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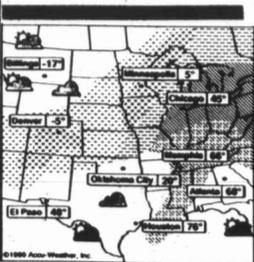
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Weather

Light snow or snow flurries tonight and Saturday. Low tonight in the teens; high Saturday in the low to mid 20s.

Thursday's high temperature.....	72
Thursday's low temperature.....	17
Average high.....	56
Average low.....	28
Record high.....	78 in 1981
Record low.....	8 in 1973
Rainfall Thursday.....	0.90
Month to date.....	0.45
Normal for Month.....	0.69
Year to date.....	21.92
Normal for year.....	18.37

Courthouse to close for holidays

The Howard County Courthouse will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for Christmas, reported a clerk in the County Clerk's office.

The courthouse will also close for New Year's Day, Jan. 1, she said.

Herald closing early for holidays

The Big Spring Herald will close at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, remain closed Christmas Day, and will reopen Dec. 26 as usual. The Herald will not publish a newspaper on Christmas Day.

Circulation phone lines will be answered until 7 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

City outlaws use of sprinklers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The City Council has outlawed the use of water sprinklers during most daylight hours all year.

The ordinance takes effect Dec. 30 and extends to a year-round basis a water conservation measure that took effect last summer during drought-like conditions.

After feisty debate, the council approved the measure Thursday.

The ordinance prohibits lawn-watering by sprinkler between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. Watering by hand-held hose, buckets and drip irrigation is allowed.

"This is sincerely an attempt to do a common-sense thing," Councilman Weir Labatt said. "There is nothing intentionally punitive."

Labatt said the measure won't pose a hardship because "everyone in the landscape business says it is preferable to water once a week, preferably in the early morning hours."

Public works funds distributed

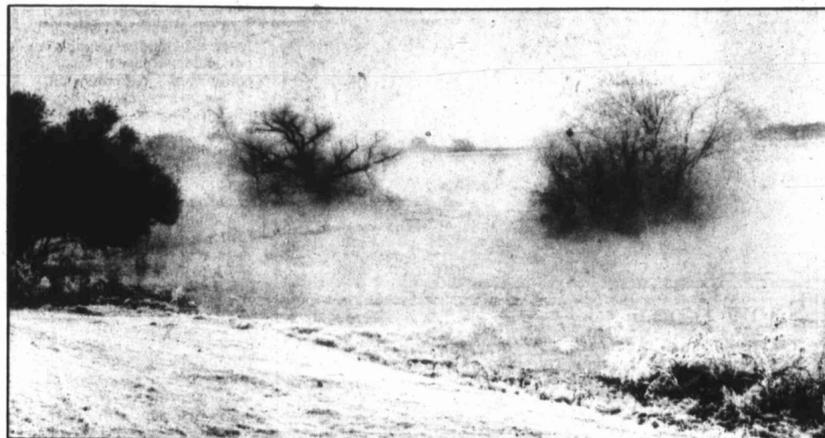
AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Department of Commerce announced the distribution of \$33 million in federal grants for public works projects and housing assistance designed to benefit low- and moderate-income people.

"The injection of \$33 million into local economies around the state will not only provide a stimulus for economic growth, but will generate new jobs as well," Bill Taylor, executive director of the Commerce Department, said Friday.

The 175 grants were distributed to cities, counties and housing agencies. They were picked from 572 applications during an eight-month selection process, Taylor said.

The largest grants of \$350,000 were awarded to Arcola, Austin County, Eagle Lake, Fulshear, Kemah, Liberty County, Robstown, and Wharton County, according to the Commerce Department.

No records broken, but it's cold



Herald photo by Bill Ayres

Big Spring residents got their first taste of winter this morning. A cold front brought freezing drizzle, patchy fog and light snow to the area. The scenery at Comanche Trails Park took on a ghost-

ly appearance as cold winds, striking warmer water, created mist to combine with the ice forming on the trees.

By BILL AYRES

City Editor

A Winter Weather Advisory has been issued by the National Weather Service for the Panhandle, Permian Basin and Concho Valley through Monday.

According to John Wright, with the National Weather Service in Midland, a strong cold front moved into the southern portion of the Permian Basin early this morning. Wright said a mass of extremely cold air was spreading southward behind the front.

The weather advisory warned of freezing drizzle and the threat of wind chill for the entire weekend.

Wright said road conditions in the area were reported to be deteriorating. He said Department of Public Safety officials are advising that Interstate 20 is beginning to become icy, making travel hazardous.

Wright reported temperatures in the Panhandle were near or below zero, with wind chills as low as 42 below zero.

The Lubbock area reported temperatures in the single digits and wind chills in the minus-20

degree range.

An inch of snow had been reported in the Panhandle.

The temperature in Big Spring was officially 18 degrees at 8 a.m. today at the Agricultural Extension Service, with a wind chill of 10 to 20 below zero, depending on the force of the wind.

Wright said the NWS expected the temperatures to continue to drop this afternoon to about 13 degrees. He said the overnight low is expected to be 6 degrees.

Light snow, with no measurable accumulations, is expected through Saturday he said, and temperatures were not expected to get above freezing until Monday.

The NWS reported temperatures ranged from 2 degrees in Amarillo to 56 in El Paso. Dallas reported 32 degrees and drizzle, while Houston is expected to reach 71 degrees.

Freezing drizzle, mixed with light snow, was also reported from Abilene to Midland, as well as in the Panhandle and the High Plains.

Wright urged caution when driving since roadways in the area may become slick.

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Runnels students invited to Austin

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Twenty-five Runnels Junior High School students have been invited to march in the inaugural parade for Governor-elect Ann Richards and Lieutenant Governor-elect Bob Bullock.

The invitation was formally announced Wednesday: Big Spring is one of 26 Texas schools chosen to send students to the parade Jan. 15. Inaugural Committee member John Hatch, a 1982 graduate of Big Spring High School, said he is especially pleased that his home city was among the honored.

"I hope the people of Big Spring rally behind this and support it," he said in an interview from his Austin office. "It's a great honor."

Hatch worked on the Richards campaign, and was later asked to serve on the committee and help coordinate the parade.

Superintendent Bill McQueary said he was very proud of the invitation.

"It's quite an honor to be selected," he said. "But it's going to be hard to choose only 25 (students) from that group."

Hatch explained that the committee chose 13 schools near Austin, then chose 13 "at large" to send students. The grade level of students was based on the distance they would have to travel, he added.

"Big Spring ended up at the eighth grade level," he said. The students will march alongside

those from Fulmore Junior High School in Austin — where Richards was once a teacher.

For the parade, titled "The People are Back," every school in Texas was invited to send a teacher or principal to join the selected students. High school and college bands and drill teams were invited as well.

Hatch said the idea is to highlight Richards' views on education.

"Education was one of the biggest issues for Ann Richards and Bob Bullock," Hatch said. "We wanted to highlight the fact that it's one of the key messages."

Hatch noted that Richards has planned a live TV broadcast at 2 p.m. on Inauguration Day. The address will be aimed at children, he said.

The address, as well as most of the day's events will be broadcast on Home Sports Entertainment (HSE) and Public Broadcasting Stations (PBS).

Students in the parade will march with the eight-block route under a banner reading, "The Future of Texas," as well as the names of the school and city they represent, Hatch said.

McQueary said he is uncertain yet if Big Spring students will actually be able to attend the event, noting that they would have to miss a day or two of school.

"I think we'd have to definitely take kids that it wouldn't hurt to miss some school," he said. "It's

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Winning doors

The Texas Department of Human Services sponsored a door-decorating contest for its employees this week. First place winner Tammy Teichik used a Southwest theme, while se-



Herald photos by Perry Hall

cond place winner Sonya Metcalf wrote a more traditional Christmas message for her door. Most of the doors in the building at 707 East Third St. were decorated for the contest.



Herald photo by Debbie Lincecum

Gifts to go

Big Spring Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center employees collected a second round of gifts Thursday for elderly homebound locals through the Tree of Hope project. Employee participants are, clockwise from left,

Pat Atkins, project coordinator; Conrad Alexander, administrative director; Carla Crow, Roxanne Wilson, Dianne Posey, Mary McCleendon and Bethany Everett. The gifts were distributed by the Senior Citizens Center.

Pickup linked to hit and run located

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

A pickup reported stolen from Sand Springs less than a mile from the scene of a hit-and-run accident Saturday was recovered Wednesday night.

Witnesses reported seeing a tall, black male with a muscular build, probably in his late 20s, leaving the scene of an accident in which a 1980 Chevrolet pickup hit a 1964 Falcon, causing the car to flip and injuring the car's driver.

The pickup involved in the accident was reportedly stolen from North American Van Lines of Midland.

A 1984 Chevrolet pickup, reportedly stolen Saturday between 7:30 and 8 a.m., was found parked at the Howard College girls' dormitory Wednesday night by police officers. A .410-gauge shotgun and a box of shells were reported missing from the pickup by its owner, and an article of clothing not belonging to the vehicle's owner was left behind.

Police reports indicate that there have been no more stolen vehicles reported in Big Spring since Saturday.

Law enforcement officials hope to determine if there is a connec-

tion between the two stolen vehicles, including trying to match fingerprints lifted from both, Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard said.

"We don't have anything concrete to tie them both in," said Sheriff Deputy George Quintero, who processed the 1984 pickup Thursday. He said they do not know who owns the abandoned article of clothing, which he declined to identify.

Texas Highway Patrolman James Lasater, who is investigating the incident, said officials have located at least one possible suspect, who lives in Midland. The suspect has been convicted before, he confirmed.

Lasater said this morning he is sending a photo lineup to law enforcement authorities in California, where one of the witnesses lives.

Injured in the accident was Dennis Smith, 38, Coahoma, who reportedly sustained several broken ribs and a broken collar bone when the pickup backed into his 1964 Falcon, causing it to flip end over end. Smith, who at the time was driving his 2-year-old son to the hospital, is now in stable condition. His son was treated for

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Sidelines

Texas lawyers approve change

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas lawyers have approved changing the grievance process that disciplines the legal profession and increasing their State Bar membership dues to pay for it.

"The new disciplinary rules will provide for increased public protection," said James Parsons of Palestine, State Bar of Texas president.

Nearly 62 percent of the 54,000 lawyers licensed by the State Bar participated in the month-long balloting, which concluded Thursday.

Almost 64 percent approved increasing bar dues, and close to 83 percent approved the disciplinary rules.

The new rules are meant to provide greater uniformity in sanctions and quicker disposition of complaints.

An administrative hearings process will be created in response to consumer complaints that the system is too slow. Lawyers retain the right to a jury trial.

Police search for connection

AUSTIN (AP) — Police are investigating to determine if there is any connection between the shooting deaths of two Austin cab drivers this week.

"I would say it would be a good assumption at this point," said Senior Sgt. Mike Lummus, a police homicide supervisor.

Eleazar Hinojosa, 57, the father of 11, was found in the front seat of his Roy's Taxi cab about 7:15 p.m. Monday. He had been shot in the head three times.

On Wednesday, the body of driver John Mann Parrish II, 41, was found in the trunk of his Yellow Checker cab, which had been parked behind an Austin apartment building for some time. Les Carpenter of the Travis County Medical Examiner's office said it appeared that Parrish had been shot more than once.

Parrish's body was discovered about two miles from where Hinojosa was shot.

Oil imports up from year ago

AUSTIN (AP) — Crude oil and petroleum products imported into the United States averaged 7,944,000 barrels per day for September, an increase of 17,000 barrels a day from a year ago, according to the Railroad Commission.

Major oil companies submitted nominations to buy 1,881,833 barrels of Texas crude oil a day in January, an increase of 18,753 barrels daily from this month, the commission said.

Nominations by the purchasers, in barrels per day with changes from December, included:

- Amoco 145,000
- Conoco 62,500 (up 500)
- Exxon 146,000 (up 2,170)
- Phillips 70,700 (up 500)
- Texaco 126,100 (up 3,150)

The figures were released Thursday, after the commission voted 2-1 on Wednesday to adopt an emergency rule setting the statewide oil production rate at 100 percent of market demand.

Mattox opines about games

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox refused to say whether poker, blackjack, roulette, dice, slot machines or sports pools were games of chance that would require a constitutional amendment to permit them.

Mattox, in an opinion released Thursday, said games of chance, such as a lottery, require a constitutional amendment.

He said if skill is the dominating aspect of the game then gambling on them could be allowed without a change in the constitution.

Vernon owner guilty

DALLAS (AP) — Former Vernon Savings Association owner Don R. Dixon, convicted of defrauding the thrift's customers, has money overseas and may not stay in the country for sentencing, investigators told a federal magistrate.

U.S. Magistrate John B. Tolle responded Thursday by ordering Dixon held without bond until his Feb. 19 sentencing.

Dixon's attorney, Billy Ravkind, said he would appeal Tolle's decision to U.S. District Judge A. Joe Fish, who presided over the seven-week trial.

After two weeks of deliberations, a jury Thursday morning said Dixon was guilty of illegally spending money from Vernon on prostitutes and his California beach home. He was cleared of charges that he made illegal campaign contributions.

Dixon faces a maximum prison sentence of 115 years and a \$5.75 million fine, said U.S. Attorney Marvin Collins.

Dixon, 52, was the 11th person and eighth Vernon officer convicted of criminal wrongdoing that contributed to the thrift's 1987 failure, which cost taxpayers \$1.3 billion — one of the first costly collapses in the savings and loan crisis.

Woody Lemons, who was Vernon's chief executive officer, was sentenced in April to 30 years in prison, the stiffest penalty yet handed any figure in the savings and loan crisis.

Attorney General Dick Thornburgh praised the prosecutors and investigators who have worked on the Vernon case for four years.

"Starting at the bottom rung of the corporate ladder, they have now worked their way up to a conviction of the chairman of the board," he said.

Marvin Collins, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas, said Dixon is the first of four major thrift figures under investigation in the region to be convicted.

Similar fraud and conspiracy charges have also been brought against former Western Savings Association owner Jarrett Woods and former Sunbelt Savings chairman Ed McBirney, Collins said.

Danny Faulkner, former owner of Empire Savings and Loan Association, faces a second trial after his first in 1989 ended in a hung jury.

"We are currently looking at approximately 50 savings and loans for prosecution in the Northern District of Texas and uncountable offenses in banks," Collins said.

Loot found hidden behind false wall

HOOKS, Texas (AP) — Officers found thousands of dollars in stolen property, including a rifle used in the Revolutionary War, behind false walls in a home rented by a DeKalb Police officer who was arrested on burglary and drug charges, Bowie County officials say.

The property, worth an estimated \$100,000, was found Thursday at the home of DeKalb Police officer David Jackson, who was arrested along with his wife, Deborah, on burglary and drug charges earlier this week.

"If you weren't familiar with the house, you never would have known they were there," DeWayne Leverett, owner of the home, said of the false walls.

Leverett said he discovered the false walls Thursday and notified Hooks officers.

"I noticed they put a wall up and it just didn't look right," Leverett said. "Like possibly, there was something there just besides a wall."

Items found included the Revolutionary War rifle owned by DeKalb businessman Jerry Elkins, according to Bowie County District Attorney John Miller. He said they also found a disassembled tractor lawnmower reported stolen from the farm of County Judge James Carlow.

Other items included computers, a television set, tools and welding equipment.

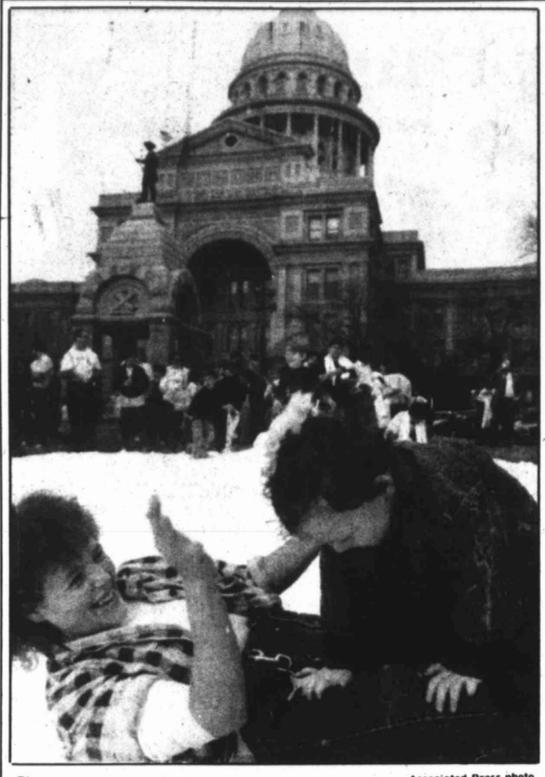
DeKalb Police Chief Carroll Dodson said there had been a rash of burglaries and thefts during the two years since they hired Jackson.

"I think we're going to clear just about every burglary since March 1989," Dodson said.

Describing Jackson as a good officer who knew the law and worked hard to enforce traffic safety, Dodson said he became suspicious of Jackson following a burglary report submitted by the officer in October 1989.



DON DIXON



Snow party
AUSTIN — Diane Simmoneau, left, plays with her son Ryan, 3, in snow brought in for a party Thursday at the State Capitol for families of men stationed at Fort Hood who have been sent to Saudi Arabia. The Texas General Land Office sponsored the event.

Accused kingpin threatens 'war'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A fugitive cocaine kingpin named in a 131-count indictment has threatened to make "war" against federal agents pursuing his organization, according to a warning issued to agents by U.S. Customs Service and Drug Enforcement Administration officials.

A teletype distributed throughout the various federal agencies quotes accused cocaine kingpin Juan Garcia-Abrego of saying "If they (drug agents) want war, we'll give them war."

Federal agents learned of the alleged threat from the man, who is believed to be in hiding in Mexico, through a "previously used and highly reliable" informant, the *San Antonio Light* reported today.

The informant reported the "war" threat to Customs agents in Brownsville last Monday.

"This threat, intended to suggest physical harm will be made

against any federal law enforcement official going into Northern Tamaulipas, Mexico, was made because of the recent indictments that have been issued against the heads of this major criminal organization," the teletype states.

"The (Brownsville) source believes the threat is real and constitutes a serious concern to any federal enforcement officer."

Lewis declines jury invitation

AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker Gib Lewis said he wants to know what he is being investigated for before he voluntarily testifies before a grand jury looking into influence-peddling in the Texas Legislature.

On Thursday, the Travis County grand jury invited Lewis, D-Fort Worth, to testify at its next session on Dec. 27.

But Lewis said he will not go unless he is told what allegations have been made against him, according to spokesman Monte Williams.

"The law requires that a grand jury witness be told what felony offense is being investigated and the particular offense he has allegedly committed," Williams said.

"So far, repeated requests for this information have been ignored by the district attorney. When these issues are resolved and questions answered, we will move forward with our meeting with the grand jury," he said.

Williams refused to comment further than the prepared statement.

A letter sent to Lewis and signed by grand jury foreman Gilbert Cantu, said, "The 331st Travis County Grand Jury at this time is investigating several matters involving you."

"We are hereby notifying you that you will be given the opportunity to appear and testify, if you so desire, before this grand jury on

Thursday, December 27, 1990, at 3 p.m.," it said.

Lewis has denied any wrongdoing and said he welcomed the inquiry. He also criticized District Attorney Ronnie Earle, alleging in a lawsuit that the prosecutor was "spoon-feeding" evidence to the grand jury and demanding an opportunity to tell his side.

Earle has criticized Lewis' complaints, describing them as a "smokescreen."

The grand jury's term, which had been due to expire at the end of the year, was extended Wednesday for three more months. Earle said the investigation had not been completed.

The probe began early this month with prosecutors examining ties between Lewis and a powerful San Antonio law firm, Heard Goggan Blair & Williams.

The grand jury has subpoenaed campaign and personal finance documents concerning some 30 past and present legislators.

That subpoena, served last week on the secretary of state's office, focused mostly on members of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee and the debate-scheduling House Calendars Committee.

Legislative records show the 15 bills filed since 1981 that would have diminished Heard Goggan's tax-collecting business died either in the Ways and Means or Calendars committees.

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Sunken barge paralyzes busy port

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Part of the nation's busiest inland port sat quiet for a second day, paralyzed by a sunken barge that a salvage crew plying the Allegheny River failed to find.

A four-mile stretch of the rain-swollen river was closed Wednesday and Thursday from Point State Park in downtown Pittsburgh northeast to the Highland Park Bridge, Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Rhea Giacoma said.

"One little barge like this is more of a nuisance than anything else," said John Reed, spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "But if you don't know where it is, it could create a much bigger problem. "Someone comes tooling along

and hits that barge and then you've got a few more of them sunk."

A tugboat crew used a 15-foot pole to probe the 40-foot deep river for the barge, but the search was suspended Thursday afternoon. The Coast Guard asked the barge's owner, Azcon Scrap Corp., to get more sophisticated gear and resume the search today.

The barge broke loose from its moorings at Azcon's scrap yard last Friday and floated about 400 yards downstream. Two barge workers jumped to safety before the steel barge sailed over a dam, got stuck in the river mud and bent at a 45-degree angle.

Schools want to pass out condoms

NEW YORK (AP) — They'll still need their parents' permission for field trips, but teen-agers in the nation's largest school system could get condoms next year simply by asking.

Schools Chancellor Joseph Fernandez believes it's a matter of life — or death from AIDS. New York City is home to about 3 percent of the nation's 13- to 21-year-olds, but it has 20 percent of all AIDS cases in that age group.

"We are sitting on a time bomb," Fernandez said.

If the Board of Education approves Fernandez's proposal next month, condoms would be available on request as early as next spring at 120 schools that

enroll 261,000 students.

It would be the nation's most liberal public school AIDS policy, said Robin Lewis, spokeswoman for the Center for Population Options, a teen education and advocacy group based in Washington.

A public hearing will be held Jan. 16. Since October, outspoken opponents and supporters lined up at board meetings to establish battle lines.

"Chancellor Fernandez is showing an enormous amount of courage and leadership in tackling this issue," said Trish Moylan Torruella, education director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Shotgun murders boost gun sales

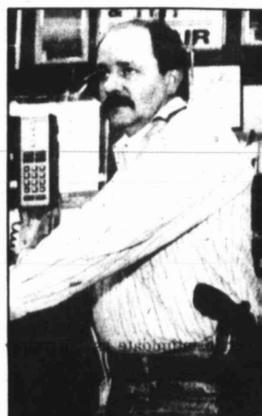
GARY, Ind. (AP) — A rash of seven shotgun killings is scaring people into carrying guns or staying indoors at night as police try to nab the killer before another attack.

Gun sales are skyrocketing in the largely blue-collar area of northwest Indiana after the slayings within a 20-mile radius since late October.

At Jack's Gun Shop in Burns Harbor sales of firearms and ammunition have jumped fivefold since last week, owner Jack Batz said Thursday.

"We saw a big increase because people realize these are senseless killings," Batz said.

The latest victims were brothers Ilya "Eli" Balovski and George Baloski, who were killed with shotgun blasts to the head in their Gary tailor shop Tuesday.



PREPARED SHOP OWNER



Associated Press photo

Farewell

BOSTON — Massachusetts Governor Michael S. Dukakis and Kitty Dukakis acknowledge the applause of friends and legislators as they are introduced prior to the Governor's farewell address in the House chambers of the Statehouse Thursday.

Soviet reformers share Shevardnadze's fears

MOSCOW (AP) — Leading reformers told parliament today they share Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze's fear the Soviet Union is slipping toward dictatorship and warned the army may have to take charge of the failing economy.

If economic agreements between the independent-minded republics are not reached soon, Leningrad Mayor Anatoly Sobchak said, "in January, first tens, then hundreds, then thousands of factories across the country will stop work."

"And then all — democrats, radicals, conservatives — will have to bow to the army and say 'go in and take charge,'" he said.

Shevardnadze stunned President Mikhail S. Gorbachev and the 2,250-member Congress of People's Deputies Thursday by announcing he was resigning to protest what he said was the country's turn toward dictatorship.

Although he stopped short of criticizing Gorbachev, some deputies said they believed he was worried by the rapid growth of the president's personal power.

The Soviet president said Thursday that he had spoken to Shevardnadze twice by telephone after his resignation and persuaded him to stay on as foreign minister until a

replacement could be found.

Hard-line Communists have been urging Gorbachev to impose a state of emergency in republics ridden by ethnic conflict and separatist movements, including Shevardnadze's native Georgia. Gorbachev has asked the Congress to consider constitutional amendments to strengthen his power.

Shevardnadze said it was not clear who the new dictator might be. But the 62-year-old diplomat said reactionaries are gaining power.

As the Congress opened its session today, a representative of the reformist Inter-Regional Group told Gorbachev to reject pressure from hard-liners.

