie. Then, in what felt like a heartbeat, they were gone. Ms. Shepherd eventually played another version of herself in another sitcom.

Willis became one of Hollywood's biggest box-office draws. And this season, Caron returned with "Now and Again," a series about a middle-aged man whose brain is transplanted into a young hunk's body.

A new generation of viewers may find relevance in Maddie and David's capers, a tale of love between two people so perfectly, wonderfully wrong for each other.

Television writers' top 10 TV shows of decade

The top 10 TV shows of the 1990s in order of premiere date, as voted by the television writers of The Associated Press:

"Roseanne" (ABC; 88-98). Real family life with real goals: just trying to manage. This unlikely heroine was right in tune with her audience, and funny as all get-out.

"Seinfeld" (NBC; 90-98). The picayune as picaresque, and yada, yada, yada.

"Law & Order" (NBC; 90-). The perpetual motion drama machine. Or, to borrow a pair of product slogans: "The quality never varies" and, "Don't you wish everything worked this well?"

"The Simpsons" (CBS; 90-). Sharp. Shrewd. Heretical. Takes on all comers and somehow gets away with it. Oh, yeah — never less than hilarious.

"I'll Fly Away" (NBC; 91-93). Tough truths about racial conflict in a tender, hopeful show. Drama as conscience.

"The Larry Sanders Show" (HBO; 92-98). Hurled us into the entertainment world we usually watch from a distance, and inside the head of one of its stars. What a funny, strange ride!

"Homicide: Life on the Street" (NBC; 93-99). A gorgeous mosaic of characters and, portraying them, remarkable actors — in stories that, at their most penetrating, invaded our very protoplasm and remain there.

"NYPD Blue" (ABC; 93-). Took heat and thrived at the beginning, and still simmers with good and evil.

"Arthur" (PBS; 96-). Sure, it's supposed to be a kid show. But who knew an aardvark and his animal pals could be so human, charming and funny — for viewers of all ages!

"The Sopranos" (HBO; 99-). Just what the audience needed: family values.

1999 in television: high drama, real loss, quiz madness

By Caryn James
N.Y. Times News Service

Doesn't it seem "The Sopranos" has been around forever? And that the Barbara Walters-Monica Lewinsky interview became part of pop-cultural history long ago?

The revealing detail about this year's most significant television events is how quickly they have become absorbed, a testament to the sound-bite speed of television and the ever-quickening pace of the world it chronicles and shapes.

President Clinton's impeachment didn't make this list because it already seems like last year's story. And though the final impeachment vote happened in 1999, in television terms it was passe; the long unfolding in 1998 was the television story, not the deflated result.

In entertainment, it took no time for "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" to raise ABC's fortunes and alter the entire television landscape, which was desperate for change, any change. But the copycat quiz shows arriving soon already seem behind the curve.

Here, in descending order of their impact, are the most influential events of the television year:

'WHO WANTS TO BE A MILLIONAIRE'

The cheap little show that came out of nowhere as a summer replacement is, let's face it, retro and cheesy. But there is no doubt about the quiz show's appeal, based on a feel-good philosophy: families can watch together and everyone can sound smart.

"Millionaire" gained the kind of humongous ratings a network show rarely achieves anymore, in this era of splintered audiences and dozens of cable choices. On the surface, it did nothing more than unite the country around a dopey catch phrase ("Final answer?"), but it also sent a message that audiences are hungry for comfort shows.

COVERAGE OF JOHN F. KENNEDY JR.'S PLANE CRASH AND FUNERAL

In the doldrums of a summer weekend, when John Kennedy's plane disappeared, the all-news cable channels leapt in, followed by the networks. For a full week, television went around the bend. A legitimate, tragic story was covered as if it were a national crisis; a promising but unfinished life was inflated to heroic proportions; television crossed a significant line, creating the story far more than it covered it, and raising questions about the future of journalism. Will a celebrity-driven cable approach steer all the news from now on?

THE BARBARA WALTERS-MONICA LEWINSKY INTERVIEW

Relatively few people paid attention when the impeachment vote was televised, but the Lewinsky interview drew an incredible audience of 70 million and is already an iconic event. We can all see her in our minds, with her slicked-back hair and giggle, talking about her boyfriend the president. Ms. Walters allowed the guest to reveal herself in all her self-delusion, and so made this the ultimate (though not the final) word on everything Monica.

'THE SOPRANOS'

The year's towering achievement and the most talked-about series in years, "The Sopranos" deserves all the attention. It is that rare thing, a work of art that is tough, intelligent and daring enough to generate sympathy for a coldblooded killer. When the original series begins running again Sunday night on HBO, it offers a chance to appreciate how nuanced the story of Tony Soprano and his families, nuclear and Mafia varieties, really is. The second season begins on Jan. 16, facing insanely high expectations.

DOT-COM COMMERCIALS

Television has become flooded with commercials for Internet companies. Some are ordinary, with celebrity shills. William Shatner urges viewers to buy everything from plane tickets to groceries online. Others are mini-shows, like Amazon.com's campy musicals for Christmas, with a chorus of men in Andy Williams sweaters assuring us that the Internet is a cozy site for old-fashioned holiday shopping. The inescapable dot-com ads are harbingers of the changing world.

COVERAGE OF THE COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL SHOOTINGS

Within minutes of the shootings, television became an ambiguous force on the scene. Students who witnessed the killings were quickly put on camera, and the spectacle eerily moved back and forth across a line separating catharsis from self-aggrandizement.

The instant analysis made the entertainment industry the easy scapegoat once more, as pundits shied away from the more difficult issue: the difference between entertainment as a direct cause of violent behavior, and as simply one factor among many.

'THE WEST WING' AND THE RISE OF DRAMAS

With its acerbic view of politics and its textured depiction of life among the White House staff, "The West Wing" has become the season's best, most absorbing, most ambitious series (despite an unrelenting mushiness in the form of its sappy fictional president, played by Martin Sheen).

THE MORNING SHOW WARS

ABC's sinking "Good Morning America" brought on Diane Sawyer and Charles Gibson as co-anchors and unveiled a dazzling new studio with a view of Times Square. And though NBC's "Today" remains at the top of the ratings, the revitalized "GMA" now seems fresher and livelier than its competition. Meanwhile, CBS built a new morning show and extravagant studio around Bryant Gumbel and nobody cared, as "The Early Show" at times tumbled in the ratings below the scarcely watched version it had replaced.

'AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY' (PBS) AND 'STRANGE JUSTICE' (SHOWTIME)

Jennifer Fox's 10-hour PBS documentary about an interracial family and Showtimes' fiery drama based on the Clarence Thomas-Anita Hill sexual harassment hearings offered new perspectives on both race and sex.

THE NAACP BOYCOTT THAT WASN'T

The NAACP had an excellent point about the lack of black actors in leading roles this season, but the group seemed weakened when its loudly threatened boycott of a-network-to-be-announced never happened. Still, the networks scrambled to sign minority producers and stars to contracts, offering at least the possibility of a more equitable future.

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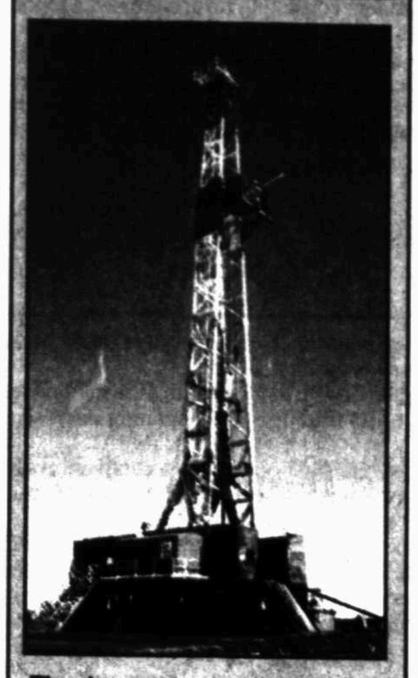

The rig count rose slightly compared to last week.

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Genesis oil spill

HOUSTON — Genesis Energy L.P., an operator of crude oil pipelines in Mississippi, was notified of a potential oil spill on their pipeline Right of Way south of Highway 28 in a rural area near Summerland, Miss.

