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## Icy roads blamed for high holiday death count in state

By The Associated Press

The bone-chilling Arctic air that rolled over much of the Lone Star State over the weekend loosened its grip slightly on Sunday as West Texas temperatures rose above the freezing mark and snow flurries tapered off in North Texas.

In the Panhandle, high temperatures were about 10 to 15 degrees warmer than Saturday's highs. But that didn't make conditions much more pleasant as readings remained in the upper teens to lower 20s. Afternoon highs across the state varied from 17 degrees at Amarillo to a mild 65 degrees at Lajitas in West Texas.

Pampa had a high Sunday of 15 degrees, with a low this morning of 3 above. High today and Christmas Day is expected to reach into the mid 30s.

It took the shallow Arctic air two days to finally spill over the mountains of far West Texas, dropping El Paso to 40 degrees.

Icy roads in Texas claimed the lives of at least 10 motorists by Sunday afternoon. Although most roads

remained open, authorities said travel remained hazardous — especially on eastern and central highways — and more precipitation and low temperatures were expected.

In addition, the Texas Department of Public Safety began its official holiday traffic fatality count at 6 p.m. CST Saturday and will continue through midnight Christmas. As of Sunday evening, the DPS had reported 10 deaths, three of which were weather-related.

"Our troopers investigated seven ice-related fatalities even before the count started," said DPS spokesman David Wells.

DPS predicted 33 people would die on Texas roadways during the 78-hour period. Twenty-eight perished during the same period last year.

"We're hoping to be way off. We want to be proven wrong," Wells said. "But we're off to a pretty bad start."

Temperatures in West Texas are expected to be slightly warmer with highs rising above freezing in all sections. Fair weather was expected in North Texas,

with overnight temperatures in the single digits. South Texas was also in store for warmer temperatures in the 30s and 40s in the northern portion of the region to the 50s in the Rio Grande valley.

Citrus growers in South Texas checked their crops for frost damage from below-freezing temperatures, but there was no immediate word on crop loss.

"It's not been bad down here at all. I've been here in '83 (during a severe freeze) and it's not freezing like that at all," said Burt Purvis, who works on a citrus farm owned by McAllen Mayor Othal Brand. "We've been pretty lucky."

East and westbound lanes of icy Interstate 10 east of Houston was shut down early Sunday after a tractor-trailer truck spilled 10,000 pounds of a hydrochloric solution. The driver, who suffered from inhalation of fumes and a broken ankle, lost control of the rig on a slick overpass, officials said.

The cold blast was expected to dig into retailers' hopes of a decent sales season, but shopping malls reported heavy traffic in Dallas on Sunday.

A winter storm warning was posted for the Hill Country through today, along with a weather watch for freezing rain, mixed with snow and sleet, for eastern sections of North Texas mainly along and east of a line from Paris through Centerville.

The cold blast that lingered from the first of day of winter Friday also prompted the cancellation of Sunday's basketball game between Texas-El Paso and Creighton. The UTEP team was unable to get out of Texas because of the severe weather.

Icy conditions forced officials to postpone the Class A state championship high school football game between Munday and Bartlett, which was to be played Saturday night in Bedford, a Fort Worth suburb.

The game will be played at 2 p.m. today at the same site. Officials said roads were too icy, stranding the Munday team.

Dallas and Houston homeless shelters also were packed early Sunday, although spokesmen for social agencies stressed space was available for all who needed shelter.

### And what do you want?



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward)

Dustin Forney, who will be 2 years old Dec. 28, seems to ponder his reply to Santa Claus' question on what the young boy wants for Christmas, while taking time to enjoy a sweet from a sack of candy offered by Mr. Claus. Santa visited the children at the Community Day Care Center recently as the children prepared for the jolly old man's visit to drop off Christmas presents tonight.

## Like other presidents, Bush forgoes raise

By CHRISTOPHER CONNELL  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal workers everywhere, from Vice President Dan Quayle to the troops in the Persian Gulf to the groundskeepers at the White House, will pocket fatter paychecks in the new year.

There's one exception to the rule: President Bush.

His salary stays frozen at \$200,000, right where it has been for the last 22 years and five presidencies.

For several million rank-and-file workers, both military and civilian, the pay raise is a flat 4.1 percent.

But thousands of top federal executives are getting big raises, on the scale of \$20,000 to \$30,000, thanks to a 1989 law that lifted the lid on salaries.

Quayle's pay will rocket from \$124,000 to \$160,600. Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Speaker Thomas Foley get the same 29 per-

cent increase. Cabinet salaries swell from \$107,300 to \$138,900.

The Constitution precludes raising — or lowering — the president's pay during his term, so Bush has no immediate prospects for a salary hike.

Bush has "no complaints," says White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater.

"He thinks his pay is adequate. The presidency's still a pretty good job," quipped the press secretary.

No one disputes that, but a blue-ribbon panel that reviewed government salaries two years ago did recommend boosting the president's salary in 1993 to \$350,000 plus a cost-of-living adjustment. Congress ignored the recommendation.

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader begs to differ.

Nader, who lobbied strenuously to block the pay hikes, believes Bush should revoke the 1991 raises and cut his own pay "as a gesture to the American people at a time of considerable sacrifice for them."

"At a time of deficit and recession, he should set an example," Nader said.

Presidents have only gotten four pay increases in history.

Experts agree that whatever the salary, the presidency is rich in perquisites, from a mansion staffed with servants to the limousines, helicopters and Boeing 747 jumbo jet at his beck and call.

"The president probably gets the equivalent of another \$500,000 in perks," said lawyer Lloyd N. Cutler, who chaired the 1989 Quadrennial Pay Commission. "The perks make up for an awful lot of salary."

Still, Cutler said the president's salary is "way below what it ought to be."

If Bush were paid commensurate to corporate chiefs and top lawyers, "I suppose you'd be over \$1 million," said Cutler. "With present budget constraints, this president would never ask for a raise if he were going to run again."

## Saddam says he'll attack Israel if Persian Gulf war breaks out

By BRIAN MURPHY  
Associated Press Writer

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney says the "clock is ticking" toward war with Iraq, and has hinted that the U.S. arsenal in the Persian Gulf includes chemical weapons.

Also stressing plans for war, Saddam Hussein told a Spanish television interview that Tel Aviv will be Iraq's first target if war breaks out. It was the first time he had threatened to make the Jewish state his first target.

In Baghdad on Sunday, sirens wailed and power to half the city was cut in an air raid drill and the defense minister said the Americans and their allies "will see how the earth will be burned under their feet" if they choose war.

U.S. troops planned a low-key Christmas in Moslem Saudi Arabia, with non-religious Christmas carols favored on Armed Forces radio and two-foot plastic trees sent from home discreetly displayed behind closed tent flaps.

Bob Hope was to meet with U.S. service personnel but, in deference to the Saudis, no shows were officially planned and media coverage was to be limited.

The military's cooks prepared a special holiday feast of turkey, roast

beef, cranberry sauce and other traditional dishes.

"The sacrifices you make will never be forgotten. America is behind you. The world is behind you and history is behind you," President Bush said in a Christmas message to U.S. troops worldwide scheduled for broadcast today.

Cheney, ending a five-day trip to the Middle East on Sunday, did not directly answer a reporter's question in Saudi Arabia on whether the United States had chemical weapons in the Persian Gulf.

But he noted that U.S. forces in the region will have the "full spectrum" of arms to draw from in the event of war.

Iraq has threatened to use chemical weapons against the United States and other members of the multinational military force arrayed against it in the Saudi desert.

Even before precipitating the Gulf crisis by seizing Kuwait on Aug. 2, Saddam had threatened to attack Israel with chemical weapons.

Saddam was quoted as saying in an interview Saturday with a Spanish TV network that Tel Aviv would be Iraq's first target whether or not Israel joins an international war effort against Iraq.

The Iraqi leader apparently seeks to weaken the resolve of some Arab members of the multinational force arrayed against Iraq. Some analysts have suggested Syria might not fight Iraq if Israel were drawn into a conflict.

Cheney declined to say whether the United States has a timetable to attack Iraqi forces if Saddam ignores a U.N.-imposed Jan. 15 deadline to quit Kuwait.

"The clock is ticking as each day goes by and he (Saddam) does not withdraw his forces from Kuwait," he said.

He said the U.S. troop deployment in the Gulf was nearing 300,000.

Cheney concluded his trip in Cairo, thanking Egypt for its leading role in the anti-Iraq alliance.

During the trip, Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met with military officials in Saudi Arabia to assess U.S. war readiness.

Last week, Lt. Gen. Calvin A.H. Waller said American ground forces would not be ready for combat until about a month after the Jan. 15 deadline.

But Cheney said Sunday, "We would be prepared today, if we were ordered today, to take military action."

## Cheney praises Egypt for its gulf role

By JOHN KING  
Associated Press Writer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney thanked Egypt on Sunday for its leading role in the anti-Iraq alliance but said some coalition members could not be counted on to join an offensive war to liberate Kuwait.

Cheney, ending a five-day trip to the tense Persian Gulf region, appeared to include France and Syria among nations hedging on whether to fight if necessary to dislodge Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

He later said he had not meant to imply the two nations were wavering.

"I think it is clear that there are varying levels of commitment in terms of the willingness to use offensive military action to achieve our objective," Cheney told reporters traveling with him. "Each nation will have to speak for itself in terms of whether they, individually, have made the political decision to undertake such action."

In Washington, Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, said the U.S.-led coalition against

Iraq's Saddam Hussein could crumble if the United States does not focus on a complicating issue, the Arab-Israeli conflict.

"Saddam Hussein has said over and over again that if he's attacked, he'll attack Israel," Mitchell said on NBC-TV's *Meet the Press* program. "If Israel responds, Syria will probably change sides, abandon the coalition and fight against Israel, and it places great stress on our other partners, Egypt and Saudi Arabia."

Mitchell also said he was hopeful the Gulf crisis would be resolved diplomatically.

He said there still was "some prospect" of talks between Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Saddam, and a possibility that President Bush will see the Iraqi foreign minister, Tariq Aziz.

The proposed talks have been stalled by disagreement over meeting dates.

Congress returns to Washington on Jan. 3 and Mitchell said he hadn't decided on when the Senate would debate Gulf policy because the circumstances were still too fluid.

Mitchell said he backed the

administration's policy that force should be used only as a last resort to expel Iraq from Kuwait. "I think the best resolution is to stay the course with current economic sanctions," he said.

"If we must use force ultimately, I will favor that," he said. "I don't think January 15 is the time for that."

Jan. 15 is the date a United Nations resolution authorizes force against Iraqi troops in Kuwait.

Cheney stopped in Cairo to call on Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak after his visit to Saudi Arabia, where he and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, met with military officials to assess U.S. war readiness.

The trip was mired in controversy from the outset because of remarks Wednesday by the deputy commander of Operation Desert Shield, Lt. Gen. Calvin A.H. Waller, that American ground forces would not be ready for combat until well after the U.N. deadline.

But Cheney said Sunday, "We would be prepared today, if we were ordered today, to take military action."

## Two sailors killed in bus accident

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Two sailors from the aircraft carrier USS Midway were killed when a tour bus they were on overturned, the military's Joint Information Bureau said today.

Five other U.S. sailors were injured, of whom two were in serious condition in the accident Sunday about 50 miles south of al-Dhafra airbase in Abu Dhabi.

The sailors were on shore leave, taking an off-road tour in an all-terrain bus when the accident occurred, the military said. The statement said the cause of the accident was under investigation.

A Navy spokesman said that because of the remoteness of the area, helicopters from the Midway flew to the scene to assist local authorities.

One of the injured was flown to the hospital ship USS Comfort and three to the Midway. The whereabouts of the fifth were not immediately known.

The names of the dead and injured were being withheld, pending notification of next of kin.

The accident brought the number of U.S. deaths in Operation Desert Shield to 80. On Saturday in the Mediterranean, a chartered Israeli ferry carrying U.S. sailors capsized while returning to the USS Saratoga from the Israeli port of Haifa, killing 21.

It was the single largest death toll from accidents related to the operation. Five other Western military personnel have also died.

The Midway, currently deployed mainly in the Arabian Sea, was on a port visit to Abu Dhabi.

# Daily Record

## Services Wednesday

**ARMSTRONG**, Marie Jouett - 1 p.m., White Deer Church of Christ.  
**MILLER**, Otis V. - 2:30 p.m., first Baptist Church Wheeler.  
**KING**, Murel John - 3:30 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

## Obituaries

**JOHN MUREL KING**  
 John Murel "Clarence" King, 72, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 1990. Services will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.  
 Mr. King was born in Camp County and had been a resident of Pampa for more than 50 years, moving here from Pittsburgh, Texas. He worked for the Pampa Fire Department and was a truck driver until 1944, when he became owner and operator of Clarence's Shoe Shop. He was member of the Pampa Moose Lodge and a Baptist.  
 Survivors include his mother, Willie K. King of Pampa; an aunt, Mae Green of Cisco; four daughters, Edwina Reeb and Jolene Davis, both of Pampa; Jerry Hawkins of Marshall and Carolyn Hughes of Knoxville, Tenn.; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 521 Doyle.  
**MARIE JOUETT ARMSTRONG**  
 WHITE DEER - Marie Jouett Armstrong, 85, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 1990. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the White Deer Church of Christ with Ross Blasingame, minister of the Church of Christ in Lefors, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.  
 Mrs. Armstrong was born March 7, 1905, in Wilbarger County. She had been a resident of White Deer since 1953, moving there from Hall County. She married Frank Armstrong on Dec. 31, 1925, in Hall County. He died in September of 1971. She was a member of the Church of Christ in White Deer. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Rue Armstrong, on Dec. 16, 1989.

Survivors include two daughters, Frankie Marie Anthony of Ojai, Calif., and Martha Faye Hargrove of Hobbs, N.M.; two sons, K. Ray Armstrong of White Deer and David Armstrong of Denver, Colo.; one sister, Mabel Metcalf of Clovis, N.M.; 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to the Church of Christ in White Deer or to a favorite charity.  
**OTIS V. MILLER**  
**BORGER** - Otis V. "Buck" Miller, 82, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 1990. Services will be 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in First Baptist Church of Wheeler with Rev. Robert Helsey, pastor, and Rev. Ronnie Chadwick, pastor of First Baptist Church in Allison, officiating. Burial will be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home.