"We share the alarm of Foreign Minister Shevardnadze about the possibility of the breakup of democratic processes in the country and the danger of the establishment of a reactionary dictatorship," said Vitaly A. Chelyshev.

"We are seriously disturbed that the most visible actors in perestroika... under the pressure of reactionary forces, have been forced out of political activity," he said, citing former Politburo member Alexander Yakovlev, Shevardnadze and former Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin.

World

British prime minister speaks out

WASHINGTON (AP) — British Prime Minister John Major said today that Saddam Hussein's only hope for ending the Persian Gulf crisis peacefully is the complete withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

"A complete withdrawal is necessary, a partial withdrawal won't do," Major said in an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" show. He predicted that the anti-Iraq alliance of nations would survive any Iraqi attempt to divide it through such measures as a partial pullback.

Major said the question of whether war can be averted in the gulf "is in Saddam Hussein's hands."

It was one of a series of televi-

sion interviews Major had as he opened his first visit to the United States since becoming prime minister three weeks ago. He planned to meet with President Bush later in the day.

Interviewed on ABC's "Good Morning America," Major said, "If he (Saddam) stays in Kuwait... then he will have to be forcibly removed."

Major's comments suggested he is committed to maintaining the same hard line policies on the Persian Gulf as his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher.

Consistent with the U.S. view on the gulf, Major told CNN, "There is nothing whatsoever to negotiate about." Saddam, he said, "has to go."

Drug planes may be shot down

LIMA, Peru (AP) — The military is threatening to shoot down airplanes suspected of carrying semi-processed coca leaf, the raw material of cocaine.

A communique Thursday from the military joint command said airplanes that refuse to land for inspection or that change their route without notice will be "captured and/or destroyed."

The communique said the measure went into effect Tuesday in San Martin department, where the main coca leaf-growing area in Peru — the Upper Huallaga Valley — is located. Dozens of illegal airstrips are scattered in the valley's dense jungle.

The communique did not say

how the airplanes would be tracked. The military is not known to operate any radar stations in the department.

The threat represented what would be the air force's first move toward taking part in anti-drug efforts. Peru is the world's main source of coca leaf.

The semi-processed coca leaf is flown mainly to Colombia, to the north, where it is refined into pure cocaine.

The U.S. Embassy in Lima said it had no comment on the military's plan.

Washington has been pressuring Peru's military to become more involved in fighting drug trafficking.

Israel accuses U.S. of weakness

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's foreign minister said today the United States showed weakness by catering to Arab desires for a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Israel, but Iraq dismissed the measure as "meager."

The resolution, approved by a 15-0 vote in the council Thursday, urges Israel to halt deportation of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza and calls on the United Nations to monitor the safety of Palestinians there.

U.S. backing for the resolution was seen as an effort to preserve the Arab coalition against Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. It was the third time in two months that Washington has failed to exercise its veto powers to shield Israel.



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The U.S. Postal Service needs your help in coping with the 500 million pieces of mail it handles each day, and the much larger blizzard of greeting cards that hit at about this time every year. This, the USPS promises, will speed up mail delivery.

How can you help, you ask? First, stop addressing letters in longhand; use block letters, please, black ink only. Follow the format shown in the Postal Service flyer you got in the mail the other day. (You didn't?) Of course that will make the envelope containing your perfumed love letter look like a summons for jury duty, but public needs demand private sacrifice.

The Postal Service may want to go further, however. If a new procedure now being tested in Akron, Ohio, works, it would go like this: You type up your Christmas card list and send it to the post office, which photocopies it and files it away (so you can add or delete names of those who please you or make your life a living hell next year), then sends you a set of bar-coded mailing labels. These you stick on your Christmas cards and — presto — the post office's automated mail-sorting machines speed them to your cousins and old roommates and creditors faster than you can say "no pickup on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays."

Disbelief in this newest promise of better service from the most reviled institution this side of the IRS is not the only reason some object to entering this brave new world. Civil libertarians, always the spoilsport, claim this may result in all sorts of unwanted parties — the tax folks, the FBI, your political enemies and any number of people selling things — getting their hands on your private mailing list, with who-knows-what consequences, all for the sake of a dubious efficiency.

A Postal Service spokeswoman says such unpleasant things will happen, that they will not sell or otherwise provide such information to outside parties. She also concedes, however, that this is a policy, not a law, and that change-of-address lists already are sold to private parties. You read it here first.

Bush is alienating Party conservatives

By TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — "We're going into a Christmas mode here," President Bush declared joyfully. But conservatives are finding little to cheer about as the president prepares to head to Camp David for the holidays.

Bush is making right-wingers increasingly unhappy. Even their longtime envoy to the White House — chief of staff John Sununu — is turning out to be no Santa Claus.

With Bush absorbed in the Persian Gulf crisis, Sununu has been tending the store more and more, and with a firm hand.

Sununu has been involved in a series of decisions that have not exactly thrilled the Republican Party's right wing — including filling two Cabinet vacancies with moderate Republicans and an ungainly about-face on the Education Department ruling on minority scholarships.

"Sununu is setting up the office to let Bush be Bush. He's not trying to move his own agenda forward. He's not advancing the conservative agenda," said conservative activist Richard Viguerie.

About the only Christmas present Bush could give conservatives that would prompt widespread cheer — naming Jack Kemp as the new Republican Party chairman — did not seem to be in the cards.

Bush leaves the White House on Friday and will stay at the presidential retreat in the Catoctin Mountains of Maryland until New Year's Day.

But he leaves Washington with many problems unsolved. Topping the agenda is the lack of progress toward a peaceful end to the Persian Gulf crisis.

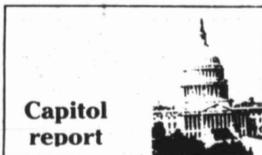
He had planned to spend much of the time, as always, hunting for quail in Beeville, Texas. But because of the gulf crisis he decided to stay closer to the capital. Camp David is just a 25-minute helicopter ride from the South Lawn of the White House.

Bush also must confront other problems when he returns. The economy is slumping. International trade talks have broken down.

And domestic spending will have to be slashed to the bone to comply with the recent budget agreement, to finance military operations in the gulf and to account for lower revenues from business because of the recession.

Bickering among Republicans may seem the least of Bush's immediate worries. But it doesn't make his job any easier.

And some of the harshest criticism from conservatives is



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directed at Sununu. The GOP's right wing had already been annoyed with Sununu for his role in Bush's switch on taxes.

Conservatives now are griping about Bush's decision to bypass conservative candidates in picking two moderate Republicans, former Gov. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee and Rep. Lynn Martin of Illinois, to be the secretaries of education and labor, respectively.

Alexander is a longtime friend of Sununu's, and Martin and Sununu worked together in Bush's 1988 campaign.

Furthermore, conservatives are grumbling about the administration's effective reversal — also carried out by Sununu — of last week's ruling by the Education Department against minority scholarship programs at publicly funded colleges and universities.

Many conservatives supported the ruling, although it created a storm among civil rights groups.

And, in what might be the final straw, the administration is even talking about jettisoning a proposal long dear to conservative hearts: a cut in the capital gains tax rate.

Bush said Tuesday that while he still strongly supports a lower capital gains rate and thinks it would stimulate the economy, "under this fall's budget agreement will make it difficult to include in his new budget."

"I haven't given up my philosophical commitment . . . But we're faced with this practical problem," he said.

Viguerie, who has been openly critical of Bush, said the president "is not even giving us half a loaf. He's giving us crumbs now."

If Bush is re-elected in 1992, "he will never need conservatives again in his life. And then it will be open warfare," Viguerie said.

A senior administration official, who briefed White House reporters Tuesday under ground rules guaranteeing anonymity, was asked about the administration's latest trouble with conservatives.

"We will continue to stay open to conservatives," the official replied. "I think we're developing an agenda that makes sense for the next couple of years and I think they're very much a part of providing input."

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



The writer's art Rules that aren't really rules

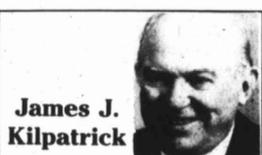
A reader in Corvallis, Ore., wrote me a few weeks ago about a rule on prepositions. Other readers have inquired about the rule on "a" and "an." Still others have complained against "none have" instead of "none has." The inventor of a new piece of software sent me a disc for review.

This is as good a time as any to make a point about the "rules" of prose composition. The software people proclaimed that their contraction would test my column against 5,000 — that is five thousand — rules. I said, goodness gracious. If I worked all afternoon, I might produce a list of 10 or 15 rules of composition that are pretty well ironclad, plus another 15 or 20 rules having to do with punctuation, but that would be it. The notion that English is governed by 5,000 rules is a fatuous notion. Scrub it.

My friend in Oregon sent what he termed a "gentle reminder" about prepositions. He kindly cited a rule that two prepositions must not be juxtaposed. A preposition must never appear at the end of a sentence. The gentleman underlined sentences from a recent column in which I had said, "Let me ramble on," and "Aw, Bill, knock it off." I said that some writers "show off with" Biblical allusions. I was creeping "up on my point."

Let me respond in the same quiet, gentle and courteous fashion. Aaargh! The gentleman is suffering from the widespread delusion that once a preposition, always a preposition. Hokum! In hundreds of instances, what appear to be prepositions are in grammatical fact part of the verb they're attached to.

Take, for example, "take": The day-care proposal is about to take off . . . The committee will take it up . . . The chairmanship is



James J. Kilpatrick

another burden for her to take on . . . It is now the turn of the contras to take over . . . Four movies a day is more than even a patient critic can take in.

Or if you like, take "put." In perfectly proper usage, we have put on, put to, put down, put up, put over. Pots boil over. Troops fall in. Ships come about. In these instances, the apparent prepositions function as auxiliary adverbs. The venerable Fowler termed it a "cherished superstition" that prepositions must never end a sentence. Forget it!

Fowler also had something sensible to say about "a" and "an," but first, a word from our readers. Dr. Willis M. Fong of Seattle recalls the rule that was taught many years ago: use "an" before words beginning with a vowel, and use "a" before all others. George McIntyre of Redlands, Calif., sends a streamer headline from the *Redlands Daily Facts* in October: "A Historic Weekend in the Valley."

The usage is not governed by vowels or consonants. The usage is governed by the sound of the word. Thus we have "an L.A. detective," because we hear the sound of "el." In defiance of the rule that words beginning with a vowel take "an," we have "a eulogy" and "a unit." True, some of us hear aspirated aitches, and some of us hear unaspirated aitches. If your ear hears "an

historic occasion" and "a history of England," your ear agrees with mine. Fowler says that the choice of "a" or "an" is "the sort of thing about which we ought to be allowed to do as we please, so long as we are consistent." Let it go at that.

What about "none"? In *Time* magazine in November, we learned that "none of Poland's presidential candidates have raised" the issue of abortion. In *The New York Times*, we read of a fire on the Universal Studios lot: "None of Universal's permanent sound stages were destroyed." Were these felonious offenses against the "rule" that none always takes a singular verb? Nonsense. Of course not. There is no such rule.

Plainly, *Time's* correspondent in Warsaw was thinking of the candidates not as individuals, but as a group; therefore, "none have." It would have been different if the correspondent were making a point that not a single one of the candidates had talked about abortion. In that case, "Surprisingly, none of the 22 candidates has raised."

Thinking of rules that cause trouble: Isn't it time for the wire services and major newspapers to reconsider their rule on marital honorifics? Some years ago, in a spasm of sexist guilt or literal egalitarianism, The Associated Press stopped identifying a woman as "Mrs." In October Philip Romerstein died and his wife Rose was injured in an airplane accident. Reported the AP: "Romerstein had just returned from the lavatory and Romerstein was on his way to one when the DC-9 hit turbulence."

The AP's rule is foolish. But then, so many rules are.

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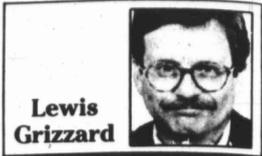


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Aiming to be a writer

A friend whose son wants to grow up and be a writer asked me what courses the young man should concentrate on in high school.

To answer, I had to look back to my own high school days. Certainly biology hasn't meant didley to me as a writer. I could dissect a frog with the best of them in high school, but it hasn't come up since.

Neither has algebra or geometry, and I knew they wouldn't at the time. I basically learned everything I need to know about mathematics in the third grade when they taught me to multiply.

Two times four is eight, which is how many I need to write today so I can take a couple of weeks off and work on my upcoming novel, titled, "Don't Get Near Mama, Sailor, She's Been Eatin' Navy Beans."

Learning about ancient history hasn't benefited me. Who cares when Rome was sacked? It should have had a better offensive line.

And geography. There's a lot of sand in Saudi Arabia. I could have learned that later in life simply by watching U.S. Marines wishing for a cold beer as they wait for President Bush to decide whether or not he's going to get some of them killed.

History. When I was interviewed for this job, nobody asked me anything about Rutherford B. Hayes.

They did teach me grammar and punctuation, but that's why we have editors.

What I finally decided was the most important course I took in 16 years of schooling was typing.

I have used this skill practically every day of my professional life. Mr. Sheets, the basketball coach, taught me typing my junior year of high school. Typing teachers usually don't get a lot of credit for molding our youth, but in my case I am certainly beholden to Mr. Sheets.

I'm not certain how many words I now have to my credit, but I type each of them. If you can't type, you're going to be in a helluva mess if you want to be a writer.

In the first place you can't get a job with a newspaper if you can't type. They're going to sit you down at a computer and ask you to produce, and I don't care how much you know about computers, if you can't negotiate the keyboard, nothing readable is going to appear on the screen in front of you.

Some authors, I am told, write out their books in longhand. That's because they never learned to type. If they had they wouldn't be scribbling on a sheet of papers for months at a time, which can cause severe pain in the hands and fingers.

That's why Edgar Allan Poe wrote all that weird stuff. His hands and fingers were always hurting him. The pain became so intense he began to see talking ravens.

So I told my friend to tell his son to enroll in a typing class as soon as possible.

"But what about foreign languages?" he asked.

"Maybe he ought to learn a little Japanese," I said.

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Some gardeners spend the winter swapping seeds

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — An Indiana woman is looking for a mild-tasting yellow tomato with red streaks. In Kentucky, a gardener wants tan-colored seeds of long, stringless bean her grandmother used to grow. A Missouri woman asks help in finding a Hungarian poppy with multiple heads.

With luck, these people will find the seeds before another planting season comes around. All across America gardeners are engaged in a fruitful wintertime activity — swapping seeds through magazine columns or trying to rediscover the

seeds of lost flowers and vegetables.

At headquarters of the National Gardening Association in Burlington, Vt., editors are preparing a special seed-swap and search listing for their magazine this winter. They hope in this way to clear up a backlog of requests crowded out of regular bimonthly editions.

Associate Editor Vicky Congdon says a staff horticulturist first tries to find the answer to a search inquiry in the association's library of hundreds of old catalogs and other sources. If he finds a source, he'll

"People tend to use the swap column to meet other gardeners. They establish friendships. . ."

Diane Walker
Compiler of seed-swapping column

contact the inquirer; if not, the query gets printed in the magazine, *National Gardening*.

"People tend to use the swap column to meet other gardeners. They establish friendships. It's a way to get in touch with people who are interested in the same hobby," said Editorial Assistant Diane Walker,

who prepares the popular feature.

She said a woman mourning the death of her husband offered seeds of an Italian heirloom tomato he used to grow. "I did not have a need to swap, but only a need to share," the woman said. Ms. Walker said the response was overwhelming, and this tomato

flourished again in friendly gardens.

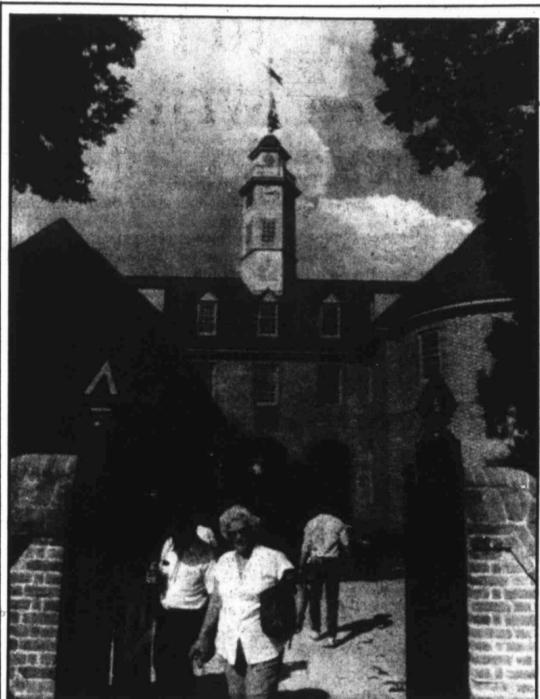
The column provides glimpses into the lively diversity of things Americans are growing, some with names you might never see in the latest catalogs.

An Oklahoman offered "seeds of black long bean and purple pod pole snap bean, red peanut bush dry bean, black turtle bush dry bean, red calico pole lima bean (very prolific), scarlet runner bean, Clemson spineless okra, whippoorwill cowpea, and American flag leek."

Seed swapping has a venerable history in America. Thomas Jefferson's Garden Book is rich with references to seeds he received or offered. On Dec. 14, 1812, for example, he wrote to a friend, Charles Clay, "I do not remember to have seen Salsafia (salsify) in your garden, and yet it is one of the best roots for the winter."

"Some call it oyster plant because fried in butter it can scarcely be distinguished from a fried oyster. I send you some seed. It is to be sowed and managed as carrots and to be taken up at the same time and put away for winter use. . ."

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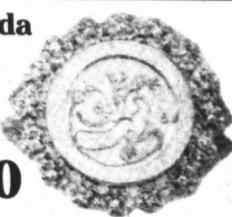
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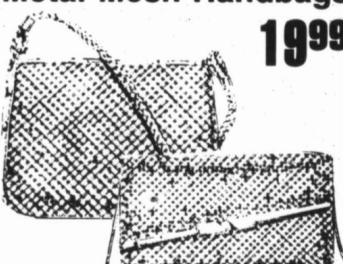
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President urges peace in message

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here is the text of President Bush's 1990 Christmas message, released Wednesday.

At Christmas, people of every age and every walk of life celebrate with a profound sense of wonder, joy and gratitude our Savior's birth in Bethlehem. Like the shepherds called from nearby fields and the Magi who journeyed from distant lands to welcome the Christ Child, we are drawn to this miraculous event in history.

Born in a stable and greeted by a handful of faithful and obedient men, Christ came to assume the role of a shepherd, thus fulfilling the words of the prophet Isaiah: "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with his arm and carry them in his bosom." Christ's brief time on earth was devoted to tending the physical and spiritual needs of his flock: healing the sick, feeding the hungry and illuminating the path to eternal salvation. His incarnation radically altered the course of human history by challenging men and women to live according to the will of our just and merciful Father in heaven. Today Christ's message of hope and redemption — first

delivered on that holy night in the city of David — continues to bring peace and joy to millions of people around the world.

As we give and receive the goodwill of Christ during this holy season, let us be mindful of the true meaning of his life on earth and especially of his greatest commandment: to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Events during the past year have given us a renewed sense of hope, yet in some parts of the world, peace remains an elusive blessing this Christmas. Even in some of our own cities, poverty, despair, and drug-related violence prevent families and individuals from sharing in the promise of this season. Therefore, let us strive, by following Christ's example in word and deed, to make peace on earth a reality for all of God's children.

Barbara joins me in wishing all of our fellow Americans a Merry Christmas. May this festive and holy season be filled with the warmth of family and friends and with the deep joy of knowing God's love for mankind through the gift of his Son. God bless you.

George Bush

Christmas liberty comes to Norway's Arctic troops

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Mikhail Gorbachev could be more popular than Santa Claus this Christmas among the troops guarding Norway's arctic frontier with the Soviet Union.

The end of the Cold War has made it possible for Norwegian soldiers to go home for the holidays in record numbers, said defense officials.

Since the 1950s, half the roughly 10,000 soldiers stationed in this NATO country's frozen north had to stay near their posts during

Christmas in case of a Soviet invasion, said Col. Per Boethun of the Norwegian Supreme Defense Command.

But only a thousand, or 10 percent, are on duty this year, because of eased east-west tensions, due at least in part to Gorbachev's reforms.

"For the few soldiers left at the base, a visit from Santa is much more likely than an unexpected visit from Gorbachev's Red Army," wrote the *Verdens Gang* newspaper Wednesday.

Virginia man collects decorations

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — Unlike most of us, Patrick J. Fay never worries about making a panicky, late-night dash to the drugstore to find replacement bulbs for his burnt-out Christmas tree lights.

When the lights go out, Fay doesn't curse the darkness. Instead, he chuckles and descends to his cozy basement, where his antique collection of 700 or 800 tree lights — all in good working order — and about 2,000 ornaments is safely stored.

He has so many, in fact, that his suburban Washington, D.C., home boasts not one but three Christmas trees, their branches sagging under the weight of brightly colored baubles and twinkling, blinking bulbs.

"I've gone a little overboard on the lights," he says, smiling ruefully. "I have so many lights that I feel guilty not using them all, so we change them and the ornaments every week or so. We have ever-changing trees."

The trees are artificial, the better to withstand all the changing of lights and ornaments and because they don't require watering. They are put up the day after Thanksgiving and sometimes aren't taken down until mid-January, he says.

Fay's oldest ornament is a teardrop-shaped, red and silver "kugel" or "witch's ball," made in

Germany of molded blown glass in the 1870s. It is nestled in the branches of a rare old German "feather tree."

The feather tree looks like a real, though somewhat scraggly, pine tree. It consists of green-dyed goose feather "needles" wired to the thin metal branches of a tall wooden stick. Many German immigrants folded these cherished holiday artifacts into their luggage and brought them to America in the 1800s, Fay said.

His rarest set of Christmas tree lights is an eight-bulb string of carbon-filament Edison lamps stamped 1904. That was only a year after the small, pear-shaped bulbs first hit the U.S. market as substitutes for the centuries-old tradition of tree candles.

"At the turn of the century, electric tree lights were only for the very rich," Fay said. "The bulbs cost about \$1 each, which was a tremendous sum in those days. You had to have an electrician come to your home to wire them, and they were screwed into a ceiling fixture."

"The carbon filaments burned very hot and used a lot of electricity," he said. "The bulbs overheated, burned down trees and really made the meter go around."

They were replaced by cooler, brighter tungsten-filament bulbs shortly after World War II, which also was the beginning of the



FALLS CHURCH, VA. — Patrick J. Fay looks at some Christmas lights on one of his three trees at home in Falls Church, Va. Fay has an antique collection of 700 or 800 tree lights — all in good working order — and about 2,000 ornaments.

golden era of fancy Christmas tree ornaments.

Fay's trees are full of lavish glass baubles from Germany, beaded-glass novelties from Czechoslovakia, tiny illuminated houses, kewpie dolls in snowsuits, dirigibles, fruits and vegetables. Fay, a 42-year-old hotel banquet waiter, began collecting Christmas

tree antiques more than a decade ago, when he and his wife, Flora, a real estate agent, found a large box of "quite rare, quite expensive" ornaments in the attic of a home they had just bought.

"Some people think I'm absolutely crazy, but it's a hobby that has grown by leaps and bounds," he said.

Choosing one from a gazillion

MURRAY HILL, N.J. (AP) — When contemplating his Christmas rounds, Santa Claus has about 10 gazillion American routes to choose from.

To be more precise, the number of Christmas routes in the United States alone would be expressed by 10 trailed by 60 million zeroes.

Researchers at AT&T Bell Labs say they're awed that Santa always manages to pick the best route.

Santa's itinerary is actually a variation on the old mathematical puzzle known as the "Traveling Salesman's Problem" — how to determine the most efficient possible route for a traveler who has to stop once at each location.

Grace R. Emlin, an AT&T researcher, explained that a traveling salesman with 10 cities to visit would have 10 choices for his first stop, then nine for his second, eight for his third, and so on down to one. Multiplying the numbers one through 10, the salesman has 3,628,800 different routes to choose from.

In the United States, there are about 25 million children under the age of 8. If 75 percent haven't been naughty, Santa has about 13 million stops in the United States alone, Emlin figured.

Multiply all the numbers between one and 13 million, and voila, 10 gazillion choices for Santa and his reindeers.

The number-crunching demanded by Santa's heavy itinerary is enough to blow the circuits of most computer systems, Emlin said. Bell Labs can now find some of the most efficient routes on a million-stop trip in about four hours, a task that would have taken 10 billion hours of computer time in 1965, she said.

There's a lot of businesses that would like to acquire Santa's knack for scheduling, Emlin said.

For example, some computer chips are etched with hundreds of millions of lines, she said. By applying the traveling Santa, er, salesman problem, scientists will be able to map out highly efficient paths for the etching process.

Man wants Christmas gift back

HAVERHILL, N.H. (AP) — They were last year's heartwarming Christmas story — a man giving his brother a \$9 million lottery ticket. But the gift Earl Havlock gave his brother this year was a lawsuit demanding the money back.

