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## U.S. forces attack Panamanian army bases

By ELOY O. AGUILAR  
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PANAMA CITY, Panama (AP) — American troops backed by fighter jets and waves of U.S.-based reinforcements attacked Panamanian army bases today in a bid to capture Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega and break his defiant grip on power.

Noriega fled and was in hiding, and his top bodyguard said on Panamanian radio that the ruler was directing his battered forces to resist the vastly superior numbers and firepower of the advancing U.S. units.

A man identified only as Major Caballero said on National Radio that "40 Americans have been detained," but that figure could not be confirmed. In an earlier radio report, he said 41 were being held.

Also, two soldiers who said they were Noriega loyalists seized three Americans from a hotel in the capital. Thousands of U.S. troops attacked Panamanian military bases in and around the capital at midnight.

Preliminary reports said more than 50 people were dead, including at least nine Americans, but death estimates began rising as the sun came up over the smoldering city.

Fighting raged for hours but by daylight Panamanian resistance was waning. Noriega, the target of the attack, remained free.

"We will chase him, and we will find him," Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington.

Powell said that nine Americans had been killed in action, 39 were wounded and one was missing.

Opposition leader Guillermo Endara, winner of May elections the Noriega-controlled government nullified, was sworn in as president and given immediate U.S. backing.

President Bush, in a nationwide broadcast in the United States, said Noriega was in hiding and "the action is not over yet."

"Tragically, some Americans have lost their lives in defense of their fellow citizens, in defense of democracy," he said. "We also regret and mourn the loss of innocent Panamanians."



President Bush addresses the nation from the Oval Office this morning about the situation in Panama.

The invasion by American troops is the violent climax of Washington's long battle with the cagey military leader, who had set up a succession of puppet presidents while running a military empire that purportedly trafficked in Colombian cocaine.

The bellicose Noriega survived two coup attempts, a losing election, and tough U.S. economic sanctions while bravely flouting Washington's futile attempts to break his grip on power.

The Panama Canal, where about 30 ships cross the isthmus daily, was closed at 1 a.m. because of the fighting, according to Panama Canal Commission spokesman Franklin Castrellon. He said landslides had caused the only previous canal closings.

The capital's sky was bright with the light of gunfire for hours; blacked-out planes and helicopters roared overhead under a full moon.

The U.S. assault began about midnight as forces dispatched from U.S. bases attacked Panamanian military headquarters, which witnesses in nearby apartments said was in flames at 12:40 a.m. and virtually destroyed by 2 a.m.

American troops from bases in the United States were airlifted in on Tuesday to augment the 12,000 soldiers based in Panama. Powell said another 9,500 troops from U.S. bases were sent to augment the force.

Bush said Noriega's "reckless" behavior had "created an imminent danger to the 35,000 American citizens living in Panama."

Fighting also was reported at a Panamanian cavalry unit about seven miles east of the Defense Forces headquarters; and at the Panamanian base Fort Cimarron, about 20 miles from the capital.

Noriega's main bodyguard, Lt. Anuncion Gaitan, spoke on the national radio network after dawn to say that Noriega was "well and in a safe place."

"Don't anyone give up your positions. In the provinces, prepare to resist. The attacks are going to continue when they find we are not going to cede," he said.

Gaitan, who is well-known as Noriega's prime bodyguard and is with Noriega whenever the general is seen in public, then gave a series of messages using code names and instructions. The codes mentioned names like "Alex, Omar," or said, "Alex, take the man to the hangar and Yeyo."

Others were more comprehensible. One was a reference to the so-called civilian Dignity Battalions of

Noriega loyalists.

"Dignity Battalions operate in small operations during the day or look for positions and mix with the people who support you and at night move and act against the enemy positions in the periphery of the city," ran one.

Meanwhile, casualty reports were climbing. Dr. Marcel Pena of the Santo Tomas Hospital in Panama City said wounded had been coming in all night and the number increased with daylight.

"There are many more than 50 dead and an enormous number of wounded," he said. Earlier, doctors had said there were at least 50 dead at the hospital.

Hospitals were short of blood, surgical materials and other supplies and were issuing international appeals for help, he said.

On Friday, Noriega's rubber-stamp declared that the country was in a "state of war" with the United States and named the general head of state to deal with the threat. A day later, a U.S. military officer was shot to death by Panamanians in what American officials called an unprovoked attack.

At the eastern edge of the capital, about six miles from Panamanian military headquarters, troops in olive uniforms ran through the luxury Marriott Hotel and lights inside the hotel went out.

Twelve foreigners, including eight Americans, were taken from the hotel by Panamanians armed with assault rifles and held for about two hours before being released unharmed in the streets. Among them were correspondents for The Associated Press, Reuters and The New York Times.

"A lot of Panamanians have died and we could kill you. Don't think they won't," one of the Panamanians told The Times reporter.

In Washington, White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said President Bush had "directed U.S. forces to execute ... pre-planned missions in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal treaties and apprehend Manuel Noriega."

## Congress leaders endorse military action in Panama

By DIANE DUSTON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Members of Congress in both parties moved quickly today to endorse President Bush's use of U.S. military force against Panama's Gen. Manuel Noriega.

"I support the president's decision," Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said in a brief statement from Mexico City, where he was meeting with government officials. "It was made necessary by the reckless actions of Gen. Noriega."

Mitchell was notified of the impending action in a call to President Bush from a secure telephone

at the U.S. Embassy at about 12:15 a.m. today, an aide said.

"I hope that the restoration of democracy to Panama will occur as soon as possible," Mitchell said. "I deeply regret the loss of life which resulted."

"I called to tell the president, 'my compliments to the chef,'" said Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina, the ranking Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"The majority of the Senate will feel good by this turn of events," Helms predicted in a phone call he placed to The Associated Press.

"We need to see how it plays out," said Senate Republican Leader Robert Dole in a telephone interview with the AP. "I would guess

there would be widespread bipartisan support for the president."

Bush ordered the U.S. troops to Panama City to apprehend Noriega and bring him to the United States to stand trial on drug-smuggling charges, said White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. The move also was intended to protect American lives as well as the Panama Canal, he said.

"I think the president has done the right thing and I suspect he'll have pretty widespread support in Congress," Sen. Slade Gorton, R-Wash., said in an interview with Seattle-based KIRO-TV.

White House officials said top congressional leaders had been briefed on the mission to seize Nor-

iega by force.

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, also was briefed about the operation.

"We don't believe it would be appropriate to comment at this point," he said through his aide, Jason Isaacson, shortly after the White House held a press conference announcing the action.

Isaacson said Dodd spoke to Secretary of State James A. Baker III and "is monitoring these events very closely. He is also making calls to other people in the region."

Dodd has been generally supportive of Bush's actions concerning Noriega.

## Pampa man charged in robbery of White Deer clerk

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — A 22-year-old Pampa man has been charged with the Nov. 27 aggravated robbery of a convenience store clerk, in which the clerk was hit over the head with a soft drink bottle.

Peter G. Rodriguez, 22, of 218 W. Craven, Pampa, was charged Tuesday on a warrant issued for aggravated robbery in the incident at the Allsup's store in White Deer. Carson County Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace A.C. Davis of Panhandle issued the first-degree felony warrant.

White Deer City Marshal Tam Terry said the investigation was jointly worked by his office and that of the Carson County Sheriff's Office. Terry gave special credit to Detective Sgt. Charlie Love of the Pampa Police Department for his cooperation in the investigation.

Rodriguez is being held by Gray County Sheriff's Office on a charge of burglary that allegedly occurred the same night as the robbery. Rodriguez was in Hemphill County Jail this morning, after being held in the Gray County jail since his arrest until Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday, the boiler in the Gray County Courthouse went out, causing the transfer of all the Gray County jail prisoners to either the city of Pampa facility or the Hemphill County Jail.

Bond in the aggravated robbery charge has not been set. Carson County Sheriff Terry Timmons, however, has recommended a \$100,000 bond.

Timmons said this morning that he plans to travel to Canadian today for Rodriguez's arraignment on the felony robbery charge. He said he was not sure whether Rodriguez would be left in the Hemphill County Jail or transferred to Carson County's facility.

On the Gray County burglary of a building charge, Rodriguez is being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Sheriff Jim Free said today. Rodriguez allegedly broke into the Killarney bar on U.S. 60 within 30 minutes of the robbery in White Deer. Free said an estimated two cases of beer was taken in the break-in at the bar.

Rodriguez was stopped by Pampa police in the 200 block of West Craven shortly after the burglary and charged with driving while intoxicated, failure to signal intent, no driver's license and no proof of liability insurance.

He is being held in lieu of

\$1,000 bond on the charges.

Sheriff Timmons said an undisclosed amount of cash was taken in the Allsup's robbery. The incident was reported about 1:58 a.m. Nov. 27 after the suspect bought gasoline and then came into the store.

According to officials, the man picked up a 16-ounce glass soft drink bottle and struck the clerk, Margaret Leslie Burns of Kingsmill, on the head and then went behind the counter and got money from the cash register.

Burns was taken to Coronado

Hospital in Pampa by Rural/Metro Ambulance and was treated and released.

The clerk's head was cut by the bottle and she received stitches to close the wound.

Timmons said this morning that Rodriguez has been a suspect "since the night it happened."

"We took a look at him then," Timmons said.

Timmons said the money was considered the motive in the robbery and Rodriguez's "intoxication" was also a factor in the robbery.

## Radiation show



Mike Lowry, a training supervisor at Pantex in Amarillo, leads a discussion on radiation energy at Pampa Middle School on Tuesday. During presentations throughout the day, approximately 400 sixth-grade students of Margaret Williams, Paulette Noble and Jennifer Scoggin were allowed to use Geiger counters to measure radiation in a Coleman Lantern mantle. It is radiation in the mantle that causes it to glow.



(AP Laserphoto)

Soldiers from Fort Ord, Calif., board a C-5 Galaxy transport plane for transport to Panama in May. U.S. forces moved against Noriega early this morning.

## Hispanic rights group supports U.S. military action in Panama

By The Associated Press

Texans in Congress and the nation's largest Hispanic rights group are coming out in support of the military action in Panama today, but a Texas analyst says the invasion could be a two-edged sword.

U.S. Rep. Joe Barton condemned Panamanian strongman Manuel Noriega, who remains at large, as an outlaw, a sentiment echoed by the League of United Latin American Citizens.

"What we're doing here is getting rid of a hooligan that is causing great turmoil in our hemisphere," said Jose Garcia de Lara, national president of San Antonio-based League of United Latin American Citizens.

LULAC claims 125,000 members nationwide.

"We stand squarely behind our commander in chief on this issue," de Lara said. "Noriega is a criminal that is doing wrong for his country and this hemisphere and he must be stopped. We can't tolerate his initiatives against the freedom of the hemisphere."

Barton said the action may get Noriega to Miami to face trial in a 1988 indictment that charges him with conspiracy, racketeering, importing drugs and traveling to further the conspiracy.

U.S. Rep. Jack Fields, a Republican from Humble, said he thinks the military action will be very popular with the Panamanian people politically and economically.

"It's my understanding that our troops are being received very warmly by the Panamanian people so I think our action will be very popular in Panama," Fields said today.

Fields said the lifting of economic sanctions against Panama will be of tremendous economic benefit to the Central American country.

"That means a great deal of money immediately infused into the Panamanian economy," Fields said. "We currently have \$300 million escrowed money due and owing to the Panamanian government."

Democratic Congressman Martin Frost of Dallas said he thinks the

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## Services tomorrow

**HENSLEY**, Thurman L. — 2 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, Borger.  
**HUFF**, Mildred — 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery.

## Obituaries

**J.D. FISH**  
McLEAN — J.D. Fish, 74, died today at his home. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in McLean Church of Christ with Jay Farber, Church of Christ minister of Creed, Colo., officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home.  
Mr. Fish was born July 11, 1915, at Goldston. He moved to the Alanreed-McLean area from Goldston in 1924. He married Marjorie Goodman on Aug. 9, 1955 in McLean. He retired in 1980 after serving 26 years as Precinct 4 constable. He took office in 1954. He farmed and ranched all of his life. He was a member of the Church of Christ.  
Survivors include his wife; one son and daughter-in-law, Jay Dee and Beck Fish of McLean; one granddaughter, Jessi Fish of McLean; three brothers, Noble Fish, S.C. (Bob) Fish and Ray Fish, all of McLean.

**THURMAN L. HENSLEY**  
SKELLYTOWN — Thurman L. Hensley, 72, died Monday. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Trinity Lutheran Church in Borger with the Rev. Fred Kelm, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery under the direction of Ed Brown & Sons Funeral Home of Borger.  
Mrs. Hensley, born in Cord, Ark., moved to Skellytown 44 years ago. He married Louise Reinhard in 1945 at Winona, Minn. He was a retired Phillips Refinery employee. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and was an Army veteran of World War II.  
Survivors include his wife; a son, Brian Hensley of Skellytown; a daughter, Penney McKee of Liberal, Kan.; a brother, E.P. Hensley of Victoria; three sisters, Opal Green of Morris, Okla., and Winona Hejna and Doris Snider, both of Oklahoma City; and four grandchildren.

**LOWELL WAYNE WATSON**  
SPRINGLAKE — Lowell Wayne Watson, 73, the father of a Pampa man, died Monday. Services will be at 2 p.m. today in Springlake Church of Christ with R.V. Hamilton, Church of Christ minister of Buffalo Gap, officiating. Burial will be in Springlake Cemetery under the direction of Parsons Ellis Funeral Home of Earth.  
Mr. Watson was born in Hubbard City. He was a retired farmer. He married Bernice Renfro in 1934 at Paducah. He was a member of Springlake Church of Christ since 1965.  
Survivors include his wife; two sons, Ken Watson of Springlake and Bud Watson of Pampa; three sisters, Florence Madden and Babe McClure, both of Lubbock, and Faye Holt of Sacramento, Calif.; a brother, Earl Watson of Springlake; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**MILDRED HUFF**  
HAMILTON — Mildred Huff, 75, a former Pampa resident, died Monday in Hamilton. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Services are under the direction of Riley Funeral Home of Hamilton.  
Mrs. Huff was born May 26, 1914, in Mississippi. She was a cook and a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Hamilton. She was a former resident of Pampa and had resided in Hamilton for the past 11 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Huff, on Aug. 2, 1967.

**Emergency numbers**  
Ambulance.....911  
Crime Stoppers.....669-2222  
Energas.....665-5777  
Fire.....911  
Police (emergency).....911

**City approves variable trash collection rates**  
On second reading, Pampa city commissioners approved an ordinance Tuesday that will institute new variable rates for commercial trash collection around the city.  
The new rates go into effect in January, said City Manager Glen Hackler.  
Commissioners conducted the special meeting so the new sanitation ordinance could go into effect by Jan. 1.  
In other business, commissioners approved the payment of funds to Municipal Administrative Services for negotiating a recently passed franchise agreement with Southwestern Bell.  
During an earlier meeting, commissioners had voted to cancel a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 26, the last meeting of the year, because the Christmas holidays would conflict with city staff having enough time to properly prepare.

**Baker regrets misleading statement on China**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III says he regrets possibly misleading the American public about a secret trip to China taken by two high-level Bush administration officials.  
Baker said through a spokeswoman Tuesday night "he felt obligated to protect the secrecy of a mission the president wished to have classified."  
Speaking for Baker, spokeswoman Margaret D. Tutwiler added: "He regrets that he may have misled some ..."  
It was the first acknowledgment of error since the White House announced on Dec. 9 that national security adviser Brent Scowcroft and Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger were visiting Beijing.  
Their trip was roundly condemned in Congress as a friendly gesture to China and a cancellation of the ban President Bush imposed on high-level exchanges after pro-democracy students were massacred in early June in Tiananmen Square.  
Baker, appearing on ABC-TV on Dec. 10, called the trip taken in early December to Beijing by Scowcroft and Eagleburger "the first time we've had high-level U.S. officials go to the People's Republic of China."  
On Monday, however, the White House disclosed Scowcroft and Eagleburger also had made a secret trip to China in July.  
Asked about the apparent discrepancy, State Department spokeswoman Tutwiler said Baker had explicitly acknowledged the

**Government offices, banks prepare for holiday closings**  
City offices in Pampa will close at noon Friday for the Christmas holidays and reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday.  
Gray County offices are closing Thursday on account of boiler problems (see related story) and will then be closed on Friday and Monday. If the boiler is repaired by Tuesday, county officials said, offices will reopen at their regular time.  
Post offices around the area will be closed Sunday and Monday, but mail will be delivered Saturday, a spokesman said.  
Representatives of local banks and savings and loans said regular banking hours will be in effect through normal closing times on Friday. At National Bank of Commerce, which offers drive-up banking on Saturday mornings, tellers will be available at their regular times.  
Savings institutions will be closed on Monday for Christmas and reopen on schedule Tuesday.

**Minor accidents**  
The Pampa Police Department reported no accidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Police report**  
The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**TUESDAY, Dec. 19**  
Police reported an abandoned vehicle at 421 E. Frederic.  
**Arrests**  
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George Thomas Reames Jr., 18, Miami, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on warrants. He was released on payment of fines.

**Fires**  
The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**TUESDAY, Dec. 19**  
7:31 p.m. — False alarm at Coronado Hospital. Three units and five firefighters responded.  
8:43 p.m. — False alarm at 944 S. Barnes. Three units and five firefighters responded.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL**  
Admissions  
Esmerelda Andaverdi, Hedley  
James Barker, Pampa  
Mary Coombes, Pampa  
Mary Eller, Pampa  
Dorothy Holcomb, Pampa  
Natalia Jackson, Pampa  
Harrell Dorsey Jordan, Pampa  
Joe Key, Pampa  
Margaret McGahen, Pampa  
Lula Morris, Pampa  
Vadie Provence, Pampa  
Gregory White Jr., Pampa  
Births  
To Mr. and Mrs. Greg Boyd of Pampa, a boy.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Salomn Brisen of Pampa, a boy.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Woodruff of Pampa, a girl.  
Dismissals  
Esmerelda Andaverdi, Hedley  
Willie Bill Claterbaugh, Pampa  
Clarence Comer, Pampa  
Jermyn Dunken, Pampa  
Leona Galloway, Norman, Okla.  
Calvin Lee Myers, Pampa  
Lillian Whitten, Pampa  
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL  
Admissions  
Vermill Gillispie, Wellington  
Stella Clay, Shamrock  
Woodrow Sims, Shamrock  
Charles Abercrombie, Erick, Okla.  
Mattie Cook, Shamrock  
Dismissals  
None

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.

Wheat.....3.65	Chevron.....67 7/8	up 1/4
Milo.....3.50	Enron.....57 5/8	dn 1/4
Corn.....4.09	Halliburton.....41 3/8	up 5/8
	Ingersoll Rand.....46 3/4	up 3/8
	KNE.....23 1/2	NC
	Kerr McGee.....49 5/8	NC
	Mapco.....38 3/4	dn 1/4
	Maxxus.....10 1/2	dn 1/8
	Mesa Ltd.....7 7/8	up 3/8
	Mobil.....60 7/8	up 1/4
	New Atmos.....16 7/8	NC
	Penney's.....59 1/2	up 7/8
	Phillips.....24 7/8	NC
	SLB.....47 5/8	up 1/2
	SFS.....30 1/2	NC
	Tenneco.....59 7/8	dn 1/4
	Texasco.....57	up 1/2
	New York Gold.....412.50	
	Silver.....5.54	

The following show the prices for which these securities have traded at the time of compilation:

Ky. Cent. Life.....18 3/4	Maxxus.....10 1/2	dn 1/8
Serfoo.....5 3/4	Mesa Ltd.....7 7/8	up 3/8
Occidental.....29 1/8	Mobil.....60 7/8	up 1/4

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan.....57.64	SFS.....30 1/2	NC
Puritan.....13.47	Tenneco.....59 7/8	dn 1/4

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of

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# Cold building leads to early closing of courthouse offices

By BETH MILLER  
Staff Writer

Gray County Courthouse employees have taken about all the cold they can endure this week, Gray County Judge Carl Kennedy said today, and the courthouse will more than likely be closed Thursday.

The boiler in the basement of the courthouse went out on Sunday morning and employees reported to work Monday with electric heaters in tow.

However, Kennedy said today the building is gradually getting colder, making it unbearable for work to be accomplished.

"My office was 57 degrees yesterday. This morning it is 51 degrees," he said. "The whole building is definitely cooling down."

Fourteen Gray County Jail prisoners were transported Sunday afternoon to either the city of Pampa facility or the Hemphill County Jail.

Parts could not be located for the old boiler, so a new one was ordered this week. Kennedy said the old boiler was taken out Tuesday and preparations are being made for the installation of the new one. Earlier this week, officials had predicted a new boiler should be installed by the time employees return from the Christmas holiday on Tuesday.

A high of 12 degrees is predicted Thursday for Pampa by the National Weather Service.

"If the weather is as cold as predicted tomorrow, I am satisfied we will close the courthouse," Kennedy said. "If the forecast stays where it is, we know the building will be another eight or 10 degrees colder."

The county judge said if a resident needs to conduct business in the courthouse on Thursday, he should contact the office holder whose office he needs access to. The judge said that with the end of the year near, he is sure some people might need access to the courthouse. Kennedy also said the courthouse has capabilities of call-forwarding, which the county attorney's office has already made use of the past two days the office has been closed.

Some offices shut down early Tuesday afternoon when the building began to increasingly cool off in mid-afternoon. Others are working on shifts today, with one group coming in in the morning and the other working in the afternoon.