The crude oil was apparently released from an 8-inch pipeline near its crossing of the Leaf River. The release entered the Leaf River and has been contained. The cause of the spill is unknown and is currently under investigation at this time.

Bartlesville officials optimistic

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. (AP) — Bartlesville officials are optimistic that a deal between Phillips Petroleum and Duke Energy will only help the community.

The Bartlesville-based corporation and Charlotte, N.C.-based Duke announced an agreement Thursday to merge their natural gas businesses into a separate, publicly traded company. Duke will have the majority ownership in the new firm, which will be based in Denver.

Pam Dunlap, president of the Bartlesville Area Chamber of Commerce, said the deal should profit and strengthen Phillips.

"While some Phillips employees obviously will have another job or may not have a job with the company as the result of this, I think the impact for the company itself should be tremendous," she said. "If there is any job loss, it should be offset by a healthier, stronger Phillips."

Duke officials indicated that most of Phillips' 1,100 Gas Processing and Marketing employees will be offered jobs in the new company. They said no decision had been made on the possibility of layoffs.

Ballantyne named president

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) — Baker Hughes Inc. announced that it has appointed Ray Ballantyne as President, Baker Hughes INTEQ.

Ballantyne began his association with Baker Hughes in 1984, serving as the chief executive officer of Edeco in Aberdeen, then the agent for Brown Oil Tools and Centrilift in Europe.

He joined Baker Service Tools in 1989 as the vice president of international operations. When Baker Service Tools and Baker Oil Tools were combined in 1992, Ballantyne was appointed vice president of worldwide marketing at Baker Oil Tools.

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Tom Brown, Joe Roper honored

■ Pioneer oilmen receive Hearst Newspapers Lifetime Achievement Award.

By John Paul Pitts
Oil Editor

When a deal-making oilpatch salesman from Wichita Falls and a roughneck from Henrietta got together over four decades ago, neither dreamed the partnership would result in the creation of one of the nation's most successful independent oil companies, and a major domestic onshore drilling company, or that it would change the face of the oil industry in the Permian Basin. But it did.

This week, the two veteran oilmen, Tom Brown and Joe Roper, were been selected to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for service to America's oil and gas industry. The award is sponsored by Hearst Newspapers, Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Partners since 1955, Tom Brown and Joe Roper are founders of Tom Brown Inc. and TMBR Sharp Drilling Co. The early company, Tom Brown Drilling Co. Inc., formed in 1969, was one of the first Permian Basin companies to be publicly traded. The public company was formed in 1969, when the Tom Brown Drilling bought a corporate shell, the Gold Metals Consolidated Co. In 1971 the name was changed to Tom Brown Inc., as the company became involved in oil and gas exploration and production.

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Partners, Joe Roper, left, and Tom Brown, with TMBR Sharp Rig 25 in the background, were on hand for testing of a David Arrington well near Mentone. The pair have played a major role in the Permian Basin oil industry.

Study identifies environmental costs in oil fields

■ Environmental costs add $2 per barrel to oil production.

NEW ORLEANS — A new national study shows that U.S. oil and gas producers spend more than $2.6 billion a year — or nearly $2 per barrel of oil equivalent — to comply with environmental regulations.

The findings of Assessing the Cost of Environmental Compliance were released at the Annual Meeting of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) by Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating, who requested the study earlier this year. The report is the first non-industry effort to document costs of environmental compliance.

The study will help states and the federal government weight costs and benefits of new and existing regulations, while they spent an average of 18 percent of their revenue on regulatory compliance. The survey identified the cost of 17 different regulatory programs.

"The domestic petroleum industry often is falsely portrayed as environmentally harmful," said Governors Keating and Ed Schafer, North Dakota. "This report refutes that misconception."

"This report reminds states and the federal government that regulatory programs need constant attention. Increased research will develop even more cost-effective ways to protect the environment." U.S. Sen. James Inhofe of Oklahoma and U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson have reviewed the report and commented on its finding.

"It is imperative that each cost imposed on domestic oil producers be based on sound research," Inhofe said. "Unnecessary costs should be

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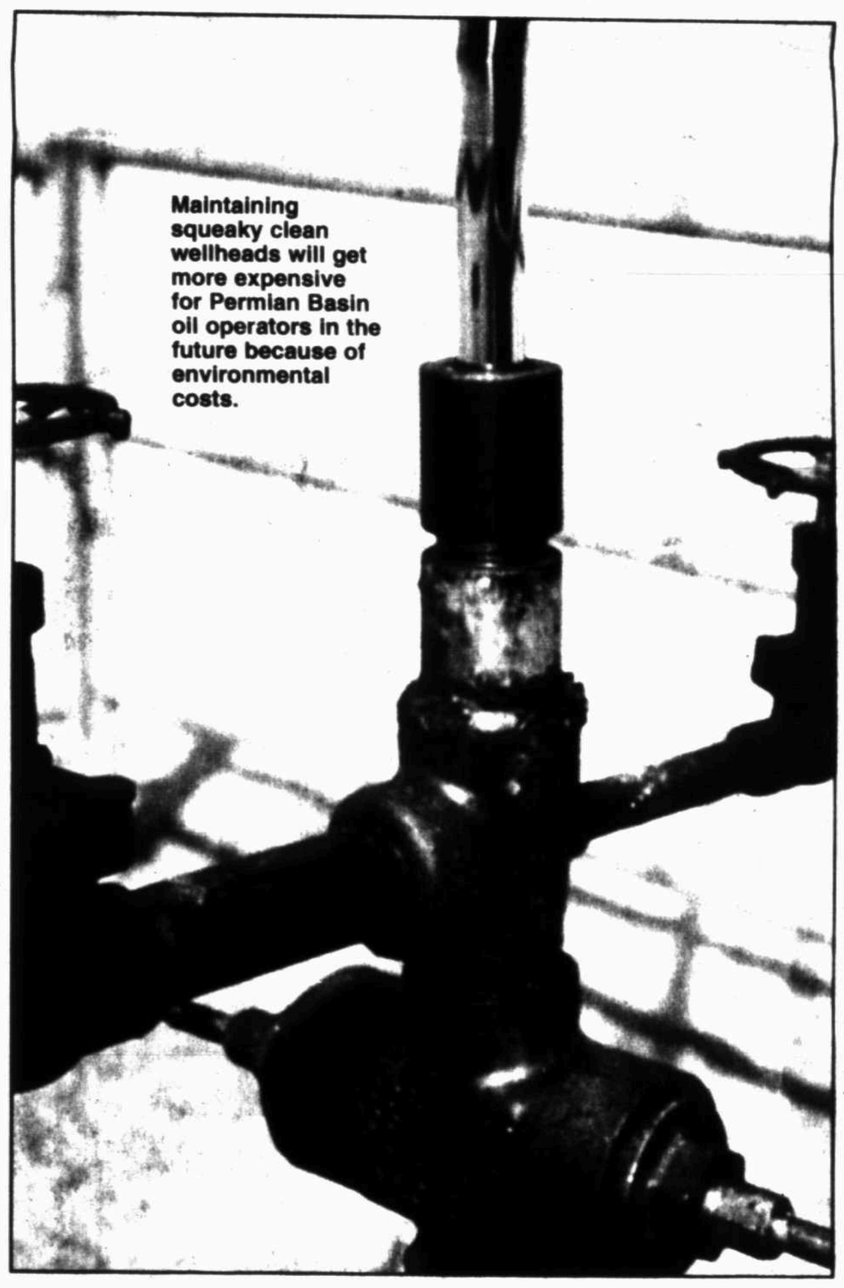

Maintaining squeaky clean wellheads will get more expensive for Permian Basin oil operators in the future because of environmental costs.

New oil and gas tax plan could benefit states, industry says report by IOGCC

A new report by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) shows that state economies benefit from incentives offered to the oil and gas industry and that taxes tied to profitability, not production volume, may be more effective in promoting conservation.

The report, Against the Wind: The Economic Impact of Incentives during the Oil Price Collapse, was released to the public Dec. 14 by the IOGCC at its Annual Meeting. The study concludes that states, which provided a total of $2.5 billion, received more than $9 billion in increased state and local taxes — a yield of more than $2 for every dollar invested.

