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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Cloudy and colder with a chance of rain north Monday, becoming colder areawide Tuesday and Wednesday, with a chance of snow north and rain south. Partly cloudy Wednesday.



Winning card art

Born eight years ago with a birth trauma known as craniofacial deformity, Jennifer Johnson is now an active child after considerable surgery. For more about her and her award-winning art, please see Lifestyle.

Downtown Empty edifice: Growth symbol

By STEVE GEISSEN Staff Writer

A nondescript, vacant building — a symbol of the deterioration of downtown Big Spring — currently occupies a section of the lot at 100 Main St.

But if the second reading of a proposed Big Spring City Council ordinance to vacate a portion of Main Street at the corner of First Street is approved Jan. 10, the building will be torn down and construction of a Railroad Plaza will begin on the site.

The plaza, a project developed by the Downtown Steering Committee, is designed to be a landscaped marketplace area commemorating Big Spring's railroad history.

Located across the street from the Union Pacific Railroad Company, it will feature three railroad boxcars that will house a restaurant and gift shops.

The council approved the first reading of the ordinance Tuesday by a vote of 6-0.

The only serious opposition to the ordinance came from representatives of the T&P Federal Credit Union.

At a public hearing held by the council, David Roman, general manager of the credit union, said he opposed the elimination of parking spaces in front of the credit union.

Because the plaza will extend into Main Street, nine parking spaces at the north end of south Main will be eliminated. Twelve parking spaces on the south side of First Street bordering the plaza will be created.

On Wednesday, after the first reading of the ordinance was approved, Roman said he would not oppose the project further.

The owners or operators of 10 businesses on Main Street near the proposed project have given the Downtown Steering Committee their written approval of the project.

T&P Federal Credit Union sold the committee the property at 100 Main in January.

"If you would have told me five years ago I was going to invest money in a downtown building, I would have told you that you were crazy," Richard Atkins said. "But I've had a change of heart since this project got going."

If the second reading of the ordinance to vacate the section of Main Street is approved, construction of the plaza will begin in late January and will likely be completed in the summer, said Teri Quinones, downtown development coordinator.

The plan for the plaza was introduced to the community in April 1987. Because of the need to coordinate public and private actions, progress on the project has been slow, said Quinones.

Johnston Contractors was awarded the construction contract in November. The construction cost, which excludes landscaping and furnishings such as park benches, is \$175,237. The construction will be financed using only private donations, she said.

The Downtown Steering Committee currently has funds totaling \$181,000, — \$150,000 of which came from private donations — and will eventually have at least \$230,000 to devote to the project, said Quinones.

In March, Fina Oil and Chemical Company pledged to donate \$10,000 each year for five years to the project, said Quinones. Union Pacific has donated a caboose to the project, she said.

The Railroad Plaza is the initial step in a three-prong downtown renovation plan, said

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Crash victims' families bitter

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bitterness took hold Friday among friends and relatives of the Pan Am crash victims over the possibility the tragedy was a terrorist attack, and many wondered at the coincidences by which some people and not others were aboard.

If terrorists are responsible, "They should kill them. Who are they to take their political problems out on innocent civilians?" said Colgate University student Chris Quinn, who lost a fellow student in the crash.

The Boeing 747 en route to New York from London crashed into a Scottish hamlet Wednesday, killing all 258 on board.

The dead included business executives, 35 students taking part in a Syracuse University study abroad program and others coming home for the holidays.

NBC News reported that one of the victims was the CIA's chief of station in Beirut, Lebanon, but State Department spokeswoman Sondra McCarty said she had no information on any victims being employees of the intelligence agency.

Three State Department employees died in the crash, including two junior employees assigned as security officers, and political officer Matthew K. Gannon, of Orange, Calif., spokeswoman Phyllis Oakley said earlier Friday.

Gannon, assigned to the department's Middle East bureau, was returning home upon completion of assignment in Beirut as a political officer. He had previously worked in North Yemen, Jordan and Syria, Mrs. Oakley said.

Calls by The Associated Press to the CIA were not immediately returned.

Also among the victims were an Army navigator heading home for the funeral of his sister; a soldier flying home to be with his father while he awaited surgery, and a cabin attendant who planned to retire after the flight.

Traffic jams, a ticket mixup and a final exam that lasted too long were among the twists that saved the lives of others who nearly took Flight 103.

The State Department warned U.S. embassies Dec. 7 of a bomb

AIR CRASH page 2-A

Santa going whole HOG on family of six children

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer

For one Big Spring family, at least, Santa Claus will be riding a hog when he comes calling this Christmas Eve.

Not a four-legged hog, mind you, but the two-wheeled variety more specifically known as a Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

Santa will use this slightly unorthodox mode of transportation thanks to a group of Big Spring Harley riders known as the Harley Owners Group, or — you guessed it — HOG for short.

They will come riding to the aid of a homeless family of eight that, until recently, was living in the back of a car, according to HOG sponsor Howard Walker, owner of the Big Spring Harley shop.

"Pat Lawlis of West Texas Opportunities called me about this family with six children — all under six years of age — who were living in the back of their car," Walker said.

The motorcycle group had sponsored a toy run earlier this month to gather donations for the Salvation Army, and Lawlis inquired as to whether the riders had any spare toys for the family in question — which had applied at the Salvation Army too late to qualify for Christmas gifts.

"She said she had found the father a job and (the family) a place to live, but that they didn't have any money for toys or other presents," Walker said.

Walker approached his fellow enthusiasts at the group's Christmas party Wednesday and told them of the family's plight.

"The next thing you know, I had a



Big Spring Harley shop owner and HOG club member Howard Walker loads Santa's goodies in preparation of delivery.

day night auction apparently came through with flying colors, because Edwards and his wife, Marianne, returned to the Harley shop Friday morning with what Walker estimates as two truckloads of items.

In addition, \$96 in cash was raised for the family, Walker said.

The HOGers — with the aid of Santa Claus — were to deliver the presents Saturday afternoon, and excess items will be distributed to the Rainbow Project and the Northside Community Center, said Maxwell Green, local accountant and HOG president.

Green said he is proud of both the group's 12 members, as well as the citizens who contributed during the auction.

"Usually, we just meet and kick the tires," Green said. "We did better with this than our normal toy run. . . This is just a bunch of people trying to do good."

Waving at the seven large boxloads of toys, clothes and various utensils, Green said of the auctioneers' donation: "This really displays the big heart and generosity of the people of Big Spring. . . the people of Big Spring still care."

Aside from this incident, HOG also conducts an annual toy run during the first week of December to collect toys for the Salvation Army's Christmas relief program.

"We send out notices to our riders that we're having a run," Green said. "They're supposed to bring a toy or money and meet us here at the shop."

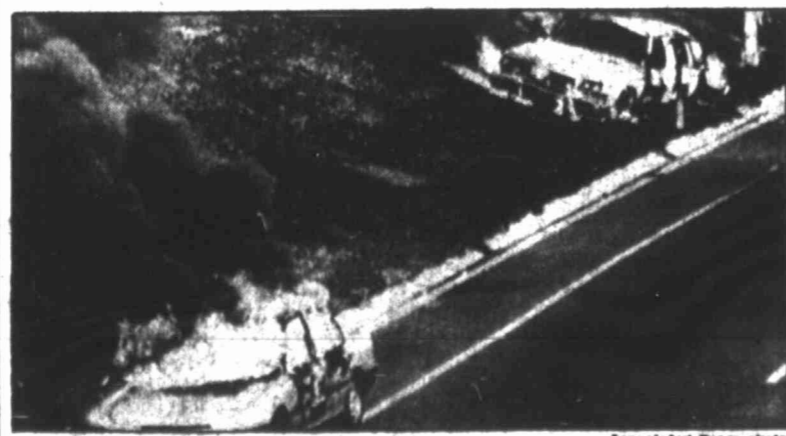
stack of toys and \$49 cash in my hands," Walker said.

But the group's giving didn't stop there, he added.

"One of the riders (John Edwards) took it upon himself to go out to Spring City Auction and ask the folks there if they could donate something to this family," he said.

The participants at the Thurs-

Eight die as propane tanker 'bursts into fireball'



MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Cars set afire by a propane tanker explosion burn near downtown Memphis Friday. At least eight people have died in the incident.

By WOODY BAIRD Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A 10,000-gallon propane truck burst into a fireball and blasted off "like an unguided missile," smashing into a house 125 yards away, killing two people inside and five motorists, authorities said.

The tanker skidded on an interstate exit ramp near downtown Friday morning, hit a wall and exploded, authorities said. The death toll rose to eight when the driver of an 18-wheel truck was killed after plowing into a traffic jam caused by the wreck.

Ten other people were injured, including James M. Malone, 57, who was burned in another home

and was listed in critical condition Saturday at the Regional Medical Center.

The huge fireball destroyed six cars and damaged half a dozen houses in addition to the duplex crushed by the tanker truck, officials said.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board in Washington were to inspect the scene Saturday, said agency spokesman Michael Benson.

The truck crashed on Interstate 240, rupturing its tank and releasing liquid propane that turned into a gaseous cloud as it escaped. A spark apparently triggered the explosion, authorities said.

"All of a sudden everything was

on fire," said Dorothy Hettinger, who lives next door to the wood-frame duplex. "It was like an earthquake. My whole house was shaking."

"The whole sky was white, just lit up," said Gaines Tension, manager of a nearby sheet metal plant. "You could feel the heat inside the building."

The victims had little chance to escape the flames, said Frank Baker, a deputy fire chief at the scene.

"There was a huge fireball, maybe 700 to 800 feet," Baker said. "It engulfed three or four cars. "I heard the explosion and saw the tanker flying through the air."

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Spring board

How's that? Pension

Q. I am drawing protected pension benefits from the Veterans Administration. My health has deteriorated and I think I may be eligible for aid and attendance. Can this be added to my current benefit?

A. According to the Office of Public Affairs, to be considered for aid and attendance you must establish eligibility under the new pension law and elect payment under that law.

Calendar Gospel

MONDAY • The gospel singing that was scheduled at the Kentwood Older Adult Center is cancelled.

WEDNESDAY • The city will be flushing fire hydrants in the Greenbelt Area from 1 to 5 p.m. Residents may experience low water pressure.

Tops on TV

Bloopers

Super Bloopers and Practical Jokes — Corbin Benson, Vanna White and Kirk Cameron are practical joke victims in this one-hour comedy special. — 9 p.m. Ch. 13.

• The Gift of Love: A Christmas Story Golden Showcase — (1983) Lee Remick, Angela Lansbury. Uplifting drama about an embattled woman who, through the help of dreams, discovers that love can help overcome the most despairing experiences. — 8 p.m. Ch. 7.

• Cannonball Run II — (1984) Burt Reynolds, Dom DeLuise.



Lucky man

WILBRAHAM, Mass. — Curtis Rahilly, home safe for Christmas, bestows a kiss on his mother Dorothy in their Christmas-decorated living room Thursday. He was originally booked on the ill-fate

Pan Am flight 103 Wednesday but through a ticketing mix-up ended up on another flight from London to New York to be home for Christmas.

Panel raises doubts on ensuring shuttle safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — A scientific advisory panel says it has concerns about NASA's efforts to continue improvements in the design of the space shuttle's booster rockets.

H. Guyford Stever, chairman of the National Research Council panel, said Friday that although NASA has flown two successful missions since the 1986 Challenger accident, he has a "broad concern" that the space agency continue to monitor and evaluate the redesigned booster rockets.

"Success breeds confidence, and that's what you want, but it can also threaten you with complacency," Stever said in an interview.

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Stever's panel, in its final report delivered to NASA on Wednesday,

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cited two new problems with the redesigned boosters used in the Sept. 29 launch of the shuttle Discovery:

• Small pieces of cork used to cover external diagnostic instruments and their electrical leads were lost during flight and one piece is believed to have damaged thermal tiles on the orbiter. Cork is also suspected of causing extensive damage to tiles on Atlantis, which was launched Dec. 2.

• Metal-to-metal seals were scratched and pitted. Stever said that removal of the seals could

raise shuttle program costs, but he said the scars were small and did not threaten safety.

The report also lists nine problem areas that need to be addressed before the redesign effort can be considered complete.

Among the remaining tasks are strengthening of the conical base of the booster rocket, more testing of booster segments to determine their potential to be reused safely, improving materials for bonding booster parts, developing alternative materials for O-ring seals and more test-firing at cold temperatures, the report said.

Snow holds promise of Upper Midwest white Christmas eve

By the ASSOCIATED PRESS Winter storms spread snow across much of the West and upper Midwest on Friday, with Minnesota, Utah, Colorado, and Nevada getting the heaviest accumulations.

Winter storm watches were posted for Saturday for upper Michigan, southeastern Wisconsin, northern Illinois and eastern Iowa; and across much of Oregon, northwestern Nevada and the mountains of northern and east-central California.

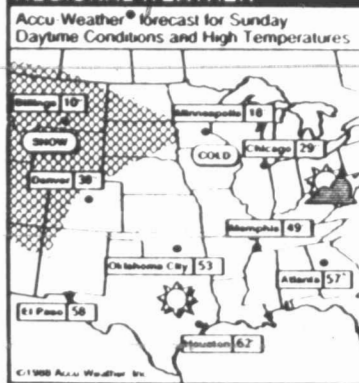
Snowfall for the past two days was particularly heavy in Nevada. Up to a foot of snow fell around Lake Tahoe, near Reno and in the northern mountains late Thursday and early Friday. A storm Thursday produced 25 inches of snow in the Sierra portion of the Lake Tahoe area.

In Utah, Alta was blanketed with about 12 inches since Thursday night and up to 7 inches of new snow covered the ground at Kanab. In Colorado, 11 inches of snow fell at Wolf Creek, while Telluride and Delores received 6 inches.

Oregon's Cascade and Siskiyou mountain passes were forecast to receive as much as 18 inches of snow from the storm.

Elsewhere, the northern half of Minnesota was hit with as much as 6 inches at Roseau and 4 inches at Crookston.

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Snow also fell in central and southern New England and in eastern New York state, and was scattered in Upper Michigan and Wisconsin. Rain reached from eastern Pennsylvania across western South Carolina and northeastern Georgia, and was scattered in the Pacific Northwest.

Temperatures around the nation at 2 p.m. EST ranged from 8 degrees at Caribou, Maine, to 81 degrees at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Saturday's forecast called for rain showers across much of the nation east of the Mississippi; snow from Iowa across southeastern Wisconsin and upper Michigan; and rain becoming snow in higher elevations, extending from the Pacific Coast across the Great Basin.

month, and is considering the others on the list.

The booster rockets worked for 24 flights before failing on the Challenger mission, Stever pointed out. Referring to the redesigned booster rockets, he said, "we don't consider it a bad design, it's just that things could be improved further."

The report also recommends several risk-reduction steps, including maintaining technically competent personnel familiar with booster design to evaluate and improve quality control, assembly and launch operations and maintaining ground-testing and in-flight performance measuring programs.

It also recommends insulating the budget for these safety activities from "competitive pressures" from other programs.

These were no pennies from heaven, thank you

FLOSSMOOR, Ill. (AP) — They were pennies all right, 700,000 of them in all, but they didn't come from heaven. They were a retirement present to the Rev. Joseph Ryan from youngsters at his parish grade school.

The pennies came in plastic water jugs wrapped in Christmas paper and were presented to the 70-year-old priest on Wednesday.

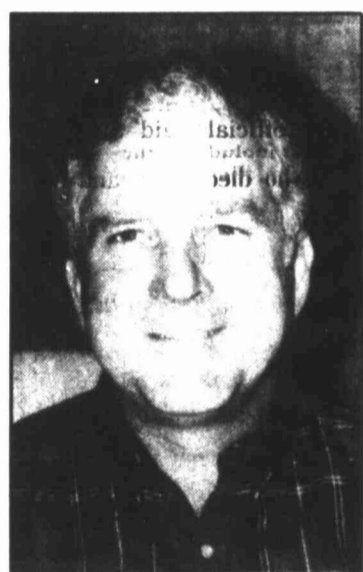
"I didn't take it to the bank," Ryan said. "One of those water jugs weighs 200 pounds. They'll have to get a truck."

The fifth-grade class at Infant Jesus of Prague Elementary

School in this Chicago suburb collected the pennies as a mathematics project to try to visualize what 1 million of anything looks like.

They didn't quite make it. They decided to turn the \$7,000 in pennies into a present for the priest. Principal Tom Sedor said the pupils put on quite a show along with the presentation of pennies.

"They put on some skits that revolved around Father Ryan," he said. "They sang parodies of songs, substituting 'penny' for a lot of the words."



