

MONDAY MORNING

Road to Recovery

Someone suffering from cancer or diabetes must deal not only with the disease but with finding ways to get to their treatments./1B



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Cowboys win

The Dallas Cowboys are back in first place, put there by a patchwork defense crippled by suspension and injuries./1C

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New casino

Its front door just 100 yards from the U.S. border, Casino Niagara opens Monday amid expectations it will rake in more money than any Las Vegas gaming hall. Predictions of 9,000 new jobs and more visitors to a city already flush with tourism have Canadian officials crowing about the four-story, $118 million casino.

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Ex-pastor's trial

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Lawmaker money

In a biennial holiday tradition at the Texas Capitol, lobbyists are rushing to throw fund-raising receptions for lawmakers. They have until mid-December — 30 days before the session starts — to do their giving: legislators are barred from accepting campaign contributions from then until the session ends. The government watchdog group Public Citizen wants to extend the ban.

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Sexual predator's case to go before Supreme Court

By Matt Truell
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. — Leroy Hendricks had a way of attracting kids. They'd gather to watch him fly his remote-controlled airplane in a park. Sometimes, he'd buy them illicit treats, like cigarettes and chewing tobacco.

At some point, he started molesting them. And he says only his death will guarantee that he stops.

Now the 62-year-old former carnival worker is at the center of a closely watched constitutional battle which the U.S. Supreme Court will take up Tuesday.

The question is whether states may confine sexually violent predators after their prison terms are completed. Kansas law allows that, if a prisoner is diagnosed with a personality disorder or mental abnormality that makes them a threat to sexually prey on children.

Hendricks already has spent more than half of the last 36 years in prisons or state hospitals for crimes against children.

The justices will review a ruling that struck down Kansas' 1994 law as unconstitutional. A decision is expected next year.

Forty-five states and territories have filed documents supporting the Kansas appeal, including five states with sexual predator laws: Arizona, California, Minnesota, Washington and Wisconsin.

Hendricks began exposing himself to girls while he was a young airman at McConnell Air Base in Wichita. He was convicted in 1956 and fined $2.90.

His first prison term came in 1960 in Washington state, where he spent two years behind bars for molesting two boys. In 1963, he was convicted of molesting a 7-year-old boy in Seattle.

After spending time at a state hospital, Hendricks was released in 1965 — and was arrested two years later for taking indecent liberties with an 8-year-old girl and her 11-year-old brother. He served five years in prison.

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AP Laserphoto

Hard hit

More than half a million customers had no electricity Sunday in New England after a storm hit. Story page 5A

It's my party



Birthday helps those in need

Born into the Christmas spirit, 13-year-old Laine Godsey of Midland is foregoing gifts for herself this year and using her birthday party as a means to help those less fortunate than herself.

Miss Godsey celebrated her 13th birthday Saturday at the Midland High School Youth Center. For this party, she asked her friends not to bring gifts for her — but rather to bring food or gifts to be donated to the city's disadvantaged citizens.

"She's done stuff (like this) for years," according to Miss Godsey's mother, Nancy Godsey. "Laine is just a real nice person," she said.

She turned 13 on Dec. 4, but waited until Saturday to celebrate her birthday.

Miss Godsey hosted more than 100 people at her birthday party, and many others who could not attend also donated gifts.

Miss Godsey is a swimmer at Goddard Junior High School, is a cellist in the school's orchestra, runs track in the spring and summer and takes speech and drama.

In addition to her friends in these classes, Miss Godsey invited friends from her neighborhood and others.

"There are kids coming who are in fifth grade to 10th grade, who I've met over the years," she said prior to Saturday's party.

"I felt bad about them giving me gifts" so she decided on the charitable contributions. "I decided that would mean more to me than presents," she said.

The response to the charity has been well-

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Laine Godsey, above, blows out the candles on the cupcake tower Saturday night during her birthday party where she asked guests to bring items to be donated to charities instead of bringing presents for her. Guests brought more than 20 childrens coats, toys and over 100 canned goods. Right, Laine Godsey dances with Michael Cheng as other couples dance to a slow song Saturday night during Laine's birthday party.

Story by Gary Shanks

Photos by Tim Fischer

School board to hear three items Tuesday

By Myra Lee Salcedo
Staff Writer

Three topics that have garnered much public interest — Texas Monthly magazine's low-ranking of Midland Independent School District elementary schools, a voter survey on a bond election, and a new desegregation plan — are on the agenda for the school board meeting, set for 4 p.m. Tuesday.

University of Houston sociologist Larry Toenjes has been given an hour for a presentation on his data that ranked Texas elementary schools in a recent issue of Texas Monthly.

Toenjes, Ph.D., analyzed data garnered for the article. Using a four-star system of ranking, MISD had no schools in the top ranking, and 17 out of 23 elementary schools in the bottom ranking. The schools were ranked on the number of students passing the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, while factoring in the percentage of poor students on campuses.

While educators often decry using test results as the sole mark of a school's success, the editors of Texas Monthly wrote: "We disagree. The fundamental job of an elementary school is to teach kids to read, write and compute, and those skills can be tested."

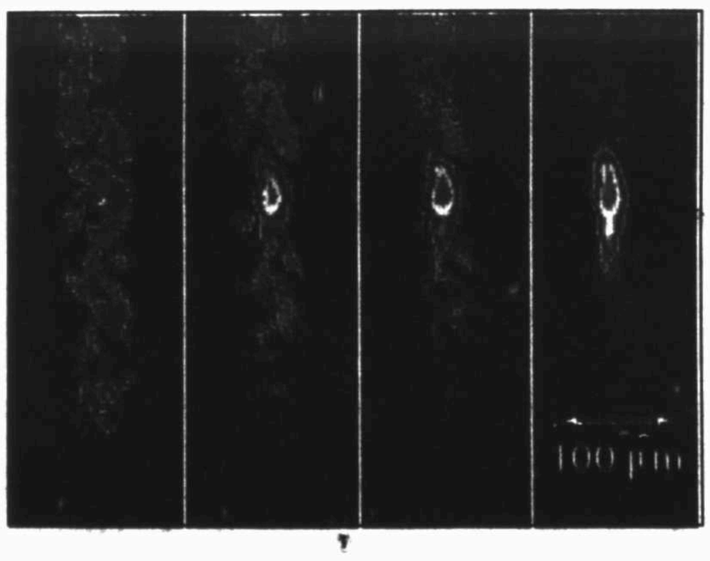
MISD administrators said because the district exempts few students from testing, and because of the unique cluster system of desegregation, results could have been skewed.

Other items on the agenda include a 30-minute report from Jerry Jones, Ph.D., of Data Base Specialties, on the survey asking Midland voters their opinion of having a bond election.

The survey asked respondents to circle items they wanted included in a bond election. The items included constructing a new Midland High School, enclosing school corridors and bus drives for student safety, modernizing athletic facilities, upgrading elementary school campuses, and adding two new elementary schools and 40 classrooms. The survey came with an explanation packet describing MISD needs and the condition of various schools and compared test performances to the state and national average.

The final action item is the board's voting on MISD's new plan of desegregation and the Cluster Advisory Committee's

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A new form of matter called Bose-Einstein condensate is shown forming. The material is the coldest ever produced by humans and is expected to greatly aid research.

AP Laserphoto

New scientific discovery reveals coldest man-made material ever

Associated Press

For a physicist, a good day is creating stuff that's never existed before in the history of the universe.

Eric Cornell had one of those days in June 1995, when a clever trick he devised produced the Bose-Einstein condensate, the coldest material ever made by humans. The material is expected to help physicists manipulate an ultrasmall world they've had little control over in the past.

But before it does, Cornell and his colleagues have to figure out exactly what they've got.

Experiments over the last 18 months have shown that what was a very difficult substance to generate turns out to be remarkably easy to work with — even though it exists at temperatures within a millionth of a degree of absolute zero and lasts only 20 to 30 seconds.

"We are now able to do all sorts of experiments," said Wolfgang Ketterle, a physics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Mass. "We can shake it, we can cut it, we can drop it."

The experiments are showing that some of the hopes physicists hung on the Bose-Einstein condensate when they dis-

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WEATHER WATCH

Today's high to be around 75

Staff Report

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies and unseasonably warm temperatures with a high in the upper 70s and southwest winds between 10-20 mph, according to the National Weather Service in Midland.

Tonight will be fair with a low between 45-50.

Tuesday is expected to be mostly sunny and breezy with a high in the upper 70s.

After an overnight low of 35, Sunday's high was 68. The record low for that date was 15 set in 1978 and the record high for that date was 83 in 1977.

STATE

It was a cloudless Sunday afternoon in Texas and more pleasant weather is on the way as the beginning of the work week brings unseasonably warm and sunny weather to some parts of the state.

Northwestern parts of North Texas had freezing temperatures Sunday morning, while the rest of the region had lows in the 30s. Temperatures later warmed up into the 60s and 70s.

The forecast for North Texas called for sunny and warm days Monday and Tuesday, with highs in the 60s and 70s. Partly cloudy and mild nights will follow, with lows in the 50s.

There were sunny skies across South and West Texas Sunday, with temperatures in the 60s and 70s. South Texas had crisp morning temperatures that warmed up Sunday afternoon.

South Texas will start off the week with sunny and pleasant weather. Temperatures will later warm into the 70s.

Sunny days and fair nights are in store through Tuesday for West Texas, with highs mostly in the 70s and lows around the 40s and 50s.

NATION

Heavy rain soaked the Northwest on Sunday, pushing small streams out of their banks, while snow fell on the Midwest. New England dug out of nearly 2 feet of snow.

Most of western Oregon got at least 2 inches of rain by Sunday morning, with 3 inches along much of the coast. In southwest Oregon, 6 inches fell in Brookings, where some residents along the Chetco River voluntarily evacuated.

Some area roads were flooded by a foot of water, while others were closed by mud and downed trees. Sandbags were piled in parts of Grants Pass, Ore., while some low-lying parts of Coos County, along the coast, were expected to be flooded Monday by the North Fork of the Coquille River.

Farther south, Crescent City, Calif., measured 3.72 inches of rain. Up to 4 inches of snow was possible in the area's mountains.

Light snow fell from northern Kentucky across Ohio and into western New York. That snow was expected to move eastward during the night into northern West Virginia and western Maryland.

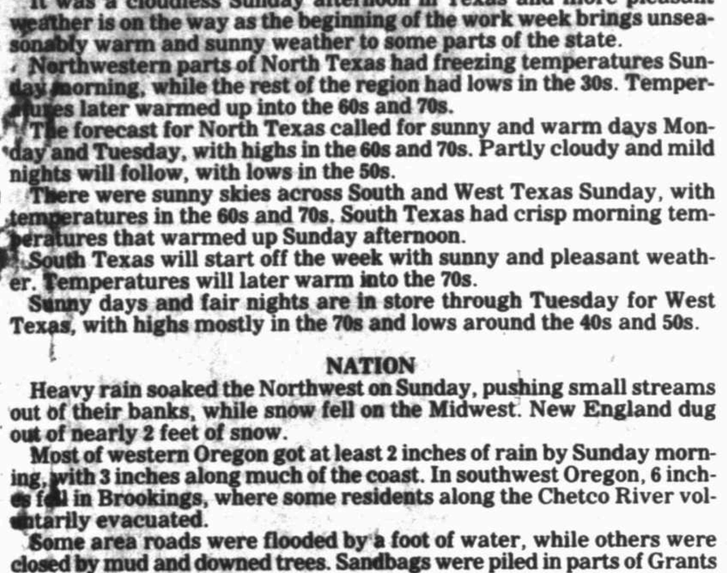
Scattered snow was likely around the Great Lakes, with heavier amounts possible in western Michigan. Light snow was possible in northwestern North Dakota.

In New England, up to 22 inches of snow fell by Sunday morning on parts of Vermont. About 16 inches of snow fell in parts of Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine, with about a foot in New York's Catskills.

Snow started melting Sunday afternoon as temperatures rose into the 40s in parts of the region.

Sunday's temperatures in the continental United States ranged from a morning low of 5 below zero at Gunnison, Colo., to an early afternoon reading of 80 at Key West, Fla. The lowest wind chill was 21 below zero at Glasgow, Mont.

Also see our expanded weather coverage, map on page 4B.



Tim Fischer / Reporter-Telegram

Helping hands

Kenny Copeland, store manager at Albertsons on Midland presents a check Sunday for $5,738 to Dolly Neff, executive director of West Texas Food Bank. Albertsons stores in Midland and Odessa held "Hunger has a Face" drive to collect the money in October. Albertsons is also donating over 500 pounds of ham to the Food Bank for the holiday season.

Defrocked pastor accused of sexual misconduct

FORT WORTH (AP) — The defrocked pastor of the nation's third-largest Methodist congregation no longer delivers sermons at the downtown church attended by some of the city's most prominent residents.

Instead, 70-year-old Barry Bailey spends his days in a seventh-floor courtroom, fending off allegations that he groped women, talked of forcing sex on them and used lewd language in phone calls to them.

Bailey — still with the courtly bearing of a minister more than two years after he left the pulpit — spent six hours on the witness stand last week in the first of three civil trials filed against him.

With his wife of 43 years looking on, the white-haired former senior pastor at Fort Worth's 10,500-member First United Methodist Church steadfastly denied claims of assault, battery, invasion of privacy, emotional distress and breach of trust.

Eight women who sought Bailey's counsel, most of whom were church employees or members, are suing him for more than $14 million. Three have said Bailey seduced them into sexual relationships, with two alleging years-long liaisons.

He says it never happened.

"I can only say to you I didn't have sex with them," Bailey told the five-woman, nine-man jury Thursday.

Later, he reiterated that he had never abused his position in his relationships with the women.

"I certainly had a responsibility not to do harm to them," he testified, "and I didn't do harm to them."

Bailey, a minister for 46 years, was a popular and by most accounts charismatic preacher until the allegations forced him to resign in August 1994. Among his flock of Fort Worth gentry were Perry Bass, patriarch of Fort Worth's Bass billionaires, and former U.S. House speaker Jim Wright.

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But in June 1994, Cassie Allbaugh, the church's 29-year-old youth director, filed allegations of sexual misconduct against the pastor with church officials. More than two dozen women came forward with similar allegations over the next few months.

Bailey, who has dismissed Allbaugh as "burned out," vindictive and after money, said he received hundreds of supportive letters and telephone calls. But he resigned in August 1994.

Church officials sided with the women. Two committees recommended he surrender his ministerial credentials or be stripped of them. After another board decided to consider more than 30 counts of sexual harassment and immorality against him, Bailey resigned from the Methodist ministry in March 1995 rather than face a church trial.

The secular legal battle, which mediation failed to resolve, enters its second week Monday.

Last week, the lead plaintiff painted a dark picture of her former boss, whom she said admitted an attraction to her soon after she arrived in 1989.

Ms. Allbaugh, now 31, said she initially wasn't bothered by the remark. But she said things changed when Bailey began calling her and quizzing her about masturbation.

Within a year, Ms. Allbaugh testified, Bailey called her into his office bathroom because of a purported eye problem, placed her hand on his "private part" and asked her to masturbate him.

She also testified Bailey touched her breasts and put his hand up her skirt.

Ms. Allbaugh fought back tears as she described what happened when she told Bailey she was leaving the church's employ after six years.

She initially wouldn't repeat the vulgarity she claims Bailey uttered when said his behavior was forcing her to quit.

"I should throw you on the ground and force you to (expletive) me," she quoted Bailey as saying.

"I was shocked," Ms. Allbaugh testified, as Bailey and his wife, Joan, sat nearby showing no reaction. "I was scared. I really didn't say anything. I was just thinking, How am I going to get out of this office? How am I going to get out of this job?"

She said she didn't quit earlier because she thought she could handle things, but later realized she was "in over my head."

Eventually, she discovered she wasn't alone in her ordeal, she testified.

The eight women contend in court papers that Bailey caused them physical and emotional distress that forced them to seek counseling, caused blackouts and migraines and prevented at least one from returning to any church.

The trial's outcome could bear on two other suits the women have filed against the local church and several Methodist conferences to which it belongs. The women contend that the church and the Methodist hierarchy were negligent in not stopping the misconduct and that officials breached agreements to settle some of the claims.

Bailey's lawyers claim the women are seeking financial gain "on the lawsuit lottery bus." And Bailey's support endures among some members of the congregation.

Wright, a longtime church member and friend of the pastor, may testify as a character witness, Bailey's lawyer said.

An attorney close to the case said the women have tried to settle and want Bailey to apologize and seek counseling.

HARM: Supreme Court to take up case

(From 1A)

Hendricks was sent back to prison in 1984 for attempting to molest two 13-year-old boys in a Wichita electronics store where he worked.

When he was released 10 years later, a prosecutor argued that Hendricks was a sexually violent predator and should be locked up.

At his commitment trial, Hendricks himself testified that only his death would guarantee he would never again molest a child.

A jury sent him to the state's mental health facility in Larned, where he is one of nine men declared sexual predators. They can be held there for treatment until doctors decide they no longer pose a threat. Exams are conducted at least once a year.

Then, however, the Kansas Supreme Court said the law violated Hendricks' due-process rights because it allowed him to be committed without proof he is mentally ill.

Attorney General Carla Stovall immediately appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, keeping Hendricks confined. She expects the court to question whether Hendricks' alleged mental abnormality merits confinement.

"The key is that the court has never ruled exactly what you have to have for that mental condition," Stovall said. "Mr. Hendricks' 40-year history of abusing children is much more than idiosyncratic behavior."

Stovall contends that Hendricks, who was not treated for sexual deviance during his Kansas prison term, should continue to receive the 30 hours of weekly therapy Larned provides.

"We're spending almost $100,000 per predator at Larned for their care, custody and treatment," she said. "The average tends to be about $20,000 per inmate in the Department of Corrections system, so it's clear we're doing something very, very different for these predators versus the inmates."

Hendricks' lawyer, Thomas Weilert of Wichita, said the confinement is an "extension of his criminal sentence" that violates constitutional protections against double jeopardy.

"It's a second prosecution for the same acts that occurred in 1984," Weilert said.

The law was passed largely in response to the 1993 slaying of Stephanie Schmidt, a 19-year-old student at Pittsburg State University. Donald Gideon was convicted; he had been on parole after serving 10 years for raping and sodomizing a woman in 1982.

The Kansas law is the first significant attempt to expand the types of people the state can confine, said Chris Hansen, an attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union in New York.

Traditionally, he said, only people convicted of crimes or found insane can be locked up. The Kansas law creates a third category — people likely to commit crimes based on past behavior.

"That has very strong potential ramifications," Hansen said. "It can be extended beyond pedophiles."

Rose Loux, Hendricks' former stepdaughter, has testified that he molested her for four years starting when she was 9, although he was never charged for it.

Now 33, Mrs. Loux said she hopes the Supreme Court upholds the law because she believes Hendricks will never stop molesting children.

"He will do it again," she said. "It's just a matter of when, and I don't think it will take that long."

COLD: Scientists excited by discovery

(From 1A)

covered it last year may stick.

Most exciting is the idea that the condensate could do for atoms what lasers have done for light.

"It won't cure cancer, but it can be useful in the way that a laser is useful," said Cornell, a physics professor at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

He doesn't mean Bose-Einstein condensates will bring better compact disc players and supermarket checkout scanners. But they could improve atomic clocks and measuring instruments that work in incredibly tiny realms. And physicists have a feeling they could do much more.

"We know where to steer the boat, but the final destination is by no means clear," Ketterle said.

Named for the physicists Satyendra Bose and Albert Einstein, who predicted the unusual material might be possible, a Bose-Einstein condensate is essentially a group of atoms that act as a single "superatom."

Just about any atom with the right properties can be prodded into the Bose-Einstein state but, in practice, physicists experiment with just a handful of elements, including sodium, rubidium and chromium.

The first experiments to create the substance couldn't take pictures of it directly. But now Ketterle has found a way to shine a laser through a Bose-Einstein condensate without disturbing it. The condensate bends light a tiny bit, the same way a lens would and, from measuring that redirection, Ketterle can construct an image of what the material looks like.

Using that method, Ketterle has made stop-action photographs of Bose-Einstein condensates forming at less than a millionth of a degree above absolute zero, the point at which all atomic motions stop.

"Tremendous things have gone on in a year," Ketterle said.

Many of the experiments have supported the predictions made when the condensate first was created. For example, Ketterle has done an experiment where he essentially drops a chunk of Bose-Einstein condensate to produce something like an extremely short-lived atom laser.

"We try to stay low-key about it and say this is a step toward an atom laser, but some people regard it as an atom laser," Ketterle said.

Cornell said his early experiments with the material, which basically have been to "thump it and look at it wiggle," suggest it may help physicists explain a bizarre phenomenon known as superfluidity.

Suppose, Cornell said, you were sitting in a nice cold bath of liquid helium and you pulled out the plug. The helium would start to swirl down the drain.

Now suppose you put the plug back in. The helium would keep swirling indefinitely.

"You would call that really weird," Cornell said.

But that's what happens to helium at extremely low temperatures, because the flowing motions in liquid helium don't gradually dissipate the way they do in water and other liquids. They just keep going like the stupid rabbit in those battery commercials.

Physicists have known since the 1930s that liquid helium can flow forever without losing heat to internal friction. But they haven't been able to understand why, partly because liquids are complex and difficult to describe with mathematical equations.

Because they're gasses, Bose-Einstein condensates are much more amenable to mathematical description. And Cornell's experiments suggest that if physicists can make a Bose-Einstein condensate just a little bit colder than the ones now possible, the substance will become superfluid.

That means physicists soon could have a much simpler venue in which to study superfluidity, Cornell said.

But some of his colleagues do not expect that venue to be a very interesting place.

The primary virtue of a Bose-Einstein condensate — that it's a gas, and thus much more simple to study than a liquid or solid — makes it less likely to offer insights into the deeply complex problem of superfluidity, said John Doyle of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Doyle is more interested in experiments that plumb the bizarre material's properties. In one of those, Ketterle generates two superatoms of Bose-Einstein condensate and then brings them together to see if they'll mix together or interact in some way. By and large, they don't.

"They find each other repulsive," Cornell said.

Physicists can't explain exactly why the two clumps react to each other the way they do, because nobody's ever seen the subatomic rules that Bose-Einstein condensates play by applied to whole substances.

"It's a fascinating experiment," Doyle said. "I don't know what's going on. That's what's fascinating."

PARTY: Donated items to help needy local children, families

(From 1A)

received by her friends and acquaintances, she said. "A lot of people are really excited about this."

Late last week, Miss Godsey and her mother were trying to find the best way to distribute the gifts accumulated at the party — trying to ensure that all items went to local children and families.

While many children who have birthdays close to Christmas sometimes lose out, Miss Godsey has never thought so.

"I love my birthday being close to Christmas. It makes it that much more special," she said.

From the time she was a small child, Miss Godsey was told by her parents that "I was their special Christmas baby," she said.

In addition to her other studies and school-related activities, Miss Godsey studies art under her mother's tutelage.

English, and especially writing, are among her favorite subjects at school, though she admits she must work hard for her grades.

"I want to be an environmentalist some day, so I'm into the sciences," she said.

MISD: Board to meet Tuesday afternoon

(From 1A)

suggestions. The issue is set to begin at 7:15 p.m. and has been given 90 minutes.

Trustees are also set to vote on Midland High School's plan to establish a school-within-a-school concept to reduce the dropout rate.

The meeting will be conducted in MISD's downtown administration building, 615 W. Missouri Ave. The public is invited to attend.

School board members will meet in closed session following the meeting to discuss with MISD attorneys unitary status litigation, to hear a parent complaint and conduct a student grievance hearing.

Police seek kidnapper-killer

EL PASO (AP) — Local and federal authorities were working Sunday to find the man believed to have kidnapped and killed a Louisiana woman.

Rondy Vernon, a 40-year-old former inmate with a long criminal record, was being sought in connection to the death of Edna McCain.

Ms. McCain's body was found Saturday night in the trunk of her 1989 Pontiac Grand Am after the alleged abductor called his relatives and told them he'd killed her, Washington Parish sheriff's spokesman Mike Byrd said.

El Paso officials were tipped to the car by a call from the Louisiana department around 6 p.m. Saturday. El Paso police were investigating the homicide and the FBI was handling the kidnapping.

Ms. McCain, 55, lived in the community of Mount Hermon, 70 miles north of New Orleans. She was last seen about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday, when she left the convenience store where she worked. A gunman robbed the store and apparently kidnapped Ms. McCain and fled in her car, the same one her body was found in.

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Sheik uses religion and tough love as cure for West Bank addicts

NABI MUSA, West Bank (AP) — Milk and honey, old-time religion and tough love: that's Sheik Mohammed Usta's formula for curing drug addiction, a growing problem among Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Usta, a "born-again" Muslim, is cleaning up and preparing to open a treatment center in this 700-year-old Islamic shrine deep in the Judean desert.

"There is a quietness, a tranquility here. It's good for spirituality," says Usta, sitting in a cell-like room under a plaque with the simple message: "Allah," or God in Arabic.

There are no firm statistics on drug addiction among the 2.2 million Palestinians in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem. Some estimate there are about 1,000 addicts in east Jerusalem and another 5,000 in Gaza.

Palestinian police say about 8 percent of Palestinian youths have tried drugs. Mahmoud Zuhairi, the head of the Palestinian police drug squad, said more than 8 percent of Palestinian males aged 16-40 use drugs.

In the maze-like alleys of Jerusalem's Old City, Usta's distinctive black turban and untended gray beard are well known. A calligrapher by trade, he is a popular figure, hailed from shops and cafes as he walks past.

At one point, he is greeted by a group of teen-age boys, one of whom hugs him. A plainclothes Palestinian policeman stops to have coffee with him on a street that was once a hangout for drug dealers.

Usta also has his critics. His group, known as al-Dawa, which refers to the Islamic call to prayer, once led a campaign against drug users in the Muslim quarter of Jerusalem's Old City.

Before Yasser Arafat's self-rule government was established in 1994, about 100 vigilantes would pay late-night visits to the homes of drug dealers, abducting and beating those who refused to cooperate.

Israel's army shut the group down in 1992 following complaints by drug dealers and some former patients that he had kidnapped and assaulted them. Usta was questioned by police and released, but eight of his group were sent to jail for terms of up to two years.