In terms of overall economic activity, the states' $2.5 billion investment pumped 39 times that much into the economy, report authors David M. Garlick, retired director of Oil and Gas for the Railroad Commission of Texas, and Patricia Cleary Leo, M. A., economics, Northwestern University.

Garlick, who presented the report to meeting attendees, said the study revealed that standard tax practices may need to be reexamined. He pointed out that the problem with severance and gross production taxes is "that they are blind to profitability." He also predicted that as more and more of domestic production become marginally eco-

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John Paul Pitts

Oil Patch job No. 1: taking care of business

Years ago I was at a deer camp near Ozona — a camp attended by a number of oilmen. One millionaire producer was there with one of his pumpers.

As sometimes happens in the course of too much drinking, the pumper and the operator, employee and boss, got into a heated, alcohol-fueled argument. In short time the argument deteriorated into an nose-punching, ear-biting, eye-gouging, rolling-in-the-fire drunken brawl, that left both men bruised and bloodied.

I was surprised the next day to see the pair, employee and pumper, employee and boss, friends, joking and kidding as they got on the company plane to go home and take care of business.

That incident made a lasting impression upon me. It taught me that in the oilpatch, rank and riches are not held too seriously but taking taking care of business is very serious. I wondered. Could this have happen in a New York firm? Could it have happened anywhere but the oilpatch? Probably not.

Pitts

First, it would be inconceivable that in the class/ rank conscious environment of New York business that the owner of a New York stock broker firm could be friends with an employee in the mail room. It is even more inconceivable that a millionaire stock broker would tolerate a butt-kicking from a drunken employee.

That brings me to a Joe Roper story. Several years later, Joe Roper would demonstrate to me that taking-care-of-business really is job number one in the oilpatch.

It was in the seventies. I was the editor of Drill Bit Magazine and Don Evans was just coming on board at Tom Brown Inc. Don Evans was just learning to fly the company airplane, and was generous enough to let me fly down to Pearsall and Dilly, with him and Joe Roper to get some insight and photographs of the Austin Chalk play.

During our tour, we visited a Tom Brown rig, and as we came upon the rig floor, I noticed the driller scrowl and snarl at Roper, and Joe return the snarl. It was obvious to all that the two had little love for each other. The icy stare down continued throughout our visit to the rig. Then, riding back to the airport, Joe let it out: "I hate that SOB, and he hates me! He ran me off my own rig one time!" Joe paused for about five seconds then calmly remarked: "I wish I had 12 more just like him."

I have told that story a number of times, because I thought it was so typical of the, Permian Basin, good-ole-boy dynamic that once dominated the oilpatch — a dynamic that assured the competent and not the charming of continuing employment.

I told the story to Tom Brown. "That's Joe," he remarked. "He was all about taking care of business. Getting the job done was more important than whether he liked an employee or

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Long term appears turbulent for oil

By Kenneth N. Gilpin
N.Y. Times News Service

Of all the pressures on the oil industry as the century turns, the one most likely to transform it over the next two decades, industry experts say, will be the fervent campaign to improve the environment.

"If we go 20 years forward, the oil industry at the turn of the 21st century will look like a very antiquated business because the types and use of petroleum products will change dramatically," said Philip K. Verleger Jr., a senior adviser to the Brattle Group, an economic consulting firm based in Cambridge, Mass.

"There is going to be a lot of capital that is going to be made obsolete almost immediately," he said.

Much as it has for the last 100 years, however, oil will dominate the fuel industry as the 21st century begins. Even for the next decade or so the effects of recent underlying trends are likely to be incremental rather than seismic.

"There is nothing surprising out there over the medium term," said Lawrence Goldstein, president of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation in New York. "The trends that have been driving and will continue to drive the industry are already in place: consolidation, cost consciousness and technology."

From a public policy perspective, however, "environmental issues will be paramount," he said. And in the longer term, conforming with stricter environmental guidelines will transform the oil industry.

Structural changes are already occurring. Driven by the need to cut costs, 1999 brought the consolidation of four huge companies into two even bigger ones: Amoco's merger with British Petroleum and the combination of Exxon and Mobil. A consolidation wave in the oil services business has been less heralded, but in many respects has been even more sweeping. Among the combinations are Halliburton's takeover of Dresser Industries, Baker Hughes' purchase of Western Atlas, and EVI's purchase of Weatherford Enterra.

A glimpse of the future will be on view next year when Toyota and Honda roll out so-called hybrid automobiles — cars that combine batteries and electric motors with gasoline or diesel engines. These clean, peppy models can go twice as far as a conventional car on a gallon of gasoline, although analysts say drivers may not rush to buy any new technology until they are sure it works well.

Also on the drawing boards are vehicles powered by a fuel cell and batteries instead of an engine and batteries. Fuel cells combine hydrogen and oxygen to form electric current and water, with high efficiency and no pollution. Even if oil prices do not rise, movement toward the fuel cell cars is virtually inevitable, the experts said, although this technology is still being developed and is not expected to take hold until sometime in the second decade.

"U.S. energy policy today is an environmental policy: cleaner fuels and substitution away from conventional oil moving slowly, inevitably toward alternative fuels," Goldstein said.

Even as they roll out more and more gas-guzzling, high-profit-margin sport utility vehicles, automobile manufacturers have apparently heard the message.

"I don't talk to anyone in the auto industry who doesn't think that fuel cells are the likely fuel-propulsion mechanism in the future," said Paul R. Portney, president of Resources of the Future in Washington. "Whether it is powered by methanol, hydrogen or something else is up in the air, but 20 years from now fuel cells will begin to propel more and more cars. In the interim, you will see hybrid cars."

For now, however, the internal combustion engine will continue to rule. And while it is possible that an oil shortage may develop this winter, experts said that oil would remain plentiful over the longer term.

The doubling in oil prices over the last year has been painful to the pocketbook, but experts point out that it was unrealistic to assume that oil, which cost $13 a barrel or less in 1998, would stay at those lower levels for long.

"We are going to get large chunks of new supply over the next five years," Verleger said, "particularly if OPEC keeps prices up. It will primarily come out of the sea, like the Caspian oil field."

STUDY / 25 percent of 4,000 operators respond to study

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removed so that we can help save our domestic oil industry."

"These numbers are very enlightening," Richardson said. "This is a great effort toward understanding how we can restructure our regulatory process. Domestic producers are working in a very expensive production environment, making it difficult for them to compete ina global marketplace."

Modeled after a smaller study of a single county in Oklahoma, the new survey was mailed to almost 4,000 oil and gas operators in 24 states having significant oil and gas production.

Nearly 25 percent responded to the request for information. The study was conducted by researchers at the Bureau for Social Research at Oklahoma State University directed by Dr. Christine Johnson. StateSource LLC., an independent consulting firm, compiled a report.

In presenting the findings to several hundred regulators and producers, Keating noted that the domestic industry needs the assurance that the IOGCC-member states are promoting sound, cost-effective regulations. "Collectively, we must focus on tomorrow if the domestic industry is to remain vital," he said. "We must focus on where we (state regulators) are going."

PLAN / states offer 151 incentives

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nomic, there will be increased pressure to eliminate taxes at the wellhead in favor of profit-based programs.

Outgoing IOCC Chairman Gov. Bill Graves of Kansas praised the report and cited many of its findings in his opening address at the meeting.

The study found 24 states offered 151 oil and gas incentives involving tax or royalty reductions. An additional 44 non-mentary incentives were identified in 20 states.

The IOGCC represents the governors of 37 states producing nearly all the oil and gas in the United States. It promotes the conservation and efficiency recovery of domestic petroleum resources while protecting health, safety and the environment. For more information on the organization, visit its Web site, www.iogcc.state.ok.us.

AWARD / Lifetime Achievement Award to be presented April 13, 2000

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When the name change was made, the company had, as founder Tom Brown notes, "almost zero oil production." Today, Tom Brown Inc., one of the nation's leading independent oil companies, has gas production of 130 million cubic feet per day oil and natural gas liquids and oil production of 5,600 bopd.