BURTON R. MOORE

Moore gets promotion

U.S. Air Force Brigadier General Burton R. Moore has been promoted to lieutenant general, the Air Force announced Friday.

A 25-year veteran of the Air Force, Moore is married to the former Ilameta Carr, daughter of Fred and Edwina Carr, formerly of Big Spring; the Carrs and Moores were in Big Spring for the holidays Friday when the promotion was announced, Moore said.

The Moores have two children; daughter Meredith is a freshman at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and son Jon is a high school junior in Reston, Va. The Moores were visiting John and Sidney Arrick, 509 Westover Road, for the holidays. Also visiting the Arricks were Mrs. Moore's parents, now of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Mack and Marilee Frazier, Greeley, Colo.

Gen. Moore received his wings in 1964 after completing undergraduate pilot training at Webb Air Force Base. Currently assigned to the Pentagon, he serves as director of legislative liaison for the Air Force.



Holiday treat

MONROE, Mich. — Kevin Thomas, left, a Monroe County Community College culinary arts instructor, and Larry Douglas survey a gingerbread

Police beat

Big Spring police reported that the owner of Doyle Rice Vacuum Cleaner Co., 407 W. Third St., reported unknown persons broke several glass windows at the store, valued at \$180.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County sheriff's department reported the following:

• Jesse Tony Reyes, 22, 506 E. 12th St., was arrested by Department of Public Safety officers on a charge of driving while intoxicated/first offense. He is being held on \$1,000 bond.

• A Coahoma woman reported a person she knows assaulted her at a convenience store.

• A Coahoma man reported unknown persons took two guns, 12 sweaters and an undetermined amount of cash from his residence.

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China softening blow For producing a girl

BEIJING (AP) — Local governments in China, faced with growing peasant resistance to the one-child policy, are trying to soften the blow to families whose one child turns out to be a girl.

A county in southeastern China's Jiangxi province has set up an old-age insurance program for couples that have a girl and then agree to be sterilized, the official People's Daily said Friday.

Another county in Guangdong province has set up a similar program, with the local government and parents of girls jointly contributing to a pension fund, the paper said Monday.

China, seeking to control a population that already exceeds 1.08 billion, has mandated that most families can have only one child. But peasant families want boys to help in the fields and support them in their old age. For centuries girls have been regarded as a burden because once they become old enough to make money they marry into another family.

As China's economic reforms have made peasants wealthier, more and more are willing to

pay fines and have a second or third child if the first ones turn out to be girls. China also has acknowledged a growing problem of girl babies being aborted, killed at birth or abandoned, creating a sex ratio imbalance.

The People's Daily said the new old-age insurance plans are designed to overcome the disadvantages of having a girl.

In the Jiangxi case, local governments and industries have donated to a fund that will be invested, and parents of girls who are sterilized can receive payments after they reach age 55.

In Guangdong, families can draw on the pension fund after 25 years.

Women are under strong pressure from their husbands and in-laws to have sons. The official China Daily recently reported the case of a young woman in Beijing whose in-laws threw her out of the house because she had a girl.

In one effort to cope with the problem, China's family planning officials said in August they were beginning to allow peasant families whose first child was a girl to have a second one.

Deaths

Jasper Evans

Jasper Evans, 79, Big Spring, died Tuesday, December 20, 1988 at a local nursing home.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, with the Rev. I.C. Cooper Jr. and the Rev. Ernest C. Wilson officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home.

He was born October 27, 1909 in Henderson. He married Frankie Green on Dec. 23, 1930 in Anson and came to Big Spring in 1956 from Brady. He worked for Praggers Mens Store as a janitor for 29 years and also worked for Security State Bank. He was a member of Bakers Chapel A.M.E. and served as a steward for 34 years.

Survivors include his wife, Frankie Evans, Big Spring; three daughters: Margie Talley, Denver, Colo.; Deborah Collins and Ruth Akins, Big Spring; six sons: Charles, Denver, Colo.; Samuel, Midland; Thomas, Roger, Leonard and Herman, all of Big Spring; a brother, Roosevelt, Mansfield, Ohio; one sister, Johnnie Mae Flakes, Ft. Worth; 21 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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children. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Dorothy Sherman, in 1968.

His sons will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be his grandsons: Danny Sherman; Harold Sherman; Darrett Sherman; Patrick Collins; Eric Sherman; Gary Evans; and James LaBrew Jr.

Elmo Gabriel

Elmo Gabriel, 65, Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1988 in a local hospital.

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

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

906 GREGG BIG SPRING

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Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

Herald opinion

'Good will to men' — daily

During this season, as families gather around and celebrate the birth of Christ, most of us actively promote the sentiment, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Across the nation Americans traditionally open their hearts, and their purses, at this time of year for the less fortunate. We cheerfully drop a few quarters in a charity basket or write a small check and consider ourselves generous and concerned. Our duty done, we promptly return our attention to our families and expect others to assume the burden of the poor and needy.

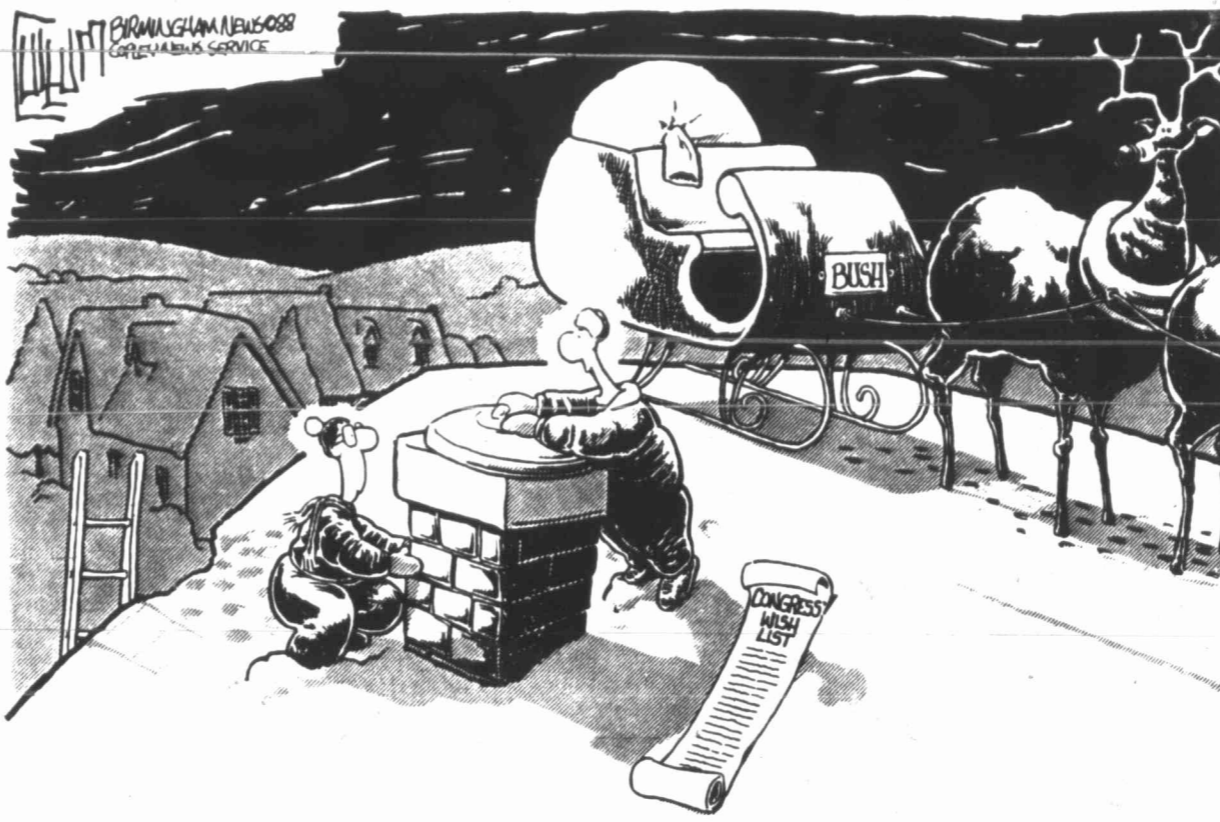
But the world is becoming increasingly divided between the haves and the have-nots, both at home and abroad. Not surprisingly the have-nots are becoming more vocal and more militant in their resentment against those of us who have much more than our share of the world's wealth and who waste our resources so casually. At some point we must recognize the injustice of such an unequal distribution of wealth — some of which has been accumulated by exploitation of people and nations in no position to resist — and make adjustments accordingly.

The United States has one of the highest standards of living in the world but we also have a homeless population estimated as high as 3 million. Almost 15 percent of our citizens live below the poverty level. Will the U.S. poor revolt, as the poor have done in other countries? Probably not, at least not in the near future, but our crime rate has risen and so have our drug problems, both indicative of an alienated segment of the population.

On an international level, dislike of, and distrust for, the United States is apparent around the globe. Our geographical location has blessed our nation with the abundant resources of soil, climate, and minerals that have formed the basis of our economic strength. As less endowed countries struggle against odds to feed their people, too often we squander both our resources and those of other nations.

Confronted with hostility in the form of crime or name calling or terrorism, the natural inclination is to withdraw into isolationism or to retaliate in kind. Far more difficult is the effort to understand the root causes of hostility and to accept the cultural differences that sometimes make friendship and respect difficult. Even more challenging is finding a way to correct the conditions that inspire such ill feeling.

This year, as we spread love and good will among our circle of family and friends, maybe we should make a vow to extend ourselves a little further. It is time we begin to focus on solutions to gross inequalities, both at home and abroad. If peace on earth is impossible to obtain, it is at least a goal worth striving for 365 days of the year.



"GOT HIM! I'LL READ A LIST OF OUR DEMANDS. YOU RUN DOWNSTAIRS AND BUILD A FIRE."

Just my type



Time for holiday magic

By ROBERT WERNSMAN

A friend put me through a ritual recently.

It was a test of sorts, and if being able to answer the question fully was any measure of success, I failed miserably. Thanks to his logic however, that failure proved to be a success in itself.

The test had to do with Christmases past and what I most recalled.

"Do you remember the gifts you received each Christmas when you were growing up?" he asked.

Other than the sled — with my name engraved on the backside of the steering mechanism — received when I was eleven years old, I'm hard pressed to get my memory banks working successfully on this subject.

What do I recall? If not gifts, then what?

Family, friends, holiday atmosphere and festive moments — the whole environment that makes the holiday season rich beyond terms defined within shopping budgets and long lines at return counters of your favorite department store.

His point, exactly. It was a sweet irony, actually, as he sat on the floor wrapping the umpteenth gift that helped to lend holiday flavor to his living room. Yes, he and his mate have had a great deal of fun collecting presents for relatives and friends this Christmas, just as they have in the past and just as they likely will in the future.

Despite that, he recognizes that the tangible gifts exchanged each year — a ritual that relates to the fabled stories surrounding the Christ child's birth — are often used for their intended purpose and soon forgotten, broken, or worn out.

It's a healthy reminder in our lives just how unimportant are these material possessions, for it is truly the intangible around us each year that make the holiday season worthy of remembering while making this journey through life.

Twice in the past week it's been the intangible that has made life such a pleasant journey.

Tuesday evening's open house of our offices at the Herald is a delightful case in point, as the Herald family swelled in ranks while people visited throughout the two hours, sharing holiday cheer and fellowship in our home away from home.

It was a fun time and productive as well, with tours, reminiscing by some oldtimers and discoveries by some who had never before seen a printing press at its glorious noisiest. Adding to the flavor was the fact that many of those who came to visit were doing so after having just taken part in one holiday party or another and the Christmas spirit from each of those seemed to spill over and enhance our atmosphere.

Much of the same can be said about a gathering of our staff on Thursday night to dine and mark the holiday season in an annual gathering. Obviously, although quite satisfactory, it is not the food that we'll remember, nor gifts.

Rather, as in the case of my friend, it was the atmosphere of "family" on this occasion that sweetens our memories and makes all this so worthwhile.

My holiday season will be brightened on Christmas day with the arrival of my daughters for several days of sharing and being together once more. It promises to be another holiday to remember — not for the gifts and materials we exchange, but the memories and happiness we share.

Had I the ability to wish upon each of you any special things for this holiday season, they would include your good health, a family to call your own and friends who appreciate you for what you are — nothing more and nothing less.

These simple things are not always the simplest to have at hand. In fact, the holiday season for some promises heartbreak, loneliness and, for more than a few, a sadness that nearly nothing but time can overcome.

Here's hoping that your holiday is a happy one and that you are able to brighten the day — and coming year — of at least one person around you who might not otherwise have memories filled with smiles and good cheer.

Mexican-Americans need to focus on Mexico's problems

By JESSE TREVINO

The United States is a nation of immigrants. As a result, it has been fairly common for ethnic groups within the U.S. to become involved in issues that affect their countries of ethnic origin.

The most notable example may be U.S. Jews, who have always played a significant role in maintaining U.S. support for Israel. Last week, a U.S. Jewish group helped open the current dialogue between the U.S. and the PLO.

Other examples include Irish-American groups who have contributed financially to the Irish Republican Army, and Cuban-Americans, without whose involvement the ill-fated Bay of Pigs fiasco would never have been attempted.

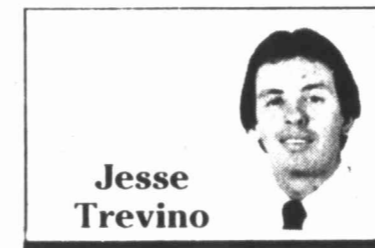
Among Latino groups in the U.S., however, only Cubans have worked actively to influence U.S. policies in regard to their former homeland. In particular, the attitude of Mexican-Americans toward U.S.-Mexico issues seems to border on disengagement. The reasons for this are several.

First, many Mexican-Americans do not consider themselves immigrants in the usual sense. In Texas, for example, many Mexican-Americans are part of families who lived in Spanish Texas, Mexican Texas, the Republic of Texas, and finally, the State of Texas. They consider themselves every bit as "Texan" as descendants of settlers from Tennessee or Alabama.

Second, Mexican-Americans lack the deep religious and psychological ties that Jews, for example, have with Israel. Having been persecuted for centuries and nearly exterminated in 20th century Europe, Jews look to the country of Israel as a psychological safe haven. When the countries of the world recognize the right of Israel to exist as a nation, the people of the world simultaneously affirm the right of individual Jews to exist as people.

Jews have long prayed for the day when they could at least be left alone. For them, the nation of Israel is the fulfillment of a dream.

While Jews look TOWARD Israel, Mexican-Americans have a tendency to look AWAY from Mexico. Not that they are ashamed of their heritage or culture, but Mexico in no way represents the kind of psychological goal for Mexican-Americans that Israel represents for Jews. Mexican-Americans look TOWARD the



Jesse Trevino

U.S., still striving for the fulfillment of the "American Dream" that so many other immigrant groups have achieved here.

Third, Mexican-Americans have been too preoccupied with their own problems within the U.S. to siphon off the effort and energy that would be needed to address, additionally, the international issues facing the U.S. and Mexico.

But here is the crux of the matter: Mexican-Americans MUST address these issues. The very problems that weigh upon U.S.-Mexico relations are the same problems that reinforce the isolation and difficulties of Mexican-Americans within the U.S.

With the possible exceptions of German-Americans during World War I and Japanese-Americans during World War II, no country's identity has been so imposed on an ethnic group as Mexico's on Mexican-Americans. All the stereotypes of Mexico plague the Mexican-American, regardless of truth or untruth: poverty, lack of education, drug use, indebtedness.

Other ethnic groups have overcome unpleasant associations with their countries of ethnic origin, the Germans and Japanese, for example. This they accomplished not only through displays of unquestionable American loyalty, but by virtue of the geographical distance which separated their homelands from the U.S.

Mexican-Americans, too, have provided ample demonstrations of unquestionable American loyalty, but the geographical proximity of Mexico to the U.S. forever condemns the Mexican-American to association with the problems of Mexico. As a simple matter of self-interest, then, Mexican-Americans should become involved in the problems of U.S.-Mexico relations. As they work to gain acceptance on the basis of their own abilities and achievements, Mexican-Americans should also work to help solve Mexico's problems. In doing so, they will lower barriers

to their acceptance within the U.S.

This is not a new idea. People have long recognized, for example, that illegal immigration could be slowed by improvements in Mexico's economy and living standards. Likewise, the flow of political refugees from Central America could be reduced by an end to war and terror in those countries.