"I do not think that a person who used to beat drug addicts and use unscientific methods of treatment should be allowed to run the place as a center for addicts," said Hassan Tahboub, the minister of religious affairs in Arafat's self-rule government.

But now Usta has a letter signed by Arafat authorizing the treatment center at the shrine, located 12 miles east of Jerusalem. The treatment program is based on a mix of prayer, exercise and diet.

"We give them spiritual treatment as well as milk with honey every day. We boil milk, and we read the Koran over it. God said that the Koran heals people," says Usta.

Shaaban Ajlouni, 37, who runs a small coffee shop, says Usta rescued him from a cocaine addiction after an Israeli-run program failed to help.

"They put me in a secluded room for two weeks. Usta and the others used to read the Koran every day," says Ajlouni. "We had no contacts with anybody from outside, not even our family. They took us on trips, and we rode horses."

After four years, Usta estimates 450 addicts have gone through his program, and nearly one-third have stayed clean. It would be more, he said, but there is no follow-up care.

Usta says he led a life of debauchery before a dream brought him back to religion. He now follows practices dating from the time of the Prophet Mohammed in the 7th century.

He reaches into the shirt pocket of his cream-colored tunic and pulls out a piece of acacia tree root that has one end shredded — a tool used in the 7th century as a toothbrush.

Usta demonstrates polishing his teeth with the stick and displays a glistening smile as proof that the old ways work best.

"Life is vanity," says Usta. "We live only a short time. If we do good things, God will reward us."


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Russian nuclear plant workers end fast; miners still on strike

MOSCOW (AP) — Nuclear power plant workers near St. Petersburg halted their nine-day hunger strike Sunday, but coal miners across Russia refused to return from their walkout until back wages are paid.

Miners' union leaders meet Monday, one week into the massive strike, to decide whether to press ahead with it.

Labor leaders are warning the government that there could be a general strike nationwide if months of back wages — amounting to billions of dollars — are not paid.

At the nuclear plant at Sosnovy Bor, 60 miles from St. Petersburg, hunger strikers called off their fast after the government assured them their wages would be fully paid by Dec. 28, the ITAR-Tass news agency said. A total of 13 people had participated in the fast, but at least three had quit for health reasons.

A major strike at the plant was averted Friday when the government doled out partial payments. ITAR-Tass said workers were paid about $200 each.

Ruben Badalov, a spokesman for the coal miners' union, said about 280,000 workers at more than 120 mines would not return to work until the government meets their demands. Russia's coal industry employs more than half a million people.

"So far, the government has not undertaken adequate measures to meet our demands," Badalov said Sunday. "So, our union decided to continue with the strike."

He said union leaders would meet again Monday to consider their strategy. "We have not yet worked out anything definite, but we are contemplating the idea of resorting to acts of civil disobedience," Badalov said.

The government's failure to pay workers nationwide about $8 billion in back wages could trigger an unprecedented general strike, labor leaders warned.

Mother Teresa's condition worse, bulletin reports

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Mother Teresa appeared tired and her condition deteriorated slightly Sunday, as doctors tried to cure her pneumonia so that they could concentrate on her heart ailment.

"Mother is still not out of danger and physicians remained concerned," said a medical bulletin at the B.M. Birla Heart Research Center. "Today she appeared fatigued."

But the 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun has remained attentive to her charity work, meeting with nuns to give them instructions concerning her Missionaries of Charity order.

A hospital statement Sunday said her bronchial pneumonia was worsening, despite "aggressive respiratory and antibiotic therapy."

Her kidneys, however, were functioning, doctors at the hospital said.

Mother Teresa was hospitalized Nov. 22 after suffering a mild heart attack. She underwent an angioplasty on Nov. 29 to remove blockages in two arteries, but her recovery has been hampered by lung and kidney problems linked to the poor functioning of her heart.

Until Sunday, doctors had said they were pleased with her recovery.

Doctors have postponed planned treatment to correct her irregular heartbeat until her condition stabilizes further. They have said they would discharge Mother Teresa after treating her irregular heart rhythm.

On Saturday, Mother Teresa appeared stable and met with visiting nuns to discuss how to run her Missionaries of Charity.

The Catholic order, founded and headed by the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, charity centers around the world, including 169 in India.

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Police substation will aid shoppers

This Christmas season shoppers at Midland Park Mall, Wal-Mart and Kmart are getting a little help from some of Santa's best-trained "helpers."

We're not talking elves here. These "helpers" wear badges and carry guns!

A new Midland Police Department substation will open next Sunday and will rotate between Midland Park Mall, Wal-Mart and Kmart and alumni of the Citizens Police Academy will begin escorting mall customers to their cars on Tuesday.

Police Sgt. David Garcia said the escorts and substation are a proactive approach to crime, as well as promoting goodwill for the police department.

In addition to escorting customers to their vehicles, police academy alumni also will monitor handicap parking and ticket violators.

It's a well-known fact that the Christmas shopping season is a high crime period and shoppers burdened down with gifts and packages make good and many times, easy, targets for criminals.

The police substation and escorts constitute a good method of giving Christmas shoppers an added sense of security and, at the same time, making Midlanders feel good about their local law enforcement officers who are out where they are — in the malls and on the streets. The simple visibility of the officers could help deter would-be criminals from carrying out some crimes.

The substation and escorts are all in the interest of making the spirit of the season bright — and safe. And we certainly like that!

JACK ANDERSON

Department help well-connected contractor

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Commerce paid more than $141,000 to the Internal Revenue Service earlier this year to help settle the tax lien of a troubled — but politically well-connected — contractor.



Anderson

Commerce officials authorized the payment despite evidence that Los Angeles-based Cordoba Corp. had badly bungled a $3.2 million government contract to provide start-up help for minority companies in California and six other states. At the time of the award, Cordoba owed the government more than $139,000 that the company had claimed in "unallowable or unsupported costs," according to an interim performance audit.

Prior to the tax payment, Commerce spokeswoman Ann Luzatto had told the Los Angeles Times that Cordoba's request for $269,000 in "close-out" costs had been put on hold pending a review of the contract by Commerce Secretary Mickey Kantor. That review is still pending, however, and is due out this week. Even so, the money was paid on Cordoba's behalf.

Senior Commerce Department officials told our associate Kathryn Wallace that the $141,000 amount was paid out at the request of the IRS, which had put a lien on Cordoba's assets. The Commerce officials say that the money was owed to Cordoba for work that the company did after its contract with the government had expired on June 30, 1995.

"The government, overall, if you take the IRS and the Commerce Department — both had claims against Cordoba," a senior Commerce official told us. "At the same time, a determination was made that Cordoba was owed some money for the close-out period."

This story is a complicated one, but worth telling because it helps illustrate the intricate nexus between money and political influence at the U.S. Department of Commerce and its underling agency, the Minority Business Development Agency.

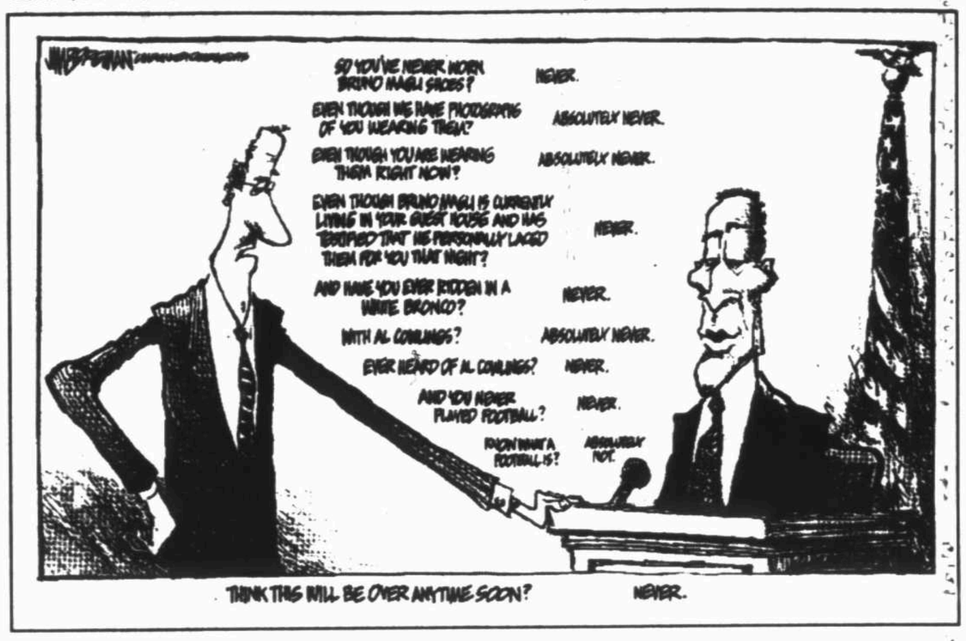
Cordoba was not the first company selected for a major contract in 1994, when the MBDA was looking for a company to run its new Mega Center. The Mega Center was supposed to be a state-of-the-art facility to help minority companies in every phase of development — from locating start-up financing to identifying export opportunities.

Some Commerce officials wanted to give the contract to the accounting firm of Grant Thornton. But the contract went to Cordoba after several well-connected officials intervened on the company's behalf. Among the officials who had close ties to Cordoba was Art Torres, chairman of the California Democratic Party, who held a $150,000 per year job with the company.

Cordoba President George L. Pla says that Torres played no part in winning the contract, however. "There was no relation between (Pla's) job for us and ... the Commerce Department. The only reason his name comes up is because he's a prominent figure," Pla said. Torres did not return our calls seeking comment.

Cordoba also enjoyed support from other prominent Democrats, including Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., and Rep. Matthew Martinez, D-Calif., who had written letters to MBDA on Cordoba's behalf.

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CHARLEY REESE

Pork barrel spending alive and well in new bill

One, though not the only, cause of the War Between the States was pork barrel spending. The Northern industrial states wanted to do it. The Southern agrarian states opposed it.



Reese

Southerners of that day had the odd notion that a federal government created to serve all the states should not tax people in some states to provide benefits for people in other states.

Too bad that principle is gone with the wind. Southerners had no sooner left the House and Senate when the greatest land theft in history was enacted, and more than 155 million acres of public land was handed to a gaggle of railroad tycoons.

Abe Lincoln, by the way, who signed the giveaway, had been a lawyer for the railroads. For details, read "Hear That Lonesome Whistle Blow" by Dee Brown (Touchstone Books).

But to fast forward to our own times and troubles, pork barrel spending continues unabated even by the Republican majority in Congress – political heirs, by the way, of the 19th-century Republicans, who invented public corruption as we know it.

Waste Watch, the little tabloid of Citizens Against Government Waste (1301 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036, in case you're interested), has a long list of the pork packed onto the final appropriations bill in October.

You will be happy to know that you are being taxed to:

provide $1.9 million to supervise the Teamsters election;

provide $4.5 million to help Salt Lake City get ready for the 2002 Olympics;

provide $3 million for a New Orleans Jazz Historical Park (yep, 20th-century Southerners are as bad as Yankees when it comes to pork barrel, and sometimes even more skillful);

provide $800,000 for the Suffolk County, N.Y., police athletic league;

provide $1 million for the Center for Irish Management. Don't ask me what this is. I thought the Irish were unmanageable;

provide $25 million for foreign aid for everyone's favorite foreign country -- North Korea. This is a bribe for something or other, I presume;

provide $500,000 for "Jobs in the Woods" in Oregon, presumably to help replace the jobs in the woods the federal government wiped out to make sure spotted owls were comfy-cozy in their trees;

provide $452,000 for the Applewhite Picnic Area in California. If we can ever find it, we ought to pack a lunch and go see it;

provide $8.6 million to the National Park Service's anti-terrorist operations. I bet you never knew that grizzly bears were in danger of being taken hostage by foreign terrorists. I didn't either.

And so on.

You see, while people and events pass away with time, the principles involved in their disputes do not. They linger on. This problem of the pork barrel is not a Republican or Democrat question, it is a philosophical question about the nature of government, and what it ought to do and what it ought not to do.

Pork barrel spending ought to be seen as demeaning because a politician, after all, is playing Mr. Nice Guy with somebody else's money. The people who get the money are happy; the people who have to pay it are not.

I do not see how any rational person can quarrel with the notion that people ought not to be taxed for something from which they derive no benefit. Whatever the federal government spends ought to be, a Southerners of another era argued, of equal and real benefit to all the people. Local projects should be left to the states and cities. Private projects should be left to the private sector.

Defending those principles is a necessary step in getting the country back on a sound and fair basis. Besides, there's no better way to curb folks' appetite for spending than to require that they pay for what they want out of their own pockets.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Team owners' OK sets baseball future

Baseball, one of the great inventions of the 19th century, apparently will make it into the 21st without further interruption, thanks to the team owners' unexpected approval of a new labor agreement with the players. ...

This same agreement ... was rejected just a few weeks ago by (the) ... owners in an 18-12 vote that repudiated the long, hard work of their hired negotiator. ...

The agreement imposes a kind of temporary "tax" on teams that sign players to big, expensive contracts, but it sets no rigid salary cap overall for the players. It's questionable whether it will solve the problems of the "small-market" cities, which fear they can't keep up with salary demands, but it does pretty much ensure there will be no strike through the year 2000 season at the least. ...

The agreement also provides for two more expansion teams, one of which is likely to come to the Washington area. Don't start oiling up your glove just yet, however: Neither team is expected to play ball until 2002.

— The Washington Post

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Dec. 9, the 344th day of 1996. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1854, Alfred Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1884, Levant M. Richardson of Chicago received a patent for the ball-bearing roller skate.

In 1907, Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, at the Wilmington, Del., post office; the proceeds went to fight tuberculosis.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1942, the Aram Khachaturian ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, Robert H.W. Welch Jr. and 11 other men met in Indianapolis to form the anti-Communist John Birch Society.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1975, President Gerald Ford signed a $2.3 billion seasonal loan-authorization to prevent New York City from going into default.

In 1992, Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana announced their separation. (The couple's divorce became final Aug. 28, 1996.)

Ten years ago: In public testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, former national security adviser Robert C. McFarlane said President Ronald Reagan had approved an "indirect" shipment of arms to Iran in August 1985.

Five years ago: Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev challenged Boris Yeltsin's declaration that the Soviet Union was dead, branding a new Slavic commonwealth "illegal and dangerous." European Community leaders meeting in the Dutch city of Maastricht tentatively agreed to begin using a single currency by 1999.

One year ago: Congressman Kweisi Mfume, D-Md., was chosen to become the new head of the NAACP.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Douglas Fairbanks Jr. is 87. Actor Kirk Douglas is 80. Actress Dina Merrill is 71. Actor Dick Van Patten is 68. Actor-writer Buck Henry is 66. Talk show host Morton Downey Jr. is 63. Blues musician Junior Wells is 62. Actor Beau Bridges is 55. Football Hall-of-Famer Dick Butkus is 54. Rock singer-musician Rick Danko (The Band) is 53. Actor Michael Nouri is 51. Senate Minority Leader Thomas Daschle, D-S.D., is 49. Singer Joan Armatrading is 46. Actor John Malkovich is 43. Country singer Sylvia is 40. Singer Donny Osmond is 39. Rock musician Nick Seymour (Crowded House) is 38. Actor Joe Lando is 35. Rock musician Tre Cool (Green Day) is 24.

Thought for Today: "One half of the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other." — Jane Austen, English author (1775-1817).

MIKE ROYKO

Why do the holidays make some miserable?

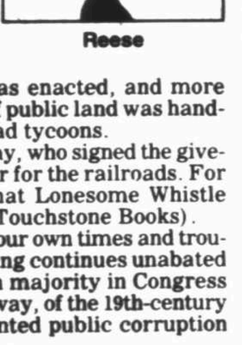
"Why do so many people use the holidays to make themselves miserable?" asked Slats Grobnik.

Are you miserable?

"I don't mean me. I know how to handle it. But I can't believe the way so many people like to suffer."

Such as?

"Well, for a week all I got for news was about what a terrible time people had traveling. I think every TV crew in the country was at an airport asking people how they felt, and they all said they felt like refugees."



Royko

Yes, it is the busiest travel time of the year as millions of people go somewhere to be with relatives.

"Why? How come?"

Why what?

"Why do they want to go there?"

Go where?

"Where their relatives are. Why do they wanna go there?"

Obviously to see them. To be with them on Thanksgiving.

"What for?"

I don't understand your question. On holidays, especially Thanksgiving and Christmas, people want to be with their loved ones.

"That's what I don't understand. If your relatives live halfway across the country, you got a good thing going. Why mess up a good holiday weekend by going to see them? I mean, what is the big deal about seeing a bunch of relatives shoving pieces of turkey and dressing into their mouths?"

There is more to it than eating turkey.

"Yeah. There's listening to this one gripe about his goofy kids doing drugs and that one moan about her bum hip and the one at that end of the table grouse about his job. And old Uncle Charley can't stand it, so he's putting away the hootch until he's in worse shape than the turkey. And Aunt Erma is hissing at him to lay off, so he has a couple more pops just so he can't hear her."

Yes, there are some dysfunctional families.

"Some? Listen, in one way or another, every family is dysfunctional. There's no such thing as normal families, except on TV. That's because the single biggest cause of people going nutsy is other people. And the worst are relatives. So anybody who has got relatives living somewhere else ought to count his blessings instead of squeezing into an airplane. If those relatives are really 'loved ones,' then they ought to love you enough to let you off the hook and be satisfied with a happy holidays phone call. Listen, if the good Lord wanted 12 million people traveling for Thanksgiving, he wouldn't have broken up the phone companies and given us long-distance credit cards."

I hadn't thought of it that way.

"Yeah. And those reporters that go to the airports ought to stop treating all those people with such sympathy like they are victims and say that they are stupid and deserve all the discomfort they get."

That's a bit harsh.

"Why? It's like everybody who went shopping last Friday. I turn on the news and they're interviewing some woman who was moaning about how her feet hurt and how long she had to stand in line and somebody gave her an elbow in the ribs."

Yes, it was a real mob scene in the malls.

"So I'm listening to her and I'm saying 'Good, you boob, you got what you deserved. I hope you get corns and calluses and your purse gets snatched if you are dumb enough to go out there when you know in advance what it's going to be like.' I wished I was there so I could stomp on her toes and stand behind her at a checkout counter and say: 'Hey, slowpoke, you had all day to get your credit card out of your purse. What'ya wait until you get here for?'"

But shopping on the day after Thanksgiving has become an American tradition. It is also a barometer of the state of the economy. If it is a big-spending Friday, it means that the economy is alive and healthy and the American consumer is optimistic.

"Boy, is that stupid. What's the difference if I spend $100 last Friday or the same $100 tomorrow morning, when I won't have to wait in line to waste my money?"

Because some people like the excitement of being part of the festive crowd, ushering in the most joyous time of the year. And it is not a waste, especially if you are buying gifts for others. Don't you get pleasure out of picking out something that you know will make someone else happy?

"No. I get pleasure out of putting my money in coffee cans and burying them in the back yard. Except I don't do that any more because the coffee cans don't pay interest. My idea of pleasure would be to give my money to a loan shark and have him put it on the street at 10 percent interest a week and hit a deadbeat in the shins with a baseball bat if he's late."

You could have given Scrooge insensitivity lessons.

"Don't rap Scrooge. He was an all right guy. You didn't see him going on TV and grousing that the airport terminal or the malls were too crowded."

Yes, but he finally woke up and saw the light. And maybe you will too.

"What, you expect me to go out and buy a Christmas goose for some mooching relative like Scrooge did?"

Why not?

"Hey, it might not be a bad idea. A goose is full of cholesterol. That would be one way to get rid of them."

That's the spirit.

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Casino brings money for Ontario, headaches for N.Y.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario (AP) — Its front door just 100 yards from the U.S. border, Casino Niagara opens Monday amid expectations it will rake in more money than any Las Vegas gaming hall.

Predictions of 9,000 new jobs and more visitors to a city already flush with tourism have Canadian officials crowing about the four-story, $118 million casino, created out of a flagging shopping mall.

On the American side of the falls, however, politicians, academics, clergy and business leaders are wary of their new neighbor. Although some anticipate beneficial spinoffs, many are bracing for another blow to a local economy where growth must be detected with a magnifying glass.

"I see these casinos as giant, money-sucking machines," said the Rev. Patrick Warren, a Presbyterian minister and chairman of a grass-roots group called Citizens Concerned About Casinos in Niagara Falls, N.Y. "Every dollar put in a slot machine is a dollar not spent at a restaurant or a bowling alley."

There's little doubt the casino's biggest winner will be its owner, the Ontario provincial government.

Through its Ontario Casino Corp., the government will collect a 20 percent tax on up-front earnings, then take all profits beyond expenses and the cut given to the Navegante Group, the Las Vegas-based operating company. Navegante's share will include a percentage of the games and depend on the number of visitors and total casino revenue. Dominic Alfieri, president of Ontario Casino Corp., estimates it will total $4.4 million to $7.4 million the first year.

At least one official is so confident of Casino Niagara's success he's made a private wager.

Navegante president Larry Woolf has told Alfieri that if Casino Niagara fails to equal the gross revenue produced by any single Las Vegas casino, he'll give Alfieri his expensive wristwatch.

"I don't expect to be winning that watch," Alfieri said.

Experts say Alfieri may be right. If Casino Niagara makes as much as predicted, about $480 million a year, it will be on the same scale as Las Vegas resorts such as the MGM Grand Hotel and the Mirage.

Wayne Thomson, mayor of Canada's Niagara Falls, says the casino is triggering major economic growth.

Casino and construction jobs are plentiful, hotels are expanding and companies are lining up to create new tourist attractions, he said. With tourism becoming a year-round industry, the number of visitors may increase from 12 million to as many as 20 million, he predicted.

"I can't think of anything else that would have stimulated this kind of interest, this kind of development, the kind of optimistic spirit that exists in the city today," Thomson said.

Some leaders in western New York share Thomson's upbeat outlook. Jo Fisher, president of the Niagara Falls, N.Y., Visitors and Convention Bureau, said the casino would prove a major attraction on both sides of the border. Convention bookings are up to 57 from 41 at this time last year, she noted.

Twenty miles to the south, however, Buffalo Mayor Anthony Masiello is more skeptical. He cites Casino Windsor, which Ontario opened just across from Detroit in 1994. Eighty percent of that casino's patrons come from the United States.

"A lot of the money came over the bridge from Detroit to the casino in Windsor, and a lot of the problems went back over the bridge to Detroit," Masiello asserted.

Academics who have studied other casinos say Masiello's fears are well-founded.

Ontario officials expect two-thirds of Casino Niagara's customers to come from the United States, many drawn from the 2 million people in western New York, 1 million within an hour's drive. Most of the Canadian clientele will come from the corridor between Toronto and Niagara Falls.

Among North American casinos, only Nevada's pull in a significant number of gamblers from outside the region, said Robert Goodman, an industry expert who wrote an analysis of state-sponsored gambling called "The Luck Business."

All other casinos offer what is known as "convenience gambling," a chance to bet within a day's drive of home, said Goodman, an urban planning professor at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass.

Such gambling hurts local entertainment outlets such as theaters and sports arenas. It's also more likely to contribute to compulsive gambling, a social ill that costs taxpayers $14,400 per addict, he said.

William Thompson, a professor of public administration at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, predicted pressure will increase on New York's Legislature to legalize casinos next year.

"That strategy is called fighting fire with fire," Goodman said. "The problem is, you just get a bigger fire — more gambling and more addicts."

The contrasting Canadian optimism and American fears are neatly summed up on a new T-shirt offered at a duty free shop across the street from Casino Niagara.

The shirt reads, "Life is simple. Eat. Sleep. Gamble." It is decorated with dice, cards and dollar bills. The bills are American.

Two feet of snow blacks out half a million in New England

By Roger Petterson
Associated Press Writer

More than half a million customers had no electricity Sunday in New England after a fast-moving storm piled nearly 2 feet of snow on the region.

"I'll tell you right now, I'm not very pleased," said Mary Tyler of West Dummerston, Vt., who had to make her Sunday morning coffee on a wood-burning stove.

Not everyone had the luxury of a stove.

"It's getting cold in this house," Kim O'Grady of Thompson, Conn., said Sunday afternoon as she bundled up with several shirts, two pairs of sweat pants and big, fuzzy slippers.

"We can't flush the toilets, the refrigerator door remains closed ... I'm dying for a cup of coffee," said O'Grady, who was told her local utility did not expect to restore power to her house until Monday evening.

The storm sped northward along the East Coast on Saturday, pouring rain from the Carolinas north to New York City and spreading snow during the night across most of New England.

It was blamed for one death, that of a Connecticut fireman who touched a downed power line while fighting a blaze.

About 22 inches of snow fell on parts of Vermont late Saturday into Sunday morning, the National Weather Service said. Around 16 inches fell in parts of Connecticut and Maine, with about a foot in New York's Catskills.

In Massachusetts, 16 inches fell at Worcester, on top of 7 dropped by another storm on Friday. Just 40 miles to the east, Boston got 1.4 inches of rain.

More than an inch of rain fell on parts of New Jersey and the weather service said the Passaic, Millstone and Raritan rivers were expected to crest at or slightly above flood levels.

The heavy, wet snow combined with ice and wind to bring down tree limbs and power lines.

Outages affected about 235,000 customers in Connecticut, more than 100,000 in Massachusetts, 100,000 in New Hampshire, 62,000 in Maine and 25,000 in Vermont. Smaller black outs were reported in upstate New York.

Canada's giant Hydro-Quebec sent about 50 crews to help Public Service Co. of New Hampshire repair broken electrical lines, said Public Service spokeswoman Mary Jo Boisvert. Connecticut utilities got crews from Canada and as far away as Maryland.

Towns across northern Connecticut decided to open 32 shelters for people without electricity, said Frank Grandone of the state Office of Emergency Management.

At Somers, Conn., firefighter Craig Arnone, 23, was killed Sunday when he backed into a power line brought down by the storm.

Bigger, faster — Boeing rolls out new 737 jetliner

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Boeing Corp. on Sunday rolled out what it hopes will become the standard jetliner in the early 21st century — a new 737 that can fly farther, faster, higher and cheaper than current models.

The first 737-700 is the 2,843rd model of the 737 to come off the production line. It will make its first flight in February, with the first plane to be delivered to Southwest Airlines next October.