Much of that production was built on a reserve foundation created by Tom Brown and Joe Roper.

Friends and employees say Brown and Roper were perfectly matched partners for the oil business. When the pair met, Brown was an oilpatch salesman in Wichita Falls and Roper was a roughneck from Henrietta, who had been working on rigs since he was 16. "I made the deals and he saw to it that they got done," said Tom Brown. Brown noted that his partner was one of the most knowledgeable downhole experts in the business, and that other contractors still call him for advice on drilling problems.

"They were nuts and bolts oilmen," said Joe Liberty, a Midland stockbroker and longtime friend of the duo. "They were true pioneers, and probably did more in the early days to create jobs and energize the Permian Basin oil industry than any other oil company."

For many years the Basin oilpatch relied chiefly on movie stars, doctors and private investors for drilling capital. But, as one of the first publicly traded companies in the Permian Basin, Liberty said Brown and Roper learned quickly the lessons about tapping new outside investment capital for the oilpatch. "Along with Adobe Oil & Gas, Tom Brown Inc. was the backbone of the Permian Basin for many years. They not only learned to attract Wall Street money and institutional money into the oilpatch, but to use it effectively. Tom Brown was an outstanding when it came to explaining how the oil and gas business worked."

Said Ted Collins, president of Collins & Ware and a longtime friend of the pair. "There is no doubt that they paved the way for much of what is happening today in the Permian Basin today. They were true pioneers."

"Because of them the Permian Basin is a better place to live," said Don Evans, current chairman of Tom Brown Inc., "they helped pave the way and bring hundreds of millions of dollars to the Permian Basin over the past 40 years."

Evans who started with the company in 1975 said Tom and Joe were his mentors. "They were excellent mentors. They set high standards, and gave the industry their full devotion, love and integrity." Evans said Tom and Joe were also devoted to their employees. "No one cared more about their employees than they did."

Regina Neil, an executive secretary who went to work for the company in 1963, said Brown and Roper were very cognizant of the contribution their employees made. "The fact that Joe and Tom worked so well together made it a harmonious place to work. "Anyone could come into the office and talk about anything they wanted and they walked out with an answer." She said both were very decisive and complimented each other with their management styles. "Tom Brown was a very congenial, and a deal maker. He knew how to structure deals and arrange for the financing. He would shake hands on a deal, and Joe, who was very performance orientated, made sure the handshake was good. There was nothing about a drilling rig and drilling that Joe Roper did not know, chances are he had done it himself."

It was drilling that gave the company its start, first as a means of income and second as a means of gaining production. Tom Brown and Joe Roper hooked up on the very first rig.

As a wellhead salesman, Brown was on a fishing trip to Possum Kingdom, with the owners of Walker-Near Rig Manufacturing Co. when opportunity knocked. Said Brown: "I looked at the lighted drilling rigs dotting the country side in every direction and mentioned that I wished I had a drilling rig. They asked me what I would do with it, and I said put it to work. Come see us next week said the rig manufacturers. They put me in the drilling business in June of 1955."

The new one-rig drilling company was the Scarber-Brown Drilling Co. and the one employee was Joe Roper. "He was driller, tool pusher and everything else," said Brown. "We quickly drilled three dry holes and decided we needed to be somewhere else. We came to Lamesa in 1955, drilled a very expensive dry hole and moved on to the Delaware Basin. We picked up another rig, I bought out the Scarber interests and made Joe Roper a full partner in 1959, and we took off as a company. He took care of all the field work, and I took care of the dealing. Sometimes it would be days before we were able to see each other, and that might be at midnight on a road near Mentone."

Brown said the company became very active in the early Delaware Basin shallow fields, working with independents such as Hill & Meeker to establish production in the Brice, Elmar and Geraldine Ford fields.

After establishing themselves as pioneers in the shallow Delaware Basin, Tom Brown and Joe Roper went on to help open production on the Sales Ranch in Martin County, and with Adobe Oil & Gas opened extensive Spraberry production. Then in the mid-seventies, Tom Brown Inc. shifted its focus to the Rocky Mountains. The company drilled over 100 wells in the Mondak and the discovery well for Muddy Ridge in Wyoming, which became one of the company's largest producing areas.

"Tom Brown Inc. was drilling in the Rockies when I came to work in 1975," said Don Evans. "To my knowledge we were one of the first Permian Basin independents to work the Rocky Mountains." Today the Rockies is the principal area of interest for Tom Brown Inc. and last year the decision was made to move the company to Denver, but the company's history is strictly Permian Basin.

"This is the oil business," said Tom Brown. "We took risks and we had our ups and downs." In 1982 the rapidly expanding company entered a down cycle when it had to sell a number of assets to satisfy debt. "We bought Encore Corp., a downhole drilling tool company," said Brown. "It made $25 million in 1981 and lost $25 million in 1982. That hurt us." He said Tom Brown Inc. made $75 million in 1981 against a debt of $200 million. "That should have been no big deal for an oil company. But things went to pot the next year, and we had to sell assets over the next three years to get rid of bank debt. Everyone was eventually paid back with 100 percent interest."

Among the assets sold to satisfy debt were Encore, which was sold to Hughes Tool Co. and the company's interest in the East Anchultz field to Pan Canadian.

There was also a restructuring of the company that resulted in Don Evans assuming management of the company, and the drilling operations being spun off as TMBR Drilling. Tom Brown Inc. became a pure exploration and production company.

It was not a good time for the drilling industry in 1986. After oil prices crashed to near single digit numbers, drilling rigs were selling for 10 cents on the dollar. But that was when Tom Brown and Joe Roper perceived that the down cycle would not last forever and the demand for drilling rigs would return. The pair also saw an opportunity to expand again and bought Sharp Drilling Co. a unit of Pioneer Natural Gas when the company merged with Mesa. With 52 rigs, many equipped to drill deep gas wells, TMBR Sharp became one of the biggest drilling companies in the Permian Basin. "We can thank our friends at State Farm for keeping TMBR Sharp alive through the worst of a drilling downturn," said Brown.

Until five months ago, when he was diagnosed with lung cancer, Joe Roper ran TMBR Sharp and Tom Brown, a member of the board of Tom Brown Inc., maintained an office at Tom Brown Inc., where he provided input on the operations of the company. "We worked together on a weekly basis," said Don Evans. Today, with Roper confined to his home, Brown spends most of his time at TMBR Sharp. "I bring the drilling reports to Joe everyday. As sick as he is, he still wants to know what's going on. Like the rest of us, Joe is a workaholic and a confirmed optimist."

Said Don Evans: "Their optimistic spirit through the years was a key toward maintaining an active exploration program for Tom Brown Inc., and this led to a solid base of reserves which were used to build through the 80s and 90s and into the next century."

Past recipients of the Hearst Newspapers, Reporter-Telegram Lifetime Achievement Award were in 1996: Robert O. Anderson, founder and former chairman of ARCO and Bill Collyns, Former Editor of the Midland Reporter Telegram who initiated oil and gas newspaper coverage in the Permian Basin.

Midland Wildcatter, Clayton Williams, was honored in 1997 for his extensive entrepreneurial contributions in oil and gas exploration, natural gas gathering and processing, communications, ranching and real estate.

In 1998, the entire Yates Family of New Mexico, was honored as pioneer oil and gas developers and for a lifetime of building a family oil and gas business into the largest oil company in New Mexico.

Honoree for 1999 was former Chevron President Ray Galvin, who was recognized for his efforts in directing the first oil industry mega-mergers in which Chevron acquired Gulf Oil Co. and Tenneco. Also, honored that year with a Special Lifetime Achievement Award was Jay Alvey, executive director of the Permian Basin International Oil Show. Alvey has served as the Oil Show executive for over 40 years, bringing it from a regional event to the largest petroleum exposition in the world.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented April 13, in conjunction with the Executive Oil Conference. "After several months of checking and comparing nominees for the Hearst Newspapers-Midland Reporter Telegram Award for Lifetime Achievement, we are absolutely convinced that we made the right selection in choosing Tom Brown and Joe Roper," said Charles Spence, publisher of the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

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the employee liked him.

