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Slightly warmer temperatures just ahead

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Continuing cold weather may have annoyed some area residents, but it didn't deter hordes of last-minute shoppers Saturday at many area stores.

The National Weather Service predicts temperatures will be slightly warmer today, with a high in the lower 30s and northwest winds from 5 to 15 mph. The expected low tonight will be in the

mid teens. Monday's predictions call for sunny skies with a high in the mid 30s. The outlook for Christmas day is fair with a low in the mid teens and the high again in the mid 30s. Temperatures are expected to reach the 40s by Thursday.

Cindy O'Daniel, finishing up her shopping at Wal-Mart, said the cold weather was "nice," although it had caused problems at her home in Coahoma.

"When we left today there was still no water," she said. "Our pipes froze last night and it's too cold for them to thaw."

O'Daniel admitted the weather made it easy to have the Christmas spirit.

"When the snow was here, my kids thought Santa was coming."

Shopper Johnny Arispe said he enjoys the cold weather.

"I always like it this way around this time of year," he said. "It

makes it feel like Christmas."

Billy and Peggy Plew, window-shopping at the Big Spring Mall, said the weather was nice as long as one could stay at home.

"If you don't have to get out and go to work in this, it's all right," Billy Plew said.

Kenneth and Jean Williams, buying a few last-minute gifts at Highland Mall, said the weather had created a few hassles for them as well.

"If you have livestock, you don't like this weather," said Williams, who keeps horses on his ranch. "You have to get out and make sure they are doing okay, that they have water and all. (The weather) is not the best for animals."

Williams admitted the cold weather did help create some Christmas spirit.

Many area residents reported water problems due to frozen or broken pipes.

Samantha Porter said her family was just getting the water going again in their Luther home after an incident of frozen pipes.

"We're wondering if it's going to freeze again tonight," Porter said.

Chalmer Wren's Stanton home sustained pipe damage after the freeze as well.

"It froze our kitchen, there's no water there at all," Wren said. "But our bathroom made it

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Library receives surprise donation

Christmas came a week early this year for the Howard County Library.

The library was the recipient of a check in the amount of \$50,000 from the estate of former Big Spring resident Mrs. W.H. (Mildred) Gray.

Donna Jackson, acting librarian, said she had been informed a few weeks ago the library was to receive some type of donation from Mrs. Gray's estate. Jackson said she never expected to receive anything that large.

Gray, who died Sept. 29 in a Dallas hospital, had lived in Big Spring most of her life. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Sloan, she was born in 1916 and was a graduate of Big Spring High School.

She married William H. Gray

Dec. 25, 1941. Her husband served in the Air Force and had worked for several years for the Big Spring Independent School District.

She had worked as a bookkeeper for 35 years for Dudley's, Sloan Transfer and Storage and S.P. Jones Lumber Company.

Mrs. Gray also owned and managed rental property in Big Spring and Nolan and Taylor counties.

Jackson said the donation arrived Tuesday and that there were no stipulations as how the library was to spend the money.

"We don't have any immediate plans, except to invest the money," she said. "We have several projects being considered, including acquiring new books, but nothing definite right now."



Winter wonderland

One of the joys of the season is the decorative lighting displays around the area. This section of Cecilia Street is one of many

beautifully decorated neighborhoods in Big Spring.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Drunks offered free ride

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

There will be no excuse to drive drunk on two of the biggest party nights of the year: Mitchem and Sons Wrecker Service will once again offer its "tipsy wrecker" service to intoxicated celebrants Monday and New Year's Eve.

It's the fifth year the company has agreed to transport inebriated partygoers and their cars home, free of charge. Company owner David Mitchem said the program is an attempt to reduce the number of accidents.

"We're just trying to keep the number of accidents down on these two days," Mitchem said. "Anything we can do, we try to."

Cars are towed home with one of the company's trucks, and the driver is welcome to ride in the cab.

He said his son Ricky, a driver with the company, insists on keeping the program running every year.

"He told me he'd work if I'd provide the equipment and fuel. That sounded like a good deal to me, and it's worked out fine."

He said the number of calls varies each year, but many people do choose to use the wrecker if they think they've had too much to drink.

Although the service is free, riders may tip the driver if they so choose. The company will not transport people from one party to another, nor will they rescue already-wrecked cars free of charge, Mitchem noted.

"And we won't go and get them from the cops," he added.

The tipsy wrecker will operate from 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. Christmas Eve as well as Monday, Dec. 31. Call 267-3747.



Patrol officer Stan Parker hands out gifts to Jennifer, left, Ruben, David and Laura Hernandez. The kids were among 18 area youngsters who got clothes and toys from the Blue Santas program.

sponsored by the Big Spring Fraternal Order of Police. Parker, president of the group, said he hopes to expand the program next year.

Blue Santas bring holiday joy

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Thanks to a group of local law enforcement officers, eighteen Big Spring kids are having a very merry Christmas.

Members of the Big Spring Fraternal Order of Police — an organization of police officers, sheriff's deputies and other peace officers — distributed gifts to the children at their homes Saturday.

Group president Stan Parker said the Blue Santas project is designed to brighten the holiday for children of low-income, mostly single-parent families.

"Without this, some of the kids would not have much at all, or maybe nothing," he said. "We want to make sure they have a good Christmas. A lot of us never had to worry if we were going to

get something for Christmas, but for these kids, it's not like that."

Fraternal Order members came up with the idea several weeks ago, he said. Then Northside Community Center director Marianne Brown-Esquiline recommended some local children.

The officers took down names, ages and clothing sizes before they went shopping at Wal-Mart. They say the store not only gave them a discount on their purchases, but added a donation for the project as well.

Then uniformed officers loaded their patrol car sleighs with wrapped boxes and set off through the snow. At each home the scene was similar.

Eager hands tore at brightly-colored wrapping paper, and there were squeals of delight.

"I wanted one of these!"

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles — they're great!"

"Look at this, Mom!"

And they didn't even have to be reminded to say thank you to the Blue Santas.

Parker said members of the organization hope to continue the project, perhaps expanding it to involve local businesses and individuals.

"We bought gifts for as many (children) as we thought we could," he said. "But there are a lot more out there who need something like this. We'd like to make it bigger every year, and really get the citizens behind this."

"We didn't get started until a few weeks ago, so we didn't have a lot of time, but it would be great if we could get the whole town involved in this."

Cheney: War likely if deadline ignored

EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Defense Secretary Dick Cheney hopped atop a tank Saturday to tell desert-weary but eager Marines war likely would come soon after Jan. 15 if Saddam Hussein ignores an ultimatum to withdraw from Kuwait.

Cheney did not say whether he meant days, a week or longer but he said he and President Bush would not forget that United Nations deadline in favor of giving sanctions against Iraq more time to work.

"With the press here, I can't get too specific about dates but obviously we want to get it over with as soon as possible," Cheney said while standing on an M60-A1 tank in the Saudi desert about 50 miles south of Kuwait.

Still, Cheney, on his second day of pre-Christmas visits with some of the nearly 300,000 American troops in the region, did escalate the pre-deadline rhetorical war by saying:

"The president is deadly serious when he says the whole crisis cannot be resolved until Saddam Hussein goes back to Baghdad and withdraws his forces from Kuwait. I would think that soon after Jan. 15th if he has not withdrawn his forces from Kuwait then we will be in a position to take military action in conjunction with our allies."

As Cheney was visiting the Marines in the desert and then Navy personnel aboard a hospital ship and Aegis missile cruiser in the Persian Gulf, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Colin Powell was making separate visits to troops as well.

Cheney and Powell have been in Saudi Arabia since Wednesday, meeting with senior and field commanders to assess the readiness of the American forces less than a month from the U.N. deadline.



POWELL AND CHENEY

The trip was thrown into controversy the first day when the deputy commander of Operation Desert Shield, Lt. Gen. Calvin A.H. Waller, told reporters U.S. ground forces might not be combat ready until mid-February. It was his opinion that Bush should put any attack plans on the shelf until the entire deployment, still awaiting the arrival of more than 100,000 Army ground forces, was ready.

Cheney and Powell refused throughout the week to comment on Waller's remarks, but their hawkish pep talks to troops appeared designed to convince Saddam, in case Waller made him think otherwise, that the deadline still carried a military threat.

"We will be ready, whenever the president says go, to do whatever has to be done," Cheney told sailors aboard the USS Bunker Hill after seeing a demonstration of its guns and firing a dozen rounds into the gulf himself. "We're ready today if we have to do something,

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The Colts upset the Redskins Saturday night See NFL roundup, page 1-B.



Got an extra \$1,000 and wonder where to put it? Read about savings on page 1-D.

Tempted to drive home after a few drinks? Read about the consequences on page 1-C.



Sidelines

Girl Freezes Tongue to Curb

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Firefighters were called to free an 11-year-old Tulsa girl whose tongue froze to an icy curb after her homemade sled hit the edge of the street.

"All I could say was, 'blah, blah, blah,'" said Megan Moore. "I was crying and freezing. I thought I was going to be there for a long time."

Megan and best friend Nikki Fite, 11, went sledding on a cardboard box Friday morning when single-digit temperatures closed their junior high school.

"I fell off the box as we were going down the hill and crashed face down in the snow," Megan said.

When she started to call her friend to help, her tongue stuck to the curb, she said.

The stuck-tongue call was a first of its kind for the Tulsa Fire Department, said fire Capt. P.W. Lemons.

"It's any easy thing to do in this kind of weather if you're down licking the curb," Lemons said.

Megan did not require medical attention. A better way to get out of sticky situations like that is to pour cool water around the stuck body part, Lemons said.

Hitchhiking horse looking for attention

BROWNWOOD (AP) — Some motorists on the Brady Highway may have thought a horse was trying to hitchhike, but it was really looking for attention.

All the horsing around Friday evening could have been meant to draw searchers to a second horse trapped in a creekbed, authorities said.

"I don't know," said Brownwood resident Glenn Franklin. "I guess that animal on the highway had plenty of horse sense."

The horse on the highway was trailing a rope and appeared to have broken loose, said Franklin. He led the horse away to a convenience store near the Brownwood city limits, where he called police.

"Finally we found what the horse was trying to tell us," Franklin said. "There near the creek, we found another horse with a rope and chain around him. But he was tangled in some brush."

Unless the two horses are claimed by their owner, they will spend Christmas at the Brown County animal shelter, authorities said.