The suit was filed in Superior Court on Monday, the same day the commission that operates the Tri-

State Megabucks lottery issued a news release recalling last year's events and saying the brothers epitomized "the spirit of the holidays."

"They did last year, that's for sure," New Hampshire Sweepstakes Director James Wimsatt said Thursday. "Times change."

Earl, 43, won the Tri-State

Megabucks lottery jackpot two days before Christmas last year and turned his winning ticket over to Elwood, 50. After taxes, the prize amounted to 20 annual payments of \$357,600. The first payment was made last December.

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Rep. Martin Hohulin, R-Mo.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — When hog farmer Martin "Bubs" Hohulin told voters he would give away part of his legislative salary if they elected him to the House, he was trying to show he thought state lawmakers are overpaid.

Hohulin did win, and now that promise has put the Republican rookie into an unexpected legal jam.

"Back when I was a teen-ager, I did some things I probably should have gotten in trouble for, and now I get into trouble for something like this. It's wild," the 26-year-old Hohulin said.

The snag: State law prohibits candidates from promising a part of their salary to any public or private interest.

Hohulin promised to donate \$2,800 of the \$22,863 annual House salary for college scholarships to eight high school students in the district.

"It was my way of showing that I

was against lawmakers voting to raise their pay," said Hohulin, who hails from Lamar, the birthplace of Harry S. Truman.

Democrats raised the issue of the promise during the campaign and then filed a complaint after Hohulin defeated Democratic Rep. Jerry Burch, a 12-year incumbent, 5,051 votes to 4,500. The Missouri attorney general's office is looking into whether the promise violated the law.

"If we find there is a violation of the law, then we will prosecute," said spokeswoman Mary Jenkins, whose boss, Attorney General William Webster, is a Republican.

She said the infraction would be a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a

\$2,500 fine, but no forfeiture of office. State election officials said they didn't recall a similar case.

"I honestly in my heart thought I was trying to do something good for the people in my community. Anybody who knows me knows I'm not a dishonest person," Hohulin said.

Asked if he would make good his promise, Hohulin said he was waiting to see what the attorney general's office decided.

"If I did something wrong, I'm sorry, but I don't know all the laws. I'm a farmer, not a lawyer," said Hohulin.

Democrats said they aren't swayed by Hohulin's remorse.

"Campaigns shouldn't be run on a bidding basis, saying you'll take

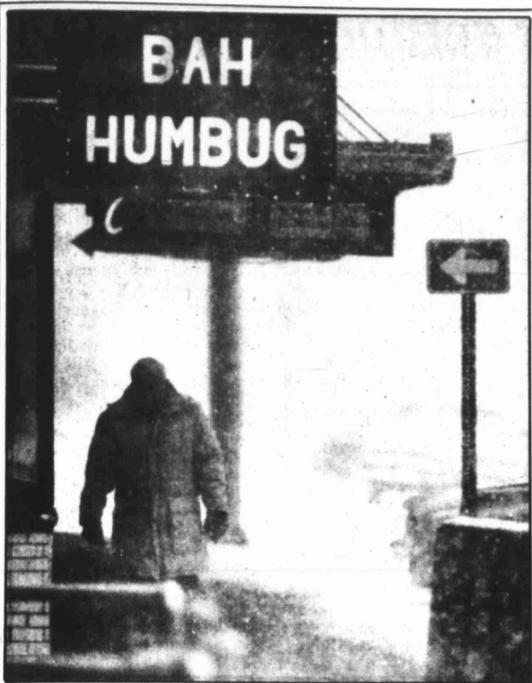
less money than your opponent," said state Democratic Chairman Gene Bushmann said. "If we've got the law on the books, then we ought to enforce it."

Few people in the district abutting the Missouri-Kansas border seem to view Hohulin's promise as the key to his victory.

They attribute Burch's defeat to an anti-incumbency attitude and a feeling by some that he was more interested in statewide matters than local problems.

House Speaker Bob Griffin, a Democrat, said Burch "just got blindsided because he was worrying too much about statewide issues."

Burch, who had a good shot at becoming House majority leader next year, voted to spend state money to build a St. Louis sports stadium and to repair sports complexes in Kansas City — an unpopular idea in the conservative farming district.



Associated Press photo

Scrooge is back

HASTINGS, Neb. — A sign above a doughnut shop in Hastings, Neb., goes along with the weather as a holiday shopper makes his way between stores Monday. The doughnut store's owner has let it be known that he doesn't like Christmas, and the sign has been up since Thanksgiving.

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Playboy Wake-Mate, announced Monday by Playboy Enterprises Inc., offers a one-minute recorded wake-up call from a Playboy centerfold for \$4.

Callers dial 1-900-820-WAKE, enter their phone number and the time the call should be placed.

Messages such as "Good morning, sleepyhead. Did you have a good rest?" and "Come on, up and at 'em. You'll knock 'em dead today, I'm sure" are played back.

Plane doubles as wedding chapel

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — A couple who couldn't find a chapel quickly enough got married aboard a military cargo hauler.

"I've done a lot of these, and in some unusual places before, but never in a C-130," said Lt. Col. Jim Price, a California Air National Guard chaplain who performed the ceremony.

Staff Sgt. David Higgins and Elizabeth English wed a year earlier than planned after learning that Higgins' medical airlift unit was put on alert for callup to Saudi Arabia last week.

The hulking cargo plane became a makeshift church after the couple couldn't find a chapel on short notice.

The ceremony took place Wednesday inside a camouflaged hauler on the tarmac of the Channel Islands Air National Guard Base. The groom, a 33-year-old medic, wore a green flight suit. The 23-year-old bride wore white.

Asked what it felt like to be married in an airplane, the bride replied: "What can I say? It was cold."

Father wins shouting contest

TOKYO (AP) — A 36-year-old father of three won a shouting contest Thursday with a roar louder than a passing train.

"If YOU want a war, YOU go!" Yoshihiko Kato shouted. The sound meter registered 115.8 decibels, more than 15 percent louder than the racket of a train passing overhead on an elevated railroad.

For that, the self-employed Kato, who admitted he probably built up his voice shouting at his children, won the \$750 grand prize of the 10th Annual Halls Year-End Loud Voice Contest.

Kato didn't explain the content of his yell. Some thought it was directed against the Japanese government, which has heeded strong opposition and dropped a proposal to send troops to fill non-combat roles in the U.S.-led multinational forces deployed against Iraq.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, however, was a target of some of the 54 contestants, who were watched by a few hundred chuckling shoppers during lunch hour at a Tokyo shopping center.

The sponsors, who make cough drops, asked contestants to shout their feelings about what happened in 1990 in keeping with the Japanese custom of "toshi wasure," or forgetting the past year.

Basketball, judge and songwriter set for 1991 stamps

The year is expected to lead off with a flower stamp, carrying no cost denomination, and a so-called make-up-rate stamp.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former Chief Justice Earl Warren, songwriter Cole Porter, the game of basketball and the effort to explore space are among the subjects planned for the nation's 1991 postage stamps.

The year is expected to lead off with a flower stamp, carrying no cost denomination, and a so-called make-up-rate stamp.

New postage rates are expected to take effect in late January or early February, with a 30-cent first class charge considered likely.

But the rate won't be determined until the Postal Rate Commission reports next month, so non-denominated stamps have been printed to handle any eventuality.

As with past rate changes, the stamps carry a letter, and the progression is up to "F." This stamp will carry a flower design to match the letter, much as the last such stamp, lettered E, carried an image of the Earth.

In addition, the make-up stamp will be valued at the amount of the cost increase — which means that adding it to a 25-cent stamp will equal the new rate. The design for

this stamp hasn't been disclosed yet.

The first regular stamp issue of 1991 will come on Jan. 25 as a 4-cent coil stamp featuring a steam carriage. Part of the transportation series, the first issue will occur in Tucson, Ariz.

A 50-cent stamp will be issued Feb. 22 jointly in Washington and Berne, Switzerland, commemorating Switzerland's 700th anniversary.

The 200th anniversary of Vermont statehood will be observed in March with a stamp to be released in Bennington.

The face value of this and many other stamps to be issued in 1991 will be determined by the decision in the pending rate case.

On April 1, New York will be the scene for the issue of a postal card commemorating the 100th anniversary of Carnegie Hall.

Also in April, a Great Americans stamp will be issued in Albuquerque, N.M., honoring former Senator Denis Chavez. A stamp featuring a flag over Mt. Rushmore will be released at Mt. Rushmore in South Dakota, and a stamp showing the U.S. flag and Olympic rings will be issued.

Savings bonds will be featured on a stamp to be issued May 1 in Washington and another flag stamp will be issued May 30 in Waterloo, N.Y.

Honolulu will be the issue site May 9 for two new "Love" stamps.

The annual Literary Arts stamp will feature William Saroyan, being issued May 22 jointly in Fresno, Calif., and Yerevan, Soviet Union.

A Great Americans stamp honoring former Vice President Hubert Humphrey will be issued May 27 in Minneapolis.

The Cole Porter stamp will be issued June 8 in Peru, Ind.

Also in June, the "Old Red" administration building at the University of Texas' Galveston

branch will be featured on a postal card.

A \$1 Olympic logo stamp will be issued in June, and a summer Olympics set of five stamp designs will be released in Los Angeles in July.

The Antarctic Treaty will be featured on an air mail stamp set for June 21 in Washington.

A commemorative stamp to honor coin collecting will be issued Aug. 13 in Chicago.

A sheet of 10 stamp designs will recall World War II. It is scheduled for issue in August, but the date and place have not been determined.

Springfield, Mass., where basketball was invented, will be the site for the issuance of a stamp commemorating the birth of that sport. It will be released Aug. 26.

Washington will be the site for a District of Columbia commemorative stamp Sept. 7. The 200th anniversary of the Bill of

Rights will be marked by a stamp to be issued in September in Richmond, Va.

And a booklet with five designs honoring comedians also will be issued in September, the site yet to be announced.

Space exploration will be commemorated in 10 different stamp designs, scheduled for release as a booklet Oct. 1 in Pasadena, Calif.

A stamped envelope commemorating the magazine industry is scheduled for issue in Naples, Fla., in October, the same month that a stamp will appear recalling the World Columbia Exhibition.

A postal card noting the University of Notre Dame administration building will be released Oct. 13 in South Bend, Ind.

The traditional Christmas stamp will be issued in Houston and the contemporary version in Santa, Ind., both on Oct. 17.

Dates have not been determined for three stamps.

A sheet of 50 wildflowers, originally planned for 1991, has been postponed until 1992.



Persian Gulf greeting
EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Florida — Flag-waving Eglin Air Force Base residents and employees are shown as they posed December 14 on the base tarmac as a "human Christmas tree." The event was organized by the base newspaper and will be sent as a holiday greeting for those personnel who are part of the Persian Gulf deployment.

Indiana nightclub says no to smoking

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — You can drink, dance or listen to a disc jockey at the Basix nightclub, but if you want to light a cigarette you've got to go outside.

"It's an enlightenment for customers who suddenly realize they don't have to put up with cigarette smoke. There is an alternative," said bar owner Bill Watkins, who opened the nightclub Oct. 31 in a partnership with Pittsburgh Steelers' football player Chuck Lanza.

"When you walk through the door, just take a breath and you can smell the difference," said Watkins, who has asthma.

Outside, a billboard reads: "Try smoke-free air for a change. Draft beer \$1."

The owners say they've had no major problem because of the policy.

"Every once in a while you get somebody in here who isn't aware of the policy, and they'll light a cigarette. And everyone will turn and look at them. It's just like they totally ostracize them. You don't have to say a word," Watkins said.

"When they're told it's smoke-free, they put it out very graciously. And that's the end of it."

They believe Basix is the country's first "no-smoking" nightclub.

"We've looked high and low — even in California — and we've never found a strictly non-smoking nightclub in the country," said Watkins.

On Fridays and Saturdays, the club has about 500 customers, each paying a \$3 cover charge, the owners say.

Watkins admits there was much skepticism that the bar would succeed.

But Watkins cites studies from the American tobacco industry saying only 22 percent of the American public smokes.

Scratch mother — dairy industry wants Madonna

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mom couldn't get you to drink your milk, but Madonna might.

At least that's what a big-time New Jersey dairyman and an outgoing Minnesota senator hope.

They're trying to persuade the dairy industry to levy a tax on itself to finance a multimillion-dollar advertising war with the soft drink industry.

Skeptics, such as Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter, believe Americans already drink as much milk as they're going to.

But Marc Goldman, who runs an independent dairy in the New York City area, and Sen. Rudy Boschwitz, R-Minn., say milk's problem isn't that Americans don't want to drink it, but that they haven't been sold on it.

"If your mother tells you to drink milk and Madonna tells you to drink soda, Madonna wins most of those arguments," Goldman said.

"We've got to get Madonna and others like her on our side."

At Boschwitz' initiative, the 1990 farm bill passed by Congress authorizes the government to collect a tax of 20 cents per 100 pounds of milk, if a majority of the nation's milk processors approve of it in a referendum. No vote has yet been scheduled.

The assessment would work out to about 1½ cents a gallon. Processors could take it out of their profits or pass it on to consumers.

Soft drink manufacturers spend \$500 million a year hawking their product, while dairy farmers invest a relatively meager \$60 million, Goldman said. So it's no wonder to him that U.S. milk consumption has fallen markedly over the last two decades.

In 1965, Americans drank 24 gallons of milk and 18 gallons of soft drinks each. Today, the average consumer drinks 46 gallons of soda and just 21 gallons of milk.

"Milk has been relegated to the dowdy and to babies too young to understand marketing tactics," Goldman said in a column for Dairy Foods.

Goldman is president of Farmland Dairies, an independent milk handler in Wallington, N.J., that buys from 800 producers and claims 15 percent of the New York-area market.

Boschwitz, a longtime friend, won passage of the promotion plan before losing re-election in November. He sees the program as an "enormous boon" to the dairy farmers in Minnesota and around the country.

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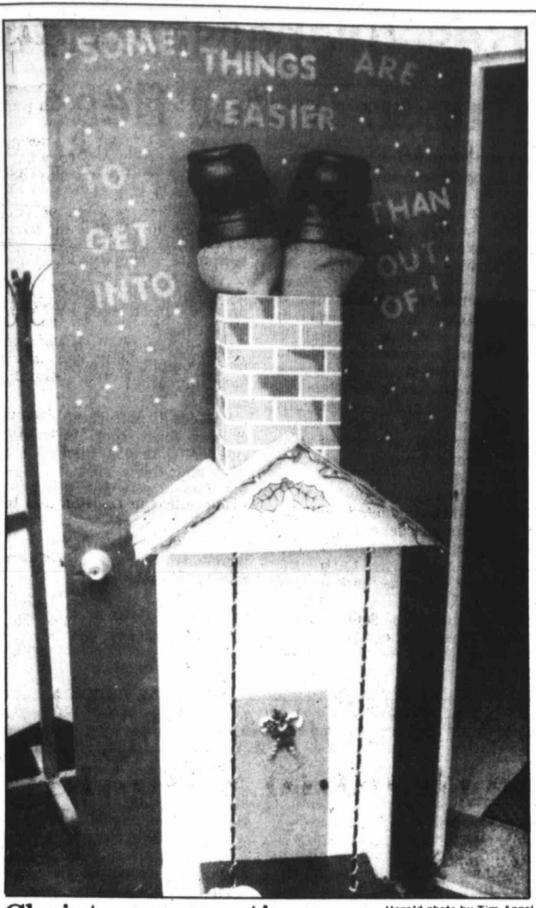
White House visitor creates bomb crisis

Herald Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON—Rep. Herbert Bateman, R-Va., looked sheepish as Secret Service police officers carefully took apart his sedan in the White House driveway Thursday after a police dog whimpered that there were explosives inside.
 Inside the West Wing — where the Oval Office is located — six of Bateman's House colleagues and several dozen reporters watched in amazement from the windows as the "bomb squad" carefully searched the blue sedan with the specialty "1" Virginia license plates.
 About 45 minutes after Secret

Service officers first issued the bomb alert and herded a grumpy White House press corps inside and out of harm's way, police officers determined what the dog had sniffed:
 Fertilizer residue in the car's trunk. Fertilizer for Bateman's azalea plants. Fertilizer that contains nitrogen, just like gunpowder and explosives.
 "These dogs go crazy when they smell nitrates," said an obviously proud Secret Service officer as the big tan-and-black German Shepherd romped on the White House lawn — indifferent to the small crisis he'd created.

Bateman, for his part, had been summoned to the White House to talk about his recent trip to the Persian Gulf as part of a congressional delegation. Midway through the meeting, the Virginia lawmaker was politely asked to come outside and explain to Secret Service officers why a specially trained "bomb" dog was pawing at his parked car.
 That was after the national television crews has grappled with each other to get the best long-distance view of heavily padded bomb experts taking apart Bateman's car, pulling everything

out of the trunk and even removing the seats.
 One of the political benefits of being summoned to a presidential briefing is that lawmakers are besieged afterwards by reporters and frequently end up on the national news programs. Thursday, Bateman decided he'd had enough press attention for one day and when the "all clear" was given, he jumped behind the wheel and drove away from the unleashed reporters.
 "Fertilizer for my azaleas!" was all he called out through the car window as he passed.



Christmas greetings
 The entrance to Judge John Coffee's office in the Howard County Courthouse appropriately reminds people that some things are easier to get into than out of. Most of the doors of the courthouse have been decorated for the holiday season.



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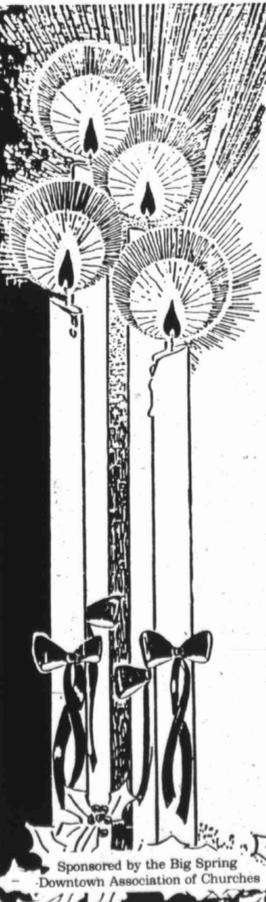
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Researchers revive frozen water fleas

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese research team has successfully revived small insects after deep-freezing them for nearly two weeks in what could be a step toward prolonging the life of larger animals.

Scientists say they believe the defrosting of water fleas by a team led by Professor Ichiro Tanasawa of the Tokyo University was the first time complex multicellular organisms have been revived after being frozen to minus 321 degrees.

At that temperature, metabolism virtually halts, "and theoretically, organisms can be kept frozen for any length of time and then revived," Tanasawa says.

Tanasawa's team first chilled the water fleas to almost freezing to slow their metabolism. It then soaked them for several hours in a glycerin solution, which penetrated their cells and lowered the freezing point, like the anti-freeze in a car radiator.

The glycerin also prevented formation of large ice crystals inside the fleas' organs and caused the insects to freeze more uniformly,

Tanasawa said. They then were cooled at a controlled rate to minus 321 degrees (196 Centigrade).

A British research group first successfully used glycerin, a non-poisonous, syrupy liquid, to freeze chicken sperm in 1960, and the technique is now widely used to preserve blood cells and simple organisms.

The main difficulty in using it for more complicated organisms has been glycerin's low penetration rate.

Without its anti-freeze effect, ice crystals form from the water inside cells, drying them out and damaging them, said Dr. Harold Meryman, assistant director of blood services for the U.S. Red Cross.

"Ice inside the tissue causes tremendous damage," he said in a telephone interview.

Tanasawa said about 90 percent of the water fleas, which resemble regular fleas but live in water, were defrosted in perfect condition in his experiment.

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Pet owners mad about breeding ban

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — The nation's first ban on pet breeding has become law, and owners of show animals promise a dogfight to overturn it.

San Mateo County's breeding ban, which requires that most pets be spayed or neutered, received final approval Tuesday.

Opponents campaigned for a last-minute reversal before the Board of Supervisors voted 3-1 in favor of the law designed to

reduce the number of strays put to death in the county just south of San Francisco.

Under the law, breeders who obtain permits would be able to continue furthering bloodlines, but that's not enough for some show dog owners.

"The whole thing is going to end up an enormous legal battle," said Susan Clough of Redwood City, a show dog owner picketing with her dog Loree.

"The intent was never to go after any group of people but to rectify an untenable situation in which we kill 10,000 pets a year," said Supervisor Tom Nolan, author of the measure.

The ordinance bans breeding by private dog and cat owners for six months starting in July. By 1992, only dogs and cats owned by professional and hobby breeders holding permits will be allowed to reproduce.

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Prospectors host Christmas banquet

The Big Spring Prospector's Club hosted its annual Christmas banquet and 1991 officer installation Dec. 13 at a local restaurant. Thirty-nine members and guests attended.

Featured speaker Billy Patton discussed the miracle of the human mind and motivation to use it to the fullest extent.

Virginia McClain was the installing officer; each official was presented a congratulatory certificate.

Dan Clark, chaplain, gave the invocation. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Mrs. D.U. Shockey.

Members and guests came from the surrounding towns of Coleman, Snyder, Midland, San Angelo and Andrews.

Christmas gifts were exchanged and decorations included a Christmas tree and dainty plate favors. Donations were taken for the Christmas in April Fund.

The following officials were installed: Jerald Wilson, president; Doyle McClain, vice president; Lola Lamb, secretary-treasurer; and Myrtle Griffith, second vice president.

Nora Nixon, Elaine Matteson, Charles Leek, Chester Faught, Dr. Laurence Snively, and V.L. Perkins form the executive board.

The next meeting will be Jan. 10 at 606 E. Third St. at 7:30 p.m.

The program will be presented by Woody Leonard and Georgia Johansen, San Angelo, on their recent extensive trip into the "out-back" of Australia. Their adventures in this far away place are such that if you do not attend you are going to miss an evening of entertainment and information. The "out-back" is one of the most famous mining areas, especially precious opal mining, of the world.

The Prospector's Club is both social and educational with one of the main goals being to bring information about gems, minerals, lapidary, and Earth sciences in general to public attention.

For additional information, please call the secretary or co-editor at 263-3340 or 267-6233 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Military

Army National Guard Private Jeremy R. Barnes has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Barnes is the son of Gary L. Grant, Coahoma, and grandson of Wilma J. Johnson, Abilene.

Pvt. Stephen E. Loveless has completed training at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the course, students received training which qualified them as light-weapons infantrymen and as indirect-fire crewmen in a rifle or mortar squad.

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Patriotic LaToya

PARIS — Singer LaToya Jackson chats with a porter from the Plaza Athenee Hotel in Paris after her press conference Wednesday. Jackson plans to leave for Saudi Arabia to entertain U.S. troops.

Drug may prevent tumors

(AP) — For the first time, a substance has been shown to reduce a cancer risk in a controlled clinical study.

Isotretinoin, a drug used to treat severe acne, helped prevent second tumors from forming in cancer of the head and neck.

A three-year study followed patients who had cancer of the head and neck, which carries a high risk of recurring. Some patients were given high doses of isotretinoin (marketed as Accutane), a derivative of vitamin A, while others received a placebo.

Patients who received isotretinoin had a six-fold reduction in the formation of second tumors.

According to Dr. Ronald Blum, clinical director of New York University Medical Center's Kaplan Cancer Center, these results bode extremely well for cancer treatment.

Blum cautioned that the drug is not without its limitations. While isotretinoin lowered the incidence of second tumors, it did not prevent the original tumor from recurring.

It's better to tell the truth

DEAR ABBY: You recently printed a letter from a woman who had celebrated her golden wedding anniversary on the wrong date because of an early pregnancy. She said she lied about the actual date of her marriage to save face. Her pastor told her to forget it — it was not a "major" lie. Abby, I was very disappointed to see you agree with the pastor.

Under the same circumstances, my husband's mother lied about my husband's date of birth. That made him four months younger than he really was, which made his school records, military service records, insurance policies and Social Security records in error — all because his mother wanted to save face. My husband discovered the mess when he needed a passport and sent for his birth certificate. He went through a lot of red tape to correct his records without telling his mother in order to spare her feelings. She went to her grave thinking she had fooled everyone.

Abby, please don't go along with anyone (even a pastor) who condones lying. There is no such thing as a "major" or "minor" lie. A lie is a lie. — FOR TRUTH IN RICHMOND, IND.

DEAR FOR TRUTH: You are right: A lie is a lie. But some lies have major consequences while others have minor consequences.

DEAR ABBY: I recently broke up with my boyfriend of two years. Last night, he phoned to ask me to return the two beautiful wall pictures he and his parents had given me for Christmas last year, and the bracelet he gave me the Christmas before.

Although I thought it was extremely tacky of him to ask me to return these gifts, my first impulse was to be big about it, let him have

Dear Abby



them, and get this thing over and done with as painlessly and quickly as possible.