He could respect you, but not like you. And, there were those may not have liked him, but had high respect for him.

Brown said that Joe was performance orientated and tough, but despite his toughness, he didn't "run that many people off." Brown, the deal-making side of the Tom Brown partnership, said Roper had an incredible talent for finding the best hands and getting them to perform to their top potential.

When it came to getting out of problems, everybody respected him. His advice was sought by all. "Joe didn't care about a lot of BS, he just wanted to get the facts and get on with business. But, when it came to a fishing job or getting out of trouble, he would listen to any theory."

Joe Roper say friends exemplified an ethic that permeated the majors, independents and service companies. "All you had to do was make the man a hand. Get the job done. Take care of business."

John Paul Pitts is oil editor of the Midland Reporter Telegram.

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Enron named one of best companies to work for

Enron climbs to 24 from 73 last year, becoming one of the highest ranking global energy companies on the list

HOUSTON (PRNewswire) — Enron was named one of the "100 Best Companies to Work For in America" by Fortune magazine. Climbing to number 24 from number 73 last year, Enron is the highest ranking global energy company on the list.

"Our corporate culture and our world-class employees make Enron a great place to work," said Kenneth L. Lay, Enron chairman and CEO. "We are proud to receive recognition as a top workplace; it's a reflection of our commitment to our employees and to their key role in our company's success."

The Fortune survey is based primarily on feedback from employees, who were randomly selected to fill out a 57-question survey developed by The Great Place to Work Institute in San Francisco. The remaining part of Fortune's scoring was based on a culture audit and a detailed human resources questionnaire.

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Enron chairman, CEO

In Enron's designation on the list, Fortune noted that women comprise nearly one-third of upper management. Employee benefits include stock options, an on-site fitness center and doctor's office, health benefits for domestic partners, concierge services, lactation rooms, all-day summer camp for employees' children, subsidized public transportation, tuition reimbursement, and flexible work schedules. In addition, Enron spends a significant amount annually on training technology and systems and has a matching charitable gift program of up to $15,000 per employee.

Enron adds the "100 Best Companies to Work For in America" distinction to its "Most Innovative Company in America" accolade, which it has received from Fortune magazine for the past four years.

Enron is one of the world's leading electricity, natural gas and communications companies. The company, which owns approximately $34 billion in energy and communications assets, produces electricity and natural gas, develops, constructs and operates energy facilities worldwide, delivers physical commodities and financial and risk management services to customers around the world, and is developing an intelligent network platform to facilitate online business.

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Marshall & Winston Inc., a 71 year-old Midland-based independent oil and gas exploration and production company announced the following management chances effective Jan. 1, 2000:

William S. Marshall will move to Chairman of the Board, replacing Jim Wyman of Minneapolis, Minn., who will remain on the Board as Chairman Emeritus. Marshall has been President of the company since 1967 and will continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer.

Clarence R. Chandler will become President and Chief Operating Officer. He has been with the company for 19 years, is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is a registered professional engineer in Texas.

Tom M. Brandt will become Vice President in charge of drilling and production operations. Brandt graduated from Oklahoma State University in July, 1980, with a degree in Petroleum Engineering Technology and joined Marshall & Winston, Inc. in July, 1985.

Charles G. Rice has been appointed Secretary-Treasurer. He has been with the company since February 1982 and has served as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer since 1985. He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Texas Tech University and is currently a licensed accountant.

Claire Rhotenberry has been named the first female officer of Marshall & Winston, Inc. with a new title of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer. She has been with the company for 23 years.

Conoco chairman to head National Petroleum Council

HOUSTON (BUSINESS WIRE) —The National Petroleum Council announced that Conoco Chairman and CEO Archie W. Dunham has been elected to head the Council as chairman.

The NPC is a federal advisory committee to the Secretary of Energy. Its sole purpose is to advise, inform and make recommendations on matters pertaining to oil and natural gas or to the oil and gas industries.

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	This Wk.	Last Wk.	Last Year
USA Land	657	671	535
USA Offshore	123	123	108
Canada	404	397	230
U.S. Directional	171	178	157
U.S. Horizontal	50	51	41
U.S. Gas	634	653	493
U.S. Oil	162	158	167

This information updated December 22, 1999

Permian Basin

TEXAS	
DIST. #7C	
Coke	00
Concho	00
Crockett	02
Irion	00
Kimble	00
McCullough	01
Menard	00
Reagan	01
Runnels	00
Schleicher	02
Sutton	02
Terrell	02
Tom Green	00
Upton	03
DIST. #8	
Andrews	03
Brewster	00
Crane	01
Culberson	00
Ector	03
Glasscock	02
Howard	03
Hudspeth	00
Jeff Davis	00
Loving	00
Martin	03
Midland	10
Mitchell	00
Pecos	07
Presidio	00
Reeves	02
Sterling	03
Ward	02
Winkler	02
DIST. #8A	
Bailey	00
Borden	00
Cochran	01
Cottle	00
Crosby	00
Dawson	01
Dickens	00
Floyd	00
Gaines	03
Garza	01
Hale	00
Hockley	03
Kent	00
King	00
Lamb	00
Lubbock	00
Lynn	01
Motley	00
Scurry	01
Terry	02
Yoakum	03
TEXAS TOTAL	*70*
NEW MEXICO	
Chaves	02
Eddy	23
Lea	21
Roosevelt	00
N.M. TOTAL	*46*
Basin Total	116
Year Ago	52

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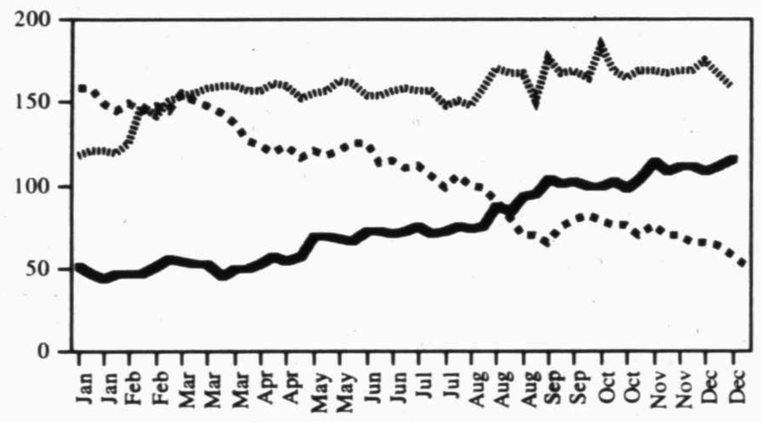

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Wildcats

TEXAS RRCD 7C

REAGAN COUNTY

CMS Oil and Gas Co.
SRH "A" #2608
Wildcat-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./J. E. Rudd; A-406, Blk 1, Sec 26; 1980
FNL 6020 FEL of lse; 1980 FNL 721 FEL of survey; 16 miles NE of Big Lake;
obj:8000; permit #490328; API #383-35001

CMS Oil and Gas Co.
SRH "A" #2603
Wildcat-Recompletion; T & P RR Co./J. E. Rudd; A-406, Blk 1, Sec 26; 660
FNL 5967 FWL of lse; 660 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 16 miles NE of Big Lake;
obj:8000; permit #490327; API #383-34998

TEXAS RRCD 8

MIDLAND COUNTY

Terrace Petroleum Corp.
McKaskle-Stewart Unit #2
Wildcat-D-Horizontal Well; T & P RR Co.; W. J. Sparks; A-1326, Blk 40,
T2S, Sec 32; 660 FWL 1050 FSL of lse; 1980 FEL 1050 FSL of survey; 11
miles S of Midland; obj:12300; permit #490415; API #329-34235

TEXAS RRCD 8A

DAWSON COUNTY

Crow, David
Vaughn #3901
Wildcat-D; T & P RR Co.; A-83, Blk 34, T5N, Sec 39; 1049 FNL 660 FWL of
lse; 1049 FNL 1980 FEL of survey; 10 miles SE of Lamesa; obj:11400; permit #490372; API #115-33036