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It's Santa Claws

PEAVY SWITCH — Horace Cardwell shows off seasonal decoration on an 800 pound chainsaw-carved bear at his home in Peavy Switch, an unincorporated community near Lufkin. Cardwell said many people stop on the highway to look at the bear, which was carved by an artist in Shepherd.

Associated Press photo

Restoration project returns house to its former grandeur

PARIS, Texas (AP) — On the Texas Register of Historic Places, it is known as the Lightfoot House. But to everyone living in Paris, a simple reference to "the pink house" is enough.

Doug and Pat Hines, veteran restorers of old homes, are the latest owners of the Victorian house at 746 S. Church St. They have made it their goal to return the house to its former glory.

Mrs. Hines remembers the pink house as it was years ago, when she used to visit her grandmother in the northeast Texas town.

"We would come over here on weekends to see her and every time we passed this house I admired it," she said.

"Even when you and I were dating back in the '50s," she said to her husband, "this was a showplace, kind of a dream house."

The two-story pink Victorian structure was built in 1876 by Judge William Henry Lightfoot, an attorney who married the daughter of Gen. Sam Bell Maxey. The 43-year-old Lightfoot married the 18-year-old Dara Bell Maxey on Nov. 3, 1874, and built the house as their home.

Originally, Mrs. Hines said, "Lumber was hauled in from Jefferson and the house was built with square nails and wide-board pine floors which are pegged."

The house, with its Eastlake

The house became a Texas Historical Landmark in 1965 and received the Ruth Lester Historical Award in 1967.

detailing, is typical of post-Civil War Victorian architecture, she said. The double veranda features incised brackets, lacy spindle work along the cornice line and a turned balustrade.

The elaborately carved bargeboards and the tri-faceted bay windows with bracketed hoods are other architectural embellishments in the Eastlake Victorian style.

The Hineses, who bought the house in 1989, are beginning an extensive restoration. They recently replaced a rotting front porch, and the house is being repainted its famous pink color. The original tin roof, as well as the antique iron fence, also will be painted.

But Hines says the house is well-preserved.

"One of the reasons is they used cypress lumber on the siding, and it will last much longer than yellow pine siding," he said.

Inside, a curved, solid walnut staircase dominates the entryway. The formal living and dining areas feature two marble fireplaces enconced with Waterford crystal "gasoliers." Old crystal chandeliers, with original gaslight fixtures now converted to electricity, grace the high ceilings.

The Hineses hope to begin interior restoration work next year.

"We restored one old house in Louisiana and it was really quite a chore...this one has so many possibilities," Mrs. Hines said.

"I want to make it Victorian-looking inside," she said. "I'm going with the floral in the wallpaper and I'm using pinks and mauves, real soft, not the real cluttered Victorian look. I just want to make it look like it probably looked in 1876."

Their favorite room, the one the Hineses spend the most time in, is a den on the northwest side of the house.

"It was originally a porch; it even had a well on the porch," said Mrs. Hines. "They called it the Well Room; and this is where we stay."

With all its luxurious aspects, the historic house has only one drawback; the cold floors. "We're going to insulate under the house to take care of that," said Mrs. Hines. They also plan to get an old central air conditioning and heating unit, already installed, working again.

Volunteers, retired soldiers filling in for activated reservists

(AP) Tens of thousands of National Guardsmen called to duty in the Persian Gulf are being temporarily replaced in some states by volunteers whose duties include watching over vacant armories and assisting in natural disasters.

Usually called the state guard or the state defense force, groups totaling nearly 10,000 such volunteers — mostly retired soldiers and sailors — exist in 24 states and Puerto Rico.

Texas has a 1,300-member state guard, and units in Tennessee and

Georgia number about 1,000. Rhode Island's State Defense Force, created in 1987, numbers just three, and Vermont's 8-year-old state guard consists of 12 retired military officers.

"We're sort of a has-been force until we're needed," said Tom Anderson, president of the National Association of State Defense Forces.

Most have been relatively inactive in recent years, but Persian Gulf call-ups have expanded the role of these purely state-operated

organizations, said Anderson, commander of the New Mexico State Defense Force.

"We have people from all walks of life. I would say that our membership is pretty much split between veterans as well as young people having no military service whatsoever," said Commander Robert Haas of the 750-member Ohio Military Reserve.

None of the organizations has federal status, although the National Guard Bureau in Washington, D.C., assists the

states in coordinating their activities.

The governors can call up the state units to help with disasters and other activities usually handled by activated Guard units.

Size, duties and history of the units vary widely.

The 400-member Indiana Guard Reserve last summer provided relief and assisted in the cleanup of southern Indiana hit by devastating storms.

Last year, the Virginia Defense Force helped with crowd control at

17 events around the state. It has done search and rescue missions and is helping a small town develop a plan to handle toxic chemical spills.

Some of the units, such as Alaska's, were formed at statehood. Others were authorized by state constitutions and some formed during World War I. In Mississippi, the State Guard operated under an attorney general's opinion until the Legislature put it into the law in 1989.



Mountain of mail

GRAPEVINE — American Airlines Mail Dispatch manager Mike MacNamara sorts the airline's operation at DFW will handle an average 1.5 million pounds of mail per day.

Associated Press photo

Search for chief narrows

DALLAS (AP) — Thirteen law enforcement officials, including acting police chief Sam Gonzales, are semifinalists for the position of Dallas police chief.

The list, pared from more than 90 candidates by an executive search firm, includes six white, four black and three Hispanic applicants. No women were selected, according to the list released Friday by City Manager Jan Hart.

Semifinalists include Miami chief Perry L. Anderson; Sylvester Daughtry, chief in Greensboro, N.C.; Austin police chief Jim F. Everett; and William M. Rathburn, deputy chief of the Los Angeles Police Department.

Gonzales said he does not feel he is a shoo-in for the job, which has been vacant since September. "I'm not sure I'm the leading candidate," he said.

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Klansmen meet with opposition

CINCINNATI (AP) — Six robed Ku Klux Klan members who gathered in a downtown plaza for a rally today were met by a bottle-throwing crowd of 250 people who shouted down their speeches.

The Klansmen, barred by a city council directive from concealing their faces behind hoods, erected a 10-foot wooden cross in Fountain Square decorated with Christmas trees as protesters shouted "Death to the Klan!"

The rally was held under gray

skies that threatened rain. Police had said they did not expect a large turnout of Klan members.

"The history of these things is if you have two dozen Klansmen there, you'll have a lot," said Edward Ammann, assistant police chief.

The U.S. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, based in Hamilton, had planned to have several speakers at the rally. Ron Lee, the group's imperial vice president, had said he wanted no violence.

Flames burn Washington marina

SEATTLE (AP) — Boats and a building caught fire at a marina pier on the Lake Washington Ship Canal early Saturday and three people jumped into the water to escape the flames, officials said.

Firefighters had to fight the blaze in below-freezing temperatures and cramped space at the end of a dead-end street. The National Weather Service said the temperature was in the teens and the wind-chill factor near zero.

The fire was at the Leco Marine pier, east of Ballard Bridge on the

south side of the canal that links Lake Union with Puget Sound. The blaze was fueled by creosote-treated wood on the pier and by barrels of flammable liquids after spreading to a two-story building used by LeClair Marine Construction.

Firefighters and witnesses said the fire apparently started in a wood stove aboard a 30-foot pleasure boat moored at the pier. However, fire department spokesman Albert Smalls said he could not confirm that was the cause.

Cold wave spreads across country



PASSENGERS STRANDED IN DENVER

(AP) The record cold wave pressed southward and eastward Saturday, threatening crops in southern Texas and California and covering highways with deadly sheets of ice across the Plains and Midwest.

Temperatures fell to more than 40 degrees below zero in places, the National Weather Service said.

Denver hit a record low Saturday of 25 below zero; the city had been below zero since Wednesday evening. In northern Nevada, Winnemucca dropped to 37 below, the coldest ever registered there in more than 100 years of records. Los Angeles hit a record 33. The Idaho mountain town of Stanley hit a low of 46 below zero.

In southern Arizona, the desert city of Tucson had snow flurries.

Charities dealt with standing-room-only crowds in homeless shelters and with calls from families freezing in their own homes.



HAIFA, Israel — Two Israeli tugs and an air force helicopter search for U.S. seamen in the sea of Haifa harbor Saturday after a rented Israeli ferry capsized with at least 100 U.S. seamen on board. At least 19 U.S. seamen died.

U.S. sailers die when Israeli ferry capsizes

HAIFA, Israel (AP) — Investigators searched Saturday for clues as to why a chartered ferry capsized in choppy seas, killing at least 19 American sailors who were in the Middle East as part of Operation Desert Shield.

Survivors said the Israeli ferry went under almost instantly after it was swamped early Saturday while ferrying about 100 crewmen back to the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga from shore leave in Haifa.

"All of a sudden I saw water just come flying in. It was maybe two seconds and the boat rolled right over," said Chief Petty Officer Lance Vickery, 33, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Israeli divers retrieved six bodies from the sunken craft in 65 feet of water. The others were found dead on the surface or died of injuries after being rescued alive, officials said. Three dozen sailors were taken to hospitals, but most were released.

By Saturday afternoon, two men were still reported unaccounted for, but Navy officials said they believed they would be located as crewmen reported back to their ships.

The Saratoga and its three escort ships were in the Red Sea as part of the naval buildup in the Persian Gulf region in the wake of Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait. The accident was the deadliest

involving U.S. servicemen in Operation Desert Shield, and it raised the number of Americans who have died to at least 73.

Haifa is a frequent port of call for American sailors. Last year, more than 45,000 sailors attached to the Sixth Fleet visited the northern port city.

Several sailors rescued from the Tuvia said the craft may have been overloaded. One of the two Israeli crewmen, Yossi Shochat, said he believed too many sailors were crowded into the boat's stern.

But Gen. Micha Ram, the commander of Israel's navy, said on Israel radio that the Tuvia had been licensed to carry 130 passengers but took only about 100 because the seas were running high.

"Until the boat is retrieved and can be examined... we cannot point to any negligence," he said.

The Tuvia capsized shortly after midnight about 200 yards from the Saratoga, which was anchored outside the harbor's breakwater about a mile offshore. The waves were reported at three to four feet and winds at 35 mph when the craft heeled over.