The planes, which can carry 128 to 149 passengers, can fly up to 3,454 miles, about 1,000 miles farther than present-day 737s. Boeing said the longer range will allow nonstop transcontinental flights in the United States.

The jets will cruise at 530 mph, about 30 mph faster than current 737s, and fly at 41,000 feet, some 5,000 feet higher.

The 737 was thought to have a limited market when it was introduced in the late 1960s, with supersonic planes and big jets expected to be the future. But the plane's low operating costs helped it become a mainstay of short- to medium-length routes for vacationers and business travelers.

The new planes sell for $32 million to $54 million. The first 737-800, a 162- to 189-passenger plane, will be delivered in March 1998.

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Fund-raising deadline looms for state lobbyists

AUSTIN (AP) — In a biennial holiday tradition at the Texas Capitol, lobbyists are rushing to throw fund-raising receptions for lawmakers. They have until mid-December — 30 days before the session starts — to do their giving: legislators are barred from accepting campaign contributions from then until the session ends.

The government watchdog group Public Citizen wants to extend the ban back to the day after the election.

"This is a time where legislators are being approached by lobbyists to carry their bill and oppose others and a time they no longer have a need for money to win a race," the group's director, Tom Smith, told the Austin American-Statesman.

Texas Ethics Commission reports show about one-third of the $1.46 million contributed to returning committee chairmen during the last six months of 1994 — or $550,420 — was donated during the five weeks after the election.

'This is basically a time for the Legislature to shake down the lobby.'
— Tom Smith, director of the Public Citizen watchdog group

Most of those contributions came from political action committees, law firms or lobbyists, according to the reports.

"This basically is a time for the Legislature to shake down the lobby," Smith said.

But it works the other way, too, said Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, soon to begin his third term. He said lobbyists approached him to sponsor a recent reception in the members-only Austin Club.

One lobbyist who believes campaign contributions are necessary to ensure access to legislators calls the period between the election and the beginning of the session "the time when we pay the price of admission."

Rep. Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, a 20-year veteran of the House, said he does not have to make phone calls asking the lobby for money because the lobby phones him to offer money.

"There's going to be a certain amount of money that's going to come in because you are a committee chairman or a veteran legislator," said Berlanga, chairman of the House Public Health Committee chairman.

Both Berlanga, who had a Democratic primary opponent this year, and Pitts, who ran unopposed, say they accept campaign contributions after an election to amass money for future campaigns.

Sometimes, post-election contributions are given to erase debts from previous campaigns.

"I don't think giving money to any legislator buys you anything," said Ralph Wayne, president of the Texas Civil Justice League, which organized the Pitts fund-raiser.

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MONDAY MORNING

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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Dave's Top 10

From "The Late Show With David Letterman"

Signs you've eaten too much

10. You ate the turkey, the pop-up thermometer and the plastic net
9. Last thing you remember is positioning your open mouth behind a dump truck full of yams
8. All your silverware is worn down to tiny stumps
7. While picking your teeth, you dislodge an angry construction worker
6. Strangers keep addressing you as "Mr. President"
5. This morning, the display on your bathroom scale read "Good Lord!"
4. You now have a backside the size of Plymouth Rock
3. People keep looking at you and saying, "I thought the Macy's Parade was over"
2. Your relatives can't go home because they're stuck in your gravitational field
1. You're sweatin' gravy, my friend!

Hold, please

Lynn Barrett in Simi Valley, Calif., reports the following is making the rounds at medical staff offices in Southern California:

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If you are paranoid, we know who you are and what you want. Just stay on the line so we can trace the call.

Noodle by any other name

Back when I was in college, I was so poor that I had to eat noodles and beans. However, now that I have a steady job, I can dine on pasta and legumes.

— From Randy Pitcher, Phoenix, Ariz.

Happy Holidays

What does an English teacher call Santa's elves?

Subordinate Clauses.

Thievery permitted

Mark Grebner has taken the guilt out of pilferage. Mr. Grebner runs a small political consulting concern in East Lansing, Mich., employing a dozen or so workers, mainly of college age. A few years ago, he formulated company policy: "If you take more than $3 (wholesale value) per week, you must mention it to someone above you in the hierarchy."

Mr. Grebner writes: "Although I'm sure our policy is indefensible and hard to reconcile with our continued avoidance of bankruptcy, I can relate a few points about how it has worked out in practice.

"First, office supplies are amazingly cheap at wholesale. In a given week an employee might covet a nice metal-point roller pen (40 cents wholesale), a large tear-proof envelope (10 cents), a legal pad (40 cents), a pair of shears ($1) or a 1.44-meg floppy (30 cents). The impact on our bottom line is absurdly insignificant.

"I would guess the average employee takes home about $25 a year, probably not much different than it would be if we had a less ridiculous policy. The main difference is that the employee feels grateful rather than guilty, and if there is ever any need to ask them, everyone feels free to say exactly what has gone where."

He says the policy is good for morale. "For so little cost," he says, "so much good feeling!"

—The New York Times

Christmas Wishes

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— Laurie Boldrick
Development Director
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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Just one day in time

READERS WRITE

Editor's Note: With today's first installment of "Readers Write," The Reporter-Telegram's Monday Morning section launches an occasional feature highlighting the writing of some of our readers.

By D. Nelson Ellis

As I write this I am sitting, looking out the window, watching the snow as it falls gently and silently to the ground. It brings an indescribable peacefulness.

The leaves that were varied shades of green, yellow and brown are now covered with a soft, velvety blanket of white. Yesterday, I watched as butterflies darted in and out of flowers that were vibrant shades of gold, yellow, pink, white, copper, orange, red violet and purple. Today, as a new day dawns, I am in awe of the majestic beauty of the sameness — the unity of it all.

I am thankful for today. I am thankful for its serene, bold announcement of change.

Just one day in time. That's what today is. It has come with its peacefulness, its beauty, its majesty, its serenity, its nowness. I am thankful I can experience its uniqueness.

As I recall the past 24 hours,

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Safe rides on the road to recovery

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Many times a chronically ill patient, someone suffering from cancer or diabetes or requiring dialysis treatment, must deal not only with the disease but with finding ways to get to their treatments.

Several community groups have stepped in to help solve this problem.

"Road to Recovery" by the American Cancer Society was begun in the spring of 1985 and is currently coordinated by ACS volunteer Helen McKim.

"I have a list of 12 drivers," said McKim, who has been involved with the Cancer Society for the last 35 years. "Some are able to drive almost any time, others are scheduled for certain days at certain times."

When the program began, she said, volunteers took cancer patients for their radiation treatment, which involves treatments five days a week for five or six weeks.

"That can be very taxing on families," McKim said. "Sometimes family members can get off work only once a month to take the patient. That's when we step in and take over."

Two years ago the program expanded to include chemotherapy patients, which involves a different schedule. Some patients, she said, go for treatment three or four days in a row then quit for a week or two.

The program is not strictly for those who do not have any transportation or can't afford transportation. It also serves to help the families of the cancer patients, McKim said.

Use of the service - which is arranged through the Cancer Society's Midland office - is not based on financial need, McKim said.

"However, we find that those people who do not have financial needs have friends or fellow church members willing to help them out. We have patients who are elderly and whose friends can't drive them to treatments. It's amazing how the last 11 years we've begun driving more elderly patients. They're living longer and the incidence of cancer is more likely."

The drivers not only serve to drive the patient to and from treatment, McKim said. "We're trained in what to say and what not to say. We can cheer the patient on. It can be very depressing in the beginning. Some patients say 'I don't know how I can do this for six weeks' and we tell them the six weeks will be gone before they know it."

She called the program very rewarding and said the only time a driver leaves the program is to leave town or take a full-time job.

McKim began her involvement with the society when she was asked to organize the organization's

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Rose Marie Ward, seated, is a cancer patient who took advantage of the "Road to Recovery" program coordinated by Helen McKim for the American Cancer Society.



AP Laserphoto

Repair *this* divot

Dave Nabors uses his cellular phone to call his insurance agent from a sandtrap next to the first green at Valley Hills Country Club in Huntsville, Ala., Tuesday. Nabors and his grandson ended upside down but uninjured in the trap after their car's accelerator stuck after being hit by another car. When asked if he was a golfer, Nabors said he was — though not at this club — adding, "maybe I should be."

Before you shop til you drop, be sure and check Dave's Holiday Gift Guide

By Dave Barry

Yes, the holiday season is upon us once again. But before you get out your credit card and become part of the desperate grasping holiday mob at the shopping mall, we'd like you to consider a modest proposal: This year, why not celebrate the holidays without gifts?

Think about it! The holidays are not supposed to be about material possessions; the holidays are supposed to be about beliefs, about traditions about people. And the one thing we know for sure about people is, they want material possessions. So our modest proposal was pretty stupid, now that we think about it. You'd better get out that credit card after all.

But before you do, you should take a gander at the amazing array of gift items described over the following pages in our annual Holiday Gift Guide. We have literally scoured the planet in search of unique gift items that are sure to cause the lucky recipients to experience uncontrollable facial tics of delight. The Gift Guide is now in its seventh consecutive year, and during that time it has achieved a loyal international following of leading consumers such as Martha Stewart, Warren Christopher and Queen Elizabeth II of England, none of whom would even think of purchasing a Power Pez Dispenser or artificial dog testicles without first consulting this guide.

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JIMMY PATTERSON

Deck the halls and all that merry jazz

While most aspects of the holiday season are certainly joyous, there are some things that most of us sensible people, and that would include me, could probably do without. I don't mean to complain during this time of happiness, but, there are some things I'd just as soon not have to deal with again this year. Like ...



Patterson

Stringing Christmas tree lights. By their very design, Christmas tree lights are prone to tick people off. Even the most patient of people. And that wouldn't necessarily include me. Christmas tree lights were manufactured to be a long, tangled mess. There are, in fact, only two times in the life span of Christmas tree lights that they are not tangled: When they are in the box on the store shelf, and during that brief time when they are laid stretched out on the floor to see if they all work. It, of course, takes hours to untangle the strand of lights, lay them on the floor and witness that half of them do not work, just so you can hang them on the tree and watch them become tangled once again. Somehow, as soon as lights make their way on to the tree, they mysteriously re-tangle themselves. Worse than my kids' hair after a shower. Don't believe me? Think there's no way lights get tangled just because you think you laid them on the branch all nice and neat? Talk to me again the week after Christmas. We'll see who has untangled lights then.

Ornaments that feel the need to bunch together like a bunch of cold sheep. You can blame this one on the children. Children love to hang lights but for some reason they all feel the need to hang them all on the same branch. Oh, and never, ever let a 2-year-old hang lights. It's a cute thought, having someone that young and obviously adorable hang ornaments. But kids that young aren't old enough to understand that you stop with ornaments. When parents leave the room, 2-year-olds usually proceed to hang things like empty pudding cups, half-eaten candy canes and stale bread crust on branches.

Those lethal ornament hooks. Balls of feet beware. Ornament hooks have a built-in cloaking device and therefore become invisible, hiding in your carpet until your unsuspecting naked foot happens by.

Those lethal pine needles. Toes beware.

Those lethal Michael Bolton Christmas songs. Ears beware. To each his own, but, is there some trick to distinguishing a regular Michael Bolton song from a Michael Bolton Christmas song? "Silent Night" sounds just a whole bunch like "Georgia."

Toys that emit bodily fluids. Stuffed dalmatians named "Whizzer" that pee and come complete with newspaper to lay down; babies that throw up and have snotty noses, and a new game that my kid tells me is about nose picking. I don't think so, Tim. Not in my house.

Gift-buying rules. Why does gift-buying for wives have to be so complicated? Lingerie's OK, but for Christmas, it shouldn't be sheer (see, that would be more like buying a gift for yourself, if you know what I mean). Also, never buy anything that will be stored on a kitchen counter, plugged in to a wall or pushed around on carpet or tile.

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DAVE BARRY

The importance of having a really nice hairstyle

Today's Topic is: Your Hairstyle

Is your hairstyle important? To answer that question, let's consider the starkly different career paths of two individuals: Albert Einstein and Tori Spelling.



Barry

Tori Spelling is a top celebrity and highly successful television star, despite having the natural acting prowess of a Salad Shooter. Why? Because she always has a neat, modern hairstyle. Also her father produces every show on television except the test pattern. But her hair is surely a factor.

In contrast, Albert Einstein — despite being a brilliant genius who not only discovered the Theory of Relativity ("E equals H2O") but also prepared his own tax returns — never so much as appeared on "Hollywood Squares." He auditioned repeatedly but the talent coordinators always turned him down.

"What was that on his head?" they'd ask each other, after he left the studio. "A yak?"

So we see that hairstyle is very important. This is true even in the animal kingdom. Baboons, for example, spend countless hours grooming each other, applying conditioners, combing fur over the bald spots on their butts, and using all the other little styling tricks that make them the confident, successful and cosmopolitan creatures that they are, equally at home on a rotting zebra carcass as on a rotting giraffe carcass.

It is no different with humans. If you have a lunch meeting with an important potential business client, you are definitely going to make a strong impression if you reach over and pick a live insect out of his or her hair. But it also helps if you have a nice hairstyle. Unfortunately, a lot of people — and here I am thinking of women — hate their own hair. In my experience, when a woman looks at herself in a mirror, even if her hairstyle is really nice, she sees Chewbacca.

Men, on the other hand, tend to feel positive about their hair. Even if a man has a grand total of only four hairs left, he will grow them to the length of extension cords and carefully arrange them so they are running exactly parallel, two inches apart, across his otherwise stark naked skull, and he will look at himself and think, "Whoa, these four hairs are looking GOOD."

But whether you're a woman or a man, you should know the basics of hairstyle management, as presented here in the popular Q and A format:

Q. How can I have really nice hair?

A. If you look at the models in commercials for hair-care products, you'll notice that their hair is thick, glossy, lustrous and manageable. What's their secret? It's simple: They were born with nice hair. That's why they are professional hair models, whereas you and the late Albert Einstein are not.

Q. Should balding white men shave their heads, the way many African-American men, such as Michael Jordan, do?

A. No. It's not fair, but the simple truth is that balding African-American men look cool when they shave their heads, whereas balding white men look like giant thumbs.

Q. Why is it that some older women, when their hair starts to turn gray, instead of dyeing it back to whatever natural-looking shade it originally was, decide to dye it roofing-tar black or traffic-cone orange, which are colors normally associated with Halloween?

A. Apparently it is some kind of sorority initiation.

Q. What is the best way to style my hair?

A. You are asking the wrong person. I've been trying for over 40 years, with absolutely no success, to get my hair to form a simple part. All I want is a basic straight line, such as can be found on Al Gore, the vice president, and Ken, the doll. So every morning, right after my shower, I attempt to style my hair with a brush and a hair dryer. I cannot begin to tell you how hilarious my hair thinks this is. You've heard of "free-range" chicken, right? Well, I have "free-range" hair. It laughs gaily and dances in the blow-dryer breeze, humming "Born Free." When I'm done, it looks exactly the same as when I started. It is no closer to forming a part than Dom DeLuise is to winning the Olympic pole vault.

Q. When you were in New York on a book tour several years ago, did you briefly find yourself in the same television-studio makeup room as Barbara Walters?

A. Yes.

Q. What is her styling secret?

A. Enough hair spray to immobilize a buffalo.

Q. Speaking of famous celebrities, did Madonna discuss any hair-related issues in her diary as published in the November issue of Vanity Fair?

A. Yes. On page 224, Madonna had this to say about acting in the movies: "People sit around all day scrutinizing you, turning you from left to right, whispering behind the camera, cutting your nose hairs ..."

Q. Madonna has NOSE HAIRS?

A. You wouldn't believe. Sometimes she requires a machete.

Q. What about Princess Diana?

A. She is known, around the beauty salon, as "Weasel Nostrils."

Q. That would be a good name for a rock band.

A. Yes.

Q. In conclusion, what is the one word that describes the key to a successful hairstyle?

A. "Hat."

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- Non-profit organizations should be prepared to provide a brief description of your organization and a copy of its 501 (c) (3) status.
- "Yours for the Asking" items are printed with the intent they be given away — not sold — and are published at the newspaper's discretion.
- If you'll be calling someone with something to give away, make sure you wait until after 7 a.m. to call the owner.
- Look around your home for something someone else could use. Almost everyone has something no longer needed that someone else may benefit from.

GUIDE: Doze alarms for pilots, surgeons

(From 1B)

The Miami Herald's money. The only exception is the dog-mounted video surveillance system, which we elected not to purchase because it costs more than $11,000, and if we tried to put THAT on our expense report, the personnel in the Accounting Department would laugh so hard that they would short-circuit their calculators with their drool.

The only other exception is the Hootie Rake, which is no longer available for sale, but which we are including anyway because we like the name "Hootie Rake."

But aside from those exceptions, we ordered every single one of these items and subjected it to our rigorous:

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$5.95 plus shipping and handling from Archie McPhee & Co., P.O. Box 30852, Seattle, Wash. 98103-0852, phone (206) 745-0711. (e-mail: mcphee(at)mcphee.com) (World Wide Web: http://www.halcyon.com/mcphee/)

There can be no argument about the fact that, when we list the greatest inventions of the human race, the top two are:

1. The wheel.
2. Pez.

And not necessarily in that order, either. Yes, the wheel is a useful tool for transportation, but you can't carry it around in a dispenser and eat it when you need a snack. Whereas you can do this with Pez, the amazing foodlike substance that can be used as either candy or an ingredient for concrete.

The only problem is the effort involved in getting the Pez out of the standard dispenser. You constantly hear people say: "I would enjoy Pez more often, but I cannot be bothered with the chore of manually flipping open the dispenser top." If you have such a person on your holiday gift list, then you need the Power Pez Dispenser. This is a battery-operated device that automatically rotates the Pez into position and ejects it in a semi-startling way (you have to be ready). This automated action saves the user's precious time for more important activities, such as scratching. (The only flaw is that, to achieve this time-saving convenience, you have to manually insert the Pez, one at a time, into the dispenser, which takes quite a while. But we will not quibble about that.)

The Power Pez Dispenser makes a great gift for the business or political leader who needs to make a strong impression. More than one top sales professional has "closed" a "big deal" by whipping out the Power Pez Dispenser and ejecting, or threatening to eject, a unit of Pez at the client. This item can also be used for personal protection from street muggers ("Uh-oh! She's got a Power Pez Dispenser!" "Let's scram!").

So this year, give the gift that says, "batteries included." And remember that, in any language, "Pez" means "love."

Toilet Paper Hat

$19.95 plus shipping and handling from Brainstorms, 8221 Kimball, Skokie, Ill. 60076-2956, phone (800) 231-6000.

If you're like most people, you've spent much of your life in a fruitless search for a hat that both looks good AND can hold an entire roll of toilet paper.

Well, your search is over, because somebody — and we frankly do not want to know why — has combined a baseball cap and a toilet-paper holder into a uniquely functional headwear concept, one that makes the unmistakable fashion statement: "I have a roll of toilet paper on my head." A person wearing this hat can stride with confidence into any public restroom or guest bathroom, knowing that he or she is not going to get "caught short."

This is the hat that leading New York socialites wear to swank restaurants, cocktail parties and the opera. This hat is also worn by all participants in closed-door sessions of the U.S. Supreme Court. And it goes without saying that Ross Perot personally owns several dozen. By giving this hat to a special someone on your list, you are saying, "Here."

Cow Manure Clock

$40 plus shipping and handling from Donna Minor, 1720 13th Ave. SE, Medicine Hat, Alb. T1A 3P1, Canada, phone (403) 527-4879.

Sometimes, here at the Holiday Gift Guide Quality Testing Center, we get an item so unique that we can barely stay in the same room with it. That is definitely the case with this item, which is — and we swear we are not making this up — a clock made from cow droppings. And these are not just any cow droppings; these are Canadian cow droppings.

The cow-pie clock is the invention of a Canadian veterinarian; Tom Steele. His sister, Donna Minor, makes a limited number of the clocks each year by hand. According to an article in a newspaper called The Camrose Canadian, these clocks sell like hotcakes and have been featured on Canadian television. Steele is quoted as saying: "It's not hard to get into a conversation about them with people."

We bet it's not. We have found that, when people are near this clock, they soon start talking about it. "What's that smell?" they say.

Dog-mounted video camera

Approximately $11,450 from Moran Security Support Services Limited, 47 Livingston Rd., Hove, East Sussex, BN3 3WP, U.K., phone +44 (0) 1273 321631, fax +44 (0) 1273 208898.

Suggested by Cynthia Virtue of Mountain View, Calif.

We have to admit that we here at the Gift Guide did not actually purchase this item, because it costs thousands of dollars and we are not clinically insane. But we definitely think you should buy it.

This is a camera that's mounted on the head of a dog and attached to an audio and video transmitter strapped to the dog's body; the transmitter broadcasts back to a receiver, so you can see and hear what the dog is seeing and hearing.

According to the manufacturer's brochure, the system — which is called the Wireless Operational Link & Video Exploration System, or WOLVES — is mainly intended for use with trained dogs, to provide surveillance in situations where it would be dangerous to send in a human, such as a hostage-taking or building collapse. But we think it would be VERY cool to strap this unit to an ordinary, everyday pet dog, the kind that has a name like "Boomer" and an IQ somewhere around minus 45.

Just imagine the hours of enjoyment you'll have as, sitting in the comfort of your home, you experience the world exactly as a dog experiences it. Think of the sights you'll see! For example, you'll see many views of your front door, which your dog will stare at for hours on end in hopes that you'll open it up and let him back inside. Sometimes you'll get to see the camera jerk up and down violently for 45 minutes, accompanied by extremely loud barking, as your dog protects your house from some deadly danger such as the mail carrier, or a shrub that your dog has not noticed before. And for real excitement, you might even get to see and extreme close-up of another dog's butt. Whatever programming Boomer came up with would be at least as good as most daytime TV.

Doze Alarm

$19.95 plus shipping and handling from The Safety Zone, Hanover, Pa. 17333-0019, phone (800) 999-3030.

Have you ever watched the president give a State of the Union address? If so, you've probably noticed that the president stands directly in front of the vice president and the speaker of the House of Representatives, who are clearly visible, which means they somehow have to stay awake for the WHOLE SPEECH. You cannot have the vice president dozing off and keeling over on national TV. If this happened to a political leader with the body stiffness of Al Gore, he might shatter.

The question is: What is the secret of these political professionals? How do they stay awake through speeches that could put hyperactive children into a coma? We are guessing that they use the Doze Alarm. this is a battery-powered device that you hang over your ear; if you become drowsy and your head nods forward, an alarm goes off and wakes you up.

The Doze Alarm, made from quality plastic, makes a wonderful gift, not only for the political leader on your list, but also for anybody else who need to "stay awake on the job." such as airline pilots, brain surgeons and professional sky divers. The Doze Alarm is also perfect for anybody who works for a large corporation and must spend hours in meetings, fighting for consciousness while co-workers explain projects that nobody understands and have no conceivable chance of accomplishing anything. The American Association of Psychiatrists endorses the Doze Alarm as "a proven means of staying awake when patients are droning away about their boring problems," although the association cautions that "sometimes you also have to take drugs."

RIDE: TexDoT looks into funding for non-emrgency transportation funds

(From 1B)

neighborhood drives. In addition to benefiting others, she said she has personal reasons for being involved. Her sister died of cancer that was diagnosed too late; her mother received an early diagnosis of cancer and lived another 20 years and her husband received an early diagnosis of cancer 15 years ago.

While "Road to Recovery" transports Midland cancer patients to and from treatment, New Mexico-based Safe Ride brings patients to Midland specialists for treatment.

The program is funded by New Mexico Medicaid and is a non-emergency medical transportation service serving patients from newborns to the elderly suffering from a variety of illnesses, from cancer to heart problems that require treatment ranging from dialysis to radiation therapy.

Jack Spencer, regional director, said his company will bring patients to specialists in Midland and Odessa and makes daily trips bringing dialysis patients to Lubbock and Amarillo from the district around Clovis, Hobbs and Jal.

Safe Ride has 35 centers in seven states and Spencer said "We're growing larger because managed care is growing bringing us with it."

He observed that "We've found a great need in Texas for transportation service that's not being looked at."

The Texas Department of Transportation is working on solutions to the problem and is funding Trax, a non-emergency transportation program for rural areas through its Rural Transportation Funding program. The area surrounding Midland-Odessa is served by West Texas Opportunities and is limited to cities and counties with a population under 50,000.

Trax is not limited to medical needs but serves rural residents needing transportation to medical facilities, shopping areas, job training and employment, according to Janet Everheart, executive director of West Texas Opportunities.

She said anyone using the service is charged 50 cents for in-town service, $5 each way from, for example Pecos, Fort Stockton, McCamey or Crane to Midland or Odessa or from Lamesa to Lubbock.

READERS: Changes inspire, warm author

(From 1B)

I marvel at the changes.

The early morning was overcast and cool. Mid-morning was bright and sunny. Mid afternoon was 75 degrees and pleasant. Late afternoon brought cloudy skies. With the darkness of night came angry thunder, lightning and torrents of rain that cleared the air, and brought freshness and later calm.

And now, less than 24 hours later, the ground is covered with snow.

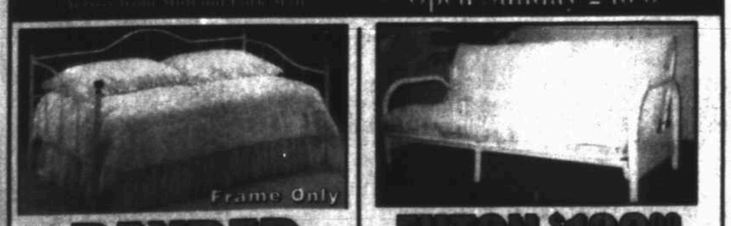
What a day of changes! I am thankful that I could experience and enjoy them.

— D. Nelson Ellis

D. Nelson Ellis is a Midland homemaker. She enjoys gardening, crafts, quilting and reading. She has been married to husband, George, for nine years.

To submit a brief essay for our Readers Write segment, send to Monday Morning, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Tex., 79702.

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DEATHS

Frances Tompkins

Services for Frances Gibbins Tompkins are set for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Resthaven Memorial Park with the Rev. Jerry Hilton of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.