Completions

EDDY COUNTY

SDX Resources Inc.
NW State #10
Artesia; T17S, R28E, Sec 31; 735 FSL 330 FEL; EL 3692 GL; TD 3210; PBTD
3163; Spud 10-12-99; Comp 11-3-99; production is through treated perfs:2482-2602; Treat:Acdz w/52 bbls 15% NEFE, Frac w/53,088 gal Delta +
95.00 16/30 + 35,000# 12/20 sd; IP:Pump 24 hrs 88 BO, 140 BW, 140 MCF,
GOR 1591; API #30-015-30760

Mack Energy Corp.
Berry A Federal #11
Loco Hills; T17S, R30E, Sec 21; 1700 FNL 2260 FWL; EL 3664 GL; TD 4922,
PBTD 4892; Spud 10-5-99; Comp 10-28-99; production is through treated
perfs:4397-4859.5; Treat:34,500 gals NEFE, 54,000 gals 40# gel; IP:11-11-99 Pump 24 hrs 179 BO, 725 BW, 177 MCF, GOR 988, Gty 38; API
#30-015-30669

Marbob Energy Corp.
E L Federal #2
Loco Hills; T17S, R30E, Sec 21; 330 FNL 330 FEL; EL 3669 GL; TD 4960;
PBTD 4948; Spud 10-9-99; Comp 11-11-99; production is through treated
perfs:4408-4652; Treat:Acdz w/2000 gals 15% NEFE; IP:11-14-99 Pump 24 hrs
78 BO, 5543 BW, 61 MCF; API #30-015-30256

Premier Oil & Gas Inc.
Dale H Parke "A" Tr 1 #21
Loco Hills; T17S, R30E, Sec 22; 330 FNL 2310 FWL; EL 3678 GL; TD 5070;
PBTD 5057; Spud 9-24-99; Comp 11-5-99; production is through treated
perfs:4524-4784; Treat:Acdz w/2000 gals 15% NEFE; IP:11-9-99 Pump 24 hrs
61 BO, 614 BW, 28 MCF; API #30-015-30730

LEA COUNTY

Capataz Oper Inc.
Pall Mall #1
House; T20S, R38E, Sec 14; 660 FNL 660 FEL; EL 3575 GR; TD 7800; PBTD
7797; Spud 9-8-99; production is through treated perfs:6960-7052; Treat:2400 gals 15% NEFE, 12,000 gals SXE Acid gel; IP:10-17-99 Pump 24
hrs 14 BO, 50 BW, 79 MCF, GOR 564, Gty 42; API #30-025-34634

TEXAS RRCD 7C

SUTTON COUNTY

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp.
Fields 56 #5
Sawyer (Canyon)-completion; HE&WT RR Co.; Blk D, Sec 56; 1500 FSL 2000
FEL of survey; 1 1/2 miles SE of Sonora; 205,000 ft of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:5451-5562; TD 6060; PBTD 5883; GE
2229

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp.
Jones Ranch #1865
Eldorado (Southwest Strawn)-completion; HE&WT RR Co.; Blk A, Sec 186;
4993 FNL 3483 FWL of survey; 13.4 miles NNW of Sonora; 263,000 ft of dry
gas daily; production is through treated perfs:7604-7653; TD 8075; PBTD
7810; GE 2383

Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp.
Mayer 15 #7
Sawyer (Canyon)-completion; GC&SF RR Co.; Blk D, Sec 15; 1980 FNL 1980
FEL of survey; 78,000 ft of dry gas daily; production is through treated perfs:6518-6660; TD 8250; PBTD 7179; GE 2336

UPTON COUNTY

Exxon Corp.
Pembrook Unit #937
Spraberry (Trend Area)-completion; CCSD&RGNG RR Co. W.K. Quisenbery; Blk
A, Sec 10; 133,510 FSL 16,832 FEL of survey; 17 miles N of Rankin; pump
36.7 barrels of 39.2 gravity oil/day plus 63,000 ft of gas and 92 BW w/gas-oil ratio at 1,741-1; production is through treated
perfs:6956-7916; TD 7975; GE 2671

Exxon Corp.
Pembrook Unit #733
Spraberry (Trend Area)-completion; E.A. Moseley/EL & RR Co.; Blk D, Sec
16; 6569 FSL 9416 FEL of survey; 20 miles N of Rankin; pump 17.9 barrels
of 39.0 gravity oil/day plus 36,000 ft of gas and 7 BW w/gas-oil ratio at 2058-1; production is through treated perfs:6993-7984; TD 8075; GE 2697

TEXAS RRCD 8

MIDLAND COUNTY

Texaco E & P Inc.
C. Scharbauer 'E' NCT-2 #1U
Parks, N. (Penn)-completion; T&P RR Co.; Blk 40, T2S, Sec 26; 1580 FSL
892 FWL of lse; 8 miles SW of Midland; completed 11-3-99; Test 11-13-99
24 hrs tested; pumping; 20 BO, MCF 3, 0 BW, Gas-oil ratio 150; TD 15835;
permit #487605; API #42-329-33283

Development Wells

REAGAN COUNTY

Michaelson Producing Co.
University 13 #3X
Farmer (San Andres)-D; UL; A-000000, Blk 48, Sec 13; 380 FEL 330 FSL of
lse; 2350 FWL 330 FSL of survey; 9.2 miles SE of Big Lake; obj:2700; permit #490311; API #383-35031

RUNNELS COUNTY

Walsh Resources, Inc.
Calcote Unit "A" #2
Spike, North (Palo Pinto) & Winters, North (Gardner Lime)&(Gardner
Sand)-D; H & TC RR Co.; A-318, Blk 64, Sec 87; 500 FWL 467 FSL of lse;
467 FEL 1894 FSL of survey; 3 miles N of Winters; obj:4700; permit #490293; API #399-34671

SUTTON COUNTY

Dreyfus, Louis Natural Gas Corp.
Pfluger 84 #14
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; TW & NG RR Co./E. W. Wall; A-891,
Blk 14, Sec 84; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL of lse; 1980 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 15
miles SE of Sonora; obj:5550; permit #490322; API #435-35033

Dreyfus, Louis Natural Gas Corp.
Pfluger 103 #6
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; TW & NG RR Co.; A-707, Blk 14,
Sec 103; 1059 FSL 1980 FEL of lse; 1059 FSL 1980 FEL of survey; 18 miles
SE of Sonora; obj:5550; permit #490321; API #435-35031

Dreyfus, Louis Natural Gas Corp.
Fields 58 #4
Fawcett (Wolfcamp) & Sawyer (Canyon)-D; HE & WT RR Co./W. F. Beeman;
A-1372, Blk B, Sec 58; 500 FSL 515 FWL of lse; 500 FSL 515 FWL of survey;
5 miles ESE of Sonora; obj:6800; permit #490320; API #435-35032

TEXAS RRCD 8

MARTIN COUNTY

Stephens, Autry C.
Elrod "45" #1
Cedars (Pennsylvania Lime) & Gordon Street (Wolfcamp 9300)-D; T & P RR
Co.; A-63, Blk 35, T1N, Sec 45; 467 FNL 1980 FWL of lse; 1980 FWL 2173
FSL of survey; 4 miles NW of Stanton; obj:11000; permit #487874; API
#317-34238

PECOS COUNTY

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #36E22
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co.; A-4561, Blk 194, Sec 35; 14006 FNL
14887 FWL of lse; 1183 FSL 1898 FWL of survey; 3.5 miles SW of Iraan;
obj:1999; permit #490410; API #371-32745

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #54A54
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co./M. A. Monroe; A-8071, Blk 194, Sec 28;
16473 FNL 13313 FWL of lse; 1284 FNL 1333 FWL of survey; 3.5 miles SW of
Iraan; obj:1999; permit #490409; API #371-34315

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #82C23
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co.; A-4562, Blk 194, Sec 31; 3450 FSL
11316 FEL of lse; 1467 FWLYNL 1000 FWLYLL of survey; 3.5 miles SW of
Iraan; obj:1999; permit #490408; API #371-34457

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #275C22
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co./T. E. Hickox; A-6657, Blk 194, Sec 32;
7350 FSL 13678 FEL of lse; 709 FSL 2906 FWL of survey; 3.3 miles SW of
Iraan; obj:1999; permit #490369; API #371-32739