Then, the more I thought about it, the more I felt like calling him and asking him to return all the birthday and Christmas presents I had given him these past two years.

Now I'm torn between doing what I think is right and getting even. The immaturity and absurdity of the whole situation belies the fact that this man is 35 and I'm 33. Also, we were not married, or even living together.

What would you do if you were me? — (TRYING NOT TO BE) BITTER

DEAR TRYING: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with whatever he or she wishes. (This includes his gifts to you as well as your gifts to him.)

However, if I were you, I would return his gifts — if only to be rid of the reminders of this 35-year-old man who still has a lot of growing up to do.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from the young woman who was planning her wedding, I thought you might be interested in a family wedding I attended a few years ago.

The bridegroom was a cousin of mine. He had a sister and a younger brother. After the parents had taken their seats, the music began to play again, and a tall man in a tuxedo walked down the aisle

alone — except for the seeing-eye dog who led him. The dog wore a very proper formal bow tie.

Thinking this was rather unusual, I asked the younger brother later, "Weren't you supposed to be the best man?" He laughed and said, "It was my brother's wedding, and it didn't bother me a bit that he asked his best friend to be his best man." — MRS. J. MILLER, LOS ANGELES

DEAR ABBY: Recently at an amusement park, I noticed a group of people waiting in the middle of a line, when one of them broke in. By the time we were even with them (it was a double, divided line), they had all broken in at that spot. When the lines merged, my group was immediately in front of them. Then, one of them crowded in ahead of us. Shortly thereafter, all of them tried to push through.

Thinking they did not understand that this is rude, I began to politely explain, asking if they felt that we had crowded in front. "No, but one of our party is ahead of you," was the reply, "so we can all go." Any further explanation from me was met with anger and insults.

Please clarify this for me, Abby. I always thought that latecomers should go to the end of the line and wait their turn. If I am joined by a friend, instead of causing hostility by letting my friend in, I give up my place in line and join my friend at the end.

Was I — OUT OF LINE?

DEAR OUT OF LINE: You were not out of line, but you were outnumbered. Too bad there were no security guards present at the time. Free-for-all fights have been known to erupt due to that sort of rudeness, but given today's climate for unpredictable violence, you used good judgment in not making an issue of it.

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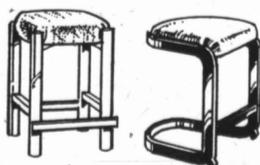
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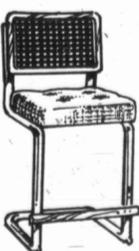


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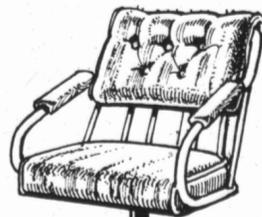
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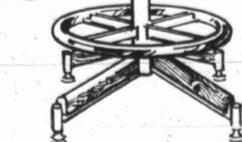
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How's that?

Q. Is it possible to get a release of liability from the VA if a nonveteran assumes a VA-guaranteed home loan?
A. Yes, if the buyer meets with Department of Veterans Affairs approval, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Calendar

- TODAY**
- There will be games of forty-two, dominoes, bridge and chicken track at the Kentwood Older Adult Activity Center, 2805 Lynn Street.
 - There will be a meeting of the Rotary Club at noon in the Cactus Room at Howard Junior College. A program by "Steeple for People" will be presented.
- MONDAY**
- Due to the Christmas holidays, the regularly scheduled gospel singing has been cancelled.
- TUESDAY**
- MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Students

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just too soon to tell."
In addition, Hatch said the schools will be responsible for their own accommodations while in Austin. Hatch said the committee has arranged daytime activities for the kids at Camp Mabry, the National Guard headquarters.
"I hope the Big Spring students can make it," he said. "This isn't something that happens every day."

Pickup

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minor injuries.
The 1980 pickup was reportedly driving at a high rate of speed in the westbound lane while the Falcon was going 50 mph, Lasaster said.
"It's going to be a while," Smith said this morning of his hospital stay. "It's just a day at a time. I'm just trying to keep up with how many bones are broken."

Oil/markets

February crude oil \$26.48, up 29, and March cotton futures 76.30 cents a pound, down 36; cash hog today was 50 cents higher at 50 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 50 cents lower at 81 cents even; February live hog futures 49.30, up 5; February live cattle futures 76.62, up 2 at 10:37 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.
Noon quotes were not available today.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents:
• Willie Ray Myles, 30, Sandra Gale Apartments, number 31, was arrested on a bondsman off bond for a theft charge. He was released on another bond set at \$20,000.
• Sometime on or between Dec. 12 and 16, \$285 in tools were taken from the bed of a pickup, it was reported. One of the locations where the tools may have been stolen is in the vicinity of Route 61.

Police beat

A man reported an assault that occurred about 11:30 p.m. Thursday at a business in the 700 block of IH-20. He was taken by American Medical Transport to Scenic Mountain Medical Center to be treated for stab wounds. Reports said his condition was good. The perpetrator was unknown.
The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:
• John Redford Tomas III, 2618 Albrook Drive, was arrested on a warrant for issuance of bad checks.
• Ernest Rodriguez, 31, 628 Caylor, was arrested for failure to appear before a judge.
• Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Westover Road. An estimated \$250 worth of damage was reported to a car windshield.
• Alice Garza, 38, 1703 Young Street, was arrested and charged with theft over \$200 and under \$750.
• Willie Ray Myles, 30, 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested for bondsman off bond.

For the record

In a story in Thursday's Herald about new parking regulations, Big Spring Traffic Commission member Ernie Morgan was incorrectly named.

Professor says Santa unites religious groups

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

Santa Claus, often criticized as a symbol of commercialism, has helped to unite religious groups and make the holidays a season of giving, an SMU professor says.

Kenneth Shields, who says he is not a specialist on Santa Claus, teaches a university course on myths. In an interview from his Dallas home, Shields said he considers Santa Claus a powerful mythical character.

"With a cultural figure such as Santa," Shields said, "we discover a way of looking at ourselves. We look at both what we value and what our values really are."

Shields said he appreciates what Santa's myth has contributed to our celebration of the holidays.

"He (Claus) embodies the spirit

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SMU Professor Kenneth Shields

of giving," Shields said. "Santa has become the central 'spirit' for the holiday. The myth is free of a religious tie, and it can serve more diverse (spiritual and religious) communities."

Through the years, Shields explained, St. Nick has changed a great deal, shedding his tendencies for punishment and focusing on good will.

"Santa no longer distributes switches in the stockings of bad children," Shields said. "A focus on the positive has grown out of

that, and spread to most of our holiday observances."

Shields described a decoration which now adorns the house of a neighbor.

"These people have Santa's legs sticking out of their chimney," he said. "They're laughing at Santa."

But children, to whom Shields says Christmas belongs, still may not be sure if the jolly old man exists or not. Shields, who sports a white beard, was once asked if he were Santa.

"These children were really very

earnest in their question, as if they simply wanted to know. My answer was, 'Well, what do you think?'"

"One of them, a neighbor child who knew me... said, 'no that's Mr. Shields. But let me tell you, the other kids really acted very cautious. It was like they didn't want to take any chances in case I really was (Santa).'"

Shields actually credits the Santa myth with "saving the season."

"Santa has saved the holiday season from becoming a time of conflict between Christians and

Jews," Shields said.

Shields said the growing emphasis on lights during the holidays has helped seasonal observances cross cultural and religious boundaries as well. Lighted decorations, candles and strings of lights have become accepted signs of the season for both Christmas and Hanukkah, he explained.

"An emphasis on lights... is shared by Christians and Jews, as are many of the values of the season — values of family, good will and humanity," Shields said. "These things don't require a particular (religious) orientation."

"I don't share the wringing of hands over the loss of Christ from Christmas. I believe... there is actually a (trend toward) deepening of religious observances, among many faiths."



Herald photo by Perry Hall

Read all about it

J.C. Penney store donated a large box of books collected by the local store this month to the West Side Community Day Care Center. Store representative Mara Wheeler, left, said Penney's wanted to do something to encourage

poorer children to read and providing them with books seemed like a good project. Melinda Hernandez, director of the day care center, received the books Thursday.

Agencies offer help with utilities

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

With the onset of colder weather, utility costs increase and tightened holiday budgets may not meet the need. Several local agencies have programs to help families pay energy bills.

Lt. Bill Owens of the Salvation Army explained that the agency has \$30 grants available once a year per family or individual. The money comes from the Energy Aid program of TU Electric Company.

"Actually, we get more requests for electricity bill aid during the summertime," Owens said. "But we will help at any time."

To receive Army aid, the requester must bring a termination notice to the office. Once the paperwork is complete, the agency will print a check to TU Electric.

The most important feature of Energy Aid is that the funding comes from the utility's customers, said district customer operations supervisor Bob Goodwin.

"It's an ideal way for people to make donations to those in need all year long," he said. The program is announced regularly in bill inserts.

"Energy Aid will be a tremendous tool if people would contribute," Goodwin said. "It is definitely a worthwhile place to give."

At the Northside Community Center, the recent loss of a Federal Emergency Management Act

(FEMA) grant has forced director Marianne Brown-Esquin to cut back.

"Usually this is the bad time (for utility payments)," Brown said. "They overspend with Christmas and can't keep the utilities on through the holidays. This year we're just running short on money all the way around."

"That (FEMA) money was used for utility help," she said. "Without it, we're going to try to use part of the (money raised in a recent) walk-a-thon." Thus the funds available will drop by about \$4,000.

"We can only offer help in extreme emergencies now," Brown said. "... if there's a newborn baby or illness in the family." The center requires volunteer work in exchange for aid. Payment on utility bills is made directly to the company.

At Energas, District Manager Mike Mancil said customers can arrange for a deferred payment plan when budgets get tight.

"We'll work with them so they pay 'x' number of dollars per month on the bill," he said. "We also refer them to agencies that can help."

Those seeking help on gas bills should apply before they receive a termination notice, he said. "We'd like them to come in as soon as they realize they can't pay."

At the Saint Vincent de Paul society, help is available in increments of \$25 to \$35. The agency, which operates from the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, is

open Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Volunteer Augusta Clark said those in need should visit the church for an application. For aid, bring social security cards for the entire family and a driver's license.

"If we don't have the funds, we'll refer them," Clark said. "And sometimes (other agencies) refer them to us."

West Texas Opportunities has a program to offer gas and electric company payment help as well. Those requesting the funds must be eligible according to federal income level requirements.

For persons whose income is below poverty level — a family of five living on \$927 per month, for example — the agency can pay part of energy bills when money gets tight. For people whose income puts them above the poverty level, there must be a verified crisis situation in order to make help possible.

"The state doesn't accept anything as a crisis," said director Pat Lawlis. "It must be something like they are recently unemployed or an illness, something we can document."

Those who need the assistance should not wait until the company has turned off the service, she said. "It takes time to fill out these forms and verify income. They need to come in as soon as they receive a cut-off notice, or we won't be able to help."

Iraqis exit capital during bomb drill

(AP) Air raid sirens blared and about 1 million Iraqis carrying blankets and food streamed out of Baghdad early today in an evacuation drill to test the nation's readiness for war.

As Iraqis jammed roads out of the capital, tensions grew between Israel and the United States over a Persian Gulf-related issue at the United Nations.

Israel's foreign minister said the United States showed weakness by supporting a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Jerusalem.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has repeatedly tried to link the Palestinian problem with the gulf crisis. That has made it difficult for the United States to remain loyal to Israel without offending its Arab allies.

President Bush was to meet later today with John Major, Britain's new prime minister. In several television interviews today, Major said the question of war was "in Saddam Hussein's hands."

During the drill many Iraqis stayed home, residents said. Participants ran on foot to civil defense centers or sped out of town in cars. Hundreds of buses waiting at centers took Iraqis to shelters north, east and south of Baghdad.

Roads leading out of the capital were jammed with thousands of cars, trucks, buses and even carriages pulled by tractors. The drill began at 7 a.m. and ended five hours later.

Iraq has been preparing for war since the U.N. Security Council authorized force to remove Iraq from Kuwait if it does not leave the emirate by Jan. 15. Iraqi media carry instructions for building bomb shelters and courses in civil defense and first-aid.

U.S. officials have suggested Iraq's cities could be bombed heavily in the event of war. Gen. Michael Dugan, the air force chief of staff, was fired in September for revealing contingency plans that involved bombing Baghdad.

The evacuation drill today was conducted for the half of Baghdad that lies on the east bank of the Tigris River, but only about 1 million of the 2 million inhabitants participated, said residents who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A second exercise Saturday will cover west Baghdad. Basra, Iraq's second-largest city with a million people, was evacuated in a similar exercise Thursday.

Bush met with members of Congress on Thursday and told them he believed Saddam was underestimating U.S. power and intentions, several legislators said. Saddam must be made aware that "if we get into an armed situation, he's going to get his ass kicked," Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Calif., quoted Bush as saying. Bush's remark was confirmed by another

person at the meeting. A Pentagon spokesman said 10,000 more U.S. troops reached Saudi Arabia this week, bringing the American force to 280,000. The spokesman, Bob Hall, said U.S. intelligence sources put the Iraqi force in and around Kuwait at 510,000.

The U.N. Security Council resolution passed 15-0 Thursday. It urges Israel to halt deportation of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza and urges the United Nations to monitor the safety of Palestinians there.

U.S. backing for the resolution was seen as an effort to preserve the Arab coalition against Saddam. It was the third time in two months that Washington failed to exercise its veto powers to shield Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said today that the United States had succumbed to Arab pressure.

"There is a weakness among the Americans that is brought about by America's dependency on the anti-Saddam coalition," Levy told Israel's army radio.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said the vote "highlighted the double standards applied by the United States."

"After weeks of shameful maneuvering, the council adopted a meager resolution on one of the most dangerous issues from which the region and the entire world has suffered for many years," Aziz said.

Meanwhile, British Prime Minister Major said today that Saddam's only hope for ending the more than 4-month-old Persian Gulf crisis peacefully is complete withdrawal from occupied Kuwait. In an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" show, Major said, "... a partial withdrawal won't do."

"But the growing signs of war weren't enough to convince more than 1,000 Soviet specialists — about 40 percent of Soviets remaining in Iraq — that they would be better off in the Soviet Union, where a bleak winter yawns ahead."

"The news they receive from Moscow about the economic situation is so discouraging that they prefer to stay here rather than go home," an Eastern European diplomat in Baghdad said on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi industry minister Hussein Kamel told a visiting Soviet official this week the Soviets were free to go home.

In his resignation speech Thursday, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze defended himself against conservative criticism of Soviet gulf policy. He said Moscow didn't plan to send any troops to fight Iraq, but "if the interests of the Soviet people suffer... the Soviet nation and the Soviet government will defend the interests of its citizens."

Deaths

Herbert Pope

Herbert Lee Pope, 75, Big Spring, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1990, in a local hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Owens Funeral Home in Sapulpa, Okla. Burial will be in Green Hill Memorial Gardens in Sapulpa. Local arrangements were under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 25, 1915, in Keefler, Okla. He married Elece M. Long Nov. 25, 1940, in Grand Falls. He graduated from Glenpool High School in Glenpool, Okla. He worked for Reno Oil Company for 17 years, and then later for Tenneco Oil Company for 9 years, before

retiring. After retiring he and his wife operated motels and apartments for 20 years. He had lived in Monahans, Midland and other West Texas towns before coming to Big Spring in 1979. He was a Baptist. He was a member of the local V.F.W. Post, a member of the Elks Lodge, and a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

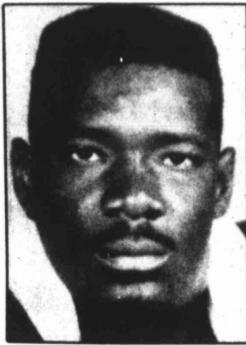
Survivors include his wife, Elece Pope, Big Spring; three brothers: Bernard J. Pope, Adair, Okla.; James G. Pope Jr., Odessa, Okla.; and Glen F. Pope, Jenks, Okla.; two sisters: Martha Davis, Sapulpa, Okla.; and Mary J. Antrik, Clinton, Iowa.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society, c/o Mrs. Merle Stewart, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas, 79720-2121.

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WASHINGTON

Bears rookie killed in crash

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Chicago Bears rookie defensive tackle Fred Washington was killed in a car crash early today, a Bears spokesman said.

Washington played college football at Texas Christian University and high school football at Denison High School.

Washington was driving northbound on Illinois 43 in north suburban Lake Forest when the car went over a curb and struck a tree, said Bears spokesman Bryan Harlan.

Lake County Coroner Barbara Richardson pronounced Washington and a female passenger dead on the scene.

The identity of the passenger was not released immediately.

Richardson said there was no bad weather when she arrived at the scene.

The Bears drafted Washington in the second round of the 1990 draft.

Bulldogettes handle Lake View, 69-59

SAN ANGELO — The Coahoma Bulldogettes jumped on the San Angelo Lake View Maidens in a hurry and went on to defeat the Class 4A school 69-59 in non-district basketball action Thursday night.

Coahoma led from start to finish, leading by six after the first quarter and taking a 35-23 halftime lead.

Leading a balanced Coahoma scoring attack was senior guard Kim Gee, who gunned in 18 points. Gee was followed by Mandi Walling with 15 and LaTisha Anderson with 14.

Coahoma coach Truman Meissner credited senior guard Sarah Hanks with a good defensive effort on Lake View's top player Venetra Allen. "We really stymied Allen in the first half. Sarah Hanks was in her face all night long," said Meissner.

"We got up on them 17 points; we played some kids and we got into a little bit of foul trouble. The kids played really well early. Lake View is not bad; they're better than they've been in the past," Meissner added.

Coahoma, 13-4 for the season, will play Lubbock Cooper Dec. 31 in Coahoma at 5 p.m. The junior varsity girls will play at 2 p.m., followed by the varsity boys at 3:30.

COAHOMA (69) — Ward 0 1 1; Gee 4 7 18; Hanks 2 4 10; Lawhan 1 0 2; Bennett 0 0 0; Anderson 6 1 14; McMahan 1 0 2; Willborn 3 1 7; Walling 7 1 15; Kelly 0 0 0; Totals 22 15 69.

LAKE VIEW (59) — Moorehead 1 0 2; Torrez 5 0 10; Allen 6 2 17; Brown 6 9 21; Higdon 4 1 9; Wallace 0 0 0; 22 12 59.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Coahoma	18	17	18	17	69
Lake View	12	11	21	15	59

JV — Lake View 38, Coahoma 32

Steers lose in tourney opener

SEMINOLE — The Big Spring Steers lost their opening game in the Seminole Christmas Classic, losing to Morton 74-69.

Senior post player Louis Soldan led Big Spring with 22 points. He was followed by senior forward Mike Williams with 11.

In other opening-round action of the round-robin tournament, Morton beat Lubbock Coronado JV 72-53 and Artesia, N.M. edged Seminole 88-86.

Big Spring will play Artesia today at 1:30.

Big Spring is 3-12 and Morton goes to 8-7.

Morton	16	20	18	20	74
Big Spring	14	17	21	17	69

Morton — Joyce 20, Scoggins 19.
Big Spring — Soldan 22, Williams 11.

A&M basketball program will be probed by NCAA

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University, admitting NCAA rules violations have occurred in its basketball program, has pledged to continue an internal investigation, athletic director John David Crow says.

Crow issued a statement Thursday after the Syracuse Post-Standard reported that Queens, N.Y., talent scout Rob Johnson arranged for forward Tony Scott to transfer from Syracuse to Texas A&M.

The newspaper also quoted Scott as saying the university paid for part of his father's airfare and permitted the talent scout to fly on its plane. The allegations, if proven, would be in violation of NCAA rules.

Kermit Davis Jr., 30, in his first year as Aggie coach, told the newspaper the school had not violated NCAA rules.

Davis declined further comment Thursday before and after the Aggies beat Texas College 92-78.

"I'm just coaching this basketball team and that's all I'm going to do," Davis said. "We know what our staff has done and we're proud of it."

A&M president Dr. William Mobley said he was disappointed and concerned by the latest allegations involving the A&M athletic program.

"However, I am confident of the manner in which our independent Office of Intercollegiate Athletic Compliance ... has been handling the situation and look forward to a prompt resolution of the matter," Mobley said in a statement.

Isaac Brown, who led the Aggies with 22 points, said the team was not distracted by the allegations.

"I don't know anything about any



COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M player Tony Scott, a transfer from Syracuse University, has alleged possible NCAA rule violations at both Syracuse and Texas A&M.

allegations," he said. "I haven't heard anything. It didn't affect us at all."

Crow was not available for direct comment Thursday but issued a statement saying he learned several weeks ago of possible rules violations within its basketball program.

Crow said when the school's compliance office found there was a violation, he immediately notified the NCAA and university administrators.

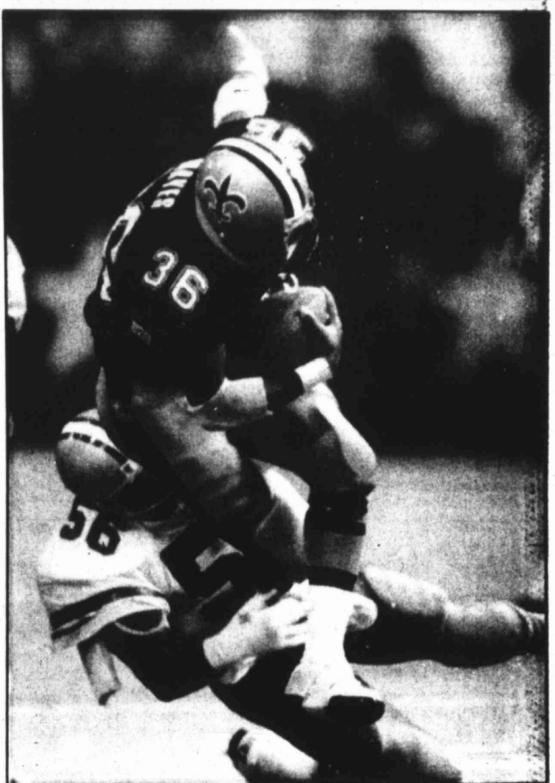
University Vice President Robert Smith, who is in charge of university compliance with NCAA rules, was unavailable for comment.

Scott, who has returned home for Christmas, told the newspaper he transferred to A&M on Johnson's advice. He said Johnson told him Johnson was paid \$2,400 to work two weeks last summer at a basketball camp operated in College Station by Davis.

Scott told the newspaper Davis paid for Johnson to accompany Scott on a flight from New York to Houston, that Johnson accompanied him to College Station on a university jet, despite NCAA rules that prohibit recruits' friends or relatives from traveling on an institution's aircraft.

Scott also said the school paid \$250 of his father's \$550 airfare home to Rochester, N.Y., from College Station after the elder Scott helped his son move to Texas. He said Davis also promised that he would pay for Scott's mother to visit College Station in addition to paying for travel home for Christmas for Scott and his fiancée.

Davis said he was interested in hiring Johnson as a graduate assistant coach and it was "just kind of coincidental" that Johnson and Scott wound up on the same plane.



IRVING — Dallas Cowboys middle linebacker Eugene Lockhart (56) tackles New Orleans Saints running back Ruben Mayes in earlier NFL action. Lockhart, was one of a few worthy Cowboys left off the Pro Bowl list.

Pokes command respect

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys, owners of the sixth-best record in the NFC and a four-game winning streak, this week discovered how little respect they command among their peers.

But they plan to change that.

The NFL players and coaches voted 41 players to the 1991 Pro Bowl list.

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Platoon catcher gets \$1 million

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Pittsburgh Pirates have agreed to meet Don Slaught's three-year, \$3 million demand — leaving the platoon catcher in a state of shock.

"How long ago was it that only the greatest players earned \$1 million," Slaught said. "I remember asking George Brett, 'What's your paycheck like? What do you buy, a condo every two weeks?'"

Pirates manager Jim Leyland said Slaught, who hit .300 with four homers and 29 RBIs in 84 games while platooning with Mike LaValliere, was worth the price.

"I thought it was one of the best combinations in baseball," Leyland said. "If you don't have a guy who can catch 140 games like a Lance Parrish in his prime, then this is the best you can get."

The two hit .277 with 33 doubles, seven home runs and 60 RBIs between them. Slaught, 32, was obtained last December from the New York Yankees for pitchers Jeff Robinson and Willie Smith.

Slaught's contract, reached Thursday, will pay him about \$150,000 more a season than National League Most Valuable Player Barry Bonds made last season. He is the third free agent to re-sign with the club.

If the Pirates had lost Slaught and failed to acquire another catcher, they faced the prospect of entering the 1991 season with two weak-hitting right-handed hitting catchers: Dann Bilardello and Tom Prince.

Doughty has hinted the Pirates can't count on LaValliere as their everyday catcher because he has been injury-prone and overweight in recent seasons.