The Saratoga task force, based at Mayport Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, Fla., includes the destroyer Sampson, cruiser South Carolina and combat stores ship Sirius. It has 6,200 men, including about 4,500 aboard the Saratoga.

World

Foreigners rush to leave Gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Throughout the Persian Gulf region, airline tickets are selling out and moving companies are busy packing as foreigners rush to leave before the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to leave Kuwait or face possible force.

Britain, Ireland, Sweden and New Zealand are among countries that have recently advised dependents of nationals working in Bahrain, neighboring Qatar and parts of Saudi Arabia to leave the region before the deadline expires.

Travel agencies are being flooded with calls as thousands

try to purchase air tickets — either because they're leaving soon, or as a precaution in case they have to leave later.

"The phones are ringing all the time," said Bill Horsley, sales manager at Bahrain's Kanoo Travel Agency, one of the largest in the region.

Horsley said companies were booking seats in blocks on some flights to Europe and other points to "make sure that their people are protected."

"I wouldn't say there's panic, but concern is spreading," Horsley said.

U.N. halts aid to Angola

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — The United Nations halted deliveries of humanitarian aid in Angola after its leftist government blocked food convoys headed to rebel-held areas, a Portuguese report said.

The cutoff jeopardizes aid for some of the estimated two million people facing starvation in the southern African nation. A severe drought this year destroyed many crops.

"We suspended all activities in

the country because (otherwise) there would be violation of the principles of neutrality and equality," the Lusaka news agency quoted U.N. representative in Angola, Otto Essian, as saying. Its report was carried late Friday night.

The United Nations started aid shipments to Angola seven weeks ago. It aimed to distribute 130 million tons of food over six months to hungry Angolans who have suffered during 15 years of civil war.

Last Soviet guards leave memorial

BERLIN (AP) — Soviet troops goose-stepped away from a memorial to victims of World War II for the last time Saturday as they handed over control of an enclave in western Berlin to civilians.

Several hundred people watched a Soviet honor guard escort the final two-man watch away from the large memorial in Tiergarten, the sprawling park just west of the Brandenburg Gate, which used to mark the division of East and West Berlin.

Soviet officers and Berlin legislators laid wreaths before the memorial and bands played the national anthems of the Soviet Union and Germany.

After the Berlin Wall was built in 1961, the monument became an odd Soviet enclave 500 yards inside West Berlin where the guards had to be relieved by convoy.



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Opinion

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

Herald opinion

Thank you all, Howard County

Three years in a row! The accomplishment speaks very well for Big Spring and Howard County.

We begin the decade of 1990 with the third consecutive United Way appeal for this community having exceeded its goal, and earlier than in previous years. A great many people are owed sincere gratitude, having worked and organized to help others. Likewise, a great many people are going to benefit from the generosity of a community of West Texans.

We should pride ourselves on this accomplishment and any other that you've extended this year to help improve the life of even one other person. If you haven't, or if you have the urge once more before the last of 1990 sinks over the horizon, there's still time.

Coats, sweaters, blankets and other such common items many of us take for granted are always needed by at least half a dozen agencies in this community. Those that come immediately to mind include: the state hospital, the Northside Community Center, Salvation Army, West Side Community Center and the Humane Society. Naturally, they can all use most anything you have to share, such as canned goods and similar items, and it's guaranteed to give you just about the best feeling you can find.

Finally, our hat's off to everyone who made the United Way drive another successful showing for Howard County; thanks for thinking about others.

Like that vehicle

City Manager Hal Boyd looks resplendent in his newly-purchased vehicle, enabling him to travel the city in style. We trust that it won't take as long to get the city's logo painted on the side of this one as it did his previous model, now being used by the city's fire department. It can be a real hassle, but the law says it shall be so.

Farewell, Judge

The city's judicial responsibilities will have a different look in coming weeks, when Municipal Judge Gwen Fair steps down from her post after four years.

If you think Jesse James was the best name for a politician, we can think of nothing better for a judge than Fair.

She has struck us as exactly that, in all the dealings we've had with the office — whether it was understanding an issue for professional purposes, or dealing with a speeding ticket on a personal basis.

It will be Washington, D.C.'s gain when she returns there in a couple months and, there's no question, a loss for Big Spring.



Newest batter's getting juiciest of pitches

Legislative redistricting — that competitive process that reshapes political districts to conform to population changes — gets under way Dec. 31 when the Census Bureau releases the first official state population figures to President Bush.

But the game really began more than two years ago when state officials began buying the first computers, developing the complex programs to make those computers work, and acquiring other tools with which to fight a contest that goes to the core question in politics: who has power? Ironically, the man most behind in the redistricting game is the man who will come to bat first. Other state officeholders, mostly incumbents, have been amassing technological arsenals to gain the upper hand in how legislative districts are redrawn. But events have made Dan Morales, the attorney general-elect of Texas the focus of the initial skirmishes.

As it stands, the man least prepared technologically will be at the fore because the primary stages of the redistricting game draw heavily on legal questions. That puts Morales — the state's elected attorney — in a position to



Jesse Trevino

influence the process first. The state already is enmeshed in three cases that have ramifications on redistricting. Additional cases will land on the attorney general's doorstep quickly, possibly as early as next week. Some individuals already involved in redistricting estimate that the number of legal challenges to the plans the Legislature ultimately draws will be five times higher than in 1980. These estimates do not include the challenges that might be made to the census itself. The state and the country are moving into charted territory.

Morales will have to hit the ground running. He has had little time to prepare for the crush of demands that will be made suddenly on his office.

He suffers, too, from the lack of planning or preparation carried

Mailbag

Singing with tongue in cheek

To the editor:

Sunday, Dec. 9 was a great day for music lovers and others. All were invited to a sing-along at the First Methodist Church in promotion of the Spirit of Christmas. At intervals all would join in as directed from 80- or 90-page booklets distributed as we entered the sanctuary.

All were seated in groups by choice as indicated by signs along the aisles. The first sign I saw was "bass." Since we couldn't read the other signs I just nudged my wife into the bass group thinking we were being segregated by interest or activity. I have always liked bass fishing. I never sing, because of my voice.

In the booklets were numerous musical marks across the page and a lot of strange words like recitative, overture, aria, Pastoral Symphony. The pastor really didn't need sympathy as he was in one of the singing groups and everybody likes him.

We learned right from the start the orchestra and voices were beautiful. However, I have the following observations:

The first was that not all members of the orchestra played at the same time. What a waste of time and talent. Some would sit nursing their instrument acting as though they would rather be somewhere else. Evidently the director is too busy to watch all members.

Then, the director is by far the hardest working member of the whole crew. He really should have been dressed in work clothes rather than the fancy suit. Perhaps an assistant is needed who might keep the non-playing members busy.

All soloists' voices were beautiful but the ones singing in foreign languages were more difficult to follow than the one singing in our language. All seemed to be singing the same words over and over. The music having been written in another century possibly the writers and composers just didn't have a broad vocabulary.

When I whispered to my wife for a clue to what was being sung,

she nearly cracked my rib with her elbow. Between pages 65 and 70 I finally found the clue.

The finale was great with the exception of my above complaint; They kept singing the same things over and over. Hallelulah!

LOWELL N. JONES
1310 Monmouth

A letter from their hearts

To the editor:

One year ago while at the Steers play-off game, our home was burglarized and burned. Perhaps the most difficult part of that nightmare was the fear of not knowing who had invaded us in such a devastating way.

This week the older of two boys plead guilty to the crime and was sentenced to twenty years for arson. The juvenile involved is presently serving a sentence at Texas Youth Commission. Finally, our minds can be put to rest in knowing that justice has been done.

We want to thank this our community for rising to the occasion and supporting us during these trying months. There was not a need that was not met.

A special thanks goes to Detective Stan Parker and Fire Marshall Burr Lea Settles for their persistence in apprehending those responsible for this crime. Our thanks also to Judge John Coffee and District Attorney Rick Hamby for seeing that justice was served.

At this Christmas season we are thankful to be back in our home and do not have to live in constant fear. It warms our hearts to live in a community where people reach out to one another like you have. Your prayers and support have meant much to us. People do still care and God does answer prayer. May God bless each of you.

DAVID AND PAT RHOTON
12 Village Road

From the sands of Middle East

To the editor:

Greetings from the sands of the Middle East. I want to thank you all for the great support you have given us here. I learned of the tremendous number of Cokes you donated to the soldiers here and

was very impressed by the sacrifice and concern that represents. The soldiers who got those Cokes greatly appreciate and enjoy them.

I am at an air force base flying the F-15E Strike Eagle, the premiere fighter in the world. To be honest, we have it very good at our base and are quite comfortable compared to the Army. The daily living conditions of the front line Army is hard and fits with the philosophy I saw in the Army of hard times making hard bodies. It is a different approach from what I see in the Air Force, but we both get our jobs done.

I would challenge you as voters to hang in for the long run. Each of you must decide now whether we should be here or not, whether war is justified or not. If you decide that we should be here, then let the politicians know you support our staying and doing what is required to do the job right. If you feel we should not be here and should not fight, then also make your voices heard. Remember though, as Teddy Roosevelt said, that war is not the ugliest of things.

I am proud to serve in our armed forces and I thank God daily for giving me the opportunity to be here. Thank you for your support. I am proud of you.

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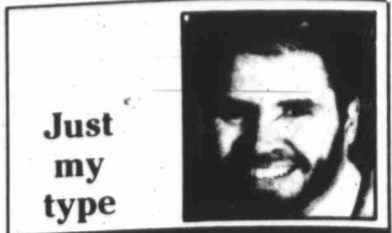
It might even happen to you

To the editor:

This is an open letter to the driver of a brown Lincoln town car, with tinted windows, that was at Winn-Dixie on Monday evening, Dec. 10 around 6 p.m.

Whoever you are, I wanted you to know that when you just pushed your shopping cart up on the sidewalk, instead of taking it back into the store, it rolled over and fell on my new car. I now have two large dents and two long scratches on the hood and front fender of my car. I will be the one who will have to pay the deductible to have it fixed. I hope that next time you take the time to put the basket up correctly, lest it happen to someone else.

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Feeling for the season

By ROBERT WERNSMAN
Publisher

The spirit of Christmas arrived at a Big Spring business this season.

It was one of the nicest feelings you can imagine.