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #36E51
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co.; A-4561, Blk 194, Sec 35; 13940 FNL
15689 FWL of lse; 1249 FSL 2782 FEL of survey; 4 miles SW of Iraan; obj:1999; permit #490368; API #371-32724

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #51F44
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co.; A-4838, Blk 194, Sec 33; 10200 FSL
17363 FEL of lse; 173 FSLYSL 1615 FWL of survey; 3 miles SW of Iraan;
obj:1999; permit #490367; API #371-34419

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #273B02
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co.; A-4556, Blk 194, Sec 23; 10762 FSL
17006 FEL of lse; 1317 FNL 422 FEL of survey; 4 miles SW of Iraan; obj:1999; permit #490366; API #371-06861

Marathon Oil Co.
Yates Field Unit #273B50
Yates-Recompletion; GC & SF RR Co.; A-4556, Blk 194, Sec 23; 10468 FSL
16678 FEL of lse; 1611 FNL 94 FEL of survey; 3.5 miles SW of Iraan;
obj:1999; permit #490365; API #371-35762

TEXAS RRCD 8A

GAINES COUNTY

Santa Fe Snyder Corp.
Jenkins, Sam C. #20
Jenkins, North (Clear Fork)-D; PSL/W B Eubank/B Eubank; A-1650, Blk AX,
Sec 11; 825 FWL 2175 FSEL of lse; 825 FWL 1800 FNL of survey; 11 miles W
of Seminole; obj:7500; permit #490413; API #165-35484

YOAKUM COUNTY

Altura Energy Ltd.
Denver Unit #2746
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson; A-25, Blk D, Sec 827; 12670 FWL 7445 FNL of lse;
2095 FWL 457 FSL of survey; 2 miles NE of Denver City; obj:5600; permit
#490356; API #501-34372

Altura Energy Ltd.
Denver Unit #2750
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson; A-25, Blk D, Sec 827; 12600 FEL 5679 FNL of lse;
2050 FEL 2221 FSL of survey; 2 miles NE of Denver City; obj:5600; permit
#490354; API #501-34373

Altura Energy Ltd.
Denver Unit #2851
Wasson-D; J. H. Gibson/W. Wilkerson; A-660, Blk D, Sec 826; 9591 FEL 2938
FNL of lse; 961 FEL 2319 FSL of survey; 2 miles NE of Denver City; obj:5600; permit #490353; API #501-34369

LOCATIONS AND RE-ENTRIES

CHAVES COUNTY

Elk Oil Co.
Nitschke "66 Federal #1
T13S, R29E, Sec 19; 823 FNL 1650 FWL of SW Lone Wolf; 16 miles NE of
Dexer; Rot 9700 Devonian; API #30-005-63226

EDDY COUNTY

Murchison Oil & Gas Inc.
Willis Federal #2
T17S, R27E, Sec 28; 660 FSL 660 FEL of Logan Draw; 6.5 miles SE of
Artesia; Rot 9700 Morrow; API #30-015-30832

OXY USA Inc.
Oxy Grandslam Federal #1
T17S, R28E, Sec 20; 660 FNL 1650 FEL of Empire; 5.5 miles SE of Artesia;
Rot 10,200 Penn; API #30-015-30834

Mack Energy Corp.
Navaho Federal #1
T17S, R29E, Sec 30; 1650 FSL 330 FEL of Empire; 8 miles SW of Loco Hills;
Rot 5500 Yeso; API #30-015-30838

Mack Energy Corp.
Navaho Federal #2
T17S, R29E, Sec 30; 1550 FSL 1500 FEL of Empire; 8 miles SW of Loco
Hills; Rot 5500 Yeso; API #30-015-30839

Mack Energy Corp.
Navaho Federal #3
T17S, R29E, Sec 30; 2260 FSL 990 FEL of Empire; 8 miles SW of Loco Hills;
Rot 5500 Yeso; API #30-015-30840

Mack Energy Corp.
Harper State #1
T17S, R30E, Sec 16; 430 FSL 330 FEL of Loco Hills; 1 mile N of Loco Hills; Rot 5500 Paddock; API #30-015-30831

LEA COUNTY

Nadel & Gumman Permian LLC
Sombrero St #1
T16S, R33E, Sec 15; 990 FNL 1980 FWL of West Sombrero; 8 miles NE of
Maljamar; Rot 13,100 Atoka; API #30-025-34780

Patterson Pet Inc.
Hawkeye State "30" #1
T17S, R34E, Sec 30; 1980 FSL 1970 FEL of Vacuum; 5.5 miles W of Buckeye;
Rot 12,700 Morrow; API #30-025-34781

Texaco Expl & Prod Inc.
Vacuum 10 St #1
T17S, R35E, Sec 10; 1980 FNL 1980 FWL of North Vacuum; 5 miles NE of
Buckeye; Rot 12,700 Morrow; API #30-025-34783

Texaco Expl & Prod Inc.
New Mexico EA St #1
T18S, R37E, Sec 24; 410 FNL 610 FEL of Wildcat; 2.5 miles NW of Hobbs;
Rot 8800 Devonian; API #30-025-34788

Enerquest Resources LLC
Goodwin 30 #1
T18S, R37E, Sec 30; 1650 FSL 1650 FWL of Goodwin; 4 miles NE of Arkansas
Jct; Rot 7700 Abo; API #30-025-34786

Lynx Energy Co. Inc.
Laney Reese #3
T18S, R39E, Sec 30; 1650 FSL 330 FEL of East Hobbs; 2 miles E of Hobbs;
Rot 4700 San Andres; API #30-025-34787

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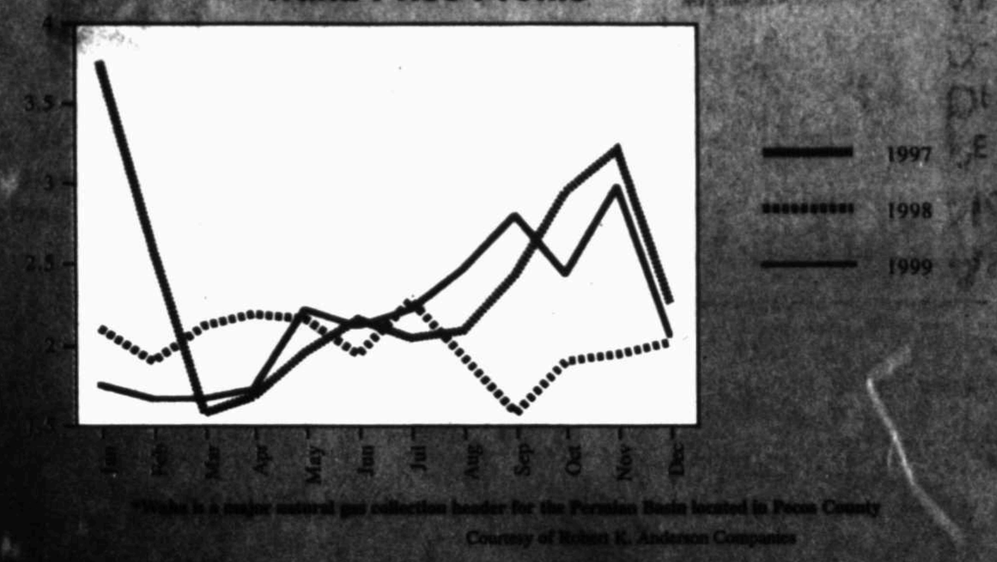

*Waha is a major natural gas collection header for the Permian Basin located in Pecos County

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Waha Averages

This month	Last Month
$2.05	$2.98

Current Spot Prices

- **Mid Continent** (Arkoma) **$2.05**
- **Gulf Coast** (Louisiana) **$2.11**
- **Rocky Mountain** (Wyoming) **$2.04**

Crude Oil Prices

This Week's Average:

NYMEX $26.59

POSTED $23.81

Current WTI Posted Prices

Amoco*	$25.50	Equiva	$23.50	Phillips**	$22.75
Arco	23.50	Exxon Mobil	25.75	Plains*	23.50
Gatesis*	23.50	Koch**	22.75	Sun*	23.50
Chevron	25.50	Navajo WTI*	23.50		
E.O.T.T.	23.50	Navajo NMI*	25.55		

Oil prices effective 12/21/99

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Companies set capital budget for 2000

Conoco

HOUSTON — Conoco set its 2000 capital budget at $2.2 billion, up more than $300 million from 1999 and about $200 million less than 1998.