Tompkins

Mrs. Tompkins died Sunday, Dec. 8, at a local hospital.

She was born Sept. 18, 1930 in Iraan to Flo Jean Bigelow and J.P. "Bum" Gibbins.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her husband, Flake H. Tompkins of Midland, two sons, Flake Gib Tompkins of Portales, N.M., and Joseph Gibbins Tompkins of Ft. Sumner, N.M.; three daughters, Kae Tompkins Eichler of Houston, Angela Tompkins Stengl of Austin, and Tami Tompkins of Dallas; a sister, Bobie Jean McDaniel of Midland; and 10 grandchildren, two nieces and two nephews.

Neal Shepard

SEAGOVILLE — Services for Neal D. Shepard will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Seagoville. Arrangements are with Roselawn Funeral Home.

Shepard died at his home on Wednesday, Dec. 4.

He was born March 22, 1915 to the late Maude Bradford Shepard and Frank Burton Shepard.

Shepard was a graduate of Texas A&M University, served in World War II and retired after 35 years as an engineer with the Corps of Engineers.

He worked in Midland for several years as a civil engineer.

Shepard was a resident of Seagoville since 1972.

He was a Methodist.

Shepard was preceded in death by his wife, Edna Mae Hamilton Shepard on April 16, 1980.

Survivors include his brother, Jack Shepard of Spring, and two nephews.

Clara Smedley

Services for Clara Smedley are set for 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Jerry Murphy officiating. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Snyder Cemetery in Snyder. Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smedley died Saturday, Dec. 7, at a local hospital.

She was born July 29, 1903 in Proctor County and was raised in Snyder.

In 1920, she married David Smedley in Snyder. He preceded her in death in 1950.

She lived in Snyder and Arkansas, and moved to Midland in 1972.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Snyder and Jesus Way in Midland.

Mrs. Snyder was preceded in death by three sons, D.Smedley, James T. Smedley, and W.L. Smedley, and a daughter, Peggy Louise Cain.

Survivors include a son, Danny L. Smedley of Lewisville; three daughters, Thelma Geurin of Hot Springs, Ark., Mary Virginia McGreary of Las Vegas, and Shirley Ann Matusek of Midland; 22 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Melvin Weaver

BIG SPRING — Services for Melvin Weaver, 74, of Big Spring are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Weaver died Sunday, Dec. 8, at a Midland hospital.

Leader urges activism on colonia poverty

PHARR, Texas (AP) — The Rio Grande Valley's colonias and other poverty-stricken communities need activism to reverse the pressures that keep many residents poor, a community leader says.

Valley Interfaith activists met Saturday and plan to present their resulting agenda to state and local politicians when the Legislature convenes next month.

"If we're going to see anything different, that difference will have to come from you," Ernesto Cortes, the founder of the San Antonio based Communities Organized for Public Service, said. "All of you have got to come together and organize."

Cortes told a crowd of more than 1,000 people at the Pharr-San Juan-Alamo High School to continue efforts to improve conditions in poor areas of South Texas.

An estimated 400,000 people live in colonias, which are found in the poverty-plagued counties along the Texas-Mexico border.

Valley Interfaith, in alliance with similar organizations throughout the state, has urged state lawmakers to pass legislation addressing the needs of poor people. Last year, Gov. George W. Bush signed into law a bill requiring colonia developers to provide water and sewer service to residents.

"We want people to think about their needs and plan how they can make changes," said Sister Maria Sanchez, the co-chair of Valley Interfaith. "That way, these communities can be heard."

Cortes, who was invited to the valley in 1981 by Bishop Emeritus John Fitzpatrick of the Catholic Diocese in Brownsville to develop the framework for an activist organization, said poverty feeds on apathy.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Burglary of a residence: A burglary at 4405 N. Garfield St. was reported by Raquel Patillo at 1:40 p.m.

Burglary of vehicle: A burglary at 1109 S. Midland Drive was reported by Shawn Hughett at 1:44 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: A burglary at 410 W. Cuthbert Ave. was reported at 1:51 p.m.

Burglary of a residence: After a door was kicked in, two VCRs were taken from New Horizons, 3101 N. Midland Drive, it was reported at 9:41 p.m.

Sunday

Burglary of vehicle: A purse, wallet, credit cards, checks, tapes, a tennis racket and $120 in cash were taken from a vehicle at 3202 Ma Mar St., reported Jennifer Allan at 2:55 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Sunday

Theft: Two 18-packs of Bud Light were taken from Friends Convenience Store, 13220 W. Highway 80, by a heavy set white man, 20-25 years old wearing a baseball cap, it was reported at 12:55 a.m.

Criminal mischief: A side mirror of a truck was broken after someone threw something at it in the 4800 block of east Interstate 20, reported Augustine Gonzales at 1:38 p.m.

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Odessa woman killed in traffic accident Sunday

An 18-year-old Odessa woman was pronounced dead at the scene of a traffic accident Sunday morning just north of Crane, according to the Department of Public Safety.

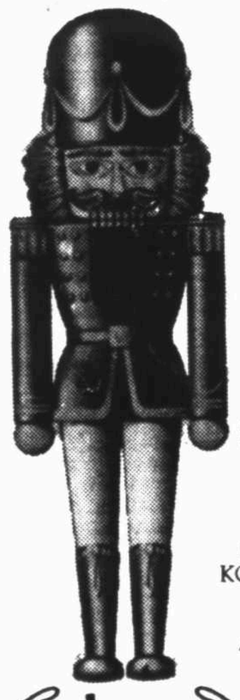
Killed was Elizabeth Cerda, who was driving a 1993 Plymouth van on U.S. Highway 385 about 14 miles north of Crane.

A passenger, Samuel Ramos, 19, also of Odessa, was listed in good condition at Odessa Medical Center Sunday, officials said.

According to the DPS, Ms. Cerda was southbound about 6:20 a.m. when the vehicle went off the roadway. Cerda overcorrected and the vehicle rolled approximately four times, officials said.

Ms. Cerda was wearing a seat belt.

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TODAY Mostly sunny and warmer
High: 75
Low: 40

TUESDAY Continued sunny and warm
High: 74
Low: 41

WEDNESDAY Sunny and continued warm
High: 74
Low: 43

Texas Yesterday

City	H / L / Pcp
Abilene	67/33/0.00
Amarillo	66/28/0.00
Dallas/Ft. Worth	68/33/0.00
El Paso	68/35/0.00
Lubbock	70/30/0.00
San Angelo	68/31/0.00
San Antonio	69/38/0.00



YESTERDAY'S PRECIPITATION

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for the month	0.00 in.
Total for the year	8.84 in.
Normal for the month	0.16 in.
Normal for the year	14.56 in.

YESTERDAY'S TEMPERATURES

High	68
Low	35
Norm. High	60
Norm. Low	32

AVIATION
VFR conditions with sunny skies. Southwest wind at 10 to 20 knots.

MOON PHASES

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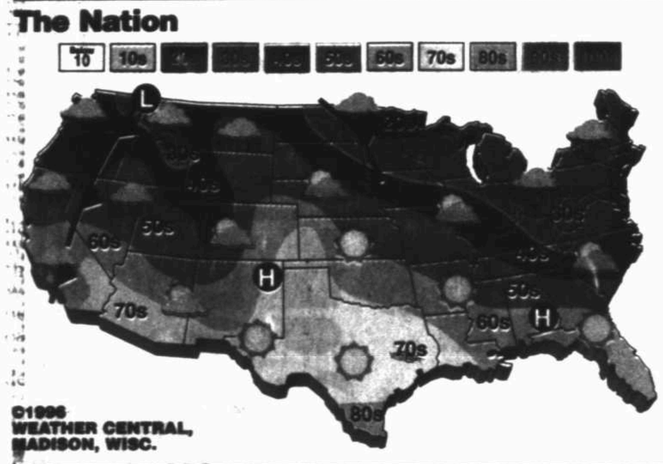
SUNRISE & SUNSET

Sunrise today	7:38 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:45 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	7:39 a.m.
Sunset Tuesday	5:45 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:21 a.m.
Moonset today	5:17 p.m.

FACTS

It was a beautiful weekend as a cold front moved through the area on Saturday and brought some cooler air to the Permian Basin. A large ridge of high pressure continues to build over the Southwestern U.S. and that will help hold sunny skies but temperatures will warm up a bit. If you want some more winter weather the pattern may be changing latter in the week.

The Nation



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Albany	38	24	c	Colorado Spgs.	67	35	pc	Juneau	31	28	c	Phoenix	77	57	pc
Albuquerque	62	38	pc	Columbia, SC	49	26	pc	Kansas City	55	40	s	Pittsburgh	32	26	sn
Anchorage	25	15	c	Columbus, OH	34	27	pc	Las Vegas	63	50	r	Portland, OR	48	41	r
Aspen	42	19	pc	Dayton	34	27	pc	Little Rock	63	39	s	Raleigh	43	27	pc
Atlanta	50	30	s	Denver	68	36	pc	Los Angeles	66	55	r	Reno	55	34	r
Austin	75	51	s	Des Moines	49	34	pc	Louisville	46	37	pc	Richmond	41	29	c
Baltimore	37	27	c	Detroit	36	28	pc	Memphis	57	40	s	St. Louis	52	41	pc
Birmingham	56	33	s	Duluth	29	24	c	Miami Beach	68	47	s	Salt Lake City	56	41	c
Bismarck	39	25	c	Evansville	48	29	pc	Milwaukee	35	28	pc	San Diego	66	57	r
Boise	50	37	r	Grand Rapids	35	28	pc	Minneapolis	32	27	c	San Francisco	60	49	r
Boston	43	29	pc	Great Falls	48	40	w	Mobile, AL	68	39	s	Seattle	45	41	r
Buffalo	33	27	sn	Helena	47	26	r	Nashville	49	33	pc	Sioux Falls	30	15	pc
Charlotte	44	24	pc	Honolulu	77	68	s	New Orleans	68	44	s	Spokane	36	30	r
Cheyenne	57	36	pc	Houston	78	50	s	New York	42	29	c	Tampa	64	41	s
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Paris	40	33	pc
Rio de Janeiro	86	72	c
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DEAR ABBY

Man proves it's never too late to attend school

By Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: May I add to your continuing saga of persons "too old to go back to school"?

At the age of 64 and having only a 1937 diploma from an apprentice training school, I decided to enroll in a new weekend college program at Findlay (Ohio) College — now the University of Findlay. The result? In 1985, at the age of 69, I was granted dual B.A. diplomas engraved "Cum Laude," which meant a five-year grade-point average of 3.56 on a scale of 4.0. My degrees are in business administration and information systems analysis (meaning computers).


VanBuren

My "excuse" for going to college at the age of 64 was to find out what I did right in business for 33 years. The secondary reason was to prove to myself that I was an "A" student — which I accomplished by making the dean's list the second semester.

Because the dean of the college knew I expected to be treated like any other student, we both laughed about the professor who rushed into the dean's office and exclaimed, "I have a trustee of the college in my class! What do I do?" When the dean told me about it, my response was, "I hope you told him to fail me if I didn't do the work." To which the dean replied, "That is exactly what I told him." — WAYNE I. PRIBBLE, NEW HAVEN, IND.

DEAR MR. PRIBBLE: Your letter proves it's never too late to resume one's education. We're never too old to learn as long as we're willing to make the effort. Congratulations on your accomplishment.

DEAR ABBY: "Wally" and I have been married for 15 years. We've had our ups and have been through some difficult situations. We support each other and care deeply, but there's one problem we cannot agree on.

Wally loves our house and has decided that all the walls should be painted white. We don't paint that often, but now that we've made some improvements to our home, it's time to paint again.

I would like to get away from the all-white look and consider using wallpaper. I've brought home wallpaper sample books and paint color charts, but all he'll say is that white looks best. He refuses to look through the books or compromise in any way.

We have lived in this white house for 12 years, and I think it's time I had my way. I could wait until he goes on a business trip and redecorate while he's gone, but that would be dishonest. I'm home more than he is since our children have come along. What should I do? — COLORLESS IN NEWBURYPORT, MASS.

DEAR COLORLESS: An interior decorator who is used to sales resistance may help you convince Wally that a dash of color will liven up the place. Keep in mind that it doesn't have to be all or nothing. A decorator can help you "accessorize" your home with accents of color and texture, making it more visually interesting and less sterile. The bathrooms and kitchens would be the least threatening places to begin.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: "Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat." — THEODORE ROOSEVELT

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FOOTBALL — Jacksonville Jaguars 23, Houston Oilers 17.

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Men, UTEP 83, University of Seattle 55.

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The Top 25

By The Associated Press

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Florida St. (62)	11-0	1,670	1
2. Arizona St. (5)	11-0	1,612	2
3. Florida	11-1	1,539	4
4. Ohio St.	10-1	1,454	5
5. Brigham Young	13-1	1,322	6
6. Nebraska	**10-2**	**1,271**	**3**
7. Penn St.	10-2	1,259	8
8. Colorado	**9-2**	**1,248**	**7**
9. Tennessee	9-2	1,078	9
10. Virginia Tech	10-1	1,037	11
11. Northwestern	9-2	1,000	10
12. North Carolina	9-2	929	13
13. Washington	9-2	914	12
14. Kansas St.	**9-2**	**838**	**14**
15. Michigan	8-3	676	16
16. Alabama	9-3	655	15
17. LSU	9-2	645	17
18. Notre Dame	8-3	504	18
19. Miami	8-3	459	19
20. Texas	**8-4**	**423**	**—**
21. Iowa	8-3	291	21
22. Wyoming	10-2	288	20
23. Syracuse	8-3	242	22
24. Army	10-1	213	23
25. West Virginia	8-3	78	24

Others receiving votes: Virginia 46, East Carolina 34, Southern Miss. 19, Auburn 8, **Texas Tech** 7, Clemson 5, **Houston** 5, Stanford 4, Navy 2.

Stanton arbitration

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers offered arbitration to former Midland High Bulldog Mike Stanton and backup catcher Dave Valle, but passed on three other members of their AL West champion squad.

The team declined offering arbitration to shortstop Kevin Elster, Kevin Gross and Dennis Cook, likely meaning they won't be back next season.

The Rangers can not sign with the three until May 1, and Texas will not receive compensation in the form of draft choices from organizations that sign the players.

The arbitration offers to Valle and Stanton don't necessarily mean they'll be back.

Both have until Dec. 19 to accept or reject the offer. If they accept, they're considered signed; if they reject; negotiations can continue until Jan. 8.

Stanton has been offered a raise of at least $1 million over his 1996 salary of $1.75 million. But the pitcher wants more than a one-year contract which his agent and could reject arbitration and seek a multi-year deal. Florida and the New York Yankees have courted him.

"That's the risk we take with this," Texas general manager Doug Melvin said. "Mike might want one of those multi-year deals, but we'd like to have him on our team."

JCPenney title

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. — Faced with a field that featured long hitters and celebrated youngsters, Mike Hulbert and Donna Andrews won the JCPenney Classic on Sunday with simple, steady golf.

In a modified alternate-shot format, they parred the final three holes to shoot a 3-under-par 69 and win the rain-shortened event by one stroke over the teams of Tiger Woods-Kelli Kuehne and Joel Edwards-Missie McGeorge.

Hulbert and Andrews finished at 16-under 197, earning them $350,000 in the event that pairs players from the PGA and LPGA tours.

Most of the attention was on the team of John Daly-Laura Davies, the longest hitters on their tours, and on Woods-Kuehne.

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Longhorns making new holiday plans

By Chip Brown
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — The Texas Longhorns' holiday travel plans have changed.

Forget the Alamo. Hello Arizona.

Texas (8-4), which rebounded from a losing record more than midway through the season to upset Nebraska and win the Big 12 championship, was picked Sunday to play No. 7 Penn State in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

"I don't think anyone is playing better football than your team right now," Nittany Lions coach Joe Paterno told UT coach John Mackovic following the announcement.

"It's a great matchup," Mackovic responded in the nationally televised linkup. "I really have a lot of respect for Joe Paterno and the Nittany Lions. We're really excited to be going to Tempe."

The 20th-ranked Longhorns threw the bowl picture out of focus with a 37-27 victory over the Cornhuskers (10-2) in St. Louis on Saturday, perhaps the biggest victory at Texas in 35 years.

By winning the Big 12 title, the Longhorns upgraded themselves from a likely Dec. 29 appearance in the Alamo Bowl, which has a payout of about $1 million, to a bowl alliance berth worth $8.486 million.

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College Bowl lineup

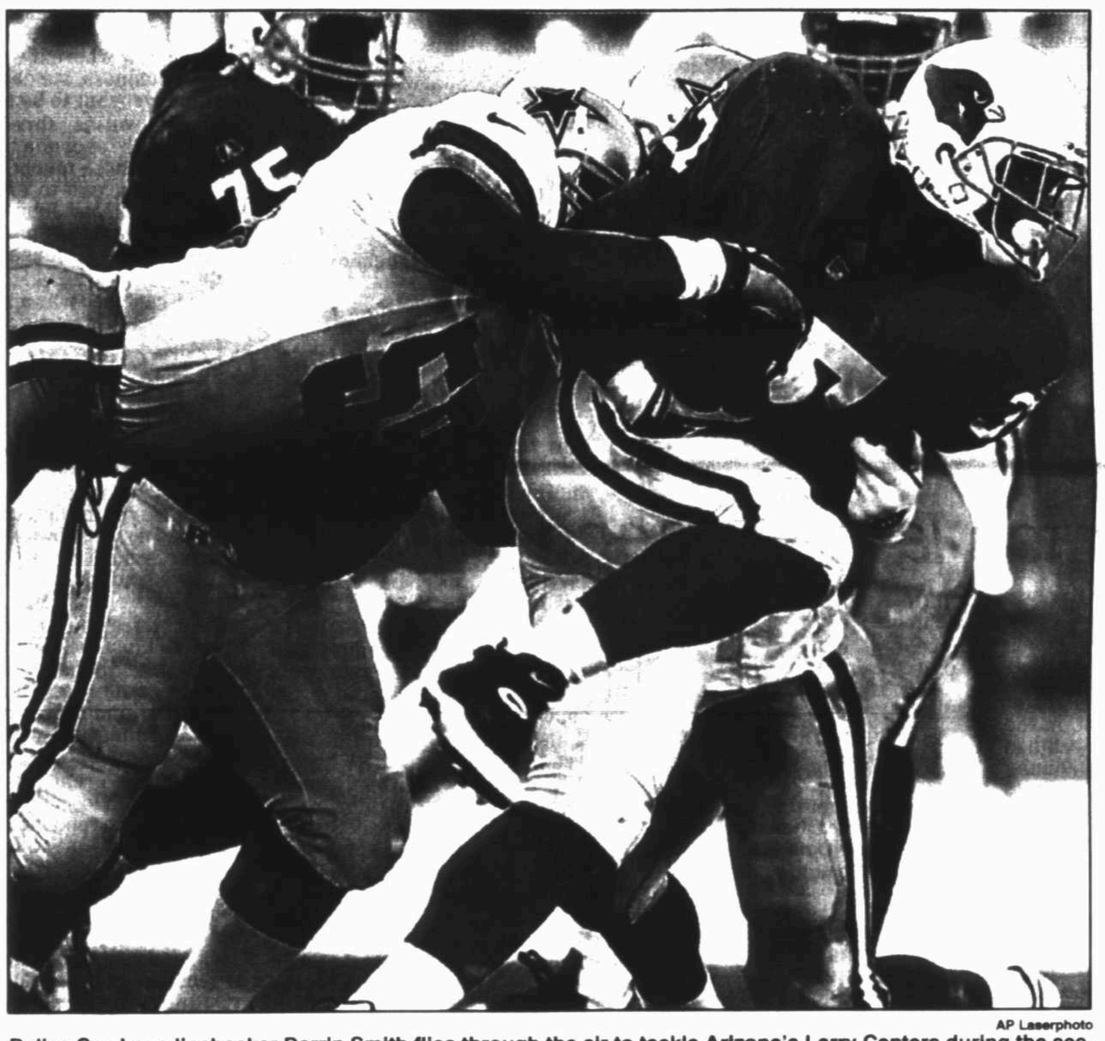
Division I-A games — All times CST

Bowl	Site	Date	Time	TV	Matchup
Las Vegas	Las Vegas	Dec. 19	8 p.m.	ESPN	Nevada (8-3) vs. Ball State (8-3)
Aloha	Honolulu	Dec. 25	2:30 p.m.	ABC	California (6-5) vs. Navy (8-3)
Liberty	Memphis, Tenn.	Dec. 27	2 p.m.	ESPN	Houston (7-4) vs. Syracuse (8-3)
Carquest	Miami	Dec. 27	6:30 p.m.	TBS	Miami (8-3) vs. Virginia (7-4)
Copper	Tucson, Ariz.	Dec. 27	8 p.m.	ESPN	Utah (8-3) vs. Wisconsin (7-5)
Peach	Atlanta	Dec. 28	7 p.m.	ESPN	Clemson (7-4) vs. LSU (9-2)
Alamo	San Antonio	Dec. 29	7 p.m.	ESPN	Iowa (8-3) vs. Texas Tech (7-4)
Holiday	San Diego	Dec. 30	7 p.m.	ESPN	Washington (9-2) vs. Colorado (9-2)
Sun	El Paso, Texas	Dec. 31	noon	CBS	Stanford (6-5) vs. Michigan St. (6-5)
Independence	Shreveport, La.	Dec. 31	2:30 p.m.	ESPN	Auburn (7-4) vs. Army (10-1)
Orange	Miami	Dec. 31	6 p.m.	CBS	Nebraska (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (10-1)
Outback	Tampa, Fla.	Jan. 1	10 a.m	ESPN	Alabama (9-3) vs. Michigan (8-3)
Gator	Jacksonville, Fla.	Jan. 1	11:30 a.m.	NBC	North Carolina (9-2) vs. West Virginia (8-3)
Cotton	Dallas	Jan. 1	11:30 a.m.	CBS	Brigham Young (13-1) vs. Kansas St. (9-2)
Citrus	Orlando, Fla.	Jan. 1	noon	ABC	Northwestern (9-2) vs. Tennessee (9-2)
Rose	Pasadena, Calif.	Jan. 1	3:30 p.m.	ABC	Arizona State (11-0) vs. Ohio State (10-1)
Fiesta	Tempe, Ariz.	Jan. 1	7 p.m.	CBS	Penn State (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4)
Sugar	New Orleans	Jan. 2	7 p.m.	ABC	Florida State (11-0) vs. Florida (11-1)

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COWBOYS' 10-6 VICTORY OVER ARIZONA

Defense Never Rests



AP Laserphoto

Dallas Cowboys linebacker Darrin Smith flies through the air to tackle Arizona's Larry Centers during the second quarter of their NFL game Sunday in Tempe, Ariz.

Starless unit turns must-win into NFC East-leading reality

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Dallas Cowboys are back in first place, put there by a patchwork defense crippled by suspension and injuries.

Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin combined on a 50-yard pass for the game's only touchdown Sunday as the Dallas beat Arizona 10-6 to vault over Washington and Philadelphia in the NFC East.

But it was the defense, without the suspended Leon Lett and missing Deion Sanders for more than a half because of back spasms, that kept the Cardinals out of the end zone by forcing four turnovers.

"The defense carried this ballgame," Irvin said. "We've got to do something about that and help this team win football games."

Irvin had eight receptions for 198 yards — second-highest yardage of his career — and Aikman was 15-of-24 for 255 for Dallas (9-5).

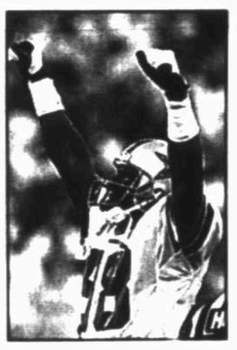
Emmitt Smith, the third member of the Dallas' Big Three, gained 70 tough yards and made first downs

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NFC East

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Dallas	9	5	0	.643	284	207
Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	313	302
Washington	8	6	0	.571	301	275
Arizona	6	8	0	.429	254	342
N.Y. Giants	6	8	0	.429	217	257

Sunday's Games
New York Giants 17, Miami 7
Tampa Bay 24, Washington 10
Dallas 10, Arizona 6
Saturday, Dec. 14
Philadelphia at NY Jets, 12:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 15
New England at Dallas, noon
New Orleans at NY Giants, noon
Washington at Arizona, 3 p.m.



Carolina shatters 49ers image, claims playoff spot

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — Carolina, the confident upstart, has stepped over mistake-prone San Francisco and shattered the vestige of the 49ers' mystique.

The Panthers became the first second-year expansion club ever to make the playoffs by beating the 49ers 30-24 Sunday, clinching a postseason berth and vaulting into a tie with San Francisco atop the NFC West at 10-4.

Eric Davis, who left the 49ers for Carolina, made the play that clinched it, a one-handed interception of Steve Young's pass with 4:35 remaining to stop a potential game-winning drive. Chad Cota also intercepted Young late in the third quarter.

But more than the four San Francisco turnovers on the day were the devastating number of penalties against the 49ers, flagged 15 times for 121 yards in losses.

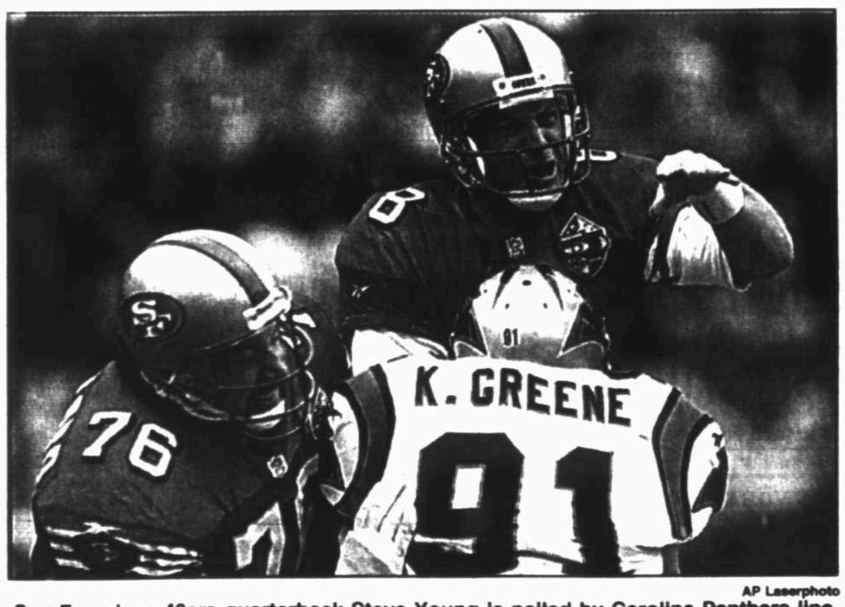
"They played like the team with tradition. We came unglued," San Francisco coach George Seifert.