The Pirates earlier re-signed first baseman-outfielder Gary Redus and pitcher Zane Smith among their 10 free agents. They have lost first baseman Sid Bream and infielder Rafael Belliard to the Atlanta Braves.

The Slaught deal all but ends the Pirates' negotiations with their own free agents.

Akeem's triple-double leads Rockets

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sleepy Floyd scored a tying layup with three seconds remaining in regulation and added the final basket in overtime gave the Houston Rockets a 128-126 win over the Orlando Magic.

Akeem Olajuwon scored 24 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked 11 shots as Houston sent visiting Orlando to its seventh consecutive loss.

Backup forward David Wood scored a career-high 27 points for Houston, including four points as the Rockets took a 126-121 lead with 1:52 remaining in overtime.

Orlando rookie Dennis Scott scored a season-high 35 points, including a basket and a pair of free throws within 27 seconds to pull Orlando to 126-125. Floyd's driving layup with 38 seconds left capped Houston's scoring.

Warriors 125, Trail Blazers 118

Portland's few problems this season are all within the Pacific Division.

The Trail Blazers lost Thursday night for the third time in 25 games this year, losing to Golden State 125-118. Portland is 7-3 within its division, 15-0 against the rest of the NBA.

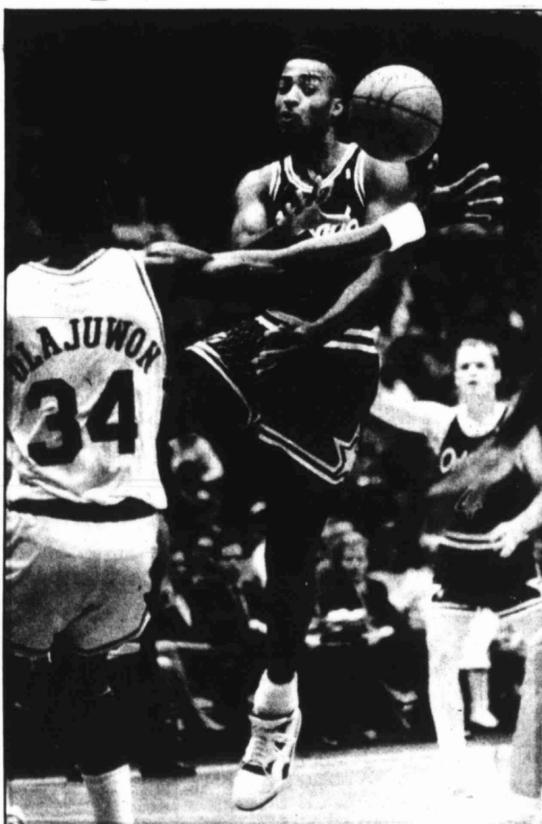
Tim Hardaway scored a career-high 36 points for Golden State, which lost 112-94 at Portland on Tuesday night.

"They just got kind of embarrassed at our place, so they were looking to play well at home," Portland's Terry Porter said. "It's tough to play a team back-to-back like that."

Portland had lost previously to Phoenix on Nov. 20 by 123-109 and to Sacramento on Dec. 13 by 100-88.

"I don't think we defended them as well as we could have," Portland coach Rick Adelman said of the Warriors. "They made a lot of key shots, but we have to be more consistent on defense than we were tonight."

Kevin Duckworth fouled out after he was called for a flagrant



HOUSTON — Orlando Magic Dennis Scott (3) drives the lane and dishes off a pass as Houston Rockets center Akeem Olajuwon (34) blocks his path in Thursday night action at the Summit.

foul on Alton Lister. After Lister made both free throws, Tom Tolbert's drive put the Warriors ahead 119-112.

Portland's Buck Williams, who led all rebounders with 16, scored

a quick bucket and, after a Warrior miss, the Blazers had one last chance to make a run. But Clyde Drexler had the ball stripped from him just past midcourt by Hardaway, whose breakaway

layup put the game out of reach with 27 seconds left.

Celtics 115, Hornets 96

Reggie Lewis scored 12 points during a decisive third quarter as visiting Boston won its sixth straight and sent the Hornets to their eighth consecutive loss.

Boston (21-4) took the lead late in the first quarter and pulled away by making eight of its first nine shots in the second half.

Lewis finished with 24 points for the Celtics. Larry Bird had 10 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists, and Kevin McHale added 20 points and 15 rebounds.

Armon Gilliam scored 26 points for Charlotte and Rex Chapman 20.

Hawks 105, Jazz 87

Dominique Wilkins scored 20 points, including five in a first-quarter run that gave Atlanta control, and the Hawks won their sixth straight.

Atlanta took the lead for good at 5-4 and then went on an 11-2 run. Atlanta led 29-14 at the end of the quarter and stretched the margin to 49-25 with a minute to go in the first half.

John Battle and Kevin Willis scored 19 points each for the Hawks. Karl Malone scored 17 points and Jeff Malone added 16 for the visiting Jazz.

SuperSonics 110, Kings 75

Dale Ellis scored 11 of his season-high 22 points in the fourth quarter as the SuperSonics ended a three-game road losing streak.

Seattle, which won for just the second time in 10 road games, outscored Sacramento 10-2 in the final 90 seconds to send the Kings to their largest margin of defeat this season.

Eddie Johnson added 19 points for Seattle, while Derrick McKey and Gary Payton scored 12 points each. Antoine Carr scored 24 points for Sacramento and Lionel Simmons added 15.

Coach wants to end prep career on winning note

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

At least for Marshall coach Dennis Parker, Saturday's clash between the Mavericks and Converse Judson at the Astrodome will be for more than just the Class 5A big school championship.

Parker, who was announced Wednesday as the new coach at the University of North Texas, will be coaching his last game for the Mavericks (13-2) against a team he helped guide to the 1983 state title.

Parker told his players about

the UNT job Wednesday morning.

"They took it like they've been taking everything else, with very little emotion," Parker told the Marshall News Messenger.

"I told them it was their fault that I was leaving. I said if they hadn't won all these games, I wouldn't be going. If they had lost two weeks ago, I'd still be here. Had we gone 5-5, I wouldn't have been offered the job."

The Mavericks qualified for

the playoffs once in the 16 years before Parker arrived in 1984. Marshall has since won three district titles, advanced to the quarterfinals and semifinals and now has a chance for the state crown.

"We're going to win the state championship Saturday and I will have finished what I came here to do," Parker said.

Saturday's game also will be a reunion between Parker and Rockets coach D.W. Rutledge. When the two were assistants at Judson, they lived about a mile

apart near the Guadalupe River and commuted the 40-mile round trip daily together for three years.

Parker emphasized the title game is not between him and Rutledge, but between two determined football teams.

"I think he's a special person in my life. I love him like a brother," Parker said. "He's a better man than he is a coach and he's a good coach."

In other games Saturday, it's No. 9 Wilmer-Hutchins (13-1) vs. Austin Westlake (13-2) for the

High School Playoffs

4A title, No. 1 Vernon (15-0) vs. No. 5 Crockett (15-0) for the 3A championship, No. 1 Groveton (15-0) vs. No. 5 De Leon (14-0-1) for the 2A crown, and No. 1 Munday (15-0) vs. No. 8 Bartlett (14-1) for the Class A title.

Both Marshall and Converse Judson enter the championship

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Up-and-down Redskins to test Colts

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Washington's season has been consistently inconsistent, says Coach Joe Gibbs, who hopes the latest turn for the better is a favorable sign.

The Redskins (9-5) have won three straight games with the emergence of running back Earnest Byner. And with their first NFC playoff berth in three years already assured, they're now playing for the home field advantage.

The Indianapolis Colts (6-8), who take on the Redskins Saturday night in the Hoosier Dome, are just fighting to stay alive in the AFC wild card picture.

"There was very much concern four weeks ago, when we got beat bad (27-17) at Dallas," said Gibbs, who last week got his 100th NFL regular-season victory. "The team has been very inconsistent all year. We've gotten better the last three weeks, but we just have to see if that continues."

Byner, who became a regular when Gerald Riggs was put on injured reserve in November, has rushed for 582 yards in the past five games and has a career-high 1,031 yards for the season, the most by a

"We must make a concerted effort in stopping their attack. They are playing with an extreme level of confidence at this point. We know what this game means in terms of playoff hopes," — Colts coach Ron Meyer.

Washington runner since George Rogers' 1,203 in 1986.

This week, Byner was one of four Redskins named to the NFC Pro Bowl team, along with tackle Jim Lachey, cornerback Darrell Green and receiver Gary Clark. The Colts' Clarence Verdin, who leads the NFL in punt returns, and punter Rohn Stark were named to the AFC Pro Bowl squad.

"The running game and stopping the run have been the two areas probably that have helped us most," said Gibbs, whose current winning streak is the team's longest of the season.

The Colts have had two three-game losing streaks and are coming off a 29-21 victory over the New York Jets. The running game has been one of the Colts' biggest problems all year, even with Eric

Dickerson back in the lineup after a six-week suspension.

Indianapolis has topped 100 yards, as a team, only three times, and the leading rusher, Albert Bentley, has 541 yards, five yards more than Dickerson.

Byner has carried the ball almost twice as many times as either Bentley or Dickerson.

"You're always worried it will take its toll on a runner, but hey, we don't have a choice," said Gibbs.

Indianapolis coach Ron Meyer calls the Redskins a "very dominant team, a very physical running team. They don't beat themselves."

Meyer sees the Redskins' hopes for a home field advantage in the playoffs as a difficult challenge for the Colts to overcome.

"We must make a concerted effort in stopping their attack," he said. "They are playing with an extreme level of confidence at this point. We know what this game means in terms of playoff hopes."

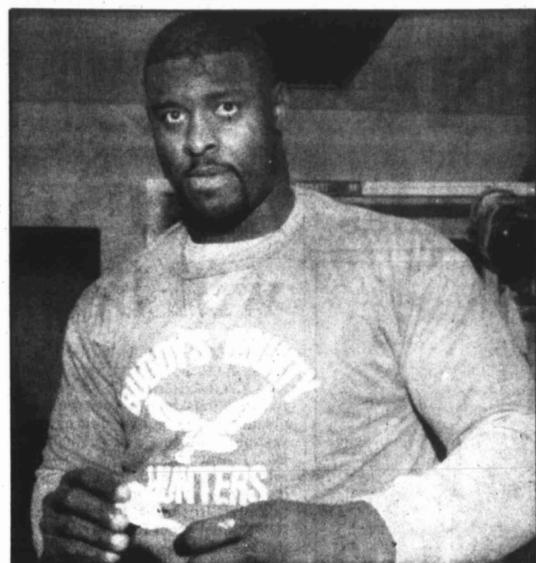
He won't get an argument from Gibbs.

"It's a big game for both of us. They want to get in the playoffs; that's what they'll be fighting for. And getting the home field advantage will be the same thing for us."

The Colts are quarterbacked by rookie Jeff George, the first player picked in this year's NFL draft. George, injured early in the season, regained his starting position when Jack Trudeau went out with a knee injury, and he has passed for 1,678 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Gibbs says George isn't playing like a rookie, and that's the reason the Colts have won four of their past six games.

"He's made rapid progress. When you take a guy of that quality in the draft, you know you're getting a fantastic person," Gibbs said. "It's a credit to their total program. They're on a roll now. I just wish we didn't have to play them."



Bounty hunter?

PHILADELPHIA — Philadelphia Eagles defensive end Reggie White sports a "Buddy's Bounty Hunters" sweatshirt as he gets ready for a Thursday afternoon workout.

Playoffs

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round after cruising through their first five playoff games. The Rockets (14-1) smashed San Antonio McCollum 62-0 in the bi-district round before breezing through San Antonio Clark, 31-12, Victoria, 33-7, San Antonio Marshall, 49-30, and Humble Kingwood, 51-22.

Meanwhile, the Mavericks beat Garland Lakeview, 36-26, Richardson Berkner, 61-6, Cypress Creek, 33-7, Plano, 24-19, and Arlington Sam Houston, 21-0.

Rutledge said getting into the proper alignments will be the key to stopping Marshall's multiple offense.

The Mavericks use several offensive formations designed to confuse defenses and create mismatches, he said.

"The number one thing we have to do defensively is get lined up right," Rutledge said.

Rutledge said other defensive keys will be stopping the big play and preventing Marshall

from having a big game rushing or passing.

One of Rutledge's headaches will be stopping D.D. Turner, who ran for 160 yards and touchdowns of 10, 17 and 5 yards against Sam Houston, and speedy receiver Trency Clough.

Clough injured his right knee in the Sam Houston game, but is

expected to play Saturday.

"They are a very balanced team offensively and we have to have a balance where we try to limit both their rushing and passing," Rutledge said. "We also have to be patient enough not to get beat by the big play. We want them to use the clock. We don't want them scoring in

six seconds with a big play."

Munday faces similar problems playing Bartlett for their second Class A title. The Moguls won their first championship in 1984.

The Bulldogs boast receiver Johnny Walker and quarterback Kevin Cavanaugh, both first-team All-State selections.

Pokes

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Bowl team, but not a single Cowboy.

"We placed nobody for the Pro Bowl?" asked linebacker Eugene Lockhart, thought by the Cowboys to be a candidate. "Fine. Let's move on, forget about it, and kick Philadelphia's butt on Sunday."

Dallas is the only NFC team without a representative, which some players interpreted as a lack of respect around the league.

"It's just another slap in the face," said Cowboy linebacker Jack Del Rio.

In addition to leading tackler Lockhart, notable Cowboy omis-

sions were cornerback Issiac Holt, the team leader in interceptions; Jay Novacek, who leads all NFL tight ends in receiving with 54 catches; running back Emmitt Smith, who has 11 touchdowns and is on target for a 1,000-yard rushing season; and offensive linemen Mark Stepnoski and Nate Newton.

The Cowboys' 7-7 record gives them sole possession of the third and final NFC wild card spot with two games remaining.

Each team has two Pro Bowl votes, one by the players and one by the coaching staff, and teams can't vote for their own players. The balloting was conducted in the

past week.

At least one NFC team's ballots didn't agree with the conference's apparent low opinion of the Cowboys. The Chicago Bears' ballots included votes for Smith, Stepnoski and Novacek, and rave reviews for Holt, according to a story in the Chicago Tribune.

"Holt just jumps out at you on film," defensive end Trace Armstrong said.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said the Cowboys' past several years may have affected balloting. "I felt we'd get some recognition, and I'm disappointed we didn't," he said.

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SCOREBOARD

RB (11) Andre Session, EP Jefferson, 6-1, 175; 256-1,929, 21 TDs.
RB Shawn Walters, Art. Lamar, 6-1, 215, 251-1,677 and 21 TDs.
RB (11) Ervin Yates, Victoria, 5-7, 175; 142-1,584, 15 TDs.
QB (11) Jason Donnelly, El Paso Coronado, 6-0, 185; 12 FGs, 25 PATs.
Defense
DL Charles Horton, Dallas Carter, 6-3, 240, 56 tackles.
DL Vernon Wade, Lufkin, 6-3, 265; 80 tackles, 8 sacks.
DL Jason Montgomery, Amarillo, 6-2, 210; 12 tackles per game.
DL Ceasar O'Neal, Huntsville, 6-8, 290; 56 tackles.
LB Marcus Allen, Aldine, 5-11, 190; 84 tackles, 1 sack, 2 interceptions.
LB (11) Mario Freeman, Austin LBJ, 6-1, 205; 125 tackles, 6 sacks.
QB (11) John Johns, Odessa, 5-11, 180; 129 tackles, 5 sacks.
LB Trent Knapp, Fort Bend Clements, 6-1, 210; 15 tackles per game.
LB (11) Harvey McDaniel, Dallas Carter, 5-11, 214.
LB (11) Willie Yarborough, Houston Washington, 5-8, 185; 27 sacks, 2 interceptions.
DB Carl Heathman, Aldine, 6-0, 180; 6 interceptions, 35 tackles.
DB Chris Sanders, Austin LBJ, 6-0, 205; 55 tackles, 6 interceptions.
DB Justin Still, San Antonio Clark, 6-3, 200; 55 solo tackles, 1 interception.
DB Chris Yeguarre, CC Carroll, 5-9, 150; 6 tackles per game, 4 interceptions.
P James Ritchey, Copparras Cove, 6-3, 205; 24-0-0.

HONORABLE MENTION
Offense
Linemen: Charley Davis, Fort Bend Dulles; Alan O'Jock, Nacogdoches; Ramon de la Garza, CC Carroll; Steve Dollar, South Garland; Justin Firkins, Midland Lee; Lee Hipp, Texas City; Lyle Larkworthy, Conroe McCullough; Rodney Loft, C.C. Carroll; Jeff Neil, Mesquite; Eric Ober, Alief Elsie; Matt Rivera, Victoria; Bryan Stoltenberg, Fort Bend Clements.
Centers: Mani Off, Houston Lee; K.C. Jones, Midland Lee; Shane Sowell, Lubbock Coronado; Aaron Graham, Denton.
Ends: Vince Beard, Deer Park; Kevin Beirne, Conroe McCullough; Marcus Bibbs, San Angelo Central; Steve Chase, Arlington; Trency Clough, Marshall; Robert Draper, Copparras Cove; Jose Gonzales, Copparras Cove; Toole Hart, Garland; Michael Henderson, South Garland; Keith Jenkins, Haltom; Milton Mallard, North Garland; John McGuire, Weatherford; Vincent Moore, Alief Elsie; Matt Scirto, McAllen; Derrick Smith, Tyler Lee; Charles Thompson, Dallas Kimball; Scott Waterbury, Arlington Lamar; James Whitmore, Houston Lamar; Kenton Williams, Huntsville; Winchell Winslow, Aldine Nimtz; Tony Zuniga, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo.
Quarterbacks: Torii Allen, San Antonio Jay; Herman Arrellano, Alice; Hector Ayala, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo; Bob Aylsworth, Irving MacArthur; Terrance Brown, Fort Bend Willowridge; Clay Caruthers, Haltom; Henry Cavazos, San Benito; Ken Ferguson, Arlington; Eric Gray, Aldine; Shawn Gray, Fort Bend Dulles; Ryan Huffman, League City Clear Lake; Josh LaRocca, San Antonio Clark; Mark Latham, SA Sam Houston; Jason Lynch, Amarillo; Shea Morenz, San Angelo Central; Joseph Onofre, San Antonio Holmes; Jason Parker, North Garland; James Ritchey, Copparras Cove; Wilson Scott, Houston Madison; Don Shanklin, Amarillo Palo Duro.

Running backs: Emerson Allen, Jersey Village; David Barrow, South Garland; Willie Bragg, Houston Reagan; Mick Byers, Amarillo; Johnny Freeman, Fort Bend Dulles; Albert Herrera, SA South San; James Lee, Midland; Murrill Lewis, WF Rider; Clarence McCullough, Rosenberg Lamar; Ray Mickens, El Paso Andress; Edward Ordaz, Huntsville; Ardell Puffer, Houston Sharpstown; Mark Roberson, Marshall; Ethan Sheffield, Garland Lakeview; Toralino Singleton, EP Coronado; Kweli Thompson, Houston Lamar; D.D. Turner, Marshall; Eddie Weddington, SA Jefferson; Marcus Willis, Houston Milby.
Kickers: Alex Amaya, Aldine; Duane Vacek, Irving MacArthur.
Defense
Linemen: Tommy Caperton, Duncanville; Sherman Christor, Dallas Carter; Al Coffen, Richardson; Bryan Davidson, Jersey Village; Heath Forester, Mesquite; Lyle Larkworthy, Conroe McCullough; Alton Maiden, Dallas Carter; Troy McMahon, Klein Oak; Milton Overton, FW Dunbar; Daryl Price, Beaumont Central; Shane Rink, Cypress Creek; Demillo Sader, Dallas Spruce; Bobby Salazar, Carrollton Turner; Scott Salsman, Wichita Falls; Shannon Simpson, Dallas Samuel; Chase Smith, McAllen Memorial; Byron Thompson, Killeen Ellison; John Walters, Lake Highlands.
Linebackers: Tony Arvalo, San Antonio Jay; Drew Bolden, Fort Bend Willowridge; Randy Bowling, El Paso Irvin; Bart Broadwater, SA MacArthur; Jimmy Kamic, Plano; Art Lopez, EP Socorro; Sedric Marshall, Victoria; Todd Neander, Lewisville; Sherman Patrick, FW Dunbar; Robert Reed, Converse Judson; Sean Sharpe, Houston Yates; Mark Solitario, Humble Kingwood; Bobby Taylor, Longview; Maiko Williams, Killeen Ellison; Will Williams, El Paso Andress.
Defensive backs: John Allen, Houston Westbury; Casey Brabham, Humble Kingwood; John Goets, SA Jefferson; Mike Hendricks, Converse Judson; Maurice Henriques, Alief Hastings; Darryl Joseph, Conroe; Marcus Landrum, Plano; Fidel Perez, Edinburg; Jeff Sowell, Fort Bend Willowridge; Bobby Taylor, Longview; Ernest Thomas, SA Sam Houston; Dino Vielma, Lewisville; Terrell Williams, South Garland.
Punters: Zach Gunning, Corpus Christi King; Mike Townsend, Houston Stratford.

NBA Standings

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
Boston	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	16	8	.667	4 1/2
New York	11	12	.478	9
New Jersey	9	14	.391	11
Washington	8	15	.348	12
Miami	5	18	.217	15
Central Division				
Milwaukee	17	7	.708	-

Chicago	15	9	.625	2
Detroit	13	9	.625	2
Atlanta	12	11	.522	4 1/2
Cleveland	11	14	.440	6 1/2
Indiana	9	16	.360	8 1/2
Charlotte	8	15	.348	9 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division				
San Antonio	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	16	5	.762	-
LA Lakers	14	8	.636	2
Houston	14	11	.560	4
Dallas	7	14	.333	9
Minnesota	7	16	.304	10
Denver	5	18	.217	12
Orlando	5	21	.192	13 1/2
Pacific Division				
Portland	22	3	.880	-
Phoenix	15	7	.682	5 1/2
LA Lakers	14	8	.636	6 1/2
Golden State	14	10	.583	7 1/2
LA Clippers	10	14	.417	11 1/2
Seattle	9	13	.409	11 1/2
Sacramento	6	16	.273	14 1/2

N.Y. Jets	4	10	.286	227	324
New England	1	13	.071	184	391
Central					
Pittsburgh	8	6	.571	243	206
Houston	8	6	.571	251	253
Cincinnati	7	7	.500	299	218
Cleveland	3	11	.214	214	406
West					
LA Raiders	10	4	.714	292	232
Kansas City	9	5	.643	324	226
Seattle	7	7	.500	259	264
San Diego	6	8	.429	282	240
Denver	4	10	.286	297	244

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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x-N.Y. Giants	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Washington	11	3	0	.786	298	180
y-Philadelphia	9	5	0	.643	324	252
Dallas	8	6	0	.571	356	275
Phoenix	7	7	0	.500	254	265
Central	5	9	0	.357	216	349
x-Chicago	10	4	0	.714	311	245
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	236	324
Green Bay	6	8	0	.429	241	301
Minnesota	6	8	0	.429	237	278
Detroit	5	9	0	.357	339	346
West						
x-San Francisco	13	1	0	.923	333	209
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	241	248
LA Rams	5	9	0	.357	313	373
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	302	345

College Hoops

MIDWEST
Ball St. 92, Wis.-Riv. Falls 69
Cincinnati 74, Illinois St. 54
Cincinnati 72, Minnesota 64

SOUTHWEST
Austin Peay 97, Ark.-Little Rock 82
N. Illinois 76, Rice 66
Texas A&M 92, Texas Col. 78

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Christ-Irvine 79, Mount Mercy 60
Colorado Christian 95, N.C.-Greensboro 70
Fresno St. 88, NW Louisiana 71
Fullerton St. 91, Portland 84
Idaho Col. 118, S. Oregon 83
Miss. Valley St. 88, St. Mary's, Cal. 84
New Mexico 83, Tennessee 80
Oregon 85, Montana 76
Santa Clara 69, San Jose St. 63
Seattle Pacific 81, Rocky Brown 76
UC Santa Barbara 80, Augusta 50
W. Montana 101, Morris Mountain 77
Western St., Colo. 72, Regis 71

TOURNAMENTS
Golden Panther Holiday Classic

All-State

Here is the Class 5A All-State high school football team as voted by Texas Associated Press Sports Editors.