Here's what happened: A member of the staff learned of a program designed for parents whose children will have nothing for Christmas, for one reason or another. You've likely heard of a number of such lists.

This one, though, was closer to her heart, since her son had once gone through the same experience — in a situation at a special time of the year that kept him from being able to do anything for his loved ones.

So, she brought the matter to everyone's attention at work and encouraged a small donation to be used to buy a few gifts — for two little girls whose daddy can't help this Christmas. Just a dollar or two from people where the woman works would provide enough, she figured, to buy each girl a gift and an article of clothing.

There are, I suppose, any number of ways to feel the season. This is how it happened at one Big Spring business: one hundred dollars filled the fund for two little girls none of the employees have ever seen. These girls, one nearly a teen, the other a few years younger, could walk in the front door tomorrow and nobody would know them.

The day was nearing this week for that hundred dollars to be spent on these girls when the telephone rang. The caller? A Big Spring fire fighter who'd heard about this little project. "We have a few toys left from Toys for Tots, and I hear you're going to be making Christmas merrier for two children. Can we help?" In no time, wrapped gifts had arrived for two girls none of the fire fighters have ever seen.

It's difficult to describe, they say, the feeling you get walking into a store with a hundred dollars that's not yours, with every intention of spending all of it on somebody else. It's a giddy feeling, knowing the meaning of the season as sharing with those who are without.

There was but a single package under their tree when two visitors arrived Thursday, without introduction beyond: "We're here with packages for the girls from their Daddy!"

No longer is it a single package under their tree. It has been joined by exactly one dozen more packages, in addition to a turkey and a large box of canned goods.

And when they open those wrapped packages, here's what those girls each will find beneath their Christmas tree: a pair of jeans and matching top; a pair of fashionable black tights and matching top, several pairs of underwear and colorful socks — plus a cassette tape player and transistor radio from the fire fighters.

Lots of people in Big Spring have gotten the spirit this season. Do you know the feeling?

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Christmas three times each year

JERUSALEM (AP) — Every child wants Christmas to come more than once a year. In the Holy Land, it does.

More than 40 denominations are represented in Israel and they will mark Christmas on three dates — Dec. 25, Jan. 7 and Jan. 19 — with rituals that include bonfires, processions and chanting in Aramaic and Coptic.

Such diversity also brings discord. Rival Christian groups jealously guard their rights to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, built in the 4th century over the grotto where tradition says Jesus was born.

The rivalry led to pitched battles and injuries in past centuries, and in past decades to fist fights between priests. The latest argument among clerics concerns which sect has the right to repair the church's leaky roof.

Daniel Rossing, an Israeli expert on Christian affairs, said the squabbling should be seen in the context of Christians fading to a minority in the Holy Land over the centuries.

"When you've lost so much in terms of numbers and power, you become very protective of what you have left," he said.

"What we have here is a microcosm of the Christian world. It may look divided, but we must not forget the vast richness of the many faces of Christian tradition here."

At no time is the richness more visible than during the Christmas season, marked in the Holy Land more by religious fervor than by the shopping fever of the West.

Western rite churches will celebrate Christ's birth Dec. 25, and most Eastern rite sects on Jan. 7. In Jerusalem, the Eastern, or Orthodox, churches stick to the Julian calendar, accounting for the 13-day difference from the Western Christmas on the Gregorian calendar.

Armenian Orthodox also use Julian calendar, but will celebrate Christ's birth on the Epiphany, or 12th day of Christmas, Jan. 19.

The diversity of Christianity is revealed in the many denominations represented in the Holy Land.

There are Chaldeans, a Catholic sect with origins in the Persian Gulf; the Copts from ancient Egypt, and the Maronites, an Eastern sect based in Lebanon with a patriarch recognized by the pope.

Others include Greek Orthodox, Syrian Orthodox, Roman Catholic, Armenian, Franciscan, Lutheran, Baptist, Anglican, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Mormon and Ethiopian Orthodox.

Each sect has its own Christmas customs. Syrian Catholics pray and sing around a bonfire outside their St. Joseph's Church in Bethlehem on Dec. 24.

"It reminds us of the shepherds who huddled around a fire on this night, and it also symbolizes the light of Christ," said Monsignor Buttros Abdel Ahad, the vicar-general.

Anglicans sing carols in Shepherds' Field at Beit Sahour near Bethlehem on Dec. 24 before midnight services. At Christmas dinner of lamb and apple pie the next day, a family leaves an empty seat at the table for a wandering stranger.

At St. John's Church in Jerusalem, the Franciscan midnight Mass on Dec. 24 centers on a reproduction of a manger built every year by brother Claudio Barato, complete with moving figures and lights.

"Sometimes things go wrong and I have to crawl inside and adjust it," the 70-year-old monk said with a smile. "The real thing is the Mass, the devotion, the manger is just something to help the heart."

On Jan. 18, the Armenian Christmas Eve, the Armenian patriarch enters Bethlehem in a black limousine led by four policemen on horseback, an honor guard given all patriarchs since Ottoman Turkish rule.

Various sects used to hold elaborate candlelight processions with bagpipes and boy scout troops, but the pomp was dropped after the Palestinian uprising began in December 1987.

Most Christians in Bethlehem are Palestinians and Bethlehem is in the occupied West Bank. Many say they cannot celebrate elaborately while fellow Palestinians are being killed or wounded in confrontations with Israeli troops.

They still hold Masses on Christmas Eve, however.

The Roman Catholic ceremony is most widely known in the West because its traditional choir concert often is shown on television abroad.

On Jan. 6, there is another kind of concert. The Greek Orthodox, Syrian Orthodox and Copts all hold services simultaneously in various parts of the Church of the Nativity, their chants in Greek, Aramaic, Coptic and Arabic competing vigorously in volume.



Associated Press photo

For Christmas dinner

BERLIN — Berliners buy fresh fruit for Christmas dinner in the Eastern part of the city Friday. For most of the former East German citizens, it is the first time for such an offering of fresh fruit at Christmas time.

ICC bans smoking on interstate buses

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission voted unanimously to ban smoking on all regularly scheduled interstate bus service in the United States.

Charter bus companies were given the option of allowing passengers to smoke if the passengers on a charter bus agree it should be allowed.

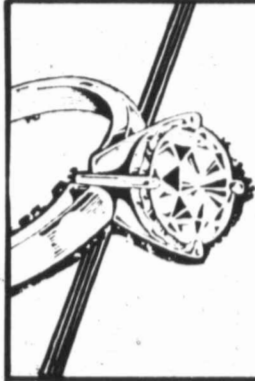
The ban will take effect soon after the issuance of the commission's decision in writing, expected within the next few weeks.

Lawyers for the ICC said the change was supported by a wide variety of groups but was opposed by the tobacco industry. The ICC lawyers said smoking has been proved to be injurious to health and that tobacco smoke cannot be adequately ventilated from buses to assure the health and comfort of non-smokers.

The commission began its consideration of a smoking ban last March at the request of the American Bus Association and United Bus Owners of America.

In April, Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), an anti-smoking association, filed a similar request but asked that it be imposed on all buses, including charters.

Officials for the bus industry contended that operators of charter buses should be permitted to regulate smoking based on their passengers' desires.



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Oompah, oompah, oompah all the way

WASHINGTON (AP) — Let's face it, the tuba gets no respect. It makes people laugh. They call it "Tubby the Tuba." It reminds them of beer-garden polkas danced by fat men in shorts and funny hats. Or blaring bands that strut frantically across football fields at halftime.

The tuba is big and ungainly, a plumber's nightmare of tubes and valves. And in the wrong hands, alas, it sounds like a monstrous whoopee cushion.

The derision troubles Harvey Phillips, 61, a music professor at Indiana University and renowned virtuoso who was once hailed as "the Paganini of the tuba."

For the past 40 years, he has led a one-man crusade to rid the world of prejudice against the tuba and improve its tattered image.

"The tuba is a noble, regal, majestic instrument that has been misunderstood for too long," he said.

Thus it was that concertgoers arriving at the Kennedy Center one night this week were surprised to find 200 tuba players on a makeshift stage in the chandeliered grand foyer, oompahing their way through "Silent Night" under Phillips' baton.

Shiny bass tubas, euphoniums and sousaphones, some festooned with red ribbons and bows, played familiar Christmas carols with a deep-throated sound that Phillips likens to "a male glee club without words."

It was the latest in a series of "TubaChristmas" concerts that Phillips has sponsored around the country every holiday season since 1974. He also presides over annual "Octubafests" at Indiana University and "Tubacamps" for young musicians at his "Tubaranch" home near Bloomington, Ind.

He is especially annoyed by



CHICAGO — Twelve-year-old B.J. Colaric, left, and Kip Lamers, 14, both of Libertyville, Ill., play Christmas carols Thursday during a concert at a Chicago hotel. The two were part of a group of 200 tuba players from around the Midwest who, along with 500 singers, entertained onlookers at the annual TubaChristmas concert.

elitists who don't believe tuba players are really serious musicians and, in fact, may be somewhat dumb.

"I don't take my instrument any less seriously than a surgeon regards his scalpel, or James Galway his flute," he said.

"Would Heifetz have been any less a genius if he had played the tuba instead of the violin?"

When Phillips entered the Juilliard School of Music in 1950, he was appalled by the lack of serious music written for the tuba. While other students were

playing a Mendelssohn violin concerto or Mozart clarinet sonata, Phillips was learning "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."

It was not until 1954, when English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams wrote a concerto for bass tuba, that "the solo voice of the tuba was brought from the back of the orchestra to the front," Phillips said.

Since then, several hundred solo works have been written for the tuba. They include 127 commissioned for Phillips, who has played from Carnegie Hall to the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

In 1960, he said, there was only one full-time college teacher of the tuba in the United States. Today there are 93. And next year, the first international competition for solo tuba will be held in Geneva.

Phillips flew here from Rockefeller Center in New York, where his "TubaChristmas" concerts have become an annual holiday tradition. From Washington, the month-long road show of 124 cities in 33 states takes "TubaChristmas" to Columbus, Chicago, Atlanta and Nashville, Tenn., this week and to the season finale in Dallas on Christmas Eve.

No auditions are held, and no tuba player is turned away. Any local enthusiast who brings his instrument and pays a \$5 fee can join the fun after a one-hour rehearsal.

"Youngsters love the tuba," Phillips said. "If I fill a room with musical instruments, the kids invariably run to the tubas."