Added San Francisco tight end Brent Jones, "If we're going to lose, let's lose on the field. Let's not lose by being idiots."

The victory kept the 49ers from clinching a 10th NFC West title in 11 years and put the Panthers in control — because they beat San Francisco twice, they can win the division by winning their final two games, at home against Baltimore and Pittsburgh. The 49ers did secure a playoff spot — their 13th in 14 seasons — when Washington lost to Tampa Bay.

Since its inception, Carolina has beat-

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AP Laserphoto

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young is nailed by Carolina Panthers linebacker Kevin Greene (91) after getting off a pass as 49ers tackle Kirk Scrafford (76) comes in to block during the first quarter of their Sunday game in San Francisco.

Broncos no match for Packers

By Barry Wilner
AP Football Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre was glad one of his favorite players was sidelined, and thrilled two others were on the field Sunday.

Favre shook hands with John Elway before the game, then passed the Green Bay Packers to the NFC Central title, often using Antonio Freeman and Mark Chmura, both back from injuries, in a 41-6 victory.

"I told him, 'I love you to death, but I'm glad you're not playing,'" Favre said of his short conversation with Elway. "John doesn't play defense — he probably could, he does so many things well — and whether he'd make a difference, I don't know. We scored 41 points."

Three of Favre's four touchdown passes were to Freeman, who had a career-best 175 yards on nine receptions. Freeman returned last week from a broken right forearm and had 10 catches for 150 yards while wearing a cast.

"I look at breaking my arm as a blessing in disguise," the second-year receiver said after Green Bay won consecutive division crowns for the first time in 29 years. "It gave me a chance to sit back and criticize myself a little without having to worry about my confidence falling.

"I really have to concentrate, because it's an obstacle having the cast."

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Jordan questions Rodman's motivation after sluggish play

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan is worried that Dennis Rodman is more interested in becoming a multimedia star than in helping the Chicago Bulls win another NBA title.

Jordan said Rodman — whose MTV show debuted Sunday night and who has movie and book deals for 1997 — was outplayed by Vin Baker, Loy Vaught and P.J. Brown the past three games.

Brown helped the Miami Heat upset the Bulls 83-80 Saturday, Chicago's first home loss and second overall defeat this season.

"Dennis has had a tough week, really hasn't been in a good rhythm," Jordan said. "He hasn't been playing solid defense. The last couple of

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Jacksonville enjoys every aspect of win over Oilers

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — The Jacksonville Jaguars found a quiet and tiny crowd at the Astrodome just the right situation to feed their playoff hopes against the Houston Oilers.

Natrone Means scored two touchdowns and the Jaguars' defense stuffed a fourth-quarter rally to beat the Oilers 23-17 Sunday and remain in the playoff picture in their second year of existence.

A crowd of 20,196 — the third-smallest ever to attend an Oilers game at the Astrodome — watched the Tennessee-bound Oilers drop to 7-7 as the Jaguars (7-7) won their third game in a row for the first time. Houston's loss was its fifth in seven games.

"This was big for us," Jaguars coach Tom Coughlin said. "All we've got to do is keep winning and don't worry about the rest. This was a good solid win for us on the road."

The drowsy crowd didn't get into the game until the fourth quarter. That's when the Oilers, after falling behind 17-7, rallied on a 6-yard touchdown run by Eddie George that was set up by a 42-yard kickoff return by Mel Gray and a 41-yard pass from Steve McNair to Chris Sanders.

The Jaguars added a 38-yard field goal by Mike Hollis with 6:13 to play, and then the defense went to work on McNair, starting his second straight game for an injured Chris Chandler.

"I don't think it would have made a difference who they started at quarterback, we were so pumped up," safety Chris Hudson said.

Starting on his own 23, McNair took the Oilers to their 46 before Kevin Hardy sacked McNair for a 10-yard loss and Ronnie Harmon lost 3 yards on a screen pass.

Then, on third-and-23, McNair fumbled, his third turnover of the game, after being sacked by Tony Brackens. Don Davey recovered for Jacksonville at the Oilers 32, setting up Hollis for his third field goal of the day, a 31-yarder with 1:56 left.

"That was probably one of the best defensive stands we've had this year," Jaguars defensive end Jeff Lageman said. "We knew we had to stop them and we did it. It's a big boost for a young team like this."

Mark Brunell completed 15 of 25 passes for 172 yards for the Jaguars, ending a string of 15 consecutive games passing for 200 or more yards.

Steelers 16, Chargers 3

Pittsburgh remained unbeaten at Three Rivers Stadium as the defense got five sacks on Sean Salisbury, who was replacing the injured Stan Humphries. Mike Tomczak threw to Andre Hastings for an 11-yard touchdown and Norm Johnson had field goals for 49, 39 and 21 yards for the Steelers (10-4).

The two teams combined for eight turnovers, and Salisbury was just 10-of-19 for 125 yards for San Diego (7-7).

Buccaneers 24, Redskins 10

At Tampa Bay, the Buccaneers rushed for a season-high 209 yards — 117 above their average — to hand Washington (8-6) its fifth loss in six games since starting 7-1.

Trent Dilfer threw a 22-yard touchdown pass to Jackie Harris, Mike Alstott scored on a 13-yard run and Michael Husted kicked three field goals for Tampa Bay (5-9), which has won five of nine after starting 0-5 under first-year coach Tony Dungy.

Patriots 34, Jets 10

At Foxboro, New England posted its third dominating victory in a row and set itself up for a playoff bye with its win over the Jets (1-13). The Patriots clinched a playoff spot and lead Buffalo by a game in the AFC East.

The Patriots (10-4) scored on four of five first-half possessions to take a 20-3 lead at intermission. The Jets' only touchdown came on the first series of the second half, when Glenn Foley hit Keyshawn Johnson with a 4-yard scoring pass.

Seahawks 26, Bills 18

Seattle turned four Buffalo turnovers into 20 points as the Bills (9-5) lost for the second straight week and dropped behind New England in the AFC East.

Jim Kelly threw two interceptions and fumbled when he was sacked by Michael Sinclair. Sam Adams recovered at the Buffalo 13, setting up Lamar Smith's 12-yard touchdown run with 8:41 left.

Chris Warren of the Seahawks (6-8) had a club-record 24th 100-yard rushing game.

Giants 17, Dolphins 7

At Miami, Rodney Hampton ran 4 yards for a score and Howard Cross caught a 1-yard TD pass from Dave Brown to help New York (6-8) reduce Miami's already slim playoff chances. The Dolphins (6-8) have lost three in a row and are in danger of posting their first losing season since 1988.

New York rushed for 131 yards, including 60 by Hampton and 59 by Tyrone Wheatley. Brown completed 21 of 28 passes for 169 yards.

Bears 35, Rams 9

At Chicago, Rashaan Salaam, who has stumbled through his sophomore season after rushing for 1,074 yards in 1995, ran for 115 yards on 19 carries and scored twice for the Bears (6-8).

Michael Timpson, caught six passes for 111 yards for Chicago. Dave Krieg added a 27-yard touchdown pass to Curtis Conway and a 1-yard touchdown run as the Rams (4-10) were held to less than 13 points for the eighth time.

Bengals 21, Ravens 14

At Cincinnati, Jeff Blake threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Tony McGee with 3:14 left, then the Bengals stopped the Ravens at the 1-yard line with 23 seconds remaining to seal the win.

Cincinnati (6-8) improved to 5-2 under coach Bruce Coslet, who has turned the team around but failed to fill seats. Only 43,022 fans showed up on a snowy afternoon, the smallest crowd of the season.

Vinny Testaverde drove the Ravens (4-10) to the Bengals' 5-yard line, two runs got to the 1, then Testaverde tossed to fullback Carwell Gardner, who was tackled for no gain by Sam Shade.

Falcons 31, Saints 15

Bobby Hebert came back to New Orleans and overcame two interceptions and a fumble with three touchdown passes for Atlanta in a battle between two of the NFL's worst teams. But it wasn't all good for the Falcons — the victory moved Atlanta (3-11) ahead of the Saints (2-12) and the Jets, and dropped them third in the draft order.

Vikings 24, Lions 22

Brad Johnson's three touchdown passes kept Minnesota even in the race for the last two NFC wild-card spots with a victory at the Silverdome.

The Vikings (8-6), completing a sweep of the season series with Detroit, took a 24-16 lead on Johnson's 30-yard touchdown pass to Cris Carter with 4:56 remaining.

The Lions (5-9) answered 2:22 later with a 2-yard touchdown run by Barry Sanders.

■ NFL Roundup



AP Laserphoto

Green Bay Packers cornerback Doug Evans (33) reacts with teammates Keith McKenzie (95) and Reggie White (92) after Evans sacked Denver Broncos quarterback Bill Musgrave (14), in the second quarter.

BOYS: Cowboys trail 6-0 at the half

(From 1C)

when needed as the Cowboys ran out the clock.

"We won today in adverse conditions and on the road when other people were unable to," coach Barry Switzer said after the Cowboys' second straight win following an upset by the New York Giants. "Just getting out of here up 7-6 was all we were after."

It was Dallas' 13th straight victory over the Cardinals and virtually eliminated the Cardinals (6-8) from the playoffs.

"We played our hearts out, but when you don't get the 'W,' it doesn't mean anything," Cardinals defensive end Michael Bankston said.

The Cardinals led 6-0 at halftime on 33- and 28-yard field goals by Kevin Butler.

But the Cowboys' defense rose up in the second half.

Rookie Randall Godfrey made a game-turning play with 7:27 left in the third quarter when he forced Leeland McElroy to fumble at the end of a 32-yard run into Dallas territory. Sanders, who had just entered the game, recovered at the 32, and three plays later, Aikman and Irvin combined for the touchdown, Irvin breaking away from two tacklers to run the final 40 yards.

Safety Darren Woodson got the second Dallas interception of Boomer Esiason with 10:31 left in the game, putting the ball at the Arizona 23. Three plays later, Chris Boniol's 31-yard field goal made it 10-6.

Both teams blew scoring chances with turnovers.

Aikman's 55-yard pass to Irvin set up the Cowboys on the Arizona 1, but Smith fumbled and Matt Darby recovered for the Cardinals to prevent a score. Then McElroy's run was aborted by his fumble, just as an interception by George Teague cut short an Arizona drive in the first half.

"I think this football team has to be happy with any win, regardless of what it looks like," Aikman said. "It's been that kind of season. We're not pleased offensively with the way we played, and having said that, we're glad to get out of here with a win."

Sanders had back spasms during warmups and was in the Dallas locker room for most of the first half. He wore Lett's No. 78 on a wrist wrap in honor of the defensive tackle, who was suspended last week after failing a drug test.

Sanders said he had to take muscle relaxers, which didn't kick in during the first half, and he didn't go in until after Esiason hit Rob Moore with four passes for 94 yards in the first two quarters and backup cornerback Alundis Brice sprained his right knee.

"He was throwing the ball to that side, and he knows better than that," Sanders said about Esiason, who completed just five passes in the second half and none to Moore after Sanders' return to right cornerback.

WEST: 49ers also clinch playoff spot

(From 1C)

en San Francisco three of the four times the teams have met.

"We have never viewed ourselves as an expansion team. It's a nice feeling to be in the playoffs in our second season," Carolina coach Dom Capers said. "It's a big, big step for us and it puts us in a position now where if we can take care of business, we can be in the position we want to be in."

Kerry Collins shredded San Francisco's secondary for 327 yards and three touchdown passes, including two to former 49er Wesley Walls, and John Kasay had three field goals as San Francisco surrendered a season-high in points.

San Francisco was anything but the poised team of the past, losing its composure amid a wave of penalties, including a personal foul on Ken Norton that extended Carolina's final drive and deprived the 49ers of a last chance with the ball.

The 49ers had five personal fouls in the first half alone, when Carolina built a 27-17 lead.

Linebacker Gary Plummer was ejected late in the second quarter for arguing heatedly with officials over a call.

"We self-destructed," San Francisco center Jesse Sapolu said. "Some of those penalties were totally stupid. We got too emotional as a team. Unfortunately this is a team sport and if one guy loses his poise it hurts the whole team."

Bulls collect costly technical fouls in a 97-89 loss to Toronto

Associated Press

TORONTO — Dennis Rodman and Michael Jordan drew costly technical fouls in the final two minutes and the Chicago Bulls lost their second straight game Sunday night, 97-89 to the Toronto Raptors.

Damon Stoudamire had 31 points and 13 assists and Popeye Jones had 12 points and 18 rebounds for the Raptors, who won their fourth in a row at home and duplicated their biggest victory of last season.

Scottie Pippen led the Bulls with 28 points, but Jordan scored just 13 points on 5-of-17 shooting. Jordan was held scoreless in the second half despite playing the entire fourth quarter.

The Raptors scored the first nine points of the fourth quarter to get back into the game, and took an 85-84 lead on Stoudamire's jump shot with 2:04 to play.

Dennis Rodman was then charged with an offensive foul under the Toronto basket, and he responded by waving his arm in a dismissive gesture at referee Mike Mathis. That prompted referee Bill Spooner, who was 50 feet away, to hit Rodman with his second technical of the game.

Warriors 114, Spurs 88

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Joe Smith scored 24 points, Latrell Sprewell added 23 and the Golden State Warriors took charge in the third quarter to defeat the San Antonio Spurs 114-88 Sunday night.

The Warriors snapped a two-game losing streak and handed the Spurs their 10th loss in 11 games.

Bucks 100, Celtics 87

MILWAUKEE — Vin Baker scored 24 points to help the Milwaukee Bucks overcome the loss of Glenn Robinson to an ankle sprain as they defeated the Boston Celtics.

Robinson, who scored a career-high 44 points Saturday night at Washington, left the game in the second quarter with a sprained right ankle. Replacement Johnny Newman scored nine of his 15 points in the fourth quarter.

Cavaliers 90, Clippers 69

CLEVELAND — Terrell Brandon scored 30 points and sparked a 12-0 run to start the second half that led Cleveland past Los Angeles.

Brandon scored seven points in the first 3:12 of the second half as Cleveland turned a 40-36 halftime deficit into a 48-40 lead. Brandon scored 12 points in the third quarter, just one fewer than the Clippers had in the period.

Kings 91, Magic 84

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mitch Richmond scored 22 points and Sacramento, bolstered by a change in the starting lineup, never trailed in defeating Orlando.

Orlando, playing without All-Star guard Penny Hardaway for the 12th straight game, lost its fourth in a row.

Lakers 110, Timberwolves 86



AP Laserphoto

Damon Stoudamire of the Toronto Raptors takes to the air to dish off the ball as the Bulls Bill Wennington tries to block the pass.

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Nick Van Exel scored 17 of his 23 points in the first quarter and Shaquille O'Neal had 22 points and 10 rebounds as Los Angeles overpowered Minnesota.

The win was the fifth in six games for the Lakers, who made their first three field goal attempts, including 3-point shots by Van Exel and Eddie Jones, and never trailed.

Suns 106, Pacers 93

PHOENIX — Wesley Person scored 21 points and tied a career-high with six 3-pointers as Phoenix won its third straight game.

Phoenix, which lost its first 13 games this season, never trailed in snapping the Pacers' club-record road winning streak at five game.

PACK: Favre closes in on own TD record

(From 1C)

Chmura came back from a torn left arch that sidelined him for three games. He had four catches for 70 yards.

"We didn't miss a beat," Favre said.

The Broncos certainly did. It was feared that with Elway nursing a hamstring injury, the game could turn into a rout, and it did in the second half.

With six-year veteran Bill Musgrave making his first NFL start in place of Elway, the Broncos stagnated and saw their nine-game winning streak end. Still, at 12-2 they already have home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs, which is why Elway sat it out.

He couldn't have liked what he saw as Denver slipped to 2-8 when he's missed games. The Broncos had five successive three-and-out series, although one resulted in Jason Elam's 39-yard field goal following Tyrone Braxton's interception early in the third period. They had no first downs in the third quarter, and Terrell Davis, the league's leading rusher, was held to 54 yards.

"We were ineffective in all areas, not just the running game," coach Mike Shanahan said. "The passing game — any time you get 175 yards, and that is by far our worst production of the year, you're disappointed.

"John is a great player ... you never want to lose a great player, but we have to rebound better than we did today."

The Packers (11-3) had their share of sloppiness, with penalties, poor passes, turnovers and drops. But they also had their quarterback, and he has an emerging star at receiver in Freeman.

"I think we all can see that it's definitely enhanced our offense again having him back," Favre said. "Even with a bum arm, with a cast, he's done a great job."

Dorsey Levens added a career-best 86 yards rushing as the Packers won their 15th straight home game. No wonder they want to be here in January.

"Our first goal was to make the playoffs," cornerback Doug Evans said. "Next was to win the division. Now, we don't want to be on the road next month."

Much of the first half was a defensive battle, hardly surprising with the No. 2 and No. 3 ranked units in the league on the field. But with Denver's defense constantly at work, it wore down.

Favre, who was 20-for-38 for 280 yards, has 35 TD passes as he zeroes in on last season's team-record 38.

HORN: Texas will play Penn. St on Jan. 1

(From 1C)

About 20 Texas players gathered on campus to watch the televised announcement of the bowl alliance. They yelled and flashed hook 'em horns signs when they heard they were headed to the Fiesta Bowl.

"You can't say you're back until you beat the best teams in the country consistently," said linebacker Tyson King. "Penn State has been a great team for a long time. It would be a huge win for this program."

Added tight end Pat Fitzgerald, "After beating Nebraska like this, everyone is going to want to cap off the season with another win."

Fans, honking horns and standing on top of city buses, crowded the downtown streets of Austin into the early hours of the morning Sunday in celebration of the win over Nebraska.

After the team arrived in Austin Saturday night, they showed off the first-ever Big 12 trophy at a men's basketball game against North Texas. Fans were so exuberant, play was stopped for several minutes late in the second half to salute the team.

Mackovic, whose gutsy call for a pass on fourth-and-inches from the Longhorns' 28 late in game secured the victory, called the Nebraska game one of the finest in his 15 years as a head coach.

"At this point, this win probably is my biggest with everything that was riding on it," he said.

Longhorns quarterback James Brown, who completed 19 of 28 passes for 353 yards and a touchdown, was mobbed by fans, who asked him to sign anything, including their clothes.

The victory made heroes out of Brown and Mackovic, who had both been criticized throughout the year. Brown had trouble rebounding from an interception against Notre Dame that ultimately allowed the Irish to come back from a 24-17 deficit and win the game.

Mackovic was ripped for not motivating the team out of the tailspin that followed the Notre Dame loss, which included blowing fourth-quarter leads against then-winless Oklahoma and Colorado while plummeting to 3-4.

But a resurgent defense and Brown caught fire midway through the season.

Brown, who barely ran the ball while the Longhorns were stumbling, scrambled regularly throughout Texas' current five-game winning streak and avoided being sacked by Nebraska.

For Mackovic, the victory raised his season bonuses to at least $150,000 on top of his annual paycheck of $600,000.

It may also have increased his stock in the NFL.

Mackovic, who coached the Kansas City Chiefs from 1983-86, has been rumored as a possible candidate to return to the pros.

Bowl alliance works its magic with Sunshine State rematch, BYU snub

By Richard Rosenblatt
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The rematch nobody except Florida wanted is official: Top-ranked Florida State will have to beat the Gators again, this time in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 2, to win the national championship.

Florida State (11-0) beat Florida 24-21 in Tallahassee on Nov. 30, and Seminoles coach Bobby Bowden winced at the thought of playing coach Steve Spurrier's Fun N' Gun offense a second time.

"You would think that if you beat No. 1 during the regular season, you wouldn't have to beat them twice," Bowden said. "But we will go into the Sugar Bowl more concerned with winning the national championship than who we are playing."

On bowl bid Sunday, the rest of the post-season picture came into focus. The Fiesta Bowl matches No. 7 Penn State (10-2) against No. 20 Texas (8-4) on Jan. 1, while the Orange Bowl pits No. 6 Nebraska (10-2) against No. 10 Virginia Tech (10-1) on Dec. 31.

The biggest bowl loser was No. 5 Brigham Young, which saw an $8.5 million payday disappear when it was excluded from an alliance game. The Cougars, 13-1 after a 28-25 overtime win over No. 22 Wyoming in the WAC title game, were passed over despite being the highest-ranked team available after the Sugar Bowl picked.

"I'm obviously disappointed," BYU athletic director Rondo Fehlberg said. "I think BYU clearly had a team and a season that deserved to be in the alliance."

BYU will play No. 14 Kansas State (9-2) in the Cotton Bowl, which pays each team $2 million.

Roy Kramer, chairman of the alliance and SEC commissioner, said the alliance basically puts together the two highest-ranked teams available "and the other bowls are free to select the at-large spots as they see fit."

After the Fiesta picked Penn State with the No. 3 choice, the Orange went for Nebraska with the fourth pick.

Keith Tribble, executive director of the Orange Bowl, explained his choice: "We tried to make a decision that, one, was going to get the highest ranked team that we possibly can that was good for our community, that was able to put on a competitive game," he said.

Spurrier, meanwhile, was elated to get another shot at the Seminoles after his Gators (11-1) won the SEC title with a 45-30 win over Alabama.

In the non-alliance Rose Bowl, it's No. 2 Arizona State (11-0) against No. 4 Ohio State (10-1). The Sun Devils could win the national title with a win over the Buckeyes and a Florida victory over Florida State.

Nebraska, stunned by Texas 37-27 in the Big 12 championship game, dropped out of contention for a third straight national title but still made the alliance.

The Fiesta was locked into the Nittany Lions for weeks.

"BYU has a fine team, but we felt Penn State was the most logical choice," Fiesta executive director John Junker said. "For us, they bring the most plusses to the table."

BULL: Rodman not making usual impact

(From 1C)

guys he's faced have played well, and he has not met the challenge. Maybe he's lost motivation. Let's hope it's only one week."

Rodman had 18 rebounds against the Heat but "P.J. Brown was beating him to every loose ball," Jordan said. "Last game, Loy Vaught came in here and played well. He's being challenged and he's got to elevate his motivation to meet that challenge."

As is usually the case after home games, Rodman wasn't available for comment. The Bulls made matters worse with a 97-89 to Toronto on Sunday. Rodman picked up another technical foul.

Early in the season, Rodman talked about how bored he was. And after he was badly outplayed by Karl Malone as Utah ended Chicago's season-opening 12-game winning streak two weeks ago, Rodman said he simply was not interested.

Even the prospect of losing the NBA rebounding title to Houston's Charles Barkley or New Jersey's Jayson Williams hasn't motivated Rodman, the league's top rebounder five years running.

"If it's the case that he's bored, he shouldn't be," Jordan said. "He's getting a good test now."

The Bulls, who lost only twice at home en route to last season's championship, got 37 points from Jordan on Saturday but only 43 from the rest of the team.

And Rodman, Chicago's only physical player, couldn't keep the Bulls from being pushed around by the Heat.

Alonzo Mourning and Rodman spent much of the game exchanging shoves and elbows. Mourning was in foul trouble early but came back to have a superb second half, and Rodman was assessed a technical foul in the third quarter. Brown was a force, with 14 rebounds, and Isaac Austin gave the Heat a big lift off the bench.

"To the aggressor goes the spoils," Bulls coach Phil Jackson said. "It was a good wakeup call."

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Summaries

Cowboys 10, Cardina

Dallas	0	0	7
Arizona	3	3	0

First Quarter
Ari—FG Butler 33, 7:54.
Second Quarter
Ari—FG Butler 28, 14:58
Third Quarter
Dal—Irvin 50 pass from (Boniol kick), 9:53.
Fourth Quarter
Dal—FG Boniol 31, 8:19.

	Dal
First downs	15
Rushes-yards	35-80
Passing	254
Comp-Att-Int	16-24-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1
Punts	6-44.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-2
Penalties-Yards	5-55

INDIVIDUAL STATIST
RUSHING—Dallas, E.S 70, S.Williams 3-8, Aikman 3 ston 2-1, Arizona, McElroy 14 iers 8-34, Johnson 3-10, Esi
PASSING—Dallas, Aikma 0-255. Arizona, Esiason 18-3
RECEIVING—Dallas, Irv K.Williams 3-29, Martin 1-12, 1-11, Armstrong 1-8, E.Smith 1). Arizona, Sanders 5-75, Mo Centers 3-8, Carter 2-22, Ano 17, Edwards 1-12, C.Smith 1 roy 1-(minus 6).

Jaguars 23, Oilers

Jacksonville	7	3	7
Houston	0	7	0

First Quarter
Jac—Means 1 run (Hol 6:04.
Second Quarter
Hou—Harmon 23 pas McNair (Del Greco kick), 3:2
Jac—FG Hollis 34, 13:11 plays, 36 yards, 3:04.
Third Quarter
Jac—Means 5 run (Hol 14:00.
Fourth Quarter
Hou—George 6 run (D kick), 1:49.
Jac—FG Hollis 38, 8:47.
Jac—FG Hollis 31, 13:04
Hou—FG Del Greco 27.

	Jac
First downs	18
Rushes-yards	35-114
Passing	165
Comp-Att-Int	15-25-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-7
Punts	3-47.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10

INDIVIDUAL STATIST
RUSHING—Jacksonville 25-67, Brunell 10-47, Houston 16-45, McNair 2-20, Harmon
PASSING—Jacksonville, 15-25-0-172, Houston, McNa 1-308.
RECEIVING—Jacksonville 5-61, McCardell 3-68, Mitch Brown 2-7, Jackson 1-11, Mc Houston, Sanders 7-127, Ha 75, Wycheck 3-24, Lewis 2-19 2-18, Davis 2-16, Russell 1-1 1-10

Bengals 21, Ravens

Baltimore	0	7	0
Cincinnati	0	10	0

Second Quarter
Bal—Kinchen 23 pass fr taverde (Stover kick), 1:27
Cin—Pickens 14 pass fro (Pelfrey kick), 6:53.
Cin—FG Pelfrey 23, 14:3
Fourth Quarter
Cin—FG Pelfrey 26, 1:57
Bal—Lewis 6 pass fro taverde (Stover kick), 5:20.
Cin—McGee 1 pass fro (Hearst run), 11:51.