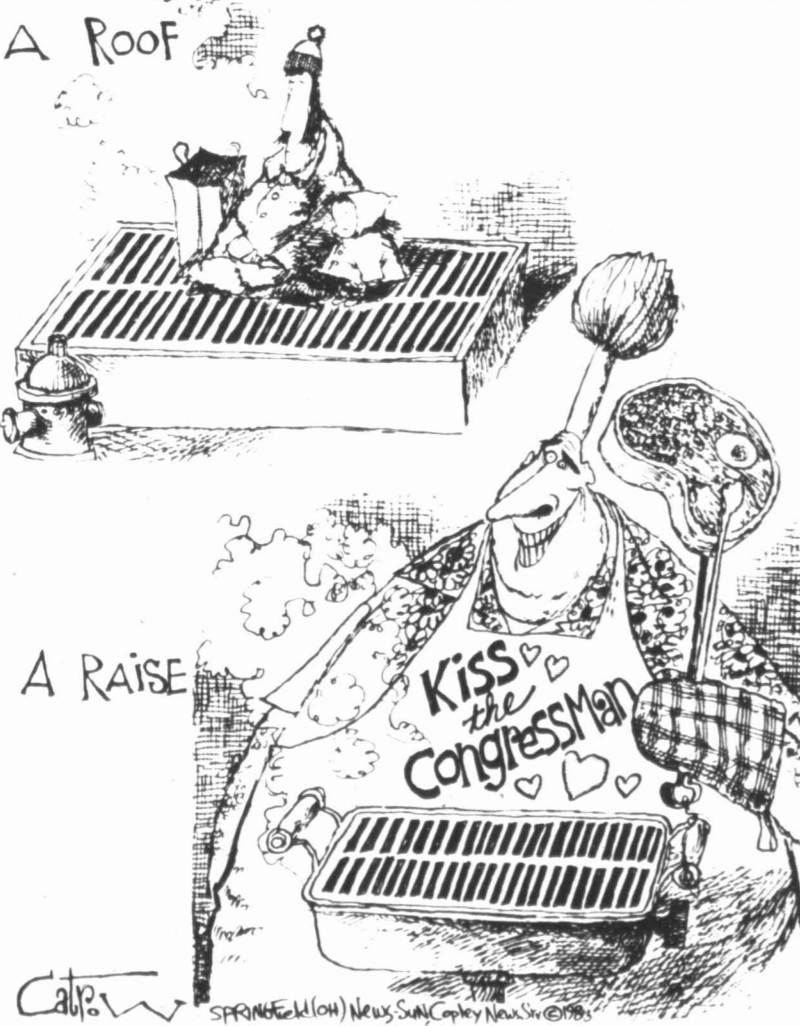
But Mexican-Americans have never worked actively to focus U.S. attention on these problems in the same way that U.S. Jews have helped keep Israel at the top of America's foreign policy agenda. Can this change? Can Mexican-Americans help foster programs that will expand the highly successful maquiladora twin-plant manufacturing system that has increased employment opportunities in the destitute border region? Can they instigate, on the state or local level, efforts to adequately treat the sewage of the two million people in El Paso-Juarez, 700,000 people in the two Laredos, and three million people in the Valley cities and their sister cities across the border? Can diseases such as typhoid and cholera be wiped out or at least contained? Can marine life be restored in some of the lakes formed by the Rio Grande? Should not Mexican-Americans unleash unyielding political pressure to force a shutdown of drug trafficking, which poses real — not imagined and not fantastic — threats to law and order, not to mention their children?

These propositions are not limited to Mexican-Americans. All residents of the border region have an interest in stopping pollution, drug trafficking, and the flow of immigrants that is piling up in the streets of border cities thanks to new INS regulations. These problems, which have implicit ties to U.S.-Mexico foreign policy, are the responsibility of the entire state, although many Texans would like to think otherwise.

Unfortunately, action has yet to materialize. As state and national politicians avoid issues and evade questions, it is time to undertake the monumental tasks at hand. Given the apparent disinterest of so many, it is only logical that the agitation begin in the group that will benefit most from the resolution of these problems: Mexican-Americans.

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Plane searched to calm travelers

DETROIT (AP) — Northwest Airlines officials searched a Los Angeles-bound jet for explosives to calm passenger fears that a woman who deplaned had left a bomb on the jet.

Flight 335 had backed away from the gate at Detroit Metropolitan Airport Friday when the woman, saying she was sick, asked to be allowed off the plane, said another passenger, Associated Press sports writer Harry Atkins.

The jet returned, and when she got off, some other passengers asked to get off and insisted that the plane be searched, Atkins said.

Their wish was granted, delaying the flight for 1 1/4 hours.

"There were some passengers who believed the lady got on with three pieces of carry-on luggage and was getting off with two," said Northwest spokesman Bob Gibbons. "Just to be cautious, we asked everyone to get off the plane. We searched it. And found nothing."

"As it turned out, she got on with two," said Gibbons. "We put everyone back on the plane and away it went."

Oil spill follows ship collision

OCEAN SHORES, Wash. (AP) — Fuel oil darkened the sand at this resort town and soaked at least 50 birds after an oil spill of at least 70,000 gallons from a ship collision left a slick 30 miles long, authorities said.

Authorities closed 1 1/2 to 2 miles of beach in the area near here along the central Washington coast, where oiled birds were found. The area contains numerous wetlands and marshes that are home to migratory waterfowl.

The collision occurred Thursday night after a towline snapped in heavy seas, causing a tugboat from Sause Bros. Ocean Towing Inc., of Coos Bay, Ore., to collide with the barge Nestucca.

Authorities estimated 70,000 gallons of oil leaked from the barge off Grays Harbor by late Friday, said Bob Steelquist of the state Department of Wildlife, and Coast Guard officials said more was escaping as the vessel pitched and tossed in 15-foot swells about 25 miles off the coast.

In Portland, Ore., Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Guy Nolan said the spill was about 30 miles long and 100 feet wide. No damage or cleanup cost estimate was immediately available.

High-tech smuggling ring broken

MIAMI (AP) — A high-tech smuggling ring involving dozens of companies and 10 countries was left in disarray by the arrest of a man charged with trying to sneak a computer to the Soviet bloc, the U.S. Customs Service said.

Eddy Gorandus Haak's arrest and the seizure of the \$1.1 million VAX computer last week culminated an eight-month investigation, said Patrick O'Brien, special agent in charge of Customs in Miami.

The Digital Equipment Corp. VAX 8800 mainframe computer seized at Miami International Airport is capable of upgrading and controlling systems that launch and guide ballistic missiles, operate radar or run a mass transit system.

It is on a federal list that regulates the exportation of technologically advanced products and likely would have been used by the Soviet defense system, O'Brien said.

"By getting one of these computers, they have saved themselves 10 years and hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development," said Michael Sheehan, another Customs spokesman.

"These countries are walking from the Stone Age into the 21st century in one step at the expense of the United States, and they're using this technology for interests contrary to United States interests."

O'Brien said the Soviet defense system began converting to VAX computers earlier in the '80s.

"But they cannot build their own. The only way they can get it is through the United States," O'Brien said.



Hostages remembered
BEIRUT, Lebanon — A Lebanese newswoman of Beirut's daily leftist newspaper, *As-Safir*, reads some of the many Christmas cards addressed to the foreign hostages held in Lebanon.

Christmas spirit is displayed across U.S.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — One thousand homeless people sleeping in chilly Skid Row doorways and on grimy sidewalks were awakened in the middle of the night by police, only to find the officers were bearing blankets instead of billy clubs.

The officers were among the host of Americans playing Santa Claus at Christmastime, including a cigar-puffing Mercedes-Benz driver who passed out thousands of dollars to Skid Row denizens here and a man who bailed eight prisoners out of a New York state jail.

Los Angeles police Capt. Carley Mitchell bought special waterproof, insulating blankets with \$240 of his own money, then passed them out early Friday to the street dwellers, many of whom had little more than strips of cardboard to protect them.

"I was hoping I could keep some people warm for the holidays and make Christmas a little better for them," said Mitchell, who runs the Police Department's training academy.

Later Friday in Skid Row, a

World

Trade agreement wins approval

OTTAWA (AP) — The House of Commons voted 141-111 early today to pass a historic Canada-U.S. free trade agreement that is to phase out all remaining tariffs between the two neighbors over a 10-year period.

The new pact is scheduled to take effect New Year's Day after approval by the Senate, which has promised not to oppose the trade legislation and vote for its passage by next week.

Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, whose Progressive Conservative Party won a second

consecutive majority government in Nov. 21 elections, signed the trade agreement with President Reagan in January.

The opposition, which bitterly opposed the pact on the grounds it would cost Canadians jobs, had made the issue the focus of the Canadian elections.

A smiling Mulroney promised early today in Ottawa that the deal will bring economic prosperity.

"People will look back on this and say it was a good day for Canada."

Body of pilot to be returned

ROME (AP) — Col. Moammar Gadhafi said he is willing to hand over the body of a U.S. pilot killed during the 1986 air raid on Libya, the official news agency JANA reported today.

Gadhafi said the body of Capt. Paul Lorence would be given to his family "through the pope," said the agency, monitored in London and Rome.

Lorence, 31, of San Francisco, and Fernando Ribas-Dominicci, 33, of Utuado, Puerto Rico, were in an F-111 that disappeared during the April 15, 1986, raid on Tripoli and Benghazi. The other 17 U.S. Air Force bombers returned safely to their bases after dropping about 100 tons of bombs on the two cities.

The attack was in retaliation for what the Reagan administration said was Libya's support for international terrorism. Libyan authorities said the raids killed about 40 people, including Gadhafi's 15-month-old adopted daughter.

After the 1986 raids, diplomats in Libya said Gadhafi was demanding a ransom or concessions from the United States before returning the airman's body.

Western witnesses reported seeing an F-111 crash into the Mediterranean Sea soon after being hit, apparently by a missile, during the raid on Tripoli.

Relations between the United States and Libya have been more strained than usual lately. President Reagan has charged Libya has constructed a plant to produce chemical weapons.

Streets are empty in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — The streets of the biblical town of Bethlehem were nearly deserted today as hundreds of Israeli soldiers set up checkpoints to prevent Christmas violence.

The area in front of the Church of the Nativity, which marks the site where the Bible says Jesus Christ was born, was empty except for two or three pilgrims standing near shuttered stores.

Soldiers manned checkpoints surrounding Manger Square and refused entry to Moslem Palestinians.

Leaders of the Arab rebellion declared the day before Christmas a day of solidarity in honor of the 333 Palestinians who have been killed during the uprising. Fourteen Israelis also have died during the unrest.

"We will punish everybody who leaves his house," was painted in red on one town wall.

Holiday activities in this occupied West Bank town of 35,000 were reduced to a minimum in sympathy with the uprising.

Israel has controlled the territories where 1.7 million Palestinians reside since the 1967 Arab-Israeli conflict, when it captured the West Bank from Jordan and the Gaza Strip from Egypt. About 70,000 Jewish settlers also live in the occupied territories.

Protesting nuns remain separated

MORRIS TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — Two groups of feuding nuns at a monastery here will be separated by an iron gate as they celebrate the same Christmas Mass unconcoiled after a 2 1/2-month standoff.

Five nuns who remain locked in the monastery's infirmary have said they will not rejoin eight other nuns until the Vatican in Rome answers their pleas to end the dispute over liberalizations of their order.

"They'll watch the midnight Mass from the where they are, through the bars," said Sister Eliane, a Carmelite who lives at the Most Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel but is not among the 13 cloistered nuns.

"They'll all be doing the same thing, only they won't be doing them together."

The five nuns will watch the Christmas midnight Mass through two small openings covered by an iron gate in the infirmary, which overlooks the darkened chapel of the monastery, Sister Eliane said this week.

The rebel nuns locked themselves in the infirmary Oct. 4 to thwart what they say was their imminent eviction from the monastery. They said their mother superior, Prioress Mother Teresa Hewitt, wanted them kicked out for speaking against such liberalizations as the introduction of television and sweets to the monastery.

Mother Teresa has said the dispute revolves around the barricaded nuns' unwillingness to follow her orders.

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Prehistoric skeleton uncovered

ANDREWS (AP) — The remains of a prehistoric man have been uncovered by the wind and rain near this West Texas town, but authorities have kept the discovery quiet for fear of upsetting American Indian groups that oppose the disturbance of a burial ground.

"It's not an unusual find for this area, but the skeleton's definitely Indian and it's prehistoric," said Teddy Stickney, a member of the Midland Archeological Society and president of the Texas Archeological Society.

The remains have been sent to the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory in Austin for study, but officials would release little information on the find for fear the removal process would be stopped, the Odessa American reported.

"Indian people nationwide are asking that all ancestral burial grounds be left alone, and are wanting universities and institutes that now have Indian remains to return them to the original sites and re-bury them," Ms. Stickney said.

Indian remains no longer can be removed from graves in Arizona and New Mexico unless the remains are in danger of being destroyed, she said.

"We only want to preserve and study ancient human remains and artifacts," said Ms. Stickney. "There is no intention to desecrate burial grounds. This skeleton was uncovered naturally and we believe, if left in its location, would have been destroyed either naturally or by man or animal." Ray M. Vaden, 45, of Midland, discovered the partially exposed skeleton Monday amid sand hills about 15 miles west of Andrews, a town of about 13,000 people 30 miles from the New Mexico border.

The worn-down condition of the teeth indicate that the skeleton was that of a man between 25 and 30 years old, Stickney said.

"The man was buried near, or on, an ancient campsite. We found a lot of that type debris, like burned rocks used for campfires, around and near the remains," Stickney said.

Fighter undergoes restoration

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A rare example of what many aviation enthusiasts consider World War II's most recognizable fighter is being rebuilt at Municipal Airport.

The plane, a twin-engine, twin-tail Lockheed P-38 Lightning, is one of 15 in existence. When complete the craft will be only the fifth in flyable condition, said Russell Lee, an aircraft curator at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum in Washington.

Local developer John Stokes is underwriting the \$330,000 cost of the rebuilding, with some repairs carried out by one of his companies, Cen-Tex Aviation Corp. Similar aircraft recently have been sold for \$650,000 to \$700,000.

The plane, nicknamed "Scatterbrain II," now contains parts from other planes, a new glass to accommodate a bombardier, a bomb sight instead of the machine guns and cannon it used to carry into battle and parts from a Miss Budweiser speedboat.

"There has never been a P-38 outfitted like this before; it will be one of a kind," said retired Air Force Col. V.E. "Sandy" Sansing, Confederate Air Force P-38 project leader.

The reconstruction is a seven-year project of the Cen-Tex Wing of the Confederate Air Force.

The CAF was founded in the 1950s by a small group of former World War II fliers and businessmen, but it has grown into an international organization of members united by their love of historic aircraft, members said. There are CAF wings in New Zealand, Canada and England. The organization, which maintains a fleet of 143 flyable World War II vintage aircraft, is based in Harlingen.

Sansing said the aircraft is "a true veteran."

"We've traced much of the airplane's history; we know it was the 113th P-38J built and that it was shipped to England in 1944, where it was assigned to the 8th Air Force," he said. "Later, it was transferred to the 12th Air Force in Italy, and then again to the 9th Air Force in France."

"What happened to it after the war, but before the CAF got it, nobody seems to know," he said.

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Christmas orphans

GALVESTON — Raggedy Ann and Andy are 8-week-old mixed breed puppies found abandoned near a garbage can in Galveston. The Animal Shelter and Adoption center took the pair into their care and nursed them to health. Center officials hope to find the pups a home this holiday.

Associated Press photo

Homemade gifts become a business

HUGHES SPRINGS (AP) — The air inside the former auto parts store was heavy with a distinctive smell, but not the smell of grease. It smelled of baking fruitcakes.

Commercial mixing machines, large, metal conveyor belts, and racks of fruitcakes take up most of the space in the room. Two commercial ovens are imbedded in the back wall.

In November, Glen Watts moved his bakery, where he makes fruitcakes and gingerbread items, from a building behind his house in Avinger to the vacant store building.

The business started in his kitchen, and he later moved to the Avinger High School cafeteria. Watts built a bakery behind his house a few years ago, but his business outgrew it. He has yet to change the advertising signs outside the auto parts store to Glen-Mary Farms signs, but the products he sells are a far cry from car parts.

"I was born in the bakery," said Watts, who says he always has enjoyed baking. "Dad worked in the Butter Nut Bakery in Mount Pleasant."

About 10 years ago during the holidays, Watts and his wife Mary decided to bake fruitcakes for family members and friends. "I didn't know how to bake a fruitcake. I didn't even know what went in a fruitcake," he recalled.