Mr. Miller was born in New Mexico and had been a Borger resident since 1958. He married Mary Melvina Reed in 1930 at Sayre, Okla. She died in 1968. He married Ethel J. Smith in 1979 in Borger. Mr. Miller was a member of the Borger Rebekah Lodge, the Royal Neighbor Lodge and the International Order of Odd Fellows Lodge. He was a member of Buena Vista Baptist Church in Borger. He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Survivors include his wife, of Chino Valley, Ariz.; two sons, Domer Miller of Allison and Dudley Miller of Wheeler; a daughter, Ima Jean Woods of Pampa; a stepdaughter, Beth Freeze of Chino Valley, Ariz.; a brother, M.A. Miller Jr. of Lubbock; two sisters, Geneva Brown of Fresno, Calif., and Louise Higgins of Lewis, Colo.; 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

## Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 58-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**FRIDAY, Dec. 21**  
 Sutton's, 208 W. Browning, reported a forgery at the business.  
 Vernon Maddox, 306 Jean, reported criminal mischief at the residence.  
 Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic, reported a theft at the business.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 22**  
 Police reported domestic violence in the 300 block of West Buckler and 1000 block of Huff Rd.  
 Police reported a hit and run in the 400 block of South Tignor.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 23**  
 Police reported domestic violence in the 1000 block of South Nelson, 300 block of West Browning and 500 block of West Crawford.  
 Corky D. Godfrey, 2229 Dogwood, reported criminal mischief at the residence.  
 Charles Drinkhouse, 2501 Chestnut, reported a theft at the residence.

**MONDAY, Dec. 24**  
 Lynn Thornton, 1700 Grape, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

**Arrests**  
**FRIDAY, Dec. 21**  
 Shon Loyd Kysar, 21, 1500 N. Sumner, was arrested in the 500 block of West Sumner on five warrants.  
 Kevin Lynn Boyd, 27, 320 Anne, was arrested at the residence on two warrants. He was released on court summons.  
 Tracy Worley, 40, 808 Beryl, was arrested at the police department on a warrant. He was released on bond.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 22**  
 Barry Shane Malone, 21, 2233 Dogwood, was arrested at the police department on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was released on bond.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 23**  
 Michael Dewaine Cox, no age given, 416 N. Christy, was arrested at Hobart Street Park on a warrant for theft. He was released on bond.  
 Leo Don Ford, 28, 928 S. Sumner, was arrested at Cuyler and Brown on a warrant. He was released on payment of fines.  
 Wayne Elliott Williams, 40, 533 Oklahoma, was arrested at Alcock and Faulkner on a warrant. He was released on bond.  
 Leticia Salazar, no age given, 620 N. Zimmers, was arrested at the police department on a warrant. She was released on bond.

## Hospital

**CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions**  
 Jane Ann Levick, Pampa  
 Cora Castleberry, Clarendon  
 Cherisha Gail Ferguson, Pampa  
 Royce Goodson, Borger  
 Patsy Hankins, Pampa  
 June Lowrance, White Deer  
 Terri Ann McCormick, Canadian  
 Flossie North, Pampa  
 Dorothy Whately, Burkburnett  
 Alice Whinery, Pampa  
**Birth**  
 To Cherisha Gail Ferguson of Pampa, a girl.  
**Dismissals**  
 Myrtle Matlock (extended care), Pampa  
 Amy Babb, Pampa  
 Cherisha Ferguson and baby girl, Pampa  
 Vicky Jones, Pampa  
 Lucille Roberts, Pampa  
 Sheila Tabor and baby girl, Pampa  
 Lige Tarvin, Pampa  
 Beta Weatherly, Panhandle  
 Oneeta Herring, Pampa  
 Aaron Houghton, Skellytown  
 Anita Smith, Skellytown  
 Ma Lourdes Venegas, Pampa  
 John Willis, Pampa  
 Theresa Wilson, Pampa  
**SHAMROCK HOSPITAL**  
 Not available

## Court report

**DISTRICT COURT Civil**  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Gene E. Watson, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Pernelia Scruggs Stubbe, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. H.E. Martin, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Thomas H. Reeves, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Milton W. Hogan, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Debbie Anguiano, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Silas Jernigan Jr., also known as Silas Jr. Jernigan, also known as Silas Jernigan, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Bonita Hudson, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District and Gray County vs. Vernon Ray Devoll, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Darrell Dwane Angel, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Cleave Edward Purdy, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District and Gray County vs. Jesse Patrick Connally, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Temon Jones, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Chaumont Development Co., a partnership - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. F. Raymond Henry, individually, and doing business as A. Neel Locksmith, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Bobbie Burnett, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. James E. Davis, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. Sara B. Martinez, et al - tax suit.  
 Pampa Independent School District, City of Pampa and Gray County vs. James K. Cook, et al - tax suit.

**Criminal**  
 Benjamin David Sneed, 21, Pampa, was sentenced to eight years in the state penitentiary after his probation was revoked. However, he will be sent to the Special Alternative to Incarceration Program (boot camp). Sneed was originally convicted of forgery on March 30 and had failed to comply with the payment provisions of the probation.  
 Two counts of forgery by making were dismissed against Freddie Lee Mical after he was convicted in a case in 64th District court and sentenced to 10 years in the state penitentiary.

The following cases were dismissed against the following people because the Speedy Trial Act in effect at the time of the indictment or thereafter, until its repeal, bars prosecution of the offenses alleged in the indictments:  
 Theft by check of property - Jim Iman.  
 Theft of service by deception - Alfred Elliott.  
 Aggravated assault - Manuale Villaria.  
 Theft by taking - John Stanley.  
 Theft by check of property - James A. Thompson.  
 Two counts of theft by check of property - Donald Sherwood.  
 Forgery by passing - Clayton Wayne Smith.  
 Criminal mischief-damage and destroy - Gordon Gene Parcall and Lanay Parcall.  
 Theft by check of property - James A. Thompson.  
 Possession of prohibited weapons - Joseph Landon Ridner.  
 Forgery by passing - George L. Martinez.  
 Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle - Kenneth Bruce Lee.  
 Six counts of forgery by making and passing - Glenda Hogue and Denesia Gowins.

## Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**SUNDAY, Dec. 23**  
 11:50 p.m. - A 1987 Ford driven by Dolores Arreola, 720 N. Christy, hit a telephone pole in the 300 block of North Christy. No citations or injuries were reported.

# Atheists seeking to drive wider wedge between church, state

By TAMARA STARKS  
 Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - For many, Christmas is a time of peace and religious celebration, but for atheists, including those in Texas, it can be a time to protest Nativity scenes in city halls or crosses in parks.  
 Many such symbols of religion overlapping into secular society are disappearing as activists work year-round to build a stronger wall between church and state. Some targets are obscure, like the notice for a church event posted on a park district's community event board. Others can't be missed, such as the "God Reigns" motto blazoned in a city seal across a 136-foot water tower.

The crusade may not be vehement, but constitutional wrongs must be righted, said Robert I. Sherman, national spokesman for American Atheists Inc.

"I don't go out trolling for crosses. But often people will see a display and, if it offends them, they'll call me," Sherman said.

The group is one of the most active in seeking enforcement of the First Amendment ban against mixing religion and government.

In one case, Sherman challenged lighted Christmas crosses on two water towers in Wauconda. Although they were a 42-year tradition, the village backed down last December and quit erecting them.

Many of the nation's test cases stem from Sherman's vigilance, including a four-year fight against the town motto of Zion, "God Reigns." A federal appeals court is reviewing an appeal by Zion of a lower court ruling that the motto must go.

Activists also have demanded that officials move Nativity scenes off city hall lawns, that PTA officials stop saying prayers before meetings and that cities stop paying for community prayer breakfasts.

In Utah, the printing of "In God We Trust" on U.S. currency is again an issue, and the practice of granting churches tax-exempt status is being ques-

tioned in Texas.  
 Even the oath for the Boy Scouts of America has come under fire for requiring members to pledge to "do my duty to God and my country." Objectors say the Scouts are tacitly government-linked because some groups are sponsored by public schools.

"What we are dealing with is a war of symbols," said Madalyn Murray O'Hair, founder of the Texas-based American Atheists, which claims 50,000 families as members.

"If you accept the symbol you accept everything that goes with it," she said. "Broad symbols become a beckoning to breach the wall of separation between church and state."

Another American Atheists success came in Downers Grove, where a high school football coach stopped leading a post-game prayer after Sherman raised a challenge.

"Saying the Lord's Prayer after games did represent a violation of the separation of church and state," said school Superintendent David Hendrix. "We felt that we had erred."

Some cities, like Zion, would rather fight. The town of fewer than 20,000, about 50 miles north of Chicago, has spent more than \$100,000 defending the municipal seal, officials said. Residents have donated about a third of the money.

The seal, displayed on the city's water tower and vehicles, features a cross, a dove of peace and the motto.

Zion officials argue that the seal has a historic rather than religious value in the city founded as a utopian community in 1902 by a faith healer.

"We are entitled to reflect the heritage of our town," said Mayor Adeline Geo-Karis. "The majority of our people support the seal."

But fighting the atheists' challenges can be too costly for cities forced to hire expensive legal help, while American Atheists has a salaried, in-house attorney.

"That's the beauty of the whole thing," O'Hair said.

# Laser videodiscs replace science textbooks

By WENDY BENJAMINSON  
 Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) - Students say it's more fun than reading. Teachers say they're able to maintain rapt attention on such subjects as physics and biology. Education and the video generation are seeing eye to eye.

It was just the sort of reaction educators hoped laser videodisc textbooks will create.

Electricity was the subject, and a lightning bolt was the example up on the TV screen in Rodelle Tompkins' suburban Houston classroom.

Suddenly, by a surreptitious touch of a remote control, Mrs. Tompkins zapped the bolt to life and her fourth grade science class was off on an energetic discussion of each chart and slide, and in a safety lesson, shared stories about big brothers who put paper clips in light sockets.

"It's more fun than reading a book," said Nathan Young.

"It's easier - there's no reading and writing," said Martin Maniha.

Although laser videodisc textbooks have been in use nationally for a while, Texas is the first state to allow districts to use textbook money to buy the laser videodiscs, a high-tech audio-visual tool used mainly for music videos and high-quality movie projection.

The 12-inch shiny platters, resembling a large compact disc, fit into a player and show both still and moving pictures on a television. The progression is controlled by the

teacher and the room lights stay on. Mrs. Tompkins, who says her former Rio Grande Valley school district "was lucky to get a book, let alone videodiscs," says the videodiscs impart more information and excite a greater portion of the class.

"When you turn off the lights (to show a movie), the bottom 3 percent of the class goes to sleep, and the top 5 percent have already seen it," she said.

Her fourth-grade students at Lamkin Elementary School outside Houston paraded into the room and nearly each one whispered "Yeah!" as they spotted the laserdisc player.

But a noisy minority of Tompkins' students prefer curling up with an old-fashioned tome to watching their science project go by at MTV speed.

"It's better to learn when you read by yourself," said Colleen Wade.

And Brian Bassi added, "I don't like it that much. I think reading is better than just watching and listening."

"Reaching kids is an extra big problem in science teaching these days," said Phyllis Marcuccio, assistant executive director of the National Science Teachers Association in Washington.

"The volume of scientific information is so much greater these days, it's hard to get across in books," Ms. Marcuccio said, adding that videodiscs allow children to see people working, which could "open up career dimensions for them."

The videodisc program, Windows on Science, produced by Optical

Data Corp. of Warren, N.J., comes with a suggested script for teachers and workbooks for the students.

Each disc contains 54,000 images for each side. Traditional slides cost about \$1.50 each, and with one laserdisc program for each class costing about \$1,000, the cost is comparable to textbooks.

The Texas Legislature authorized the state education board to consider materials other than textbooks that had similar costs. School districts now can use videodiscs - and 7,000 schools nationwide do - but they must use local funds.

Although Optical Data's "Windows on Science" program, which teaches biology, geology and elementary physics, is the only approved electronic textbook in Texas, other programs in social studies and health are becoming popular, said Optical Data spokeswoman Pam Herber.

## Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**SATURDAY, Dec. 22**  
 7:27 p.m. - Kerosene heater fire at 2509 Duncan produced no damage. One unit and two firefighters responded.

**SUNDAY, Dec. 23**  
 3:55 a.m. - Medical assist was requested at 1316 Christine. One unit and two firefighters responded.

**MONDAY, Dec. 24**  
 12:05 a.m. - Smoke scare was reported at 932 E. Malone. One unit and two firefighters responded.

## Correction

The caption for a Page 1 photo in Sunday's edition on retiring District Court personnel incorrectly reversed the positions of 223rd District Court Judge Don E. Cain and 31st District Judge Grainger McIlhenny in identifying them in the photo. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error and any inconvenience that may have resulted.

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## Weather focus

**LOCAL FORECAST**  
 Today, clear and sunny with a high in mid 30s and northwesterly winds 5-15 mph. Tonight, clear and not as cold, with a low of 8. Christmas Day, sunny and pleasant with a high of 35 and north winds 5-15 mph. Sunday's high was 15; the overnight low was 3.

**REGIONAL FORECAST**  
 West Texas - Fair at night through Christmas Day. Lows tonight in upper teens Panhandle to upper 20s Big Bend lowlands. Highs Christmas Day mid 30s Panhandle to low 60s Big Bend lowlands.

North Texas - Partly cloudy tonight and Christmas Day. Lows tonight in upper teens and lower 20s. Highs Christmas Day in upper 30s to mid 40s. Partly cloudy Christmas Day. Highs Christmas Day in upper 30s to mid 40s.

South Texas - Increasing clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy Christmas Day with a slight chance of rain west and central. Lows tonight in the 20s and 30s except in the 40s extreme south. Highs Christmas Day in the 40s and 50s, near 60 lower valley.

**EXTENDED FORECAST**

**Wednesday through Friday**  
 West Texas - Fair skies. Panhandle: Highs Wednesday in the 30s, the 40s by Friday. Lows in the teens. South Plains: Highs in mid 30s to around 40 Wednesday. Around 50 degrees by Friday. Lows in the teens Wednesday and Thursday with low to mid 20s on Friday. Permian Basin, Concho and Pecos Valleys: Highs in the 40s Wednesday and Thursday, upper 40s to mid 50s Friday. Lows mid to upper teens Wednesday to the 20s Thursday and Friday. Far West: Highs in the 40s. Lows in the 20s. Big Bend: Highs mainly in the 50s with lows in the 20s. Lowland areas, highs in mid 50s to mid 60s with lows in upper 20s to mid 30s.

North Texas - Increasing cloudiness, turning dry by Wednesday. A chance of rain late Thursday and Friday. West: Lows in the teens Wednesday, the 20s Thursday and the 30s Friday. Highs in the 30s Wednesday and in the 40s Thursday and Friday. Central and East: Lows in the 20s Wednesday and Thursday and the 30s for Friday. Highs in the 40s.