	Bal
First downs	21
Rushes-yards	25-123
Passing	199
Comp-Att-Int	21-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6
Punts	4-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-37

INDIVIDUAL STATIST
RUSHING—Baltimore, M 117, Testaverde 2-7, Alexar Gardner 1-(minus 2). Ci Hearst 20-50, Blake 7-34, M Carter 2-4.
PASSING—Baltimore, Te 21-39-1-205. Cincinnati, Blak 6-272.
RECEIVING—Baltimore, 7-81, Morris 5-22, Lewis 4-50, 2-32, Alexander 2-20, Garc Cincinnati, Scott 8-103, Picke Dunn 3-46, Milne 2-14, Car Hearst 1-11, Bieniemy 1-5, S 1-4, McGee 1-1.

Bears 35, Rams 1

St. Louis	0	3	0
Chicago	7	0	14

First Quarter
Chi—Conway 27 pass fr (Jaeger kick), 9:49.
Second Quarter
StL—FG Lohmiller 25, 1
Third Quarter
Chi—Salaam 3 run (Jaeg 7:00.
Chi—Krieg 1 run (Jaeg 11:22.
Fourth Quarter
Chi—Lowry recovers fum in end zone (Jaeger kick), 1
Chi—Salaam 4 run (Jae 10:04.
StL—Kennison 19 pass f tin (run failed), 13:10.

	StL
First downs	17
Rushes-yards	19-94
Passing	241
Comp-Att-Int	24-42-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12
Punts	5-36.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1
Penalties-Yards	13-102

INDIVIDUAL STATIST
RUSHING—St. Louis, 11-65, Lyle 1-20, Phillips 5-8, J. Chicago, Salaam 19-115, K 26, R.Green 5-14, Conway 1 2-3.
PASSING—St. Louis, Ban 1-194, Martin 4-4-0-47. Chica 17-25-1-226.
RECEIVING—St. Louis, 8-102, Bruce 6-87, Lain Thomas 3-12, Ross 1-19, Phillips 1-(minus 5). Chicago 6-111, Carter 4-49, Conway 3 ris 2-9, Engram 1-9, Krieg 1

Buccaneers 24, Redski

Washington	0	3	0
Tampa Bay	10	3	11

First Quarter
TB—Harris 22 pass fro (Husted kick), 6:02.
TB—FG Husted 42, 10:3
Second Quarter
Was—FG Blanton 29, 0
TB—FG Husted 35, 15:0
Third Quarter
TB—FG Husted 19, 3:38
TB—Alstott 13 run (Ha from Dilfer), 11:48.
Fourth Quarter
Was—Ellard 3 pass from (Blanton kick), 12:11.

	Was
First downs	17
Rushes-yards	16-41
Passing	206
Comp-Att-Int	20-39-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13
Punts	3-45.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-30

INDIVIDUAL STATIST
RUSHING—Washington, 36, Mitchell 2-5, Tampa Bay, 97, Alstott 8-67, Dilfer 4-27, 3-10, Ellison 2-8.
PASSING—Washington, 20-39-1-219, Tampa Bay, D 0-112.
RECEIVING—Washingto 5-93, B.Brooks 5-54, Ash Mitchell 3-29, Allen 2-12, Ta Alstott 3-24, Ellison 2-30, Ha 83, J.Harris 1-22, Moore 1-3

Packers 41, Bronco

Denver	3	0	3	
Green Bay	3	10	7	2

First Quarter
GB—FG Jacke 33, 7:03.
Den—FG Elam 40, 12:1
Second Quarter
GB—FG Jacke 22, 13:0
GB—Freeman 14 pass fr (Jacke kick), 14:43.
Third Quarter
Den—FG Elam 39, 3:04.
GB—Freeman 51 pass fr (Jacke kick), 6:12.
Fourth Quarter
GB—Jackson 1 pass fro (Jacke kick), :44.
GB—Freeman 25 pass fr (Jacke kick), 7:39.
GB—Beebe fumble recov zone (Jacke kick), 9:33.
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Summaries

Cowboys 10, Cardinals 7

Dallas	0	0	7	3 — 10
Arizona	3	3	0	0 — 6

First Quarter
Ari—FG Butler 33, 7:54.
Second Quarter
Ari—FG Butler 28, 14:58.
Third Quarter
Dal—Irvin 50 pass from Aikman (Boniol kick), 9:53.
Fourth Quarter
Dal—FG Boniol 31, 6:19.

	Dal	Ari
First downs	15	20
Rushes-yards	35-80	26-134
Passing	254	213
Comp-Att-Int	16-24-0	18-36-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-1	2-11
Punts	6-44.3	5-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	4-2
Penalties-Yards	5-55	7-50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Dallas, E.Smith 27-70, S.Williams 3-8, Aikman 3-1, Johnston 2-1. Arizona, McElroy 14-90, Centers 8-34, Johnson 3-10, Esiason 1-0
PASSING—Dallas, Aikman 15-24-0-255. Arizona, Esiason 18-36-2-224.
RECEIVING—Dallas, Irvin 8-198, K.Williams 3-29, Martin 1-12, Bjornson 1-11, Armstrong 1-8, E.Smith 1-(minus 1). Arizona, Sanders 5-75, Moore 4-94, Centers 3-8, Carter 2-22, Anderson 1-17, Edwards 1-12, C.Smith 1-2, McElroy 1-(minus 6).

Jaguars 23, Oilers 17

Jacksonville	7	3	7	6 — 23
Houston	0	7	0	10 — 17

First Quarter
Jac—Means 1 run (Hollis kick), 6:04.
Second Quarter
Hou—Harmon 23 pass from McNair (Del Greco kick), 3:27.
Jac—FG Hollis 34, 13:11. Drive: 7 plays, 36 yards, 3:04.
Third Quarter
Jac—Means 5 run (Hollis kick), 14:00.
Fourth Quarter
Hou—George 6 run (Del Greco kick), 1:49.
Jac—FG Hollis 38, 8:47.
Jac—FG Hollis 31, 13:04.
Hou—FG Del Greco 27, 14:49.

	Jac	Hou
First downs	18	21
Rushes-yards	35-114	20-74
Passing	165	287
Comp-Att-Int	15-25-0	24-37-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-7	5-21
Punts	3-47.3	3-44.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-3
Penalties-Yards	2-10	5-45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Jacksonville, Means 25-67, Brunell 10-47. Houston, George 16-45, McNair 2-20, Harmon 2-9.
PASSING—Jacksonville, Brunell 15-25-0-172. Houston, McNair 24-37-1-308.
RECEIVING—Jacksonville, J.Smith 5-61, McCardell 3-68, Mitchell 3-23, Brown 2-7, Jackson 1-11, Means 1-2. Houston, Sanders 7-127, Harmon 6-75, Wycheck 3-24, Lewis 2-19, George 2-18, Davis 2-16, Russell 1-19, Wilson 1-10.

Bengals 21, Ravens 14

Baltimore	0	7	0	7 — 14
Cincinnati	0	10	0	11 — 21

Second Quarter
Bal—Kinchen 23 pass from Testaverde (Stover kick), 1:27.
Cin—Pickens 14 pass from Blake (Pelfrey kick), 6:53.
Cin—FG Pelfrey 23, 14:39.
Fourth Quarter
Cin—FG Pelfrey 26, 1:57.
Bal—Lewis 6 pass from Testaverde (Stover kick), 5:20.
Cin—McGee 1 pass from Blake (Hearst run), 11:51.

	Bal	Cin
First downs	21	25
Rushes-yards	25-123	31-93
Passing	199	267
Comp-Att-Int	21-39-1	26-42-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	2-5
Punts	4-44.0	4-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-37	1-5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Baltimore, Morris 21-117, Testaverde 2-7, Alexander 1-1, Gardner 1-(minus 2). Cincinnati, Hearst 20-50, Blake 7-34, Milne 2-5, Carter 2-4.
PASSING—Baltimore, Testaverde 21-39-1-205. Cincinnati, Blake 26-42-0-272.
RECEIVING—Baltimore, Jackson 7-81, Morris 5-22, Lewis 4-50, Kinchen 2-32, Alexander 2-20, Gardner 1-0. Cincinnati, Scott 8-103, Pickens 7-75, Dunn 3-46, Milne 2-14, Carter 2-13, Hearst 1-11, Bieniemy 1-5, Sadowski 1-4, McGee 1-1.

Bears 35, Rams 14

St. Louis	0	3	0	6 — 9
Chicago	7	0	14	14 — 35

First Quarter
Chi—Conway 27 pass from Krieg (Jaeger kick), 9:49.
Second Quarter
StL—FG Lohmiller 25, 13:03.
Third Quarter
Chi—Salaam 3 run (Jaeger kick), 7:00.
Chi—Krieg 1 run (Jaeger kick), 11:22.
Fourth Quarter
Chi—Lowry recovers fumbled punt in end zone (Jaeger kick), 1:36.
Chi—Salaam 4 run (Jaeger kick), 10:04.
StL—Kennison 19 pass from Martin (run failed), 13:10.

	StL	Chi
First downs	17	22
Rushes-yards	19-94	37-162
Passing	241	226
Comp-Att-Int	24-42-1	17-25-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-12	1-4
Punts	5-36.2	5-43.4
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Penalties-Yards	13-102	4-21

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—St. Louis, H.Green 11-65, Lyle 1-20, Phillips 5-8, Banks 2-1. Chicago, Salaam 19-115, Harris 10-26, R.Green 5-14, Conway 1-4, Krieg 2-3.
PASSING—St. Louis, Banks 20-38-1-194, Martin 4-4-0-47. Chicago, Krieg 17-25-1-226.
RECEIVING—St. Louis, Kennison 8-102, Bruce 6-87, Laing 4-17, Thomas 3-12, Ross 1-19, Clay 1-9, Phillips 1-(minus 5). Chicago, Timson 6-111, Carter 4-49, Conway 3-43, Harris 2-9, Engram 1-9, Krieg 1-5.

Buccaneers 24, Redskins 10

Washington	0	3	0	7 — 10
Tampa Bay	10	3	11	0 — 24

First Quarter
TB—Harris 22 pass from Differ (Husted kick), 6:02.
TB—FG Husted 42, 10:35.
Second Quarter
Was—FG Blanton 29, :05.
TB—FG Husted 35, 15:00.
Third Quarter
TB—FG Husted 19, 3:38.
TB—Alstott 13 run (Harris pass from Differ), 11:48.
Fourth Quarter
Was—Ellard 3 pass from Frerotte (Blanton kick), 12:11.

	Was	TB
First downs	17	18
Rushes-yards	16-41	45-209
Passing	206	92
Comp-Att-Int	20-39-1	8-15-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-13	3-20
Punts	4-44.0	4-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-37	1-5

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Washington, Allen 14-36, Mitchell 2-5. Tampa Bay, Rhett 28-97, Alstott 8-67, Differ 4-27, R.Brooks 3-10, Ellison 2-8.
PASSING—Washington, Frerotte 20-39-1-219. Tampa Bay, Differ 8-15-0-112.
RECEIVING—Washington, Ellard 5-93, B.Brooks 5-54, Asher 5-31, Mitchell 3-29, Allen 2-12. Tampa Bay, Alstott 3-24, Ellison 2-30, Hawkins 1-83, J.Harris 1-22, Moore 1-3.

Packers 41, Broncos 6

Denver	3	0	3	0 — 6
Green Bay	3	10	7	21 — 41

First Quarter
GB—FG Jacke 33, 7:03.
Den—FG Elam 40, 12:11.
Second Quarter
GB—FG Jacke 22, 13:06.
GB—Freeman 14 pass from Favre (Jacke kick), 14:43.
Third Quarter
Den—FG Elam 39, 3:04.
GB—Freeman 51 pass from Favre (Jacke kick), 6:12.
Fourth Quarter
GB—Jackson 1 pass from Favre (Jacke kick), :44.
GB—Freeman 25 pass from Favre (Jacke kick), 7:39.
GB—Beebe fumble recovery in end zone (Jacke kick), 9:33.

	Den	GB
First downs	9	22
Rushes-yards	24-93	29-103
Passing	83	276
Comp-Att-Int	13-24-0	20-38-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-23	1-4
Punts	5-34.8	2-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	2-0
Penalties-Yards	10-65	7-45

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Denver, Davis 14-54, Hebron 7-30, Musgrave 1-6, Lewis 1-4, Craver 1-(minus 1). Green Bay, Levens 14-86, Jervey 3-7, Bennett 9-5, Henderson 1-3, Favre 2-2.
PASSING—Denver, Musgrave 12-21-0-101, Lewis 1-3-0-5. Green Bay, Favre 20-38-2-280, Pederson 0-0-0-0.
RECEIVING—Denver, Sharpe 4-34, McCaffrey 3-41, Miller 2-18, Sherrard 1-7, Smith 1-6, Hebron 1-5, Craver 1-(minus 5). Green Bay, Freeman 9-175, Chmura 4-70, Jackson 3-20, Levens 2-7, Risch 1-7, Henderson 1-1.

Steelers 16, Chargers 3

San Diego	0	0	3	0 — 3
Pittsburgh	6	7	0	3 — 16

First Quarter
Pit—FG N.Johnson 49, 4:51.
Pit—FG N.Johnson 39, 11:31.
Second Quarter
Pit—Hastings 11 pass from Tomczak (N.Johnson kick), 13:57.
Third Quarter
SD—FG Carney 25, 11:04.
Fourth Quarter
Pit—FG N.Johnson 21, :48.

	SD	Pit
First downs	8	21
Rushes-yards	23-65	37-167
Passing	83	160
Comp-Att-Int	10-29-1	16-33-3
Sacked-Yards Lost	5-42	0-0
Punts	8-41.0	5-46.6
Fumbles-Lost	4-3	3-1
Penalties-Yards	7-74	6-49

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—San Diego, Russell 16-35, Fletcher 3-17, Salisbury 2-15, Hayden 2-(minus 2). Pittsburgh, Pegram 17-83, Bettis 16-71, Stewart 2-14, Lester 1-1, Tomczak 1-(minus 2).
PASSING—San Diego, Salisbury 10-29-1-125. Pittsburgh, Tomczak 15-31-3-153. Stewart 1-2-0-7.
RECEIVING—San Diego, Fletcher 3-24, Jones 2-19, Martin 2-10, Coleman 1-50, Roche 1-19, Mitchell 1-3. Pittsburgh, Hastings 6-63, C.Johnson 4-67, Pegram 2-16, Bettis 2-6, Botkin 1-4, Whitman 1-4.

Falcons 31, Saints 15

Atlanta	7	7	7	10 — 31
N. Orleans	3	0	6	6 — 15

First Quarter
NO—FG Brien 34, 8:36.
Atl—Lyons 3 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick), 13:00.
Second Quarter
Atl—Metcalf 4 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick), 14:31.
Third Quarter
Atl—Heyward 1 run (Andersen kick), 3:08.
NO—Guess 57 pass from Nussmeier (pass failed), 12:35.
Fourth Quarter
Atl—Emanuel 3 pass from Hebert (Andersen kick), 4:53.
Atl—FG Andersen 33, 8:57.
NO—Bates 4 run (pass failed), 12:55.

	Atl	NO
First downs	19	14
Rushes-yards	25-122	21-83
Passing	182	168
Comp-Att-Int	20-29-2	21-36-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-16	1-3
Punts	4-43.3	7-38.9
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	9-70	12-76

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Atlanta, Anderson 13-71, Heyward 9-47, Hebert 3-4. New Orleans, M.Bates 14-70, Whittle 4-8, Hunter 2-6, Guess 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Atlanta, Hebert 20-29-2-198. New Orleans, Nussmeier 21-35-1-171, Hunter 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING—Atlanta, Emanuel 5-22, Anderson 4-39, Mathis 3-42, Birden 3-30, Heyward 2-49, Metcalf 2-13, Lyons 1-3. New Orleans, Neal 6-19, Whittle 4-23, DeRamus 3-29, M.Bates 3-6, Guess 1-57, T.Johnson 1-12, Small 1-12, Hunter 1-9, Lusk 1-4.

Giants 17, Dolphins 7

N.Y. Giants	7	3	0	0 — 17
Miami	7	0	0	0 — 7

First Quarter
NY—Hampton 4 run (Daluiso kick), 6:08.
Mia—Wilson 3 pass from Marino (Nedney kick), 14:24.
Second Quarter
NY—Cross 1 pass from Brown (Daluiso kick), 13:45.
Third Quarter
NY—FG Daluiso 37, 13:22.

	NY	Mia
First downs	21	15
Rushes-yards	41-131	20-103
Passing	149	191
Comp-Att-Int	21-28-0	16-30-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-20	3-18
Punts	4-45.8	4-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-16	7-47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New York, Hampton 20-60, Wheatley 13-59, Way 4-9, Brown 4-3. Miami, Abdul-Jabbar 17-96, Marino 1-7, Pritchett 1-1, Parmalee 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—New York, Brown 21-28-0-169. Miami, Marino 16-30-2-209.
RECEIVING—New York, Way 6-56, Cross 5-23, Dawsey 3-40, Lewis 2-17, Calloway 2-13, Hampton 2-6, Saxton 1-14. Miami, Barnett 4-139, McDuffie 3-22, Abdul-Jabbar 2-14, Parmalee 2-14, Pritchett 2-6, Hill 1-8, Drayton 1-3, Wilson 1-3.

Seahawks 26, Bills 18

Buffalo	0	8	0	10 — 18
Seattle	10	6	3	7 — 26

First Quarter
Sea—Galloway 27 pass from Mirer (Peterson kick), 3:03.
Sea—FG Peterson 41, 11:15.
Second Quarter
Sea—FG Peterson 38, 1:01.
Sea—FG Peterson 22, 6:48.
Buf—Moulds 37 pass from Kelly (Early pass from Kelly), 13:55.
Third Quarter
Sea—FG Peterson 30, 6:27.
Fourth Quarter
Buf—FG Christie 22, 3:24.
Sea—L.Smith 12 run (Peterson kick), 6:19.
Buf—Brantley 22 pass from Collins (Christie kick), 11:19.

	Buf	Sea
First downs	21	11
Rushes-yards	24-70	35-170
Passing	312	132
Comp-Att-Int	28-48-3	9-23-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	9-58	2-15
Punts	7-39.1	9-46.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-25	2-10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Buffalo, Thomas 17-65, Holmes 4-4, Kelly 2-1, Collins 1-0. Seattle, Warren 21-116, Smith 10-27, Mirer 2-15, Pritchard 1-7, Galloway 1-5.
PASSING—Buffalo, Kelly 24-41-2-324, Collins 4-7-1-46. Seattle, Mirer 9-23-0-147.
RECEIVING—Buffalo, Early 6-79, Moulds 5-89, Copeland 4-62, Brantley 4-35, Johnson 3-59, Clein 3-22, Thomas 2-17, Reed 1-7, Seattle, Proehl 4-91, Warren 3-18, Galloway 1-27, R.Williams 1-11.

Panthers 30, 49ers 24

Carolina	10	17	3	0 — 30
San Fran.	0	17	0	7 — 24

First Quarter
Car—Walls 5 pass from Collins (Kasay kick), 3:21.
Car—FG Kasay 18, 12:21.
Second Quarter
SF—B.Jones 1 pass from Young (Wilkins kick), 5:21.
Car—Walls 5 pass from Collins (Kasay kick), 7:05.
SF—Owens 46 pass from Young (Wilkins kick), 10:46.
Car—Green 20 pass from Collins (Kasay kick), 12:10.
Car—FG Kasay 26, 14:32.
SF—FG Wilkins 31, 15:00.
Third Quarter
Car—FG Kasay 33, 7:46.
Fourth Quarter
SF—Rice 5 pass from Young (Wilkins kick), 8:38.

	Car	SF
First downs	22	23
Rushes-yards	33-58	13-75
Passing	324	375
Comp-Att-Int	22-37-0	27-41-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-3	5-18
Punts	3-46.0	4-45.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-35	15-121

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Carolina, Johnson 25-52, Collins 5-3, Griffith 2-2, Ismail 1-1. San Francisco, Young 5-63, Kirby 6-10, Floyd 2-2.
PASSING—Carolina, Collins 22-37-0-327. San Francisco, Young 27-41-2-393.
RECEIVING—Carolina, Green 7-157, Walls 5-35, Carrier 4-83, Ismail 2-40, Oliver 2-9, Griffith 1-3, Johnson 1-0. San Francisco, Rice 10-129, Jones 6-68, Owens 5-110, Kirby 5-80, Popson 1-6.

Patriots 34, Patriots 13

N.Y. Jets	0	3	7	0 — 10
N. England	7	13	7	7 — 34

First Quarter
NE—Coates 2 pass from Bledsoe (Vinatieri kick), 9:17.
Second Quarter
NE—FG Vinatieri 19, 1:53.
NY—FG Lowery 27, 9:16.
NE—Martin 19 run (Vinatieri kick), 11:56.
NE—FG Vinatieri 41, 14:58.
Third Quarter
NY—K.Johnson 4 pass from Foley (Lowery kick), 9:32.
NE—Law 38 interception return (Vinatieri kick), 12:36.
Fourth Quarter
NE—Grier 1 run (Vinatieri kick), 10:41.

	NY	NE
First downs	16	27
Rushes-yards	14-42	33-119
Passing	202	248
Comp-Att-Int	22-45-2	24-43-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-25	1-3
Punts	5-41.6	4-35.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	10-64	9-55

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—New York, Murrell 12-30, Foley 1-11, Hansen 1-1. New England, Martin 21-94, Grier 7-19, Bledsoe 2-3, Gash 2-2, Meggett 1-1.
PASSING—New York, Foley 22-45-2-227. New England, Bledsoe 24-42-1-251, Grier 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING—New York, Johnson 7-91, Chrebet 4-52, Slaughter 3-40, Brady 3-19, Van Dyke 2-17, R.Anderson 2-14, Murrell 1-(minus 6). New England, Glenn 7-66, Jefferson 5-91, Byars 4-37, Martin 3-13, Coates 2-18, Gash 2-14, Meggett 1-12.

Vikings 24, Lions 22

Minnesota	3	14	0	7 — 24
Detroit	0	10	3	9 — 22

First Quarter
Min—FG Sisson 31, 7:44.
Second Quarter
Min—Lee 3 pass from B.Johnson (Sisson kick), 2:48.
Det—Morton 15 pass from Mitchell (Hanson kick), 6:00.
Min—Reed 13 pass from B.Johnson (Sisson kick), 12:33.
Det—FG Hanson 30, 14:44.
Third Quarter
Det—FG Hanson 48, 13:44.
Fourth Quarter
Det—FG Hanson 31, 6:29.
Min—Carter 30 pass from B.Johnson (Sisson kick), 10:04.
Det—Sanders 2 run (pass failed), 12:26.

	Min	Det
First downs	21	23
Rushes-yards	31-116	23-145
Passing	173	235
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-0	21-31-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-22	3-15
Punts	3-43.3	2-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	7-56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Minnesota, Hoard 17-66, Graham 4-19, B.Johnson 7-18, Lee 3-13. Detroit, Sanders 20-134, Mitchell 2-10, Rivers 1-1.
PASSING—Minnesota, B.Johnson 19-29-0-195. Detroit, Mitchell 21-31-0-250.
RECEIVING—Minnesota, Carter 7-83, Lee 3-33, Reed 3-32, Evans 2-11, Palmer 2-9, Hoard 1-18, Ismail 1-9. Detroit, Moore 9-126, Perriman 7-42, Morton 4-68, Price 1-14.

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
East											
y-New England	10	4	0	.714	389	279	6-2-0	4-2-0	9-3-0	1-1-0	6-2-0
Buffalo	9	5	0	.643	285	241	6-1-0	3-4-0	5-5-0	4-0-0	4-3-0
Indnpls	8	6	0	.571	269	284	6-2-0	2-4-0	5-5-0	3-1-0	4-4-0
Miami	6	8	0	.429	292	283	3-4-0	3-4-0	5-5-0	1-3-0	4-2-0
NY Jets	1	13	0	.071	231	402	0-6-0	1-7-0	0-11-0	1-2-0	0-7-0
Central											
x-Pittsbrgh	10	4	0	.714	315	214	7-0-0	3-4-0	8-4-0	2-0-0	4-4-0
Houston	7	7	0	.500	308	277	2-5-0	5-2-0	5-5-0	2-2-0	4-2-0
Jacksonvle	7	7	0	.500	286	305	5-1-0	2-6-0	6-5-0	1-2-0	5-3-0
Cincinnati	6	8	0	.429	320	332	5-2-0	1-6-0	4-6-0	2-2-0	4-3-0
Baltimore	4	10	0	.286	334	390	4-3-0	0-7-0	2-9-0	2-1-0	1-6-0
West											
x-Denver	12	2	0	.857	357	240	7-0-0	5-2-0	9-1-0	3-1-0	5-1-0
Kan. City	9	4	0	.692	282	230	5-2-0	4-2-0	5-4-0	4-0-0	4-3-0
San Diego	7	7	0	.500	280	339	4-3-0	3-4-0	6-5-0	1-2-0	4-3-0
Oakland	6	7	0	.462	274	234	3-3-0	3-4-0	5-4-0	1-3-0	2-3-0
Seattle	6	8	0	.429	276	335	4-4-0	2-4-0	4-6-0	2-2-0	1-6-0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
East											
Dallas	9	5	0	.643	264	207	5-2-0	4-3-0	1-2-0	8-3-0	5-2-0
Phila	8	6	0	.571	313	302	4-3-0	4-3-0	1-2-0	7-4-0	4-3-0
Washington	8	6	0	.571	301	275	4-3-0	4-3-0	3-1-0	5-5-0	3-3-0
Arizona	6	8	0	.429	254	342	4-3-0	2-5-0	0-4-0	6-4-0	3-3-0
NY Giants	6	8	0	.429	217	257	3-3-0	3-5-0	2-1-0	4-7-0	2-6-0
Central											
x-Green Bay	11	3	0	.786	387	197	7-0-0	4-3-0	3-1-0	8-2-0	5-1-0
Minnesota	8	6	0	.571	267	287	4-3-0	4-3-0	1-3-0	7-3-0	4-2-0
Chicago	6	8	0	.429	237	257	5-2-0	1-6-0	1-2-0	5-6-0	3-4-0
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	285	313	4-3-0	1-6-0	1-3-0	4-6-0	3-4-0
Tampa Bay	5	9	0	.357	177	253	4-3-0	1-6-0	2-2-0	3-7-0	1-5-0
West											
y-Carolina	10	4	0	.714	322	188	6-0-0	4-4-0	1-1-0	9-3-0	7-1-0
y-San Fran	10	4	0	.714	349	228	5-2-0	5-2-0	3-0-0	7-4-0	6-2-0
St. Louis	4	10	0	.286	255	369	3-4-0	1-6-0	2-2-0	2-8-0	2-4-0
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	265	408	2-5-0	1-6-0	0-3-0	3-8-0	3-4-0
New Orleans	2	12	0	.143	199	322	2-6-0	0-6-0	1-3-0	1-9-0	0-7-0

x-clinched division title.
y-clinched playoff spot.