One family member even told Watts not to bother giving her one, because she did not like fruitcakes and she would not eat it. In spite of her protests, she received one — and she ate it. Her reaction was typical of most people's reactions to fruitcakes, Watts says.

"If you ask most people (if they like fruitcakes), 90 percent say no," Watts said, because they "don't like the funny green things in them." But Watts' cakes have no funny green things in them, and foreign objects such as orange and lemon peel are absent also.

Several years before Watts began making cakes commercially, he sold frozen foods door to door. He began asking many of his customers if they liked fruitcakes and what they liked in them. Many

people preferred pecans, cherries and pineapples, he said. "That's what we put in our cakes," he said. About 11 oz. of the 32 oz. cakes are pecans, he said.

Through his connections in the bakery business, Watts was able to figure out how different fruitcakes are made. "Basically, I found out how different bakeries make theirs, then I came up with my own recipe," he said. "Before I sent them out that first year I had it right."

Watts says he only makes fruitcakes during the holiday season. He would not reveal how many cakes he makes or sells during the Christmas season.

His cakes sell for \$11.99 each. He sells them in quantities up to 100 or more at reduced prices for bulk sales.

"We bring the fruit that's in the cake up to the top," he said. "And it's random. It's not a fancy decorated cake." After the cakes have been baked, a honey or brandy glaze is poured on top so that the flavor "goes all the way through the cake."

Transplanted Texans find holiday 'different'

DALLAS (AP) — Joan Gosnell won't see snow for Christmas this year, but the transplanted J.C. Penney employee says real evergreen trees, sunny skies and a new husband are making her first Christmas in Texas special.

"In New York, trees cost too much," Mrs. Gosnell said. "And you had to carry it up four flights of stairs or stuffed in an elevator."

Mrs. Gosnell, who works in the company's archives, is among 1,200 J.C. Penney Co. employees who have moved with the corporate headquarters from New York to Plano.

While the suburbs of Dallas don't compare with the lights at Rockefeller Center, the transplanted Yankees told the

Dallas Morning News they are adapting.

"We are going to try to enjoy some of this warm weather," said John Healey, manager of store training, who moved to the area from Princeton, N.J. "I look out the window and see this weather and I smile thinking of what it must be like back there."

"The other day I was driving down the street with my sun roof open, listening to Christmas carols," said his wife, Nancy.

Dick Oehmler, manager of strategic planning for systems and data, said the weather will cause some changes to his family's Christmas traditions.

"Before, we were more apt to go skiing," Oehmler said.

Cavazos encourages youth to stay in school

EDINBURG (AP) — U.S. Education Secretary Lauro Cavazos, the first Hispanic ever appointed to a Cabinet post, returned home to South Texas with high school dropouts on his mind.

"We have in this region one of the highest dropout rates of any part of the nation," Cavazos said Friday at the commencement of Pan American University, which has one of the largest Hispanic enrollment of any four-year university in the nation.

Of the 11,200 students enrolled at the school's Edinburg campus 15 miles from the Mexican border, more than 81 percent are Hispanic.

Cavazos was born the son of a ranch foreman in 1927 on the vast King Ranch 100 miles to the northeast. He was president of Texas Tech University in Lubbock before joining President Reagan's administration, and will continue as education secretary when George Bush becomes president next month.

"Currently, about one in four students across the nation drops out, but nearly twice as many Hispanic youngsters leave without

diplomas from high school," he said.

"Students, many of you are the first in your family to graduate from college, and many of you have overcome immense odds and several obstacles to sit where you are today," Cavazos said.

Cavazos, who on Sept. 20 became the first Hispanic Cabinet member, reiterated his often-stated goal of motivating Americans of all ethnic groups to become personally committed to improving education, with the 13 percent national illiteracy rate as one of his biggest priorities.

"Every single one of us must be involved in educating children," he said.

He said schools need to teach virtue, consisting of "justice, temperance and courage."

"Knowledge without virtue is an empty, useless thing," Cavazos told the students, and challenged them to conquer the "wilderness of hate, racism, hunger, violence, the wilderness of poverty, the wilderness of disease, the wilderness of illiteracy."

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Uprising overshadows Christmas in Bethlehem

By G.G. LaBelle
Associated Press Writer

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank — A small Christmas tree sits in Georgette Shatara's living room, but she says there will be no turkey dinner this year, let alone the whole roast sheep that marked holidays past.

"You see the tree?" she asked. "I did it for my youngest. He begged and begged."

But Mrs. Shatara had to tell 8-year-old Khader, who sat nearby, that this year Santa Claus will not visit the family's one-story stone house in the town where the Bible says Jesus was born.

One year after the Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule, many Arab Christian families like the Shataras do not have the money or the spirit for a traditional Christmas celebration.

Shortened daily working hours and weekly general strikes have hit the economy hard. Violence has

taken the lives of 333 Palestinians and 14 Israelis. More than 20,000 Arabs have been jailed since the uprising started last December and at least 5,600 remain in custody.

Leaders of the uprising have declared a general strike for Saturday, on Christmas Eve, when Palestinian Christians used to crowd into Manger Square with thousands of tourists to watch the parade that led religious leaders to the Church of the Nativity.

About 35,000 Palestinian Christians live in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, occupied by Israel since the 1967 Middle East war. Most are concentrated in Bethlehem, nearby Beit Jala and Beit Sahur, and Ramallah north of Jerusalem.

The Shataras, Roman Catholics, used to celebrate Christmas by going to midnight Mass, then having a Christmas dinner with as many as 50 relatives. The traditional

Asked her wish for Christmas, Mrs. Shatara replied, "salaam" — peace in Arabic. "I hope that on this birthday of the prince of peace there will be peace for all of us," she said. The 38-year-old Mrs. Shatara says the reason for a quiet Christmas is obvious: "Lots have been killed, many others arrested. There's no work, no money. There's no reason for Christmas."

menu included turkey, a roast sheep, stuffed zucchini and Arab sweets.

This year, dinner will be for just Mrs. Shatara, her husband, Issa, and their six children. It will be "nothing special," she said.

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She says her husband, 48, is a waiter in a restaurant in Arab east Jerusalem and brings home only about 10 shekels (\$6) a day since there are few diners and few tips.

in the biblical city and should celebrate to assert their presence.

"All year, we've had days of sorrow. We need a day to smile," he said when Bethlehem's Palestinian officials announced last month that a traditional Christmas parade would be canceled and the town Christmas tree would be without lights.

Israeli authorities are going ahead with plans to hold the usual ceremony on Christmas Eve in which the military administrators of the West Bank greet church leaders in Manger Square, near the grotto where Christ is said to have been born.

Daniel Rossing, an Israeli expert on Christianity, explained at a government briefing that Israel felt it was important to maintain this arrangement that dates to when the Turkish and the British ruled this region.

Beirut daily prints letter to hostage

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanese newspapers today published a Christmas letter to American journalist Terry Anderson and his captors from the hostage's sister, Peggy Say.

"Please give Terry our message of love and concern during this Christmas season. Tell him that thousands pray every day for the hostages, their captors and the people of Lebanon," said the letter published in English and Arabic by Lebanon's prestigious daily *An-Nahar*.

Seven other dailies published the Arabic translation of the letter.

"We published the English text as well to give Terry a chance to read what is addressed to him," said an *An-Nahar* editor who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Anderson, 41, of Lorain, Ohio, chief Middle East Correspondent for The Associated Press, is the longest-held of the 15 foreign captives in Lebanon. He was kidnapped in Moslem west Beirut on March 16, 1985.

"Traditionally this is a season of hope, peace and forgiveness, but there is little hope in my heart that I will see Terry and other hostages released during these Christmas holidays," the letter said.

"It is difficult to sustain hope after almost four years of working and praying for freedom for Terry and the other hostages. Some days it seems we have made no progress and are farther from our goal as ever."

"We hear mixed messages from the Middle East and we have no clear guidelines about what we should do or could do on behalf of these innocent men," Mrs. Say wrote.

Addressing the kidnapers, the letter said: "Only you, your captors, can end this stalemate. I pray for you to have the courage to bring this to a peaceful conclusion for humanitarian reasons."

Mrs. Say concluded her letter by saying: "We have all suffered enough."

Please
May God be with you and peace be yours."

On Thursday, relatives and friends made radio appeals to kidnapers holding Anderson and the eight other American hostages to release them in time for Christmas.

The Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon radio broadcast the appeals, which included messages from former U.S. hostages Lawrence Jenco and David Jacobsen.

Jacobsen and Jenco were held by Islamic Jihad, the same fundamentalist Shiite Moslem faction holding Anderson and American educator Thomas Sutherland, who was kidnapped June 9, 1985.

In a message from Sacramento, Calif., Jacobsen addressed Haj, the name by which the former American hostages knew their jailer.

Jacobsen, freed Nov. 2, 1986, after being held 1½ years, told Haj: "You have it within your power to take the first step toward justice and a better world for the Shiite Moslems. You told me personally that you believe in peace and justice."

"Now you have a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate your words of understanding and compassion."

Church prince, PLO chief discuss peace in Palestine

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II met PLO leader Yasser Arafat Friday for 20 minutes and expressed hope the Israelis and Palestinians would soon begin negotiations leading to peace in the Middle East, the Vatican said.

It was the second audience between the pope and the Palestine Liberation Organization chairman in six years.

The Vatican said in a statement after the meeting, "The pope expressed his hope that both peoples (Israelis and Palestinians) would soon see the beginning of a real process of understanding and of peace, which would put an end finally to their suffering and their fears."

"The holy father reiterated that he was profoundly convinced that the two peoples had an identical fundamental right to their own homelands in which they could live in liberty, dignity and security, in harmony with the neighboring peoples."

The statement added that the pope said "only a concrete effort and a sincere willingness to understand each other would produce progress on the road toward peace and justice."

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro said Arafat filled in the pope on the latest developments in the Middle East. However, he declined to provide specifics.

Arafat spoke in Arabic during the 20-minute session in the pope's library and was accompanied by Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political



Associated Press photo

Gift of the season

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul admires a woodcarving of the Nativity scene presented to him by Yasser Arafat, head of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, during a private audience at the Vatican Friday.

department and three other PLO representatives.

The pope was accompanied by a translator.

Reporters were not admitted. Arafat presented the pope with a wood carving of the nativity scene and the pope gave Arafat a book about the

Vatican.

Israel and Jewish groups were angered by the pope's agreement to meet with Arafat in 1982.

John Paul has spoken out several times this year on the plight of the Palestinians, who have staged a violent uprising.

Prison riot claims two in Mexico

TEPIC, Mexico (AP) — Soldiers, police and prison guards Friday surrounded a penitentiary in northwestern Mexico where inmates killed two people, wounded four and were holding 15 people hostage, officials said.

The inmates may have rioted because they were denied Christmas pardons.

About 10 inmates got hold of firearms and attacked the prison director's office Thursday, killing the director and an unidentified person and wounding four people during a shootout with guards, said Dante Salazar.

Salazar, a spokesman for the

Nayagit state attorney's office, said the inmates were holding 15 people hostages.

The inmates allowed Red Cross personnel in part of the prison to remove the victims, said police spokesman Antonio Villasenor by telephone.

"The situation in there is very tense," Villasenor said.

Salazar said he heard the rioting inmates were protesting because Gov. Celso Delgado had not included them in a list of prisoners who received Christmas pardons for good conduct.

Salazar identified one victim as prison director Samuel Alvarado.



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Red Cross shifts focus of aid effort to rebuilding facilities

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American Red Cross will shift its earthquake aid efforts in Soviet Armenia from immediate to long-term assistance, including the building of a general hospital, the organization's president said Friday.

Richard F. Schubert told a news conference the Red Cross has received \$3.5 million in cash contributions and pledges for disaster relief in Armenia and will use the funds to help replace health and medical facilities that were destroyed by the Dec. 7 earthquake.

He said the pipeline of emergency aid supplies is full and flowing well and that no further immediate aid is needed at this time.

The Red Cross will be prepared

to help fill any gaps that appear at the request of the Soviet Red Cross, he said.

Schubert said priority long-term needs in Armenia, where an estimated 55,000 people are dead and 500,000 homeless, include:

- The building of a general hospital to replace a hospital that was totally destroyed in the quake.
- The creation of a facility to make and install artificial limbs.
- The establishment of a permanent tracking center to trace families of earthquake victims.
- A disaster preparedness program to reduce deaths and injuries in the event of another earthquake in Armenia.
- The rebuilding and expansion of a destroyed school for handicapped children.

Red Cross President Richard F. Schubert said the cooperation between the two Red Cross agencies may lead to a closer working relationship in the future.

Schubert, who returned on Thursday from an inspection tour of the disaster areas in Armenia, said all doctors, nurses and staff members inside the destroyed hospital were killed. He said two doctors from the hospital staff survived because they were outside the building at the time of the quake.

He said 27,000 railroad cars of relief supplies have arrived so far in addition to 148 flights carrying emergency equipment.

He said Soviet officials have been conscientious in keeping track of the incoming supplies. He said the Soviets have promised to return expensive equipment to donors or to seek permission to use it elsewhere once it is no longer needed in Armenia.

There have been reports of confusion and inept rescue efforts at the disaster scene but Schubert said he believes the work went well given the immensity of the destruction and the relative inexperience

of Soviet officials in disaster relief. "Given the size of the disaster, I think they responded well," he said. "It's impossible to have a disaster site in which there is not confusion initially."

In addition, he said, it should be noted that in the first day or so "all of the people present were affected; they all lost family members."

"The people displayed wonderful warmth and dignity," Schubert said. "Time after time they expressed their thanks to the American public, particularly to thank those in the American-Armenian community," he said. "When they stopped to thank us on the streets the profusion of gratitude made it difficult to hold back tears — theirs and ours."

In addition to the \$3.5 million in cash and pledges, Schubert said the American Red Cross has received more than \$8 million worth of medical and other supplies and shipped them to Armenia.

These include kidney dialysis machines, blood collection bags, plaster dressings, needles and syringes, finger splints, bandages, antiseptics, sutures, cervical collars, antibiotics, orthopedic pins, ultrasound machines, plastic eating utensils, blankets and plastic sheeting.

Schubert praised the work of the Soviet Red Cross and its director, Dr. Dmitry Venedictov.

He said the cooperation between the two Red Cross agencies will lead to a closer working relationship in the future.

Officers accused of terrorizing drug dealer

DETROIT (AP) — Eight police officers accused of terrorizing crack houses have been ordered to stand trial for allegedly entering an apartment illegally, then covering up their actions. Two also are accused of force-feeding a dealer crack cocaine.

The officers "tried to do something legal in an illegal way," 36th District Court Judge R. Patrick Donahue said Thursday in ordering the trial. "They conducted what I believe was a police raid without a search warrant."

But defense lawyers protested that a trial would hamper Detroit's war against the highly addictive drug by making officers hesitant to aggressively pursue dealers.

"When police officers start playing it very, very, very safe, the city becomes very unsafe," said Thomas Howard, attorney for Cedric Scott, 27, who along with Ricardo Darbins, 22, is charged with assault for allegedly forcing an admitted dealer to eat 20 "rocks" — little chunks — of crack.

All eight officers were charged with entry without permission, a misdemeanor, and with conspiracy to conceal a crime, a felony. They have been suspended without pay since August.

In the Feb. 21 incident, officers entered an apartment where the dealer, Steven Johnson, was alone. He contends police beat him.

Then, when six of the officers left, the remaining two made him eat the crack, he testified at a two-week preliminary hearing.

The eight are also accused of breaking into another home, also suspected to be a crack house, the same night, and assaulting its occupants.

Johnson, 26, said he had sold \$100 worth of crack cocaine the night of Feb. 20 and had cash and 20 bags of crack on a living room table when police with drawn guns came in.

Another witness who was in an apartment across the hall from Johnson, testified to overhearing someone say, "Eat this ... If you don't, I'll take you to jail," followed by laughter.

Wayne County prosecutors say Johnson may have saved his life after police left by drinking vinegar to induce vomiting. He was treated for a cocaine overdose at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

A trial date was not set, but arraignment was scheduled for Jan. 13 in Recorder's Court.

The officers, free on \$10,000 personal bonds, left the raids out of their reports and logs, a violation of department policy, prosecutors say.

"The police, in carrying out their duties, are required to follow the law just like everybody else," said Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Patrick Foley.



Toy making
CHICAGO — Homeless women Donna Damp, left, and Barbara Adickes help make stuffed toys and puppets recently for distribution to hospitalized children. The two women have found shelter at the Chicago Christian Industrial League.