South Texas - Cloudy with a chance of rain throughout the region. Possibly mixed freezing rain or sleet in the Hill Country on Wednesday. Hill Country and South Central: Lows Wednesday from the 20s in the Hill Country to 30s South Central region, the 40s in both sections by Friday. Highs Wednesday in the 40s, the 50s to near 60 Thursday and Friday. Coastal Bend: Lows Wednesday in the 30s, the 50s by Friday. Highs Wednesday in the 50s, to near 70 by Friday. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows Wednesday near 40, the 50s Thursday and Friday. Highs Wednesday in the 50s, to near 70 by Friday. Southeast and Upper Coastline: Cloudy with a chance of rain and lows Wednesday in the 30s, the 40s by Friday. Highs Wednesday in the 40s, to near 60 by Friday.

**BORDER STATES**  
 Oklahoma - Fair tonight. Partly cloudy Christmas Day, turning colder from the north. Lows tonight 15 to 20. Highs Christmas Day low 30s Panhandle to near 40 southeast.

New Mexico - Mainly clear and very cold tonight. Fair and not quite as cold Christmas Day. Lows tonight 20 below to 10 above mountains with mostly teens lower elevations. Highs Christmas Day 20s to low 30s mountains with 30s to mid 40s lower elevations.

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## World's woes fail to dim season's generous spirit

DALLAS (AP) — Bad news abounds: a plummeting economy, the threat of war, soaring crime.

But the world's woes have failed to tarnish the Christmas spirit for some Texans who view the holiday season as a time to help those less fortunate.

Tom Barron has spent almost an entire year preparing for Christmas. The Dallas mortgage loan broker retreats almost daily to the workshop in his garage, becoming one of Santa's elves.

For two years, Barron has spent his spare time making wooden toys, averaging about one a day. He creates wagons, trains, rocking chairs and race cars.

"I'll get up early in the morning and work a couple of hours on them. And then I'll work on them at night," he said. "To me, it's just the satisfaction you get out of it."

When Christmas comes, Barron donates the toys to children across the Southwest. Last week, he donated 290 toys to a Dallas television station that distributes toys to the needy. He donated another 30 to a hospital in Little Rock, Ark.

Barron, who estimates he spends \$200 a month for materials and tools, said he began making the toys after seeing a television news feature on a toy maker.

"And I thought, 'Well, I could do that, and it would be good for me,' and the kids would get the benefit," he said.

James Pirkey and Glenda Jones of Gainesville wondered if Meals on Wheels delivers hot meals to the elderly and the homebound on holidays. When they found out the popular program does not deliver on holidays or during ice storms and floods, the two decided to pick up the slack.

Pirkey and Ms. Jones launched Christians for Holidays, Emergencies and Weekends in 1984 in Jones' kitchen. Other volunteers soon joined in, cooking and delivering food during holidays and on weekends.

This Christmas Day, CHEW will serve an estimated 60 meals to people who will be alone for the holiday.

The volunteers and meal recipients alike benefit from CHEW, Jones said.

"Some people are alone on Christmas Day, and it helps them to be able to do something for someone else," she said. "For the bedridden, a CHEW person may be the only contact they have for the day."

For the second year in a row, children in the Hodges Cancer Center unit at Lubbock Methodist Hospital have received handmade gifts from a special Santa.

While recuperating from surgery in November 1989, Seminole resident Patsy Williford was looking for something to do to while away the time.

"A friend suggested making gifts for the kids in Hodges Cancer Center," she said. "I had no idea how many she was talking about. But I didn't care if there were 200, I was going to do it."

Last Christmas, the 46 patients received small teddy bears in overalls. This year, most of the center's 41 patients were given miniature rabbits, bears and rag dolls painstakingly crafted by Ms. Williford. A few of the older boys received board games, after Williford decided they might not appreciate dolls.

"It's just heartbreaking to see these kids go through this," she said. "If they get even one minute of enjoyment from these dolls, then it is worth it."

## Father, 6 children die in fire

DETROIT (AP) — A father and six of his nine children died in a fire that started when the family's Christmas tree ignited in their suburban Detroit home, authorities said Sunday.

Martin Dellorco and six children between the ages of 4 and 12 were killed in the fire in Wayne County's Canton Township late Saturday, said Fire Chief Melvin Paulun.

Dellorco, 38, escaped at first and then was killed when he returned to the house in a vain attempt to save the children, authorities said.

Paulun identified the Dellorco children killed as Bonnie, 12; Sara, 9; Katie, 8; twins Megan and Michael, 5; and Robert, 4. He said

the bodies were found throughout the house.

The Dellorcos' two teenage children — Jimmy, 16, and Kelly, 14 — weren't at home when the fire started.

Fire Capt. Art Winkel said the fire, which apparently started when the Christmas tree fell over in the family room, spread quickly through the one-story home in the township 22 miles west of Detroit. It was unknown how the tree fell or how the fire was sparked after the fall, Winkel said.

Paulun said Dellorco's wife, Debbie, 36, and their son Adam, 6, escaped. Mrs. Dellorco was treated and released at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

## Cold ride



Unidentified participants make their way out of the Cheyenne River breaks near Bridger, S.D., Sunday during the pilgrimage to the site of the Wounded Knee massacre. The bundled riders, protecting themselves against the bitter cold, are using the same trail traveled by Indian chief Big Foot 100 years ago. More than 200 riders are taking part in the ride covering 250 miles.

(AP Laserphoto)

## Topless club's gift gets cold shoulder from shelter

DALLAS (AP) — A homeless mission has turned down a \$600 gift from a topless club, saying that accepting the donation would do more harm than good.

"We want people to be involved in giving, but I think the message you send has to be a clear message," said William Thompson, executive director of the Union Gospel Mission.

"It's kind of hypocritical for us to be teaching and preaching to our guys about moral responsibility and a the same time taking the benefits of people's moral irresponsibility," he said.

The donors, employees of the Dallas Gentleman's Club, said they just wanted to do something nice by helping feed the homeless during the holidays.

"I just think that the spirit of giving ought to be offered to everybody," club owner Randy Dumas told the *Dallas Times Herald*. "I guess we were just a little hurt that they looked down their noses at us."

In a letter to "friends" at the club, Thompson wrote: "We sincerely appreciate your concern for the homeless in Dallas. However, the Union Gospel Mission ministers not only to the physical needs, but to the spiritual needs as well."

"We feel the serving of alcoholic beverages and the entertainment provided at your club contributes to the spiritual and physical poverty of many, including the homeless. Therefore, in clear conscience we cannot accept your contribution," the letter said.

Dumas said he has had trouble finding another shelter to accept the donation. Most, he said, choose morality over money.

"I wouldn't hesitate to take from someone who has good intentions, but I am careful of why people give money," said George Ruff, founder of Ruff House Ministries in Dallas. "In general, I stay away from worldly sources."

But one of the country's largest service organizations, the Salvation Army, sees things a bit differently. "We have just the opposite policy," said Bob Swyers, business administrator of the Salvation Army in Dallas. "In fact, our founder in England used to go right into the pubs in the Lower East Side to solicit donations."

"Money in the right hands is better than money in the wrong hands."

Thompson, who also has turned down a donation from a liquor chain, acknowledged that the moral dilemma is compounded by the needs of the homeless. His mission, for example, wants to turn its 150-bed men's shelter into a family shelter and build new housing for men — a \$1.5 million project.

But, he said, there are some principles that are higher than taking money.

"Here we are trying to deal with the people who are being victimized by those same things," he said. "To turn around and use the money that was paid to hurt these people is just not good practice."

## Aristide officially declared winner in Haiti's election

By MICHAEL NORTON  
Associated Press Writer

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a leftist who has championed the cause of Haiti's poor, was declared winner Sunday of the country's first fully free elections.

With an estimated 50.1 per cent of the votes tallied, Aristide led with 66.7 percent of the total, according to the Electoral Council.

An estimated 75 per cent of more than two million registered voters had cast their ballots in general elections Dec. 16.

Runners-up Marc Bazin and Louis Dejoie Jr. had 15.4 percent and 5 percent respectively. Silvio Claude had just over 3 percent, and the seven other candidates received the rest of the vote.

"You have made a sacrifice to show the world the true face of Haiti," Aristide told the nation, speaking Creole, immediately after the announcement on state-run radio.

He spoke from the office of his center for homeless children.

The four major runners-up had all conceded defeat by Saturday, after partial results showed Aristide had won by a landslide.

"Things must change, things must change for everyone," he said, repeating the words of Pope Jean-Paul II.

His March 1983 visit to Haiti initiated the official Roman Catholic opposition to the Duvalier dictatorship that ended three years later during a popular uprising.

From the pulpit of his church St. Jean Bosco, Aristide had won fame for his defense of the poor and attacks of repressive government.

On Sept. 11, 1988, thugs torched his church, killing at least 12 and wounding 70.

Aristide was excluded from his Salesian Father religious order in December 1988, allegedly for fomenting violence.

After a pro-Aristide rally Dec. 5, an unknown assailant lobbed a grenade into a crowd, killing seven and injuring more than 50.

Aristide will inaugurate Feb. 9 on the fifth anniversary of the fall of dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier, whose family ruled Haiti for over three decades.

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Louise Fletcher  
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## Opinion

### Gulf crisis doesn't require new draft

During times of war or threat of war, just about every bad idea imaginable churns up. The Persian Gulf crisis has already brought a call for even higher taxes to support the effort, even though the \$1.36 trillion federal budget could easily be cut to pay for \$20 billion or so cost of military deployment.

The latest appalling idea is to reinstate a military draft, in the outbreak of war. The findings of an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll are sobering: Fifty-eight percent of registered voters would back a draft if a war breaks out. Seventy-one percent believe that women should be included in such a draft. Would pregnant mothers be put on the front lines? What happened to chivalry?

A draft is a terrible idea for a host of reasons. First, a draft, above all, indicates that one lives in a garrison state, not a free country. Traditionally, our nation has imposed a draft only during of a major war: the Civil War, both world wars, Korea and Vietnam. Our only peacetime draft was in the late 1950s and early 1960s—between the Korean and Vietnam wars, and during the darkest days of the Cold War. Otherwise, our nation has lived peacefully and safely without a draft, drafting depending only on volunteers in our standing forces.

Second, to be brutally honest, a draft exists to give the military cannon fodder. Modern war can be massively destructive. But a standing, volunteer military is adequate to meet the needs of small actions, such as the action in Panama a year ago to arrest Gen. Manuel Noriega and restore democracy, or the liberations of Grenada in 1983.

Moreover, modern war is so complex that most routine duties require training so long—up to a year or two—that it just costs too much to train a draftee, then see his enlistment expire after two years. A nuclear submariner, for example, is a sailor but also a highly skilled technician. That's why even the Pentagon opposes a draft.

Third, a draft could not be instituted fast enough to meet the current crisis. It would take at least a year to draft and train troops for use in the Middle East. By that time the war, if there is one, would likely be over. The same is true with war in just about every other theater of battle.

Finally, to institute a draft now would hinder our efforts in the Middle East. Since draftees couldn't be sent there for a year, it would encourage our policy planners to extend the crisis, foregoing an air war and expecting to use draftees to grind up the Iraqis in a protracted conflict. And as we saw in Vietnam, a democracy becomes impatient with a drawn-out war, especially one fought by draftees who don't want to be there. As things now stand, our strategists, not dependent on a draft, must come up with a solution—a quick war, or peace—that works within a few months.

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## Berry's World



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"I'm so EMBARRASSED! My doctor just told me I've got the 'YUPPIE FLU!'"

# Term limitation unlikely

WASHINGTON — With John Sununu's speech to the National Press Club earlier this month, talk of limiting congressional terms picks up a little momentum. In my own view this is an idea whose time has not yet come, but in the political Hot Stove League it is the hottest topic around.

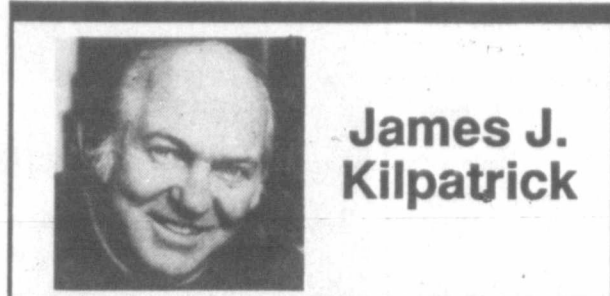
As George Bush's chief of staff, Sununu was spreading the presidential word. He gave no specifics, but he said Bush has decided to ask Congress for a resolution of constitutional amendment. Presumably the resolution would limit senators to two terms of six years and representatives to six terms of two years.

A word of sound advice: Don't hold your breath until Bush succeeds. Congress may propose constitutional amendments "whenever two-thirds of both houses shall deem it necessary." It is doubtful that even one-third of one house would agree next year to Bush's amendment. This duck is dead before it flies.

There is an alternative procedure, though in 200 years it never has been invoked. Two-thirds of the state legislatures could apply to Congress for an act setting up a constitutional convention. The convention would draft a term-limitation amendment, which then would become a valid part of the Constitution on ratification by three-fourths of the states. Don't even think of holding your breath on this one.

All the same, a movement toward term limitation is beginning to stir. Oklahoma voted in September to limit the terms of its state legislators. California did the same thing in November. At least 15 other states report substantial interest in the idea.

The most interesting effort came last month in



James J. Kilpatrick

Colorado, where voters not only set a limit of eight years for their state legislators, they also voted boldly to limit their U.S. senators and representatives to 12 years of consecutive service. The question is whether a state can get away with such unilateral limitation.

Legal opinion is divided on the point, but most scholars say, no. States have power to fix the "manner" of electing their members of Congress. Some enthusiasts contend that the word "manner" is sufficiently flexible; it could be bent to embrace the Colorado approach. But Congress retains power to alter Colorado's regulations at its pleasure.

Proponents of term limitation make these arguments: The Founding Fathers never intended for congressional service to become a career, but in recent years re-election has become virtually a sure thing in both chambers. A frequent turnover of members would assure a constant infusion of new blood. The almost despotic power of committee chairmen, especially in the House, would be curbed. In a second six-year term, a senator would not be beholden to any pressure group.

Opponents, in my view, have much the better case. It simply is not true that the House stays

fixed. More than half of the representatives who will assemble next month will have served 10 years or less. A "constant infusion of new blood" would be a constant infusion of inexperience.

Committee chairmen can in fact be deposed when they abuse their powers: The House just put three old war-horses out to pasture. Newcomers to Capitol Hill would be no match, at least for a while, for the bureaucrats, lobbyists and veteran staffers who are wise to the ways of Washington. Second-term senators might owe nothing to political action committees, but they would be actively courting jobs for the future.

Suppose term limitation had been in effect for last month's elections. The 12-year guillotine would have chopped off the heads of such valued members of the House as Speaker Tom Foley, Dan Rostenkowski of Illinois and Les Aspin of Wisconsin, all Democrats, along with such able Republicans as Bob Michel of Illinois, Bill Archer of Texas and Bill Frenzel of Minnesota.