"At a concert in Milwaukee, I asked the children, 'What is the greatest instrument in the world?' So I say to parents, your Christmas shopping can be simple. Just make sure they get a tuba for Christmas."

Who ate Rudolph?

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Reindeer aren't pulling many sleighs in Scandinavia's arctic Lapland these days. But they do have an honored place at Christmas: on herders' holiday dinner tables.

Snowmobiles have largely replaced reindeer-drawn sleighs in the region that stretches across Norway's mountains, Sweden's forests and Finland's tundra and is home to the world's largest herds of reindeer.

The creatures fabled in many countries as pullers of Santa's sleigh are mostly raised for meat in Lapland. A few remain half-wild, roaming Lapland in a constant search for moss and other food.

Animal rights activists complain that reindeer starve in the winter because of overgrazing or suffer needless pain when they are neutered and their ears notched to mark ownership.

But Lapps say they feed the herds in the winter, and that other practices stem from centuries of tradition.

Reindeer are a common festive dish.

"Of course we eat reindeer for Christmas," says Jan Amundsen, a Lapp who has herded the animals in north Norway for 25 years without ever driving reindeer sleigh.

Ole K. Sara, Norway's reindeer administrator, says the herds provided the Lapps with meat, milk, transport and clothing until about 25 years ago. "Now they are mainly food," he said.

"Not everyone likes the taste of

the meat because it is sharper, tastier and takes some getting used to," said Hannu Kononen, a Finnish restaurateur.

In the spring, herds are driven to summer pasture, often swimming to coastal islands. They run loose until the autumn roundup, when about one-third of them are slaughtered.

"Reindeer have a free life," said Bjarne Ornsted of the Swedish Agriculture Ministry. "They have to be able to roam a large area to find food... and even when they are rounded up for slaughter they only spend a day or so in a corral."

Tom Schandy of the World Wildlife Fund in Oslo agreed.

"Basically they have a pretty good life, certainly better than a cow in a barn," he said.

Some reindeer are still used to take tourists for sleigh rides or in reindeer races. The reindeer weigh up to 250 pounds and can pull twice their weight more than 40 miles a day.

Since most Scandinavians prefer other Yuletide foods, reindeer had little to fear from Christmas until U.S. cards, films, songs and advertisements made them popular in shopping malls.

At least two half-wild reindeer, rescued from U.S.-inspired Christmas displays by animal welfare activists this month, may now cringe every time they hear "Jingle Bells."

The Oslo activists said carols, lights and the shopping center crowds relentlessly petting sent the terrified reindeer into shock.

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Santa comes by plane to Arctic Circle Indians

ARCTIC VILLAGE, Alaska (AP) — On a C-130 Hercules transport plane headed north across the Arctic Circle, Air Force Sgt. Carl Warrings donned his Santa suit and started practicing his "Ho, ho, ho."

A half-hour later, he and 1,500 pounds of Christmas presents — including a community washing machine — were lowered onto the frozen tundra outside this Gwich'in Indian village.

A few dozen small children, bundled in furs and snowsuits, waited with their parents. It was 45 degrees below zero — warmer than it's been here all month.

"This is good. Usually when Santa comes it's really cold," said Kias Peter, the village's traditional chief.

The kids flocked around Santa when he appeared out of the belly of the green plane. Ol' Saint Nick then stepped on the back of a dog sled and was pulled the mile or so into town by snowmobile.

It was the 24th straight year the Air Force brought gifts, goodwill and Santa Claus from Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage to the 125 residents of Arctic Village. The village is 500 miles north of Anchorage and more than 100 miles north of the Arctic Circle.

In return, the village threw its annual potlatch feast to welcome the plane. Caribou stew, salted caribou dumplings, whitefish and other local delicacies were spread out on a table inside the village school.

"We fixed up chairs and tables and put up decorations," said 9-year-old Annie James. "I'm so happy that Santa came."

"The whole village participates — men, women, children, everyone," said Margaret Tritt, the school cook who supervised the dinner for more than 100 people on Dec. 10.

The children sang songs in Gwich'in and English and gave the

visitors gifts, from ceremonial leather boots to drawings. The Air Force put on a magic show, and then Santa handed out 54 individually marked presents for the children.

He also brought the washing machine and fixings for a Christmas feast.

Annie got a toy piano keyboard and sang "Silent Night" with it. Her friend Crystal Frank, 8, got two cassettes by New Kids on the Block, her favorite singing group.

Five-year-old Rocky John got a jacket. Everybody got candy.

Parents had sent their children's Christmas wish lists to Elmendorf, where the 17th Tactical Airlift Squadron organizes the annual visit with help from the Officer's Wives Club.

This year Santa's gifts to Arctic Village cost about \$2,000, most of it raised at a chili cook-off last fall, said 1st Lt. Robert Allen, the C-130's pilot.

The Air Force's Santa trip to Arctic Village began in 1967, when the caribou herds the village depends on migrated too far away. Village leaders wrote Alaska's congressional delegation for help and the Air Force airlifted local hunters closer to their prey, Peter said.

The December flight quickly became a holiday ritual in the Episcopal village.

This year was the first that Santa's dog sled was pulled into the village by snowmobile instead of dogs, said Edward Sam, whose dogs have done the honors in years past. This year, he said, he didn't exercise them in time.

The Gwich'in are an Athabaskan Indian group, the northernmost known Indians, Sam said.

"We're a little isolated from the modern life. But we get TV that tells us everything — news about the troubled world. And visits like this are nice," Sam said.



Santa letters
NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — A group of pre-school children in New Bedford, Mass., line up at a mailbox just for letters to the North Pole for Santa at the Post Office.

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Report: Soviet economy in shambles

The Soviet Union is an utterly backward nation, as portrayed by the first Soviet-sanctioned international investigation of its economy.

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the Soviet Union, 15 million people are on a waiting list for a telephone.

Per capita income in this crumbling superpower is roughly that of Mexico, and about one-tenth what it is in the industrialized democracies.

The Soviet Union is the world's largest producer of wheat, yet loses a fifth of its crop — 10 times higher than U.S. losses — and must buy grain from the rest of the world to feed its people.

Its cows produce only half as much milk as those in Western Europe.

The Soviet Union is an utterly backward nation, as portrayed by the first Soviet-sanctioned international investigation of its economy. It lags far behind the West in virtually every facet of life, while squandering its rich natural resources and poisoning its environment.

The dispassionate, dryly-written report by the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and two major European development organizations presents a portrait of worsening and inescapable hardship for the Soviet people.

More astounding statistics from the long-awaited report, released Friday:

- A Soviet household pays only about 3 percent of its income for rent, which has remained essentially the same since 1928. That's about one-tenth what a family in a major industrialized country would pay. In a graphic demonstration of how the system has failed, the

report notes that nearly one in five families has been on a waiting list for an apartment for more than 10 years.

- In some regions, people are being exposed to environmental health risks 10 to 100 times greater than those acceptable in the West.

"Many of the industrial and agricultural regions of the USSR are on the verge of ecological breakdown, posing an imminent threat to the health of present and future generations," the investigators said.

- A recent consumer survey showed that nearly 90 percent of basic industrial goods were in short supply. But because there is practically no relationship between supply and demand, stocks of machine tools are 10 or more times higher than in countries with market economies.

- As much as 40 percent of perishable crops goes to waste. The problem? Shortages of packaging materials, storage facilities, outdated processing technology and poor transportation. What's more, soil and water are being ruined by environmentally insensitive production methods — and in the process, food is being contaminated.

- The Soviet Union has a large manufacturing sector that amounts to roughly the same pro-

portion of its gross national product as similar industries in East and West Europe. But inefficiency is rampant. The Soviets use 50 percent more energy to produce steel than the Japanese, and many factories employ two workers for every one in a similar Western job.

- The Soviet Union produces more iron ore, zinc and nickel than any other country in the world. It ranks second in production of gold, aluminum and lead; third in copper production. Yet, with the exception of production of gold, diamonds, platinum and nickel for export, the metal and mining industries "are characterized by antiquated machinery and technologies with virtually no computerization" and dwindling resources, the report found.

- It produces 22 percent of the world's oil and 40 percent of global natural gas, but the Soviet Union's coal and oil output is falling and domestic energy shortages are appearing. The report blames "outdated technologies, obsolete equipment and poor maintenance."

While other oil-producing countries have enjoyed a windfall from the spurt in oil prices brought on by the Persian Gulf crisis, the Soviet Union's oil production and exports have plummeted — denying the country desperately needed hard

currency. The investigators concluded after their six months of study that "the traditional centrally planned system has largely collapsed."

The bleak picture led the investigators to conclude that President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's recently approved economic reform plan is too vague and too slow. They called instead for the beleaguered Soviet citizens to take the bitter economic medicine of ending price controls on heavily subsidized basic commodities while accepting wage controls to speed the transition to a market economy.

While conceding that unemployment would rise and output would fall, the experts at the International Monetary Fund insisted that Gorbachev must move quickly to establish private property rights and let market forces drive reform in farming, manufacturing and the crumbling distribution network.

"Ideally, a path of gradual reform could be laid out which would minimize economic disturbance and lead to an early harvesting of the fruits of increased economic efficiency," the study said. "But we know of no such path, the more particularly given the difficult starting conditions."

While calling for technical assistance to help the Soviets in their efforts to discard seven decades of a planned economy, the study said that massive amounts of Western aid would not be useful right now.



Christmas wish
BOMBAY, India — A child expresses his Christmas wish to Santa Claus Thursday during a Christmas party for poor children at the Hotel Oberoi in Bombay, India.

Cows are udderly freezing

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — To beat the lack of heat, some dairy farmers are using cow brassieres and hair dryers to keep their animals from udderly freezing.

"You've got to try to keep a cold cow comfortable, or you're going to lose a lot of milk production," said Barry Stevens, a University of Missouri dairy specialist.

Today's forecast called for more cold weather, with highs around

zero. Some Missouri farmers use nylon mesh udder supports on animals that calved recently and have udders swollen with milk, Stevens said.

Dairy farmers are better prepared than last year, when a surprise Christmas Eve deep freeze brought temperatures of 20 degrees below zero, chilled further by 24 mph winds, he said.