Student pays for prank

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — A former University of Massachusetts student who went on a Halloween lock-gluing spree has been placed on probation for five years and has agreed to pay \$9,800 for damage to seven buildings and telephone cables.

Kamal Hyder, 23, from Ryadh, India, was among three students charged with causing nearly \$16,000 worth of damage by injecting a liquid-steel substance into the building locks on Halloween 1987. Hyder also was accused of cutting telephone cables and other vandalism.

His attorney, Thomas Whitney, said Hyder, who did not graduate, is employed by an engineering firm in Texas and is working on several significant projects including a computer for the blind that can read any style of type.

"This case aside, I have been doing constructive things," Hyder told Northampton District Court Judge Clement Ferris. He said he had received a British award for

academic achievement and played his sitar in charity concerts.

"I've written 200 letters of apology to UMass professors and apologized in person to people for what happened," he said.

Hyder told the judge he had learned about gluing locks from a co-defendant but had come up with his own more efficient way of doing it.

"I don't see any gain by saddling this man with a record," Ferris said in agreeing to continue the charges without a finding for five years. "Like anybody else, he's entitled to have made a dumb mistake."

Charges against a co-defendant, Michael J. Milbier, also were continued without a finding when Milbier agreed to pay \$9,800 in restitution.

Charges against the third student, Thomas M. O'Connor, were dismissed after Ferris found that O'Connor, who was supposed to act as a lookout for the other two while the locks were glued, had fled.

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The IRS recently published the standard mileage rate that will apply for business miles driven in 1988 (retroactive to January 1, 1988). For cars not yet fully depreciated, the rate will be 24 cents a mile for the first 15,000 miles. There was no change for other mileage rates. The rate for business mileage over 15,000 miles or for fully depreciated cars remains at 11 cents a mile. Mileage driven for charity remains at 12 cents a mile, and mileage for moving and medical expenses remains at 9 cents a mile.

Fourth quarter IRS interest rates increased 1%. As of October 1, 1988, the IRS will charge 11% on overdue taxes and pay 10% on overdue refunds.

The IRS issued clarification of the new \$10,000 cash transaction rule. The law requires anyone engaged in a trade or business to report cash transactions over \$10,000 to the IRS. The aggregation rule requires that related cash transactions over a one year period be added together and if they exceed \$10,000, the seller must file Form 8300 with the IRS within 15 days.

The IRS also reminded farmers of a special provision in the 1986 Tax Reform Act. The provision allows qualified farmers to use up to \$1,500 of unusable investment tax credit carryforwards to receive a cash refund of half that amount. The refundable credit is available only on 1987 returns. It is limited to the smallest of (1) \$750, (2) 50% of the taxpayer's investment tax credit carryovers, or (3) the total tax liability for the 15-year period before the earliest year included in the carryover (excluding the minimum tax, self employment tax and most credits). Farmers who were entitled to this cash refund but who failed to elect the provision on their original 1987 tax returns may file amended returns.

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Gold coins found in Salvation Army kettle

BEAUMONT (AP) — A generous shopper turned a Salvation Army kettle filled with coins into a real pot of gold by tossing in two South African Krugerrands worth more than \$800.

The one-ounce gold bullion coins were not discovered in the pile of nickels, dimes and quarters collected at a mall until they arrived at a bank and jammed in a sorting machine, Salvation Army officials said.

Employees at Beaumont's First City National Bank, where the Salvation Army deposits donations each night, found the coins Thursday morning, said James Fortney, Salvation Army commander.

The Krugerrands usually sell for slightly more than the current value of their gold content, and together are worth an estimated \$824, he said.

Salvation Army officials do not know who made the donation.

Journalism perils rise

NEW YORK (AP) — Twenty-five journalists were slain around the world in 1988, seven fewer than in 1987, but other forms of violence and intimidation against those who gather the news increased this year, Freedom House said Friday in its annual survey of press freedom.

During the year, 225 journalists were arrested or detained in various countries and 24 expelled, Freedom House said.

Fourteen were kidnapped or disappeared, 28 wounded, 90 beaten or otherwise assaulted, 43 were targets of death threats and 12 had their homes raided or destroyed, it said.

It said 40 newspapers or radio stations in 12 countries were closed and that nine were bombed, burned or destroyed. Also, more than 200 instances of lesser harassment occurred.

The anti-press actions occurred in 70 countries, compared to 57 countries the year before.

"The figures do not reflect other forms of official and unofficial editorial censorship, and diverse methods of economic and political pressuring of the mass media," said the survey report prepared by Leonard Sussman, a Freedom House senior scholar.

"The statistics are a clue, however, to those official actions which generate self-censorship by journalists," he said.

The world survey rated press conditions as "most free" in 57 countries, including most states of the Western alliance, and "least free" in 83.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rutherford B. Hayes takes his oath of office as president in this sketch that appeared on the cover of *Harper's Weekly*, displayed Monday at the Capitol. Before newspapers had the ability to print photographs special artists were dispatched to great national events, including inaugurations, to record the happenings on sketch pads.

Virus designer spurns spotlight

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — As a federal grand jury decides whether he should be prosecuted, a graduate student linked to a "virus" that disrupted computers nationwide last month has been teaching his lawyer about the technical subject and turning down offers for his life story.

Robert Morris Jr. has declined offers from movie producers, book publishers, magazines and television shows, said his lawyer, Thomas Guidoboni.

"Robert is not interested," he said. "He's not that kind of person. . . . He's fairly shy and isn't looking for publicity."

"Until we get the potential criminal matter resolved," Guidoboni said, the 23-year-old Cornell University graduate student will remain silent, despite heavy pressure to talk.

"It's not only the media. It's computer professionals, it's the government, it's Cornell. I've even heard a rumor that Congress wants to hear from him," said Guidoboni in an interview from Washington, D.C.

No charges have been filed

against Morris, who reportedly told friends that he designed the virus that temporarily clogged about 6,000 university and military computers linked to the Pentagon's Arpanet network.

A virus is a rogue computer program that can duplicate itself and cripple or destroy existing computer systems.

"The grand jury investigation is continuing. They are looking for specific criminal and federal violations that may have been committed," Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Baxter said Wednesday, declining to be more specific.

According to search warrants authorities executed at Harvard and Cornell universities in the days following the Nov. 2 episode, FBI investigators are reviewing statutes concerning computer fraud, wire fraud, malicious mischief and unlawful access to stored communications.

"But I can't say the grand jury is looking at the same thing," said Baxter.

Recently, two Harvard University computer experts appeared before the grand jury in Syracuse.

They were computer programmer Andrew H. Sudduth and graduate student Paul Graham.

Morris attended Harvard before beginning a doctoral program in computer science at Cornell.

The grand jury also has heard from Dean Krafft, a Cornell computer science research associate, and has reviewed Morris' computer accounts from both universities.

The three witnesses have declined to say what questions the grand jury had asked or what information they provided the panel.

According to published reports, Sudduth has said Morris called him on the night of the outbreak to seek assistance in getting out a warning to computer operators linked to the affected system.

Morris, whose father, Robert T. Morris Sr., is the chief scientist at the National Computer Security Center in Bethesda, Md., reportedly wrote the virus as an intellectual experiment and did not intend any harm.

The program apparently was intended to live undetected in the Arpanet system.



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Atheist chief demands apology

AUSTIN (AP) — The president of the American Atheists said Thursday he thinks President-elect George Bush should take his oath of office next month with his hand on the U.S. Constitution instead of a Bible.

"A secular act of acceptance of office would be more in accord with the spirit and purpose of the Constitution than would the intrusion of religion by use of a Bible," Jon Murray said in a letter to Bush.

Saying that Census Bureau data indicates 9 percent of Americans

are atheists, Murray also sought an apology from Bush over what Murray said was a "slurring of the patriotism of American Atheists."

Murray said that Bush spoke during the presidential campaign with Robert Sherman, national spokesman for the American Atheists group. He said that during the conversation, which Murray said was recorded by news cameras, Bush said: "I don't know that atheists should be considered as citizens, nor should they be con-

sidered patriots. This is one nation under God."

Murray, son of American Atheists founder Madalyn Murray O'Hair, said such an oath-taking action would be precedent-setting.

"You would be the first president in history who would thus show a symbolic presentation of consideration to the document which he swears to protect and defend and which bases our government, as amended, upon the premise of separation of state and church," Murray wrote.

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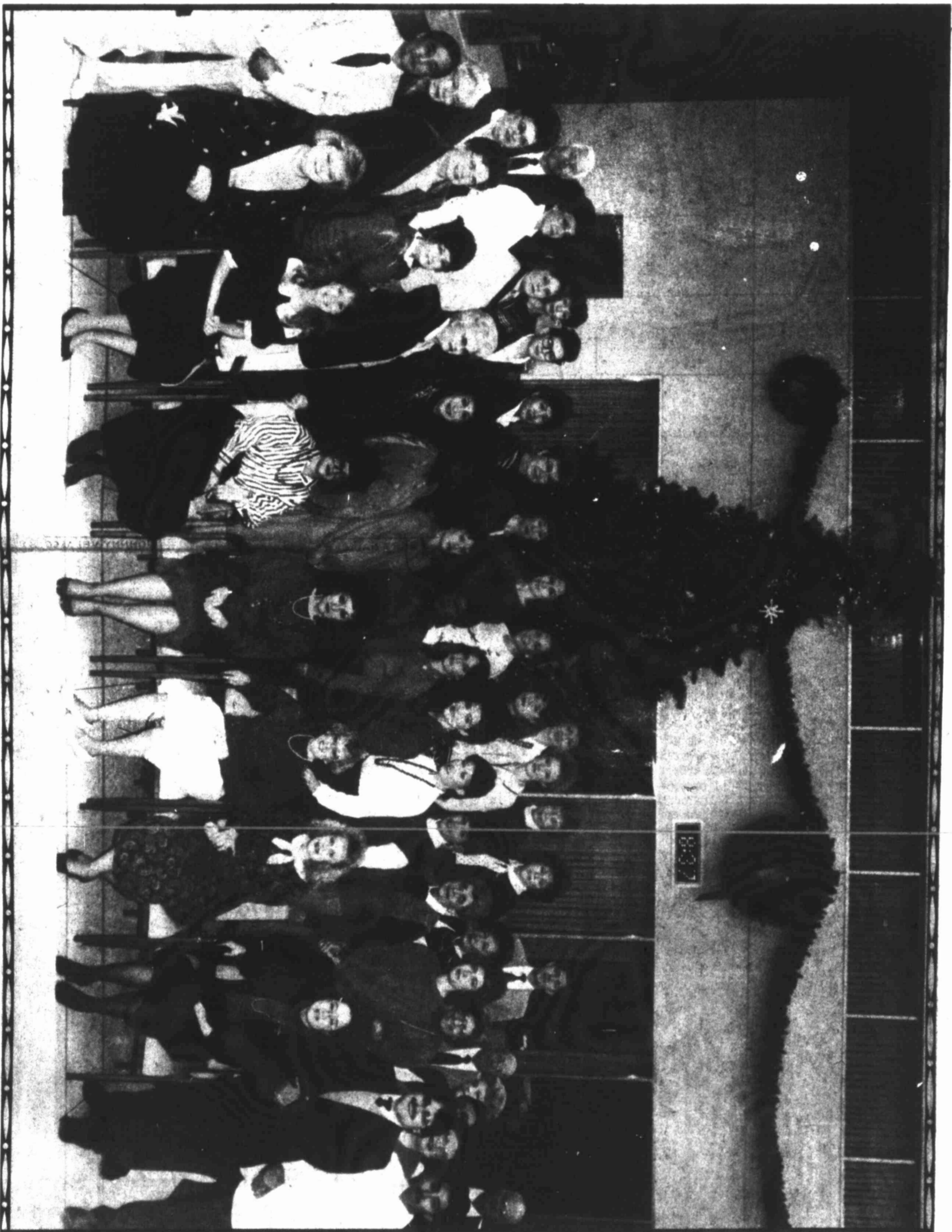
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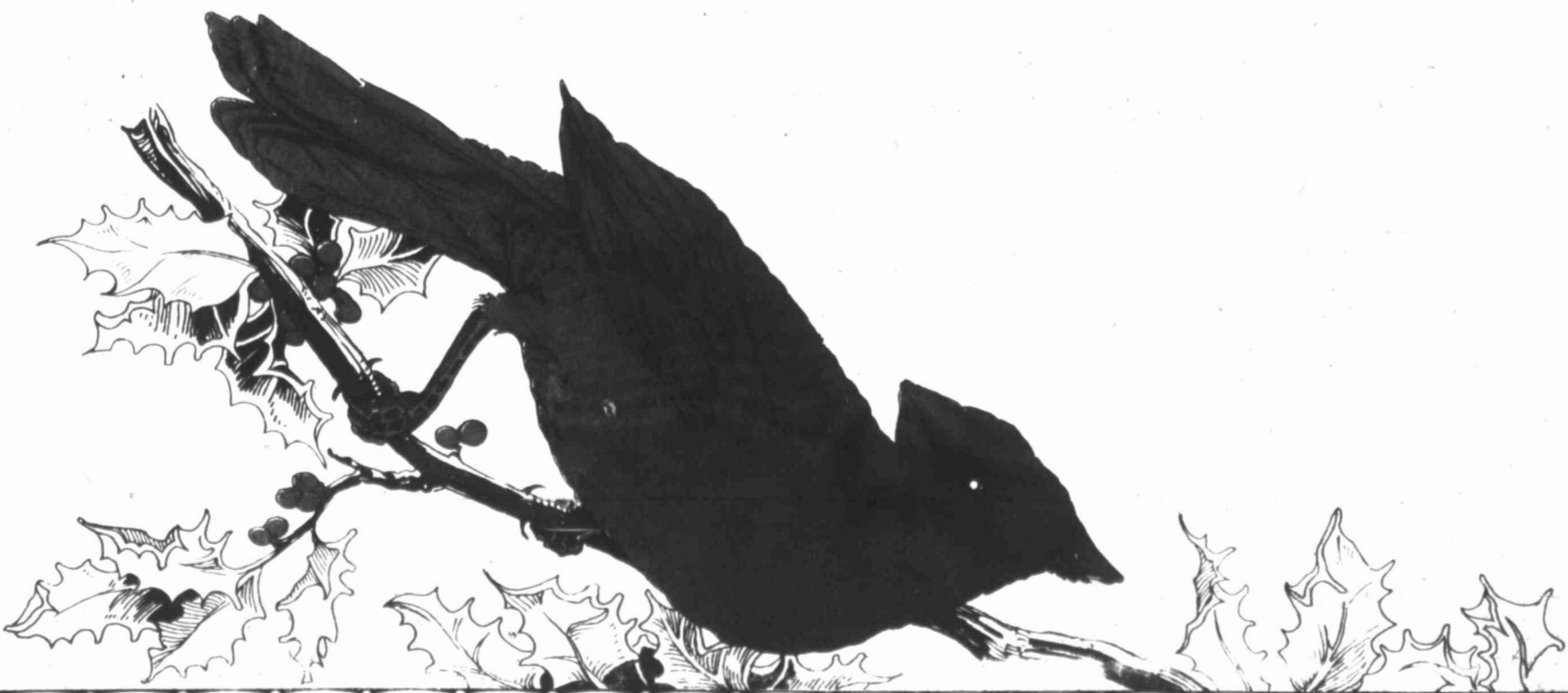
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Garden City running back Ramirez and cornerback Mark Russell are the top football players in the *Herald's* Fifth Annual Country Honor Roll.











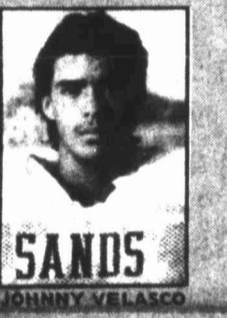
Ramirez is this year's Most Valuable Player. He had a banner season in hitting at tailback. His main offensive contribution vaulted the Garden City team into the state Class 4A playoffs.


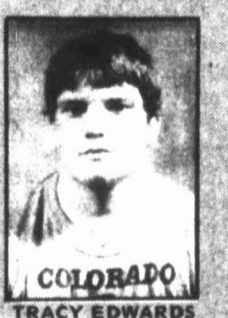




Garden City won the playoffs, 22-21, by defeating White I.

In 10 regular season games, Ramirez — a 5-4, 130-pound running back — rushed for 1,300 yards.

Crossroad Country Honor Roll

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		<p>Coach of the year</p>  <p>SAM SCOTT</p>

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

Garden City running back Tony Ramirez and Colorado City free safety Mark Russell head a list of football players selected to the Herald's Fifth Annual Crossroads Country Honor Roll team.