Thursday's Game
Indianapolis 37, Philadelphia 10

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 31, New Orleans 15
Cincinnati 21, Baltimore 14
Green Bay 41, Denver 6
Jacksonville 23, Houston 17
New York Giants 17, Miami 7
Chicago 35, St. Louis 9
Pittsburgh 16, San Diego 3
Tampa Bay 24, Washington 10
New England 34, New York Jets 10
Seattle 26, Buffalo 18
Carolina 30, San Francisco 24
Dallas 10, Arizona 8
Minnesota 24, Detroit 22

Monday's Game
Kansas City at Oakland, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14
Philadelphia at New York Jets, 11:30 a.m.
San Diego at Chicago, 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 15
Baltimore at Carolina, noon
Cincinnati at Houston, noon
Green Bay at Detroit, noon
Indianapolis at Kansas City, noon
New England at Dallas, noon
New Orleans at New York Giants, noon
St. Louis at Atlanta, noon
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, noon
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, noon
Oakland at Denver, 3 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 3 p.m.
Seattle at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 16
Buffalo at Miami, 8 p.m.

CNN Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in USA Today-CNN college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 7, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's ranking:

Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Florida State	(57)11-0	1,545	1
2. Arizona State	(5)11-0	1,491	2
3. Florida	11-1	1,410	4
4. Ohio State	10-1	1,340	5
5. Brigham Young	13-1	1,235	6
6. Nebraska	10-2	1,185	3
7. Penn State	10-2	1,162	7
8. Colorado	9-2	1,106	8
9. Virginia Tech	10-1	1,099	9
10. Tennessee	9-2	989	10
11. Northwestern	9-2	889	12
12. Washington	9-2	847	13
13. North Carolina	9-2	815	14
14. Kansas State	9-2	727	15
15. Alabama	9-3	651	11
16. Louisiana State	9-2	615	16
17. Michigan	8-3	529	17
18. Notre Dame	8-3	421	18
19. Miami (Fla.)	8-3	408	20
20. Texas	8-4	324	—
21. Iowa	8-3	312	21
22. Syracuse	8-3	251	22
23. Wyoming	10-2	246	19
24. Army	10-1	231	23
25. West Virginia	8-3	130	24

Others receiving votes: Virginia 74, East Carolina 30, Auburn 22, Texas Tech 18, Southern Mississippi 12, San Diego State 10, Clemson 9, Houston 6, Navy 5, Wisconsin 4, Michigan State 3.

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Announced that they will not offer salary arbitration to RHP Shawn Boskie.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Agreed to terms with LHP Jimmy Key on a two-year contract.
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Mike Maddux on a one-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Doug Jones on a minor-league contract.
National League
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Glenn Geffner assistant director of media relations.
National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues
NAPBL—Awarded Class AA franchises to Springfield, Mass. and Erie, Pa. to begin play in the Eastern League in 1999.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Suspended New York F Larry Johnson for one game and fined him $5,000 for throwing a punch at Miami G-F Keith Askins on Dec. 6.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
FLORIDA PANTHERS—Acquired C Craig Fisher from the New York Islanders for future considerations and assigned him to Carolina of the AHL.
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Recalled D Neil Wilkinson from Cleveland of the IHL.
American Hockey League
PORTLAND PIRATES—Recalled D Alex Alexeev, RW Rick Kowalsky and LW Ryan Mulhern from Hampton Roads of the ECHL.
East Coast Hockey League
JACKSONVILLE LIZARD KINGS—Signed G Jason Sheridan. Released G Doug Keans.
LOUISVILLE RIVERFROGS—Traded F Phil Berger to Raleigh for future considerations.
SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS—Activated LW Marc Tardif from injured reserve.
SOCCER
FIFA—Announced the retirement of Joao Havelange, president, effective after the 1998 World Cup.
A-League
MILWAUKEE RAMPAGE—Signed M Jon Szczepanski to a two-year contract as player-assistant coach.
COLLEGE
BALL STATE—Extended the contract of Bill Lynch football coach for three years.
INDIANA—Named Anthony Thompson running backs coach, Pete Schmidt assistant head coach and quarterbacks coach, Jon Heacock defensive coordinator, Mark Deal centers and guards coach, Ron Burton linebackers coach, John Harbaugh defensive backs and special teams coach, Mike Teeter defensive line coach, T.J. Heist wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator and Matt Bomba strength coach.
NOTRE DAME—Named Jim Colletto offensive coordinator.
STATEN ISLAND—Announced the resignation of Gerry Mosley women's basketball coach. Named Eugene Marshall Jr. women's interim basketball coach and Paul Lizzo women's interim associate basketball coach.
WYOMING—Named Dana Dimel football coach.

ABL

East	W	L	Pct	GB
Columbus	15	1	.938	—
Richmond	10	10	.500	7
Atlanta	6	10	.375	9
New England	5	12	.294	10 1/2
West				
San Jose	10	7	.588	—
Seattle	10	7	.588	—
Colorado	9	9	.500	1 1/2
Portland	4	13	.235	6

Sunday's Games
Columbus 81, New England 62
Colorado 91, Atlanta 75
Portland 74, Richmond 70

CBA

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pts	Ppg
Florida	5	4	37.0	4.1
Quad City	5	5	38.0	3.8
Fort Wayne	5	4	34.0	3.8
Grand Rapids	6	5	41.0	3.7
Rockford	5	5	34.5	3.5
Connecticut	3	7	27.0	2.7

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pts	Ppg
Sioux Falls	9	0	50.0	5.6
Yakima	5	5	31.5	3.2
Oklahoma City	5	6	34.0	3.1
LaCrosse	5	6	33.5	3.0
Omaha	3	9

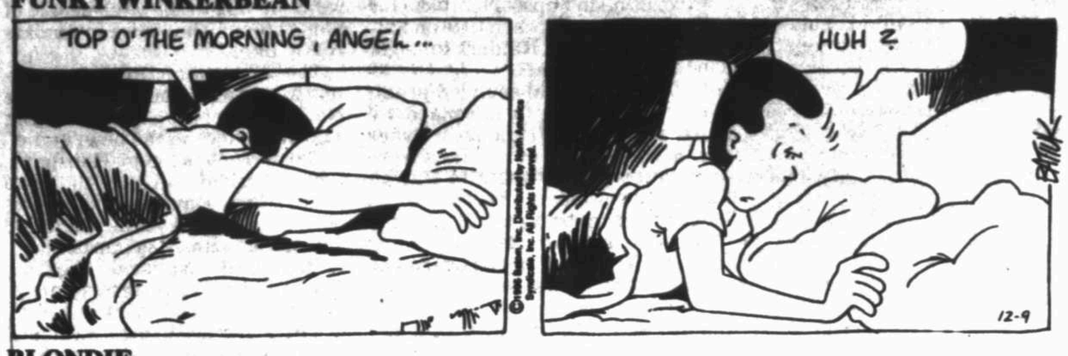
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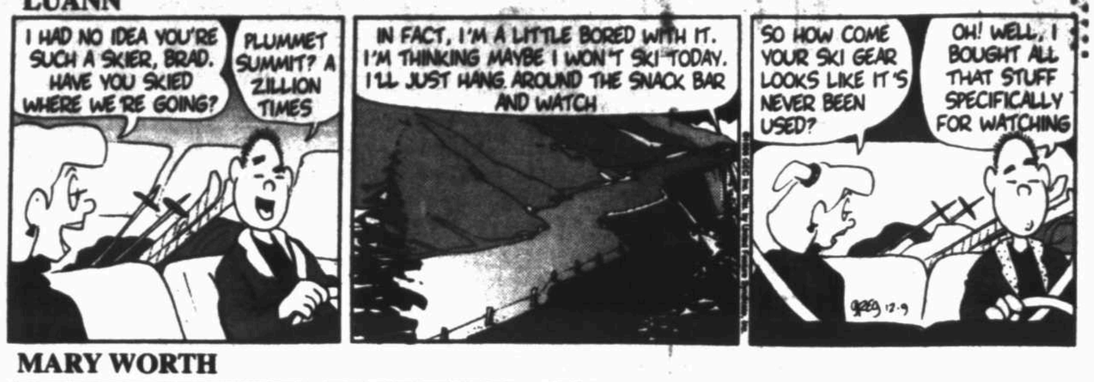
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1996

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Do everything you can to make family life rewarding. Jobs open up in teaching, social work and the arts. Your income receives a nice boost as 1997 gets underway. Purchase major appliances in February. A faltering relationship could end in April. Postpone nonessential home repairs until June. Your popularity will grow over the summer. Go all out to achieve your career goals. Start at the bottom if necessary; you will soon earn a raise or promotion.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: golfer Tom Kite, singer Joan Armatrading, football player Dick Butkus, director John Malkovich.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Pressing too hard at work will only stir up dissension or cause a financial setback. Avoid demanding more than you are prepared to give. An emotional romantic partner must be handled with kid gloves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your keen analytical skills help you uncover the root of a financial or career problem. Put aside self-criticism and cultivate your optimistic nature.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Protecting your financial resources will dispel recent worries. Be more subtle when dealing with a temperamental employer or co-worker. Making intelligent concessions helps you resolve your differences.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A tendency to tilt at windmills could account for slow career progress. Spend time in quiet reflection. Focus on establishing good relations with someone in a position to help you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be circumspect when talking with people in authority. It would be a mistake to back a venture until you have reviewed all the facts and figures. Delay taking action while examining a problem from every angle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A comprehensive savings and investment program will eventually pay big dividends. Meanwhile, stick to your budget. Make a gift of your services to a recently married couple.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Careful thought is advised before you lift a finger. You need to complete projects already underway in order to meet end-of-year deadlines. Romance has you guessing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Getting along with people should be your top priority now. Kind words and deeds help calm jangled nerves. Be subtle when trying to make an important point.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Complete an essential task before fatigue or other distractions intervene. Financial backing can be found for truly important projects. Read agreements with care before affixing your signature.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Romantic pursuits enjoy favorable influences. Tedious tasks seem easier. Unexpected income will raise your hopes. Help a loved one going through an emotional upheaval. Offer suggestions only if asked.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your energy reserves will carry you through this busy day. Avoid being judgmental. Accept additional responsibilities graciously but insist on being remunerated. Keep your sense of humor when around gloomy associates.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take care of important tasks early in the day. Misguided optimism could cause complications. Go all out to repair a deteriorating relationship. Admitting your faults will help you mend some emotional fences. Cultivate new friends.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A Q 7 ♡K 6 ◇A 8 ♣Q J 9 7 6 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♣	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

A - You are in slam territory, and the only question is how best to proceed. The key to the hand is the double fit, so you should bring partner into the picture by bidding three spades. That is forcing in any system. If you were weak there would be no point to taking a preference to spades since you would have raised to two spades in the first place.

Q. 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A K 7 6 ♡7 ◇6 2 ♣A K Q J 9 4

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - If you jumped to three clubs to show your strength and the quality of your suit, you have made the second-best bid available. There are many hands where partner would pass three clubs when four spades cannot be defeated. Rebid one spade.

Q. 3 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠Q 3 2 ♡K 10 8 ◇A 10 9 3 2 ♣10 5

Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

A - We would make the same response whether our no-trump range was 15-17 or 16-18 — a jump raise to three no trump. The reasonable five-card suit and virtually certain entry to the South hand makes it a worthwhile proposition.

Q. 4 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A K J 10 9 ♡7 6 5 ◇Q 9 2 ♣A 8

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - Since North must have at least a five-card suit to respond two hearts, you have located an eight-card or better major-suit fit. Tell partner about it by raising to three hearts. Don't let those 100 honors in spades lead you astray.

Q. 5 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A K J 6 ♡10 9 5 4 ◇7 ♣A Q 6 3

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one heart. What action do you take?

A - Discard any thought of a take-out double — you have the wrong distribution and can never recover should partner respond and persist in diamonds, as is likely. We suggest an overcall of one spade. You have the values, and this is the level where an overcall on a high-quality four-card suit is permitted.

Q. 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K ♡A K ◇K 8 7 4 2 ♣Q J 10 5 3

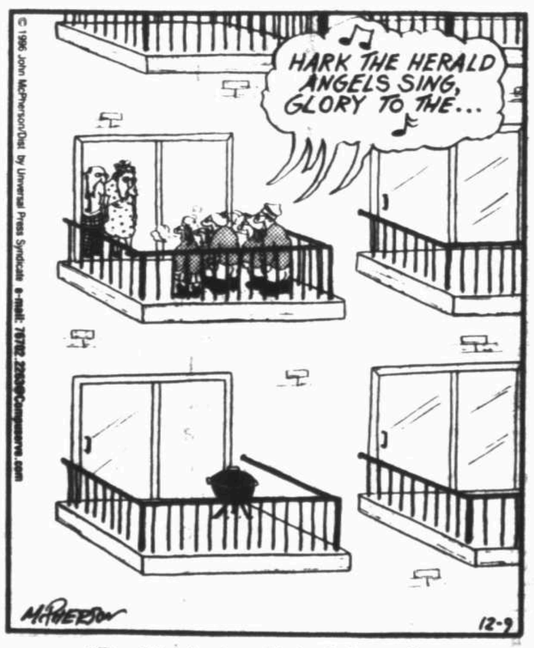
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1 ◇	Pass	1 ♠	2 ♡
?			

What action do you take?

A - You have a good hand, and one of its more attractive features is that it is two-suited. Despite the fact that your prime cards are in your short suits, you should bid three clubs to help partner get a picture of your holding.

CLOSE TO HOME



"Don't look at me! I don't have the slightest idea how they got out there!"

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FAMILY CIRCUS



"That's the presidential seal."
"I thought they only had a cat."

DENNIS THE MENACE



"I'M ALWAYS GOOD AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR. IT'S A *TRADITION.*"

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

MONDAY EVENING — December 9, 1996 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 118	Wheel of Fortune 2196	Dangerous Minds: Evolution 2196		NFL Football: Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders 788712						News 4016	Cheers 41644
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Melrose Place: Quest for Mother 67926		TV's All-Time Funniest Holidays 75873		Tarzan: The Epic Adventures 63809		Mad About You		In the Heat of the Night 804575	Martin 40267
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 3480	Entertain. Tonight	Cosby 7199	Ink 3625	Murphy Brown	Cybill 5364	Chicago Hope: Mummy Dearest 32335		News 9288480	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 1808	Seinfeld 5480	Puma: Lion of the Andes 67809		Lying Eyes (TVG) (Cassidy Rae, Tatcum Bradley) 69272				News 5044826	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night O'Brien
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 893731		Salusbow		Benny Hinn 56373		Praise the Lord 53480				Sch'bach	Peasant
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 189064		Brass Theater With the Canadian Brass & Star of Indiana 637847		Danny Kaye: A Legacy of Laughter, an "American Masters" Special				Adventure, Journey		To Be Announced 431199	
Cable	**O**	**C**	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(1) CNBC		8	Money Club	Stocks and Deals	Politics	Equal Time	Rivers Live 9749880		Late Night With Conan O'Brien 9799944		Charles Grodin 9782731		Rivers Live 9229880	
(18) WGN		10	Family Matters	BZZZ! 591731	7th Heaven 374151		Savannah: True Love Will Never Die 390199		News 370335		Wiseguy: Meet Mike McPike 373422		In the Heat of the Night: Triangle 557557	
(11) WTBS		11	Fun Videos	Fun Videos	For Your Eyes Only (PG, '81) *** (Roger Moore, Carole Bouquet) 47859176						Live and Let Die (6:35) (PG, '73) *** (Roger Moore, Yaphet Kotto) 8012179			
(19) BRAV		18	Foot Notes	MediaTV	Dreams (R, '91) *** (Sinead Cusack) 884847				South Bank Show		Mon Oncle d'Amerique (PG, '80) *** 8984151			
(29) BET		20	Hit List 723536		UnReal 179793				Comicview 921083		Talk	Benson	Rap City 586354	
(21) DISN		21	A Kid in King Arthur's Court (PG, '95) ** (Thomas Ian Nicholas, Joss Ackland) 7373518		Don't Bug Me Love (7:40) (PG-13, '97) ** (Patrick Dempsey, Shelley Long) 7373518				The Avonlea Saga 277335		Murder By Death (PG, '76) *** (Peter Falk, Peter Sellers) 67915			
(23) FAM		23	Perry Como's Christmas in the Holy Land		Sandi Patty: O Holy Night! 840151		Rescue 911 586199		The 700 Club 546335		The Three Stooges	The Three Stooges	Carson's Comedy	Carson's Comedy
(25) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	PrimeNews	Politics	Larry King Live 594847		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	CNN Presents 167977	
(28) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (6:30)	NFL Prime Monday 638557			Gymnastics: Rock 'n' Roll Challenge 383793				Cheerleading	SportsCenter 434847		NFL's Greatest
(27) USA		37	Highlander: Mortal Sins 379998		WWF Monday Night RAW 579257		Cruising (R, '80) *** (Eddie Murphy, Arnaldo Hall) 335536					Silk Stalkings 818847		The Big Date
(30) FX		38	Mission: Impossible		A-Team 9578286		Miami Vice 9554606		In Color	In Color	Picket Fences 9577557		Miami Vice 3950996	
(39) A&E		39	The Equalizer: Heart of Justice 734636		Biography 936609		Poirot: Veiled Lady 945557		Miss Marple: Nemesis (Part 1 of 2) 925793		Law & Order: Seed 928880		Biography 541915	
(40) TLC		40	Hometime 949625	Hometime 939877	Wonders/Weather	Paleoworld 989489	Pharaohs and Kings: A Biblical Quest 396336		Survival in the Sky: Deadly Weather 319199		Wonders/Weather	Paleoworld 461151	Pharaohs and Kings: A Biblical Quest 994441	
(41) NICK		41	Doug 135083	Rugrats 126336	Hey Arnold!	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	The Munsters	Mary Tyler Moore	Rhoda 742557	Taxi 729821	Odd Couple	Bewitched 205441	I Dream of Jeannie
(45) LIFE		43	Hope ...	Designing	A Different Kind of Christmas (TVG) 714088				Bible (PG) ** (Dennis Lurch) 585488				M. Stewart	Mysteries
(48) OUTDR		47	Wild World Of: East	Survival 1163628	World Cup Review 4631151		World Cup: Snowboard 4657199		Marine Voyager	Boat Yard 1365606	World Cup Review 4630422		World Cup: Snowboard 5577983	
(49) UNI		49	Bendita Mentira 52828		Maria, La del Barrio 54199		Caneveral de Pasiones 63847		Cristina ... Edicion Especial 43083		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	La Tocada 258712	
(50) HSE		50	Fox Sports News 29538		Futbol Mundial	Longhorn Sports	Fox Sports News		College Basketball: Texas at Arizona 772083			Fox Sports News	Fox Sports News 71977	
(51) COM		51	The Daily Show	TV Nation 9923441	Never Talk to Strangers (PG, '95) *** (Dabney Coleman, Rebecca De Mornay) 9923441				Dream On 8385480	The A-List	The Daily Show	TV Nation 9136248	Saturday Night Live 2056083	
Premium	**O**	**C**	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(14) DISC		14	Beyond 2000	Next Step (6:30)	Wild Discovery 934441		Sci-Trek 950489		Fangs!: Hyenas: Nature's Gangsters 930925		Next Step 6533625	Beyond 2000	Wild Discovery 556847	
(15) AMC		15	The Sound of Music (R)		Road to Singapore (PG) ** 868977			Reflections	Midnight Lace (TVG) *** (Doris Day) 819118				Road to Singapore	
(16) TNN		16	Dukes of Hazzard		Sam's Place Christmas		Prime Time Country		C'try News	Dance	Dallas 327118		Dukes of Hazzard	
(17) TNT		17	In the Heat of the Night		WCW Monday Nitro 913199				Thunder in Paradise		WCW Monday Nitro 983422			
(22) MAX		22	Poltergeist III (PG-13, '88) ** (Tom Skerritt, Nancy Allen) 710977		Mrs. Winterbourne (PG-13, '96) ** (Ricki Lake, Shirley MacLaine) 7184977				Body Count (R, '96) (Bonny Cruise, Robert Davi) 2349977			Good Fellas (10:30) (R, '90) *** (Robert De Niro, Ray Liotta) 2387245		
(26) VC1		29	Braser (R, '98) 8937176						Eraser (R, '96) ** 7946441				Eraser (R) 7988488	
(36) CHTS2		30	Celtic Pride (R)		Celtic Pride (PG-13, '96) 9222334				Celtic Pride (PG-13, '96) 9744336				Celtic Pride 1869977	
(31) CHTS1		31	Eraser (R, '96) ** 9757268				Eraser (R, '96) ** 9763364				Eraser (R, '96) ** 8001998			
(32) TMC		32	Le Bossu (6:10) (PG-13, '97) *** (Lou Diamond Phillips, Fanny Ardant) 7373518				A Star Is Born (R, '76) ** (Barbra Streisand, Kris Kristofferson) 8328940				Runaway (10:30) (PG, '78) *** (Roger Delbray, Jean-Paul Belmondo) 8328940			
(33) SHOW		33	Showgirls (R, '95) ** (Elizabeth Berkley, Gina Gershon) 8984151		The Good Killers (R, '96) ** (Christopher Lambert) 8984151			Bedtime 467499	Critical Choices (TV) (Bobby Buckley, Pamela Reed) 8532218			Legends of the Fall (10:30) (R, '94) ** (Brad Pitt) 8532218		
(34) HBO		34	Composer's Specials: Handel's Last Chance		Three Wishes (PG, '95) ** (Patricia Arquette, Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio) 710977				Comic Relief's 10th Anniversary 301199		Malicious (R, '95) ** (Molly Ringwald, John Vernon) 3648488		Movie	
(35) HC		89	Movie (R)		Raw Target (R, '95) 1799199				Hot Line: Fiery Desires 3074988		Hot Body Covergirl		City Girls	

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PEOPLE

Far-out sitcom actor makes most of career, doesn't let it go to head

NEW YORK — Weirdness works for **Stewart French**, the long-suffering actor who plays kooky alien Harry on "3rd Rock From The Sun."

"Stumble into a room, say something stupid, hurt yourself, get the hell out," Stewart says of his acting formula for Harry. "It's amazing how much mileage you can get out of a character with only a brain stem."

French finally got his big break after 12 years of odd acting jobs like playing Yogi Bear at trucking conventions and doing puppet shows at kids parties.

"I was working harder than anybody but getting nowhere," French says in the Dec. 13 Entertainment Weekly. "You start thinking, Should somebody be having a talk with me?"

French is capitalizing on his TV success. He'll play Happy in the upcoming film version of "McHale's Navy," but isn't letting things go to his head.

"I never thought of myself as an actor of amazing depth," he says. "I have a certain talent, and now I've found a place for that, so I'm going to ride it into the ground."

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Missing: one white suit with red pinstripes and the numbers 666 on the back, a hat, a scarf, assorted bow ties and a pair of devil horns. The owner? The devil himself.

Jerry Lewis went to his dressing room Saturday at Shea's Performing Arts Center in Buffalo set to play his role as the devil in the musical "Damn Yankees" only to find his costume was missing.



Jerry Lewis' costume was stolen before a recent performance.

The costume is hardly cheap, valued at $9,000, according to theater manager Patrick Fagan.

Lewis was forced to perform in a different outfit, but Shea's officials said no one seemed to notice. Police had no clues in the theft.

PRINCETON, N.J. — **Christopher Reeve's** hometown theater, where he got his start as a stagehand and performer, will be the site of a fund-raising concert for the paralyzed actor's spinal cord injury foundation.

Carly Simon, Mandy Patinkin, John Lithgow and others friends of the "Superman" actor are scheduled to take part in the show at McCarter Theatre on Jan. 12. Proceeds go to Reeve's foundation sponsoring research and providing support for people with spinal injuries.

Reeve, 43, grew up in the Princeton area and spent considerable time as a young man at McCarter Theatre, working both backstage and onstage.

The actor was paralyzed from the neck down in May 1995 when he was thrown from a horse. Reeve is expected to attend the event, but it will depend on his health at the time.

LONDON — For the first time since their divorce, **Prince Charles** and **Princess Diana** appeared together in public Sunday as they attended a Christmas carol service at their eldest son's school.

Diana and Charles arrived separately at Eton College, 20 miles west of London, but sat together as Prince William, 14, read a lesson during the service — "The Prophet Micah foretells the glory of Bethlehem."

Former foreign secretary Douglas Hurd, who attended the service, said: "It was an excellent service. Prince William read the lesson very well."

Diana arrived about 15 minutes before the start of the service, driving herself in a black BMW. Charles, heir to the British throne, arrived in another car five minutes later. He wore a gray coat.

The prince and princess were met at the school by a teacher in charge of Prince William's boarding house.

Charles and Diana's appearance together comes, according to the British domestic news agency, Press Association, amid reports of a thaw in their relations.

The Mail on Sunday newspaper reported that Charles has asked his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, to invite Diana to lunch at Buckingham Palace on December 18 as part of attempts to improve relations between them.