FIRST TEAM
OL Everett Burton, Fort Bend Willowridge, 6-3, 244.
OL Jason Comer, Arlington Lamar, 6-3, 285.
OL John Elmore, Sherman, 6-3, 255.
OL Joe Phillips, Midland, 6-6, 245.
C Darius Smith, Dallas Carter, 6-3, 280.
QB (11) Chuck Clements, Huntsville, 6-3, 165; 164-282-17, 2,492, 25 TDs.
QB (11) Koy Detmer, Mission, 6-0, 165; 134-208-4, 2,228 yards, 32 TDs.
RB Wilbert Biggins, Aldine MacArthur, 5-8, 180; 233-1,796, 28 TDs.
RB Louis Fite, Waco, 5-11, 195; 221-2,038, 24 TDs.
RB Jeff Godley, Ari. Sam Houston, 5-10, 180; 233-1,802, 17 TDs.
PK Bryan Leinart, Sherman, 5-4, 145; 30-30 PATs, 11-13 FGs.
Offensive Player of the Year: Louis Fite, Waco.
Defense
DL (11) Sam Adams, Cypress Creek, 6-4, 240; 54 tackles, 12 sacks.
DL Sergio Contreras, Pharr-San Juan-Alamo, 6-1, 240; 82 tackles, 20 sacks.
DL Willis Hudson, Marshall, 6-1, 215; 97 tackles, 14 sacks.
DL Kelvin James, Marshall, 6-1, 210; 104 tackles, 3 interceptions, 5 sacks.
DL (11) Mike Reed, Converse Judson, 6-2, 240.
DL (11) Steve Strahan, Aldine, 6-2, 270; 74 tackles, 7 sacks.
LB Patrice Alexander, Galveston Ball, 6-2, 225; 138 tackles, 2 sacks.
LB Chris Dull, Houston Northbrook, 6-3, 221; 152 tackles, 3 interceptions.
LB Tremayne Green, Marshall, 6-2, 225; 82 tackles, 8 sacks.
DB Dennis Allen, Hurst Bell, 6-1, 180; 110 tackles, 10 interceptions.
DB (11) Danny Davenport, Arlington Lamar, 5-9, 190; 101 tackles, 3 interceptions, 6 sacks.
DB Del Deico, Katy Mayde Creek, 6-1, 185; 10 interceptions.
DB Ralph Soliz, Harlingen, 5-10, 160; 11 interceptions.
DB (11) Tharon Tircuit, Houston Lamar, 5-10, 175; 7 interceptions, 40 tackles.
P Duane Vacek, Irving MacArthur, 6-3, 235; 41-2 yard average.
Defensive Player of the Year: Dennis Allen, Hurst Bell.

SECOND TEAM
Offense
OL Jay Bowware, Irving Nimitz, 6-4, 230.
OL Wes Campbell, Killeen Ellison, 6-4, 290.
OL Ed Hendrix, Victoria, 6-4, 275.
OL Tyler Pitzer, Conroe, 6-4, 272.
C Travis Coleman, Aldine, 5-10, 210.
E Kenny Harrison, Port Arthur Jefferson, 6-2, 184; 53-79, 4 TDs.
E Joel Padilla, San Benito, 5-8, 155; 55-109, 12 TDs.
QB Ryan Cross, Flower Mound Marcus, 6-1, 181; 118-252-9, 1,369 yards, 12 TDs.
RB Derrick Johnson, Aldine, 5-10, 180; 138-1,137, 17 TDs.

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Religion

Church briefs

Patrick elected to Baptist academy

DALLAS — Kenneth G. Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, Big Spring, was elected to the Valley Baptist Academy at the Executive Board's winter meeting here, according to a news release.



Institutions of the BGCT include eight universities, 12 academies, seven hospitals, Hispanic Baptist Theological Seminary, San Antonio, and children's homes and homes for the aging in multiple locations.

The work is supported by the more than 5,300 Texas Baptist churches and missions which have a budget goal of \$63.5 million this year through the Cooperative Program for mission work at home and abroad.

In addition to the institutions, the convention helps support worldwide missions causes including 7,550 missionaries in the United States and more than 110 foreign nations, the release stated.

Christmas schedule

The following is the Christmas schedule for Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn St., Big Spring.

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 — 5:30 p.m. Children's Liturgy with students in the religion program participating.

Midnight Mass, Dec. 24 — beginning with music at 11:30 p.m. and Mass at midnight.

Christmas Day — 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The public is invited to any of the Christmas services. For additional information, please call the parish office at 267-4124.

'Christmas with the Gulf'

NEW YORK (AP) — A Christmas Eve telecast involving troops in the Persian Gulf area, "Christmas with the Gulf," is to be presented by the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network.

It said the exclusive program, linking soldiers in Bahrain with families gathered at designated churches in England and Germany, was being made available to all cable television systems in the United States, whether or not they are affiliated with VISN.

Council criticizes military buildup

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — The leadership council of the Sisters of Mercy criticized the U.S. military buildup in the Persian Gulf as wasting human and material resources on a "primitive method of conflict resolution."

At a meeting, the Roman Catholic order's council added: "This expense is especially deplorable at a time when we, along with others committed to education, health care and social welfare, are struggling and often failing to find the means of providing these basic human rights for an increasing number of people."

Adversity formed Christmas story

(AP) — Peculiarities, some of them humiliating, surrounded the coming of that child whose birth is celebrated at Christmas. The circumstances were strange and disturbing, yet also commonplace.

It was not the tinselled, decorative affair that characterizes the modern holiday. Yet odd strands of awe and wonder interwove the ordinary human behavior described in the records.

"How shall this be?" asked a bewildered Jewish girl, Mary, when a transcendent message came to her that she would bear a divine son. "I have no husband."

The upshot, synthesized from biblical accounts, was this:

'Realms of Glory'

Angel exhibit brings Christmas blessings to homeless

By RICHARD VARA
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON (AP) — An innovative light and sound exhibit at Houston's Second Baptist Church showcases larger-than-life papier-mache angels sculpted by a Texas artist, and it also benefits the homeless.

While "Realms of Glory" promises a visual delight for the young and old, it also promises to provide food, clothing and Christmas toys to 5,000 homeless adults and children.

"This is the first time we have ever done anything of this magnitude," said Judy Craig, director of the ministry network for the church.

Each night Monday through Friday, church buses will pick up the homeless and poor at shelters throughout the city. Church volunteers will take orders from them for clothing, food and toys. At the church, participants will eat dinner and go to the worship center for a special service.

They will then tour the light and sound show as well as another multimedia exhibit titled "Beads, Strings and Angel Wings." That exhibit consists of 12 scenes of angelic visitations described in the Bible. Each scene is 9 feet high and 10- to 12-foot wide.

After the tour, the poor will receive their orders of food, clothing and toys, Craig said. Church members and businesses have donated the items. More than 2,000 volunteers will be involved.

Gary Moore, the church's music minister, said "Realms of Glory" may be seen by 75,000 people. The four-story church annex has been enclosed for the exhibit.

"It will be total darkness when you walk in," Moore said.

Then giant speakers will begin a narration completed with taped choir performances that focus on the birth of Jesus Christ. During the 20-minute show, lights also will focus on one of the suspended 12-foot papier-mache angels. Each has a wingspan of 24 feet.

Scenes will depict angels such as Gabriel, Michael and even the fall of Lucifer.

Moore said he got the idea from



HOUSTON — Artist Antonio Serna checks details on one of the papier-mache angels he created for the Second Baptist Church in Houston. While "Realms of Glory" promises a visual delight for

an "angel tree" at the Metropolitan Museum of New York.

"The angels are 18 inches tall on a giant Christmas tree," he said. "I wanted to do that, but I had never found anyone who could work in papier-mache. Then I entered Antonio Serna."

Serna, 30, had joined Second Baptist in April and volunteered his professional abilities as an artist. The Brownsville native made a name for himself as an artist before beginning a spiritual search in 1987.

"I have been in the secular world, and that is not what I want," said Serna, who has no formal training as an artist.

Serna, whose family moved to Houston from Brownsville when he was 19, moved to Atlanta when he was 23 after failing to establish himself as an artist in Houston. A year later he opened a gallery featuring his papier-mache and neon works. His whimsical creations of unicorns, mermaids and other works drew the praise of many Atlantans, Serna was in high demand as an artist and decorator.

He created a 10-foot-high spider with a nylon rope web for a radio station stunt.

He also was given a lucrative commission for papier-mache creations at the Grand Cypress Hyatt Hotel in Orlando, Fla.

the young and old, it also promises to provide food, clothing and Christmas toys to 5,000 homeless adults and children.

In 1986, he tried to establish himself in Houston. But the recession gripping the city sent him back to Atlanta. There he established a parade-float building company.

"I was doing great. The business was coming in. But I burned myself out."

"I had achieved everything I wanted as an artist but there was emptiness."

Serna moved back to Houston, where he sought to fill that spiritual void. He was determined to become a Christian artist. "I believe art is a spiritual thing," Serna said. "Any artist, even one who is not a Christian,

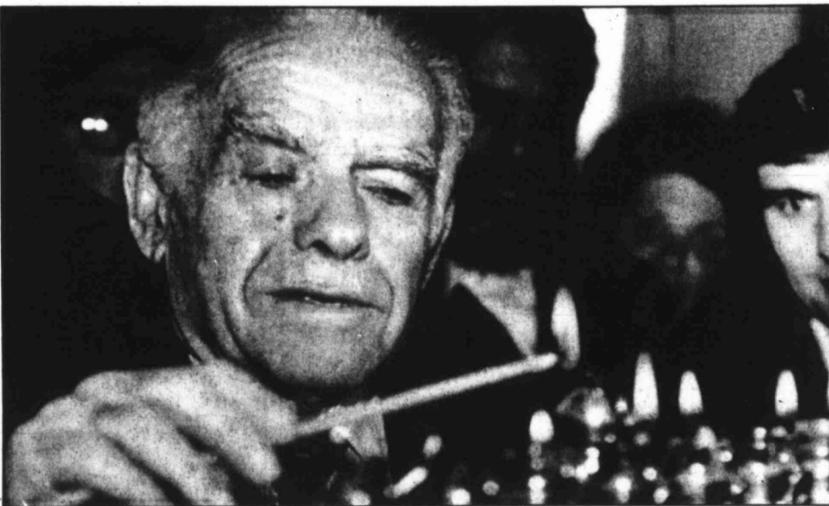
will tell you that when he creates, it is spiritual."

The Second Baptist project is the largest he ever has attempted. "We have had to compress a year's worth of work into a little under four months," he said. Since August, he has been working non-stop to create the angelic figures and one of Jesus Christ.

Despite the pressure, Serna said the work allows him to proclaim his newfound faith.

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Last candle

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir lights the last candle of the eight-day

Hanukkah observance Tuesday while visiting recent Soviet immigrants in Jerusalem.

The meaning of Christmas

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — At the request of Soviet television officials, the Christian Broadcasting Network is providing 27 regional networks there with a 30-minute special on the meaning of Christmas.

Michael Little, a CBN vice president, said Soviet officials asked for the special on the historical, biblical aspect of Christ's birth "to explain to their Soviet audience what Christmas is all about."

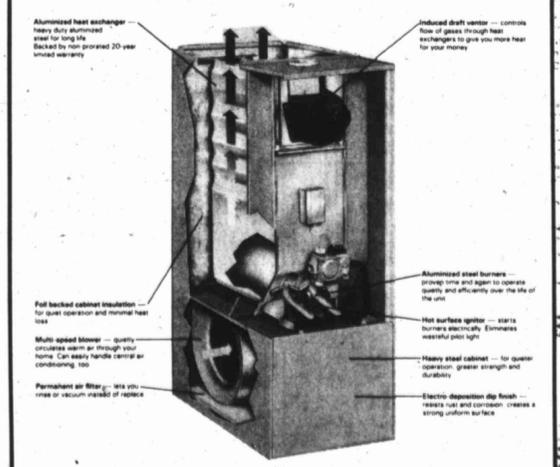
The host of the show will be CBN's founder and president, Pat Robertson.

He said that the Soviet networks also will broadcast another CBN special, "Don't Ask Me, Ask God," in January and that a CBN animated Bible series, "Superbook," currently airs weekly in the Soviet Union.

"I'm frankly overwhelmed by the unbelievable spiritual hunger that exists in the Soviet Union," Robertson said, adding: "In my wildest dreams I could not have conceived of the magnitude of the opportunity that has been presented to us."

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Thousands view daily 'miracle'

COLFAX, Calif. (AP) — Hordes of Roman Catholic faithful are flocking to see an image on the wall of a church in California that many believe depicts the Virgin Mary.

"I think it's a miracle," said Marie Cammarota, 60, of Sacramento after filing through St. Dominic's Church on Thursday.

She waited with about 5,000 others in a line that extended a quarter-mile at its peak and turned the chief of the small police force into a traffic cop. Competition for parking in the Sierra Nevada town of 1,000 was fierce. A Christmas tree lot next door charged \$5 per car.

Church representatives said a few people slept overnight in the church parking lot to be near the front of the line that begins taking shape more than two hours before the hourlong appearance of the image, starting at 9:30 a.m.

Some visitors took the day off from work and parents kept their children out of school to witness the image.

Many prayed as they passed

through the 250-seat church. Some wept.

Staring at the image, the seated congregation — the first 250 in line in this case — recited the rosary, a prayer that begins: "Holy Mary, mother of God."

Some weren't so sure it was a miracle. "It was weird. I think it's what you want it to be. If you're into religion, then you see the Virgin Mary," said Tyler Palacio, 13.

The Rev. Patrick Joseph of Chicago, who was among those who have traveled the farthest, said he thought the miracle was outside the church, among the faithful.

"People aren't coming together because they are sure it is a miracle," he said. "They're coming here to pray that it might be."

Everyone agreed they had seen something. It started as faint, curved lines of mostly red, blue, green, purple and pink light. The lines darkened and extended into a shape that looked like the top half of a figure. Then it gradually faded away.

Some of the lines were sharp, others fuzzy, leading some observers to describe the image as forming on the wall and others to say it stood out from the wall like a holograph.

The image appears above a statue of Jesus on a wall that faces the sun. Therefore, the image cannot be directly cast by sunlight filtering through a stained-glass window.

But a light fixture hanging from the roof is possibly in position to reflect the colored light coming through the window back onto the wall.

The reflection theory was discounted by those who said the image has appeared on cloudy days.

Bishop Francis Quinn of the Sacramento Diocese, which includes the town about 45 miles east of Sacramento, said if the image continues he will establish a commission to investigate.

"The church is trying not to capitalize on this. We're not accepting any donations," said Bernie Molloy.



Curran accepts post

AUBURN, Ala. — The Rev. Charles Curran arrives to a room full of colleagues for a new conference recently at Auburn University. Curran, who was denied a permanent teaching position

by President James Martin, announced that he has accepted a position at Southern Methodist University.

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Joseph protectively took Mary with him, even in her late pregnancy, on that dusty, 90-mile trip.

Tired and footsore, they reached the town, crowded with travelers, soldiers and tradesmen. Her time had come and Joseph sought desperately to find lodgings where the child could be delivered.

But the inn had no room. Perhaps advised by the innkeeper or some bystander, Joseph took his worried wife to a nearby cavern-like stable and made a pallet for her among tethered animals.

"And she gave birth to her first-born son . . ."

It wasn't exactly a prepossessing place to enter the world, a smelly, dung-littered livestock stall. Not fancy, for sure, not glittery like the holiday, but a shabby shelter for the homeless.

It was down with the least and lowliest that the child began life.

Afterward, rough-clad shepherds showed up, telling how while tending flocks in the valley below, a glorious light had fallen on them. As they trembled in fear, an angelic voice assured:

"Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good news of a great joy . . . for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord."

The account says the skies throbbed with sublime music. "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men."

In awestruck curiosity, the shepherds went to the hilltop town, finding the child, as they had been told, "wrapped in swaddling cloths, and lying in a manger."

After leaving, they excitedly spread word of their experience among rustic comrades.

The family apparently settled temporarily in Bethlehem. At eight days, the boy was circumcized, and later dedicated at the Temple in nearby Jerusalem to God's service.

A year or more later the Magi from the East who had discerned celestial signs of a pre-eminent birth, appeared in Jerusalem, arousing suspicions of King Herod.

After visiting the child and offering gifts, they sought to throw Herod off the trail by returning another way.

Warned of it in a dream, Joseph roused his family and fled by night, headed for safety into Egypt.

Behind them, blades of Herod's troops fell on Bethlehem toddlers in a pandemonium of screams and blood.

For a year or more, Joseph, Mary and the child remained as refugees in Egypt, finding whatever shelter and livelihood they could.

After Herod's death, they returned to Nazareth in upland Galilee, where the child grew into adulthood and a ministry that led to his crucifixion and ensuing resurrection.

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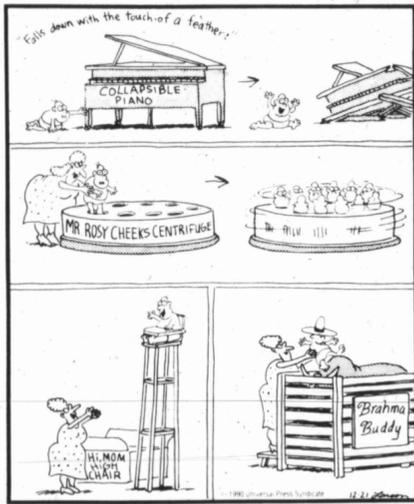
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Business Opp. 150

STEEL BUILDING SYSTEMS. Manufacturer reviewing applications for authorized dealers. Join the fastest growing industry in construction and sales. Starter ads, training and engineering support provided. (303)759-3200 Ext. 27.

READERS BEWARE

Be very careful to get complete details and information when calling advertisers out of state or with toll-free numbers. Remember this rule: If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Be sure that you have the facts and are not being misled. Should you have questions pertaining to a particular advertisement contact, The Better Business Bureau, Midland 1-563-1880 or the Big Spring Herald Classified Dept.

THERAPIST TECHNICIAN II \$6.10/HR (PART TIME)

Provides training and supervision for mentally retarded clients in a community setting. High school graduate or GED. Successful completion of probationary period is contingent upon demonstration of the competencies required by agency-approved, pre-service training and further training during the first six (6) months of employment. Must have a current Texas driver's license, be willing to transport clients in a state vehicle; meet all physical requirements; and have and maintain a driving record that meets facility standards. MUST RESIDE IN BIG SPRING AREA. Apply at: Texas Employment Commission, 310 Owen Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720. EOE/AEE

FOR APPOINTMENT call 915-728-2439 for full time or part time work as a home care consultant.

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Help Wanted 270

The City of Big Spring is now accepting applications for a variety of positions at the new Correctional Center. Positions available are in the areas of clerical, food service, corrections, maintenance and others. To apply and to obtain more detailed information contact Texas Employment Commission at 4th & Owens between the hours of 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday through the closing date. To help in your application process please bring your birth certificate, drivers license, and social security card. Applications will be accepted until Friday, December 28th, 1990. The City is an Equal Opportunity Employer. This ad is paid for by the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA).

SECRETARIAL POSITION: references required, must be good typist and quick learner. Work involves typing, phone reception, invoicing and minimal bookkeeping. Call for appointment: 267-3601 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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HOME TYPISTS, PC users needed. \$35, 000 potential. Details. (1)805-687-6000 Ext B-8423.

GILLS FRIED Chicken is now hiring for evening shift only. Must be 18. Apply in person 1101 Gregg.

Help Wanted 270

BIG SPRING EMPLOYMENT AGENCY Ruby Taroni/Owner

Coronado Plaza 267-2535

WORD PROCESSOR—Heavy accounting exp., all ofc. skills. Exc.

LEGAL SEC.—5 yrs. previous legal bkgrd, plus computer exp. Exc.

CLERK/TYPIST—good typing speed, exp. Open.

WANTED: GLAZIER or Glazier helper. Experienced preferred, but not necessary. Reply c/o Big Spring Herald, Box 1245-A, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

LIVE-IN CARETAKER wanted. Must be over 40 semi-retired. References. Apply in person, 3500 West Hwy-80.

OPENING FOR Director, Radiology department. Must meet experience requirements for x-ray, ultrasound, CT scans. Good benefits, above average pay, excellent working conditions. Contact Wendell Altford, Administrator, Mitchell County Hospital, 1543 Chestnut Street, Colorado City, TX 79512, (915) 728-3431.

SECRETARY DUTIES: clerical work, computer experience preferred. Call 1-756-2875, Dick Clutter.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!!!

SAVE \$ THOUSANDS \$

General Motors Factory Auction Cars Special Purchase 1990 Models

1990 CADILLAC SEDAN DeVILLE — Loaded with all Cadillac options — Leather interior — Only 6,100 miles. \$23,850 Stk. #267

1990 CORSICA SOLID RED — Automatic, air, AM-FM, 4-door, 4 cyl — a great family economy car! Only 10,825 miles. \$8,550 Stk. #434

1990 CHEVROLET LUMINA — AM-FM tape, power windows, cruise, tilt — very nice — excellent family car. \$9,695 Stk. #408

1990 GEO PRISM — Solid red — 4 door, automatic, air, AM-FM, great eye appeal + gas mileage. \$8,795 Stk. #430

1990 CORSICA — Solid white Hatch Back — 4 door, 4 cyl — automatic, air — super gas mileage. \$8,795 Stk. #413

1990 LUMINA — Solid B/W — Corsica, tilt, power windows, AM-FM, automatic, air — Only 11,800 miles. \$9,795 Stk. #432

1990 CORSICA — Solid white, V-6 — automatic, air, AM-FM, 4-door. \$8,450 Stk. #435

1990 CORSICA — Solid White — automatic, air, AM-FM, 4 cyl — only 12,690 miles. Great buy. \$8,550 Stk. #433

1990 GEO PRISM — 4 door, automatic, air, AM-FM — only 10,025 miles — very nice! \$8,995 Stk. #429

1990 CORSICA — Solid blue, automatic, air, AM-FM, 4 cyl — only 9,200 miles. \$8,795 Stk. #431

Factory warranty still in effect. New car financing rates Low monthly payments. See For Details

J.C. Yarbrough
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Jon Nieman

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POLLARD CHEVROLET-BUICK-CADILLAC-GEO

1501 East 4th 267-7421



Due to our new truck sales we are OVERSTOCKED with clean, low mileage, one owner TRUCKS!!!

1989 FORD F150 SUPERCAB XLT LARIAT — Shortwheel base, cabernet red, red captain's chairs, all power, 351 V-8, chrome wheels, visor, gold stripes. 26,000 miles.

1989 FORD F150 SUPERCAB XLT LARIAT — Long wheelbase, brown/white tutone, bench in cloth, all power, 302 V-8, automatic overdrive, fully loaded one owner from Lamesa. 13,000 miles.

1989 FORD F250 SUPERCAB XLT LARIAT — Black/silver tutone, gray cloth, all power, 460 V-8, 5 speed manual, fully loaded one owner from Midland. 30,000 miles.

1988 FORD F250 SUPERCAB XLT LARIAT DIESEL 4X4 — Brown/white tutone, cloth bench, 7.3 diesel, automatic, fully loaded, local one owner. 61,000 miles.

1986 FORD F150 SUPERCAB XLT LARIAT — Short wheelbase, brown/white tutone, cloth bench, 302 V-8, automatic overdrive, fully loaded, one owner from Midland. 55,000 miles.

1986

Help Wanted 270

IF YOU'RE determined, enthusiastic and enjoy sales, WE WANT YOU! Come join a professional sales staff which gives you the opportunity to meet the public and earn a good living. Salary (based on prior experience) incentives, mileage, health benefit package. Send resumes and references to The Big Spring Herald, Advertising Sales Manager, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79721. No phone calls, please.

Jobs Wanted 299

CLEAN YARDS and alleys, haul trash, trim trees, clean storage sheds, odd jobs. Call 263-4672.

Financial 300

CREDIT REPAIR, cards, loans! Amazing recorded message reveals details. (915) 694-1781.

Child Care 375

CANDY'S DAYCARE, two openings for child care. Reasonable rates. Open New Year's Eve all night. 263-5547.

Grain Hay Feed 430

ROUND BALES of hay grazer for sale. Delivery available. \$25. Steve Fryar, 398-5238 or Neil Fryar, 398-5544.

Poultry For Sale 440

LIVE BRONZE breasted turkeys for sale. Call 393-5236.

Horses 445

HORSE & SADDLE Auction, Big Spring Livestock Auction, Saturday, Dec. 22, 1:00 p.m. Everybody welcome to buy, sell, or visit. Next Horse Sale, January 12.

Antiques 503

OLD ANTIQUES - ROBY, TEXAS. Open 8 to 5 Monday thru Saturday. Open Christmas Eve. Call 915-776-2846.

Auctions 505

SPRING CITY AUCTION - Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

Taxidermy 511

SAND SPRINGS Taxidermy. Deer mounts, pheasants, quail in glass domes. Exotics, tanning, 6 miles east Big Spring, 393-5259.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 513

CUTE ADORABLE, AKC Chihuahua puppies. Place your orders now for Christmas. 1-573-9595, Snyder, Texas, 79549.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 513

AKC REGISTERED Boston Screwtail puppy, 6 weeks old. \$150. Call after 6:00 p.m. weekdays, 399-4617.