Of the capital budget, $1.6 billion is earmarked for upstream operations, including exploration in the deepwater Gulf of Mexico and West Natuna Sea, as well as further development of the Petrozuata heavy oil joint venture in Venezuela. In downstream, the largest project scheduled is construction of facilities at the company's Lake Charles, La., refinery to process the Petrozuata production. Also scheduled are projects to produce cleaner fuels for European markets.

"Conoco has a multitude of global opportunities as we begin the new century, but we will be very disciplined in the expenditure of our capital," said Chairman and CEO Archie W. Dunham. "We intend to deliver on our commitment to increase production by 5 percent to approximately 245 million barrels of oil equivalent in 2000. We also expect to build on our excellent exploration success of 1999. Our principal objective will be to create shareholder value in everything we do by growing our business while relentlessly controlling costs."

Conoco is a major, integrated energy company based in Houston and active in 40 countries.

Ocean Energy

HOUSTON — Ocean Energy announced that its board of directors has approved a capital investment program of approximately $500 million for the year 2000.

The spending will be funded from Ocean's discretionary cash flow based on anticipated commodity prices, and is subject to change if market conditions shift or new opportunities are identified.

"Ocean has one of the most promising inventories of opportunities among U.S. independent oil and gas companies," said James T. Hackett, President and Chief Executive Officer.

"After completing the merger of Ocean and Seagull Energy this year and surpassing our targets to reduce debt and costs, we are eager to demonstrate our exploitation and exploration capabilities during 2000."

The projected 2000 program represents a 40 percent increase over 1999 anticipated spending of $356 million.

Of the budget, currently 40-50 percent is allocated to Gulf of Mexico projects, 30-35 percent to international spending, and 15-20 percent to U.S. onshore programs.

Exploration activities currently comprise approximately 35 percent of the amount.

Patterson Energy completes $60 million debt facility

SNYDER — Patterson Energy, Inc. announces the completion of a $60 million credit facility with Transamerica Equipment Financial Services Corporation. The new credit facility will be used to pay off the Company's existing term note of approximately $47.3 million with the remainder of the proceeds to be used to partially fund the Company's future operations and growth through acquisition.

The credit facility calls for monthly payments of interest only for the first twelve months at the 90-day LIBOR rate plus 3.51% at which point the outstanding balance will convert to a term note with a 60-month principal and interest amortization. The underlying credit agreement allows for a prepayment of principal of $40 million subject to a one-half of one-percent (.5%) penalty. The credit facility is secured by the drilling assets of the Company.

CMS achieved significant growth in 1999

DEARBORN — Significant power plant and pipeline acquisition and development activity as well as a number of successful oil and gas wells highlighted the year for CMS Energy Corp.

"The year 1999 was one of major growth for CMS Energy, with significant progress achieved in expanding the Company in the U.S. and in key international markets," said CMS Energy Corporation Chairman and CEO William T. McCormick, Jr., in summing up the Company's activities during the year.

Mr. McCormick said the Company's most significant development during 1999 was the acquisition in March of the CMS Panhandle companies for $2.2 billion, including assumption of $300 million of debt. The Panhandle companies comprise 10,400 miles of mainline natural gas pipeline extending from the Gulf Coast and from the Kansas/Oklahoma mid-continent region to the upper Midwest with a combined capacity of 4.4 billion cubic feet per day, and 85 billion cubic feet of underground gas storage facilities. The acquisition also included the Trunkline LNG facility, the largest operating liquified natural gas (LNG) terminal in the U.S.

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Flexbar participates in 'Best Practices' study

Study: Sinkerbars helped reduce tubing failures by 61 percent

Since producers cannot control the market price of oil, they must concentrate on reducing costs by becoming more efficient. During the last few years, the oil industry has adopted the term "Best Practices" to describe the most efficient production methods.

Flexbar, Inc. recently participated with a one of the most active Permian Basin independents in a Best Practices program study to determine how certain types of problems could be reduced by using the most efficient production methods, including the use of sinkerbars. The study is described in detail in a paper written by Scott W. Long, P. E., SPE of Flexbar, in collaboration with other participants. The study is also published in the November issue of *World Oil Magazine*. The paper reveals that the use of sinkerbars contributed to a 61 percent decrease in tubing failures, a 35 percent reduction in rod parts and a six percent cut in pump repairs over the two-year test period.

A total of 150 wells, all in one field, were selected for evaluation of this Best Practices program. The average pump depth is 6,850 feet. The average oil cut is 35 percent and the water cut is 65 percent. Production tubing is 2-3/8" inside 4-1/2" casing. Average stroke length is 86" and average pump speed is 8.0 strokes per minute. Producing intervals are located from 7,000' to 8,700'.

The five-step program began with a complete pumping well diagnostic analysis of existing wells. Second, modifications were made on pump diameters, strokes per minute, stroke length, tubing anchor catchers and downhole gas separation.

The third step involved the re-evaluation of rodstring designs and the installation of sinkerbars to manage downhole rodstring buckling. Fourth, the producer installed pump-off controllers on a portion of the wells to manage production rates, optimize run time and monitor equipment performance.

Finally, follow-up well-site diagnostic analyses were done after several months of operation to evaluate initial analysis, original well work and to implement further modifications.

Flexbar sinkerbars were installed on all 150 wells during the two-year test period.

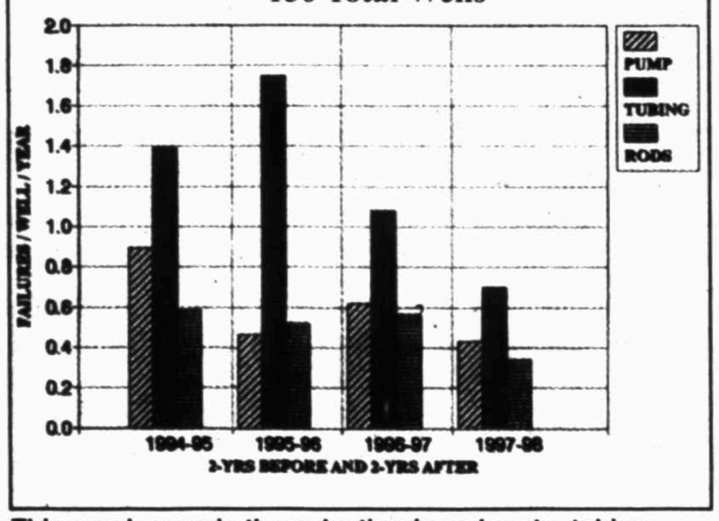
The results were impressive. For tubing leaks, failures per well per year (FPWPY) decreased from 1.75 in 1995-96 to 0.69 in 1997-98, a drop of 61 percent. FPWPY for rod parts dropped from 0.52 in 1995-96 to 0.34 in 1997-98, a 35 percent reduction. Pump repairs had a FPWPY of 0.46 in 1995-96, falling to 0.43 in 1997-98, a 6 percent cut.

Expense reductions such as these can result in a very short term payout when the upfront expenses are capitalized. Lower operating costs also increase the economic life of the well.

For a complete copy of this paper and for information on how sinkerbars can be part of your Best Practices program, call Flexbar.

Flexbar, Inc. designs and manufactures sinkerbars. They offer other products along with custom engineering services and rod string analysis. The phone number is 550-4920.

Tubing, Rod and Pump Failures Per Well Per Year 150 Total Wells



This graph reveals the reduction in rod parts, tubing failures and pump repairs partially due to the installation of Flexbar sinkerbars to the rod strings of 150 wells in 1996-97.

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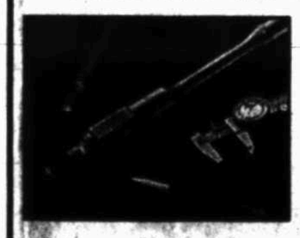

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