"We're not going to ask anyone to sit here and get a chill," Kennedy said.

The courthouse will be closed Friday for the Christmas holiday. That closing was set at the time the county holidays were scheduled. The courthouse is scheduled to reopen Tuesday, pending the arrival and installation of the new boiler.

Gray County Sheriff's Office, located on the east side of the courthouse, will be open as usual throughout the Christmas holidays.

## Panama

the American people will support the president.

"I think although it's unfortunate some lives were lost, that the American public will be fully supportive," Frost said. The Pentagon said at least nine Americans were killed in the fighting.

"The longer we waited the worse it would get," U.S. Rep. Albert Bustamante, D-San Antonio, told WOAI radio.

Bustamante said, however, that he believes U.S. military forces will not move out immediately. "We will have to have a very active role over the next 30 days."

Stamford Democratic Charles Stenholm said the nation has a responsibility to 30,000 American citizens living in the Panama Canal.

University of Texas-Arlington political science professor Dale Story, who specializes in the study of Central America, said the U.S. military action could prove to be a two-edged sword.

"There are positives and there are negatives. Noriega obviously is a very unpopular person throughout the region and he is under indictment and there have been threats to U.S. personnel in the region, so

there are a number of stands upon which we could justify our actions," Story said today.

But, on the negative side, "It conjures up the old image of the U.S. dictating politics to Latin American countries."

Meanwhile, Electrospace, Inc., a Dallas contractor that has been installing secure telephones at military installations in Panama, has about six employees in Panama, KRLD in Dallas reported. There was no immediate word from the company on how those employees were faring.

And in Panama, Associated Press reporter Candice Hughes said she and other reporters were held for about 4 1/2 hours by gunmen at a Marriott Hotel in Panama.

"They did not threaten me personally, but they made it clear that they could kill us all. There were about eight Americans in our group," Ms. Hughes said.

Hughes, a graduate of the University of Houston, was a reporter for the *Houston Chronicle*, *The Orange Leader*, *Beaumont Enterprise* and the *Austin American-Statesman* before joining the AP in Dallas in 1984. In 1985 she transferred to New York to prepare for overseas assignment and is based in Mexico City.

Fort Hood base spokesman Capt. Jeff Phillips would not confirm or deny that the base had any personnel involved in the military action.

"We do have personnel in Panama on missions that involve reinforcing units there," he said. He said the base near Killeen — the largest armored installation in the free world — "is on a normal state of alert."

Major Beth Kilgore, spokeswoman for Dyess Air Force Base, would say only that KC-135 tankers are involved in refueling the mission.

No injured military personnel have been sent to Brooke Army Medical Center near San Antonio. "We have not been notified that we're going to receive any" injured people, said Public Affairs Officer Ray Dery.

Meanwhile, a group calling itself the Associated Conservatives of Texas commended President Bush for what it calls "his strong and decisive action in the central American country."

But Bruce Baechler, state chairman of the Libertarian party, denounced the action as a misuse of military power.

Baechler called for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Panama, and privatization of the Panama Canal.

## City briefs

**THE PERFECT** Christmas Gift for the man on your list, Snap-On Tools, 665-1405. Adv.

**POINSETTIA SALE.** \$25 value in a basket with satin bow and a pine cone, for \$16.95. Freeman's Flowers and Greenhouse, 410 E. Foster, 669-3334. Adv.

**PANASONIC OMNIVISION** VHS camcorder like new, used less than 2 hours, in warranty, new \$1400 will take \$750. 665-7648 after 5:30. Adv.

**THE CLOTHES** Line 109 N. Cuyler, starting Tuesday open every night until 8 p.m. 30-50% off all Fall and Winter fashions. Open Christmas Eve 1-5 p.m. Adv.

**JOY'S UNLIMITED** and Merle Norman will be open until 8 p.m., now till Christmas. Adv.

**SENIOR CITIZEN'S** Christmas Dinner, Thursday December 21, 500 W. Francis. Adv.

**PERSONAL TOUCH** come join us for hot apple cider and new specials everyday. Adv.

**NEW LOCATION.** Car Shades Auto Center, 203 W. Brown. Hwy. 60. 669-0120. Window tinting 3m Film, 5 year Warranty. Car's, truck's, pick-up's, buses. Free estimates, free pick up and delivery. Mechanic on duty. Brake's, shock's, tune-up's, air conditioning. For your new and used tires, give us a try, before you buy! Fix flats, computer balance, rotate tire's. Featuring Douglas and Sonic Tire's. Terry or Stan 669-0120. Adv.

**KICK BACK** at City Limits tonight. Adv.

**CHRISTMAS CORN.** The perfect gift. Get your cans of fresh flavored popcorn at Crunchville. Pampa Mall. Adv.

**LITTLE MEXICO.** Mexican Food to go and home delivery. 5-9 p.m. 669-7991. Adv.

**SOUTHERN KNIGHTS** appearing at Lancer Club Wednesday, Friday, Saturday night. No cover charge on Wednesday. Adv.

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**LOCAL FORECAST**  
Tonight, partly cloudy, windy and much colder with snow flurries possible. A low of 7 degrees is expected with northerly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Thursday, mostly cloudy and cold with snow flurries possible. A high of 12 degrees with northerly winds 10-20 mph is expected. Tuesday's high was 33; the overnight low was 14.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
West Texas — Turning colder and windy tonight and Thursday. Lows from the single digits north to the mid 20s south except in the 30s along the Rio Grande. Cold Thursday with highs from teens north to mid 20s south except mid 50s to low 60s along the Rio Grande.  
North Texas — Partly cloudy tonight. Turning cloudy, windy and much colder northwest early Thursday and rest of North Texas during the day Thursday. Lows tonight 12 northwest to 29 southeast. Highs Thursday 14 northwest to 34 southeast.

South Texas — Mostly cloudy south and east, partly cloudy elsewhere tonight. Lows in the 20s north to the 40s south. Becoming windy and turning colder north Thursday afternoon. Highs in the 40s and 50s.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**  
Friday Through Sunday  
West Texas — Generally fair with a

gradual warming trend. Panhandle: Highs mid 20s Friday to low 40s Sunday. Lows near 10. Friday, warming to near 20 Sunday. South Plains: Highs near 30 Friday to mid 40s Sunday. Lows mid teens. Friday, warming to low 20s Sunday. Permian Basin: Highs mid 30s Friday to near 50 Sunday. Lows upper teens Friday to mid 20s Sunday. Concho Valley: Highs mid 30s Friday to mid 40s Sunday. Lows in the 20s. Far West: Highs from near 50 to mid 50s. Lows around 30. Big Bend: Highs low 40s mountains to low 50s river valleys. Lows near 20 mountains to low 30s river valleys.

North Texas — Generally mostly cloudy, windy and very cold on Friday. On Saturday, partly cloudy and continued very cold. A warming trend on Sunday. West: Lows in mid to upper teens Friday and Saturday, warming to low 20s Sunday. Highs in low to mid 30s Friday and Saturday warming into low 40s Sunday. Central: Lows in mid to upper teens Friday and Saturday, warming to low 20s Sunday. Highs in low to mid 30s Friday and Saturday, warming into low 40s Sunday. East: Lows in upper teens Friday and Saturday, warming to low 20s Sunday. Highs in low 30s Friday and Saturday, warming to near 40 Sunday.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central: A chance of freezing rain, sleet or snow Friday ending Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday.

Lows in the 20s and 30s. Highs in the 30s and 40s. Coastal Bend: A chance of rain possibly mixed with freezing rain or sleet Friday and Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday. Lows in the 30s to near 40. Highs in the 40s to near 50. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: A chance of rain possibly mixed with sleet Friday and Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday. Lows in the 30s to near 40. Highs in the 40s and 50s. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: A chance of rain or freezing rain and snow Friday and Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday. Lows in the 20s to near 30. Highs in the 30s and 40s.

**BORDER STATES**  
Oklahoma — Becoming cloudy, windy and much colder tonight. Continued windy and bitterly cold with dangerous windchills Thursday. Chance of snow flurries Panhandle and northwest tonight and Thursday. Lows tonight near zero northwest to low teens extreme southeast. Highs Thursday near 5 in the Panhandle to mid teens southeast.

New Mexico — Generally fair skies tonight, turning colder northeast. Increasing cloudiness and colder east Thursday with a slight chance for snow flurries, mostly sunny west. Lows tonight 5 below zero to upper teens mountains and north with teens and 20s elsewhere. Highs Thursday mid teens to mid 30s east with upper 30s to upper 50s west.



# Security tightened at federal courthouses in wake of bombings

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT  
Associated Press Writer

In Texas, as elsewhere around the nation, federal officials instituted new security precautions in reaction to bombs that killed a federal judge in Alabama, a city councilman in Georgia and caused the evacuation of several courthouses and other buildings.

The U.S. marshal's service, the agency responsible for the protection of the nation's 1,500 federal judges, said Tuesday it has stepped up its security efforts in courthouses throughout Texas and the nation.

U.S. Marshal Stu Baker in Houston said federal judges would be receiving personal protection at home if they had received a threat. He briefed judges Monday on security.

The only known threat in Texas against a federal judge occurred Monday in Houston, said Baker, who declined to identify the judge and the nature of the threat.

U.S. Chief Deputy Marshal Luther Jones in Dallas said Tuesday his office has provided instructions to

judges on how to detect suspicious mail. The use of metal detectors has been stepped up, he said.

"Not all of the mail is being inspected by our office," Jones said, "but everything of a suspicious nature is being looked at."

Jones said none of the judges in the Northern District of Texas had requested protection as of Tuesday afternoon.

At the federal courthouse in Tyler on Tuesday, all mail was X-rayed before delivery.

Extra security precautions were put in place in Lubbock to protect judges, but Ronnie O'Neal of the U.S. Marshal's Office wouldn't give details.

"We're not releasing what we're doing for them because if we did, we'd be playing out our hand," O'Neal said. "We did talk to all the judges.... we are taking precautions and some things are being beefed up."

U.S. Deputy Marshal Richard Lopez in San Antonio said that judges have been warned to watch for suspicious packages and contact local bomb squads.

The federal judiciary's Western District of Texas is

"under a heightened state of awareness," said Mike Moriarty, operations supervisor for the Western District's U.S. Marshal's Office in San Antonio.

The Western District, whose judges work a lot of drug cases, comprises courts in Austin, Del Rio, El Paso, Midland-Odessa, Pecos, San Antonio and Waco.

U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton declined to comment regarding whether security had been increased.

"Any comment I make is a bad deal," he said from his Midland office Tuesday. "If I say, 'Yes, I have a federal marshal right here,' or if I say 'No, I haven't done anything,' that would be inviting the crazies."

Security also has been tightened in Tyler's federal courthouse, with all mail being X-rayed until further notice, U.S. Marshal J. Keith Gary said.

Joyce McDonald, a Washington-based spokeswoman for the marshal's service, said 331 threats were recorded against judges nationally for the 12-month period that ended Oct. 31, compared to 220 for the previous 12 months.

She said the increase may be connected to an increase in the number of drug cases.

Ms. McDonald declined to release the number of judges who have requested protection since Saturday, when 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Robert S. Vance of Birmingham, Ala., was killed by a mail bomb.

Authorities revealed Tuesday that whoever sent the bomb had used a fellow judge and friend of Vance's as the return address.

The disclosure came as authorities investigated Vance's killing; the bombing death Monday night of Robert E. Robinson, a Savannah, Ga. civil rights activist, lawyer and alderman; and a package bomb delivered Monday to the headquarters of the 11th Circuit Court in Atlanta. Authorities removed that device without incident.

The NAACP office in Jacksonville, Fla., was evacuated Tuesday after a suspicious package was received. And authorities evacuated a section of the Justice Department in Washington Tuesday after a suspicious package addressed to Attorney General Dick Thornburgh was found in the basement mailroom.

## Scout Christmas



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Scouts from Troop 480 and Pack 480, sponsored by First United Methodist Church, stand in front of a Christmas tree they decorated with homemade ornaments and donated to Coronado Nursing Center. Scouts who helped decorate included Trey Ford, Kory Nickels, Brian Huddleston, Stacy Huddleston, Paul Telkamps, Jeremy Telkamp, Jeremy Winkler, Tanner Winkler, P.J. Reed, Matthew Cook, Brian Sealman and John Johnson. Others, not pictured, who helped included Becky Scott, James McElrath, Josh Brookshire, Casy Brookshire and Kevin Huddleston. Leaders were Sharon Cook, Glenda Ford and Linda Huddleston.

## Midland seeks CAF museum location

MIDLAND (AP) — Midland is getting ready for a dogfight among five other cities that want to attract a relocated Confederate Air Force headquarters and museum.

Boosters in Midland-Odessa are urging people to join the aviation organization so they can vote and help assure that it moves from its headquarters from Rio Grande Valley airport in Harlingen.

The not-for-profit CAF owns about 145 World War II-era warplanes and stages air shows all over the world. It also owns and displays weapons, military uniforms and related photographs.

But there is no room to expand the museum at the Harlingen airport, and CAF officials have said the damp, sub-tropical air shortens the life of the airplanes.

In a vote this fall, the national CAF membership narrowly rejected

a proposal by the leadership to move to Midland International Airport, which offered plenty of expansion room and a dry climate. About 70 percent of the more than 3,000 members voted to move to Midland, but passage required 75 percent.

In balloting taking place by mail Dec. 26 to Jan. 25, CAF members will decide whether to allow the general staff to negotiate deals with Brownsville; Longview; Midland; San Marcos; Nashville, Tenn.; and San Antonio.

CAF leaders, who support a move, expect the measure to win at least 75 percent support and pass. If it does, leaders will be free to negotiate with all six cities and recommend one or two sites for members to choose from, probably in the spring.

Brownsville, Longview, Midland and San Marcos have submitted detailed proposals worth \$6 million

to \$12 million, CAF executive director Ralph Royce said. Midland officials have said their proposal is worth \$18 million.

Midland officials indicated this week they will be ready to deal aggressively to win the headquarters and museum, which they estimated could generate \$5 million in tourist revenue annually.

They have started by reassessing the value of the airport land and hangar they are willing to give the aviation group.

Previously, Midland had valued the developed airport property at \$6 million, said Ed Jones, a chamber of commerce board member who belongs to the CAF. But Jones said Monday the package would be worth \$18 million if the land were bought undeveloped, and roads, taxiways, sewer lines and the buildings had to be added.

## Truck, train collision kills 3, injures 55

By STEVE GEISSINGER  
Associated Press Writer

STOCKTON, Calif. (AP) — Passengers said it felt "like a nightmare" when a collision between a truck hauling chocolate syrup and the Amtrak train in which they were riding killed three people and injured 55.

John Bruno, a passenger from Seattle, said Tuesday's crash "felt like somebody had dead-stopped us. Then we hit three times.... My head was clobbered each time."

"I was collecting tickets and then all hell broke loose," said conductor Gary Burke. "I wound up flying into the next car."

California Highway Patrol spokesman Bob Whitmire said Tuesday that investigators were trying to determine the accident's cause, including the dense fog which was blamed for a couple of multi-car pileups in the region.

The crash killed the truck driver and two train crewmen.

People aboard the train, which carried at least 142 including five Amtrak crew members, described nightmarish conditions during the crash and its aftermath. No one said they had seen the truck or warning devices at the crossing before the collision.

"It was like a nightmare," said passenger Phyllis Ferguson of Stockton. "I was sitting there reading the paper and then crash, fire. I was thrown to the floor. Seats crumpled ahead and behind me. Everybody was screaming and yelling. One woman was yelling for her baby."

Several passengers said the train and ground were so covered with chocolate from the truck that they slipped as they tried to leave the train.

The San Joaquin County coroner's office identified the dead truck driver as David Haskell, 47, of Pomona. The other two victims were identified only as the train's engineer and fireman, pending notification of relatives.

Of the 55 injured, 24 seriously injured people were taken by ambulance to hospitals, Whitmire said. Buses took 31 others to various medical facilities for examination and treatment of minor injuries.

## Knights of Columbus schedule blood drive

The Knights of Columbus will hold its fourth annual blood drive from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Pampa Mall.

Personnel from Coffee Memorial Blood Center Inc. will be on hand to collect the blood from donors.

In the past three years, the Knights of Columbus drive obtained 97 donors in 1986, 98 in 1987 and 113 in 1988, an average of 103 blood donors per drive.

The blood drive is one of many Coffee Memorial Blood Center sponsors to gather blood for use in the Panhandle region. The center supplies all of the blood and blood components to 20 hospitals encompassed within a 26-county region.

A non-profit and self-supporting non-profit organization, Coffee Memorial needs to collect 400 pints of blood each week from volunteer donors to meet the needs of sick and injured hospital patients.

Blood is available from the center for anyone in the Panhandle service area upon the request of a hospital or qualified physician.

Founded in 1950, Coffee Memorial now operates under the Community Responsibility concept of donating blood. The program is designed to assure a safer blood supply and to eliminate the non-replacement fee, a charge to transfusion patients who did not replace the blood used.

Under the Community Responsibility system, the volunteer blood donors do not have any financial interest to donate blood, but do so freely to support their community.

The center adopted this concept in 1985 and has discontinued charging the non-replacement fee. In this system, the hospitals using blood from Coffee Memorial are charged only a processing fee, covered by most health insurance plans.

To donate blood, donors must meet the following requirements:

- Be at least 17, with parents' consent, or over 18 without the consent needed.
- Must weigh more than 110 pounds.
- Be in good health.
- Cannot donate if pregnant, and must wait at least 6 weeks after pregnancy.
- Must wait 6 months after receiving any tattoo.
- Must wait 6 months after surgery and be released by doctor before donating.
- Can donate when taking antibiotics as long as there is no infection.
- Can donate when taking aspirin but must let nurse know.

- Can't donate if you have a cold or any other infectious disease.
- Can't donate if you have jaundice or hepatitis B; heart problems; any type of cancer except skin cancer; asthma; AIDS; or malaria.

Donors will be required to answer medically related questions in preparation for donating blood and may be turned down if the nurse thinks donating blood at this time might lead to problems for the recipient.

## FBI declines to prosecute El Paso commissioner

EL PASO (AP) — The government investigated a county commissioner's grading and road work in connection with production of a movie in his precinct three years ago, but decided against prosecuting the official.

"We have concluded our investigation, and the U.S. attorney has declined prosecution," Richard Schwein, special agent in charge of the El Paso FBI office, said.

FBI agents investigated possible misconduct by public officials in connection with road work performed in 1986 on land owned by Cattleman's Steakhouse near Fabens.

Commissioner Rogelio Sanchez authorized the road work during the 1986 filming of *Extreme Prejudice*. In an after-the-fact vote, the full El Paso County commissioners court voted 2-1 last February to authorize the work.

That vote resulted in an expansion of the investigation to include possible obstruction of justice.

"I never thought the FBI had a case," Sanchez said, adding that he has suffered high blood pressure and other health problems since learning of the investigation through the press.

"This thing has been hanging over me for about a year," he said. "It's affected my wife, my sisters in Fort Hancock and other relatives who have been worried about me."

Sanchez indicated he would have a news conference later in the week.

## Train derailed in Plainview

PLAINVIEW (AP) — A one-block area was closed Tuesday after the derailment of five Burlington-Northern railroad cars, including a tanker carrying ammonia.

There was no leakage and no injuries were reported, officials said.

The five cars derailed at 10:30 p.m. Monday about 100 feet east of the Santa Fe Depot on a secondary line, said Susan Metcalf, Santa Fe spokeswoman in Chicago. The tanker did not overturn and the other four cars were filled with cotton, she said.

Burlington-Northern was run-

ning the 39-car train on Santa Fe lines, and crews from both companies worked on the cleanup.

Two nearby streets were closed because of the potential of an ammonia leak, but no residential areas were evacuated, officials said.

Ms. Metcalf said a broken rail caused the accident. The wreck caused \$55,000 damage to train equipment and \$9,600 damage to tracks, officials estimated.

Trains continued rolling through Plainview because the accident did not block the main railroad lines, Metcalf said.

## Miami students hold food drive

MIAMI — The Student Council at Miami Independent School District recently completed a canned food drive with more than 1,800 cans collected, Superintendent Allan Dinsmore said Tuesday. Students in grades 6-12 collected

the cans and donated them to the Miami Ministerial Alliance.

"There were some donations made by a grocery store in Pampa and those donations are greatly appreciated by the Ministerial Alliance," Dinsmore said.

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## Opinion

### Third World nations also want freedom

In recent weeks, eyes across the world have turned to events unfolding in Central and Eastern Europe, as countries there shed the tyrannous burden of socialism. But an occurrence this month in Benin shows in some ways even more clearly how socialism is dying.

These Europeans have suffered from socialism for the past 50 years, first its National Socialist (Nazi) form, then under its Communist form. They know the full force and fury of socialism. But Benin, a country of 4.5 million people in West Africa, has only had socialism imposed on it for 14 years, when dictator Mathieu Kerekou imposed a one-party state.

Benin's ruling People's Revolutionary Party announced that it was dumping Marxism-Leninism, denounced communism and promised to undertake constitutional reforms next year that will promote more economic and political freedom and guarantee personal rights. The legislature, the National Assembly, will be given more power. The regime also announced that people need no longer refer to one another as "comrade."

In recent weeks, Benin has experienced a wave of "people power" demonstrations by workers and students, much like those that have carried freedom across Central and Eastern Europe. Economic distress, caused by the regime's restrictive socialism, also has caused much discontent. Benin has per-capita annual income of only \$310, one of the lowest in the world. It owes almost \$1 billion in foreign debt — an immense sum for a small, impoverished country. And almost all that money was squandered by the regime.