Pet Grooming 515

IRIS' POODLE Parlor. Grooming, indoor kennels heated and air, supplies, coats, etc. 2112 West 3rd, 263-2409-263-7900.

Lost-Pets 516

LOST: SHORT-haired Pointer, spotted, brown and white. Reward. Answers to "Duke". Please call 267-7123.

Computer 518

XT COMPATIBLE computer, 640K, two 5.25 disk drives, 20 meg hard disk, CGA monitor. Call 267-6750.

Musical Instruments 529

CHRISTMAS ELECTRIC and acoustic guitars arriving soon. McKiski's, 1702 E. Marcy. 264-0201.

Household Goods 531

Refrigerator, range, freezer, sofa, coffee table, Dearborne heater, table, chairs, washer/dryer, TV, microwave. Secretary. 267-6558.

Garage Sale 535

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Produce 536

U-PICK PECANS for 1/2 or .50 lb. Whole, shelled, cracked pecans. Honey, Bennie's Pecans, 267-8090.

Misc. For Sale 537

ALL SIZES of good used tires also 10,000 truck tires. Big Spring Tire, 601 Gregg.

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MOVING SALE - Furniture and miscellaneous. 1602 Robin, Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m.

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Misc. For Sale 537

HAVE SOME THINGS to sell for less than \$100? PUT "TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY" Ad in the Big Spring Herald Classified! Requirements: One item per ad, 15 words or less, 3 days for \$3.00! NO GARAGE SALES - EMPLOYMENT OR COMMERCIAL. Come by and see Debby!!

Buy Live Rattlesnakes

BUY LIVE rattlesnakes. We pay top prices. 915-737-2403.

For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE or trade: 7 One ton Goodyear 950 16.5 tires and wheels. 267-3915.

For Sale

FOR SALE: two commercial refrigerators, 1-2 door, like new \$750. 1-4 door, like brand new, \$1,250. Call 267-2061.

Washer & Dryer

WASHER & DRYER, regular sized bed and bedroom suite. Electric stove, TV. Call 263-4437.

For Sale

FOR SALE: 1983 Lincoln Welder. Low hours, gasoline powered on trailer. \$2,500. Call 399-4337. Only serious buyers inquire.

For Sale

FOR SALE, electric dryer, \$50; two end tables, \$35. Call 263-0560.

For Sale

FOR SALE, Roping style saddle, 15 1/2" seat, good condition. Call 267-1816.

Zenith Console

ZENITH CONSOLE 25" color television. Excellent condition. Clear, beautiful picture. \$75. Call 263-5456.

Beauty Shop

BEAUTY SHOP equipment for sale. 3 hydraulic chairs, 3 dryers. Call 264-7015.

Beauty Shop

BEAUTY SHOP equipment, 5 wet booths; 5 shampoo bowls; 5 styling chairs and associated equipment. 264-0159.

Professional Piano

Professional piano accordion, 120 bass. \$99.00, 267-6970 or see at 710 East 14th.

Lost & Found Misc. 539

LOST GREEN rope bag with ropes and spurs. Call 267-1367.

Telephone Service 549

TELEPHONES, JACKS, install, \$22.50. Business and Residential sales and services. J - Dean Communications, 267-5474.

COM SHOP

COM SHOP HOLIDAY SPECIAL - Buy novelty phone, regular price, jack installed 1/2 price. 267-2423.

Houses For Sale 601

BY OWNER, three bedroom, two bath, large fenced yard, garage workshop, Moss Elementary. 1-573-8048.

Owner - Reduced

OWNER - REDUCED - 3-1/2, steel siding, storm windows, large den, fireplace, fenced backyard. 30's. 267-1036.

Four Bedroom

FOUR BEDROOM, two bath with back-house and garage. \$250 month for 14 years, nothing down. Also three bedroom, fenced yard on contract for deed. \$250 month, 600 Aylford. 264-0159.

Large Lovely

LARGE LOVELY family home on 20 acres south of Stanton, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal living room plus den with fireplace, extra large garage. 756-2143.

Forsan School

FORSAN SCHOOL District, city conveniences, three bedroom, one bath, 2 living areas. 263-8546 after 5:00 p.m.

HIGHLAND SOUTH

HIGHLAND SOUTH - Multi-level, den with fireplace, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, formal living-dining, breakfast room, game room, pool, sprinklers, many extras. Appointment only. 264-0206.

For Sale

FOR SALE: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, storm windows; Near Moss Elementary. \$27,500. Call 267-2798.

This Meets

THIS MEETS your needs & your demands. A satisfying down to earth value you can measure with a look. Super east side location. 3br, 2 bath, cozy wood burning fireplace & lowest move in costs we can find in Big Spring. \$30's. La Verne Hill, 263-4549, McDonald Realty, 263-7615.

Cute Cottage

CUTE COTTAGE, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1 car garage, fenced back yard. Recently remodeled bathroom, nice carpet, ceiling fans, cute kitchen, refrigerated air, central heat. No credit check. Take up payments of \$358 with REDUCED down payment of \$1,500. Call Marva at 267-8747 owner/agent.

Acreage For Sale 605

THREE ACRE tracts, no qualifying. \$200 down, \$98 monthly. Elbow Road and Garden City Hwy. 1-512-994-1080.

All Bills Paid

ALL BILLS PAID Two Bedroom - \$279 Rent based on income Stove, Refrigerator, Ref. Air Carpeted, Laundry Facility Adjacent to School Park Village Apartments 1905 Wasson 267-6421

Money-Saving Coupons

Money-Saving Coupons every Wednesday Big Spring Herald

Sun Country Realtors

2000 Gregg 267-3613

Need the Forsan Schools?

NEED THE FORSAN SCHOOLS? - Skylights, split bedrooms with large master bedroom, 3 bedrooms, 1 full bath, two 1/2 baths. Like new home - cathedral ceiling in living room - 2-87 acres.

College Park

COLLEGE PARK - Three bedroom features large living area with free standing fireplace, 1-3/4 bath and refrigerated air. A bargain at \$31,000.

Pretty Brick in College Park

PRETTY BRICK IN COLLEGE PARK - Fireplace in formal living and den, screened porch adjoins pretty back yard. Three bedrooms, two baths. Seller will have new roof installed before closing. \$59,000.

Park Hill

PARK HILL - 3 big bedroom, 2 bath home on corner lot. Extra room could be 4th bedroom or office. Formal living & dining, separate den with brick floor and fireplace. \$60's.

Hillside Properties

2501 Fairchild Big Spring, TX 263-8869 263-3461

Quality Brick 2 & 3 Bedroom Homes

WE HAVE UNITS AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. Featuring: CENTRAL AIR & HEAT • WASHER & DRYER CONNECTIONS • GARBAGE DISPOSALS • COVERED CARPORTS & PATIOS • STORAGE ROOMS • COMPLETE MAINTENANCE • LAWN SERVICE • REFRIGERATOR • GAS RANGE

2 Bedroom = 985 sq. ft. 3 Bedroom = 1192 sq. ft.

SIX MONTH LEASE REQUIRED NO BILLS PAID

\$250.00/Mo. Standard Units \$275.00/Mo.

\$300.00/Mo. Deluxe Units \$350.00/Mo.

OUR DELUXE UNITS INCLUDE: DISHWASHER, STOVE, REFRIGERATOR, REMODELED KITCHENS WITH WOOD GRAIN COUNTER TOPS, 2 CEILING FANS.

Farms & Ranches 607

FINE WIGGINS farm, 129.5 acres at \$475 west of Ackerly. Will carry note, 25% down. Ova Wiggins, Paul Alexander, 263-3927.

320 ACRE GLASSCOCK County, improved, irrigated farm. In St. Lawrence area, on pavement. Owner finance. 915-949-1377.

Out of Town Property 610

LAKE THOMAS, three bedroom, two bath with one bedroom, one bath house. South side. Borden schools. 1-573-8048.

Furnished Apartments 651

\$99 MOVE-IN. No deposit. Electric water paid. Nice 1, 2, 3 bedrooms. Some furnished. HUD approved. 263-7811.

NICE, CLEAN apartments. Right price. 3304 W. Hwy 80 or 267-6561.

SANDRA GALE Apartments. Nice clean apartments. The price is still the best in town. Call 263-0906.

Beautiful Garden Courtyard

Swimming Pool - Private Patios Carports - Built-in Appliances - Most Utilities Paid. Senior Citizen Disc.

24 hr. on premises Manager 1 & 2 Bedrooms Furnished or Unfurnished Under New Management PARK HILL TERRACE APARTMENTS 800 Marcy Drive 263-5555 263-5000

Lovely Neighborhood Complex

Carports - Swimming Pool - Most utilities paid - Furnished or Unfurnished - Discount to Senior Citizens.

1-2 Bdrs & 1 or 2 Bths Newly Remodeled 24 hour on premises Manager Kentwood Apartments 1904 East 25th 267-5444 263-5000

Houses Apartments Duplexes

1-2-3 and 4 bedroom. Furnished, unfurnished. Call Ventura Company, 267-2655.

NICE ONE bedroom apartment, \$245-\$310 monthly. Also one, two bedroom mobile homes. \$195-\$225. No children or pets preferred. 263-6944/263-2341.

Unfurnished Apartments 655

1,2,3 or 4 bedrooms with 1,2,3 or 4 bath. Attached carport, washer/dryer connections, beautiful courtyard with pool. Heated by gas and gas is paid. Furnished or unfurnished. Lease or daily/monthly rentals. REMEMBER "You Deserve The Best" Coronado Hills Apartments 801 Marcy Dr. 267-6500

ONE, TWO and three bedroom apartments. Washer/dryer connections, ceiling fans, mini-blinds. Rent starts at \$260 month. Quail Run Apartments, 2609 Wasson Road, 263-1781.

Office Space 680

1510-1512 SCURRY, one large office and large office with computer room available. Utilities paid Suite B. One professional \$340 per month plus deposit. 1-2 children. Pets negotiable. Come by 3618 Hamilton to see.

FOR RENT - car lot 810 E. 4th, \$150 month, \$100 deposit. Call 263-5000.

WAREHOUSE WITH OFFICES on 5 acres fenced land on Snyder Hwy. \$500 month plus deposit. Call 263-5000.

FOR LEASE: Office and showroom, 1307 S. Gregg. Excellent location for retail business. Call Westex Auto Parts, 263-5000.

FOR LEASE: Building at 907 E. 4th, 9:00-5:00. 263-6319; after 5:00, 267-8657.

Manufactured Housing 682

FOR RENT: lease option purchase, 14x80, 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home in contry, on one acre. \$300 month plus deposit. 1-691-9601, leave message.

Announcements 685

NEED YOUR carpet cleaned before the New Year? Rainbow Carpet Dyeing & Cleaning Company. 267-9700.

Lodges 686

STATED MEETING, Big Spring Lodge #1340, A.F. & A.M. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., 2102 Lancaster, Chris Christopher, W.M., Richard Knous, Sec.

STATED MEETING Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 every 2nd and 4th Thursday 7:30 p.m. 219 Main, Howard Stewart W.M., T.R. Morris, Sec.

No Body Asks For It

Help STOP Sexual Assaults call 263-3312 Rape Crisis Services/Big Spring

Member National Association of Master Appraisers

SHEPPARD Appraisal Service BELL SHEPPARD P.O. Box 1012 267-6628

REEDER REALTORS

506 E. 4th 267-8266

Marie Rowland REALTOR

Dorothy Jones 267-1384 Rufus Rowland, Appraiser, GRI, Broker 2101 Scurry - VA AREA MANAGEMENT BROKER - 263-2591 9.5% VA REPO'S-NO DOWN PAYMENT CLOSING COST ONLY 9.5%

BEST COUNTRY LIVING - Must see to appreciate. Many amenities. \$69,000. 3 BR - new carpet, paint. \$16,000. REMODELED - 3 BR, 2 bath, \$22,000. BRICK - 3 Bedroom, 1 bath, \$12,000.

DOLL HOUSE COMPLETELY - Remodel, large 2 Bedroom, \$25,950. LOVELY - 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, \$32,500. REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE - 4 Bedroom, 2 bath, carport, \$25,000.

SOUTH MOUNTAIN AGENCY REALTORS

801-B E. FM 700 263-8419

Vickie Purcell 263-8036 Becky Knight 263-8540 Darlene Carroll 263-2329 Liz Lowery 267-7823

MARJORIE DODSON, GRI Owner/Broker 267-7760

Furnished Houses 657

BILLS PAID - Low Rent. Two/ three bedroom, furnished/unfurnished, drapes, fenced yard. HUD approved. 267-5546, 263-0746.

NICE, Two bedroom with appliances. \$275 deposit. No children or pets preferred. 263-6944 or 263-2341.

TWO BEDROOM furnished on the Westside, \$175 month plus bills. Deposit is required. HUD approved. Call 267-4629.

FURNISHED LARGE 2 bedroom house. \$250 a month with water paid. Call 263-6400 or 267-8754.

Unfurnished Houses 659

FOUR BEDROOM, two bath in Sand Springs area. 8:00-5:00, 263-0522; after 5:00, 263-6062 or 2

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will accept sealed bids for Concrete Work. This will be a one (1) year contract. Sealed bids must be received by 2:15 p.m., on January 8, 1991, at the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the stated time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. All bids shall be submitted in an envelope clearly marked in the lower left corner: "Sealed Bid: Concrete Work", along with the time and date of opening. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, and to waive formalities. Specifications and bid forms are available from the Office of the Maintenance Director, Big Spring Independent School District, 3600 East 11th Place Extension Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids shall be presented to the Board of Trustees during their regular meeting at 5:15 p.m., on January 10, 1991, for their consideration. The bid proposal forms are requesting bids on labor only. Please utilize the specifications and quotation form provided to complete your bid. 7028 December 14 & 21, 1990

PUBLIC NOTICE

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT
Oryx Energy Company, P.O. Box 1861, Midland, Texas 79702 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, Dora Roberts, B.D.&E., Well Numbers 476, 204 & 265. The proposed injection well is located 1 mile SE from Forsan in the Howard Glasscock Field, in Howard County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 1300 to 3000 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12867, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/445-1373). 7037 December 21, 1990

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will accept sealed bids for the purchase of Chain Link Fence. Sealed bids must be received by 2:00 p.m., on January 8, 1991, at the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District, 708 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will then be opened and read aloud. Bids received after the stated time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. All bids shall be submitted in an envelope clearly marked in the lower left corner: "Sealed Bid: Chain Link Fence", along with the time and date of opening. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, and to waive formalities. Specifications and bid forms are available from the Office of the Maintenance Director, Big Spring Independent School District, 3600 East 11th Place Extension Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids shall be presented to the Board of Trustees during their regular meeting at 5:15 p.m., on January 10, 1991, for their consideration. The bid proposal forms are requesting bids on material only. Please utilize the specifications and quotation form provided to complete your bid. Also, indicate the delivery date on which you anticipate the material shall be delivered. 7027 December 14 & 21, 1990

New York gets another sports franchise

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Robert Sillerman admittedly knows little about running the day to day operations of a professional sports franchise. He's a fan. He's also a fan who owns a AAA minor league baseball team, two AA teams and one A team. He now owns something else: the cornerstone franchise in the World League of American Football. Sillerman earned that distinction earlier this week by agreeing to pay \$11 million to be sole owner of the New York Knights of the new World League of Football. His first action on Thursday was to appoint former Cincinnati Bengals linebacker Reggie Williams as general manager. "The challenge of bringing a new sports franchise to the New York Metropolitan area is very appealing to me," Sillerman said. "I believe there is a distinct place for this exciting, international

spring league in this marketplace." And that's where Sillerman excels. His expertise is marketing. Sillerman heads a company that has investments in more than 50 media properties, including television barter syndication, cable television programming, syndicated satellite-delivered music and television and radio stations. He is part owner of WNEW-AM radio. The new team will play its games at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands sports complex, but it will not be called the New Jersey Knights. Sillerman said the decision to use New York was in keeping with the international considerations of the league, noting more people tend to recognize the New York metropolitan area. "This is not a one-year investment," said Sillerman, who said he once considered putting in a bid to buy the Dallas Cowboys.

"If we were depending on the (financial) success of the team this year, we probably would not have done this. We believe this can be profitable." Sillerman said he would leave the day-to-day operations of running the club to Williams, a 14-year NFL veteran who resigned from the Cincinnati City Council Wednesday to take the new job. Williams said he spoke with Bengals coach Sam Wyche Wednesday and was given a list of names of people he might consider for the Knights' head coaching job. He said he also has been contacted by people about the position and planned to move as quickly as possible on naming a coach. "The biggest obstacle is time," Williams said. "We're going to start in March and its already the end of December." The new spring league also announced a 50-game schedule for its 10 teams, which are located in

five countries. The first season will open on March 23 with games at Frankfurt, Germany; Sacramento, Calif.; and Birmingham, Ala. The season will conclude with the World Bowl on June 9 at a site to be determined. Mike Lynn, the chief executive officer of the spring league, said it would attempt to speed up the action of its games, playing them in 2½ hours. No huddle offenses and run-and-shoot offenses also are expected to be the norm, as well as technical innovations such as having quarterbacks and coaches in constant communication. Lynn announced the league would hold its draft in February with teams drafting from a pool of players that the league itself signs. All players will be paid a base salary, Lynn said. They will earn extra money under a pay for performance system that takes into account production on the field.

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Sports Shorts

ARNIE'S ACE CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The hole-in-one Arnold Palmer made on the 12th hole at the Piper Glen Course in the final round of the Paine Webber Invitational last summer was his first on the PGA Senior Tour. In the 1986 Chrysler Cup, Palmer hit aces on the same hole on consecutive days. Last summer's hole-in-one was the first ever made by Palmer with his wife, Winnie, looking on.

BOBO'S TRAVELS NEW YORK (AP) — Bobo Newsom, the bulky righthander, was baseball's "King of the Road" from 1929 to 1953. Bobo pitched for nine major league teams and actually was on 17 rosters, some of them more than once. His favorite stopping place was Washington. He was with the Senators in all or parts of five different campaigns. He also worked for the Dodgers in Brooklyn

three times and the St. Louis Browns in three seasons. The colorful Bobo managed to win 211 games during his long career. **CHANGES IN RECORD OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP)** — The NCAA Statistical Bureau has made a small change in the coaching record of the legendary John Wooden. His career record as a college coach has been changed from 667-161 to 664-162. The changes only involved his two years at Indiana State and did not touch his 27 years at UCLA, where his teams won 10 NCAA basketball championships. Wooden, a star player at Purdue, is the only man voted into the Basketball Hall of Fame as both a player and a coach.

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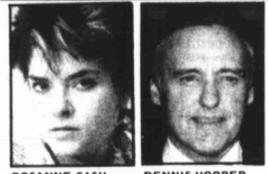
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Names in the news

She's no crusader
 NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country singer-songwriter Rosanne Cash says she's no crusader, just a citizen with a conscience.
 She speaks out on freedom of expression, environmental concerns and the importance of music education in schools, among other causes.
 Her songs have addressed domestic violence and child abuse.
 "God, it sounds like all I do is this stuff. But I just try to think about it in terms of what pushes my button, what feels right to me, what seems the most important," she said.
 "The truth is, my environmental work is an extension of mothering. It's knowing that I'm going to have grandchildren on this planet who



ROSANNE CASH

back, but on the other side of the law.
 "I feel that it's important to tell the other side of the story and this is the other side of the story," he said.
 He's filming the "Barry Seal Story" for HBO and playing the role of a federal drug informant.
 Seal, once one of the Drug Enforcement Administration's best undercover agents, was gunned down four years ago at a Baton Rouge halfway house where he was serving a drug conspiracy sentence.
 "My first film 'Easy Rider' introduced cocaine as a street drug. Before 'Easy Rider,' cocaine was thought of as a drug of kings. It was a very, very expensive drug and very rare," said Hopper, a former drug user. "It was also my drug of preference when I was a user."

The other side
 NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Actor-director Dennis Hopper was in New Orleans more than 20 years ago to make "Easy Rider," in which he played a biker into drugs. Now he's

DENNIS THE MENACE



"CHRISTMAS ONLY COMES ONCE A YEAR, BUT THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE US KIDS DIDN'T GET TO VOTE ON IT."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"On Christmas Eve, can we wrap PJ up in swaddling clothes?"

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Durability is your hallmark. Others know that you will see things through to the end. In February 1991, your firm convictions will pay off handsomely where your business interests are concerned. June is the best time to present a special proposal. Social institutions will become more supportive next September, helping you assist the less fortunate. Be sure to hold on to your old friends. Rely on business associates who have long proved loyal to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A good day for doing things with people you really care about. You will be held to any promises you make now. Giving parties can be fun if family members cooperate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Spending more money than you can afford on entertaining could spoil a beautiful time. A loved one will help

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out if you explain the situation. Romance could be rekindled.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Financial negotiations can be frustrating today. Look on the bright side. A former associate may come to you with both important materials and moral support. Do not neglect your loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Put the finishing touches on your Christmas preparations. Stretch both your imagination and your dollars. Work off nervous tension at the gym. Relax at home with mate tonight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your family and neighbors have caught the holiday spirit and will be especially cooperative. Business and travel can be mixed with positive results. Romance is sweeter the second time around!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Follow your instincts and be more conservative about spending. An end-of-year bonus will help relieve stress. Complete holiday chores cheerfully. Take advantage of a loved one's help.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Postpone a trip and concentrate on domestic projects today. Involve family members of all ages in your holiday preparations. Tackling chores together will put everyone in a merry mood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is no time to quarrel with those closest to your heart. Let others take the lead in making social plans. Travel is best postponed. Loved one has a suggestion for New Year's Eve.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be certain to fulfill your commitments. Children require a gentle but firm hand. Evening is the best time for family and friends to get together. Include a lonely neighbor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be imaginative. Your ingenuity works wonders when it comes to last-minute gifts. The financial picture shows sudden improvement. Give your mate a helping hand. Investigate any business propositions.

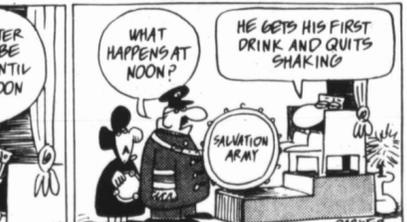
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Run errands early in the day for someone who is unable to get about. The party scene will be lively tonight when friends, neighbors and relatives gather. Pursue romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romance takes an exciting new turn. Trust your judgment even if someone challenges your decisions. A love relationship will get back on track if you take the initiative.

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SHS students fare well on TAAS

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

The Stanton Independent School District released results from the recent Texas Assessment of Academic Skills testing Thursday. Results showed that local high school students scored higher in writing, reading and math than the state average.

Stanton's junior exit TAAS test results were as high as 31 percent over state results in math and 21 percent in writing and 14 percent in reading. Stanton juniors exceeded

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Wayne Mitchell

the state average in two of three subjects, while freshmen results were about 2-5 percent better than the state average.

Junior high and elementary schools did not do as well as their

high school counterparts, however. In the third and fifth grades, all subjects were down except for the fifth-grade testing in writing.

Fifth graders showed a 21 percent higher score than the state

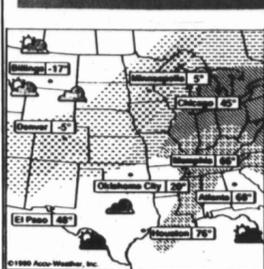
averages, while the seventh grade score was higher than state results in reading and math.

"When these kids have to take another new test, their scores tend to be lower than it should be," SUSD

Superintendent Wayne Mitchell said. "The high school students that did good have been monitored since their time in grade school and their scores were about the same as these kids now in our elementary and junior high."

"I would be more concerned if the scores were higher in elementary than high school," Mitchell added.

The following are a list of students by grade and category that received academic recognition. ● TAAS page 12-A



Weather

Light snow or snow flurries tonight and Saturday. Low tonight in the teens; high Saturday in the low to mid 20s.

Thursday's high temperature.....	72
Thursday's low temperature.....	17
Average high.....	54
Average low.....	28
Record high.....	78 in 1981
Record low.....	8 in 1973
Rainfall Thursday.....	0.00
Month to date.....	0.65
Normal for Month.....	0.69
Year to date.....	21.92
Normal for year.....	18.37

Cold front hits county

An arctic cold front arrived in the Martin County area this morning, bringing with it freezing drizzle, snow and sub-freezing temperatures.

U.S. Weather Service officials at Midland International Airport expect the front to have a less severe effect here than in the northwestern part of the country, where residents had to manage with sub-zero temperatures.

Meteorologists at the weather service predict temperatures to be around the 20s tonight and Saturday and perhaps into Sunday. After that, temperatures should climb into the low 50s with less than a 20 percent chance of light snow and freezing drizzle.

The weather service predicts that Christmas Day weather should be around normal for this time of the year — 40 during the day and around the mid-twenties at night.