Ramirez is this year's Offensive Most Valuable Player. He had a banner season in his first year starting at tailback. He was one of the main offensive weapons that vaulted the Garden City Bearkats into the state Class A playoffs.

Garden City was defeated in the playoffs, 22-21, by eventual state champion White Deer.

In 10 regular season games, Ramirez — a 5-4, 150-pound senior — rushed for 1,360 yards; a 6.8

average. He also scored 13 touchdowns and caught 12 passes for 100 yards.

Garden City coach Sam Scott calls him "pound-for-pound, one of the best running backs I've seen. Tony Ramirez is a hard runner and hard worker. One of his best assets is that he's so strong. He bench presses over 300 pounds. He was one of our best defensive players, but we didn't use him because we didn't want to take a chance of getting him hurt," said Scott.

Coach Scott joins his star running back on the team, being tabbed as the Coach of the Year. In two seasons, Scott transformed the Bearkats from a losing program into one of the best teams in the state.

Last year the Bearkats were 3-7; they were 10-2 this season and were ranked No. 7 in the state by the Harris Poll.

Russell, the Defensive Most Valuable Player, had perhaps the best overall season of any player in the Crossroads area. The 5-9, 150-pound senior, was one of the main reasons the Colorado City Wolves had the best defense in District 7-3A for the second consecutive season. The Wolves' defense allowed 146 yards totals of fense per game.

Russell intercepted 10 passes during the regular season — including an amazing eight passes in five games. Russell also made 45 tackles and recovered two fumbles. In addition, he averaged

10 yards on punt returns and 25 yards on kickoff returns, and was named to the Honor Roll at those positions as well.

Russell also made the honorable mention squad at wide receiver. He caught 16 passes, seven for TD's, for 402 yards, a 25 yard average. This is the second consecutive year for Russell to be named to the first defensive unit.

Colorado City coach Tom Ramsey, who guided the Wolves to a 9-3 record, said Russell is one of the best athletes he's coached.

"Mark Russell is an impact player. He kept making the big plays for us this year. He is a complete player," said Ramsey.

Heading the offensive line is two members from Colorado City.

Guard Hal Morren and tackle Tracy Edwards were two of the main reasons the Wolves offense averaged 306 yards per game.

Coahoma senior guard Casey Webb mans the other guard spot. He was the Bulldogs' most consistent blocker all season. The other tackle position goes to Big Spring senior Jessie Rios. Rios helped clear the way for the Steers, making Big Spring one of the best of-fenses in District 4-4A. Last year, Rios was named to the Honor Roll Honorable Mention squad.

The center on the first unit is Stanton junior Craig Fryar. Fryar and the Buffalos won District 5-2A, and they featured a Wishbone attack that gained almost 200 yards on the ground.

The tight end on this year's squad is Big Spring junior Joe Downey. Downey, who played center last year, made the transition well to tight end — he was a good blocker and caught 18 passes for 286 yards; a 15.8 yards-per-catch average. Two of his catches were for touchdowns.

Heading the wide receiver corps is Grady junior Scott Terrell, who was one of the main weapons on Grady's 5-5 state playoff team. Terrell caught 64 passes for 772 yards — a 12.0 average — and 14 TD's.

Joining Terrell is Garden City senior Jodie Scott. Scott teamed with twin brother and quarterback Codie for 38 receptions for 768

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Vikings head All-Pro picks

NEW YORK (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings, who challenged the Chicago Bears for the NFC Central title but were forced to settle for a wild-card berth, placed four players on The Associated Press All-Pro team, more than any team.

Three of the Vikings — tackle Keith Millard, cornerback Carl Lee and safety Joey Browner — were members of the defense that allowed the least yardage in the NFL. The fourth was offensive tackle Gary Zimmerman.

Despite those four All-Pro and nine players on the NFC Pro Bowl squad, the Vikings finished only 11-5, a game behind the Bears, who have won five straight division championships.

Two teams, the Buffalo Bills and Cincinnati Bengals, placed three players on the 24-member squad, selected by writers and broadcasters who covered each of the league's 28 teams. The San Francisco 49ers, Los Angeles Rams, Philadelphia Eagles and Chicago Bears each had two players on the team, with the only rookie, tight end Keith Jackson, coming from the Eagles.

The team also includes two players who missed the season's first four games for substance abuse violations — defensive end Bruce Smith of Buffalo and linebacker Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants. Both made the team by overwhelming margins. For Taylor, it was the seventh first-team selection in his eight NFL seasons — he was a second-team choice last year.

The first team included wide receivers Jerry Rice of San Francisco and Henry Ellard of the Rams; tight end Keith Jackson of Philadelphia;

tackles Zimmerman and Anthony Munoz of Cincinnati; guards Bruce Matthews of Houston and Tom Newberry of the Rams; center Jay Hilgenberg of the Bears; quarterback Boomer Esiason of Cincinnati; running backs Roger Craig of the 49ers and Eric Dickerson of Indianapolis, and kicker Scott Norwood of Buffalo.

The defense includes Smith and Reggie White of Philadelphia at end; Millard at tackle; Tim Krumrie of Cincinnati at nose tackle; Taylor and Cornelius Bennett of Buffalo at outside linebacker; Mike Singletary of Chicago at inside linebacker; Lee and Frank Minnifield of Cleveland at cornerback; Browner and Deron Cherry of Kansas City at safety, and Mike Horan of Denver at punter.

The second team includes wide receivers Eddie Brown of Cincinnati and Al Toon of the New York Jets; tight end Mickey Shuler of the Jets; tackles Luis Sharpe of Phoenix and Bruce Armstrong of New England; guards Mike Munchak of Houston and Bill Fralic of Atlanta; center Kent Hull of Buffalo; quarterback Randall Cunningham of Philadelphia; running backs Herschel Walker of Dallas and Ickey Woods of Cincinnati, and kicker Dean Biasucci of Indianapolis.

Woods was the only rookie on the second team.

The second-team defense includes ends Richard Dent of Chicago and Ray Childress of Houston; nose tackle Michael Carter of San Francisco; tackle Dan Hampton of Chicago; outside linebackers Andre Tippett of New England, Mike Cofer of Detroit and Tim Harris of Green Bay, the latter two tying for the last spot



These are the players that have been chosen as the Associated Press All-Pro first team offense. (Top row, left to right) wide receivers Jerry Rice and Henry Ellard, tight end Keith Jackson, tackles Anthony Munoz and Gary Zimmerman and guard Bruce Matthews. (Bottom row, left to right) guard Tom Newberry, center Jay Hilgenberg, quarterback Boomer Esiason, running backs Roger Craig and Eric Dickerson and kick Scott Norwood.



These are the players that have been chosen as the Associated Press All-Pro first team defense. (Top row, left to right) — Ends Reggie White and Bruce Smith; nose tackle Tim Krumrie; tackle Keith Millard; outside linebackers Cornelius Bennett and Lawrence Taylor. (Bottom row, left to right) Inside linebacker Mike Singletary, cornerbacks Carl Lee and Frank Minnifield, safeties Deron Cherry and Joey Browner and punter Mike Horan.

Two years make big difference for Everett

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Two years ago, Jim Everett was about to start his first playoff game as an ultra-green rookie.

Monday afternoon in Minnesota, the Los Angeles Rams quarterback will start his second playoff game as a self-assured veteran.

"There's a huge difference," Everett says. "At that point I don't think I knew anything about what was going on. I was relying all on instinct."

"Now, I think there's a lot more confidence in myself and in my

teammates and what we're trying to get accomplished. I feel a lot better this time around."

So do his teammates. They've come to see the still-young Everett — tabbed two years ago as the Rams' quarterback of the future — as a leader.

"He's producing and he's grown into a leadership role," third-year guard Tom Newberry said. "It's not really what's being said in the huddle or anything like that."

"It's more just a feeling of leadership. You just have con-

fidence in someone who has done it."

Few quarterbacks did it any better than Everett did this season while leading the Rams, 10-6, to a wild-card berth.

He set club records for passing yards (3,964), completions (308), attempts (517) and touchdowns (31) while building a quarterback rating that was fourth-best in the NFL.

Contrast that to 1986 when he missed training camp and didn't play until the 11th week of the

season. He started the final five games of the season, completing just 49.6 percent of 147 passes for a team that still relied on Eric Dickerson and a strong defense.

"He was basically an apprentice quarterback then," Rams coach John Robinson said. "We were going to succeed depending on how our defense played and how well we ran the ball."

Dick Coury, the Rams' quarterback coach, isn't surprised by Everett's breakthrough season.

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yards. He averaged 20.2 yards per catch and snared eight touchdown passes.

Joining Ramirez in the backfield is Colorado City fullback Beau Rees, making his second appearance on the team. Rees gained 1,067 yards in 180 carries (5.9) and scored eight TD's in regular season play. He also caught seven passes for 76 yards.

Joining Jodie Scott on the team is twin Codie Scott, who's the quarterback. Scott guided the Garden City offense to near perfection. In regular season play, he had a 50 percent completion ratio, connecting on 57 of 114 attempts for 1,203 yards and 12 TD's.

The kicker and punter is Sands' Jay Johnston. The junior was 25-34 in extra points and made good on six of eight field goal attempts. His longest was 42 yards. Johnston averaged 39.3 yards per punt.

Joining C-City's Russell on the defensive team are ends Eleazar Madrid of Garden City and Johnny Velasco of Sands.

Madrid was a big reason why Garden City opponenets only averaged 170 yards per game offensively. The senior made 103 tackles — 19 behind the line of scrimmage — and two quarterback sacks.

Velasco had a banner junior season. He made 145 tackles and sacked the quarterback three times.

Both defensive tackles come from District 7-3A teams. Although he was small in size, Colorado City's Raymond Sutton played big on the field. The 5-10, 150-pounder senior made 59 tackles and sacked the quarterback six times.

Coahoma's Terry Hall was his team's best defensive player every game. The Bulldog senior finished the year with 86 tackles, eight quarterback sacks and six stops behind the line of scrimmage.

The linebacking crew is a dandy

one, headed by Big Spring's Jason Phillips. The Steers senior led his team with 121 tackles.

Joining Phillips is Stanton's David Mendez and Chad Wells of Grady, both juniors.

Mendez had 112 tackles and Wells had 123 tackles and five interceptions.

The cornerbacks are Colorado City's George Rivera and Danny Valle of Grady.

Rivera, a senior, made 48 tackles and intercepted two passes. Valle, a junior, had a superb season, making 163 tackles and intercepting 13 passes.

Joining Russell at the other safety spot is Stanton's Robert Jones. The Buffalo senior made 55 tackles and intercepted four passes.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Center — Craig Fryar, Stanton, 6-0, 215, Jr.

Guards — Hal Morren, Colorado City, 6-0, 230, Sr.; Casey Webb, Coahoma, 5-11, 180, Sr.

Tackles — Tracy Edwards, Colorado City, 6-1, 230, Jr.; Jessie Rios, Big Spring, 6-0, 245, Sr.

Tight End — Joe Downey, Big Spring, 6-3, 205, Sr.

Wide Receivers — Jodie Scott, Garden City, 6-3, 175, Sr.; Scott Terrell, Grady, 5-11, 150, Jr.

Running Backs — Beau Rees, Colorado City, 6-3, 215, Sr.; Tony Ramirez, Garden City, 5-4, 140, Sr.

Quarterback — Codie Scott, Garden City, 6-4, 190, Sr.

Kicker — Jay Johnston, Sands 6-2, 160, Jr.

Punt Returner — Mark Russell, Colorado City, 5-9, 150, Sr.

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Ramirez, Garden City.

COACH OF YEAR — Sam Scott, Garden City.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Ends — Eleazar Madrid, Garden City, 5-9, 155, Sr.; Johnny Velasco, Sands, 5-7, 150, Jr.

Tackles — Raymond Sutton, Colorado City, 5-10, 150, Sr.; Terry Hall, Coahoma, 5-11, 185, Sr.

Linebackers — David Mendez, Stanton, 5-9, 185, Jr.; Chad Wells, Grady, 5-7, 157, Jr.; Jason Phillips, Big Spring, 6-0, 190, Sr.

Cornerbacks — Danny Valle, Grady, 5-8, 132, Jr.; George Rivera, Colorado City, 5-7, 130, Sr.

Safeties — Mark Russell, Colorado City, 5-9, 150, Sr.; Robert Jones, Stanton, 6-0, 160, Sr.
Punter — Jay Johnston, Sands, 6-2, 160, Jr.
Punt Returner — Mark Russell, Colorado City, 5-9, 160, Sr.

DEFENSIVE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER — Russell, Colorado City

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

Center — Todd Patterson, Forsan, 6-4, 170, Sr.; John Seidenberger, Garden City, 5-10, 155, Jr.

Guards — David Mendez, 5-11, 215, Jr.; Stanton, Roy Ramirez, 5-5, 150, Jr., Garden City.

Tackles — Shay Howard, Forsan, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Jimmy Braden, Garden City, 5-10, 195, Sr.

Tight End — Wade Salvato, Forsan, 5-11, 165, Sr.

Wide Receivers — Clint Kirkland, Klondike, 6-0, 160, Sr.; Mark Russell, Colorado City, 5-11, 150, Sr.

Running Backs — Julian Valle, Grady, 5-10, 140, Sr.; Steve Cope, Klondike, 5-10, 150, Sr.; Charles Newton, Forsan, 5-8, 150, Sr.

Jr.; Rodney Brown, Big Spring, 5-10, 160, Sr.; Lance Latimater, Garden County, 5-9, 150, Jr.; Weidon Hilger, Garden City, 5-10, 190, Sr.

Kicker — Codie Scott, Garden City, 6-4, 190, Sr.; Dane Hoover, 6-4, 170, Sr.

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

Ends — Wade Salvato, Forsan, 5-11, 165, Sr.; Tony Aragon, Garden City, 5-9, 153, Sr.

Fresh Tackles — Pat Wilbert, Big Spring, 6-4, 264, Jr.; George Reyna, Stanton, 5-10, 215, Sr.

Linebackers — Jerry Hulme, Colorado City, 5-10, 165, Sr.; Victor Luera, Colorado City, 5-8, 160, Sr.; Shay Howard, Forsan, 6-2, 190, Sr.; Steve Cope, Klondike, 5-11, 150, Sr.

Cornerbacks — Mike Hilaro, Big Spring, 5-5, 144, Jr.; Juan Morales, Garden City, 5-7, 155, Sr.; Anthony Inman, Stanton, 5-9, 145, Sr.; Steve Scurlark, Stanton, 5-10, 160, Sr.

Safeties — Rye Bavin, Big Spring, 6-0, 160, Sr.; Clint Kirkland, Klondike, 6-0, 150, Sr.

Punter — Beau Rees, Colorado City, 6-3, 215, Sr.

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—Out of the darkness— Into the light

By LYNN HAYES
Staff Writer

Carolyn Johnson's firsthand experiences make her volunteer efforts all the more sincere.

The regional director for the National Craniofacial Foundation, Carolyn assists parents of newborns with craniofacial deformities, and reassures them that help is available.

She should know about such things. Her daughter Jennifer was born eight years ago with a birth trauma known as craniofacial deformity — a cleft lip and palate in layman's terms — which refers to the cranial (head) and facial (face) bones.

She and her parents, Charles and Carolyn Johnson are former Big Spring residents; Carolyn was a Garden City teacher at one time.

In addition to the lip and palate, Jennifer had a skull deformity, Carolyn said. After operations at a Lubbock hospital to correct the clefting, Carolyn sought help from Dr. Kenneth Salyer in Dallas to correct the skull deformity. Jennifer underwent radical surgery on her head to restructure and reshape her face, forehead, eye sockets, nose and neck, Carolyn explained.

As many as 200,000 children in the United States under the age of five may suffer from severe craniofacial deformities, although this statistic may underestimate the real magnitude of the problem, according to recent National Craniofacial Foundation statistics.

In Texas alone, such defects, including clefting syndromes, occur in one of every 700 births.

Through early correction, the foundation reports, potentially hundreds of children can be restored.

Carolyn supported the foundation's purpose as she echoed its goal. "Thanks to the resources of the foundation and the many highly qualified professionals who donate their skills, children and adults suffering from craniofacial deformities can step out of the darkness and into the light."

Although Jennifer is scheduled to undergo more surgical procedures, she is a healthy eight-year-old with artistic talents.

Those talents have been recognized, through her participation in a contest sponsored by the National Craniofacial Foundation, a non-profit organization. Jennifer designed eight drawings and sent them to the foundation.