Prince William, second in line to the British throne, will begin Christmas holidays with the rest of his classmates on Wednesday.

NEW YORK — **Cuba Gooding Jr.** has no trouble with nudity — on screen or off.

Asked if he was embarrassed by having to strip down in "Jerry Maguire," Gooding responds by standing and dropping his pants.

"As you can see, it doesn't bother me a bit," Gooding told the Daily News for a story printed Sunday. "We all came into this world naked, so what's the big deal?"

In the film, Tom Cruise has the title role of a sports agent representing a pro football star played by Gooding, who lifted weights to prepare for the role and tried to perform some of his own stunts.

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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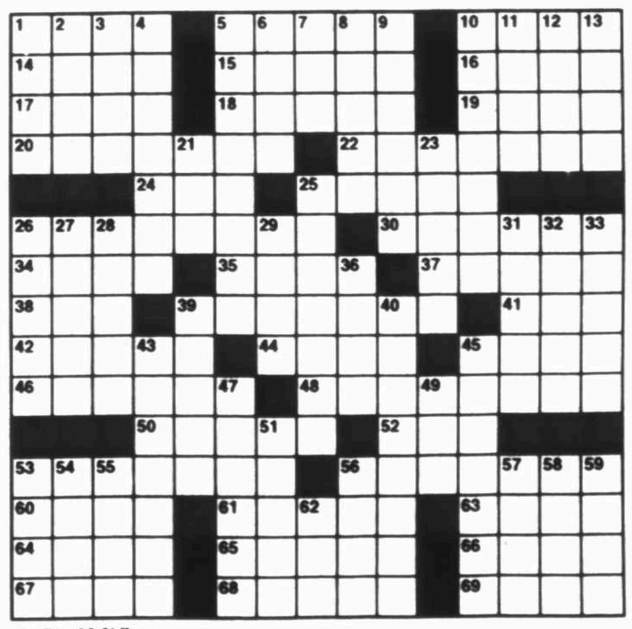
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More advice needed

Just because about half of all US teen-agers can tell their parents or pediatricians that they are virgins does not mean they are steering clear of all risky sexual behaviors, according to a new study by RAND corporation and University of California at Los Angeles researchers. One-seventh of all high school students surveyed who had not engaged in vaginal intercourse had nevertheless engaged in other sexual practices — chiefly oral sex — that put them at risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV. Another 21 percent of virgins had engaged in masturbation with a partner, often a first step toward riskier practices.

The study author, Dr. Mark A. Schuster, a RAND analyst and UCLA pediatrician, said the findings show that, as uncomfortable as it might be, people advising teens-agers about being sexually careful may need to be more precise in their warnings.

Specifically, Schuster said, encouraging them to "abstain from having sex" may not be a clear enough message if parents and doctors actually mean don't do anything — including oral or anal sex — that could expose them to a sexually transmitted disease. "Clinicians in particular should not rely on an inquiry about virginity as their only screening question" to determine if their young patients are at risk of a sexually transmitted disease, Schuster wrote in the American Journal of Public Health.

Schuster's team anonymously surveyed 2,066 students in grades 9-12 in an urban, diverse California school district. They found that 47 percent — more girls than boys — were virgins, close to the percentage found nationally in a 1990 survey, indicating their study has nationwide relevance.

Drinking risky

In another new study that looks at risky teen-ager behavior, a Duke University researcher reports that even moderate amounts of alcohol pose much bigger dangers to the memory and brain function of young rats than they do to adult rats, a finding that probably applies to people as well.

Writing in a recent issue of Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research, Scott Swartzwelder reported that young rats suffer types of damage to learning and memory nerve receptors that adults do not from similar amounts of alcohol.

Developmentally, the juvenile rodents were comparable to 8th- or 9th-grade students, so the tests indicate there may be strong biological arguments for legal bans on drinking by people under 21 whose "young brains are built to learn," he said.

Swartzwelder has already begun research on the comparative effects of alcohol on memory and learning brain cells in adult humans of various ages, but is facing a big problem testing the theory on teen-agers: "It's illegal for them to drink." One way around that problem, he said, might be to recruit volunteers in European countries where drinking ages are lower.

Vaccine helps babies

A team led by a Brigham & Women's Hospital doctor has developed a vaccine for the most common type of infection in newborns, one that is fatal to one of every 12 babies who get it.

The group B streptococcus bacterium the most common source of infection in newborns, infecting about one of every 550 babies. The vaccine developed by Dr. Dennis L. Kasper, director of Brigham & Women's Channing Laboratory, and associates from Baylor University and Canada's National Research Council proved effective in more than 90 percent of 100 women patients immunized. In the future, Kasper's team would have women get inoculated before they become pregnant, so they could pass on resistance to their babies and would not need massive doses of penicillin if they show signs of having the virus late in pregnancy.

Although it might take more than two years to complete clinical tests, Kasper said, Brigham & Women's has already licensed the vaccine to a Maryland vaccine manufacturer. Kasper's team reports on the vaccine in a recent Journal of Clinical Investigation.

Oral health

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — America's dentists say gum disease is now a more pressing oral health concern than tooth decay, by a 2-to-1 margin, according to a recent survey sponsored by the American Dental Association and the Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals subsidiary of Colgate-Palmolive at the 1996 World Dental Congress here. Other findings are:

- Twenty-four percent of the dentists reported that smokeless tobacco use has increased among their patients in the past two years. More than half the dentists cite young adults aged 18-29 as the largest group using smokeless tobacco. According to the ADA, tobacco use including smokeless tobacco contributes to the death of one person each hour from oral cancer.
- A growing number of older patients are keeping their own teeth. Toothlessness has declined among older people in the past five years.

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Depression is temporary, suicide isn't

By Leigh Hopper
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Above a fountain in the beer garden at the Dog and Duck Pub on West 17th Street is a plaque honoring a man who, according to his friends, was something akin to the patron saint of conviviality.

Amba Mann, 60, made great fudge and danced a mean polka. He was the person who organized a Friday breakfast club, cycling trips, excursions to Europe. The retired chemical engineer was a happily married husband and the social hub for a wide circle of people. Insightful, witty, he was everyone's rock.

But early this year, something went terribly wrong.

An illness that gave no physical clue to its presence devoured him, taking his life within six months — as swiftly as a deadly cancer.

His death is now the subject of legal proceedings and has prompted the Texas Department of Health to propose a $40,000 fine against St. David's Pavilion for violations in the state health and safety code.



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Top photo, friends and family toast to Amba Mann on Oct. 27 at the Dog and Duck Pub in Austin, where they used to regularly meet for drinks. A memorial plaque was put up on the side of the building in his honor. Mann, shown in bottom photo, suffered from severe depression. He died when he jumped in front of nearby highway traffic shortly after he left a local hospital's treatment center through an unlocked door that should have been locked. Mann managed to slip away unnoticed by hospital staff.

MANN'S STORY is proof that depression, which affects one in four women and about half as many men over the course of a lifetime, is an illness of incredible power. Inherited risk combined with stressful events, including the holidays, can upset the brain's chemistry in otherwise healthy, well-adjusted people.

In March 1995, Mann and his wife, Linda Fields, moved from their house on 37th Street — the one famous for its thousands of Christmas lights — so they could save money for a home in the Hill Country. In October 1995, Mann, a state employee for almost 20 years, left behind a second family of sorts when he retired from his job at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission. On Jan. 9, his 90-year-old mother died.

"It was about a month after that I noticed — he noticed — things weren't right," Fields says.

He missed the old house, he regretted retiring, and his mother's death left him without the identity of a son. Each loss, taken alone, seemed manageable. But a "black cloud," he said, drifted across his mind and stayed there.

Mann and Fields sought help. The diagnosis — depression — came as no surprise. He began taking antidepressants and receiving counseling. His family was supportive. When suicide began occupying his thoughts, it seemed St. David's Pavilion, a psychiatric hospital, offered safe harbor from the storm raging in his mind. He was voluntarily admitted July 3.

Despite the care he was receiving, regular visits from his wife and two grown daughters, Mann's emotional state seemed to worsen. He was keeping a journal, staying in touch with friends, but the black cloud in his mind was pushing the old Amba out.

MANN WAS SUFFERING from a particularly intractable form of depression, a kind that can take some people six months to a year to overcome. A biological aberration in the brain causes severe depression, changing the way people think. Portions of the brain that have to do with hope, and the desire to live, don't work.

"They feel very guilty and they blame themselves in a way you don't see as much when people have hypertension or cancer," says psychiatrist Lauren Marangell, director of a mood disorders clinic at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "So unfortunately, we've got about 15 percent of people with severe depression die by suicide. That rate is as high a mortality as you see with many more traditional medical illnesses. Yet most of these people are treatable."

Mann began asking hospital staff if there was a "widow's fund" to help his wife when he was gone. Family members attempted to reason with him, but he would try to tell them "the truth," that he would use up all their money and never get out.

Mann and Fields agreed he should try electroconvulsive therapy, commonly called shock treatment, which often provides quick benefits for the severely depressed. He was placed on a suicide watch, checked every 15 minutes by a staff member. He could not shave, or even floss his teeth, without supervision.

JUST BEFORE 6 A.M. July 22 as he was waiting — unsupervised — for his fourth treatment, he noticed something: The tiny warning light on the door's magnetic lock was glowing green instead of red.

Within seconds, he was on the street.

Within minutes, he was poised on a short barrier wall at the edge of Interstate 35 at 26th Street. Witnesses saw him in his hospital gown, arms lifted slightly from his sides.

At that hour, the lower deck of I-35 is dim and shadowy. A 28-year-old woman was cruising south on her way to work. As Mann saw her Volkswagen Jetta drawing near, he jumped headfirst in front of it. There was no time for the woman to stop. Police said Mann died instantly.

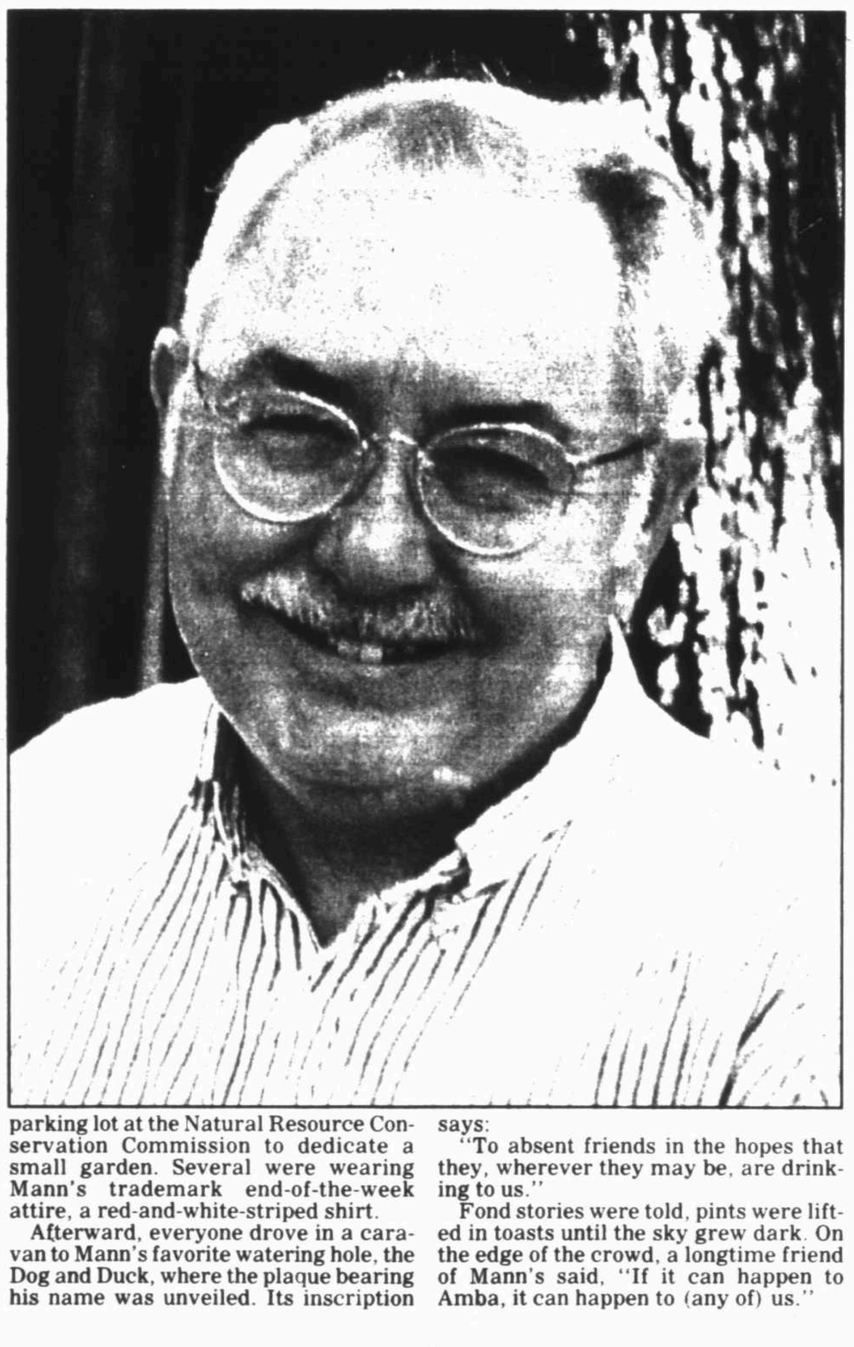
The Texas Department of Health investigated the incident the next day and reported, "The facility did not follow its own policies and procedures in regards to providing appropriate care to a suicidal patient which resulted in the patient's elopement from the facility and death."

In other words, Mann was left alone, even though he was on suicide watch. Furthermore, staffers told the Health Department they knew the unlocked door posed a risk — four months earlier, a mentally ill patient still wearing an opening for an intravenous tube left through the door, got on a bus and went home.

ST. DAVID'S PAVILION quickly corrected its security problems, the Health Department levied a fine, and now lawyers for the hospital and family are discussing risk, responsibility and money.

But on Oct. 25, which would have been Mann's 61st birthday, it was clear Mann's family and friends wanted to focus on the extraordinary life he led rather than the horrifying way he died.

That morning, Cindy Mann, one of his daughters, placed a cross and a spray of gardenias next to the interstate. In the afternoon, about 75 people gathered in the parking lot at the Natural Resource Conservation Commission to dedicate a small garden. Several were wearing Mann's trademark end-of-the-week attire, a red-and-white-striped shirt.



Afterward, everyone drove in a caravan to Mann's favorite watering hole, the Dog and Duck, where the plaque bearing his name was unveiled. Its inscription says:

"To absent friends in the hopes that they, wherever they may be, are drinking to us."

Fond stories were told, pints were lifted in toasts until the sky grew dark. On the edge of the crowd, a longtime friend of Mann's said, "If it can happen to Amba, it can happen to (any of) us."

Panic attacks 'fairly common'

By Dr. Hugh Leavell
N.Y. Times News Service

The word "panic" derives from the Greek god, Pan, who, in addition to being a mean flutist was also just plain mean. He like to terrorize solitary travelers when they were at their most vulnerable, causing them to suddenly "panic."

You don't have to travel to have a panic attack but most attacks do happen away from home. This can lead to a generalized fear of leaving home, a related condition known as agoraphobia (literally fear of the market place).

Panic attacks can also occur at home and agoraphobia is not always preceded by a panic attack, but they both involve fear which is difficult to trace to its source. The two disorders differ from from true phobias in this respect: there is no apparent cause.

Nevertheless, occasional panic attacks are fairly common in the general population. About 10 percent of people will have one at some point in their lives. About 2 percent will have chronic problems with panic or agoraphobia.

The most prevalent symptoms of Panic Disorder are intense feelings of physical distress. Pounding pulse, labored breathing, sweating, shaking and nausea often lead to the mistaken conclusion that there is a heart attack in progress, or even a psychotic episode.

This can be so frightening that the fear of a recurrence becomes the biggest fear of all. Thus, the avoidance of all threatening or potentially threatening situations (agoraphobia) is a likely result of untreated Panic Disorder.

There is probably a hereditary component in the disorder since 40 percent of sufferers have a close relative with it.

Clearly, panic attack is the result of a natural alarm system gone haywire. Indeed, the physical symptoms of normal anxiety (rapid breathing and pulse, sweating and trembling), mimic the feelings associated with having a heart attack or suffocating and might be mistaken for them by the panic-prone person.

Treatment for Panic Disorder involves both medication (anti-depressants and anti-anxiety drugs) and psychotherapy. For more information or a referral call the Anxiety Disorders Association of America (301) 231-8368.

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DELIVERY DRIVERS needed Monday through Friday, 10 am to 2 pm. Must have dependable transportation, valid drivers license, and insurance. Apply in person between 2 pm and 5 pm, Monday through Friday at Ninfa's Mexican Restaurant.

DELIVERY Help needed full time. Heavy lifting required. Good driving record. Random drug screening. Carter's Furniture, 501 E. Illinois. Between 2 & 6 PM.

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310 General Help Wanted

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311 Medical Help Wanted

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT
One position open for 2 pm to 10. Applicant must be dedicated to the elderly and their care. NEW SALARY SCALE. Apply in person- Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main, Midland.

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Week-end Coverage
Terrace West Nursing Center has current opening for a Register Nurse to work week-ends. We offer a very competitive salary/benefits. Apply in person
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Midland, TX 79707

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312 Professional Help Wanted

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Please forward resume and salary history to:
EE&G, Inc.
1612 North Sylvania Avenue
Fort Worth, Texas 76111
Phone: (817) 838-0330
Fax: (817) 838-7722

312 Professional Help Wanted

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BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
Non-profit Organization has an immediate opening for a CPA/ financial Accountant. Responsible for grant management and budget development. Applicant should have a minimum of 2 years experience, preferably with a non-profit organization, experience in fund accounting, budgeting, forecasting, annual audit and monthly reporting. Please send resume and credentials to Executive Director, Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children, P.O. Box 2942, Midland, Texas 79702.

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DEVELOPMENT DIREC R- The Petroleum Museum seeks individual to carry out complete development program that directs efforts to increase museum funding. Opportunities to use creative skills, work with community and industry leaders and supervise department growth. Communication skills paramount. Requirements: BA/BS, 3 years fund raising experience, computer proficiency. Competitive salary and benefits package. Send resume and cover letter to Personnel Committee, The Petroleum Museum, 1500 I-20, Midland, TX 79701.

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Degreed Accountant
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312 Professional Help Wanted

PROFESSIONAL. The City of Big Spring is accepting applications for the position of Golf Professional to oversee the Comanche Trail Golf Course. Qualified applicants must hold a PGA certificate. Preference will be given to a four -year college degree in Agronomy, Turf Grass Management, Horticulture, Landscaping or related field and must have five years experience of golf course work. For more detailed requirements and to apply contact City of Big Spring Personnel Office, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, TX 79720 or call 915-264–2346. Applications will be accepted through December 31, 1996. The City of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

APARTMENT MANAGEMENT
Leasing Agent/Manager for Mid siz complex. Requires 2 years office experience, computer literate and upbeat personality. Will train for top pay & benefits. 682-0146.

CLERICAL
MERRILL LYNCH
Immediate opening for an Administrative Assistant in our Midland office. Must be self-motivated, well- organized, and possess the ability to work as a team player in a fast- paced environment. Excellent communication skills required for interaction with clients, both in person and over the phone. Typing is required. Competitive salary and benefits package. Qualified applicants send resume to:
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Midland, TX 79701

BILLING CLERK with automotive billing experience needed. Call 684–7101, talk to Sarah for an appointment.

PARISH SECRETARY, large Midland church. Work will include membership and Parish records, weekly newsletter, service bulletins, light accounting, communications and computer skills desired. Heavy telephone and typing. Good benefits, salary DOE. Send resume with cover letter to Box E-20, C/O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
Tom Brown, Inc., a rapidly expanding Midland gas and oil exploration and production company, seeks an executive secretary reporting to the President and the Chief Executive Officer. The qualified candidate will possess the following skills:
* Computer proficient in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word and Lotus 1-2-3 or Microsoft Excel.
* Excellent organizational, communication, and interpersonal skills.
* Previous experience as an executive secretary in gas and oil exploration-production is preferred.
Tom Brown, Inc., is an Equal Opportunity Employer and offers a complete benefits package, including medical/ dental, life insurance, 401(k) profit sharing plan, short and long term disability, long-term care, vacation, holiday and sick leave. Salary DOI.
Resumes should be mailed to the Personnel Dept., P.O. Box 2608, Midland, TX 79702 or faxed to (915) 682-6707.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

PART TIME Secretary/ Receptionist needed for busy non- smoking office. Skilled in WP7, PA3 and MS Access. Send resume to Box E-21, C/O The Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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SECRETARY- Southern Baptist Church secretary position open. Excellent typing and proofreading skills, people skills, non smoking environment, working knowledge of WordPerfect. Send resume to Fannin Terrace Baptist Church, 2800 Mogford, Midland, TX 79705. Attention: Personnel Department.

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SALES- EARN $4K- $7K per month. Give away our free security system. 570-8890.

SALES- growing Medical Equipment Company looking for career minded person for sales and service position in Midland/ Odessa area. Experienced preferred, but not necessary. For interview opportunity call 800-234-6529.

SALES- Midland/ Odessa area salesperson needed for Industrial Safety company. Base Pay + commission, company car, benefits, established route. Send resume: 209 W. Broadway, #219, Hobbs, NM 88240.

SALESPERSON with experience needed for oilfield service company. We would prefer someone who is familiar with the people in the exploration industry of the Permian Basin. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 7238, Midland, Texas 79708. No phone calls please.

SALES CONSULTANT. Prefer factory certified or 3 years experience. Guaranteed $3,000- $5,000 per month depending on experience. References required. Send resume and salary history to: P.O. Box 450, Snyder, TX 79550. No phone calls please.

318 Management Help Wanted

APARTMENT MANAGEMENT
Leasing Agent/Manager for Mid size complex. Requires 2 years office experience, computer literate and upbeat personality. Will train for top pay & benefits. 682-0146.

320 Skilled Trades

WANTED
Two (2) Manuel Lathe Operators. 2nd Shift. Top Pay, plus shift differential. Flexible hours. Company benefits. Apply at 11500 W. Hwy. 80, Midland. E.O.E.

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320 Skilled Trades

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335 Adult Care Needed

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336 Adult Care Providers

HOME HEALTH Aides available to attend your daily needs. Also hospital sitting. We work from 4 to 24 hours. Call 570-4475, ask for Jackie.

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341 Child Care Providers

NEED A SITTER For holiday parties or new year's eve? Also, nights, weekends, or daily. Call 685–4083.

LICENSED HOME day care. 7:30- 5:30 Monday- Friday. Call now to register, 570–4799.

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359 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers
Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.
★★★★★★★★★★★★
★ $50,000+ PER YEAR. Home based business, new to this area. $84.50 Investment. Call (915) 335-8000, Ext. 127.

410 Miscellaneous Sales

2 PENN Down riggers, Lowrance x15 paper graph for sale. 363-8348.

TOY BOX (4' x 2'h x 2'd) $50, recliner $25, 2 swivel rockers $25 a set, Hooked on Phonics- never used- $150. 520–7450.

HERBALIFE Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

18 Speed mens mountain bike. Paid $150, sell for $90 o.b.o. Call 520–7220.

7' Artificial tree. $40. Like new. Purchased from Aldredge Gardens. Call 520–7220.

POWER RIDER, $100. Yamaha keyboard and stand, $150. Girls bedroom suite without bed, antique white with gold trim, 9 drawer dresser with mirror, 4 drawer desk with bookshelf hutch, 2 drawer nightstand, $300. 697–0304.

Boys 12" bike, $20. Good condition. Call 520–7220.

23 DOZEN packaged medium adult diapers. $5 per dozen. Nearly new Lumex padded geri chair $350. 694–6539.

FLYING AMERICAN before December 21? Save up to $100. For sale, (2) $300 vouchers, $250 each. 687–2046.

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FORK LIFTS: Datsun 3,000 lb., Toyota 2800 lb., air tires. Choice $9,850. Good condition. 685-1247, 570-4408.

JENNY LIND Baby crib, good condition, $25 (needs refinishing). Call 520–7220.

✔ 2 STREET BICYCLES- Ladies burgundy, mens Schwinn. Like new. $100 for both. 689–0977.

25" MAGNAVOX Color Console TV with stereo, $125. Small Panasonic .6 cu. ft. microwave oven, $60. 5" color TV with AM/ FM radio, $70. 682–6887.

FOR SALE: Saddle, tree, blanket, hackamore & bridle. $200. 337-4554.

FOOSBALL TABLE. Commercial, coin op "Tornado Table Soccer". Great family Christmas gift. $395. 689–2288.

Girls 20" bike. Good condition, $20. Call 520–7220.

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FOR SALE: Solid Oak Architectural drawing desk. $250 or best offer. For more information, 699–5353.

25¢ COKE MACHINE $95, sofa $90, 2 drafting tables, non- working TV, stereo console/ 8 track $35, 2 office desks, stair stepper $35. 694–8195, 687-2877.

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MACINTOSH COMPLETE System with laser printer. $800. 550-8159.

Sega Genesis with 2 games & 2 control pads. $50 o.b.o. Call 520–7220.

PLAYHOUSE 4' x 8' with porch, electric light and carpet. $350. 699–6352.

413 Jewelry & Furs

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ROUSTABOUTS

PARKER & PARSLEY PETROLEUM is needing experienced roustabouts in the Midland area. Must have a high school diploma and at least 3 years of actual roustabout or related experience and a working knowledge of computers. Must be able to work a 50 hour workweek schedule. Send resume of experience and qualifications to:

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Attn: Human Resources
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415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

WANTED: Dallas Cowboys vs. New England football tickets. Call 570–5874.

420 Good Things To Eat

FRESH PECANS! $1.50 /lb. in shell, $5.00 /1 lb. bag shelled or $18/ 4 lb. bag. 561–9642 leave message if no answer.

FREE DELIVERY. Pecans in shell, $1/ lb. Halves and pieces, $3.75/ lb. Call 563–6273.

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430 Household Goods

RACE CAR Twin bed, all leather, red/ black, 2 large drawers. $125 With bedding. 520–0659.

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