In 1975, when Benin imposed Marxism-Leninism, it seemed as if the socialist ideology was sweeping across the world. That year North Vietnam conquered South Vietnam; communism was imposed in Angola and Ethiopia. Within a few years Nicaragua's democratic revolution was seized by Daniel Ortega and other Leninists; Leninists seized power in Grenada; the Red Army invaded Afghanistan. Third World revolutionaries looked to Moscow for ideological inspiration and economic instruction.

But this spasm of socialism now looks like the last gasp of a dying empire. Revolutionaries across the world today look to democracy as a way to gain and maintain popularity, and to capitalism as the only way to feed and clothe their people.

Meanwhile, freedom fighters in Afghanistan, Angola and Ethiopia gain ground. Vietnam's still-imposed socialism keeps it an economic basket case. And Fidel Castro, who a decade ago seemed a Communist Caesar, using his Cuban conscript armies to spread the contagion of socialism, is held in contempt almost everywhere, even at home. People and politicians have learned the hard way a maximum of economist Thomas Sowell: When government controls people's lives, it ruins their lives.

In future months we can expect more Third World countries to reverse their rash experiments with socialism and free their people to produce and live.

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## Ah, the good old school days

The good old days, some wit has remarked, never were. But in the field of education the aphorism may not hold true. Consider, if you please, how things were in Kansas not long after the turn of the century.

Twelve or 13 years ago, writer Avis Carlson published a memoir called *Small World Long Gone: A Family Record of an Era*. The *Wall Street Journal* published a revealing excerpt. Now one of my own readers has sent along a copy of that excerpt. As a commentary on today's education it speaks for itself. The author talks of the evening in 1907 when she received her eighth-grade diploma from a small-town school:

"At that point in the history of Kansas education, the country superintendents had a rite known as County Eighth Grade Examinations, which was, I think, the sole standardized achievement test in the whole state system ...

"Recently I ran onto the questions which qualified me for my eighth grade diploma. The questions on that examination in that primitive, one-room school positively daze me.

"The 'orthography' quiz ... asked us to spell 20 words, including 'abbreviated,' 'obscene,' 'elucidation,' 'assassination' and 'animosity.' We are also required to 'make a table' showing the different sounds of all the vowels ... Among the other eight questions (each subject had 10 questions) was one which asked us to 'divide into syllable and mark diacritically the words 'profuse, retrieve, rigidity, defiance, priority, remittance and propagate.'"

"Two of Arithmetic's 10 questions asked us to find the interest on an 8 percent note for \$900 run-



James J. Kilpatrick

ning two years, two months, six days; and also to reduce three pecks, five quarts, one pint to bushels. In Reading we were required to tell what we knew of the writings of Thomas Jefferson, and for another of the 10 questions to indicate the pronunciation and give the meanings of the following words: zenith, deviated, colosseum, misconception, pangeyric, Spartan, talisman, eyrie, triton, crypt ...

"Among Geography's 10 were these two: 'Name two countries producing large quantities of wheat, two of cotton, two of coal, two of tea.' 'Name three important rivers of the U.S., three of Europe, three of Asia; three of South America and three of Africa.'"

"As one of Physiology's 10 we were asked to 'write 200 words on the evil effects of alcoholic beverages.' Another directed us to define boards of health and tell what their duties were.

"In Grammar's 10 were two directing us to analyze and diagram: 'There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune.' And then to parse tide, which, taken, leads."

"In History we were to 'give a brief account of the colleges, printing and religion in the colonies

prior to the American Revolution,' to 'name the principal campaigns and military leaders of the Civil War,' and to 'name the principal political questions which have been advocated since the Civil War and the party which advocated each.'"

Avis Carlson took and passed that standard eighth-grade test when she was 11 years and 8 months old. So much for a one-room school in Kansas, 1907.

In 1986, to bring things closer home, 7,812 11th-graders took a national test of their knowledge of history and literature. This was multiple-choice affair, in which there was no penalty for skipping a question altogether. Even so, of all the answers given to the 141 questions on history, only 54.5 percent were correct. The results in literature were even more depressing.

As a group, these 17-year-olds demonstrated no sense of historical chronology. Almost one-fourth of them thought the Civil War was waged before 1800. One-third thought Columbus had discovered the New World after 1750. Three of four could not place Lincoln within 20 years. Forty-three percent guessed wrong on the half-century that included World War I. Barely half could identify Patrick Henry. Some thought J.P. Morgan was the first president of the AFL-CIO. Others confused Magna Carta with the Mayflower Compact.

For the record: There doubtless was much that was wrong with the one-room schools of 1907, and there surely is much that is right about many public schools today. But to think of 11-year-old Avis diagramming a line from Julius Caesar is to reflect that the more things change, the more they go downhill.



## Americans giving 'til it hurts

Hawaiians sing about the promiscuous Princess Papooi "who had plenty papaya, but she loved to give it away."

Americans are generous givers; sometimes overly generous.

Actor Troy Donahue was the handsome, young, blond leading man in the early television series, *Surfside Six*.

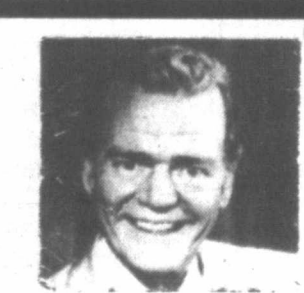
Recent years, addicted to drugs, he has been a sometimes vagrant sleeping in New York's Central Park.

Now seeking to resume work, Donahue explains that his early success was so sudden it left him feeling undeserving, guilty. Thus he fled from the guilt into drink and drugs.

Psychologists explain that such a guilt complex is not uncommon among individuals who get too rich too soon.

Further, Uncle Sam, collectively, suffers a degree of self-consciousness about his prosperity. He, like Princess Papooi, "loves to give it away."

Most of us would like to think that our country aids hungry people overseas and that we open welcoming arms to immigrants and that we weep over



Paul Harvey

our own homeless people because we are committed to the Judeo-Christian ethic of "doing unto others." That's only part of it.

In our philanthropy, we are frequently motivated by self-deprecation rather than selflessness.

This does not necessarily apply to such genuinely charitable contributions as those to our churches and established charities, although every priest and preacher and every professional fundraiser is aware that he sometimes has to invoke the "guilt factor."

In 1988 Americans gave \$104.4 billion to charity. More significantly, 80 million Americans volun-

teered their time — totaling 19.5 billion hours — for charitable services with a value of \$150 billion.

The treasure and talent donated by Americans rebuilt neighborhoods, fed the hungry, educated the illiterate and provided shelter for homeless — yet psychologists continue to debate how much of our giving is altruistic and how much is motivated by "fear for ourselves in a like situation."

Our nation has been hosting a procession of leaders from other nations seeking money — though our own government is already borrowing from our own grandchildren.

Must we bankrupt ourselves to assuage our national guilt?

No other nation on earth is expected to milk itself dry.

If a contemporary Rip Van Winkle, asleep for 40 years, would awaken today — and if he were asked to guess "Who won World War II?" — he would look at who's flourishing and who's bankrupt and he would have to deduce that surely the war was won by Japan.

The poor Princess Papooi, with no more to give, can't stop trying.

## Recyclers tackle the plastic mountain

By ROBERT WALTERS

The physical characteristics of the dreary, dank Eaglebrook Plastics Inc. factory here are reminiscent of the gloomy industrial plants of the 19th century — but the work being performed is a harbinger of a booming 21st century industry.

At a time when the recycling of solid wastes, in general, and plastics, in particular, has become a national if not a global concern, Eaglebrook is one of relatively few companies that transforms used plastic into new products.

Delivered by truck daily to Eaglebrook's factory are thousands of discarded milk, water and juice jugs that have been crushed and strapped to industrial pallets in bales weighing 500 to 1,000 pounds apiece.

Leaving the plant daily are dozens of "gaylord boxes," each containing 750 pounds of clean, reclaimed, pebble-sized plastic pellets ready to be fabricated into new products.

The facility is open around the clock, with three shifts of employees operating a trio of regrind machines.

They work behind locked doors because Eaglebrook has developed a process to remove the paper labels from the jugs.

"I wouldn't let my mother see it," says Andrew Stephens, the company's president.

Eaglebrook was founded only five years ago and is a pioneer — in great measure because the plastics industry long refused to accept any responsibility for the vast amounts of waste its products generated.

The newspaper, aluminum and glass industries have grudgingly operated recycling programs for more than two decades. Today, almost 30 percent of all aluminum and more than 20 percent of all newspaper is recycled.

But only 1 percent of the 15 billion pounds of plastics produced in this country annually currently are recycled. Almost all of the rest goes into overloaded landfills, where its contribution to the nation's solid waste stream is only 7 percent by weight but 20 to 25 percent by volume.

But the industry's benighted

attitude has been only one contributor to the problem. There are about 45 different families of plastic resins, each of which can be created with particular properties for specific uses.

By manipulating molecular configurations, melt indices, densities and weights, thousands of different variations and grades can be produced to make various products — and they must be separated before they can be successfully recycled.

Thus, Eaglebrook specializes in recycling high-density polyethylene or HDPE but wants nothing to do with low-density polyethylene or LDPE, used to make supermarket, dry cleaner and garbage bags.

Another firm, Wellman Inc., with plants in New Jersey and South Carolina, is the country's leading recycler of polyethylene terephthalate or PET, used for soft drinks or soda bottles.

Another resin, polypropylene, is the principle component of everything from auto battery cases to disposable diaper liners, while polystyrene is the material of foam coffee cups, meat trays and the "clamshell" container used by fast-

food restaurants.

Political pressure from a growing number of people concerned about environmental degradation has convinced some of the country's largest chemical and oil companies, which provide the feedstock for making plastic, to belatedly launch recycling operations.

Among the recent entrants in the field are Du Pont, Dow, Goodyear, Eastman Kodak, Mobil and Amoco.

They have discovered that refabricated plastics can be used for an amazing array of products, including automobile panels, boat hulls, agricultural drainage pipes, bathtubs, shower stalls, toys, flower pots, coat hangers, trash cans, insulation, packing materials and truck mud flaps.

In addition, plastic can be molded into a wood substitute that cannot be damaged by water and does not splinter. It already is being used for park fences and industrial pallets.

Finally, the bottom line: Even with reprocessing expenses, recycled plastic is about 50 percent less expensive than virgin plastic.

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### Berry's World





# Witnesses say Romanian city 'an armed camp'

By ALISON SMALE  
Associated Press Writer

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A Romanian city where witnesses say security forces slaughtered hundreds of anti-government protesters is now described as an armed camp, with tanks parked on its outskirts and police vans cruising its streets.

Witnesses and news report said about 300 to 400 were killed in rioting in the western city of Timisoara that began over the weekend.

However, on Tuesday night the Yugoslav state news agency Tanjug quoted one witness as saying there were reports of up to 2,000 killed, many of them children.

Because Romania's hard-line Communist leaders have virtually sealed off their borders, most reports of violence in Timisoara have come from people who had left the country.

Leaders in the East and West condemned the violence.

Romania's president, Nicolae Ceausescu, has run the country for 24 years and vowed to adhere to orthodox Communism, resisting the democratic reforms sweeping other Eastern bloc nations.

Today, he was to complete a three-day state visit to Iran.

Tanjug said students in Bucharest, Romania's capital, supported the protests and that security had been tightened in that city. There have also been unconfirmed reports of unrest in the Romanian cities of Arad and Brasov.

Tanjug said: "Some travelers say that in Timisoara, police are brutally fighting demonstrators, mostly young people. Unconfirmed reports speak of large numbers of victims, as many as 2,000 people — men, women and children." The news agency did not identify its sources.

Greek students who crossed into Yugoslavia from Timisoara said shots were fired indiscriminately, "killing dozens."

They said many children were killed or wounded "because people used them as shields," assuming security forces would hold their fire.

The Roman Catholic news agency Kathpress in Vienna said a doctor told them by telephone from Timisoara, 30 miles from the Yugoslav and Hungarian borders, that hundreds were wounded and deaths could surpass 400.

A Romanian doctor who arrived at Graz from Timisoara on Monday evening told the Austria Press Agency that thousands of people moved toward the center of the city Sunday afternoon, stoning armored vehicles.

He said one of the vehicles "drove into the crowd like crazy. ... I saw a woman of about 40

driven over and crushed," but the protesters did not disperse.

Security forces opened fire without warning that evening and "the first three rows just collapsed, dead or wounded," he was quoted as saying.

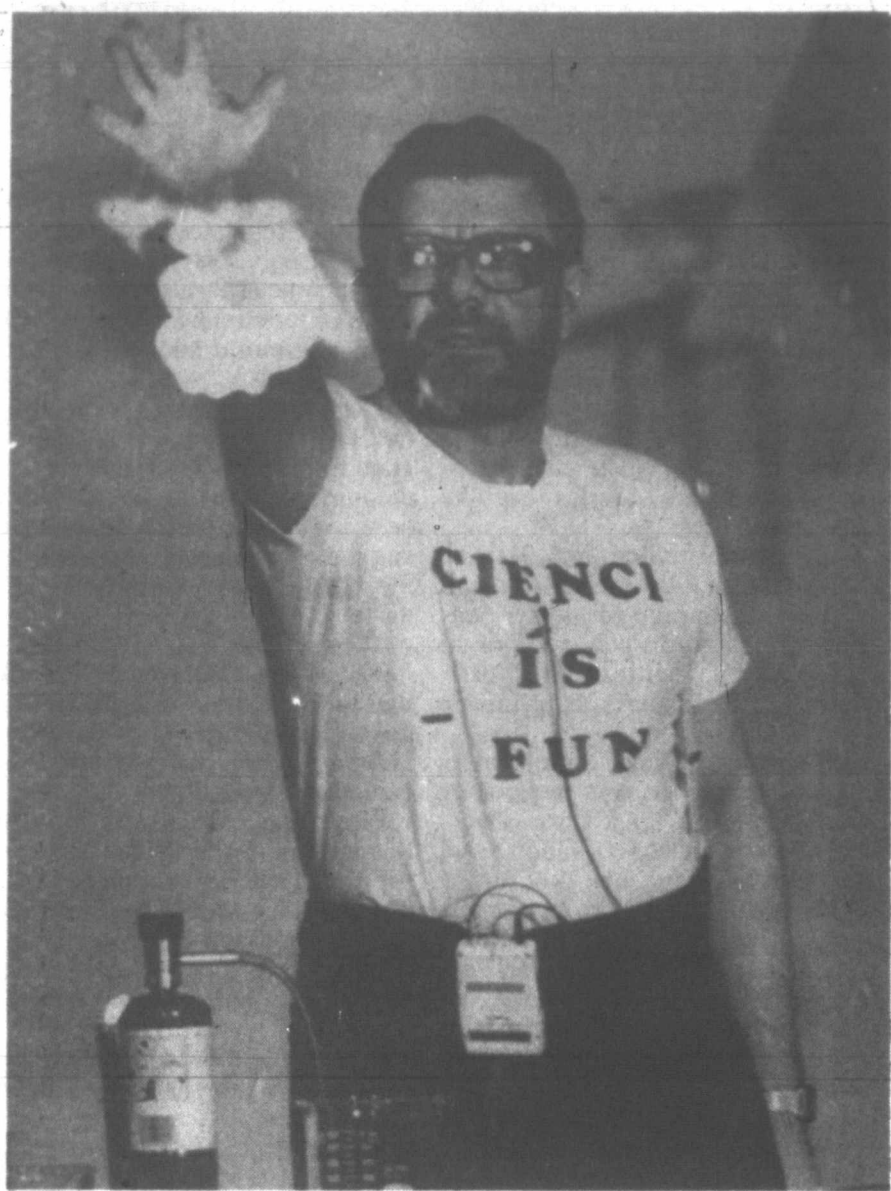
Tanjug said Tuesday that "witnesses claim that police are taking the arrested demonstrators to the central Timisoara Square, where they beat them and stab them with bayonets, before shoving them into lorries and driving them away no one knows where."

Frank Zemberi, a Yugoslav trucker bound from Cluj, Romania, to London, said he passed through Timisoara early Tuesday and saw two large fires raging.

"Countless" tanks were parked on the outskirts of Timisoara, he said, but the city appeared calm. He reported seeing five armored vehicles parked in the downtown area and police vans cruising the streets.

A Western resident of Timisoara traveled to Yugoslavia on Tuesday and said the violence was "horrifying." He reported seeing several corpses in the streets and said parts of the downtown area, including local Communist Party Headquarters, were badly damaged.

Repeated attempts to telephone Bucharest from Vienna and Budapest on Tuesday were unsuccessful.



Bassan Shakhshiri uses flash paper to throw fire during a lecture to motivate children to study science.

## Scientist ushers in Christmas season with a bang and flash in annual show for children

By ROBERT M. ANDREWS  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bassam Z. Shakhshiri is ushering in the Christmas season with a bang.

Several hundred children squealed with delight Tuesday night when a loud boom and burst of flames from an exploding hydrogen balloon signaled the start of the Lebanese-born professor's 20th annual Christmas science show.

It's called "Once Upon a Christmas Cheery in the Lab of Shakhshiri," and he's taking his popular chemistry lecture this season to Madison, Wis., Washington and Boston.

Standing on the stage of the National Academy of Sciences auditorium, Shakhshiri doffed his tuxedo jacket, black bow tie and ruffled shirt and set to work wearing a "Science Is Fun" T-shirt.

For the next hour, he captivated his audience of more than 600 kids and their parents with a demonstration of "the beauty, the magic and the adventure" of science, often using ordinary household chemicals found in vinegar, laundry detergent and disposable diapers.

As Shakhshiri performed his scientific sleight of hand, bottles popped their corks, a metal can collapsed, a phony dollar bill vanished in a puff, a dishpan overflowed with fog, clear liquids turned into Yuletide greens and reds or glowed in the dark, and a gooey yellow stuff kept oozing out of its glass jar like a yogurt machine gone haywire.

While a visiting Santa Claus applauded from the front row, Shakhshiri delivered his show-stopping finale, shaking a flask containing silver nitrate, ammonia,

sugar and other ingredients to produce a giant, shiny Christmas tree ornament. Then he made his pitch to the wide-eyed youngsters.

Have fun and work hard in school, he said, and think about a career in science or mathematics "because our country needs you."

Shakhshiri, whose first name rhymes with "Shazam" and means "Smiley" in his native Beirut, emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1957. He is a chemistry professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison on leave as assistant director of the National Science Foundation, an independent federal agency that awards grants to colleges and public schools for scientific education and research.

It was at the Wisconsin campus that Shakhshiri delivered his first Christmas lecture "for kids of all ages" in 1970. He borrowed the idea from Michael Faraday, the great English chemist and physicist whose Christmas science lectures for children were popular in the 1840s.

"I'm trying to share the excitement and joy of doing hands-on science," Shakhshiri said in an interview. "I don't try to snow anybody with technical details. My idea is to capture their interest and not allow them to extinguish their flame of curiosity."

Shakhshiri is disturbed by a foundation estimate that the United States faces a cumulative shortfall of 450,000 native-born college graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, math and engineering by the year 2000, and a projected shortage of 8,000 scientists with doctorates by 2004.

"It's very, very alarming," he says.

## FBI studies letter maybe connected to judge's bombing

By JAMES ROWLEY  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI agents are investigating whether a letter declaring war on an Atlanta federal court is connected with two fatal mail-bombings in the South, which the Justice Department says may be racially motivated.

The unsigned letter declaring war on the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta was received Aug. 24 by WAPT-TV in Jackson, Miss., the station reported Tuesday night.

Typed in capital letters, the letter may be an important clue in the FBI-led investigation of parcel bombs that killed a member of the court, Judge Robert S. Vance, and Robert E. Robinson, a Savannah, Ga., alderman and civil rights lawyer.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh said in a statement Tuesday that the investigation is focusing on the possibility that race motivated the killings and the sending of similar

package bombs to the 11th Circuit and the NAACP in Jacksonville, Fla.

Vance ruled in favor of the Jacksonville NAACP on Sept. 15 in a school desegregation case.

The letter bore an Atlanta postmark dated Aug. 21, the day before a tear-gas canister exploded in that city's NAACP office, injuring eight people.

The letter threatened poison gas attacks on large cities to force the court to "adopt fair and impartial treatment of all."

Entitled "Declaration of War," the letter said the 11th Circuit "does deliberately and wrongfully refuse to fulfill its obligation to protect the innocent."

"The court's failure to render impartial and equitable judgments is due to rank bias and the mistaken belief its victims cannot effectively retaliate," the letter said.

The Jackson television station said it immediately turned the letter

over to the FBI. FBI spokesman Charles Steinmetz confirmed that the bureau has been investigating the letter since receiving it from WAPT.

Three weeks after the letter surfaced, the 11th Circuit published Vance's opinion for the unanimous three-judge panel in the Jacksonville school case. It reversed a lower-court ruling that Jacksonville schools could stop busing to achieve racial integration.

On Saturday, Vance was killed in his Mountain Brook, Ala., home after opening a parcel mailed to him.

On Monday, a similar bomb was found at the 11th Circuit courthouse in Atlanta and removed without incident. Hours later, Robinson was fatally injured in his Savannah law office when he opened the parcel mailed to him.

On Tuesday, authorities found a similar bomb at the office of the Jacksonville NAACP, which

brought the school case.

FBI Director William Sessions told reporters Tuesday he would not be surprised if the Vance murder was related to cases he had worked on as a federal appellate judge.