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An unidentified girl takes a stroll with "Go Go, My Walking Pup". Without the furor that accompanied the Great Cabbage Patch Kid Shortage, the \$40 walking dog has become the hot, impossible-to-get toy of the Christmas season.

Toy's popularity surprises company

NEW YORK (AP) — Don't ask Macy's. Don't ask Hasbro. Don't even ask Santa Claus. And don't make any promises to the children. "Go Go, My Walking Pup" is sold out.

Without the furor that accompanied the Great Cabbage Patch Kid Shortage, the \$40 walking dog has become the hot, impossible-to-get toy of the Christmas season.

"It is a product that is impossible to find. There's not enough of them," said Thomas R. Kully, a toy industry analyst for William Blair & Co. of Chicago.

Nobody knows that better than Hasbro Industries, the Pawtucket, R.I., company that markets the 18-inch, battery-operated white Maltese on a leash.

"Go Go has run out. If there are a handful across the country, I'd be surprised," said Wayne Charness, a company spokesman.

He said about 300 people a day call the headquarters in search of the dog.

They are told that it will be January or February before the company has more Go Gos, which are made in China.

"It's very flattering when a product of yours takes off, but on the other hand, it's frustrating because we can't meet the need," Charness said.

He would not say how many of the dogs were sold, but Kully estimated sales at between \$15 million and \$20 million, compared with the \$500 million in sales that Teen-Age Mutant Ninja Turtle figures should do.

In most parts of the country, it has been difficult to find the dog since November. Lines formed early outside a Lionel Kiddie City Toys store in New York when a late shipment of the dogs arrived about a week ago. They were sold out as quickly as the purchases could be rung up on the cash register.

"We had lines in other stores in 16 other states," said Joel H. Weiner, a spokesman for Lionel Leisure Inc., the parent company of Lionel Kiddie City Toys and Lionel Playworld.

Still, he said, Go Go has not caused the kind of stir that the Cabbage Patch Kids made in 1983.

A spot check of about 20 stores in the New York and northern New Jersey area found that none had the dog and all knew about the shortage.

Triplets trying to break record

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (AP) — The Mauss triplets were so tiny at birth 90 years ago that they spent their first few hours in a makeshift incubator — their father's shoebox placed in the warming oven of a coal stove.

Maybe it was that odd start in Murray, Utah, on Oct. 16, 1900, that instilled in Vinal, Velma and Vilda Mauss the sense of humor they believe is a key to their near-record longevity.

"Vinal sounds the same as vinyl, but I came first," Vinal said Thursday.

"My sisters always had a lot of fun together," he said. "They liked

to confuse their teachers by switching seats. I had no trouble telling them apart, but my father sometimes got them mixed up."

The trio is still going strong, says Vinal Mauss, as they approach the Guinness Book of Records' mark for oldest triplets. The Massachusetts-born Caughlin triplets — Faith, Hope and Charity — were 93 in 1962 when the first died.

"We are trying to beat that if we can," said Vinal, a hardy, dapper man who looks 20 years younger than he is and still works several hours a day as owner of a newspaper distribution business in

Walnut Creek, 25 miles east of San Francisco.

Vinal, the oldest of the triplets by 10 minutes, weighed only 3 pounds at birth. His kid sisters were 2½ pounds each. But there weren't any real incubators in Murray, Utah, then, so Vinal said their doctor put them in their father's padded shoebox and placed it in the coal stove's warming oven.

The three aren't quite sure how they got their unusual names. Family legend has it a friend of their mother heard the names somewhere, and in the excitement or exhaustion of having triplets their parents agreed to them.

Believed to be the first surviving triplets in the Western United States, they were curiosities who drew crowds when they were displayed in a booth behind ropes at a Utah state fair in 1907.

"They sold pictures of us for 25 cents each," Mauss said.

They stayed close over the years, and wrote each other often when Mauss served as a Mormon missionary in Japan from 1922 to 1924 and head of the mission there from 1949 to 1953.

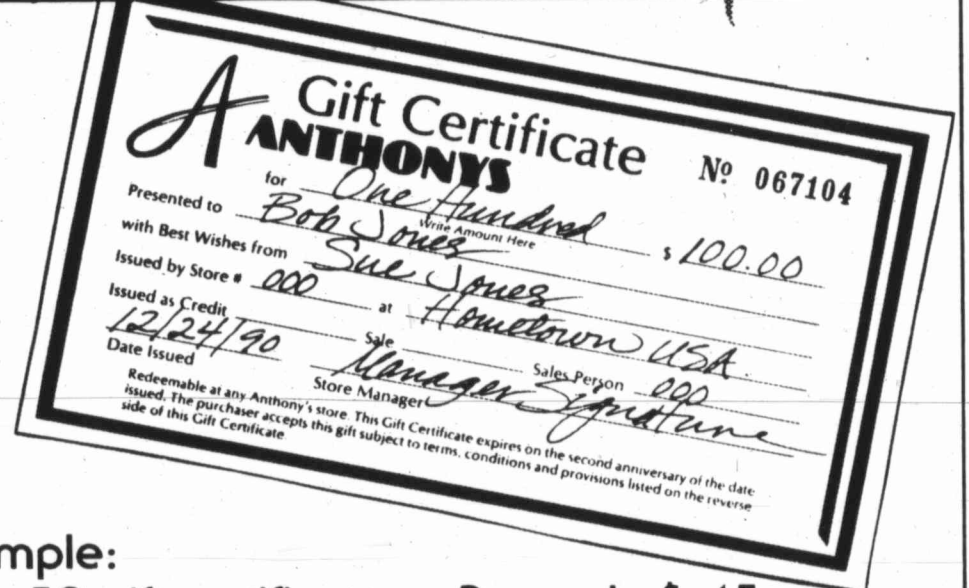
"My only regret is that I didn't get a higher education," he said. "I hoped at one time to be a doctor. I

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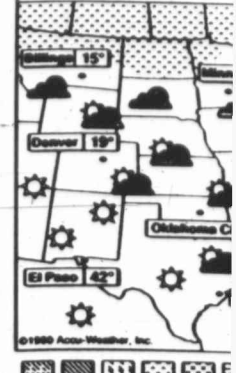
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 Q. When did the outside caroling begin?
 A. It is believed caroling started in the middle Ages when groups went from house to house by torchlight. North American date, Inc.

Calendar

MONDAY
 • Due to the holidays, the regular gospel singing cancelled.
TUESDAY
 • MERRY CHRISTMAS
 • The Salvation Army Christmas needs will be served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers to welcome. Anyone would like a meal or 267-8239.
 • The Coahom office will be closed 27th. It will be open 31st from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for those with their taxes before

Tops on

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 • RoboCop Night Movie. 8 p.
 • Always Remember You CBS Sunday Channel 2.

Sheriff

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Weather

Decreasing cloudiness through tonight, and mostly sunny Monday. High today in the mid twenties; low tonight in the teens; and high Monday in the upper 30s.

Spring board

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Q. When did the tradition of outside caroling begin? A. It is believed that outdoor carol singing started in the Middle Ages when groups of people went from house to house to sing by torchlight, according to North American Precise Syndicate, Inc.

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• The Salvation Army's annual Christmas dinner for the needy will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 304 Aylford. Volunteers to serve are welcome.
• The Coahoma ISD Tax Office will be closed through the 27th. It will be open the 28th and 31st from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m., for those wishing to pay their taxes before Jan. 1.

Tops on TV

- Guess Who's Coming for Christmas? NBC Sunday Night at the Movies. Richard Mulligan, Beau Bridges. An optimistic retiree meets a shopping center developer who claims to be an alien. 8 p.m. Channel 9.
• RoboCop ABC Sunday Night Movie. 8 p.m. Channel 2.
• Always Remember I Love You CBS Sunday Movie. 8 p.m. Channel 2.

Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:
• John Jay Flores, 19, 2911 W. Highway 80, arrested for parole violation, is being held without bond in the Howard County Jail.
• Charles Fisher, 23, HC 61 Box 307, arrested in Scurry County for issuance of bad checks, was released after a \$45 money order was received.

Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:
• Almost \$2,000 in cash was reported stolen from a residence in the 1500 block of Vines. The money was believed to have been taken sometime between Friday, Dec. 7 and Thursday, Dec. 20.
• Teresa Kay Meyers, 23, 110 E. 15th, was arrested on a warrant from Ward County for theft by check. She was later released on \$1,000 bond.
• Rosalinda Lopez Torres, 26, 1002 N. Main, was arrested and charged with two counts of theft over \$20 and under \$200. Two bonds totalling \$500 were received and Torres was released, reports said.
• Michael Dewayne James, 25, 2504 Albrook, was arrested and charged with a Class A assault, family violence. He was later released on \$1,000 bond.
• A theft was reported by a business in the 2600 block of Gregg Street. Three pair of gloves, a hat and shoes were recovered after having been stolen from the store, the report says.
• A pair of pants valued at \$33 were reported stolen from a store in the 1500 block of Gregg Street.
• An unknown amount of cash over \$750 and under \$2,000 was reported stolen from a business in the College Park Shopping Center.
• Shots were reported fired at a nightclub on South Highway 87.
• A person in the 300 block of Washington Boulevard reported having been threatened with serious bodily injury.

Commissioners approve cost study for renovations

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer
The Howard County Commissioners Court on Friday unanimously approved a \$16,000 contract for a Lubbock firm to do a cost study for mechanical and electrical renovations, which could run as high as \$1 million, to the courthouse.
It could cost as much as \$350,000 for renovations to the Howard County library, according to a report submitted by Jack Roberts, vice president of Fanning, Fanning & Associates Inc., Lubbock consulting engineers. The cost study will include both the library, built in 1936, and the courthouse, built in 1953.
"We don't think it'll cost any

more than \$16,000 for those projects," Roberts told commissioners. "We agree we won't surpass that \$16,000 unless something happens and we ask you."
In addition, Roberts said the county may be able to get financial help from the energy division of the governor's office.
The Institutional Conservation Program offers 50-50 matching grants with up to eight year payouts for improvements to utilities, he said. The Loan Star Program offers loans for utility improvements to be repaid in yearly installments from the money saved on utility bills. The \$96 million in state funds for the programs came from fines levied against oil companies.