The carnage in the Senate would have been dramatic. In last month's elections, 16 Democrats and 13 Republicans sought re-election. One Republican (Boschwitz of Minnesota) was defeated. All the rest won their races. But if term limitation had been in effect, only nine of the 29 would have returned. Democrats would have lost Boren of Oklahoma and Bradley of New Jersey. Republicans would have lost, among others, Domenici of New Mexico and Cochran of Mississippi.

Any constitutional amendment that would deny the nation, after only 12 years, the talent and wisdom of a Sam Nunn of Georgia or a Nancy Kassebaum of Kansas is a misguided amendment. I would nip this bud before it flowers.

## Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 24, the 358th day of 1990. There are seven days left in the year. This is Christmas Eve.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 24, 1814, the War of 1812 officially ended as the United States and Britain signed the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium. (However, because of the slowness of communications at that time, both countries fought the Battle of New Orleans the following month.)

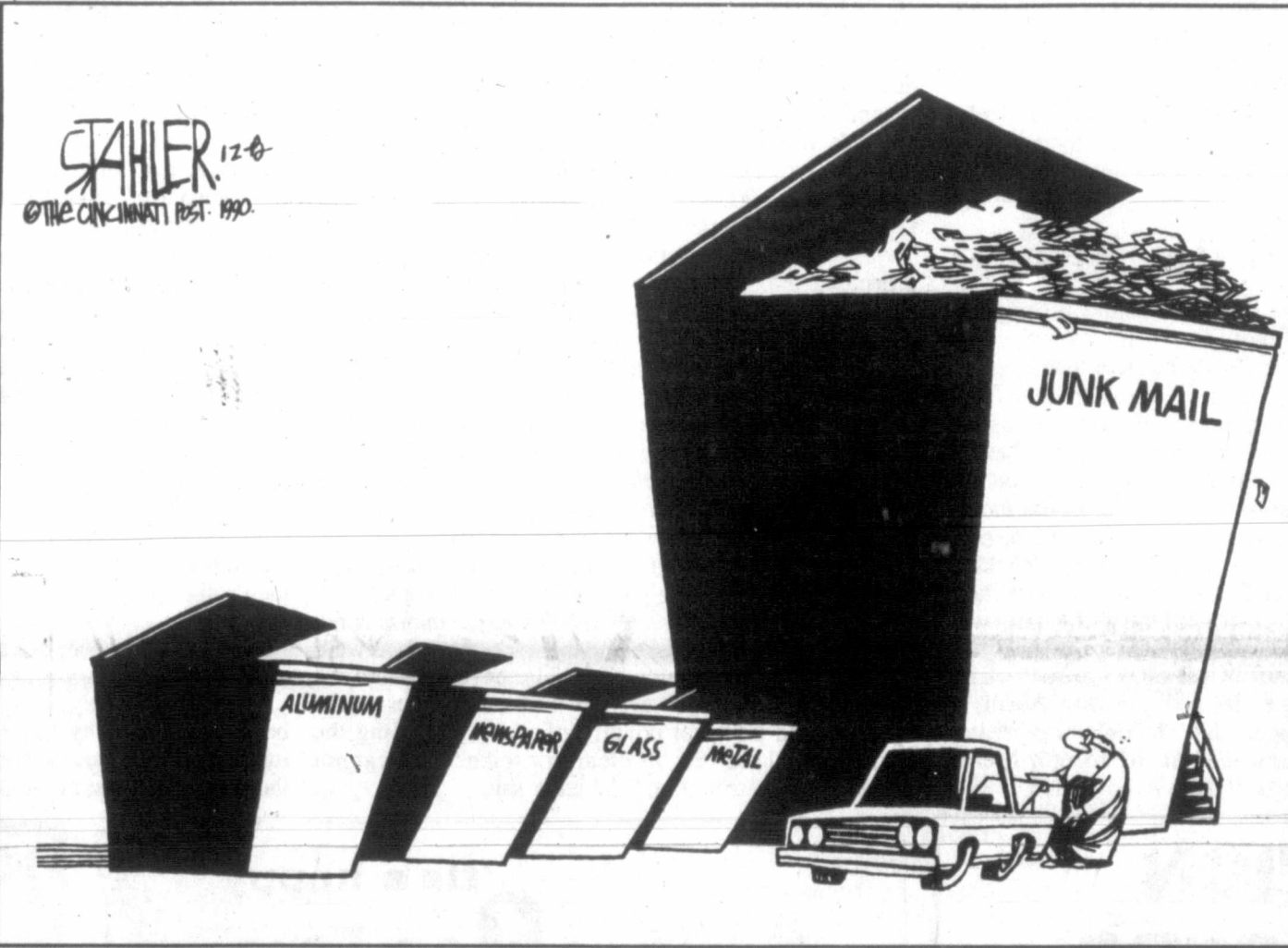
### On this date:

In 1851, fire devastated the Library of Congress in Washington, destroying about 35,000 volumes.

In 1865, several veterans of the Confederate Army formed a private social club in Pulaski, Tenn., called the Ku Klux Klan.

In 1943, President Franklin Roosevelt appointed Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower supreme commander of Allied forces as part of "Operation Overlord."

In 1968, the Apollo VIII astronauts, orbiting the moon, read passages from the Old Testament Book of Genesis as part of a Christmas Eve television broadcast to Earth.



# Gangs infiltrate corporations

Americans, anxious about the next quarter, are no match for Japanese who think in terms of the next generation.

We are allowing Japanese to buy American businesses at bargain prices. In five years \$6.6 billion for MCA is going to sound like a giveaway.

And we may be making deals with some dangerous adversaries. Japan's National Police has discovered that one-third of all Japanese corporations are infiltrated by organized crime gangs.

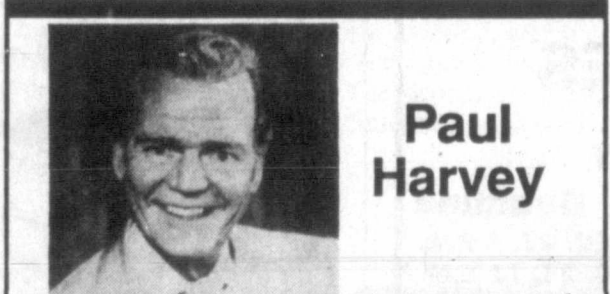
Japanese corporations—if they are mugging us—are themselves being mugged back home.

Here's how it works: Japan's *sokaiya* will purchase a few shares in a corporation, thus giving the "mob" access to stockholder meetings.

They then demand "protection money" from the corporation, to protect it from unruly stockholders.

Failure to pay, and the meeting is likely to be disrupted violently.

Last summer, for example, when stockholders of an Osaka-based department store chain met, fist fights broke out. At a stockholders' meeting of Kawasaki Steel, whiskey bottles were thrown at the chairman.



Paul Harvey

Other meetings have been shut down by *sokaiya* starting fires in wastebaskets and spraying stockholders with paint. Thus, Japanese corporations worth billions end up weekly paying out millions to Japanese gangsters.

According to Japanese National Police, 41 percent of 3,000 major Japanese firms have been contacted by extortionists seeking "donations."

Or the corporation may be ordered to subscribe to "professional magazines" at a cost of thousands of dollars a year, though such magazines do not exist.

Some firms were ordered to pay as much as \$8

million protection money.

Seventy percent of Japanese securities, insurance, banking, construction and real estate firms have been ordered to "pay up or else."

And the "or else" may include—beyond disrupted stockholder meetings—accidents and fires, sabotage and destruction of computer data.

The Japanese National Police have no idea how many corporations are victimized, but they do know of 20,806 "reported cases" of shakedowns last year.

Now there is a turf war between the largest of the mobs—the Yamaguchi-gumi based in Kobe and a Tokyo outfit called the 20th Council or the Alliance of Nine.

Two rival extortionists were recently beaten to death in their offices by enforcers from the Yamaguchi-gumi.

So in most Japanese boardrooms the payoffs have become an accepted part of doing business, preferable to "accidents" they cannot afford.

Let's pay attention: With Japanese acquisition of more and more American corporations, these problems are headed our way.

# SATs don't pass the consumer test

By CHUCK STONE

Do you have the intelligence of a second grader or an 11th grader? First, answer the following test question:

Which of the following statements about standardized tests, such as the SAT, is true:

(a) They really don't measure how intelligent you are.

(b) High-school grade-point averages are more accurate than SATs in predicting how well students will do as college freshmen.

(c) Women generally have higher grade-point averages than men, but perform more poorly on SATs.

(d) SATs discriminate against blacks and Hispanics.

(e) None of the above.

(f) All of the above.

If you answered (a) or (f), you have the intelligence of an 11th grader.

A just-released study published by a University of Michigan researcher, Scott Paris, revealed that only five percent of 11th graders agree that

"standardized test scores show how intelligent you are," compared to 75 percent of second graders who accept that psychometric shibboleth. In fact, the only thing those cabalistic exercises measure is the ability to take tests.

Standardized tests are finally falling into the educational disrepute they so richly deserve. Only a few weeks ago, a report by the National Endowment for the Humanities on the state of the nation's education questioned the continued over-emphasis on standardized tests and called for more creative measures in assessing student performance.

The report followed announced plans by the College Board and its handmaiden in psychometric esoterica, the Educational Testing Service, for revisions of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which will include assessments of writing skills.

As wide as the test performance gap now is between black and white, rich and poor, and male and female, the planned revisions will only widen those gaps.

Even worse, the cost of the SATs may double and even triple. Why? Because instead of the comparative low cost of machine-scoring the tests, ETS (which prepares the SATs) will have to pay readers to assemble in classrooms around the country, read those compositions and grade them.

I predict that a revised SAT will be less scientific, less accurate, cost more, cause more test-taking anguish and further widen the performance gaps between the rich and the poor.

But there is a charismatic mystique to standardized tests, one that far exceeds their reliability, their accuracy, their integrity or their predictability.

Every year, parents make decisions for their children about colleges based on SAT averages. For many parents, a school's requirement of high SAT scores confers on it a distinction that outweighs instructional excellence, the quality of student body scholarship and graduate-school entrance rates.

What both parents and students forget is that they are consumers.

When consumers buy a product, they, in effect, own it. They can return it, ask for a replacement or demand an explanation about its defective components.

But students and parents surrender all of their consumer rights when students take standardized tests and parents pay for them. Students who perform poorly are never informed where they went astray.

Nor are the test makers able to answer these questions: Why do women students score lower than men on SATs, even though they have higher grade-point averages in high school? Why do kids from families earning \$100,000 a year have twice the SAT average as kids whose families earn \$10,000 a year? Most important of all, why are they SAT verbal and math scores at their lowest levels in 27 years?

Until the test-paying parents rise up and demand that the College Board and ETS be held accountable to parents for answers to those questions, serious reform in an inequitable system will never be possible.

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# Christian groups divided on how to celebrate arrival of Columbus

By DAVID BRIGGS  
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — As much of the nation prepares to commemorate Jesus Christ's birth, Christian groups have split on whether the arrival of their faith in the Americas 500 years ago should be celebrated or mourned.

The Roman Catholic Church plans a warts-and-all celebration of five centuries of Christianity for its 55 million members. The National Council of Churches is planning counterdemonstrations to protest Christian churches' complicity in "the perpetuation of paternalism and racism into our cultures and times."

The council says Christians should tear asunder what Christopher Columbus has wrought in terms of the exploitation of native populations.

The group's document has some historians accusing the council of reviving "the black legend" used to condemn Roman Catholic expansion into the New World during the Reformation. The bloody 16th century religious movement was aimed at reforming the Catholic Church and resulted in the establishment of Protestantism.

"The rationale is that it needs to be a year of repentance and reflection, rather than a year of celebration," said the Rev. Joe Agne, a leader of the racial justice group that developed the council of churches' statement.

The Catholic Church and some other religious groups say the injustices caused by colonization need to be recognized, but so should the good the faith has done in this part of the world.

"I'm kind of sorry for those who call themselves Christians who don't think it's something to celebrate," said the Rev. James Hennessey, a priest and historian at Canisius College.

The national council, which includes most of the mainline Protestant churches, states what "some historians have termed a 'discovery' in reality was an invasion and colonization with legalized occupation, genocide, economic exploitation and a deep level of institutional racism and moral decadence."

Other groups such as Clergy and Laity Concerned, an interfaith group with 20,000 members, also have said there is little to celebrate.

"I would have to say that although Christianity is a great thing, the Christian church, as a human institution, has been responsible for some pretty immense wrongdoing over the years," said Mark Reeve, editor of the *CALC Report*.

Others, though, accentuate the positive. Said

Catholic Archbishop Edward McCarthy of Miami: "Already, strong forces have gathered to characterize Christianity in the ugliest of terms while the reality of the church's commitment to the Americas is unparalleled in the annals of human history."

A pastoral letter approved by the Catholic bishops in November — "Heritage and Hope: Evangelization in America" — apologizes for the racism and mistreatment native populations have endured since Columbus landed. But they added:

"Over the centuries, thousands of men and women sought to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to their times, healing the sick, educating the ignorant and witnessing to their culture of the presence of Christ."

Rabbi James Rudin, director of interreligious affairs for the American Jewish Committee, agreed that, on balance, there's much to celebrate in 1992.

Although 1492 — the year Jewish people were expelled from Spain — was a dark moment in Jewish history, the voyage of Columbus paved the way for "one of the greatest Jewish communities in history," the one in the United States, he said.

"From a Jewish perspective, the arrival of Columbus is looked on with great favor ... because it opened up a new era in Jewish life," Rudin said.

Some historians say the National Council of Churches document almost revives the stereotype of the passive "noble savage" in presenting history in stark contrasts of good and evil.

They point out some Indian groups at the time engaged in slavery and inhuman practices such as blood sacrifices.

"I see a reverse kind of racism in that nothing good can come from the people of Europe and only good can come from the people called primitive," said historian Martin Marty of the University of Chicago.

Other historians also questioned why the document dwelled on the evils of Catholic missionary efforts, and failed to specifically criticize the effects of English colonization or other largely Protestant efforts in displacing native populations.

The Rev. Sam Wynn, head of the Native American International Caucus of the United Methodist Church, said there's enough blame to go around.

For example, he said, a United Methodist district superintendent led a cavalry massacre of 700 people.

"This is not a time to celebrate past events that have annihilated whole groups of people in the name of God," he said.

## ALPHONSE, THE MISGUIDED MOOSE

By Heidi Stetson



## Deaths reach 60 as record cold continues

By ROGER PETERSON  
Associated Press Writer

Temperatures dropped as low as 39 degrees below zero Sunday as the arctic cold wave refrigerated the western two-thirds of the nation and edged toward the East with freezing rain and ice that sent cars and trucks sliding.

At the same time, record highs in the 60s and 70s extended from New England to Georgia.