Sessions said Vance's court docket would be carefully studied to determine if his rulings may have sparked a racially motivated murder.

Sessions implied that the bureau did not have a suspect, and indicated there might be more than one perpetrator.

"As far as I know there's been no claimant of responsibility at all," Sessions said at a news conference at the Justice Department.

Sessions said investigators found no similarities between the bomb incidents and the actions of extremist white groups but "it is something you cannot rule out."

"We would hope the patterns of these types of groups when studied carefully and compared will yield fruit," Sessions said.

## Ice clogging Mississippi River

By The Associated Press

Ice clogged more than 200 miles of the Mississippi River and people across the country bundled up today against an arctic blast that dropped temperatures to record lows from the Plains to the East Coast.

"You'd have to take extra care if you're going to be out for any length of time," said Paul Merzlock, a weather service forecaster in Chicago. "It's certainly a danger."

Since Friday, at least 40 deaths have been blamed on the weather, including traffic deaths on slippery roads and hypothermia.

In North Dakota, high temperatures today were expected to be no more than 15 below to 25 below, with winds of 15 to 25 mph producing wind chills of 55 below to 80 below, according to the National Weather Service.

"This is way below normal for December," said Richard May, a weather service meteorologist at Bismarck, which recorded Tuesday's coldest reading for the Lower 48 at 35 below. "It will be the worst cold we've had this season."

A 203-mile stretch of the Missis-

issippi River, from St. Louis to Cairo, Ill., was closed to barge traffic by ice and low water, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

About 60 percent of the 195 miles of Missouri River north of Omaha, Neb., to the Gavins Point Dam was frozen Tuesday, forming ice jams that reduced the amount of water flowing downstream to towns and power plants.

The river level was within one foot of the level at which some power plants would be unable to operate because their water intake systems would no longer work, said Chet Worm, chief of the reservoir regulation section of the Corps Missouri River District.

About 300,000 Illinois-American Water Co. customers in Belleville, East St. Louis and Granite City soon may have to ration water if the cold weather keeps freezing the river and causing ice to form on water intake valves, officials said.

In such brutal weather conditions, officials advised people going outside to dress with extra layers of clothing and to carry emergency survival kits when traveling.

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LA CROSSE, Wis. — Firefighters wait for investigators to arrive at the scene of a single engine airplane crash in La Crosse residential area earlier this week. John Moore, 26, of Oshkosh, Wis., who was making a solo flight to earn his private license, walked away from the crash, shaken but unhurt.

## Survey: white students more likely to use drugs than blacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — White students are more likely than black students to use all kinds of drugs — from liquor to cocaine and hallucinogens — according to a nationwide survey of drug use by sixth to 12th grade students.

The figures from the Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education Inc. were released Monday.

Fifteen percent of the 58,898 black students surveyed nationwide said cocaine was "very easy to get," compared with 8 percent of the 296,180 white students surveyed, according to the PRIDE results.

However, totals for cocaine use — and for use of liquor, marijuana, hallucinogens and stimulants as well — in junior high schools, senior high schools and the senior year of high school showed that across the board, a higher percentage of white students than black students were using drugs.

"It goes against conventional wisdom — particularly television has portrayed the problem of drug abuse in the United States as a black, inner city problem," said Doug Hall, vice president of PRIDE.

Atlanta-based PRIDE surveyed the students at 958 schools in 38 states during the 1988-89 school year, including students in inner-city areas in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New York and Washington D.C., Hall said.

Of the 40,000 high school seniors surveyed, only 4 percent of the black students said they had used cocaine at least once in the previous year, while 7 percent of the white students said they had done so.

Meanwhile, 11 percent of black male seniors and 12 percent of white male seniors said they used marijuana very frequently, meaning at least once a week. Fourteen percent of black male seniors and 17 percent of white male seniors said

they used liquor very frequently.

The survey's findings for overall drug use by seniors in high school, totals for senior high school students including 12th graders and junior high school students were:

•Cocaine: 7 percent of white seniors, 4 percent of black seniors; 5 percent of white high school students, 3 percent of black high school students; 2 percent of white junior high students, 1 percent of black junior high students.

•Liquor: 65 percent of white seniors; 37 percent of black seniors; 57 percent of white high school students, 29 percent of black high school students; 28 percent of white junior high students; 13 percent of black junior high students.

•Marijuana: 29 percent of white seniors; 17 percent of black seniors; 24 percent of white high school students, 13 percent of black high school students; 8 percent of white junior high students; 5 percent of

black junior high students.

•Hallucinogens: 6 percent of white seniors; 2 percent of black seniors; 5 percent of white high school students; 2 percent of black high school students; 2 percent of white junior high students; 1 percent of black junior high students.

•Stimulants: 11 percent of white seniors; 3 percent of black seniors; 11 percent of white high school students, 2 percent of black high school students; 4 percent of white junior high students; 2 percent of black junior high students.

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## Administration orders sale of failed S&Ls' holdings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is telling regulators to begin selling real estate and other assets from failed savings and loans even before the government officially closes the institutions.

Regulators "should ... immediately begin shrinking such institutions' balance sheets in a coordinated and orderly manner," instructs a document obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The administration, in a 91-page strategic plan, also is telling regulators to discourage influence-peddling by keeping a public log of all attempts by "senior public officials" or their staffs to influence their decisions.

The plan, scheduled for release by the end of the year, was prepared by the Resolution Trust Corp. Oversight Board, an administration panel headed by Treasury Secretary Nicholas F. Brady. The board sets policy for the Resolution Trust Corp., a new entity run by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., an independent regulatory agency.

Under pressure from critics to increase the pace of its savings and loan bailout, the administration plan outlines its approach to the huge task of selling more than \$300 billion in S&L assets.

As of Dec. 8, the RTC had control of 280 failed S&Ls, having disposed of 33 since its creation Aug. 9. It expects to get jurisdiction of at least another 220 insolvent thrifts in the next 21/2 years.

Most of the 33 S&L resolutions so far have involved transferring the deposits of the failed institution to a healthy bank or S&L, leaving the government with the thrifts' bad loans and repossessed real estate.

Critics say unless the RTC starts selling S&L assets soon, the properties will deteriorate, driving up the taxpayer cost of the bailout.

Earlier this month, the Shadow Financial Regulatory Committee, a group of university professors and other private analysts, warned that if the RTC continued on its present course, it could soon exhaust its available cash.

The oversight board is directing the RTC to develop a national program to sell S&L assets even before the institutions are closed or sold to new investors. As part of that, it suggested packaging and selling mortgage loans owned by the thrifts.

The plan also:  
•Gives the RTC a June 30 deadline to finish reviewing the bailout deals put together by its predecessor, the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp.

•Tells the agency to "provide financing of (real estate) assets sparingly and only when necessary." The financing should be considered a concession and be reflected in a higher purchase price for the property, it said. Without such financing — in effect a government loan — some analysts contend the agency won't be able to sell many properties.

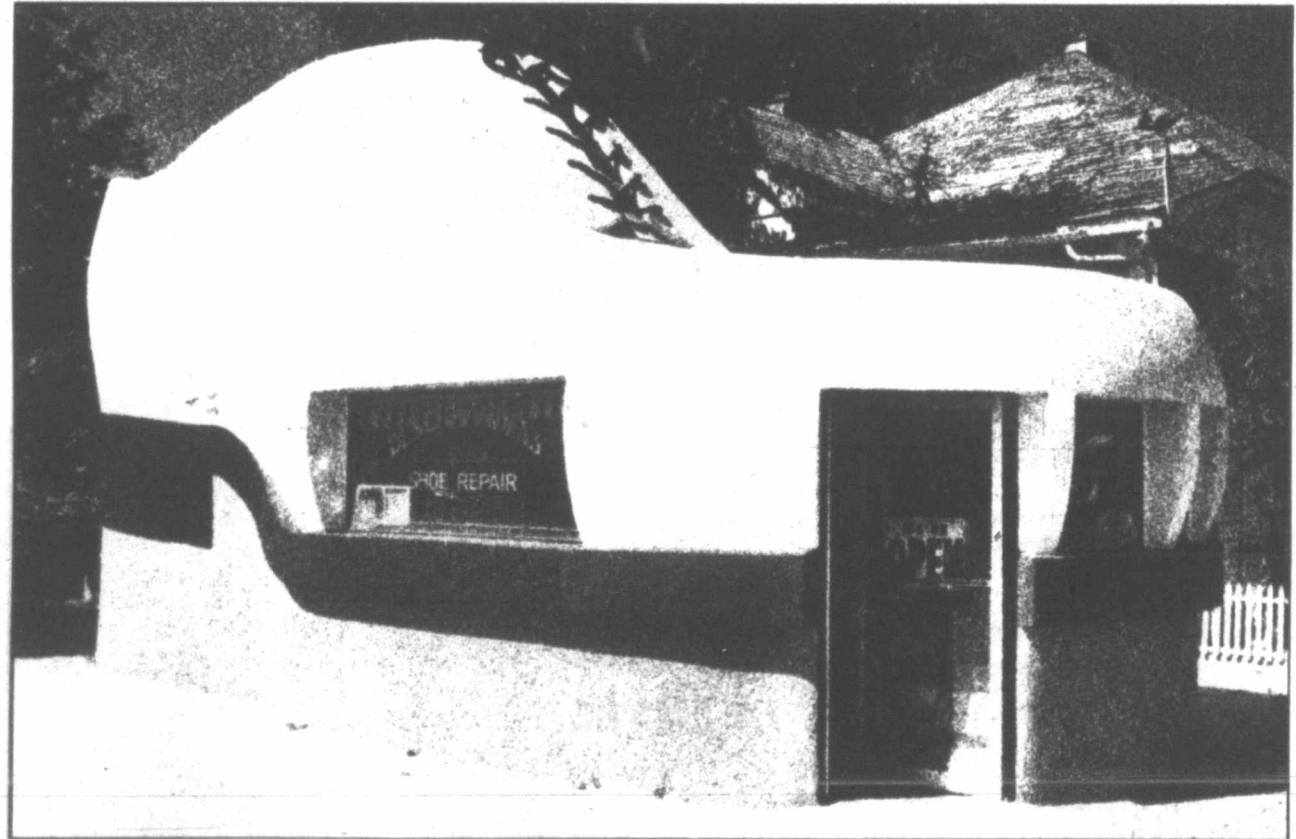
•Says failed S&Ls deteriorating at the fastest rate should be closed first, but says the agency shouldn't waste time developing a precise priority schedule.

•Allows the RTC to sell a minority-owned thrift to another minority institution without opening the sale to non-minority bidders. It permits the agency to finance the sale, at market rates, for as long as nine months. In most cases, the RTC is forbidden from keeping an interest in institutions it sells for longer than six months.

•Orders the agency to make public all documents spelling out the terms of bailout deals, including the estimated cost to the government.

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## Democrat leaders upset by Gramm's involvement in selecting candidates

By JENNIFER DIXON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats are attacking Republican Sen. Phil Gramm for choosing candidates to challenge Texas Democratic congressmen next year, but they claim the senator's record of picking losers gives them little to worry about.

Calling those who complain "wacko," Gramm says the Democrats are running scared because "1990 doesn't look like a good year for them."

Gramm, a first-term Republican, is running for re-election next year and is not believed to be currently facing a serious challenge. His only announced opponent is Democratic state Sen. Hugh Farmer, a former mayor of Fort Worth. The filing deadline is Jan. 2.

State Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer predicts Gramm will capture more than 60 percent of the vote, giving down-ballot GOP candidates an excellent opportunity to ride the senator's coattails to victory.

While Gramm's representatives say the senator is concentrating on his own race, Howard Schloss, spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, claims Gramm has handpicked challengers to Reps. Jim Chapman of Sulphur Springs, Greg Laughlin of West Columbia and Bill Sarpalus of Amarillo.

"He's going into the district, handpicking the candidate, forcing him down the throat of the local Republican Party, then the candidate loses and everybody has hard feelings," Schloss says. "He's being a real Lone Ranger, causing problems in his own party."

Gramm intervened this summer in a special election to fill the Fort Worth seat vacated by former House Speaker Jim Wright when he released a name recognition poll conducted by Dr. Bob Lanier, signaling to local Republicans they should rally behind the physician.

Lanier lost a close race to Democrat Pete Geren.

In 1985, Gramm created an opening for the 1st District seat by

recommending Democratic Rep. Sam B. Hall Jr. for a federal judgeship. Gramm then backed Republican candidate Edd Hargett, who lost the special election despite spending three times as much as Chapman. Political observers were watching the race as a test of Republican strength in Texas.

"I have never known a statewide official in Texas to ever get as involved in other people's races as Gramm has," says a veteran Democratic political observer.

Gramm, however, says he's not handpicking candidates, merely talking to people who are interested in running for office. Meyer and Gary Koops, a spokesman for the National Republican Congressional Committee, agree and say the senator is a tireless worker for the party.

According to Koops, several Republicans have already lined up to challenge Democratic incumbents in Congress: Joe Dial is challenging Laughlin for the 14th District seat; state Rep. Dick Waterfield of Canadian and Bob Price of Pampa are seeking Sarpalus' 13th District seat; Beaumont Mayor Maury Meyers is seeking Rep. Jack Brooks' 9th District seat; Hampden Hodges of Paris is seeking Chapman's seat; and former Dallas City Councilman Jerry Rucker is seeking Bryant's 5th District seat.

"I've talked to 200 people about running for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, Congress, state Senate, state representative, county commission, county sheriff. People who are interested in running for office talk to me," Gramm said.

But several Texas Democrats say Gramm's intervention damages the congressional delegation's bipartisan unity.

"It creates schisms and divisions that we don't need, as well as bitterness — there's no way better way to alienate a person than to go out and solicit someone to run against him. It's one of the most personally offensive things anybody could possibly do," Wright said. "I wish he would reconsider and consider the effect on the delegation."

## Study: Low-level X-rays pose cancer risk

By PAUL RECER  
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Low-level exposures to X-rays and gamma rays pose a cancer risk three to four times greater than previously believed, the National Research Council reported in a study released Tuesday.

Based on new methods of estimating and assessing the health effects of radiation, the committee concluded that a 1980 study by another NRC committee significantly underestimated the cancer risk from the low level of X-rays and gamma rays.

The risk for solid tumor cancer is three times greater than the earlier estimate, and the risk for leukemia is four times greater, the committee concluded.

And the committee found a much greater danger for mental retardation among unborn babies exposed to low-level radiation from the eighth to 15th weeks after conception.

Women, the report said, are slightly more likely than men to develop cancer from low levels of radiation, and that in some types of cancer, children are more susceptible to radiation effects than are adults.

The report, called Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation, or BEIR 5, is part of a series of

studies by the NRC assessing the health effects of the type of radiation produced in nuclear reactions, from natural uranium, and from the stars, such as the sun. The committee said its study updates risk estimates compiled in the BEIR 3 study released in 1980.

The study is based partly on the medical history of 76,000 survivors of the 1945 atomic bombings in Japan, health studies of workers at nuclear facilities and the records of patients who were treated with X-rays for certain medical conditions.

### Women are slightly more likely than men to develop cancer from low levels of radiation.

Part of the increased cancer danger seen from low-level radiation is based on a reduced estimate of the radiation received by Japanese survivors of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki atomic bomb attacks.

Radiation levels and duration of exposure result in different amounts of health risk, the committee said.

In the United States, for instance, natural background radiation gives an exposure of 0.1 to 0.3 REMs a year. REM stands for rad equivalent in man and is a unit of measure used to describe

a biological effect from a level of radiation exposure.

A routine chest X-ray gives an added exposure of 0.06 REM, and occupational standards limit nuclear workers to an annual exposure of no more than 5 REM.

The committee, using new mathematical calculations, estimated that a single burst of 10 REM radiation exposure will result in 790 excess cancer and leukemia deaths per 100,000 persons. For this same exposure, the BEIR 3 report estimated between 80 and 230 cancer deaths per 100,000.

For a lifetime radiation exposure of 0.1 REM a year, the committee estimated 520 male cancer deaths per 100,000 men, and 600 deaths per 100,000 women. In 1980, the BEIR 3 report estimated cancer deaths at 25 to 119 for this rate of exposure.

The committee said studies of children born to Japanese A-bomb survivors shows that those exposed during the first six months of gestation had lower intelligence test scores and poorer performance in school.

The NRC, which organized the committee study, is the research arm of the National Academy of Sciences, a congressionally chartered organization that conducts special research at the request of the government.

## Big Three automakers slashing January production

By FREDERICK STANDISH  
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT (AP) — The nation's Big Three automakers are slashing January production, laying off more than 107,000 workers in 16 states for at least a week or two as they struggle with shrinking demand.

The announcements came this week as Ford Motor Co. joined Chrysler Corp. in a new round of buyer incentives and Federal Reserve Board member Martha Seger warned that the auto and housing industry slumps could push the U.S. economy into recession.

Most layoffs at 35 of the 54 assembly plants belonging to General Motors Corp., Ford and Chrysler will be during the first two weeks of January.

Factories will be shut next week for the usual Christmas holiday, but

that will be extended at many of the plants.

GM said it was suspending production at 22 of its 30 car and truck assembly plants next month, each for at least two weeks, affecting about 75,000 workers. Ford said it was closing 11 of its 16 assembly plants for a week or two apiece, affecting about 25,400 workers.

Chrysler previously announced that two of its eight plants would be idled for two-week periods in January, involving 7,300 workers. That could change soon when the company's January production figures firm up, spokesman Doug Nicoll said.

The cuts are "obviously symptomatic of current demand in the industry, which is very low," said auto analyst Douglas Laughlin of Bear, Stearns & Co. in New York.

While GM, Ford and Chrysler carve deeply into their January pro-

duction, the five Japanese-based automakers assembling vehicles in the United States plan normal production next month.

In fact, Honda Motor Co. said it was beginning production at its second car plant in the United States, in East Liberty, Ohio.

Laughlin and other analysts have predicted for months that production levels during the first quarter of 1990 would be sharply curtailed. During the second half of 1989, automakers continued ambitious production schedules despite waning demand.

Inventories rose and companies started and stopped incentives to shrink the backlog. As the 1990 model year started Oct. 1, inventories began to shrink. Lately, they have swelled.

Ward's Automotive Reports, a weekly industry newsletter, reported

earlier this month that as of Nov. 30, dealers had an 88 selling-day supply of new cars on hand.

Recent 10-day sales reports have found cars and trucks made by the Big Three selling far slower than during the corresponding periods a year ago.

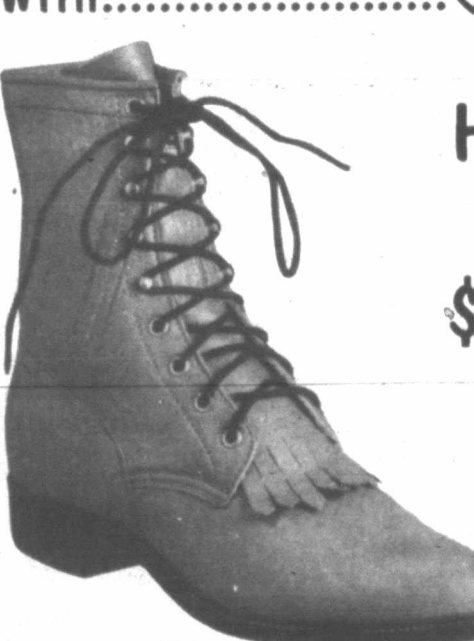
Early December car sales by dealers for the Big Three, for instance, were 29.7 percent lower than during the same time last year.

"If sales don't recover in the next month it's going to be a much larger problem," said analyst Scott Merlis of Morgan Stanley & Co. of New York.

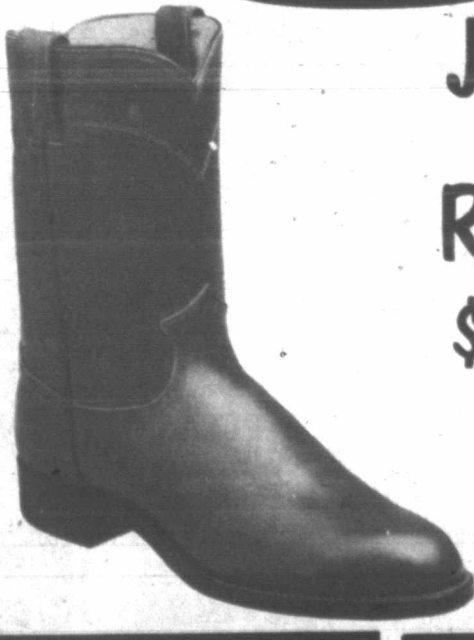
Seger, in Monday's edition of the trade journal *Automotive News*, said the slumping auto and housing industries made a recession in the overall economy a real threat.

"I think we're very vulnerable and very much at risk," Seger said.

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# Food



These colorful candy canes and festive wreaths are delightful holiday cookies you and your children can bake together.

## Candy cane cookies for holiday baking fun

Remember the excitement of the holidays of your childhood? Bright-colored ribbons and papers. The fragrances of flickering candles and fresh-cut pine. The sounds of laughter, carols and bells. And especially the warm, delicious aromas of cinnamon, pumpkin and vanilla as pies, cakes and cookies were baked.

"Scratch baking is a special way to share the loving memories to traditional holiday celebrations with your children," says Howard Solganik, food consultant, father of two young children and spokesperson for Gold Medal flour.