"You may want to plan to consider that," Roberts said. "There's some good possibilities of making available these funds." He said he would assist in exploring possible grants for the county.
Savings can at least be realized in an improved cooling system, Roberts said. "I know it can," he said.
Cooling system equipment used now is 40 percent more efficient than equipment used 10-15 years ago, he said. However, those savings would be cut some because of higher costs of refrigerants and tighter federal regulations on the use of them.
Roberts said his firm will work for an hourly rate and will bill only for the actual time required to do

the cost study. They charge at least \$40 an hour for engineering fees. Charges are \$60 an hour for work by a principal engineer.
The renovations will not include asbestos removal, which will have to be removed according to law, Roberts told commissioners at a meeting last month. An abatement company will have to be brought in to do that, he said.
In other business Friday, the court:
• Voted to appoint Dr. Clyde E. Thomas Jr. as director of the Big Spring-Howard County Health District. The former director had suggested that local practicing doctor Robert Griffin be appointed.
Thomas, who is retired and had applied for the appointment, was

recommended by Coffee, who said Thomas will be able to devote "as much time as necessary" to the job. His appointment has the approval of Big Spring City Manager Hal Boyd, Coffee said.
• Approved a bid of \$26,000 by Long & Son of Big Spring for janitorial services in 1991.
• Authorized \$5,000 in expenses for West Texas Equipment to overhaul a motor on a motor grader.
• Voted to pay a \$4,274.70 ineligible bill submitted to the county indigent health care department.
• Gave permission to allow Phillips Petroleum Co. to lay a pipeline under a county right of way north of Big Spring.

Jews fleeing Russia

BERLIN (AP) — Nearly a half-century after the Nazi Holocaust, Jews fleeing the Soviet Union are looking to Germany as a land of opportunity, with many heading to the newly united country rather than the United States or Israel.
They have been pouring into Berlin in growing numbers this week, in an effort to beat a decision expected Friday that many fear will tighten rules on their entry into Germany.
Since Monday, about 125 Jews have arrived each day, compared with a total of 350 in the first half of the month, according to Berlin city officials.

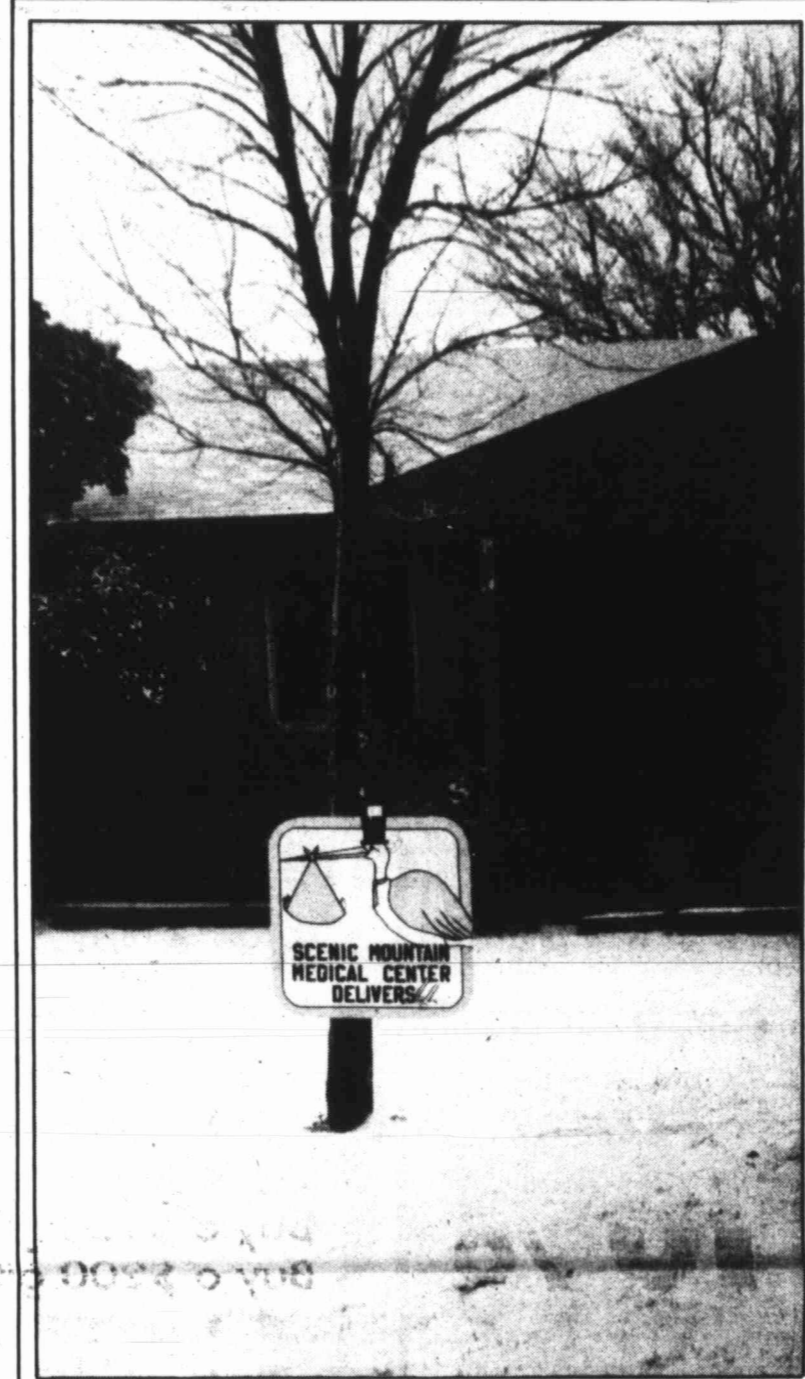
The new arrivals cite anti-Semitism as the main reason for leaving the Soviet Union, which for months has been riddled with rumors of possible pogroms against Jews.
Israeli media reported Thursday that panic has spread among the Soviet Jews and they are trying to leave their homeland by all the means available. The accounts gave no reason for the reported panic and did not say when it started.
"I am afraid of the situation of the Jews in the Soviet Union," said one woman in Berlin, who identified herself only as Ina. "People discuss Jews on Moscow's streets and in buses."
Asked to summarize the remarks, she said: "When the situation is difficult, they try to get the people they think are responsible. And they say the Jews are responsible."
Ina stood in line with more than 30 other Soviet Jews Thursday at a counseling center in a mammoth, Communist-era building in former East Berlin.

Many of the newcomers clustered together, nervously discussing the latest snatches of information gleaned from their German surroundings and the language almost none of them understood.
"Everyone has been very friendly, starting with the doorman," Ina said in English, which she said she learned at a Moscow foreign language institute.

Because it is the first major German city on rail lines from the east, Berlin is the first stop off for most of the arriving Soviet Jews. Once there, they face a round of questions to make sure they are Jews.
On Thursday, families sat together on well-worn benches waiting to be called into the cramped counseling rooms. There, they would be given an orientation before being sent to refugee housing centers.
One refugee center is a building that once belonged to the dreaded East German secret police.

Between 2,000 and 4,000 Soviet Jews have already reached Germany this year, according to Michel Friedman, a spokesman for Frankfurt's Jewish community. He says many arrived in East Germany without a visa before unification Oct. 3, making it difficult to establish a precise figure.
Along with hundreds of thousands of refugees from dozens of other countries, the Soviet Jews are straining Germany's social services. The Jews are given shelter in Berlin before being sent to other parts of the country.
Friday's meeting, in Munich, of the governors of Germany's 16 states is aimed at adopting new regulations to provide for the orderly entry of Soviet Jews. But many of the current refugees reaching Berlin say they are worried that the new rules will keep them out.

As a result, German Jewish leaders have appealed to government leaders for a "generous" quota for Soviet Jews, saying Germany has a moral responsibility to take them in because of the Nazi Holocaust, in which more than 6 million Jews perished.
The newly arriving Soviet Jews cite rising anti-Semitism as their many reason for leaving the Soviet Union.



It's a boy! Scenic Mountain Medical Center, as a special service to the parents of children born in the hospital's Special Moments program, has begun placing signs in the yards of the proud parents announcing whether the couple had a boy or girl. Mr. and Mrs. Greg Brooks, on Calvin, were one of the first couples to receive the new yard signs.

Commission to review policy

AUSTIN (AP) — After a judge questioned the way the state sets its oil production rates, the Texas Railroad Commission will consider changing the procedure.
Visiting State District Judge James Meyers said in a letter that the procedure used by the Railroad Commission to set statewide oil production is not authorized by

state law.
The commission has been setting the amount of oil a producer can produce at a statewide hearing every month.
Under a new process being drafted by commission staff, the panel would establish long-term rates for each of the state's oil fields.

Cold

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through okay. I expect that one will freeze up tonight."
A small water line break on Sgt. Paradez Street was believed to have been caused by the cold, Assistant City Manager Tom Decell said.
McDonald's of Big Spring had no running water early Saturday due to a broken water line, said head manager Jim McDonald.
"Our water was out all morning," he said. "All we could serve was juices and milk."

Travelers stopping at the restaurant found restrooms were not functioning as well, McDonald added.
The big freeze was timely again this year: as in 1989, the cold weather blast coincided with the first official day of winter.
Big Spring resident Tommy Hart said the weather was no surprise.
"I guess we'll get something like this about once or twice a year," he said. "It's expected, but it's sure not welcome."

Mideast

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obviously."
Bush, meanwhile, said that U.S. forces are battle ready.
"If there was some clear provocation 10 minutes from now, the allied forces are ready to respond vigorously," Bush said from Camp David, Md.
Cheney told the Marines who have been in the desert since August, when the American deployment was just beginning, that they now had plenty of help.
"We've got enormous forces deployed here in Saudi Arabia and we're prepared to use them," Cheney said.
Cheney appeared to have the remarks of the Army's Waller in mind when a Marine asked him about the readiness dispute and said many homesick Marines "prefer to go to war and get it over with."
Said Cheney: "We always knew the Marines were going to be ready before the Army was."
And again later, when a Navy sailor asked about reports

American forces were not ready to fight, Cheney said, "The Army may be a little slow but we know the Navy's ready."
But one of the Marine unit's senior officers, Brig. Gen. Tom Draude, said he concurred with Waller's assessment.
"I don't think you should initiate something as serious as combat until you have got everything you possibly can," Draude said.
Cheney watched the Marines practice tank-killing by light infantry, donning chemical protective suits and decontaminating tanks and other armored vehicles.
He promised them that if Saddam used chemical weapons, "our response will be absolutely overwhelming."
After a helicopter trip over the gulf — and past several vital Saudi oil installations being defended by American forces — Cheney toured the USNS Mercy, one of two hospital ships sent to the Mideast, before finishing his day with a stop on the Bunker Hill.