Flooding forced the evacuation of hundreds of people in parts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, where nearly a foot of rain had fallen.

At least 60 deaths had been blamed on the weather since the cold began Tuesday. Most were traffic fatalities but some died of hypothermia or from fires blamed on overworked heaters or fireplaces.

Hardest hit was Texas with 19 deaths, 16 in traffic accidents. Many glazed bridges and roadways across the state were covered by ice up to an inch thick Sunday.

Ice also spread eastward with the advance of the cold. A combination of snow, sleet and freezing rain fell on Indiana during the night and

Sunday morning. An ice storm moved into western Kentucky. Freezing rain also swept across Pennsylvania.

The coldest spot in the Lower 48 states was in northwestern Colorado, at Craig, where Sunday's low was 39 degrees below zero, the National Weather Service said. Denver hit a record 16 below.

Arizona, the magnet for thousands of "snow birds" who annually flee colder northern states, did not have one reporting station with a low above freezing Sunday. Phoenix hit a record 26 and Tucson dropped to a record 21.

Albuquerque, N.M., dropped to 7 below zero Sunday, the first time on record the city has gone below zero in December.

The city that bills itself the "Ice

Box of the Nation," International Falls, Minn., took Sunday's low of 29 below in stride. "It's business as usual — you have no choice up here," restaurant owner Chris Mostad said Sunday.

The cold air was pressing against a belt of unseasonably warm air along the East Coast, and was expected to overrun the Northeast on Monday.

Record highs included 64 at Harrisburg, Pa.; 67 at Newark, N.J.; 65 at Boston; 58 at Burlington, Vt.; 69 at Baltimore; 72 at Atlanta, and 73 at Richmond, Va.

In California's Central Valley, the cold threatened about 80 percent of the navel orange crop still on trees, said Cliff Holland of California Citrus Mutual in Visalia.

## Truck spills 10,000 pounds of hazardous material on I-10 near Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Traffic on Interstate 10 was rerouted east of Houston Sunday after a truck slid on an icy overpass and struck a guard rail, spilling 10,000 pounds of a hazardous hydrochloric solution, officials said.

Both east and westbound traffic was initially diverted because of the spill and icy conditions. Authorities had reopened the westbound lanes Sunday evening.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, Leon K. Tremonte, 40, of Freeport, suffered a broken ankle and inhalation of the fumes. He was reported in good condition, said a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

DPS officers cordoned off a half-mile area around the spill site, which contaminated the ground, said DPS spokesman David Wells.

Officers notified hazardous materials authorities and cleanup crews.

The truck, en route to Beaumont from Freeport, was carrying 40,000 pounds of the hydrochloric acid solution when the accident occurred about 6 a.m. CST, said Wells.

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## Elderly pipe-welding, Bible-toting attacker beats six at home for Jewish aged

DALLAS (AP) — An apparently deranged Bible-toting assailant broke into the Golden Acres Home for Jewish Aged Saturday night and attacked six residents with a pipe.

Several minutes into the attack, the man suddenly stopped and told staff members to call police. He waited in the recreation room until officers arrested him.

The man began hallucinating and going into convulsions when police questioned him and took him into custody. His name wasn't immediately known because he gave several aliases to police.

Police said he made no anti-Semitic comments dur-

ing or after the attack and did not claim to be a member of any gang.

One man and five women, ranging in age from 76 to 90, were taken to Baylor University Medical Center. Five of the injured were discharged Sunday, with one woman remaining for observation, said hospital administrator Wilbur B. Smith.

"She'll probably go home tomorrow [Monday]," Smith said.

Two of the six suffered concussions, said hospital spokeswoman Nancy Rhodes. The others had cuts and bruises. Names weren't released.

"They really are basically very stable and doing okay," she said. "It's just they all have Alzheimer's (disease)."

Police said the attacker, in his early 20s, broke into the 255-resident nursing home shortly before 9 p.m. by smashing the glass of the front door. Carrying a Bible and a four-foot section of pipe, he went to a second-floor recreation room where the six residents were sitting, and beat them.

"He told them not to be fearful," said Herbert Shore, who retired as the home's administrator in June, but rushed there after hearing of the attack.

Police were unsure of the man's identity Sunday,

saying he had given them several names. He was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital, authorities said.

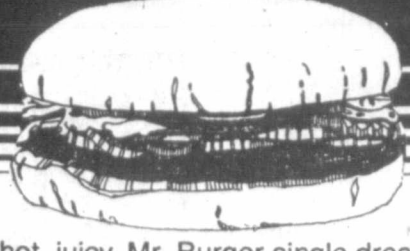
"We don't believe this was in any way connected with the skinheads," Shore said. "He was acting alone and may have been deranged as far as we can tell."

Police said the man would be charged with six counts of aggravated assault or injury to an elderly person. Both are felonies.

The home's officials refused to discuss much about the incident and would not give specifics about security at the facility. The three-story home has been in the northeast Dallas neighborhood for more than 37 years.

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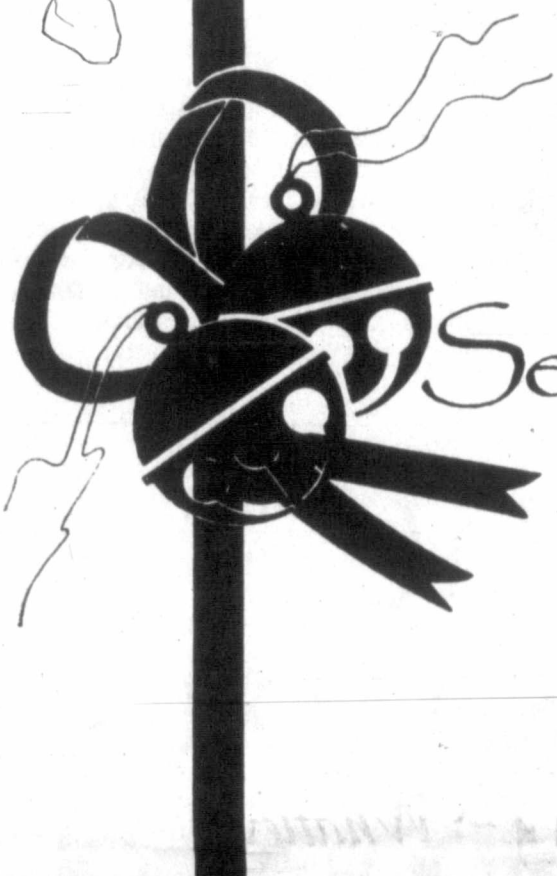
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# Victims of ferry disaster remembered at memorial service Sunday

By **MARCUS ELIASON**  
Associated Press Writer

**ABOARD THE USS SARATOGA** (AP)—Crewmen of the U.S. aircraft carrier Saratoga bade farewell Sunday to 21 drowned comrades with tears, salvos of rifle fire and the Navy hymn "Eternal Father."

The shipboard memorial service was attended by about 1,200 of the Saratoga's crew, including most of the 81 sailors and Navy airmen who survived the fatal capsizing of the chartered Israeli ferry early Saturday. On a table by the podium, 20 white sailors' caps and one chief petty officer's hat were arranged, symbolizing the lives lost.

Israeli navy divers recovered the 20th body on Sunday near the submerged ferry, Haifa police said. Searches continued for the body of the 21st victim, declared missing and presumed drowned.

Capt. Joseph S. Mobley, commanding officer of the Saratoga, told reporters that the Navy had concluded with "utmost confidence" that the missing man had perished in the tragedy.

"He was definitely on the ferry

at the time of the accident, he was definitely not rescued," Mobley said. "He is not on the ship, he is not ashore."

The ferry Tuvia capsized Saturday shortly after midnight as it was carrying 102 American seamen to the Saratoga from a Christmas shore leave. The ship is anchored about a mile off Israel's northern port of Haifa.

The mourners gathered in one of the Saratoga's huge aircraft hangars. Through the open doors, Navy helicopters could be seen crisscrossing over the Mediterranean in search of the missing body.

Two sailors dropped a wreath into the metal-gray sea in honor of the victims, and a detachment of seven Marines fired a 21-gun salute in three rifle salvos.

Some of the sailors wiped tears from their eyes as a choir sang "America the Beautiful" and "Eternal Father."

Mobley addressed his remarks to the families of the dead. "There are no words that can express the heartfelt sorrow of this entire 5,000-man ship," he said.

Later, he told reporters: "We have suffered a very great tragedy.

Every man on this mighty ship has had his heart in his throat, tears in his eyes and a knot in his stomach since that event."

The Saratoga task force, based at Mayport Naval Air Station in Florida, includes the destroyer Sampson, cruiser South Carolina and combat stores ship Sirius. It has a crew of 6,200 men.

The ships anchored off Haifa on Thursday for the holidays, with shore leaves beginning Friday. Some wives and girlfriends who flew to Israel to be with their men were taken to the Saratoga by helicopter for the memorial service.

The Saratoga and its escort ships were in the Red Sea as part of the naval buildup in the Gulf following Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait.

The accident was the deadliest involving U.S. servicemen in Operation Desert Shield, and it raised the number of Americans who have died to 78.

Here is a complete list of American servicemen missing or killed, as provided by the U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

All were assigned to the USS Saratoga.

Missing:  
Anthony J. Fleming, 25, Buffalo, N.Y., aviation ordnanceman 3rd

class, assigned to air anti-submarine squadron 30.

Dead:  
Michael L. Belliveau, 24, Lakewood, Colo., aviation electrician's mate 3rd class.

Christopher B. Brown, 19, Leslie, Ga., airman apprentice.  
Darrell K. Brown, 19, Memphis, Tenn., airman apprentice.

Monray C. Carrington, 22, North Braddock, Pa., seaman.

Larry M. Clark, 21, Decatur, Ga., airman.

Delwin Delgado, 26, Jacksonville, Fla., signalman 3rd class.

Gilbert A. Fontaine, 22, Spring Valley, N.Y., aviation storekeeper, assigned to tactical electronic warfare squadron 132.

Wilton L. Huyghue, 20, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, fireman.

Timothy J. Jackson, 20, Anniston, Ala., fire control technician 3rd class.

Alexander Jones, 19, St. Louis, airman apprentice.

Nathaniel H. Kemp, 18, Greenwood, Fla., mess management specialist apprentice.

Brent A. McCreight, 23, Eminence, Ky., airman.

Randy L. Neel, 19, Albuquerque, N.M., airman apprentice, assigned to strike fighter squadron 83.

Marvin J. Plummer, 27, Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., aviation boatswain's mate (fuels) 2nd class.

Matthew J. Schiedler, 20, Hubbard, Ore., data systems technician 3rd class.

Timothy B. Seay, 22, Thomas-ton, Ga., disbursing clerk.

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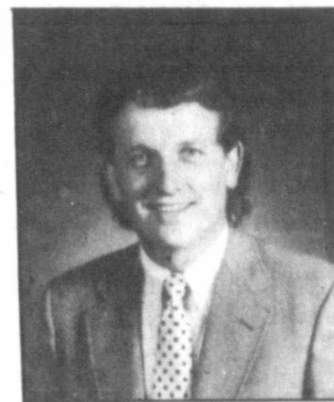
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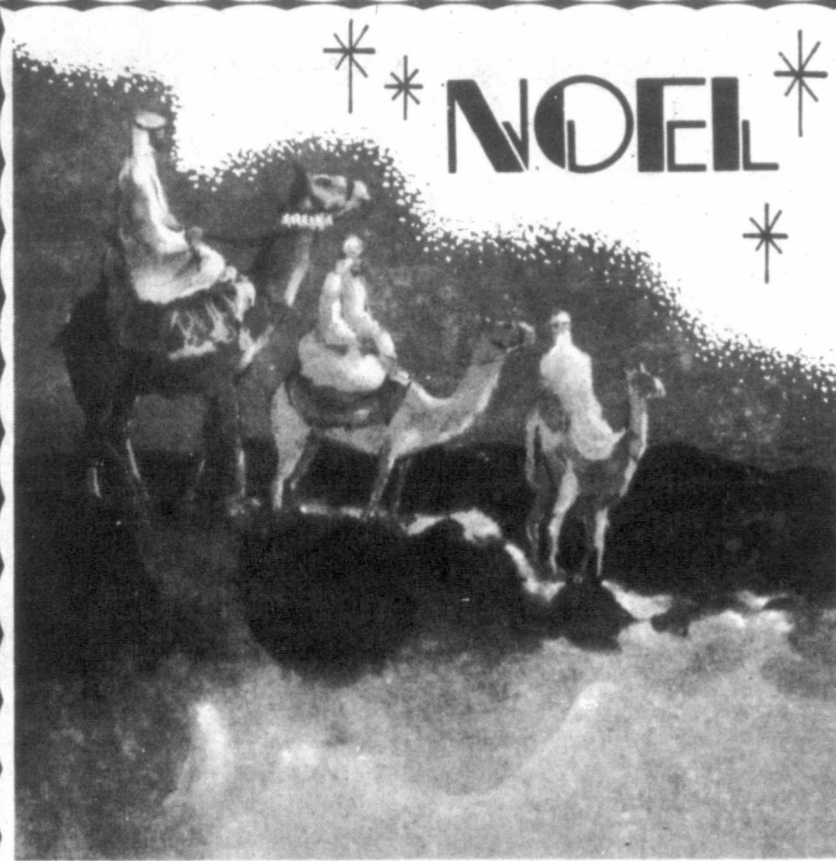
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# Grand jury probe may be shaking Lewis' power base in House

FORT WORTH (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis is expected to coast to a record fifth term as speaker next month. But a grand jury probe of Lewis and other lawmakers has launched a flurry of discreet politicking behind closed doors.

A Travis County grand jury is considering allegations of influence peddling involving members of the Legislature, including Lewis, and the powerful San Antonio law firm Heard Goggan Blair & Williams.

Lewis, D-Fort Worth, was invited to testify before the grand jury, but has declined to appear at Thursday's session on the grounds that he has not been advised of the allegations against him.

Lewis has denied any wrongdoing and said he welcomed the inquiry.

On Jan. 8, Lewis will convene the 72nd Legislature and seek reelection to his post. He has received enough pledges to win handily.

Last week there were low-key discussions under way among lawmakers awaiting the outcome of the

month-old probe. Although the legislators professed support for Lewis and predicted he will emerge from the investigation unscathed, their murmurings about challenges to his authority are growing, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Sunday.

While no challengers have stepped forth, a handful of names is being bandied about.

"If someone says it's not being talked about, they're lying," said one legislator who asked not to be identified.

The unnamed lawmaker told the Star-Telegram no potential challenger has contacted him directly but said House colleagues are discussing possible alliances in case a realignment is required.