Because children love to bake, the Betty Crocker Kitchens have developed this whimsical holiday cookie recipe. The tasty dough can be formed into candy canes, wreaths or other festive shapes.

Use your imagination. Then, finish your holiday table with beautiful homemade cookies you and your children made together.

For more recipes you and your children will enjoy preparing throughout the year, send for a copy of the "Alpha-Bakery Children's Cookbook." Send \$1.00 (for postage and handling) to: Alpha-Bakery, Gold Medal Flour, P.O. Box 5401, Dept. 849, Minneapolis, MN 55460. (Offer expires June, 1990.)

### Candy Cane Cookies

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup margarine or butter, softened
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon peppermint extract
- 3 1/2 cups Gold Medal all-purpose flour\*
- 1 teaspoon baking powder

- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon red food color
- 1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy
- 1/2 cup sugar

1. Mix sugar, margarine, milk, egg, vanilla and peppermint extract thoroughly. Stir in flour, baking powder and salt.
2. Divide dough in half. Tint 1 half with food color. Cover both parts dough and refrigerate at least 4 hours.
3. Heat the oven to 375 degrees.
4. For each cookie, roll 1 teaspoon of dough from each half back and forth on lightly floured surface into 4-inch rope. Place 1 red and 1 white rope side by side; press together lightly and twist. (For a smooth look, roll twisted ropes back and forth on surface several times.) Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bend down top of cookie to form handle of cane.

5. Bake 9 to 11 minutes or until set. Mix candy and sugar; immediately sprinkle over cookies. Remove from cookie sheet.

Makes about 5 1/2 dozen cookies.

\*If using self-rising flour, omit baking powder and salt.  
 Note: Unbleached flour can be used in this recipe.  
**Festive Cookie Wreaths:**  
 Substitute almond extract for the peppermint extract. Substitute green food color for the red. Roll ropes on sugared surface. After placing cookies on cookie sheet, shape each into a circle with ends meeting to form a wreath. Omit crushed candy candied cherries into each wreath for holly berries.

## Peppy dip, cooling punch

"Drop-in" entertaining is easy on the nerves as well as the budget, especially during the sometimes frenetic days leading up to Christmas and New Year's Day. Keep things simple with a peppy chili dip and a punch bowl or pitcher brimming with a cooling winetea punch.

The recipe for this Hot-Hot Chili Con Queso brings into play a melange of tomatoes, chilies, chopped onion and various other seasonings, blended with cream cheese and milk. Serve warm with crunchy crudites of carrot sticks, celery, cauliflower and green pepper, plus crisp tortilla chips.

The festive holiday punch will cool down the palates of your guests while they are enjoying the peppery dip. Instant tea, which is the base for the punch, never overpowers the remaining ingredients - lemonade concentrate, apple juice and dry white wine.

**Happy Holiday Punch**  
 (Makes 3 1/4 quarts or 26 4-oz. servings.)

- 3 rounded tablespoons instant tea
  - 4 tablespoons sugar
  - 6 cups ice water
  - 1 (6-oz.) can lemonade concentrate, undiluted
  - 3 cups apple juice
  - 3 cups dry white wine
- Combine instant tea, sugar and ice water. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Add remaining ingredients. Chill. When ready to serve, pour over ice in punch bowl or pitcher.
- Hot-Hot Chili Con Queso**  
 (Makes about 2 cups)  
 2 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped  
 1 (4-oz.) can chilies, drained and

- chopped
- 1 small onion
  - 3/4 teaspoon seasoned salt
  - 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder Dash with white pepper
  - 1 (8-oz) package cream cheese, cubed and softened
  - 1/4 cup cream or milk
  - 2 tablespoons drained, chopped pimientos
  - Raw vegetables
  - Tortilla chips
- In medium saucepan, simmer tomatoes, chilies, onion seasoned salt, garlic powder and pepper 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Blend in cream cheese and then cream. Over very low heat, stir and heat through. Turn into chafing dish or heat proof casserole and keep warm over candle warmer, and garnish with pimiento. Serve warm with carrot sticks, celery, cauliflower florets, green pepper squares and tortilla chips. Thin with a little cream if needed during serving period. Any leftover dip may be chilled and used as cracker spread.

## Family reunion bread perfect for holiday centerpiece

Holidays are the perfect time to round up the whole clan for a family reunion. Although it's fairly rare to get everyone "home for the holidays," it's fun to extend the invitation to friend's and new neighbors who live a distance from close relatives.

For your own memorable contribution to the feast, make Pull-Apart Reunion Wreath—a delicious pull-apart yeast-bread wreath from Fleischmann's Yeast that doubles as a decorative centerpiece for the table. A quick one-rise method allows you to make the bread wreath or whole wheat yeast rolls in just one hour-start to finish.

This handsome wreath is made by tying short "ropes" of dough into loose knots and then attaching them together to form a bread wreath. Before baking, the wreath can be glazed with egg wash and then sprinkled with poppy or sesame seeds.

Fleischmann's Yeast has established a toll-free number (1-800-227-6202) to answer consumer questions about yeast baking. Baking specialists are available to answer questions from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

- Pull-Apart Reunion Wreath**  
 Makes 2 wreaths  
 5 3/4 to 6 1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
 1/3 cup sugar

## Turning the traditional pie into a trendsetter

Turn a tradition into a trendsetter with an updated and upscale version of pumpkin pie. A chef in a fine restaurant couldn't create a more dazzling dessert than Pumpkin Mousse Ice Cream Pie. Still, it is simple enough for any home cook to present as a spectacular ending to a holiday meal.

Not only is this pie festive and easy to make, part or all of it can be prepared ahead of time.

Bake the spicy gingersnap cookie crust a few days before needed and refrigerate or freeze it, wrapped tightly. The morning of the party, spread a layer of ice cream in the crust and return it to the freezer. Later in the day, prepare the silky mousse. It requires no cooking. Simply fold sweetened and spiced pumpkin into the whipped cream mixture and pile it in soft mounds over the ice cream. Return the pie to the freezer until needed. Or, assemble the pie all at once and freeze for up to 24 hours before serving. Either way, transfer the pie to the refrigerator about 30 minutes before serving to allow it to soften slightly.

The final touch is a singular sauce made in seconds by combining more pumpkin with purchased caramel or butterscotch topping. If desired, add unexpected contrast to the cold pie by warming the sauce, then either pour it over or pool it around each slice of this up-to-date dessert. (For a really quick dessert, skip the pie and serve the sauce over vanilla, praline or pumpkin ice cream.)

For more pumpkin recipes, send \$1.98 and two labels from any Libby's Pumpkin Product to: "Libby's Favorite Pumpkin Recipes," P.O. Box 360-NAPS, Pico Rivera, CA 90665. Allow 8 weeks for shipment.

- Pumpkin Mousse Ice Cream Pie**  
 (Makes one 9-inch pie)  
 1 1/2 cups crushed gingersnap cookies (about 30)  
 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted  
 2 cups (1 pint) vanilla ice cream  
 1 cup Solid Pack Pumpkin  
 3/4 cup granulated sugar  
 1 1/2 teaspoons pumpkin pie spice  
 1 cup whipping cream  
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
 Topping (recipe follows)

- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 packages Fleischmann's RapidRise or Active Dry Yeast
- 1 1/3 cups very warm water (125 degrees to 130 degrees F)
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 3 eggs, at room temperature
- Sesame or poppy seeds, optional
- Vegetable cooking spray

In large bowl, mix 1 1/2 cups flour, sugar, salt and undissolved yeast. Gradually add water and butter to dry ingredients; beat 2 minutes at medium speed of electric mixer, scraping bowl occasionally. Add 2 eggs and 1 cup flour; beat at high speed 2 minutes, scraping bowl occasionally. With spoon, stir in enough remaining flour to make stiff dough. On lightly floured surface, knead until smooth and elastic, about 5 minutes.

Divide dough into 36 equal pieces. Roll each piece to 8-inch rope. Loosely tie knot at center of each rope.

Arrange 18 knots, side by side, barely touching, in ring shape on baking sheet coated with vegetable cooking spray. Repeat with remaining rolls; cover. Place 2 large shallow pans on counter; half fill each pan with boiling water. Place baking sheets on pans; let dough rise 20 minutes.

Lightly beat remaining egg; brush on rolls. Sprinkle with sesame



of poppy seeds, if desired. Bake at 400 degrees F for 12 minutes or until done. Remove from baking sheets; cool on wire racks.

**Whole Wheat Rolls:** Replace 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour with whole wheat flour in above recipe. Mix, shape and bake as directed.



Tradition turns trendy in this Pumpkin Mousse Ice Cream Pie. This pie can be prepared ahead of time and the topping even goes great over ice cream.

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# Lifestyles

## Letters to Santa

Editor's Note: These Letters to Santa are from Wilson kindergarten classes and were written with the help of fifth graders.

**Dear Santa,**  
I have been a good little girl this year. Please bring me a Barbie doll, Leggo Blocks, cologne, toy telephone, little table to eat on. I would like a Santa hat and suit. A star to put on the Christmas tree.

**Love Dawn Allsup**  
**Dear Santa,**

I want a trampoline for Christmas. I also want headphones, guitar, ball, and a real monkey. and a BB gun and kite, and a stuffed parrot and a jack in a box and a shovel and a horse and a Choo Choo train.

**By Joshua Johnson**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good little girl. I would like a shiny white purse, a Barbie house with a elevator in it, a day time barby, a big bicycel, a teddy bear, a watch, a big box of crayons and a big coloring book, a pair of pink dress shoes, and a new dress, and a pair scissors for home, paper colors like red, blue, purple, green, brown, yellow.

**Amber Bernal**  
**Dear Santa,**

I've been good to my mommy and daddy. I want lots of presents, I want a yo-yo, orange horse, and dolls, Sincerely Lacy

**Dear Santa Claus,**

I've been good this year. I'm a kindergarten student at Wilson School. I want the 3 minute ice cream maker, the Real Cookin Tasty Bake Oven, the Barbie Ice Cream Shop, a Sparkle Pony, the Flower Makin Basket.

**Love Karen Kirkwood**  
**Dear Santa,**

My name is Jean and I want a catch-patch kid and a regerd player for Christmas. And I am in kindergarden.

**Love Jean Weatherway**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good girl. I want a bike, shark a tak, abc book, jeep, more disney land people, oil boards. Please bring me them.

**Love Samatha Ford**  
**Dear Santa Claus,**

I am a kindergarten student at Woodrow Wilson. I've been a good girl this year. I want some Care bears. I want some Barbie's too. I want a Barbie house. I want a doll.

**Love Lindsey Coutts**  
**Dear Santa,**

My name is Asia. I am in kindergarden in Mrs. Lewis class. I am 5 going on 6. For Christmas I want crayon holder with markers, a toy with reindeers, santa with a bag of toys, my own trapalain and a watch.

**Love Asia Wilson**  
**Dear Santa,**

My name is Richard Cooper. I want a Batman Movie, Nintendo, and I want Super Mario Bros 2, a Batman Soundtrack, Remote Control Lambinguini, a real Leather Football, a radio with a TV on it, a 50 size 4 wheeler.

**Sincerely Richard Conner**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been a great little girl. I would like a doll, barbie, teddy bear, bike, donkey, rocking horse, toy car, trampoline, gum ball machine, basketball, puppy, watch, cat, fish, crayon, coloring book.

**Thats all.**  
**Thank you Holly Lawrence**  
**Dear Santa,**

I want a power wheel and a Micro Machine. How is Rudolph doing? P.S. I also want a bike and a trampoline.

**Your friend Zach Rogers**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good boy. I want some horses, train, remote control car, a duck, a lot of toys, a computer, some blocks.

**Your friend Shaun Smith**  
**Dear Santa,**

My name is Jake. I am 6 years old and I am in Wilson Elementary. I have been good and I want a football and camouflage paint and basketball, a leaseball, baseball bat, trampoline and giant hamburger and sling shot, 22 gun and box of 22 shells and a chalk board and some chalk.

**By Jake Bolin**  
**Dear Santa,**

My name is Anson Henthorn. I'm in Kindergarden. What I want for Christ-

mas is a Nintendo, Nintendo games, Magnet board, a toy motorcycle and a Santa toy.

**Your friend Anson Henthorn**  
**Dear Santa,**

I want a bebe gun now! And I want to go to Mexico to see by beas friend with my dad. We all ways go but I know you can't give me that but anyway I'm a very good kid, ha ha ha. and a big big skateboard and get to go riding. And some new shoes B.K. and a play car. It want a big big tree to go in my window. And a bear, and a big trapaline. And a B.M.X. Bike

**Love Jose Alfaro**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been good this year. I'm in Kendargarden this year. I would like a Red Riders BeBe gun, A VCR tape of Batman, a skatboard, some Batman shoes, a remok cantral airplane, and a motersickel.

**Matthew Driscoll**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good boy and I want this for Christmas a remote control car, a bicycle and a motorcycle, a game to play with a football, a bigfoot king of the moster trucks because he runs over cars, a transformer gun that lights up, a game called Sharkatak and a Hungry Hungry Hippos, a Santa Claus toy, a Batman car, a watch, a Rocking Horse and a Teddy Bear, a train set and the last thing, a calendar.

**Signed Tony Martinez**  
**Dear Santa,**

I've been good to my mom and dad. For Christmas I want a new toy hot-wheel train, telescope, and a gient ninja turtle - Leonardo. Please get them for me.

**Your Friend Corey Kindle**  
**Dear Santa,**

I want a Dolly Surprise. I also would like a long sleeve pink dress. I would like a pink play car. I want a little Miss Dress-Up. Also a little Miss Muffet. I want some pink glasses. I want light-up yo-yo. I want different color purse, and umbrella. I want cash register with play money.

**Love Heather DeGroot**  
**Dear Santa,**

I would like a Pink bicycle, a pair of blaek high tops, and a pink kittle cat. A pretty dress. A tee-shirt. A little Miss make-up. I will leave some cookies and milk. Please bring me some red bells, a Ninendo also some erasers, a little bow.

**Love Teresa Blythe**  
**P.S. I will leave you a present.**  
**Dear Santa Claus,**

Shelly Sims wants a Little Miss Dress Up, a tea pot, a play bear, school supplies, clothes, a play Santa Claus, play school back pack, play parrot, B.K. high top tennis shoes, Play noon and play Octopus.

**Love Shelly Sims**  
**Dear Santa Claus,**

I'm been good this week. Please bring me a dollhouse with a puppy. I go to Woodrow Wilson School in Kindergarden. I love you.

**Love Jo Beth Harris**  
**Dear Santa,**

My name is Brenna. I have been a good little girl. I go to Wilson Elem. For Christmas I want a pink Barbie carvet that I can fit in, a play house, a puppy, a doll, some pink boots and a lot of toys. I hope I get everything I want.

**I love you Santa, Brenna Coutts**  
**Dear Santa Claus,**

I would like to have a skateboard and a little Miss dress up. I would also like to have a Nintendo. I want a hat. I want new tennis shoes.

**Love Danielle Martinez**  
**Dear Santa,**

Krystal would like to have for Christmas a mistress doll and a sparkle doll and make up doll and magic doll and a

candy cane, Santa Claus pin, new bike, some playfood things, some playing school stuff. Krystal has been a good girl. She want to leave you some milk and cookies.

**Love Krystal White**  
**Dear Santa,**

Hi. My name is Matt. This year I have been a good little boy! I am 3 years old and I go to Woodrow Wilson School. This year I've been wishing for a Nintendo, a nice pretty dog and I want a lot of toys. Please bring me what I wish for.

**I love you, Santa.**  
**Matt Dyer**  
**Dear Santa,**

I would like for you to bring me a train with a red engine. A red fire truck with lights. A farm house with animals. Please bring a Santa Claus toy. And a red nose. I have been a good boy. Please bring a nintendo.

**Love Aaron Keller**  
**Dear Santa Claus,**

Jake would like to have for Christmas some pipeworks, some turbs trains. Jake has been a very good boyu. He also wants a Microbase.

**Love Jacob Crain**  
**Dear Santa Claus,**

Daniel Heuston wants a race car, automatic airplane, Batman suit, hide and seek hidiers, Jet, Big fire truck, little fire truck, Ambulance that makes sound, Police car to ride in, Sheriff car to ride in, Teddy Bear that flips.

**Love Daniel Heuston**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good boy this year. I go to Woodrow Wilson School. Please bring me a Ninetendo, Ninetendo tapes. I also want another new puppy. I also want a truck.

**Love Schuyler Danner**  
**Dear Santa,**

I want white puppy dog with blue leash. I also want a toy star. I would like you to bring me a new Christmas tree. I want red bike and some glasses that have springy eyes. I want a red nose like Rudolph. And I want red cho-choo train. I want some bells to go on my shoes. A sleigh with reindeers make out of paper. A new TV for my room. I want some flashcards.

**Love Casey Cargile**  
**Dear Santa,**

I want a G.I. Joe tank and a lot of play cycles with men on them. I would like the sun coming up for ever. And picture of the sun set that I can put on my wall. I would like a new box of crayons. I would also like a brown teddy bear.

**Love Eric Brown**  
**P.S. I would like also to have knew tennis shoes. I also want a ring for my mom and a new bike.**  
**Dear Santa,**

I've been very good so I want a Micro-Base, a big diesel, a ring for my mom and some more boots. If you are sleep walking on Christmas I will leave some milk and cookies. Be sure to check this list twice. I go to Wilson Kindergarden.

**Thank you Adam Snow**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good boy this year. I go to Wilson Kindergarden. Please bring me a watch, a play gun. I will leave you some cookies and a candy bar.

**Love Aaron Acevedo**  
**Dear Santa,**

I have been a good girl. I go to Wilson School. I'm in kindergarden. Please bring me a Ninetendo. I would like a pretty little puppy and a nice big dog. I would also like a big doll house. I would like lots of toys. I would like a Rudolf toy for Santa. I would like a little restaurant for my little toys to eat in.

**I love you Santa. I hope I get what I wish for.**  
**Love Stephanie Kirby**

## Honor Roll

**Pampa Middle School**  
**Second Six Weeks**

**Sixth Grade**

Principal's List: Aixa Almonte, Andrew Berzanskis, Edith Osborne, Shaylee Richardson, Misty Ferrell, Debra Smith, Emily Follis, Kimberly Sparkman, Joshua Sternes, Bryan Hanks, William Thomas, Megan Hill, Kelley Vinson, Laura Imel, Gabriel Jaramillo, Laura Johnson, Brandi Lenderman, Katie McKandles, John McCavit, Julie Noles, Jeremy Nolte, Shaun Hurst, Hugh Teng.

Merit List: Joshua Calfy, Justin Allison, Jennifer Fischer, Shannon Funk, Amanda Kludt, R.J. Russell, Matt Utzman, Amanda Brown, Kate Fields, Sharon Frederickson, Shawna Hill, Bryan Rose, Stacy Sondlin, Jason Weatherbee.

**A Honor Roll:** Jane Brown, Todd Finney, Brian Phelps, Matt Reeves, Celesta Hancock, Keri Keim, Brian Phelps, Courtney Smith, Angelica Dominguez, Kerrey Ford, Scotty Henderson, Brandon Osborn, Jereme Stone

**B Honor Roll:** Misty Adams, Cullen Allen, Amy Bradley, Sean Cook, Clint Ferguson, Ryan Gibson, Cliff Hudson, Victor Roden, Amanda Tracy, Erin Alexander, Derrick Archer, Joshua Brookshire, Trent Davis, Brooks Gentry, Manessa Hall, John Porter, Melanie Rutledge, Peggy Williams.

**Seventh Grade**

Principal's List: Brian Cathey, Marissa Grabato, Amy Hayes, Jennifer Holland, Jennifer Mays, Karen McPherson, Andrea Philips, Misty Scribner, Wesley Stark, Grace Sutton, Danica Weeks, Richard Williams, Joei Wilson, Ray Estrada.

Merit List: Torrey Deanda, Hank Gindorf, Lavina Johnson, Gay Vernon, Jason Jones, Audra Shelton, Heather Jones, Dawn Shannon, Shelly Stephenson, Justin Westbrook, Ketreia Thompson.

**B Honor Roll:** Donnie Bussell, Brian Easley, Michael Griffith, Kasha Jackson, Darcie Larimore, Alicia Nicholas, Cole Tefertiller, Anthony Villarreal, Tasha Waters, Jessica Dawes, Amy Frazier, Stacey

Grgss, David Kludt, Amber Lindsey, Jonathan Roberts, James Tripplhorn, Katrina Villarreal.

**Eighth Grade**

Principal's List: Emily Brooks, Kimberly Martin, Julian Chen, Teryn Scoggin, Michael Gandy, Marina Ramirez, Elasha Hanks, Joyce Osborne.

Merit List: Jeffery Beyer, Joby Focke, Stacie Johnson, Devin King, Kasia Lewis, LuCrecia Lindsey, Jennifer Paulson, Angela Rodriguez, Lanny Schale, Jason Soukup, Kyle Sparkman, Dibs Almonte, Jessica Duff, Tiffany Lane, Brad Baldrige, Cory Davis, Jeremy Duvall, April Gomez, Timothy McCavit, Kimberly Straie.

**A Honor Roll:** Tyler Kendall, Astrid Pepi.

**B Honor Roll:** Tamara Bruce, Justin Collingsworthy, Stefanie Cooper, Michael Foote, Jessica Garren, Zankhna Patel, Mario Silva, Catarina Campos, Sharon King, Philip Elsheimer, Kelley Ford, Sharon King, Kirsten Ritchey, Seivern Wallace.