Two of her cards, which have been printed, won first and second places; a third card also has been printed for an all-occasion card.

Proceeds from the cards, which will be distributed nationwide, will go to the National Craniofacial Foundation to help pay for operations for those who can't afford medical treatment.

"Drawing is used as her medium to express herself," said her mother. "She draws when she's sad or when she's mad."

Jennifer says she has been drawing since she was about two, adding "I want to be an artist."

Unable to run and play thanks to the time spent in recovery from surgeries, Jennifer spent a great deal of time drawing. Although she has no formal training, her parents encouraged her to pursue her talent.

After drawing a picture of a dog and a Christmas tree at her Midland home, Jennifer confirmed, "I really like dogs — that's why I can draw them so good."

Jennifer's affliction doesn't slow her, as she plays baseball and T-ball. "I was the only girl on the team," she said excitedly.

Carolyn said her daughter has dealt with peer pressure and teasing. "She doesn't get upset. She heals them (other children) with love."

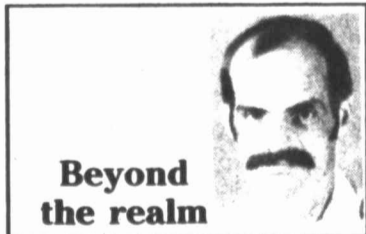
Jennifer explains her problem and often shows photos of herself before her operations, often telling others "I'm an important person — I've been in the newspaper twice."

Several more operations await the youngster, including a nose job and cheek augmentation. In addition, her jaw will be broken to compensate for a deficiency of the mid-face, her mother said.

Carolyn said her daughter will possibly have more surgery to facilitate more articulate speech.

Jennifer said she is thankful to the foundation for its help, adding "I want to help other kids — so they can get fixed too — and live happy lives."

The first annual Uncle Stevie's Post-Christmas Quiz and Gripe Session



Beyond the realm

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Yo-ho-ho, Merry Christmas, tra-la-la-la and all that good stuff.

If you are reading this, it likely means you have survived Christmas morning or nearly so. This in itself is no mean feat and you should be congratulated.

What it probably means, also, is that the last thing you want to read — aside from your shopping bills — is a Christmas column.

This is understandable. After all, you have saved and spent your money, wrapped presents, signed umpteen greeting cards, endured your children's present requests, heard from relatives you didn't even know you had, lied through your teeth about how the bottle of Brut cologne you received is just what you always wanted, etc., etc.

Chances are you have had it up to here with the holiday season. I'd be willing to wager that if Santa Claus slid down the chimney this very

minute, you'd dispatch the old man to Ho-Ho-Ho Heaven with nary a regret.

To heck with peace on earth, good will toward men... It's time for a nap, right?

I thought so. With all this in mind, perhaps now is the perfect time for the inaugural Uncle Stevie's Post-Christmas Quiz and Gripe Session: designed not only to inform, but to allow the participant to think those dark thoughts about Christmas that, until now, were not only unthinkable, but slightly Communistic.

It's the author's sincere hope that at least one reader will peruse the following quiz, sigh with relief and mutter, "Thank God I'm not alone."

Failing that, maybe it'll be good for a cheap laugh or two.

So, if there are no questions, let's begin:

- Santa Claus is:
 1. A kindly person who delivers presents to good little boys and girls every Christmas.
 2. A representation of the ideas that are best in us.
 3. Wanted for manslaughter in 15 states.
 4. A demon from the nether-regions.

- Christmas is a good excuse to:
 1. Gather with family and friends.
 2. Reflect on the past year.
 3. Go into debt.
 4. Tear your hair out and run down the street screaming.

- A traditional Christmas meal consists of:
 1. Turkey with all the fixings.
 2. Ham with all the fixings.
 3. Anything at all — as long as it's delivered.
 4. A six-pack of Budweiser and some Fritos.

- The most popular Christmas carol of all is:
 1. Jingle Bells.
 2. Hark the Herald Angels Sing.
 3. Silent Night.
 4. Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer.

- Complete the following: Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy:
 1. New Year.
 2. Easter.
 3. Bar Mitzvah.
 4. Flag Day.

- Which of the following is not a traditional Christmas movie?
 1. It's a Wonderful Life.
 2. Miracle on 34th Street.
 3. White Christmas.
 4. Slave Girls from Beyond Infinity.

- Another Christmas tradition is

for people to kiss under the:

1. Mistletoe.
2. Christmas wreath.
3. Banister.
4. Influence.

- What is the name of the animal that leads Santa's sleigh every Christmas Eve?
 1. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.
 2. Harry the Happy-Headed Horse.
 3. Seymour the Silly Seagull.
 4. A Boy Named Sue.

- Why does Santa make a list and check it twice?
 1. To find out who's been naughty or nice.
 2. So he can go shopping for Mrs. Claus.

- Because he has a hard time reading his writing.
 4. Because he cross-checks all names with FBI computer files.

- Who sang "I'll Have a Blue Christmas?"
 1. Elvis Presley.
 2. Buddy Holly.
 3. Bon Jovi.
 4. The Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

- After arriving at a home, Santa slides down the:
 1. Chimney.
 2. Banister.
 3. Monster Slide at Wet 'N' Wild.

- 4. He doesn't slide down anything, silly; he picks the lock.

- Who starred in the Christmas classic, "It's A Wonderful Life?"
 1. Jimmy Stewart and Donna Reed.
 2. Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.
 3. Batman and Robin.
 4. Mr. Ed and Frances the Talking Mule.

- The nicest thing about Christmas is:
 1. Having your loved ones near.
 2. The special feeling in the air.
 3. The presents.
 4. Its infrequency.

Scoring

If you marked the first answer of each question, you are a hopeless Christmas junkie, who probably still believes in Santa Claus.

If you marked the second answer to each question, you are full of the Christmas spirit, but you are also confused.

If you marked the third answer to each question, cynicism is rearing its ugly head into your life.

Finally, if you marked the fourth answer to each question, you are completely cynical toward Christmas — which for the next few days is completely normal.

Merry Christmas to all, and to all a well, you know.



"Uh-oh!!
"I see that little Stevie has been a naughty boy again.
"He gets another lump of coal for Christmas this year."

Tidbits

By LEA WHITEHEAD
Staff Writer

Several members of a former Big Spring family — now scattered from Washington, D.C. to Jakarta, Malaysia — have gathered this weekend for a Christmas reunion in Hawaii.

Don and Carol Womack, who now reside in the Capitol city, were local residents when Don was with Texas Electric Company (TU Electric).

The Womacks were joined in Hawaii by their son, Randy Womack, and his wife Kim, Jakarta, Malaysia; daughter Patti and John Gary, St. Louis; and son Tony Womack, Washington, D.C.

Patti, Randy and John are all graduates of Big Spring High School.

Leland and Merline Pierce celebrated an early Christmas last weekend with Leland's mother, Ruth Pierce, in Berger.

The Pierces also had an opportunity to visit with Leland's sister, Dorothy Dugan, and her husband, Dean, who drove in from London, Ark.

Bill and Lila Estes will host the traditional family Christmas dinner at their home for their children and grandchildren.

Mark and Dawn Estes Moffitt are here from San Antonio where they're enrolled in law school at St. Mary's University. Daughter Denise and husband Dr. Karl Kutch arrived from Dallas with young Kelly.

Completing the family gathering will be daughter Debney and Ford Farris, with Heather and Brant, and Lila's parents, Mr.



Tidbits

and Mrs. E.W. Winters.

Joe Pickle is spending the holiday at the home of his son, David Pickle, in Pearland, near Houston.

The Gary Pickles — Joe's other son — with young Lori and Ben will drive in from Austin to visit with Joe and with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Davis, who live in Houston.

Ed and Mildred Wright have holiday visitors from Nevada.

Their houseguests are Ed's parents, Ed and Eva Wright, Carlin, Nev.; and his aunt, Agnes Crews, Las Vegas.

The Wrights' daughter, Kathy, is spending a few days here from Grand Prairie.

Phyllis Hart, daughter of Tommy and Elnora Hart, recently earned her master's degree in nursing at the University of Texas-Arlington with a perfect grade average of 4.0.

Phyllis, a graduate of Big Spring High School and Howard College, is now employed by Trinity Home Health Care, Hurst.

Phyllis earned her associate degree in nursing at Howard College and her bachelor's at UT-Arlington. She also attended

Texas Tech.

Former residents Rev. Keith and Nancy Wiseman were recent visitors.

Now residents of Amarillo, where Keith is pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, the Wisemans were personally invited by his former church, First United Methodist, for the 10th anniversary performance of The Living Christmas Tree.

"We're going to see our kids for Christmas," said Bonnie Cofer. She and Oliver drove to Dallas for the holiday.

The Cofers will stay at the home of Vicki and Wade Trostle, and grandchildren, David and Katherine. They'll be joined for Christmas dinner by Steve and Rita Cofer who live in Fort Worth.

Dr. Gary Grant observed his 25th year on the staff at Howard College this month, and he received a coveted pin to mark the occasion at the college's annual faculty-staff Christmas party, always a high point of the season.

Twenty-year pins were claimed by Dr. Mary Baily, Dr. Mary Dudley and Mary Kenemer.

Receiving 10-year pins were Tony Claxon, Lynn Craft, Ann Duncan, Jim Grizzard, Joe Rhodes and Charles Seals.

The five-year milestone earned pins for Lila Adkins, Tom Arcand, Holston Banks, Al Blount, Pam Campbell, Darel Higley, Charla Lewis, Dr. Robert Mehan, Wynona Payte, Lorenzo Pina, Karen Reeves, Shawn Shreves, Cheryl Shults and Rory Speaker.



Associated Press photo

Well fed

SEATTLE — These sea lions, resting on a mooring buoy off Shiishole Marina, may be sleeping off a meal at the nearby Ballard Locks, where state officials may try firing rubber bullets to keep them away from salmon and steelhead.

Academia

Michael Rogers, College Station, graduated from Texas A & M University, College Station, on Dec. 17 with a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering.

Michael is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rogers, 3609 Tingle, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Don Yates, and the late LaVerne Rogers.

Roxie Wolf, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Vernon Wolf of Vincent, graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University Dec. 17.

She received a bachelor of science degree in accounting, and will be employed with the accounting firm of Grant Thornton in Midland.

She is a 1984 graduate of Borden County High School.

Brian D. Jones, Denton, received

a master of arts degree from Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary as 290 graduating seniors participated in the commencement held Dec. 16 at the Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

Brian is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clemon R. Jones, 1900 Goliah, is a 1976 graduate of Big Spring High School, and a 1981 graduate of Texas Tech University.

Military

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Tony Wingo, son of Jack N. and Sandy K. Porrott, 605 George St. recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi.

A 1983 graduate of Big Spring High School, he joined the Navy in March 1984. His wife, Laura, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N.J. Lucas, also of Big Spring.

Navy Fireman Recruit Kenneth R. Benitez, son on Nathan Y. and Leona M. Benitez, Snyder, has completed Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Benitez's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Benitez's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

A 1987 graduate of Snyder High School, he joined the Navy in August 1988.

Navy Seaman Apprentice Ray M. Duke, son of Dennis R. Duke and Virginia J. Martin, both of Stanton, recently was graduated from the Basic Enlisted Submarine School, Groton, Conn.

During the six-week course, Duke was introduced to the basic theory, construction and operation of nuclear-power and diesel submarines. In preparation for his first assignment, he studied shipboard organization, damage control and submarine safety and escape procedures.

A 1987 graduate of Stanton High School, he joined the Navy in June 1988.

Army Pvt. Robert Rodriguez, son of Eulalio and Gloria Rodriguez, 2203 Runnels, has arrived for duty in West Germany.

Rodriguez is a communications system maintenance specialist with the 1st Defense Artillery.

The soldier is a 1988 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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Guide book demotes famous French chef

PARIS (AP) — Paul Bocuse has failed to win a guidebook's highest rating of four toques, or hats, but France's most famous chef hasn't lost his head.

For many in this country where food is a national obsession, Bocuse remains "the emperor" of cuisine, despite the rating of three toques, by the 1989 edition of the Gault-Millau guidebook, which deemed his food not in step with the times.

Bocuse shrugged off the criticisms with imperial calm. "For me there is only one guidebook. That's the Michelin," he said in a telephone interview from his restaurant at Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or outside of Lyon.

Michelin, known as the bible of gastronomy with 630,000 copies sold annually, is considered conservative. It gives only a terse listing of addresses, ratings and sometimes a few dishes, and ratings up to a top of three stars.

The 1989 edition does not come out until March, but for nearly 30 years, Bocuse has enjoyed the top three-star status — one of just 18 restaurants in France with the honor last year.

Gault-Millau with 200,000 copies published yearly, hits the bookshelves earlier. Its text is peppered with colorful comments, including feisty criticism as well as praise.

Bocuse had rated four toques since 1973, but this time Gault-Millau gave his knuckles a severe rap, rating 26 other chefs higher.

"We're not putting down Bocuse," said Christian Millau, editor-in-chief of the guidebook. "It's just that Bocuse has stayed the same, while other chefs are getting ahead. He really hasn't changed his menu in five years."

"My clientele is 80 percent Lyonaise," replied Bocuse. "They still like the sea bass in crust, the truffle soup, the chicken poached in a bladder."

Bocuse shot to fame after he was awarded the Legion of Honor by President Valery Giscard d'Esta-

ing in 1975 and supervised a menu for the award dinner in the Elysee Palace featuring the famous truffle soup.

He appeared on magazine covers and television shows, globetrotting as no chef had ever done before.

It became a heady time for other chefs, too, who started emulating Bocuse as celebrities. Some, like Pierre Troisgros — later awarded the Legion of Honor himself — stayed close to the stock pots.

The frequent absences of Bocuse from his restaurant began to irritate diners and critics such as Christian Millau.

"You can't run all over the world and still keep a perfect restaurant," said Millau. "He does have good chefs to replace him, but it's not the same food or atmosphere."

Just back from Japan, where he has several luxury food shops, Bocuse didn't deny the charge. "Yes, I travel, and my staff of 70 is the top. But I don't consider Millau a serious critic."

"I've never seen him pay his bill. His book and magazine are truffled with ads. He's media-oriented and only interested in news and money."

Inspectors from the Michelin guide, Bocuse said, "are impartial, anonymous and really inspect."

Millau says Bocuse is a "restaurateur, not a chef. He only goes to market for the TV camera."

Then he added: "Don't get me wrong. I really like the man. He played a formidable role as a locomotive for other chefs, an ambassador of cuisine abroad. But he became a deity, and the others don't need that any more."

As for nouvelle cuisine — a term coined by Gault and Millau and often applied to Bocuse — the chef says he scorns it.

"I ignore it," Bocuse says. "I've never done it. My cuisine is one of tradition, of produce and seasons. This respect for tradition is coming back."



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Back seat bovine

BARRE, Vt. — Gordon Dezotelle is watched by his daughter, Samie Jo, 3, and their holstein cow as he runs an errand while enroute to his

small farm in Riverton. Dezotelle uses his 1979 Plymouth sedan to transport the animal from nearby Hardwick.

In America, Moscow's a neighbor of Athens

By JOY ASCHENBACH

National Geographic
WASHINGTON — Without great feats of geographic gymnastics, it's possible to drive from Paris to Rome, Vienna, Madrid, Moscow and Stockholm — and never leave the state of Maine.

The sophisticated capitals of Europe are small towns on this side of the Atlantic. Entire nations such as China, Poland, Norway, Sweden and Denmark also shrink to city, county, even crossroads status.

The march of Old World place names across the new land during the past 200 years intrigues Irina Vasiliev, a doctoral student in geography at Syracuse University. She presented her research at this year's annual meetings of the Association of American Geographers and the American Name Society.

Tracking the names of 15 European capitals and Egypt's Cairo, she found 41 U.S. Londons, 31 Lisbons, 32 Athens, 12 Amsterdams, 56 Berlins, 24 Dublins, 19 Warsaws, and 27 Moscows. These include such variations as New London, Lisbon Falls and Moscow Mills.

Just how many American place names are recycled Old World names has never been tallied, says Donald Orth of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. "Certainly a high percentage," he says. "All tend to be populated places — very rarely, mountains and rivers."

Vasiliev says she was initially curious about why U.S. cities

Moscow, Kan., was a mistake. The Kansans really wanted to honor an officer named Moscoso, who had been part of the 16th century Coronado expedition to the Southwest. They shortened his name to Mosco. But when the post-office application was processed in Washington, an official, thinking Kansans couldn't spell, added the "w." It stuck.

were christened Moscow. Why did communities that bore no resemblance to the original cities adopt their names? Was there a pattern to naming?