Among those frequently mentioned as possible speaker candidates are Democratic Reps. Jim Rudd of Brownfield, Pete Laney of Hale Center, Mark Stiles of Beaumont, Bruce Gibson of Godley, David Cain of Dallas (a former Pampa resident) and James Hury of Galveston.

Hury, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, also may be a target of the probe.

The grand jury has subpoenaed campaign and personal finance documents, focusing mostly on members of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee and the debate-scheduling House Calendars Committee.

The Austin American-Statesman, quoting unnamed sources, said files subpoenaed included those for Lewis, Hury and Calendars Committee Chairman Hugo Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi.

Legislative records show the 15 bills filed since 1981 that would have diminished Heard Goggan's tax-collecting business died either in

the Ways and Means or Calendars committees.

As speaker for the past eight years, Lewis has assigned bills to committees, named their chairmen and directed floor debate.

Lobbyists and lawmakers told the newspaper they have seen little to indicate Lewis has been weakened by the probe — or that other lawmakers are being called on the carpet by their constituents.

"It's not hurting every member of the Legislature at this point. It's a disruption," said veteran Democratic consultant George Christian.

"This thing's certainly not helping Gib," Christian said, but added,

"I would say right now that he is secure. He has taken a lot of pum-

eling." Rep. Ric Williamson of Weatherford, one of Lewis' biggest supporters, has downplayed the possibility that Lewis may be in trouble.

"Gib is just ironclad, marching on," Williamson said. "What he is

saying to members is, it's business as usual."

Lewis sought to emphasize that fact last week in a round of individual interviews with Capitol reporters and meetings with committee leaders.

"He's quietly telling people, 'You haven't heard my side of the story,'" one legislator said.

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# Life isn't that easy for a man whose name really is Santa Claus

By MARTY SABOTA  
Dallas Times Herald

MESQUITE (AP) — Santa Claus isn't coming to town this Christmas. He's already here, living in a white and yellow brick and frame house.

Like his famous namesake, Santa Michael Claus is a jolly man. How else could the 43-year-old Southwestern Bell technician deal with a moniker that has caused more trouble than a roomful of mischievous elves?

"The first time I meet someone, they either think I'm lying or laugh hysterically," he said. "It's one or the other. There's no lukewarm

reaction." Sometimes, however, there's a reaction he didn't expect, such as on his wedding night.

It was a snowy, miserable December 20 years ago when Santa and the new Mrs. Claus pulled into a New York City hotel. Tired and cold, they were dumbfounded to discover there was no room for them at the inn.

"They had cancelled our reservations because they thought it was a joke," says Joyce Claus, 42.

Santa produced a driver's license and after much apologizing from hotel management, the newlyweds were given the red carpet treatment.

Although life has not always been

a bed of rosebuds with a name that yes, even Virginia would have had a hard time believing, Santa has never toyed with the idea of changing it.

"I get a special feeling from it," he said. "It has kind of shaped my personality. I'm easygoing. I've had to be, because if I ever got angry and hit someone, or did anything else to get arrested, the papers would make more out of it because of my name."

Also, he wouldn't want to disappoint his big sister.

While Santa was just a twinkle in his mother's eye, Irene Claus fell ill. Her 15-year-old daughter, Wanda, became Santa's helper. The thankful

woman allowed her only daughter to name the next child, her fourth and last.

"I was 15 years old. I thought it would be great to have a brother named Santa," said Wanda Peschel, 58, of El Campo. "He loves it, and I've had a lot of fun with it, too."

The family chose Michael as the middle name, which he went by throughout his childhood in Kilgore and Victoria.

But when Claus entered the Navy, military guidelines required him to use his first name and middle initial.

"It was terrible," he said. "My first day at boot camp, the drill instructor read a list of names and

asked if there was anybody's name he didn't call. I raised my hand and he said, 'You must be the clown who signed up as Santa Claus.' I knew I was in trouble from that moment on."

Then, two years ago, newspapers statewide carried a story about how a Mesquite resident, Santa Claus, had avoided a speeding ticket in Wichita Falls by giving his name to the police chief, who let him go after verifying by computer that a Santa Claus lived in the Dallas area. Only thing was, the Clauses has never been to Wichita Falls. The cop had been taken in by a sham Santa.

The teasing he received from co-

workers and neighbors "got out-of-hand," the real Claus said. "I finally called the officer and he said he knew by my voice that I wasn't the one he stopped."

But, Santa added, "I'm staying as far away from Wichita Falls as I can."

The Clauses spared their four daughters similar predicaments, naming them Danielle, Heather, Kim and Kelly. Like their father, they have trouble convincing new acquaintances of the genuineness of the name.

"So we carry around his old identification cards to prove it," said his youngest, Kelly, 11.



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## Tourists may prove to be last hope in preservation of endangered species

MIAMI (AP) — The tourist may be the unlikely last hope in the preservation of the endangered Bengal tiger, Rwanda mountain gorilla and the Amazon rain forest.

"The only person who is interested in preservation of the wildlife and the national parks is the quality visitor," said Kailash Sankhala, president and founder of Tiger Trust of India. "He's the only friend the national park has left."

Sankhala joined nearly 400 people from 28 countries in Miami recently for the second annual International Symposium on Ecotourism.

Many of the tour operators, developers, government officials and environmentalists there pointed to the Tiger Trust as a perfect example of how tourists, developers and preservationists can peacefully

coexist. "This is really a get-together of people whose living depends on natural resources," said Jon Kusler, chairman of the symposium, held by the Sierra Club. "And the money being brought in through tourism is a very powerful resource for protection."

Sankhala was a government forester for 35 years, before becoming interested in saving the tiger in India. In 1972, there were only 1,827 tigers left. Today, there are 4,300 tigers on 18 reserves in India, paid for in great part with tourist dollars.

Richard Ryel, founder of International Expeditions Inc., was tired of lab research as a biologist and obsessed with butterfly collecting in the Amazon rain forest.

Eleven years ago, he organized a few tours to the Amazon that stressed local culture and custom. Today, he is the largest "environmentally sensitive" tour operator in the world, according to Kusler, offering 30 destinations costing \$1,500 to \$5,000.

"They're not the average trip," Ryel said. "We try to establish a greater awareness of a culture and its people to preserve it for the future. And we offer the local inhabitants a reason to save (their natural resources) for the long term, instead of destroying it for the short-term benefit."

He said his tourists want to be educated and feel as if they are contributing to the preservation of the people and places they visit. "They come home as if they've

had a religious experience," Ryel said.

Bill Weber said that's how his visitors feel when they climb the Virunga Mountains in Rwanda, Central Africa, to see the sociable gorillas made famous by Dian Fossey.

Weber, assistant director of conservation for the Wildlife Conservation International, a division of the New York Zoological Society, said environmentalists persuaded the Rwanda government to abandon plans to reduce the size of the Volcano National Park for cattle graz-

ing. They told the government it could make more money by taking guided hiking tours into the park to see the gorillas.


Weber said 5,000 to 6,000 visitors climb the mountains each year, paying \$200 each to see the gorillas. The population was down to about 275 in the early 1970s; today there are 400 to 450 gorillas.

Closer to home, Stanley Selengut is a naturalist and resort developer who has won acclaim for his Maho Bay Campground on St. John in the United States Virgin Islands.

He believes developers and conservationists have no choice but to learn to live together.

"It always seems the most fragile and precious lands are where the oceans meet the land," said Selengut. "It used to be you could damage one place and move on to another. But our global concerns don't allow that anymore."

His Maho Bay guests stay in tent-cottages, share communal restrooms, recycle what they don't use and are invited to workshops and wildlife tours.



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# Lifestyles

## Toys for Tots



(Staff photo by Jean Streetman-Ward) Presenting a check to Lt. Don Wildish of the Salvation Army, are Joyce Mann, senior regent, left, and Mary Davis, publicity chairman, of the Women of the Moose.

## Red Cross communications

Keeping family connections intact for members for the U.S. armed forces, boosting morale, and ensuring that disaster victims and distant loved one can check on one another—that is the mission of EMERCOMM, the Emergency Communications unit of the American Red Cross.

Also known as "AMCROSS," its international cable address, EMERCOMM handles 4,500-5,000 messages on an average day—one every 38 seconds—and twice that amount during times of crisis. EMERCOMM messages usually originate with a family's phone call to the nearest Red Cross chapter any time of the day or night. After verification and routing, the messages are transmitted by phone and civilian and military computer networks, depending on the destination's receiving capability. If the service or family member is readily accessible, messages can be delivered and a response sent in as little as an hour. However, for persons at remote locations it may take longer for a message to get through.

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commanding officer instead of a Red Cross worker.

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Families wishing to contact a service member can call their nearest Red Cross chapter 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Their message will go through fastest if they have the service member's branch of service, name, rank, Social Security number and military address.

"With the Red Cross Emergency Communications system, service members and their families can always get urgent messages to one another," says Linda Duncan, executive director of Gray-Robert County Red Cross. "Keeping the family connection strong gives the families and service members more confidence and helps them cope with the separations and dangers that accompany life in the military. We are dedicated to providing that support."

## Your fingers take first step in learning where you vote.

DEAR ABBY: You recently published a letter, as you have often done, urging people to vote. You said that one-third of eligible citizens are not voting. Perhaps it is not their fault. Some people do not know where to go to register, how often to register (some people think you must register every year), where to vote and when to vote.

The registration board should advertise this information not only in the newspaper, but also on television and radio, as a public service. I know several people in town who are not voting because they don't know where to go to register. They don't even know whom to call with questions. I can't help them, as I am new here and voted absentee.

I know that if each community made it easier, more people would vote.

AN ILLINOIS VOTER

DEAR ILLINOIS VOTER: Anyone who wants to know how, when and where to register to vote can get specific details by calling the League of Women Voters or the county election board (both of which are listed in the phone directory). If you can't find them, call "Information."

DEAR ABBY: Until three years ago, I was a senior minister in a large church. My wife left me and divorced me at that time. My denomination doesn't believe in divorced ministers, so I lost my parish as a result of her departure. Since then, I have been able to get only temporary jobs that last a year per job. I am 50 years old.

My children are living with their mother 10 hours away and are in the 11th and 12th grades. The divorce decree requires that I pay child support until the children reach 18. I have never missed a payment.

My kids and their mother tell me that it's my duty to finance a four-year education for each of the kids. I have been self-supporting since I was 17 and put myself through college.

Abby, am I morally obligated to borrow the money to put my kids through college in my circumstances? I can barely support myself right now. Sign me ...

FLAT BROKE AT 50

## Eagle Scout



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanek) Richard Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Williams, received his Eagle Scout award Dec. 17. Williams is a member of Troop 414 which meets at First Presbyterian Church.

## Collector's love sparks lifetime doll collection

By BEN GOODWIN  
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

ALICE, Texas (AP) — Michael and Michelle are perfectly groomed babies and are amazingly well-behaved.

Michael, with his impeccable white jumper, fastened with tiny pink elephant buttons, sits on a cushion next to his sister, Michelle. The porcelain dolls have a fixed smile on their rosy-cheeked faces as they patiently wait for a doll collector to take them home.

But until then, their current owner, Nelda Pawelek, coos and talks to the twins, just as she does the other replicas of babies and scaled-down sculptures of adult life that fill her store's shelves.

Pawelek called out some of their names as she looked across the large room at the front of her home recently: Darcey, Katy, Louise, Diana, Harriet, Patsy, Mindy, Candi, Daisy and Pumpkin. Each doll bears a name and no two have the same.

However, they do share something in common: All are either discontinued models or limited-edition dolls.

Vlasta, an 18-inch-tall porcelain doll with blushed cheeks and a petticoat, is one of only 50 made by designer Pat Thompson, said Pawelek, who collects the dolls for her store, The Doll House. Consequently, the doll's value is unique: \$1,200.

Value aside, Pawelek's favorites are Annette Hempstead's "Barefoot Children," replicas of children with whom the designer is acquainted. Human hair is used for the dolls' coiffures and eyelashes. Their eyes seem full of curiosity and their toes and fingers are carefully sculpted.

The 50-year-old Pawelek seems to take great delight in the trio of Barefoot Children she owns, talking to two as she places them on the floor next to Ayoka, the only one of the three for sale.

"You find yourself talking to them like they're kids," Pawelek said.

The mother of three sons is not without parenting experience, but dolls were not a major part of the childhood she shared with six brothers and one sister, who is 11 years younger.

"I had to play boy games," the George West native recalled. "I had to start collecting dolls when I got older."

And an interest sparked by the Cabbage Patch craze has snowballed into the business she operates in downtown Alice.

"It wasn't something that I deliberately planned or wanted to do. It just kept growing," she said.

In her six years as a collector and vendor, though, Pawelek has become keenly aware that her choices must be well-studied, a task that makes doll collecting a full-time job.

The Doll House, which exclusively sells dolls and stuffed bears, caters to other collectors who want specific dolls or just unique models they know Pawelek will have.

She stays away from fad dolls after her experience with the Cabbage Patch creations that initially sparked her interest.

"Your stability is in dolls that are continuous sellers for years to come," Pawelek said.

Cabbage Patch dolls still are sought after, she said, but not as much as in the middle to late 1980s.

So she has stocked her business with other sure sells.

Near the center of the room, on a counter, stands Barbie, the mainstay of the doll industry. A smile is frozen on her face and she is clothed in a gold-sequined formal gown with gold pumps. Pawelek said that if Barbie had been available when she was a child, she probably would not have played with such a sophisticated toy.

Nonetheless, an older Pawelek is almost unable to contain her zeal for the doll's beauty.



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Abigail Van Buren

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- 1 — Earp
  - 6 Evening wear
  - 11 Ventilating
  - 13 Cattle
  - 14 Small shelter
  - 15 Western rope
  - 16 Island of exile
  - 17 Actress — Davis
  - 19 Dentist's deg.
  - 20 Advanced in years
  - 21 Ark builder
  - 25 Fish's breathing organ
  - 26 Energy unit (abbr.)
  - 27 Happen to
  - 30 Deplore
  - 33 Pictured
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  - 35 Family
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  - 39 Warm colors
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- 40 Actor Hefflin
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  - 49 Primitive word
  - 51 "Jane Eyre" author Charlotte
  - 52 Newspaper magnate — Murdoch
  - 53 Shelf
  - 54 Compass point
  - 1 Marked with wells
  - 2 Relinquish
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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  - 29 Browns
  - 30 Sac
  - 31 Food (sl.)
  - 32 Mother of Mile
  - 36 Neighbor of Fr.
  - 38 "Dallas" family
  - 39 Astronaut
  - 40 Nose bone
  - 41 To ship's left side
  - 42 Last inning
  - 44 Grafted, in heraldry
  - 45 Photo fixer (sl.)
  - 46 Barrel (abbr.)
  - 47 Poetic preposition
  - 48 Brick carrier
  - 50 Large container

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### Astro-Graph

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In the year ahead there are indications you might become affiliated with an organization in which you'll play a prominent role.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** It's a good policy today not to judge others by your standards, because there is a possibility you might be a trifle biased about things they are not. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** You won't be lacking for brilliant ideas today, but you might look to others to execute them for you instead of implementing them yourself. Unfortunately, delegating won't cut it.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** If you have accumulated a little financial surplus at this time, this is not a good day to start loosening your purse strings in order to gratify an extravagant whim. Continue to be prudent.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Your basic inclinations will be positive today, but you could be unfavorably influenced by persons who don't share your optimistic outlook. Don't let them cast shadows on your thinking.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Guard against tendencies today to prematurely judge others. Give them the same benefit of doubt you want for yourself. What you initially surmise could be way off target.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Most of your social encounters should work out well for you today, provided they don't represent unexpected expenses. The best things in life are free.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Favorable developments should run your way today if you remain your old, sweet self. However, if you suddenly become demanding or assertive, it's a whole new ball game.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Others will be willing to be helpful towards you today, provided you don't ask them to do things for you that you can easily take care of yourself. Imposition invites resistance.