## Language babble manages to tie up lots of tongues

DEAR ABBY: With reference to "Vondering in Victoria," who wondered why the Scandinavians switched their "v's" and "w's," it's the same with Germans. In the German language, there is the "v" sound, but not the "double u" (w) sound. When Germans speak English, their "v's" become "w's" and vice versa. Example: "Vy are you laughing?" "I had a very nice time in your willage."

Other nationalities have similar problems. My Hispanic friends have the "y" sound in Spanish, but no "j" sound. In speaking English, they make a mental switch. Example: "Jes, I like New York, but I can't find a job there."

**ROBERT J. ALEXANDER,**  
**PASADENA**

DEAR ABBY: "Vondering in Victoria" was puzzled by Scandinavians' pronunciation. I would like to know why some eastern U.S. citizens "warsh their cars and go to Cubar." They insert an "r" where it isn't, and leave it out where it is.

**MIDWESTERNER IN TAMPA**  
**DEAR ABBY:** In studying the Scandinavian languages, I have noticed that the Scandinavians pronounce the "w" as "v" when the "w" comes at the beginning of a word — they say "woluter" for volunteer. However, if the "v" comes in the middle of the word, such as carnivorous, it is pronounced as a "v."

Now, if you will excuse me, I want to go watch TV.

**LIVING WITH A VIKING**

DEAR ABBY: Speaking of foreigners with strange accents, my aunt's neighbor came from the East End of London and spoke in a Cockney dialect, dropping her "h's."

This neighbor once said to my aunt, "enry likes 'am, so'e brought one 'ome for the 'olidays."

When my aunt finally got the courage to ask her if she couldn't pronounce her "h's," she replied, "Certainly, I can say 'bacon and heggs."

**ANOTHER FAN**  
**IN HOLIDAY, FLA.**



**Dear Abby**

**Abigail Van Buren**

DEAR ABBY: I have noticed that the Filipinos, when speaking English, also switch a few letters. Tagalog, their native language, has no letter "f," nor the "f" sound, so when speaking English, the "f" becomes "p" — thus Filipino is pronounced "Pilipino," federal becomes "pederal" and February becomes "Febuary."

**JIM ROBINSON,**  
**PONCHATOU LA,**

DEAR ABBY: My German-born mother used to say she had to wash the dishes and warnish the furniture. She also called my sister Fir-ginia.

**GUNTER IN MILWAUKEE**  
**DEAR ABBY:** Why do we Scandinavians have such a problem with the "v's" and "w's"? The answer is as simple as it is obvious: You, the Anglo-speaking people, have got it all wrong! You think of the letter "w" as a double "u." Actually, it is a double "v" and the "v's" and "w's" are both pronounced like a "v." The problem started with the Germans. They pronounce the "v" as "f" and the "w" as "v." The Volkswagen is pronounced Folksvagen. Not Volks. Not Wagon.

**OLAF HULT, L.A.**

DEAR ABBY: On my first flight to Hawaii, I asked my seat partner if that lovely state was pronounced Hawaii — or Havaii.

He said, "It's pronounced Havaii." I said, "Thank you."

He replied, "You're welcome."

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- 4 Run together, as dyes
- 9 Baseball player Mel —
- 12 Paddle
- 13 Dip into liquid
- 14 Companion of ash
- 15 Dry red wine
- 17 School org.
- 18 Actress —
- 19 Mink
- 21 Club —
- 22 Ballerina's strong points
- 24 Boat parts
- 26 Stole cattle
- 30 — one's way
- 31 Romaine
- 32 Yoko —
- 33 High note
- 34 — to lunch
- 35 Carry

- 36 Pouring forth
- 39 Affirmations
- 40 — Hashanah
- 41 Chemical suffix
- 42 Red Sea country
- 45 Scoops
- 48 Kimono sash
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- 53 Of certain areas
- 54 From — Z
- 55 Actor Murray
- 56 Admission
- 57 Dandy

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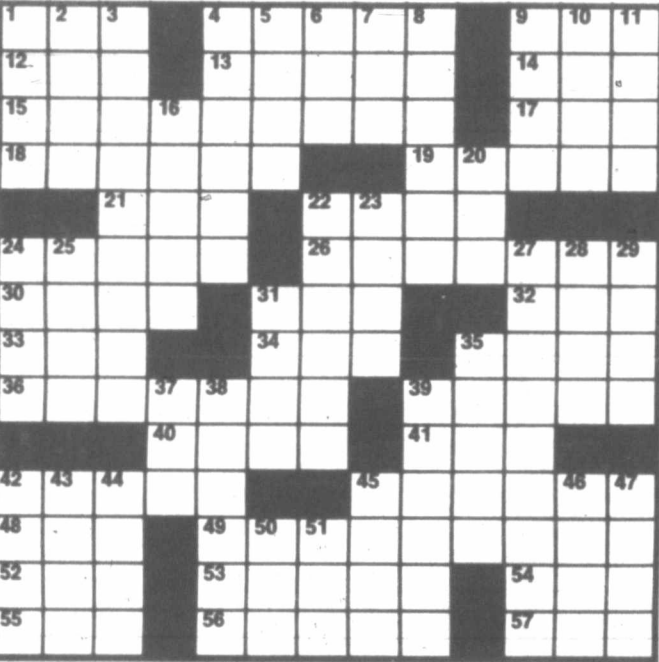
- 1 Exude
- 2 Kite stabilizer
- 3 Decorations
- 4 Trademarks
- 5 Rope
- 6 Conclude
- 7 Language

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

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THEE THEN SRA
WERE WEEB WEN
EARL AGRARIAN
ETO OSE EMMA
NEP LUTE
JEERED PADRES
ANOEA EAST OTO
BTU TIME TUTU
SESTET TURNER
WAYS DAD
THAI ONO WET
AESTHETE TOPE
SAT EATS WREN
SRO EROS OMEN
    
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- 8 Digs
- 9 Fumbler's exclamation
- 10 In — (as a whole)
- 11 Better —
- 12 suffix
- 13 Paddock
- 14 Believer in anism
- 15 Conduit
- 16 Evict
- 17 Bridge on the River —
- 18 Electric fish
- 19 Having removable pages
- 20 Grafted, in heraldry
- 21 Performs
- 22 Fools (sl.)
- 23 Leans
- 24 Yorkshire river
- 25 Become electrically charged
- 26 Annual
- 27 Laugh (sl.)
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- 29 Manner
- 30 King —
- 31 Opp. of endo
- 32 Come to an end
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- 34 Powerful explosive (abbr.)



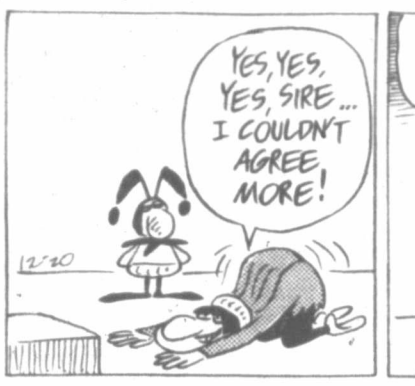
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**GEECH**



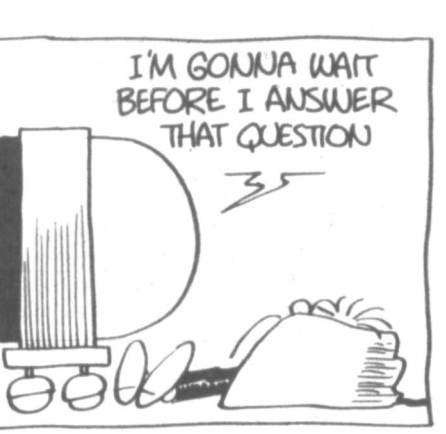
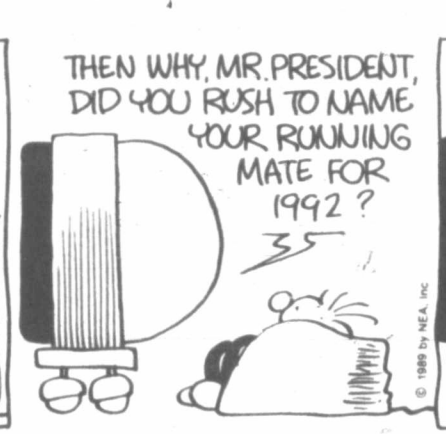
By Jerry Bittle

**THE WIZARD OF ID**



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By Howie Schneider

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By Johnny Hart

## Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Schedule your outside activities thoughtfully today or else they might turn out to be both time and money wasters. Try to establish an order of priority. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you to understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** This can be a successful day for you, provided you don't do things in a piecemeal fashion. Coordinate your efforts so that your forces aren't spread too thinly.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Don't say anything about a friend today that you wouldn't directly say to his/her face, because any unkind comments you make are likely to be reported to the target of your remarks.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Think twice before giving friends tips today that you feel could make or save them money. If your information is faulty, they might try to hold you accountable.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** The opinions of others are important, but your own views have merit as well. Don't attempt to please companions today at the cost of subduing your own better judgment.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Assistants or co-workers will pull away from you today if you're overly critical of their efforts. Guard against making comments that could make them feel inferior or unappreciated.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** You're likely to keep things under control today where your larger expenditures are concerned, but it could be the small dollars and dime stuff that reeks havoc on your budget.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Today you might be subjected to a series of minor frustrations and, instead of dealing with them and dismissing them from your mind, you might bring your troubles home and take them out on the family.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Double standards could cause others to lose respect for you today. Don't tell another not to do something a certain way and then go ahead and do it yourself.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It's an admirable attribute to be the first one who grabs for the check. Today, however, you might be saddled with a companion who doesn't practice this gesture.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Even though others will be trying, you might prove to be a difficult person to please today. If your friends lose patience with you, they could take an opposite approach.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your salesmanship will not be very effective today if you're inclined to belabor your points. Don't beat about the bush, make your presentation simple, clear and concise.

**MARVIN**



By Tom Armstrong



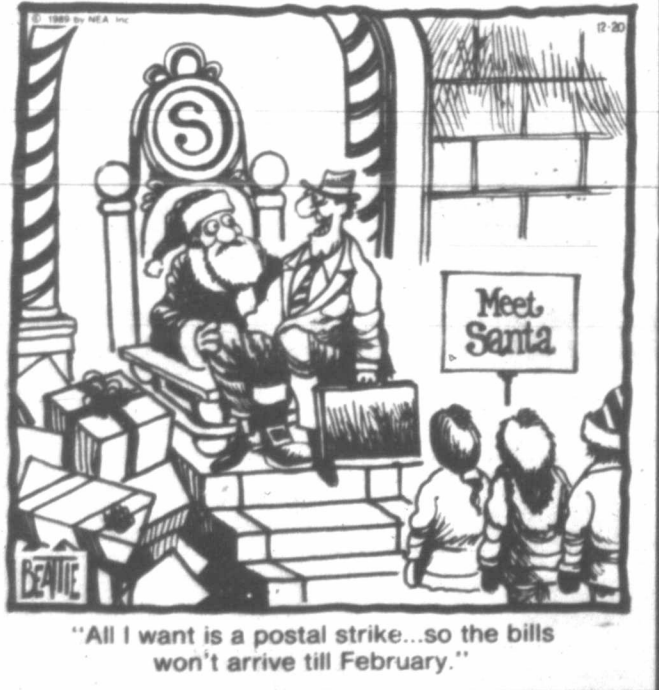
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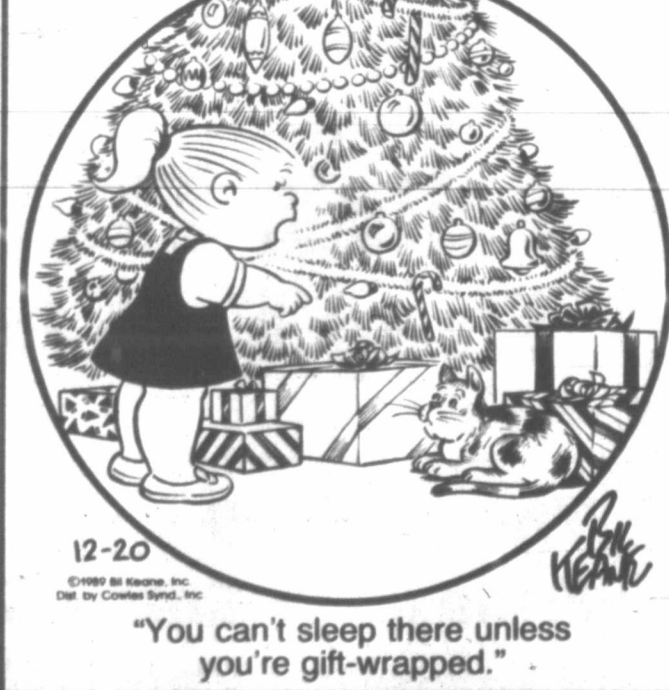
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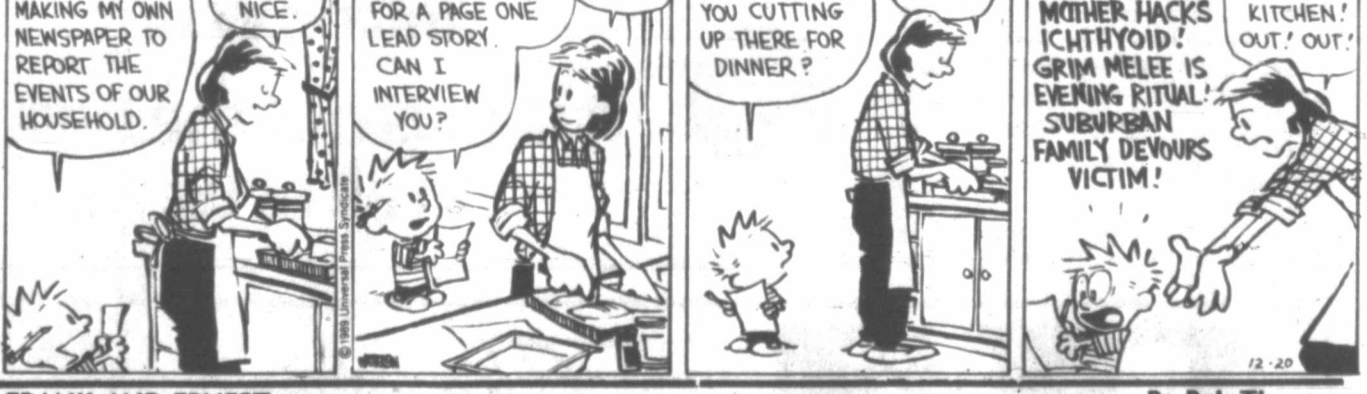
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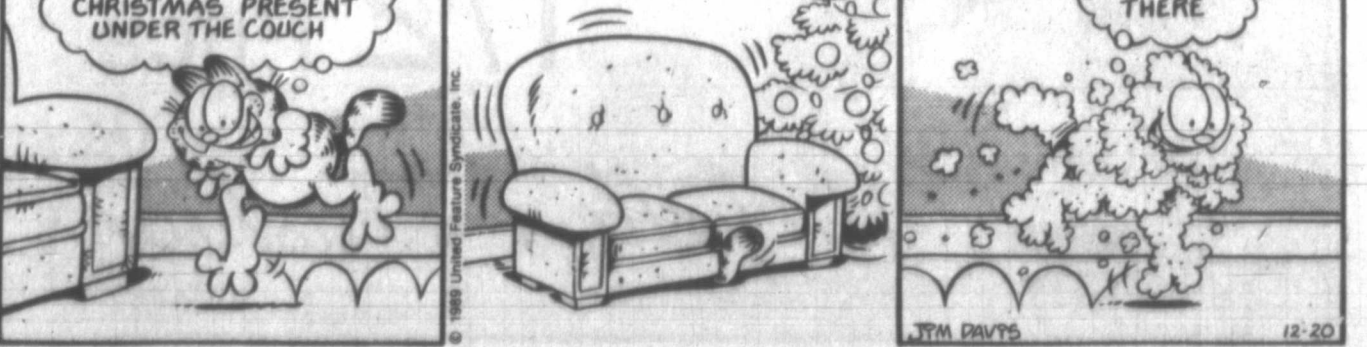
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# Sports

## Harvesters take sole possession of district lead

By SONNY BOHANAN  
Sports Editor

HEREFORD — The Pampa Harvesters took over sole possession of first place and checked two items off their Christmas list with a 53-45 victory over Hereford during District 1-4A basketball action Tuesday night.

"We had two goals we wanted to accomplish by Christmas," said Pampa coach Robert Hale, whose Harvesters are the only unbeaten team remaining in the district. "We wanted to get these three district victories and to be in double figures overall, so we got that."

Indeed they did, although it was a no frills performance that boosted the Harvesters to a perfect 3-0 record in league play and 10-3 overall. Their 53-point performance was the second-lowest of the year, undercut only by a 62-46 loss to Lawton MacArthur High School in the Hays City Shootout.

Only one Pampa player scored in double digits. Sophomore David Johnson led the team with 11 points, which included three three-point goals, followed by seniors Cornelius Landers and Mark Wood and sophomore Randy Nichols, all with eight apiece.

Hereford was no better. Dee Nall led the Whitefaces with 10 points, while teammates Daniel Garcia and

Matt Bromlow tossed in eight apiece. The loss left the Herd in fifth place with a 1-3 district record, 4-8 overall.

Overall, the Harvesters outshot Hereford, 47% (22-of-47) to 35% (19-of-54) from the field, although the Whitefaces had a slight advantage in both turnovers (17-20) and rebounds (33-32).

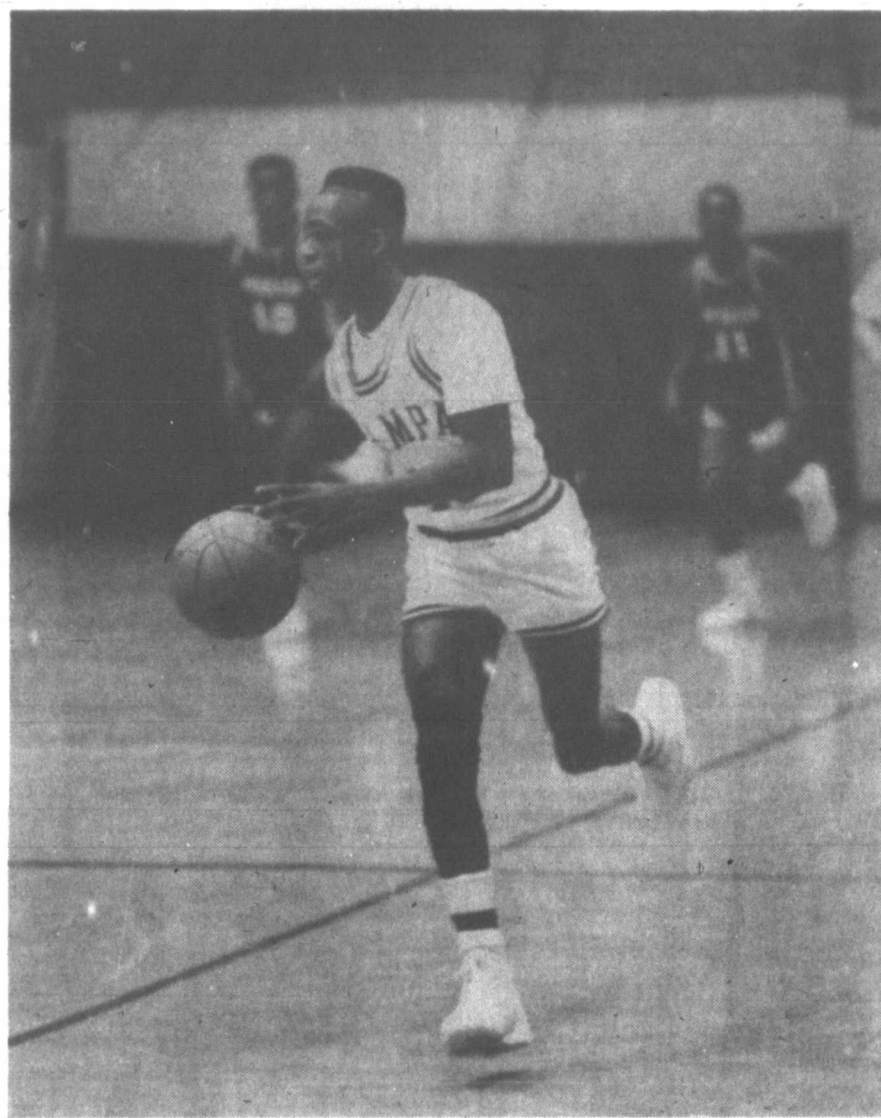
"I guess last week's health problems hit us tonight," Hale said. "We couldn't move our feet and couldn't shoot — we just couldn't get up. We're fortunate to win after playing so bad."

All the same, the Harvesters trailed only twice throughout the entire game, both times early in the first quarter. Hereford led 4-2, then 6-5 before Pampa went on top for good.

"We missed about four layups in the first quarter that would have made a big difference in the game," Hale said. "But our guys hung in there and got the victory."

After posting a 10-6 advantage at the end of the first frame, Pampa notched a 23-16 halftime lead that never dipped below six points. At one point late in the third quarter, the Harvesters led by 14 before the Herd closed the gap to 10, 39-29, at the end of three periods.

The Whitefaces staged their best performance of the night in the final eight minutes, outscoring Pampa 16-



(Staff photo by Sonny Bohanan)

### PHS junior Jayson Williams contributed four points to the Harvesters' winning effort Tuesday night.

14, but the Harvesters held on for the eight-point win.