Christmas Cheer donations needed

The area Christmas Cheer program is going well, officials say, but more donations are still needed.

"We can still use toys, food and clothing," Martin County Judge and program chairman Bob Deavenport said. "God bless these people; they have giving enough clothing and toys to take care of at least 35-40 families in our county."

The program began Dec. 8 and donations are still being accepted.

"Right now, we are in short supply of coats...And we can still use toys and food," Deavenport said. "We always try to have a balance for the following year so our Christmas elf can go buy presents early."

For more information contact Deavenport at 756-2231 or 756-3425.

Music Club holds dinner

The annual Christmas dinner musical of the Stanton Music Club was held recently at the Texas Theatre, the home of Mr. and Mrs. James L. McGilvray, with all music members assisting.

Arriving at the door, members read that, "The Music Club" was now showing starting at 7:30 p.m. They were greeted and escorted through the beautifully Christmas decorated rooms.

Following the dinner, Mrs. Ron Graves, president, introduced Mrs. Glenn L. Brown, who spoke of "Myths and Ideas Concerning Angels." Mrs. John Wood discussed "Christmas in Martin County."

The special musical program was presented by Mrs. Clay Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Koonce. Mrs. Harris told of the history of each carol in "Christmas Carol Medley from Around the World."

Officials to redo bailouts

DALLAS (AP) — Federal officials plan to use a \$22 billion allocation from Congress to restructure 1988 savings and loan bailouts arranged by the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. Congress allocated the money last month to renegotiate the terms of 88 savings and loans, the remains of which were used to create 15 new thrifts in 1988. Most of the bailouts were in Texas under the Southwest Plan, which cost the FSLIC at least \$25 billion.

Renegotiating the terms of the 15 Southwest Plan thrifts will include the disposal of assets seized from the failed institutions, regulatory officials say.

The 1988 transactions were criticized because they committed the government to long-term subsidies and generous tax breaks.

The auction process also was criticized, which caused the government to restrict thrifts from purchasing other failed thrifts pending an investigation of the 1988 deals.

That investigation reportedly is complete and is due for release in the next few weeks.

The FSLIC's Texas legacy is massive. The agency's Southwest Plan strategy was to combine troubled institutions into large S&Ls under new ownership and sustained by government subsidies.

In Texas, that created a group of 15 institutions that control \$35 billion in assets, or about one-third of the resources in savings and loans statewide.

The \$22 billion in new funds gives the government a strong hand to reshape the Southwest Plan contracts. In the process, regulators could determine the viability of institutions now dependent on government subsidies.

If the investigation reveals massive irregularities, additional renegotiation of the Southwest Plan agreements could follow.

"If we found some evidence of impropriety or unfairness, it would give us leverage to establish a stronger negotiating position with the ultimate beneficiaries," said Steven Katsanos, a spokesman for the Resolution Trust Corp, which is reviewing the 1988 transactions.



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Winter scene

AMARILLO — Winter weather hit the Texas Panhandle and South Plains Thursday, dropping temperatures to the teens and covering the ground in frost. This scene, just south of Amarillo, had a distinctive Western flair.

Fraud charges part of Mexican elections

MEXICO CITY (AP) — When candidates and parties face off in Mexican elections, the battle often doesn't end at the ballot box. Fraud charges fly for weeks after.

Four state elections over the past two months showed the issue of fraud is as alive as ever, despite President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's pledges of clean elections, reforms in electoral laws and promises from his Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, that it's changing its ways.

Most accusations are aimed at the PRI, whose 61 years in power have made it synonymous with the

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government, thus helping it continue to win.

What has changed since Salinas took office two years ago is that clear opposition victories are recognized, said Luis H. Alvarez,

the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party, it remains one of the two main minority forces.

"Here one has to win by knockout, by an ample majority," Alvarez said. It's more difficult when the vote is close.

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Perry: Commissioner running up expenses

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Agriculture Commissioner-elect Rick Perry says outgoing Commissioner Jim Hightower is running up expenses in his final days of office and that the department will have cash-flow problems later.

A spokesman for Hightower denied the charge Thursday and attributed Perry's statement to his lack of knowledge about how to manage an agency.

"For the first time they are having to learn about what it takes to run an agency, and to run an agency you have to provide the tools for employees to do their job," Andy Welch said.

Perry, a Republican who defeated the Democratic incumbent in November, predicted that when he takes over the state Agriculture Department on Jan. 2, the agency may be suffering cash-flow problems because of recent employee bonuses and car purchases.

"There's been some money spent

here in the last 30 days that had I been the commissioner, probably would not have occurred," Perry said during a news conference to announce his new staff.

He said the department has recently purchased 33 automobiles.

"We realized we're taking over an agency that may not have the best reputation in Texas for efficiency and effectiveness, but I hope to have that ... in control," Perry said.

But Welch said the agency will be in fine financial shape when Perry enters office.

Welch said the Agriculture Department has purchased about a dozen pickups in the past two weeks to replace field office pickups that had more than 100,000 miles and would probably be more expensive to maintain.

He said the Legislature provided the money and the vehicles were on the department's routine replacement schedule.

Iraqis exit capital during bomb drill

(AP) Air raid sirens blared and about 1 million Iraqis carrying blankets and food streamed out of Baghdad early today in an evacuation drill to test the nation's readiness for war.

As Iraqis jammed roads out of the capital, tensions grew between Israel and the United States over a Persian Gulf-related issue at the United Nations.

Israel's foreign minister said the United States showed weakness by supporting a U.N. Security Council resolution condemning Jerusalem.

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein has repeatedly tried to link the Palestinian problem with the Gulf crisis. That has made it difficult for the United States to remain loyal to Israel without offending its Arab allies.

President Bush was to meet later today with John Major, Britain's new prime minister. In several television interviews today, Major said the question of war was "in Saddam Hussein's hands."

During the drill many Iraqis stayed home, residents said. Participants ran on foot to civil defense centers or sped out of town in cars. Hundreds of buses waiting at centers took Iraqis to shelters north, east and south of Baghdad.

Roads leading out of the capital were jammed with thousands of cars, trucks, buses and even carriages pulled by tractors. The drill began at 7 a.m. and ended five hours later.

Iraq has been preparing for war since the U.N. Security Council authorized force to remove Iraq

from Kuwait if it does not leave the emirate by Jan. 15. Iraqi media carry instructions for building bomb shelters and courses in civil defense and first-aid.

U.S. officials have suggested Iraq's cities could be bombed heavily in the event of war. Gen. Michael Dugan, the air force chief of staff, was fired in September for revealing contingency plans that involved bombing Baghdad.

The evacuation drill today was conducted for the half of Baghdad that lies on the east bank of the Tigris River, but only about 1 million of the 2 million inhabitants participated, said residents who spoke on condition of anonymity.

A second exercise Saturday will cover west Baghdad.

Basra, Iraq's second-largest city with a million people, was evacuated in a similar exercise Thursday.

Bush met with members of Congress on Thursday and told them he believed Saddam was underestimating U.S. power and intentions, several legislators said.

Saddam must be made aware that "if we get into an armed situation, he's going to get his ass kicked," Rep. Elton Gallegly, R-Calif., quoted Bush as saying. Bush's remark was confirmed by another person at the meeting.

A Pentagon spokesman said 10,000 more U.S. troops reached Saudi Arabia this week, bringing the American force to 280,000. The spokesman, Bob Hall, said U.S. intelligence sources put the Iraqi

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Donated pile
LONDON — Volunteer workers deal with a pile of clothing donated to the Crisis at Christmas charity, which opens its doors to more than 3,000

homeless people during the Christmas holiday. Officials said there was enough clothing in the pile to fully clothe more than 1,000 people.

Spring board

How's that?

Q. Is it possible to get a release of liability from the VA if a non-veteran assumes a VA-guaranteed home loan?

A. Yes, if the buyer meets with Department of Veterans Affairs approval, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Calendar

Game night

TODAY

• Grady teachers' In-Service Day.

Tops on TV

• Disney's Christmas on Ice. Peggy Fleming and some of the world's greatest ice skaters join Disney's famous characters to celebrate Christmas. 7 p.m. Channel 7.

• Dolly Parton: Christmas at Home. 8 p.m. Channel 2. Dallas. 9 p.m. Channel 7.

Stork club

• Born to Richard Villa and Viola Hernandez, Stanton, a daughter, Julia Jessica Villa, Dec. 12, 1990 at 1:42 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces; delivered by Dr. Sue Fisher. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Hernandez, Seguin. Julia is the baby sister of Manuel, 6, and Roxie, 2.

• Born to Billy and Sylvia Rainer, Big Spring, a daughter, Jacqueline Kay Rainer, Dec. 11, 1990 at 3:18 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces; delivered by Dr. Sue Fisher. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Chon Rodriguez, Coahoma, and Mr. & Mrs. Juan Gaitan, Big Spring.

• Born to Cornelius and Anna Reimer, Lamesa, twin sons, John and Jake Reimer, Dec. 13, 1990. Jake was born at 6:08 a.m., weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces; John was born at 6:17 a.m., weighing 6 pounds; delivered by Dr. Sue Fisher. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Reimer and Mr. & Mrs. Cornelius Wall, both of Mexico. John and Jake are the baby brothers of Mary, 4, Abe, 3, and Peter, 1.

• Born to Hector and Olga Flores, Lenora, a son, Hector Manuel Flores, Dec. 10, 1990 at 6:20 a.m., weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces; delivered by Dr. Thomas C. Miller. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Luis Torres and Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Flores, both of Mexico. Hector is the baby brother of Jessica, 4.



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Economic outlook for farmers generally upbeat

Farm scene

WASHINGTON (AP) — A series of economic reports by the Agriculture Department in recent weeks points to 1991 as a pretty good year for farmers, although most admit there are uncertainties, perhaps more than usual.

One will be the reaction of farmers when they sign up for 1991 crop programs under the new farm law, which gives them more flexibility to plant what they choose.

A price for this freedom, of course, is a cutback in the acreage that will be eligible for "deficiency" payments, the federal subsidies designed to help support farmers' incomes when market prices decline.

Even so, department economists forecast that 1991 net cash income will be in the range of \$55 billion to \$60 billion. That would compare with a record of \$59 billion estimated for 1990.

Net cash income is the difference between gross cash income in a calendar year and cash expenses.

Although 1990 shapes up as a banner year for farm income, generally, that doesn't mean all farmers everywhere have had it good. And

the highlights from the last survey:

• In 1989, net farm income was "positive" for 69 percent of the farms, compared with 64 percent in 1988. Generally, that means the farms operated at a profit.

• Farm assets averaged \$404,575 per farm in 1989, up from \$359,575 in 1988. Average net worth per farm was \$356,191, compared with \$311,343 in 1988.

• Farm operator debt was basically unchanged, averaging \$48,018 per farm in 1989.

• The number of farms with high debt continued to decline to 11 percent with debt-asset ratios above 0.4 at the end of 1989. That means debts amounted to more than 0.4 — or 40 percent — of total assets. Also, 48 percent of the farms had no debt at all.

Morehart said the highest proportions of financially vulnerable farms in 1989 were the Northern Plains, Mountain and Pacific regions.

The largest increases in the percentages of profitable farms occurred in the Great Lakes states, Corn Belt, Northeast and Appalachia regions. Dairy and tobacco

operations led all production specialties with 85 percent reporting positive returns.

Selling to seniors

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Agriculture Department trade report says food exporters may want to plan ahead for selling products to the over-60 crowd in a number of countries.

By the year 2000, one in five people in the developed countries will be over 60, according to United Nations statistics. By 2025, one in four will be over 60.

The report, included in the January issue of AgExporter magazine, cited a number of observations based upon reports by U.S. agricultural attaches and trade officers:

• In France, older consumers will be demanding more healthful foods, including low-fat, low-cholesterol and sugar-free products enriched with vitamins and proteins.

Special dietary food products will continue to be popular, but the senior generation doesn't want pro-

ducts advertised as "geriatric."

• In Germany, where 25 percent of the population will be over 60 by the turn of the century, older consumers have purchasing power three times higher than that of the average 20-year-old.

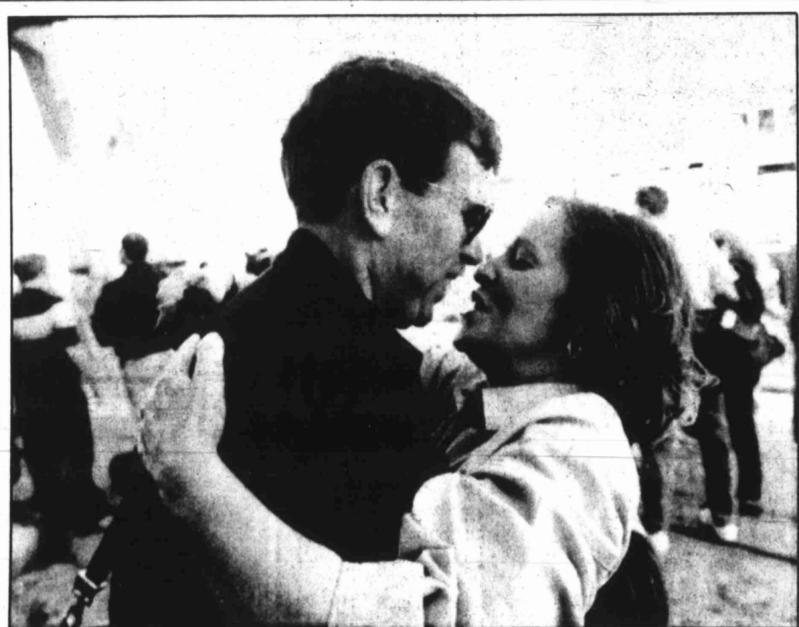
Indications point to a growing market for higher quality food products, particularly those with a high degree of convenience such as frozen foods and ready-to-cook meals.

• In Spain, consumers are "fairly conservative in their eating habits" and most favor fresh foods. So prepared, frozen or canned items are not good bets in the Spanish consumer market.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are popular, and prospects appear excellent for sales of natural fruit juices to Spain's older generation.

• In Britain, older consumers can be targeted for fresh fish, meat, fresh vegetables, breakfast cereals, brown bread, low-fat butter, sunflower oil margarine, cheese, fruit juices and stir-fried foods.

Microwaveable products also have a sales potential in Britain.



Together again

HAIFA, Israel — Commander Lee Ensley, left, and his wife Emily embrace after he arrived ashore from the U.S. aircraft carrier Saratoga Friday for a few days leave before returning to

duty in the Persian Gulf. Several wives made the trip from the United States to spend a few days with their husbands.

Commander bids 'see ya' to comrades

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. (AP) — Fliers prefer to avoid final farewells, an air ambulance commander said in remembering three Persian Gulf-bound comrades killed in a helicopter crash.

"Goodbyes are always difficult," said Maj. Karl Poulsen.

So he offered an informal but emotional punctuation to his eulogy for Carol McKinney, Dallas Ray Cooper and Peter Rose: "See ya."

Poulsen led about 200 mourners at a Thursday memorial service for the three members of the 1267th Medical Company, whose Dec. 14 crash in Texas is still under military investigation.

About 80 members of the company served as honorary pallbearers earlier Thursday for the funeral of Rose, a 26-year-old first lieutenant from Lincoln, Neb. Gov. Kay Orr and Nebraska Adjutant General Stanley Heng joined mourners at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Lincoln, where ten wreaths and the U.S. flag hung in tribute to Rose.

Funerals were scheduled today in Sullivan, Mo., for Ms. McKinney, 36, a chief warrant officer, and on Saturday in Barnett, Mo., for Cooper, a 35-year-old staff sergeant.

"The conflict in the Middle East has been brought ever so close because of the lives and deaths of these three soldiers," Chaplain Alan Heneisen said during the Fort Wood memorial service.

The Pentagon has said Ms. McKinney was the first woman killed either in the Persian Gulf or the United States in activities con-

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nected with Operation Desert Shield.

The 1267th had spent the last several weeks in training for Gulf duty at Fort Wood, an army post in south-central Missouri. The crash occurred in fog at Cleveland, Texas, as the company's helicopters were being flown to the Port of Houston to be shipped to Saudi Arabia.

"These people were volunteers for a difficult mission and they really represent America's finest," Heneisen said, adding that their challenges included "the ultimate test: giving their lives."

"We today are gathered under the umbrella of death... we suffer together as family," the chaplain said.

He spoke from a pulpit adorned with two lighted candles, an open Bible, a U.S. flag and two brightly decorated Christmas trees. Nearby, three gleaming helicopter crew helmets were placed on a table draped in black.

The flags of all 50 states encircled the sanctuary, which was cast in

golden hues by the late-afternoon sunlight. White Christmas lights were strung over red drapes soaring behind the pulpit.

The congregation, many in green camouflage, others in dress uniforms, rose to sing the national anthem and recited the Lord's Prayer.

Poulsen reflected on the personalities and attitudes of his dead crew members:

— Ms. McKinney possessed "extraordinary pilot skills." She was a "quiet professional," he said.

— Cooper took "extra professional pride" in maintaining his helicopters. He didn't hesitate when asked to volunteer for Gulf duty: "you've got to be someone," he told Poulsen.

— Rose demonstrated the same devotion to his crew as he lovingly gave to the horses he raised in Nebraska. After watching Rose supervise the Nebraskans who were merged with the Missouri air ambulance company in October, Poulsen concluded, "Everything he did, he did with caring."

Poulsen said in an interview that he had no new information about the cause of the crash.

"Until we can get the facts together, we can't say for sure what happened," he said.

Heneisen consoled the grieving by saying, "We can't 'what-if' it to death — 'What if I had only went in their place?'"

"There needs to be no blame, there needs to be no guilt," he said.

Poulsen said his company, which has about 120 members, was handling its grief.

Sheriff who chided Richards going to inauguration

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bexar County Sheriff Harlon Copeland, who riled Ann Richards by publicizing a claim that she used an illegal drug, plans to attend the governor-elect's inauguration.

"He got an invitation. He's going to go," Colleen Cody, an aide to Copeland, said Thursday. "She won a hard-fought campaign. Congratulations are in order."

The Republican sheriff helped publicize a disputed 13-year-old drug allegation against Richards, a Democrat, during the heat of the gubernatorial campaign.

An investigator for Copeland obtained a sworn statement from a New Mexico man who claimed he

saw Richards use cocaine at a 1977 party in Dallas. After a story about the incident appeared in an Albuquerque newspaper, Copeland held a news conference to discuss the sworn statement.

Copeland supported Republican gubernatorial nominee Clayton Williams, although the sheriff said he wanted both candidates to reveal their past medical records to prove they had not used illegal drugs.

Richards angrily accused Copeland and the Williams campaign of orchestrating the incident, and claimed Copeland went too far by using his office for political purposes.

Copeland denied Williams was involved in the incident and said the action was not political.

Ms. Cody said Copeland intends to watch Richards take the oath of office Jan. 15, although he does not plan to attend the inaugural ball.

"He hopes he sees her. He has no intention of refusing to shake hands," Cody said, referring to a campaign incident in which Williams refused to shake Richards' hand.

Ms. Cody said Copeland watched the mail for an inauguration invitation. "He would have been disappointed if he hadn't gotten one," she added.

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tion in writing (W), reading (R) and mathematics (M):

• Grade three: Brandy Allred-R; Clayton Baker-R,M; Jeffery Burch-W,R,M; Jonathan Burnett-R,M; David Butler-M; Jeremy Clanton-R,M; Brady Cook-W,R; Mary Craiker-R,M; Jessica DeLeon-R; Becky Escontrias-R; Margie Garza-R; William Harris-R; Lorena Hernandez-R; Steven Hinojosa-R; Matthew Hoelscher-R; Kayla Jones-R; Jacob Klein-M; Tony Laabs-R; Rachel Madison-R; Cynthia Marquez-R; Brenda Montez-R; Rory Payne-R,M; Miranda Rodriguez-R; Mikki Simer-R,M; Blaine Smith-R; Brett Swihart-R; and Erin Wheeler-R.

• Grade five: Ashley Abell-R,M; David Baeza-R; Carrie Bradshaw-R; Rachel Burnett-R,M; Sheila Butler-R; Laci Chandler-R; William Flanagan-R,M; Stacey Graves-W,M; Brett Hull-R; Tiffany Madison-R; Belinda Martinez-R,M; Tamera Phillips-R; Kelly Riddle-R; and Koy Williams-R.

• Grade seven: Jennifer

Adkins-R; Jeremy Bedingfield-R; Jody Brooks-M; Jaelyn Chandler-R; Nathar Cook-R; Robyna Dean-M; Angela Hall-R; Kelly Harrell-M; Bryan Heideberg-M; Nicolas Hull-M; Davy Jones-R; Jimmy Kargl-R,M; Taylor Looney-R,M; Jeremy Louder-R,M; Misty Madison-M; Cindy Moreno-R,M; Rachell Rodriguez-R; and Lisa Tanner-M.

• Grade nine: Scott Brooks-M,R,W; Milanda Cannon-M,R,W; Wesley Hardin-M; Karla Hull-M,R; Ryan Webb-M; Joy Adams-R; Dustin Brantley-R; Drew Harbison-R; and Barbara Brooks-R.

• Grade 11: Michelle Hobbs-M,R,W; Jim Decker-R,M,W; Joe Acosta-M; Tyshawn Barnes-M,R; Louis DeMas-M; Blaine Hall-M,R; Jim Bob Kelly-M,R; James Miller-M,R; Grant Woodfin-M; John Wyckoff-M; Edward Armendarez-R; Craig Brooks-R; Thomas Castro-R; Sherry Johnson-R; Kali Lee-R; Lance Martel-R; Crystal Payne-R; Sabrina Portillo-R; and Jennifer Riddle-R.

Drill

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force in and around Kuwait at 510,000.

The U.N. Security Council resolution passed 15-0 Thursday. It urges Israel to halt deportation of Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza and urges the United Nations to monitor the safety of Palestinians there.

U.S. backing for the resolution was seen as an effort to preserve the Arab coalition against Saddam. It was the third time in two months that Washington failed to exercise its veto powers to shield Israel.

Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy said today that the United States had succumbed to Arab pressure.

"There is a weakness among the Americans that is brought about by America's dependency on the anti-Saddam coalition," Levy told Israeli army radio.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz said the vote "highlighted the double standards applied by the United States."

"After weeks of shameful maneuvering, the council adopted a meager resolution on one of the most dangerous issues from which the region and the entire world has suffered for many years," Aziz said.

Meanwhile, British Prime

Minister Major said today that Saddam's only hope for ending the more than 4-month-old Persian Gulf crisis peacefully is complete withdrawal from occupied Kuwait. In an interview on NBC-TV's "Today" show, Major said, "... a partial withdrawal won't do."

But the growing signs of war weren't enough to convince more than 1,000 Soviet specialists — about 40 percent of Soviets remaining in Iraq — that they would be better off in the Soviet Union, where a bleak winter yawns ahead.

"The news they receive from Moscow about the economic situation is so discouraging that they prefer to stay here rather than go home," an Eastern European diplomat in Baghdad said on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi industry minister Hussein Kamel told a visiting Soviet official this week the Soviets were free to go home.

In his resignation speech Thursday, Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze defended himself against conservative criticism of Soviet Gulf policy. He said Moscow didn't plan to send any troops to fight Iraq, but "if the interests of the Soviet people suffer... the Soviet nation and the Soviet government will defend the interests of its citizens."

Elections

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position party and the governing party claimed victory in the close Nov. 25 mayoral race in Merida.

"If the PRI wins, (it's) fraud; if the opposition party wins, (it's) democracy," Yucatan state Gov. Victor Manzanilla Schaffer was quoted as saying of the opposition allegations.

PAN's Ana Rosa Payan Cervera was declared the winner after recounts and the inclusion of six disputed ballot boxes. Local governing party officials then said they would challenge the results.

"It is a significant advance, not because the PAN has won in Merida, but simply because they are giving the real results," the government newspaper *El Nacional* said in an editorial.

The 1979 electoral law reforms invited more opposition by making it easier for parties to register.

Minority parties receive congressional seats according to the percentage of the vote they win and are guaranteed at least 100 of the 400 seats in the Chamber of Deputies.

"Before, the central characteristic of the Mexican elections was their lack of competitiveness. Today, that characteristic has been reduced to the simple absence of credibility,"

Lorenzo Meyer, a leading historian at the prestigious Colegio de Mexico wrote in his front-page column in the newspaper *Excelsior*.

When results aren't credible, the opposition frequently protests by taking over the local city hall. Other times, the results turn tragic.

Riot police fired tear gas into a Democratic Revolutionary Party rally Dec. 12 in Tejuipilco, in the central state of Mexico, to protest fraud in municipal elections a month earlier. Three people were killed and dozens of others injured in the shooting that followed.

Public discontent over fraud was so great by 1988 that Salinas, in his inaugural speech, said the country's most pressing political need was clean elections.

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