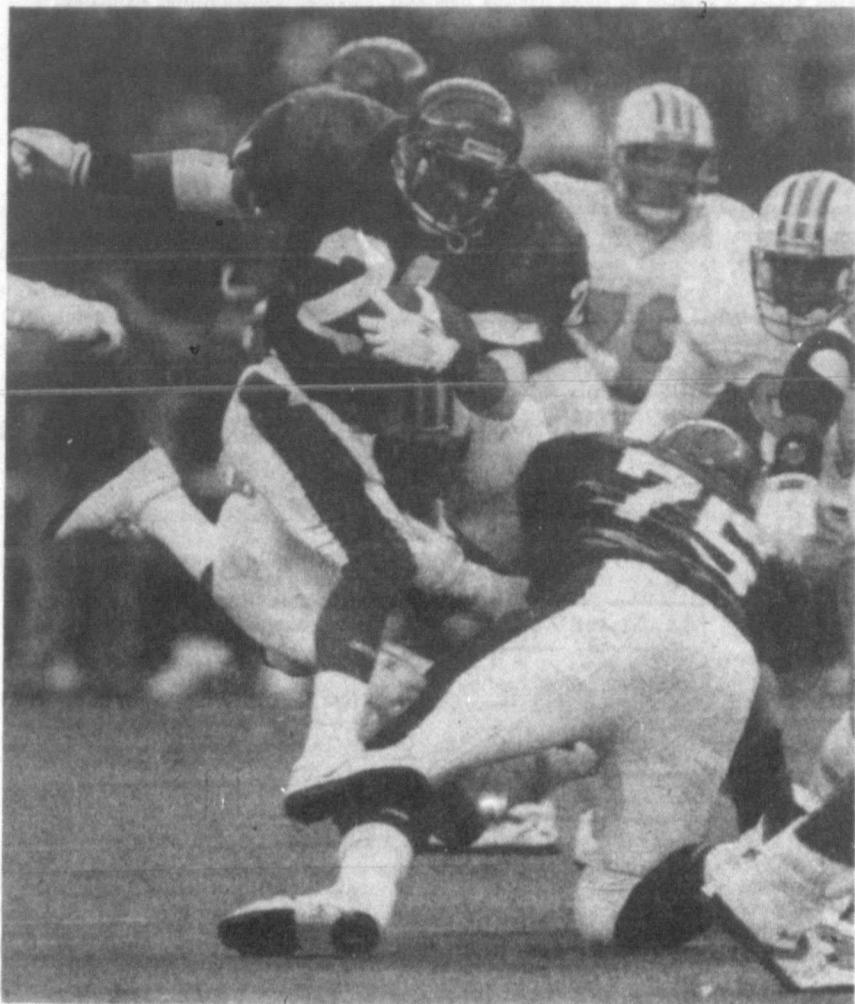
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Guard against tendencies today to be a trifle too possessive of persons you love. Help them in constructive ways, but don't try to smother them.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** There's a possibility disagreements could arise today between you and your mate over insignificant matters. If you do not see eye-to-eye, don't air your differences in public.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Your powers of observation are extremely acute today and you should be able to easily spot the shortcomings of others. However, you'd be wise not to reveal what you perceive to anyone else.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Gaiety and laughter should be your companions wherever you go today, provided you don't poke your nose into a relative's personal business. Don't trespass where you're not wanted.

# Sports



(AP Laserphoto)

Cincinnati Bengals running back James Brooks jumps over teammate Bruce Reimers on a run during the second half of Sunday's game with the Houston Oilers.

## Brooks' rushing helps Bengals defeat Oilers

By JOE KAY  
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI (AP) — James Brooks rushed for a club-record 201 yards Sunday, including a 56-yard touchdown run, as the Cincinnati Bengals beat Houston 40-20 to knock the Oilers out of first place in the AFC Central Division.

Brooks also set up a pair of touchdowns with runs of 40 and 45 yards, carrying the Bengals to a victory that kept them in the playoff chase.

Houston and Cincinnati are tied for second at 8-7, a game behind Pittsburgh. The Steelers (9-6) beat Cleveland 35-0 Sunday, and finish the regular season next Sunday night in the Astrodome. The Bengals finish at home against Cleveland.

Brooks' running provided almost all of the Bengals' first-half offense, and his repeated bursts through the line on sweeps and trap plays helped Cincinnati generate four second-half touchdowns to put the game out of reach.

Boomer Esiason threw a pair of touchdown passes to Eric Kattus in the final 6:07 to pad the lead after the Oilers fumbled away a punt and turned the ball over on downs deep in their own territory.

Brooks' 201 yards on 20 carries broke his own club record of 163 yards on 18 carries set against New England in 1986. His 15th 100-yard game moved him one ahead of Pete Johnson for another club record.

Houston quarterback Warren Moon was held to 288 yards, completing 25 of 48 with one interception. It was only the sixth time in 15 games this season he's been held under 300 yards.

Moon passed for 369 yards and a career-high five touchdowns in the team's earlier meeting, won by Houston 48-17 in the Astrodome.

Moon dislocated the thumb on his passing hand Sunday near the end of the loss to the Cincinnati Bengals and will be out for at least three weeks.

Team trainer Brad Brown said Moon would have surgery Sunday night to clean out the dislocated joint after the team returned to Houston.

"We're looking at three or four weeks before he'd be able to throw the football very well," Brown said.

The dislocated joint broke through the skin and was put back in place. Brown said the surgery Sun-

day night would be to clean it out to prevent infection.

Moon is the ninth quarterback to be injured by the last two weeks. Cody Carlson will have to try to rally the Oilers to their first-ever division title next Sunday night.

"It's devastating," Moon said. "You work so hard to get to this point. We've been close so many times. It's frustrating."

"It's one thing to have a division title taken away from us. It's another thing to have my season taken away from me. I'm not used to this. I'm not used to being injured."

The injury came one week after Moon had the second-best passing performance in NFL history, throwing for 527 yards against Kansas City. He hurt the thumb on an incomplete pass with 1:47 left in the game Sunday.

Houston scored in the first half on field goals of 29 and 36 yards by Teddy Garcia and on Moon's 21-yard touchdown pass to Haywood Jeffires. The Oilers could have had more — Houston had a fumble recovery nullified by an offside penalty, and had to settle for a field goal after driving to a first-and-goal from the 4-yard line.

Brooks provided almost all of the Bengals' first-half offense. He broke a 45-yard run to set up the first of Ickey Woods' two 1-yard touchdown runs, and sprinted 56 yards untouched on a trap play to tie the game 13-13 with 1:55 left in the half. Those runs were the longest allowed by the Oilers this season.

Brooks accounted for 109 of the Bengals' 177 first-half yards, and he wasn't finished.

After Moon ran 1 yard for a go-ahead touchdown early in the third quarter, Brooks broke off a 40-yard run to set up Stanford Jennings' 1-yard touchdown run.

Cincinnati drove 63 yards to the go-ahead touchdown midway through the third quarter, with Brooks contributing a 15-yard run. Woods' second short scoring run put the Bengals ahead 27-20 with 1:46 left in the quarter.

The Oilers self-destructed in the fourth quarter. Garcia hit the left upright on a 42-yard field goal attempt, and Gerald McNeil fumbled a punt to give Cincinnati possession at the Houston 20 with 6:56 left. Esiason's 16-yard touchdown pass to Kattus clinched it.

## Cowboys still searching for playoff berth

By RALPH BERNSTEIN  
AP Sports Writer

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Nobody seems to know just what position Keith Byars plays for the Philadelphia Eagles.

Byars is listed as a running back, but in the course of a game he also shows up at tight end, wide receiver, blocking back and passer. He demonstrated all of his versatility Sunday in leading the Eagles to a 17-3 victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

Byars threw his fourth touchdown pass in as many attempts this season to give the Eagles a 7-0 first-quarter lead. He also gained 27 yards on six carries, caught three passes for 21 yards and led the blocking as the Eagles ran for 178 yards. He even inadvertently kicked a fumbled ball 45 yards to set up a field goal.

The Eagles (9-6) can lock up the home-field edge for the NFC wild-card playoff game against Washington with a win at Phoenix on Saturday. Despite their first loss in five games, the Cowboys (7-8) can claim the NFC's final playoff spot with a victory next week in Atlanta.

Byars, a left-handed thrower, fooled the Cowboys on his option pass by rolling right, instead of left, as he had on his other three attempts, and hit Calvin Williams with an 18-yard TD pass.

"It was a different play that we worked on in practice," he said. "We knew it would catch them off guard throwing to my right."

The Eagles' defense added Troy Aikman to its list of KO'd quarterbacks. Aikman was decked by defensive end Clyde Simmons and left the game with 10:07 remaining in the first quarter with a dislocated right shoulder.

"I saw him coming and I got rid of the football," Aikman said. "It wasn't the hit. When I landed, I fell on the shoulder."

Aikman was the sixth quarterback the Eagles have knocked out of a game this season.

He was replaced by Babe Laufenberg, who had one completion all year. Laufenberg was 13 of 36 for 140 yards but had four passes intercepted, including Eric Allen's 35-yard touchdown return in the fourth quarter.

In addition to the four interceptions, the Eagles also had a pair of quarterback sacks and held the Cowboys to 199 total yards. Allen said Laufenberg was telegraphing his passes.

Randall Cunningham completed 16 of 28 passes for 144 yards and scrambled for 54 more yards on four carries. With one regular-season game left, Cunningham is 88 yards short of Bobby Douglass' NFL single-season record of 969 rushing yards by a quarterback.

The victory boosted Philadelphia coach

Buddy Ryan's record to 4-0 against Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson, who has a running feud with Ryan.

Despite the victory, Ryan was unhappy with his offense. Cunningham was sacked five times and threw two interceptions.

"We didn't play very well," Ryan said. "We played about as sorry on offense as we have this year. Dallas played as good as they can play. We played just well enough to win."

Johnson complained that the game turned in the second period when the instant replay officials reversed a fumble call that would have given the Cowboys the ball at the Eagles' 19.

"We had our chance and the (replay) official blew the call," Johnson said. With that, he walked out of the interview room.

After Byars' TD pass to Williams gave the Eagles the lead, the Cowboys made it 7-3 early in the second quarter on a 46-yard field goal by Ken Willis, but the Eagles countered with a 29-yard field goal by Roger Ruzek following a weird play.

After catching an 11-yard pass, Keith Jackson fumbled and Byars tried to pick up the ball. But Byars inadvertently kicked the ball and it rolled 45 yards before Williams recovered at the Dallas 20.

After a scoreless third period, the Eagles put the game away with 8:33 left on Allen's interception return.

## Saints upset 49ers to keep playoff hopes alive

By DICK BRINSTER  
AP Sports Writer

With the NFL playoff picture nearly complete, New Orleans Saints quarterback Steve Walsh hopes he gets a chance to bring out his brush.

"The picture will be painted Monday night when we play the Rams," Walsh said Sunday after the Saints upset the San Francisco 49ers 13-10 to remain alive in the battle for the final NFC wild-card berth.

The Saints and the Dallas Cowboys, hoping to become the first one-game winner to make the playoffs the next season, are the combatants even though they don't play each other.

"Now we're even," Walsh said in reference to the Cowboys, but Dallas is a little more even.

The Saints and Dallas are both 7-8, but it's the Cowboys who control their own destiny. Because it lost to Dallas earlier in the season, New Orleans must hope Atlanta beats the Cowboys on Sunday.

Philadelphia, a 17-3 winner over Dallas, and Washington, a 35-28 loser Saturday against Indianapolis, have already locked up wild-card berths behind division champions San Francisco, the New York Giants and Chicago.

By beating Phoenix 24-21, the Giants assured themselves of the second seed — behind San Francisco — and a playoff week off. The Bears would play either New Orleans or Dallas in the first round while all that remains to be settled between Washington and Philadelphia is the site of their game.

The AFC East champions (12-3) hold the home-field advantage over all but the 49ers.

The AFC is not so simple. Buffalo clinched the East with a 24-14 victory over Miami, which already had a wild-card berth.

The Los Angeles Raiders, 28-24 winners Saturday over Minnesota, and the Kansas City Chiefs, also have berths clinched. The Raiders (11-4) need to finish a game ahead of the Chiefs (10-5) to win the West because Kansas City won both times they played. The Chiefs clinched with a 24-21 victory over San Diego.

That brings us to the AFC Central, where all the excitement will exist next Sunday.

The Steelers (9-6) would win the

AFC Central with a victory over Houston, but they would be eliminated in the wild-card tiebreaking procedure with a loss to the Oilers (8-7). Pittsburgh could still be a wild-card if there are no other 9-7 teams.

Houston can win only the division if it beats Pittsburgh and Cincinnati (8-7) loses to Cleveland (3-12).

Seattle, a 17-12 winner over Denver, would finish 9-7 with a victory over Detroit. The Seahawks would win a wild-card tiebreaker over Cincinnati or Houston on the strength of victories earlier this season, but if Pittsburgh gets involved in the wild-card race with Seattle, the head-to-head advantage disappears because Seattle did not play the Steelers.

Elsewhere, the New York Jets 4-2, New England 7; Atlanta 20, the Los Angeles Rams 13; and Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 14. On Saturday, it was Detroit 24, Green Bay 17.

**Bills 24, Dolphins 14**  
Subbing for the injured Jim Kelly, Frank Reich completed 15 of 21 passes for a career-high 234 yards and two touchdowns, and Thurman Thomas ran for 154 yards and a score as the Bills (13-2) won their third straight AFC East title and the home-field advantage.

Buffalo's defense limited Miami (11-4) to 35 rushing yards and controlled Dan Marino, sacking him three times and forcing two turnovers.