Beginning today, the Harvesters are off seven straight days for the Christmas break. Next Wednesday, Dec. 27, Pampa opens play in the 1989 West Side Lions Club Holidays Basketball Tournament in Fort Worth.

Pampa takes on Keller in the first round at 10 a.m. Wednesday. The tournament features 16 teams and lasts four days until Saturday, Dec. 30. The championship finals are set for Saturday night at 7:15.

All 30 games of the tournament will be played at Billingsley Fieldhouse in Fort Worth.

## Johnson glad to see NFL season ending

By DENNE H. FREEMAN  
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Jerry Jones confessed he was too optimistic about the Dallas Cowboys chances in 1989.

"I never thought we'd win just one game," Jones said Tuesday. "I expressed a lot of confidence before the season started. I might have hedged a little bit more if I had known what was going to happen. But that's not my personality."

When he bought the team in February, Jones boldly predicted coach Jimmy Johnson would lead the team to three wins in the first third of the season, the same number the Cowboys won all last season.

Dallas is heading into Sunday's season finale against Green Bay with a 1-14 record.

Johnson said on Tuesday the final game of the Cowboys 16-game ordeal will be used to gauge the courage of his players. He admitted he was glad to see his first NFL season coming to close.

"It will be a good evaluating tool for us to find the guys who will lay it on the line under adverse situations," Johnson said. "We'll see who has pride."

The Cowboys need a victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday to avoid the NFL record book for season lowlights.

A loss would tie the Cowboys with the 1980 New Orleans Saints for the most defeats in a season at 15. A victory by Green Bay would

give Dallas an NFL record 14th consecutive home loss. Dallas hasn't won at home since Sept. 25, 1988 against Atlanta.

"I would like to see us finish on a positive note," Johnson said. "I hope we play Green Bay better the second time around. Green Bay certainly has a lot at stake."

Green Bay beat Dallas 31-13 in the fifth game of the season.

If the Packers win they will stay alive for the NFC Central division crown. If Minnesota loses to Cincinnati on Christmas night, then Green Bay would win the division title.

"Green Bay is playing with a lot of confidence," Johnson said. "They'll be loose."

Johnson said a victory over Green Bay "would be making a statement that we can be a good team. We've played well against teams like San Francisco and the Los Angeles Rams but we couldn't make the plays in the fourth quarter."

But, ironically, a Dallas victory would hurt the Cowboys. They want Green Bay to finish ahead of Minnesota because the Cowboys will have the Vikings first round draft pick in the Herschel Walker trade.

"We just have to block out the situation with the draft pick," Johnson said.

Johnson said the 1-14 season has been "frustrating. There have been disappointments in all areas. I'm happy to see this season close."

Then Johnson smiled and said, "I'd like to take a week off and start training camp all over again."

## Lady Harvesters lose close contest to Hereford Setback leaves Pampa in fourth place with 2-3 district record

By SONNY BOHANAN  
Sports Editor

HEREFORD — A bout with the Lady Whitefaces proved too much for Pampa Tuesday night as the Lady Harvesters dropped a 51-47 decision during District 1-4A cage action at Hereford High School.

Pampa's lightning-quick attack was slowed to an uncharacteristic crawl as the Lady Harvesters fell to 2-3 in league play, 5-6 overall for sole possession of fourth place. Hereford, which entered the contest one-half game behind Pampa, improved to 3-3 and 6-9 to jump half a game ahead.

Things started slow for the Lady Harvesters, and they only got slower in the second quarter. Pampa hit 5-of-14 from the floor in the first eight minutes to knot the score at 11-all in the first frame, but the gate swung

shut with a thud in the next eight minutes as the Lady Harvesters managed only four points on nine attempts from the floor.

That left Pampa trailing, 22-15, at intermission, and the tone was set for the remainder of the game.

"I thought we were playing a real relaxed game," said Pampa coach Albert Nichols, whose team tied the score three times but never took the lead. "The girls weren't moving and our intensity wasn't up."

Like the boys team last Friday, and much of the entire school district on Monday, the Lady Harvesters struggled with flu symptoms Tuesday night. The result was a less-than-sterling performance in several categories, most noticeably in shooting percentage for the first half.

Sophomore Nikki Ryan, who is averaging 18 points per game, fell

one short of that with a team-high 17. Sophomore Kristen Becker had her best game of the season, breaking into double figures for the first time with 10 points. Sheila Reed added nine, and Bridgett Mathis was next with seven.

For the Lady Whitefaces, senior guard Stacey White set the pace with a game-high 19 points. Two other Hereford players made it into double figures, including 5-11 sophomore Shantel Cornelius with 12 and Jennifer Bullard with 10.

Perhaps the greatest discrepancy between the two teams came in the turnover department. The Lady Harvesters committed almost twice as many as Hereford, 17-9, and the difference was reflected on the scoreboard.

"That's one of the things that caught up with us tonight," Nichols said.

Pampa outscored the Lady Whitefaces in the second half, 32-29, although Hereford held the Lady Harvesters off in the final minute to clinch the victory. Pampa moved within two, 44-46, with 1:02 to play, but back-to-back fouls and a three-pointer by White effectively ended the game.

The Lady Harvesters have eight days off before their next outing, which is the West Texas Girls Invitational Tournament at Slaton. The tourney begins next Thursday, Dec. 28, and continues through Saturday, Dec. 30.

Pampa faces Sweetwater on Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the first round. The winner will take on the winner of the Randall-Dalhart game at 9:30 a.m. Friday.

In all, 16 teams will compete for the championship at Slaton. The finals will be played at 6:30 p.m. Saturday.



(AP Laserphoto)

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones admits he was too bold with his predictions before the start of the season.

## Things just aren't the same in Chicago

By DAVE GOLDBERG  
AP Football Writer

There were few people around the south rotunda at Soldier Field an hour before the Bears played Green Bay on Sunday. OK, so it was 6 degrees, but until this season, that only brought out more fans to the site of a weekly pre-game pep rally.

Bear Weather, you know. This year, make it Bare Weather. Chicago fans now talk about how high they might draft rather than how high they might finish.

"They never should have gotten rid of all the guys they did," O.C. Taylor, 54, was saying two hours later, after he had watched the Packers guarantee the Bears their first losing season since 1982.

"It started when they got rid of Buddy Ryan. Then they got rid of McMahon, Wilber Marshall, Otis Wilson, guys like that."

Well, they didn't really "get rid" of Buddy Ryan, although Coach Mike Ditka probably would have been glad to oblige. Rarely does a team prevent an assistant from taking a head coaching job.

But to disillusioned Bears fans, Ryan's success in Philadelphia is only one indication that things haven't been the same since Chicago won the Super Bowl with what was probably the most dominant single team of the decade.

Since then, nothing less than a Super Bowl has been satisfactory and it hasn't been forthcoming. Despite a string of five straight NFC Central titles that will end with this season, the Bears lost their first playoff games in 1986 and 1987 and were beaten by San Francisco in last season's NFC title game, in "Bear Weather" no less.

All that was only an appetizer to this year's collapse.

Since winning their first four games — three against the playoff-caliber likes of Cincinnati, Minnesota and Philadelphia — the Bears are 2-9, worst in the league save for the 1-10 mark of dismal Dallas. Moreover, a defense that allowed just 61 points in those first four games has given up 290 since, or 26.4 per game.

Sunday's 40-28 loss was probably the low point.

The Packers had 10 possessions and scored on eight — four touchdowns and four field goals. Once the Packers were stopped by the halftime gun and only once in true Bear fashion — when John Roper knocked the ball loose from Don Majkowski and Richard Dent took it 30 yards to the Green Bay 13.

Then, in typical Bear fashion for this year, Jim Harbaugh threw an interception two plays later.

"Any time a team doesn't punt once on you, you've got a problem," Ditka said, in the understatement of the day.

Actually, quite a few problems. One has less to do with the Bears than the opposition.

From 1985 through 1988, the Bears went 24-0 against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Detroit Lions and the Packers. This year, Chicago is 1-5 against those teams, partly because of the NFL's natural parity cycle in which bad teams usually get better with continual high draft picks and a little bit of luck.

That's happened with the two Bays and Detroit this year.

Chicago, for example, hasn't drafted early enough to come up with a Sterling Sharpe, a Barry Sanders or a Vinny Testaverde, to name three guys who have hurt them this season.

## Wildcats lose first game of season; Briscoe Broncos improve to 14-2

CANADIAN - The Canadian Wildcats lost their first game of the season Tuesday night, falling to Vega, 65-60.

Cody Walker drilled in 21 points to lead Vega's attack.

Larry Dunnam had 19 points to lead Canadian. Shane Lloyd and Danny Cervantes had 14 points each.

"We didn't play well the first half and then we missed some free throws near the end that hurt us," said Canadian coach Robert Lee.

Canadian rallied to make it a close contest after trailing by 16 points at halftime.

The Wildcats have a 10-1 record. The Lady Wildcats won over Samnorwood, 58-53, in the girls' tilt to lift their record to 8-3.

Cassie McNeas was top scorer for Canadian with 17 points while Kim Bivins added 14.

The game was close most of the way with Vega owning a 29-28 halftime advantage. Canadian led, 43-42, going into the final quarter. J'Lyn Richardson led Vega in scoring with 20 points.

SAMNORWOOD - Randy Singleton scored 33 points to lead Kelton past Samnorwood, 71-58, in boys' basketball action Tuesday night.

Gene Kirkland followed with 16 points for the Lions, who are 3-10 on the season.

Kelton led by six, 31-25, at halftime and the Lions opened up a

15-point lead in the second half with a 20-point third quarter.

Tory Thompson and Roy Hogan had 19 points each for Samnorwood.

Kelton dropped the girls' game, 66-54, to fall to 3-9 on the season.

### Area basketball roundup

Leslie Linley and April Farro had 14 and 13 points each to pace Samnorwood.

Samnorwood led at the half, 54-32.

Susan Davidson had 22 points for Kelton while teammate Isabel Lopez contributed 12.

MEMPHIS - The McLean Tigerettes lost a 32-31 squeaker to Memphis Tuesday night.

McFalls was high scorer for Memphis with 20 points while Munzingo added 8.

Alicia Reynolds finished with 20 points for McLean. Holly Hauck followed with six.

BRISCOE - Briscoe, led by Ben Meadows' 27 points, defeated Booker, 77-67, Tuesday night.

The Broncos, 14-2 on the season, also got 16 points each from Dallas Fillingim and Kevin Shields.

Jason Hewitt was high scorer for Booker with 36 points.

MIAMI - Groom posted a 62-31 win over Miami in girls' basketball Tuesday night.

Shannon Fields led Groom's scoring attack with 20 points, followed by Kristi Case with 10.

Tandy Thompson had 10 points and Krista Krehbiel eight to top Miami.

Groom upped its record to 11-2 while Miami is 3-9.

HIGGINS - Lefors notched a pair of victories over Higgins Tuesday night.

Dusty Roberson scored 28 points and Jarrod Slaten added 17 to spark the Pirates to a 64-50 win. Kevin Mayfield had nine points to go with seven rebounds and six steals.

"We've been playing pretty good ball, but we've had a letdown in the stretch. Last night, we came out fired up and stayed that way throughout the game," said Lefors coach Dale Means.

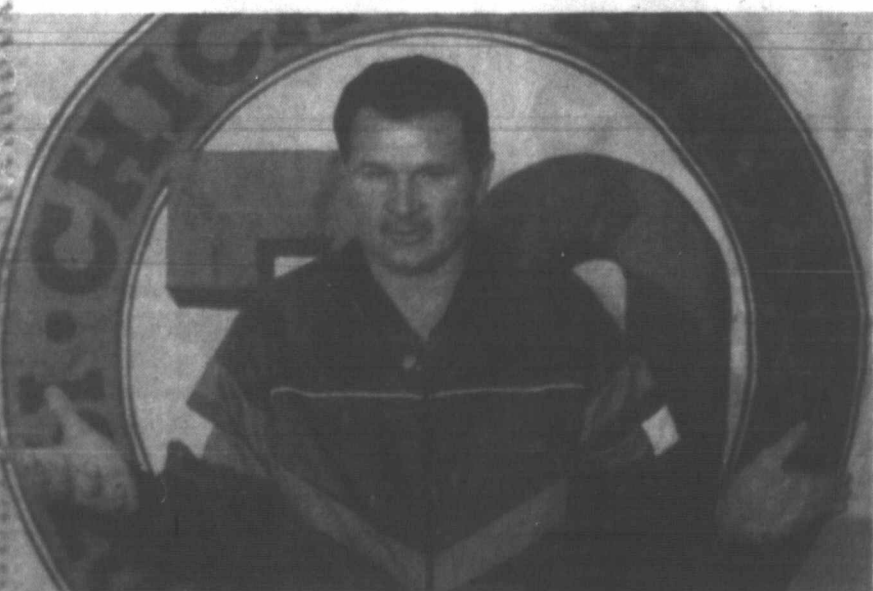
Franks and Lauban had 14 points each to lead Higgins.

Lefors girls rolled to a 59-41 victory.

Carrie Watson led a balanced scoring attack for Lefors with 12 points. Shellie Lake and Susie Davis had 11 and 10 points respectively.

Wendy Gillespie was high scorer for Higgins with 12 points.

Lefors girls are now 13-2. Lefors boys are 6-8.



(AP Laserphoto)

Bears' coach Mike Ditka has been critical of his team's performance all season.



# Bulls halt Lakers' winning streak

By BILL BARNARD  
AP Basketball Writer

The Chicago Bulls were playing defense the way Michael Jordan plays offense.

"One of our objectives was to slow them down on the break," Jordan said after he scored 37 points and the Bulls held the Los Angeles Lakers to 36.4 percent shooting in a 93-83 victory Tuesday night. "They were taking tough shots and our defense had a lot to do with that."

The Bulls, who lead the NBA Central Division, won their ninth straight game at Chicago Stadium, where they are 10-1 this season, and won for the 10th time in their last 12 overall. The Lakers, who still have the best record in the NBA, had a four-game winning streak stopped.

"It was like we were in quicksand and just kept sinking," said the Lakers' Magic Johnson, who had 18 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. "We didn't hit the shots and they took advantage of all the opportunities. They had a quick tempo."

**Clippers.....128**  
**Pacers.....102**

Ron Harper scored 39 points for the second straight game.

Los Angeles led 93-81 following a third quarter in which Harper scored 17 points and Chuck Person 15 of his season-high 42 for Indiana.

**Knicks.....115**  
**Jazz.....107**

Patrick Ewing had 41 points and 15 rebounds.

Gerald Wilkins added 25 points

## NBA roundup

for New York, while Karl Malone had 29 points for Utah.

**Trail Blazers.....119**  
**Rockets.....100**

Portland outrebounded Houston 56-27 and held the Rockets to two offensive rebounds, one less than the NBA record.

Terry Porter scored 19 points and matched a team record with four 3-pointers in the first half.

Akeem Olajuwon led Houston with 24 points.

**Celtics.....95**  
**Bucks.....86**

Larry Bird scored 21 points and Boston ended a nine-game regular-season losing streak in Milwaukee by holding the Bucks to 36 points in the second half.

Jay Humphries led Milwaukee with 22 points.

**Hawks.....115**  
**Kings.....112**

Dominique Wilkins scored 11 of his 30 points in the final 4:41.

Moses Malone had 24 points and 17 rebounds for the Hawks and Wayne Tisdale scored 29 for the Kings.

**Pistons.....94**  
**SuperSonics.....77**

Detroit snapped a three-game losing streak as Mark Aguirre scored 12 of his 21 points in the first quarter.

Bill Laimbeer had 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Pistons and Sedale Threatt scored a season-high 18 points in his first start of the year for the SuperSonics.

**Hornets.....102**  
**Mavericks.....97**

Charlotte snapped a 10-game losing streak — longest in the league this season — as Dell Curry's jumper with 37 seconds left broke a 95-95 tie.

Rex Chapman had 27 points for Charlotte. Sam Perkins had 24 points to lead the Mavericks.

**Bullets.....112**  
**Timberwolves.....99**

Jeff Malone scored 12 points in the third quarter and Mel Turpin added six in the first 3:14 of the fourth.

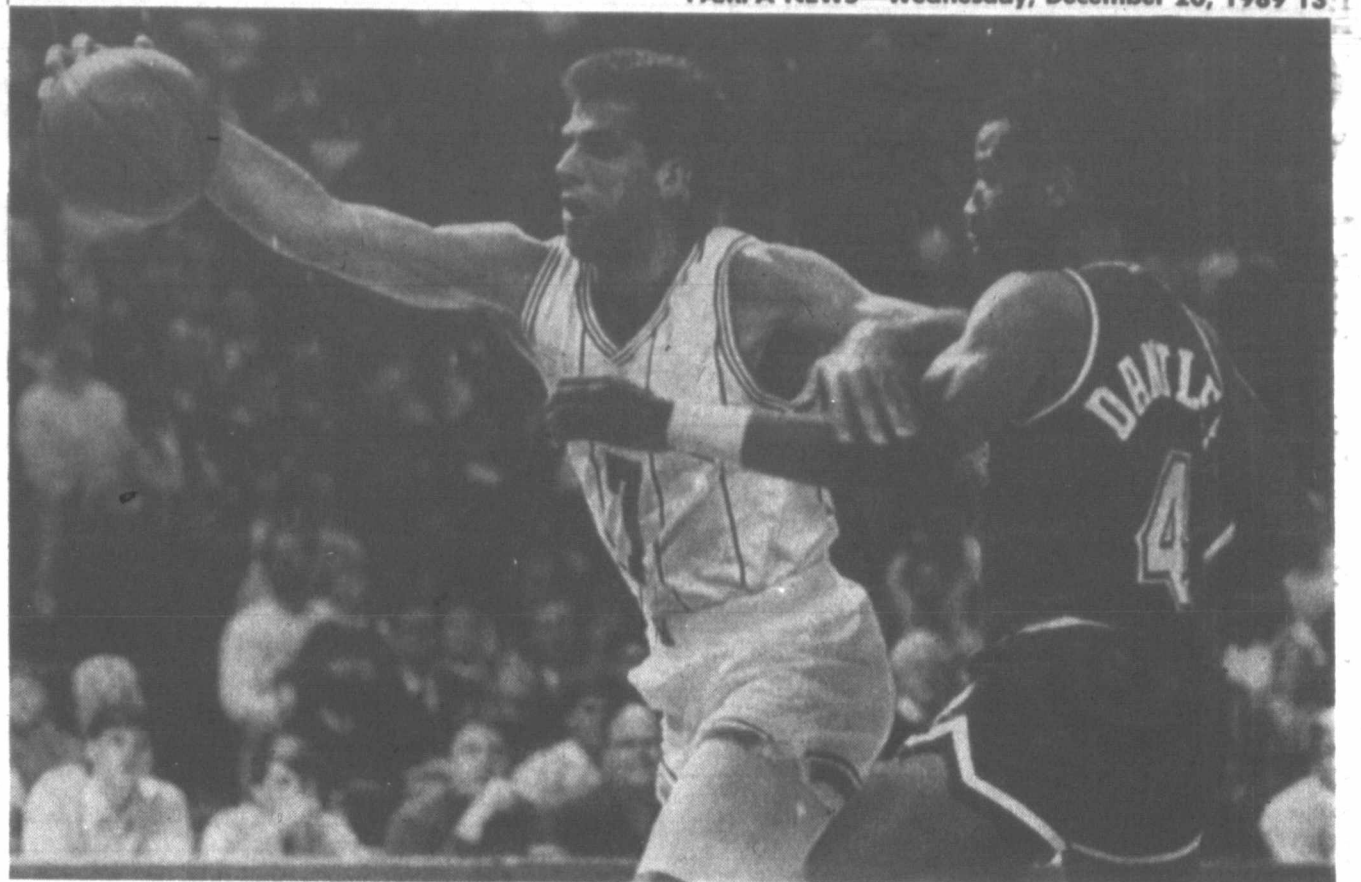
Malone finished with 20 points, while Turpin had 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Sam Mitchell and Tony Campbell scored 28 points each for Minnesota. Washington got 22 points from Bernard King.

**Nets.....100**  
**Heat.....98**

Roy Hinson's layup with 3.6 seconds to play won the game after Miami tied the score 98-98 on Sherman Douglas' free throw with 21 seconds left.

Dennis Hopson led New Jersey with 20 points, while Hinson had 19. Rony Seikaly paced the Heat, matching his career high with 30 points.



(AP Laserphoto)

Kelly Tripucka of Charlotte (left) beats Dallas' Adrian Dantley to a rebound.

## Yount opts to remain with Milwaukee

NEW YORK (AP) — Robin Yount's years in Milwaukee apparently meant more to him than millions of dollars elsewhere.

Yount, the last remaining major free agent, decided to stay with the Brewers, agreeing Tuesday to a three-year contract worth about \$9.6 million.

Hubie Brooks, another free agent, seems ready to leave Montreal. He rejected the Expos' offer of salary arbitration and appears certain to go somewhere else.

Free agents who had been offered salary arbitration had until midnight to accept or reject. Even if they just said no, they have until Jan. 8 to re-sign with their clubs.

Sid Fernandez, a year away from free agency, joined the big-money Mets starting pitchers, agreeing to a three-year contract worth \$6.05 million. Jesse Orosco, who used to pitch for New York, was rewarded by Cleveland with a new option year for 1992 worth \$1.075 million.

Yount, the American League Most Valuable Player, accepted Milwaukee's offer of salary arbitration and then agreed to terms. He can become a free agent again after the 1992 season.