The reasons vary from admiration or nostalgia for the old places to mistakes or chance — literally picking a name out of a hat. The motive for many remains a mystery.

In the case of Moscow, Maine, in about 1816 the townsfolk "were really impressed that the Russians had thrown Napoleon out of Moscow four years earlier," Ms. Vasiliev told National Geographic. "They commemorated that historic event."

At least eight Moscows were named for the Russian capital. But the biggest and best-known American Moscow, home of the University of Idaho, was not.

Seems that in the 1870s the Idaho townspeople, seeking their own post office, wanted a prestigious name — perhaps because the town was originally called Hog Heaven, later euphemized to Paradise Valley.

Faced with a postal deadline and no promising names, the

naming committee left the decision up to grocer Samuel Neff. Born near Moscow, Pa., Neff had lived in Moscow, Iowa, before moving to the Idaho town. He named it after his birthplace.

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Not all Parises have roots in the French capital. But Paris, Maine, proudly does, says Ben Conant, a minister, local historian and resident for 45 years.

"Old Revolutionary War soldiers settled this area. They honored the French who helped fight our war," he explains. A shadow of its European counterpart, the Maine town has a population of 4,100 and is known for sleds and toboggans.

Small though it is, it was on the tour route of a group of young French people who visited some

U.S. Parises (there are 37) and Paris, Ont., last summer.

The American custom of using notable or fine-sounding foreign names evolved from two earlier naming practices, George R. Stewart wrote in "Names on the Land." The colonists had first chosen English town names, such as Plymouth and Boston.

At the birth of the nation "Americans considered themselves the new Athens, the new Rome," explains geographer Wilbur Zelinsky of Pennsylvania State University. "Adopting classical names is uniquely American. There are hundreds, thousands."

"The cultural hearth for classical place-naming," he says, was west-central New York State, particularly around an old military tract. The region, riddled with the names of renowned Greek and Roman heroes, also includes Syracuse, Ithaca and Utica.

Communities in Ohio and Georgia that aspired to be centers of learning called themselves Athens. They are university towns today. Herculeaneum, Mo., memorializes the ancient Roman city destroyed with Pompeii when Mount Vesuvius erupted in A.D. 79.

Along the Mississippi River, Stewart wrote, people hoped a civilization surpassing that of ancient Egypt would rise on the "Nile of America." Hence, an array of names such as Cairo and Karnak, Ill., and Memphis, Tenn.



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Family reunited after 30 years

Miracles always seem to happen during the Christmas season. Just ask Big Spring resident Martha Schwab, who was recently reunited with a son she hadn't seen in 30 years.

Six of her nine children attended a reunion Dec. 18 at Martha's home. Martha's sons, Melvin Jones and Nathan Cahoon, Grants, N.M., weren't able to make the trip. Her daughter, Sharon Gail Jones died at the age of two.

At the age of three months, Martha's son, Ricky, was adopted by her brother, Leonard, who lives in Conyers, Ga.

Martha's children always wanted to meet their brother, but weren't able to until the family gathered for the long-awaited reunion.

Family members present were her children: Jerry Jones, Salcha, Alaska; Kenneth Jones, Grants, N.M.; and Denise Bingham, Sarah Green and Debbie Davis, all of Big Spring; her brother, Johnnie Christian and family, and Ray Christian and family, all of Big Spring.

"This is one Christmas I'll always hold dear in my heart," Martha said. Now that the family has been reunited, Ricky vowed "to keep closer ties with my second family."



Family members pose for a picture at the Dec. 18 reunion. Top row from left are: Kenneth Jones, Ricky Christian, Martha Schwab and Jerry Jones. Bottom row: Debbie Davis, Denise Bingham and Sarah Green.

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Today, nearly 2,000 genealogical societies with a collective membership of approximately 700,000 educate and promote interest in researching the past. In addition, there are more than 5 million members of local historical societies and nearly 33.5 million members of lineage societies (family organizations and societies such as Daughters of the American Revolution).

Traditional Home magazine provides the following list of the best-known organizations that promote genealogy on a nationwide basis:

• The National Genealogical Society, 1921 Sunderland Pl., N.W., Washington, DC 20036-1674.

Founded in 1903, the society holds regular meetings and

workshops, offers educational materials, and publishes The National Genealogical Quarterly. It also maintains a library that is open to the public (small fee for nonmembers). For information on hours, call 202-785-2123.

Each year the society holds a national conference open to all genealogists, amateur and professional.

• The New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116; 617-536-5740.

This organization, founded in 1845, is the largest and oldest society of its kind. It offers unlimited use of an extensive library and manuscript collection, a book-loan mail service and assistance from the research staff. It publishes The New England Historical and Genealogical Register.

• The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202, publishes a variety of books of interest to the amateur genealogist, including some specifically designed for the beginner. A few of their titles include "The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy," "How to Climb Your Family Tree: Genealogy for Beginners," and "In Search of British Ancestry." For a complete catalog and price list, write to the Genealogical Publishing Company at the address above.

Home computer enthusiasts can use the latest technology to help trace family roots. There are now about 50 software packages available that can maintain a data base for genealogy. It is also possible to share data with other computerized researchers via modem.



Herald photo by Michael McCarthy

Staying chic all evening

By Ladies' Home Journal A Meredith Magazine

When wearing a great dress at a big, important party, a spilled drink or food stain can be a major disaster, but these problems don't need to ruin an evening.

Ladies' Home Journal offers advice for avoiding embarrassments, as well as quick fixes for when such mishaps occur.

To guard against food accidents, tuck handbag under left arm, hold a drink in the left hand and use the free right hand for nibbling or hand shaking. Double- or triple-layer paper plates will avoid greasy breakthrough on the lap.

When spills do occur, take action. Blot liquid spills with paper towels. Sponge delicate fabrics with cold water or club soda. Treat greasy stains with hot water and, if clothing is dark and washable, put a few drops of liquid soap on the stain. Otherwise, blot the stain and take the garment to the dry cleaners later. At private homes, look for talcum powder or cornstarch to sprinkle on grease stains. Let the powder sink in, brush off and repeat.

Avoid nervous perspiration by using a combination deodorant-antiperspirant that contains an aluminum complex as the active ingredient. Apply to clean, dry skin in the morning and again at night.

If perspiration still occurs, run cool water over the wrists. Dampen a paper towel with cold water and apply to pulse points, back of neck and forehead. Reduce anxiety by breathing deeply through the nose and exhaling slowly through the mouth. Drink a glass of cold water. Carry a purse-size spray of fragrance and spritz on clothes.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
The Board of Trustees of the Midland Independent School District, Midland, Texas, is requesting bids on Janitorial Supplies Bid specifications and regulations may be secured from the Director of Purchasing, 8001 County Road 60 West, Midland, Texas. Phone 689-6976. 5060 Dec. 18 & 25, 1988

PUBLIC NOTICE

The County of Howard is requesting bids for the County's Group Health Insurance. Interested bidders may pick up specifications from Bonnie Franklin, County Treasurer, 2nd Floor Courthouse, Room 201. All bids must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. December 8, 1988. 5019 Nov. 18 & 25, 1988

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, December 20, 1988, the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, passed and approved on regular reading an ordinance which is described as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS AMENDING ARTICLE 9 SEC. 6-167, RESERVATIONS, SEC. 6-168, DEPOSITS, AND SEC. 6-171, RULES AND REGULATIONS CONCERNING OPERATION OF THE POTTON HOUSE AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.
Thomas D. Ferguson
City Secretary
5068 Ferguson 23 & 25, 1988

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., Monday January 9, 1989 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING A CONTRACTOR TO CLEAN WEEDY LOTS. BIDS TO BE OPENED AND READ ALoud AT THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, ROOM 105, CITY HALL, 4TH AND NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS. ALL BIDS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE DATE OF BID AND A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BID ITEM(S). THE CITY OF BIG SPRING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY OR ALL FORMALITIES.
SIGNED: COTTON MIZE, MAYOR
SIGNED: THOMAS D. FERGUSON, CITY SECRETARY
5071 DECEMBER 23, 1988
JANUARY 1, 1989

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., Tuesday January 10, 1989 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS. BIDS TO BE OPENED AND READ ALoud AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL, 4TH & NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720. WITH AWARD TO BE MADE AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL. BID INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, ROOM 105, CITY HALL, 4TH AND NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS. ALL BIDS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE DATE OF BID AND A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BID ITEM(S). THE CITY OF BIG SPRING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY OR ALL FORMALITIES.
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5072 DECEMBER 25, 1988
JANUARY 1, 1989

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON
TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for constructing 000 miles of landscape development on IH 20 at Rest Area west of Big Spring and at State Maintenance Yard in Big Spring, covered by MC 5-5-71 & MC 5-6-81 in Howard County, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., January 11, 1989, and then publicly opened and read. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Mike Chetty, Resident Engineer, Big Spring, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.
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5069 Dec. 25, 1988 & Jan. 1, 1989

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON
TEXAS HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION
Sealed proposals for constructing 2.631 miles of grading, structures, safety improvements and asphaltic concrete pavement on US 87 from RM 33 to near Hearn Street S. of Big Spring, covered by F 571(14) in Howard County, will be received at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, until 1:00 P.M., January 11, 1989, and then publicly opened and read. This contract is subject to all appropriate Federal laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by Law are available for inspection at the office of Mike Chetty, Resident Engineer, Big Spring, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas. Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, JANUARY 3, 1989 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING TWO (2) 1/2 TON PICK-UP TRUCKS. BIDS TO BE OPENED AND READ ALoud AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL, 4TH & NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720. WITH AWARD TO BE MADE AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL. BID INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, ROOM 105, CITY HALL, 4TH AND NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS. ALL BIDS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE DATE OF BID AND A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BID ITEM(S). THE CITY OF BIG SPRING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY OR ALL FORMALITIES.
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5068 Dec. 18 & 25, 1988

Anything for us?

Amanda Gaston, 11, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Gaston, and Trisha Gaskin, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gaskin, both of Tubbs Addition, check the mailbox at the Big Spring Humane Society Adoption Center. Members of the Humane Society, who care for 120 dogs and cats at the center, are hoping for Christmas donations to help support the animals until they can find homes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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PUBLIC NOTICE

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PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, SEALED BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, January 3, 1989 FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASING EMPLOYEE UNIFORMS. BIDS TO BE OPENED AND READ ALoud AT THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL, 4TH & NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720. WITH AWARD TO BE MADE AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL. BID INFORMATION AND SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED IN THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT, ROOM 105, CITY HALL, 4TH AND NOLAN STREETS, BIG SPRING, TEXAS. ALL BIDS MUST BE MARKED WITH THE DATE OF BID AND A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF BID ITEM(S). THE CITY OF BIG SPRING RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE ANY OR ALL FORMALITIES.
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Minimize fire losses

There were 551,500 residential fires in the United States last year, according to the National Fire Protection Association. They caused \$3.7 billion in property damage.

Thanks to modern technology and techniques much of that property can be saved and restored. The chances of fire losses can be minimized by following a few simple steps. Very important is that cleanup and deodorizing can be relatively routine if done quickly. But if smoke and soot are allowed to set in fibers, carpeting, clothing and draperies, cleaning becomes very difficult. If water damage is involved, time becomes even more critical. Mildew and rot set in. Odors get worse. And, if water seeps through carpeting to wood floors, warping and buckling are inevitable.

To get a first-hand report on the subject, we talked to John Gellately, vice president of Steamatic Inc., a company specializing in fire and flood restoration. An area where the greatest advances have been made in recent years is the restoration of books, documents, photographs and other valuable and cherished papers. Gellately explained how documents are often frozen on the site to stop bacteria and mildew growth until they can be shipped to vacuum drying chambers. The chambers dry large quantities quickly, minimize warping, stop bacteria and mildew growth and keep papers from sticking together.

When fire and soot do not penetrate the wood, even though it has a "burned" appearance, a special wood restoration process restores the old finish on location, often in as little as an hour or two.

Gellately says home owners should be sure they have a replacement cost insurance policy, which pays whatever it costs to replace damaged or lost property. If you have only a "cash value" policy, it will pay only the depreciated value of the property, which can be far less today than when you bought and less than it will cost to replace it. Also keep receipts of value no matter how old they are, since a large amount of them can be kept in a small box. Make sure your insurance company has a list of property that is of unusual value, which may include antiques, jewelry, furs and stamp or coin collections.

Because there are things that cannot be restored or replaced, they should be kept in a fireproof safe, vault or bank safety deposit box. If you have a good insurance policy, it may have a deductible of as little as \$250. That means you should not have to pay any more than that if your home is damaged by fire.

Headquartered in Grand Prairies, Texas, Steamatic got its start 40 years ago when two college buddies, Bill Blackmon and Scott Mooring, got a furniture cleaning contract at the Crazy Water Crystal Hotel in the Texas town of Mineral Wells. Today, they have franchises all over the United States. The company often is called in for major fire cleanups, like the multimillion dollar job following one of the biggest high-rise fires ever in Los Angeles at the First Interstate Bank Building last May.

Getting electric equipment, such as TV sets, video cassette recorders, computers, etc., back in service following a fire is part of the cleanup task. Soot and smoke can cause corrosion, which may not be visible in its early stages. If left as is, irreparable damage will result.

GET RESULTS FROM THE BIG SPRING HERALD



Recipe Exchange

Lost your favorite recipe? Looking for something new? Would you like to share your family's favorite recipe with others? Send your requests and recipe suggestions to: Herald Recipe Exchange, c/o The Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79720. Or, bring the recipe to The Herald, 710 Scurry.

Please include your name, address, phone number and complete instructions. Recipes will be printed as space allows.

Increasing use of chemicals are poisoning wildlife

The increasing use of new chemicals and the residual effects of those long banned are poisoning our wildlife and in some areas making wild game unfit to eat.

In Maine and Ontario, hunters are being advised not to eat moose livers because they contain high levels of cadmium, according to an article in the current issue of Sports Afield, while in some drainages in the Northeast, waterfowl are advised not to eat geese and ducks because of high levels of PCBs.

In the Midwest, the Minnesota Department of Health publishes a 32-page booklet that describes which fish from its lakes and

streams are fit for consumption. Michigan and Wisconsin have similar directories and Ontario publishes a 296-page guide to eating its sportfish.

In California, the state Department of Health Service warns against eating white croaker, also known as kingfish or tomcod, from Santa Monica Bay, Los Angeles and Long Beach harbor. The fish have been found to have trace amounts of DDT and PCB.

On the high plains, geese are still being found with traces of the very toxic pesticide endrin, though its use was discontinued in 1982.

The cleanest air and water — and by extension the least con-

taminated game — can be found in the Great Plains and the mountainous West.

As one heads downstream from the Divide, through agricultural lands and industrial areas, the aggregation of pollutants increases until one reaches the Great Lakes and the coasts. Because they serve as sinks for the rest of the continent, these aquatic environments and their inhabitants tend to be the most polluted.

Big game animals that live in wilderness areas or on the high, remote plains — elk, deer, sheep, goats and pronghorns — tend to have flesh in which few or no contaminants can be found.

Since the liver serves as the primary detoxifying organ in vertebrates, and these large animals have the most complex liver of all game creatures, they tend to be less contaminated than fish or birds.

Big game animals that live near agricultural areas, as well as gallinaceous gamebirds — pheasants, grouse, quail and turkeys — can harbor few or many contaminants, depending on the amount of pesticides used in their environs.

The southern Cotton Belt is well known for its extensive use of pesticides, as are Texas and California.

The migratory nature of water-

fowl makes them difficult to assess. Many state wildlife agencies post warnings about contaminated waterfowl, as was done in Montana during the 1981-82 season when residues of endrin were found in ducks and Canada geese.

Fish from high country lakes and streams are almost universally fit to eat; many species found in the Great Lakes, major rivers and downstream from towns are not.

Ontario's Guide to Eating Sport Fish lists the most commonly found contaminants in lakes and streams, divided into organic and nonorganic substances.

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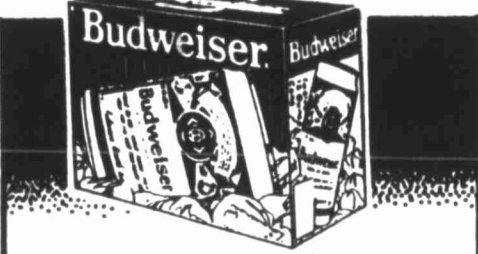
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