**Steelers 35, Browns 0**  
Pittsburgh's AFC-leading defense forced fumbles on Cleveland's first three plays from scrimmage and took a 21-0 lead with less than nine minutes gone.

Bubby Brister threw four touchdowns in the first half, two to Mike Mularkey and one each to Merrill Hoge and rookie Chris Calloway.

Pittsburgh forced nine turnovers and scored on its first four possessions. The Browns (3-12) lost for the ninth time in 10 games.

**Seahawks 17, Broncos 12**  
An illegal motion penalty wiped out John Elway's last-second touchdown pass, preserving Seattle's victory over Denver and keeping the Seahawks alive in the playoff race.

As time expired, Elway threw a 51-yard pass that Michael Young caught on the back boundary of the

end zone. The official covering the play signaled that the catch was good, but a flag had already been thrown in the Denver backfield, negating the play and ending the game.

**Giants 24, Cardinals 21**  
Backup quarterback Jeff Hostetler scored the decisive touchdown on a 4-yard run in the final period.

But the NFC East champion Giants had to withstand a career-high 381-yard passing performance by Timm Rosenbach, who also tied a career-high with three touchdowns passes. Rosenbach was 23 of 41 with two interceptions.

The Giants (12-3) beat the Cardinals (5-10) for the fifth straight time while eliminating them from wild-card playoff contention.

**Chiefs 24, Chargers 21**  
Nick Lowery kicked Kansas City (10-5) into the playoffs, making a 32-yard field with 2:46 remaining to assure the Chiefs of their first playoff appearance since 1986.

San Diego (6-9) had one last chance, but its final possession ended when Deron Cherry intercepted Billy Joe Tolliver for the second time.

**Saints 13, 49ers 10**  
Morten Andersen kicked a 40-yard field goal with 4:43 remaining to keep the Saints' playoff hopes alive.

Joe Montana did not dress for the game due to a strained abdominal muscle that flared up overnight. It was the first game the quarterback has missed this season.

Steve Young completed 22 of 37 passes for 208 yards for San Francisco (13-2) and ran eight times for 102 yards.

**Bears 27, Buccaneers 14**  
Mike Tomczak, making his first start this season, passed for two touchdowns and ran for one as Chicago ended Tampa Bay's playoff hopes.

Kevin Butler kicked second-half field goals of 46 yards and 43 yards for the NFC Central champion Bears (11-4). Tampa Bay is 6-9.

**Falcons 20, Rams 13**  
Scott Case returned an interception 36 yards for a TD and quarterback Hugh Millen won for the first time as a starter.

The Falcons (4-11) snapped a seven-game losing streak and left the Rams at 5-10.

Jets 42, Patriots 7

New York (5-10) got two scoring runs from Freeman McNeil and two TD passes from Ken O'Brien to end a five-game slide.

New England lost for a club-record 13th straight time. At 1-14, the Patriots have clinched the top pick in next spring's draft.



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## Arkansas survives Oregon scare 71-68

By ARNIE STAPLETON  
AP Sports Writer

It's a good thing Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson didn't bench Lee Mayberry after a scoreless first half.

Mayberry scored the game-winning basket and made the game-clinching steal at the finish as the second-ranked Razorbacks survived a major scare at Oregon, 71-68, Saturday night in Eugene, Ore.

"That's Lee's style," Richardson said. "Everybody talks about what he ought to be doing. But Lee knows what to do. He's got the green light to do what it takes to win games."

In other games involving Southwest Conference teams Saturday, No. 17 Georgia beat No. 23 Texas 79-71 in Atlanta, Rice beat Southwest Texas State 78-69 on the road, Vanderbilt squeaked past Southern Methodist 68-65, New Mexico State trounced Texas Tech 79-58 and Pacific beat Texas Christian 66-60.

"We got lucky," the Razorbacks' Todd Day said. "But we weren't going to let them beat us."

Day went to the line with six seconds to go. He made the first, but missed the second giving Oregon a final chance at a game-tying 3-pointer.

But Mayberry, who hit the Razorbacks' crucial final field goal on an outside jumper, capped a brilliant second-half performance by stripping the ball from Duck guard Terrell Brandon to seal the victory. He finished with 12 points.

Day led the Razorbacks with 22 points. Arkansas (9-1), playing after an 11-day layoff, led

most of the contest, but never by more than 10 points.

In Atlanta, Marshall Wilson scored 24 points and Litteral Green 21 as the Bulldogs held off the Longhorns.

Georgia built an 18-point lead 6 1/2 minutes into the second half and withstood a rally keyed by Benford Williams that saw the Longhorns (4-3) cut the lead to 62-56 with just under seven minutes remaining.

The Longhorns played the second half without leading scorer Joey Wright, who went out with a sprained right ankle with 3:48 left in the first half. Wright scored only two points, 23 below his average.

Rice (4-3) opened the second half with a 19-5 run to put Southwest Texas State away.

Kenneth Rourke scored 24 points and Brent Scott added 20 points and a game-high 14 rebounds for the Owls.

In Nashville, Tenn., Steve Grant hit a pair of free throws with 26 seconds left and Vanderbilt weathered four SMU 3-point shot attempts in the final seconds. The Mustangs fell to 1-6.

New Mexico State extended the nation's second-longest home winning streak to 22 games by thumping Texas Tech in Las Cruces, N.M.

Reggie Jordan, Tracey Ware and William Benjamin each scored 15 points and the Aggies held the Red Raiders (3-7) without a field goal for nearly seven minutes in the second half.

In Compton, Calif., Dell Demps scored 35 points as Pacific handed the Horned Frogs only their second loss in nine games.

Reggie Smith led TCU with 16 points, five below his average.

## Wilmer-Hutchins, Groveton take state championships

By The Associated Press

Talk about efficiency.

Wilmer-Hutchins quarterback Brian Kirk completed two passes and both went for touchdowns in the Eagles' 19-7 victory over Austin Westlake in the Texas Class 4A state championship Saturday in Waco.

When Kirk was knocked out of the game after a 21-yard run in the fourth quarter, backup Rod Hill came on and completed one pass — also for a touchdown.

The wind was 17 mph out of the north and the temperature was 10 degrees at kickoff as some 2,000 fans huddled in rapid Floyd Casey Stadium as a cold snap gripped the entire state.

In other state title games Saturday, Marshall beat Converse Judson 21-19 in the Class 5A Big School championship at the toasty

Astrodome while Vernon won the Class 3A game, 41-20 over Crockett in Bedford and Groveton beat De Leon 25-19 in Waco for the Class 2A bragging rights.

The Class A title game between Monday and Bartlett will be held at 2 p.m. CST today in Bedford, a Fort Worth suburb. Icy roads stranded Monday and the game was rescheduled from its original Saturday date.

Wilmer-Hutchins, winning their first state football title, led 13-7 at halftime on two touchdown passes by Kirk.

Tight end Emmanuel Brown caught a 22-yard scoring pass in the first period and Terrod Lilly snared a 42-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter to build a 13-0 Wilmer-Hutchins lead.

On fourth-and-2 from the Westlake 8 in the fourth quarter, Hill

chased down a ball that was snapped between his legs, picked it up at the 11, and threw a touchdown pass to David Jones.

Wilmer-Hutchins, which lost its opener to Dallas Roosevelt, finished 14-1. Austin Westlake, which dropped down to Class 4A from 5A this year, ended the season at 13-3.

Rodney Thomas scored two touchdowns in 20 seconds and Gerald Farley got the game winner on a 46-yard run as the Groveton Indians successfully defended their Class 2A state title with a 25-19 victory over the De Leon Bearcats in numbing cold.

Thomas, the Associated Press Class 2A offensive player of the year, rushed 35 times for 220 yards at Floyd Casey Stadium in light snow, 16 degree cold and a minus 8 degrees wind chill factor.

It was Groveton's 32nd consecutive victory.

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## Washington State studies ways to restore wood debris in streams for fish

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Jeff Cederholm gazes at the mess of newly placed logs and branches in rain-swollen Porter Creek the way an artist might study his work.

The state fisheries scientist sees the promise of new life in the placid pools and riffles where only rapids roared until workers placed the debris in the stream this fall.

Years of streamside logging, in-stream wood salvaging and clearing have cost Porter Creek nearly all its woody debris, which is vital to healthy fish habitat, Cederholm says. The story was repeated hundreds of times in streams throughout the Northwest before recent regulations to protect in-stream wood and streamside timber, and through them the summer rearing and feeding and winter refuge of young fish not ready for migration to sea.

"The importance of wood in streams is well-established now. And there's been a lot of work in the Northwest to return large organic debris to streams. But there's been very little thorough evaluation of the good or bad that can happen as a result of wood placement. That's what we want to find out here," says Cederholm, the Department of Natural Resources' lone fisheries scientist.

"I really want to know the answer to this question. I get the question all the time: 'How come we can't dump logs in the creek?'" Cederholm says. "My basic answer is that I want to enhance streams as much as anybody. The streams are devoid of wood from past practices. But I'm not going to jump until I know for sure what I'm doing, and what works and what doesn't work."

Cederholm pointed through dripping alders at a naked stretch of the stream, about 25 miles west of Olympia. "Some people think that looks nice. But streams need to be messy to be productive habitat for the coho salmon, steelhead and cutthroat. They need to have lots of logs and side-channel pools; a riffle here, little slow areas there, another pool here, a big jam down there."

Cederholm, a big, exuberant man with a contagious love of fish, has joined with Weyerhaeuser Co. fish scientist Bob Bilby to conduct a

\$400,000 scientific experiment along a 1,500 meter stretch of the creek. The findings could lead to restoration of woody debris in scores of Northwest streams.

The experiment began in 1988 with annual inventories of fish populations and computer mapping of stream shape, flow and other features.

The top 500 meters of the stretch were left as found for comparison. The next 500 meters were studied by hydrologists and about 70 high-quality trees were brought from an

adjacent hillside and placed in the stream. The final third, dubbed "Loggers' Choice," contains 50 alder trees simply felled into the stream.

The scientists cabled all logs to stumps or boulders to ensure against downstream jams and flooding.

A goal is to develop wood placement standards to improve habitat at the lowest cost. That way, Cederholm says, loggers could perform the work themselves while they have equipment and workers on site. Cederholm says the experiment is

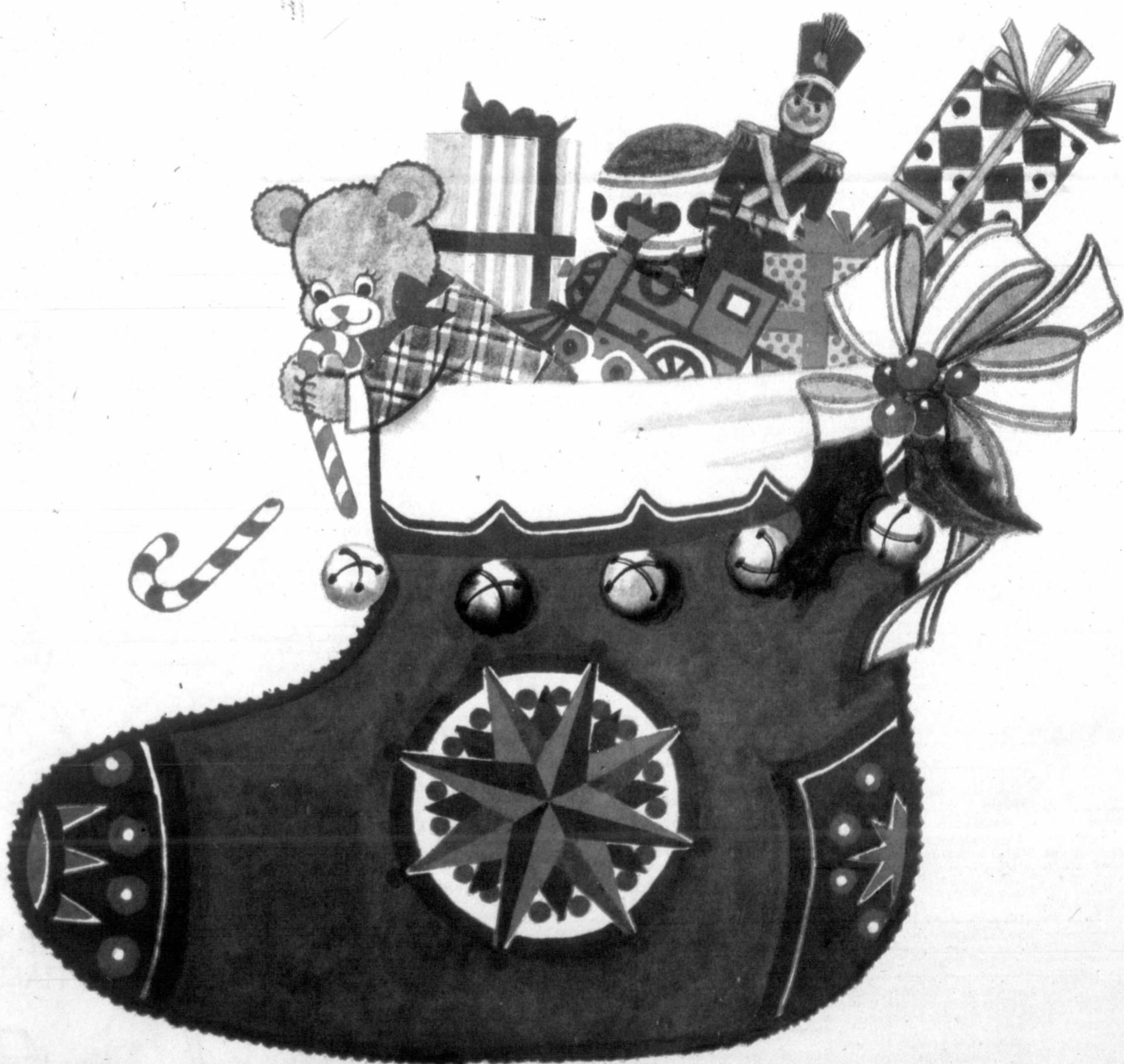
focusing primarily on the value of the debris as winter habitat for the three anadromous species, fish that migrate from fresh water to the ocean and back.

Cederholm and Bilby will conduct annual population counts of smolting cutthroat, steelhead and coho salmon before they go to sea. They hope to learn within three years if the newly created pools protected more of the anadromous fish from being flushed out by winter storms, and if the pools and riffles improved summer feeding habitat.

Another major issue is the wood's potential value to summer cutthroat, which prefer deep, wood-choked pools for feeding.

The valley through which the creek flows was logged by the railroad in the 1930s, and streamside Douglas fir and cedar were taken, meaning the stream's future wood supply was lost, the scientist says. That was followed by cedar salvagers, who cleared the creek of other wood in order to float the valuable bolts downstream, Cederholm says.

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