"I'm delighted to sign with the team I've played for throughout my

entire career and I'm especially grateful for all the Milwaukee and Wisconsin fan support the past two months as well as during my 16 years in Milwaukee," Yount said in a prepared statement.

Houston's Dan Schatzeder and Boston's Greg Harris were the only other free agents to accept salary arbitration. Craig McMurtry turned down Texas, Carmen Castillo rejected Minnesota, Joel Youngblood did not accept Cincinnati's offer and Darrell Evans rejected an offer from Atlanta.

Brooks has indicated all along that he would not return to the Expos. Los Angeles and Detroit are among the teams interested in signing him.

Yount, 34, was wooed by many clubs, notably the California Angels, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Dodgers, Toronto Blue Jays, San Diego Chargers and the Chicago Cubs. The Angels, who signed free agent left-hander Mark Langston to a five-year, \$16 million contract on Dec. 1, were reportedly ready to offer Yount even more.

Yount joined Langston, Minnesota's Kirby Puckett, Oakland's Rickey Henderson, San Diego's Joe Carter and Kansas City's Mark Davis as \$3 million-a-year players.

Yount, a two-time MVP in the 1980s, made \$1.1 million last season.

Yount began his career in 1974 with the Brewers at age 18. Last season, he batted .318 with 21 home runs and 103 RBIs.

Yount chose to stay with Milwaukee after meeting the last two days with Brewers owner Bud Selig.

Fernandez, a native of Hawaii, wanted to remain with the Mets.

"I just didn't want to go anywhere. I wanted to stay a Met. That's the best place for me, to remain a New York Met," Fernandez said from Honolulu.

Fernandez was 14-5 with a 2.83 earned-run average last season. He joined Dwight Gooden, Ron Darling, Frank Viola and Bob Ojeda as Mets starters signed through 1991. Only David Cone is without a multi-year deal.

"I have to tell you, the market has changed some," Mets vice president Al Harazin said. "I would be foolish if I didn't realize that. I was going to have to adjust a little bit. ... I think it's a good contract for us."

Orosco was 3-4 with three saves and a team-leading 2.08 ERA for the Indians. He made \$800,000 last season and will make \$825,000 next year.

## Scoreboard

### Football

#### NFL Individual Leaders

By The Associated Press  
AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Player	Att		Yds		TD	Int
	Com	Yds	Com	Yds		
Esiason, Cin.	401	227	3158	25	8	
Moon, Hou.	413	248	3217	21	13	
Kelly, Buff.	370	215	2922	23	17	
Kosar, Cleve.	477	285	3305	16	14	
Marino, Mia.	503	280	3658	21	21	

Player	Att		Yds		LG	TD
	Yds	Avg	Yds	Avg		
Okoye, K.C.	344	1382	4.2	59	11	
Dickerson, Ind.	298	1287	4.2	21	7	
Thomas, Buff.	281	1171	4.2	38	5	
Brooks, Cin.	206	1146	5.6	65	7	
Humphrey, Den.	279	1100	3.9	40	7	

Player	NO		Yds		LG	TD
	Yds	Avg	Yds	Avg		
Reed, Buff.	82	1232	15.0	78	9	
Blades, Sea.	72	1011	14.0	60	5	
Johnson, Den.	71	1057	14.9	69	7	
A. Miller, S.D.	70	1199	17.1	69	10	
Williams, Sea.	70	592	8.5	51	6	

#### NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE

Player	Att		Yds		TD	Int
	Com	Yds	Com	Yds		
Montana, S.F.	365	261	3415	25	7	
Everett, Rams	489	291	4129	28	15	
Rypien, Wash.	445	258	3478	21	12	
Hebert, N.O.	353	222	2886	15	15	
Majkowski, G.B.	567	332	4086	25	20	

Player	Att		Yds		LG	TD
	Yds	Avg	Yds	Avg		
B. Sanders, Det.	260	1312	5.0	34	11	
Dickerson, Chi.	281	1234	4.7	23	11	
Hilliard, N.O.	324	1201	3.7	40	12	
Craig, S.F.	261	1023	3.9	27	6	
Anderson, Gnts	302	949	3.1	36	12	

#### High School Scores

Pampa 53, Hereford 45 (B)  
Pampa 10, 23, 39, 53  
Hereford 6, 16, 29, 45

Individual Scoring  
Pampa: David Johnson 11, Mark Wood 8, Cornelius Landers 8, Randy Nichols 8, Ryan Teague 6, Jeff Young 4, Jayson Williams 4, Quincy Williams 2, Daniel Trejo 2; Free Throws: 4/7; Record: 3-0 district, 10-3 overall.

Hereford: Dee Nall 10, Daniel Garcia 8, Matt Bromlow 8, Russell Backus 7, Jason Walterscheid 6, Leo Brown 6; Free Throws: 4/11; Record: 1-3, 4-8.

Hereford 51, Pampa 47 (G)  
Pampa 11, 15, 32, 47  
Hereford 11, 22, 36, 51

Individual Scoring  
Pampa: Nikki Ryan 17, Kristen Becker 10, Sheila Reed 9, Bridgett Mathis 7, Christa West 2, Tara Hamby 2; Record: 2-3 district, 5-6 overall.

Hereford: Stacy White 19, Shantel Cornelius 12, Jennifer Bullard 10, Candie Robbins 6, Brienna Townsend 3, Donna Groggett 2; Record: 3-3, 8-9.

Briscoe Tournament  
Championship Finals (B)  
Hartley 10, 29, 42, 42  
Briscoe 19, 30, 41, 48

Leading scorers: H — Adam Skalsky 13, Jason Hardaway 10; B — Dallas Fillingim 22, Ben Meadows 11.

Championship Finals (G)  
Follett 11, 24, 35, 52  
Hartley 4, 12, 19, 33

Leading scorers: F — Wendy Gillespie 17, Nicky Schoenhals 12; H — Karen Batenhorst 12, Chora Perkins 10.

#### College Scores

By The Associated Press

EAST	
Md.-Baltimore County 76, George Washington 75	
Morgan St. 87, Brooklyn Col. 83	
Syracuse 129, C.W. Post 72	
Vermont 73, Harvard 68	
West Virginia 82, James Madison 66	
SOUTH	
E. Tennessee St. 92, N. Carolina St. 82	
Florida St. 100, Samford 62	
Georgia Tech 109, Coastal Carolina 82	
Kentucky 104, Furman 73	
Mississippi 75, McNeese St. 71	
Mississippi St. 72, East Carolina 63	
Morehead St. 71, Nicholls St. 65	
South Florida 99, Augusta 77	
Wake Forest 61, N.C.-Wilmington 56	
MIDWEST	
Akron 85, S. Carolina St. 59	
Butler 76, Portland 50	
Indiana St. 77, NE Illinois 66	
Kent St. 73, Illinois St. 69	
N. Illinois 57, Toledo 52	
SOUTHWEST	
Lamar 71, Rider 58	
Oklahoma St. 79, Texas Southern 77	
Tennessee Tech 78, Sam Houston St. 68	

### District 1-4A Standings

#### BOYS

Team	Dist.	All
Pampa	3-0	10-3
Wolfforth-Frenship	3-1	8-6
Borger	2-1	4-7
Levelland	2-1	6-7
Lubbock Dunbar	2-2	4-8
Lubbock Estacado	2-2	5-9
Dumas	1-3	3-10
Hereford	1-3	4-8
Randall	0-3	1-13

Tuesday's Games  
Pampa 53, Hereford 45; Estacado 73, Dumas 59; Dunbar 48, Randall 46; Frenship 59, Borger 54; Canyon 55, Levelland 53.

#### GIRLS

Team	Dist.	All
Levelland	5-0	13-3
Randall	5-0	13-2
Borger	3-2	8-4
Lubbock Estacado	3-2	6-7
Hereford	3-3	6-9
Pampa	2-3	5-6
Wolfforth-Frenship	2-4	5-9
Dumas	1-5	6-7
Lubbock Dunbar	0-5	1-13

Tuesday's Games  
Hereford 51, Pampa 47; Frenship 41, Borger 38; Estacado 60, Dumas 55; Randall 53, Dunbar 46; Levelland 36, Canyon 34 OT.

#### NBA Standings

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All Times CST

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
New York	15	7	.682	
Boston	13	10	.565	2 1/2
Philadelphia	11	10	.524	3 1/2
Washington	12	11	.522	3 1/2
New Jersey	7	15	.318	9 1/2
Miami	7	18	.280	11

#### Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	15	7	.682	
Atlanta	14	8	.636	1
Indiana	13	8	.619	1 1/2
Detroit	14	10	.583	2
Cleveland	10	11	.476	4 1/2
Milwaukee	10	13	.435	5 1/2
Orlando	8	15	.348	7 1/2

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division				GB
W	L	Pct		
San Antonio	14	6	.700	
Utah	15	7	.682	
Denver	14	9	.609	1 1/2
Houston	11	13	.458	5
Dallas	10	12	.455	5
Minnesota	5	18	.217	10 1/2
Charlotte	4	18	.182	11

#### Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	18	6	.750	
Portland	18	7	.720	1/2
Seattle	11	11	.500	6
Phoenix	9	10	.474	6 1/2
L.A. Clippers	9	12	.429	7 1/2
Golden State	8	14	.364	9
Sacramento	6	15	.286	10 1/2

#### Tuesday's Games

New York 115, Utah 107  
Washington 112, Minnesota 99  
Charlotte 102, Dallas 97  
New Jersey 100, Miami 98  
Atlanta 115, Sacramento 112  
Detroit 94, Seattle 77  
Chicago 95, Los Angeles Lakers 83  
Boston 95, Milwaukee 86  
Los Angeles Clippers 128, Indiana 102  
Portland 119, Houston 100

#### Wednesday's Games

Utah at Boston, 6:30 p.m.  
Dallas at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
Washington at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.  
Chicago at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.  
Denver at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.  
Los Angeles Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Sacramento at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.  
Indiana at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.  
Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

### Hockey

#### NHL Standings

By The Associated Press  
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#### WALEY CONFERENCE

Patrick Division						
W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	16	15	4	36	126	112
NY Rangers	15	14	5			





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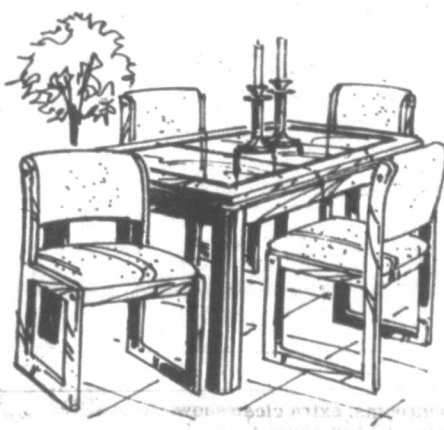
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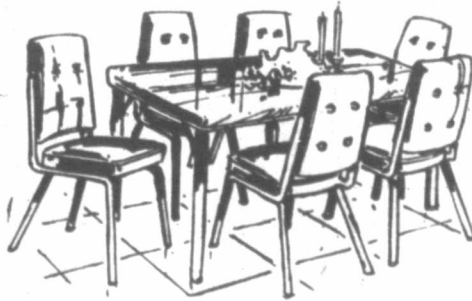
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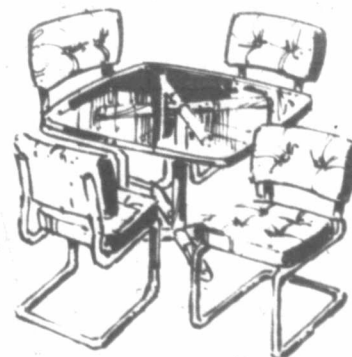
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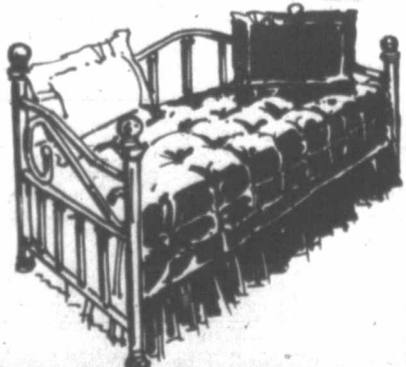
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INDIANAPOLIS — Thaddeus Blackburn, 6, top, rides on the shoulders of J.B. O'Neal after he and 27 other Haitian children arrive in Indianapolis Monday night with missionaries Don and Kathy Blackburn. Melanie O'Neal carries Caleb Blackburn, 4, on her lap. The O'Neals are friends of the Blackburns who intend to adopt the Haitian children.

## Missionary couple arrive in U.S. with 28 Haitian foster children

By BETH HARRIS  
Associated Press Writer

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dan and Kathy Blackburn began taking in sick and abandoned children while serving as missionaries in Haiti, and came to love them so much they've brought all 28 home to adopt.

"It turned into a family and snowballed," Blackburn said as the couple arrived to a rousing welcome Monday night at Indianapolis International Airport. The Blackburns and their children — ages 3 to 14 — headed for a church camp where they'll stay in a dormitory until they find a home.

The arrival of the Christian Evangelical missionaries and the children culminated two years of efforts by Christian groups in this country to bring the family to the Blackburns' home state.

The Blackburns fled Haiti for the neighboring Dominican Republic in 1987 during the turbulence that followed the 1986 ouster of dictator Jean Claude Duvalier. This month, they won special holiday parole status from the Immigration and Naturalization Service to bring the children to the United States.

"This is one of the most fantastic

things that ever happened," a tearful Mrs. Blackburn said at the airport, where she and her husband were greeted by friends and relatives who hadn't seen them since they left for Haiti 13 years ago.

Dressed in sweaters and brightly colored sneakers, the children lugged handmade cloth bags containing a change of clothing. Their only other possessions were two dogs and two cats that also made the trip.

The children — who glimpsed snow for the first time during a stop in Chicago — chased each other through the terminal, ate candy and examined the equipment of television news crews.

"We thought we could sneak through without any notice," Mrs. Blackburn, 42, said. "We didn't think anybody would care if we had 28 kids. We take it for granted."

The group left by bus for the campground in the town of Letts, 30 miles southeast of Indianapolis, where they will live in a dormitory with nine bedrooms and eight bathrooms. Mrs. Blackburn's sister, Marianne Lortz, will help care for the brood.

The children were granted humanitarian parole by INS Com-

missioner Gene McNary in Miami because they were ineligible for entry under any other category. Under immigration law, the commissioner may allow an otherwise inadmissible alien to enter the country temporarily for humanitarian reasons, or when such entry is considered in the national interest.

After granting parole, the INS worked with the State Department to speed paperwork so the family could be home together by Christmas, McNary said.

The Blackburns, with their two sons, started a ministry in the small mountain village of Maissade in 1976. After they had lived there about 18 months, they began caring for sick or abandoned children who were brought to their home.

The Blackburns, whose own children are in their 20s and living on their own, are supported in the venture by churches and organizations that have sponsored them for 14 years.

Eventually the family will find somewhere other than the church camp to live or build a home large enough to accommodate the family.

"We'll home-school them for now," said Blackburn, 45. "Everything is so new to them."

## Economists predict lower interest rates

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER  
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A variety of business and consumer interest rates should head down over the next six months as the Federal Reserve continues its efforts to keep a sluggish economy from toppling into a recession, many economists predict.

These analysts were forecasting that banks' prime lending rate, to which one-third of all business and consumer loans are tied, and mortgage rates will decline in the wake of further credit easing on the part of the Fed.

That was the prevalent view as Federal Reserve policymakers gathered today for a meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, the panel of Fed board members and regional bank presidents who meet eight times a year to map monetary strategy.

While the meetings are held behind closed doors with the minutes of the sessions not released until six weeks later, many analysts were expecting a clear-cut signal of looser credit to emerge from the discussions, perhaps before the end of the week.

These economists believe the central bank will decide to reduce a key interest rate, the federal funds rate, by another 0.25 percentage point, dropping it from 8.5 percent to 8.25 percent.

The federal funds rate is the rate banks charge each other on overnight loans. It is the primary lever the central bank uses to control short-term interest rates.

When the next easing move occurs, economists were predicting that banks will quickly follow suit by reducing their prime lending rates to 10 percent, down from the current 10.5 percent. Analysts said they expected at least one more cut

in the prime lending rate to 9.5 percent to occur before next summer, in response to further Fed easing moves.

Analysts predicted that the credit easing would have a beneficial effect on mortgage rates as well.

David Wyss, an economist with DRI-McGraw Hill, predicted that fixed-rate mortgages, currently at a national average of 9.75 percent, will fall to around 9.25 percent by next summer.

Economists say they are confident in their belief that the Fed will ease further because economic growth has slowed significantly while at the same time inflationary pressures have moderated.

"It will take additional easing steps to guarantee that we don't go into a recession," said David Jones, an economist with Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. "I think we will avoid a recession, but just barely."

## Most cities rejecting freeport tax exemption

DALLAS (AP) — The 2,300 cities, counties, school and college districts in Texas must decide by Jan. 1 whether to use a corporate tax break endorsed just six weeks ago by Texas voters.

Most are expected to continue collecting the tax, officials say.

Among the state's urban areas, only El Paso has widespread support to abolish the tax. Many smaller towns and school districts in the area already have decided to support the exemption.

The Freeport tax amendment was supposed to attract new business to Texas by allowing local governments to give up a tax they now levy on goods in the state awaiting export.

But local officials are finding the new law is forcing a tough choice: increase taxes or cut budgets, the Dallas Times Herald reported Sunday.

"We're talking about a tax increase or a dramatic decrease in service," Dallas City Councilman Jim Buerger told his colleagues last week just before the council voted

to continue the tax for one more year.

"I believe that if you would have told the people of Dallas before the election that this means a tax increase, they would have thought a whole lot differently," he said.

Voters in November approved the Freeport amendment to the Texas constitution by a 2-to-1 margin.

Under it, goods manufactured here but scheduled for export are not counted as taxable assets in corporate local property tax bills.

Local governments are wary of granting the exemption too hastily because once they revoke the tax they can never re-enact it. And many are finding it hard to gauge what effect the exemption would have on their tax base.

"We have no idea because we don't know how far-reaching this law is," said Ken Drost, the chief appraiser for City of Amarillo and Randall and Potter counties. "But as far as the individual taxpayers go — you know it and I know it — it's going to shift the tax burden."

About 70 percent of local govern-

ments are expected to continue collecting the tax for now, said James Archer, the appraisal district liaison for the State Property Tax Board.

The cost of the exemption to Dallas taxpayers is estimated at \$39.5 million.

In Harris County — home of Houston Harbor, the nation's third busiest seaport — county commissioners already have voted to keep the tax, as have Galveston County and 16 of 19 Houston-area school districts. The Houston City Council has not decided.

Lubbock County Commissioners, the Lubbock Independent School District and the city all voted to continue the tax, chief appraiser Dave Kimbrough said. The same goes for Wichita County commissioners, and a few small towns.

Austin's City Council last week voted 4-3 to kill the tax, and four Austin-area school districts have already opted out of the Freeport exemption. The Travis County Commissioners have not yet decided.

## Santa warned of promising too much

By VAL CORLEY  
Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — If your child tells you Santa promised something outrageous, I know the reason: Santa doesn't always hear so well.

"I should know. I was Santa. For a few hours, anyway."

"Did she tell you what she wants for Christmas?" the mother asked, hurrying over after her youngest and shyest child had her turn with St. Nick.

"I didn't understand her," Santa replied.

"Oh, well. She won't tell us and we had hoped ..." The mother trailed away, smiling and accompanied by a laugh that wasn't a ho-ho-ho.

To help me catch the children's words, I kept a small tape recorder at my side. Playing back the tape, the only speaker always clear was the one on the mall intercom: "Will the owner of the blue Ford parked ..."

The little blond girl spoke softly, and Santa couldn't make out her name. Asked what she wanted for

Christmas, she said, "A ball." Or was it, "a doll?"

Sunday was Santa's busiest day of the week at the Southridge Mall. Tracey Bruner Rayhons, the mall's marketing director, agreed to let me sit in for the regular Santa to hear children's dreams.

Ms. Rayhons had one condition. "Don't promise them anything. We had one Santa last year, we never did find out which one it was, who promised the kids anything they wanted. Boy did we have some parents angry," she said.

When I tried on a Santa suit, I found my doctor hadn't lied: No padding was needed. Mike Wiley, one of four Santas working at Southridge, had some pointers before I left for Santa's seat.

The children will be well behaved, he said.

"I've had a couple who like to pull the beard, but I don't think any of us have been wet on yet. I think we've all been real lucky."

He said children "are a lot more mellow this year. They don't ask for a whole lot ... What they're asking for is for one gift that's expensive, like a Nintendo, bicycle, VCR, tele-

vision, like they're asking for one thing and that's all."

In my hour and a half as Santa, I found he was right.

But I also found out more. Most children were eager to sit on Santa's knee. The only beard-pullers were a couple of toddlers looking for something to hang on to.

Some young ones liked the idea of seeing Santa from a distance. Up close was a different matter. It was just hang on to Mommy and ... maybe next year.

There were times when management's advice came in handy.

With Don on my left knee asking for "a real puppy" and sister Misty on my right knee asking for "a bicycle and a ... real kitty cat," it may have been best not to promise anything.

And there was Elizabeth, who also asked for a doll that cries, and a puppy. She also gave something back.

"Want to hear a secret?" she suddenly asked, looking at Santa.

She whispered in Santa's ear: "I love you Santa Claus."

"Ohhh, Santa Claus loves you, too."

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