U.N. votes to dissolve trusteeship of islands

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council voted Saturday to dissolve a 43-year-old U.N. trusteeship over several Pacific island chains that were once a stage for Cold War rivalries.
The end of U.N. authority over the Northern Marianas, Marshall Islands and Federated States of Micronesia in the Western Pacific leaves Palau as the only remaining part of the Trust Territory. Palau continues under U.S. administration.
The vote followed U.S. assurances it would not expand military bases or presence in the region, which had once been considered crucial for the "Star Wars" missile defense program.
Cuba, one of the 15 Security Council members, cast the only vote in opposition to ending the trusteeship. Cuban diplomats cited objections by some island residents who complained about U.S. administration and alleged military objectives in the region.
The Soviet Union had for years criticized the United States as the islands administering authority, claiming it bullied the island residents and sought to establish a military-strategic beachhead in the Pacific.
But dramatically improved U.S.-Soviet relations appear to have resolved the differences.
Former President Reagan had said the U.S. army's Kwajalein

missile testing range in the Marshall Islands was "vital to our Strategic Defense Initiative," also known as "Star Wars."
However, U.S. Ambassador Thomas R. Pickering said the U.S. government had no intention of expanding the size or number of military installations on the islands.
The Marshall Islands and the Federated States had argued that elimination of the U.N. trusteeship would make it easier for them to establish diplomatic and economic relations with other states, especially Britain and European nations.
But the Northern Mariana Islands governor wrote the Security Council asking that the islands remain under the trusteeship.
The Northern Marianas are a U.S. commonwealth. The Marshalls and Federated States of Micronesia are semi-independent republics.
The Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands was established in 1947, one of 11 trusteeships established by the United Nations.
The region includes about 200,000 people scattered among more than 2,100 islands and atolls. It covers nearly 3 million square miles of the Pacific Ocean, slightly larger than the continental United States. The islands represent a land area only half the size of Rhode Island.

Fraternity suspended

SAN MARCOS (AP) — A fraternity at Southwest Texas State University has been suspended for a year by the school after its pledges were accused of assaulting two students, officials said.
Kappa Sigma also must apologize in writing to the victims and pay their medical bills, student justice director John Angell said Friday.
"I think that the university wants

all of its student organizations — including its Greek organizations — to be a positive influence on our campus," he said.
It is alleged that on Nov. 11, two students bombarded a fraternity keg party with rocks, eggs and tomatoes, then were beaten by some of the party-goers.
San Marcos is about 30 miles southwest of Austin.

Deaths

Unice Watt
Unice Verdell (Dell) Watt, 81, Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 21, 1990, at a local hospital.
Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Robert Bonnington, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.
She was born July 8, 1909, in Big Spring. She married George F. (Fred) Watt Jr. Sept. 7, 1939, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death Dec. 21, 1984. Her parents were J.H. and Rosa Harper, a pioneer family of Howard County. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She attended Centerpoint Schools. She had worked at Hemphill-Wells, and the J.K. Shoe Store. She also was a seamstress for many years.
Survivors include one son, Freddie Watt III, Big Spring; one sister, Eldora Hall, Odessa; one grandson, Brian Watt, Big Spring; and two nieces: Barbara Hall, and Larue Tucker, both of Odessa.
Pallbearers will be David Eberly, Pete Mills, Jerry Conner, Johnny Spruell, and Guy Compton.
The family suggests memorials to the St. Mary's Episcopal School, 118 Cedar Rd., Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

Rosendo Juarez Sr.

Rosendo G. Juarez Sr., 80, Ejido Benito Juarez, Mexico, father of two Big Spring and Stanton women, died Saturday, Dec. 22, 1990, at a local hospital after a sudden illness.
Services and burial will be in Ejido Benito Juarez, Mexico. Local arrangements were by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.
He was born Aug. 10, 1910, in Mexico. He married Ramona Vensor in 1932. He was a Catholic and a farmer. He was visiting family in Big Spring and Stanton for the holidays at the time of his death.
Survivors include his wife, Ramona Juarez, Ejido Benito Juarez, Mexico; two daughters: Maria Urias, Big Spring; and Rosa Acosta, Stanton; six sons: Trinsito Juarez, Manuel Juarez, Roberto Juarez, Rosendo Juarez Jr., Reimundo Juarez, and Guillermo Juarez, all of Mexico; 38 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

P.W. Malone

P.W. (Pete) Malone, 77, Button-willow, Calif., formerly of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 1990, at Mercy Hospital in Bakersfield, Calif.
Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park

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Don't worry; be warm

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Random notes while trying on my snow shoes:

I know nearly every sports fan in a 100-mile radius is obsessed with the Cowboys right now, but if you can tear yourself away from the TV for a few minutes, I'd like to talk basketball.

You know, basketball; that sport with the round ball and the guys all running around wearing shorts and doing things called slams, dunks, dribbles and behind-the-back passes.

It's really not a bad sport, this basketball. In fact, one of the neatest things about it is that girls — excuse me, women — can play it, and play it pretty darn good.

It's an exciting sport, with plenty of non-stop action, high drama and all that other stuff that's supposed to quicken the pulse of sports addicts everywhere.

Perhaps you've seen a game or two on TV when there's nothing else on beside old movies and talk shows. I imagine it must be quite strange to all you football fans to watch 15,000 or so people cram into a gymnasium, paint their faces all different colors and scream themselves hoarse over a game with no fumbles, tackles, blocked punts or — thank goodness — instant replay.

OK, OK, so I'm being just a bit sarcastic. Forgive me if you can.

It has long been a fact of life that West Texas, for better or worse, is football country. We who reside in this neck of the woods live, breathe, eat, sleep and drink football.

This is not necessarily bad. Football is a great game filled with great athletes, but it has a major, major problem at this time of the year.

You see, football is predominantly played outdoors and, as anyone living in this area for the past few days can attest, it can get awfully cold — not to mention snowy, sleety and downright yucky — at this time of year.

Call me a purist if you want, but it seems sort of unnatural for otherwise sane folks to either play or watch a football game when you can't see the yardlines for the snowdrifts.

Football was conceived as a sport to be played in the autumn, and autumn's done taken the last train for the coast. It is winter here, folks, and the number-one priority of all people — athletes and fans included — should be to stay warm.

That's where basketball comes in. Basketball, for the most part, is played indoors, and that comes in handy on those nights when you have to chip the ice off your car door lock.

I should qualify that last statement a bit. I once saw the Harlem Globetrotters play a basketball game outdoors in Germany, but outdoors basketball is just about as unnatural as playing football in a blizzard.

Since the game is played indoors, one stands a very good chance of watching the game in relative warmth and comfort. In fact, if there are enough fans in attendance — and the game is exciting enough — it is quite possible to get downright sweaty, even if it is 20 below outside.

Some people might not see that as an advantage, but you can't please everybody, right?

Other advantages to attending a basketball game are a shorter walk to the concession stands, better seats (as a rule, there are exceptions) and a better view of both the action and the cheerleaders.

Now, no sport is perfect, and basketball surely has its flaws. For one thing, there is no way you can relax for a few minutes while watching the game, especially if it's a run-and-gun team like the Howard College Hawks are playing.

Shoot, you doze off for five minutes at a Hawks game, and you're liable to miss 20 or 30 points of scoring.

Another bad thing is that if you have two obviously mismatched teams playing, the game

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GREEN BAY, Wis. — Green Bay Packers quarterback Blair Keil (10) stretches for a three yard touchdown run in the first quarter of National Football League action against the Detroit Lions. Tying to stop the Green Bay quarterback is Detroit Lions' defensive back Bennie Blades (36). Detroit won the game, eliminating the Packers from the playoff picture.

Lions end Packers' playoff hopes

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Barry Sanders ran 6 yards for the winning touchdown with 3:37 left Saturday as the Detroit Lions rallied in a sub-zero wind chill to beat Green Bay 24-17 and eliminate the Packers from the playoff chase.

In the coldest game at Lambeau Field since the 1967 "Ice Bowl" for the NFL championship, Detroit used two fourth-quarter turnovers and a 74-yard drive on a slippery field to send the Packers to their

fourth straight loss. Green Bay (6-9) dropped out of the running for the third NFC wild-card slot. The Lions, already out of the playoff picture, also are 6-9. Ray Crockett's 22-yard return of a fumble recovery — after Green Bay's Ed West caught a pass and then lost the ball while on his back — tied it at 17 with 10:42 remaining. Green Bay's Michael Haddix then fumbled at the Detroit 26 with 7:32 left and Detroit's Chris Spielman recovered. Sanders ran

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50 yards to the Packers 13 and three plays later, got loose around the right side for the go-ahead touchdown. Green Bay, behind third-string quarterback Blair Kiel, who was making his second NFL start in six

seasons, then moved the Packers to the Lions' 14. But Crockett intercepted with 1:51 to go to end the threat. Sanders carried 19 times for 133 yards to pass San Diego's Marion Butts as the league's leading rusher. Anthony Thompson's 76-yard return of the second-half kickoff gave Green Bay a 14-7 lead but the Packers couldn't hold it. Sanders fumbled at the Packers' 9 and Tim Harris recovered to stop

one Lions' drive. But Detroit came back again and reached the Green Bay 5 before settling for a 22-yard field goal by Eddie Murray that made it 14-10 with 4:38 left in the quarter. Chris Jacke, who missed from 33 and 32 yards in the first half, kicked a 25-yard field goal with 12 seconds left in the third quarter to put the Packers up by a touchdown. Game-time temperature was 2 degrees, with winds of 23 mph. • NFL page 2-B

No. seven Ohio State passes first major test

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Treg Lee scored 11 second-half points as seventh-ranked Ohio State survived its first major test of the season Saturday with a 71-60 victory over No. 12 Georgetown.

Ohio State, which trailed the entire first half, used a 12-0 run midway through the second half to improve to 8-0. The victory gave the Buckeyes their best start since 1962, when they opened 22-0.

Georgetown (6-2) was playing without leading scorer Alonzo Mourning, out with a strained arch in his foot. It was the second straight loss for the Hoyas.

Lee had 13 points, while teammate Jim Jackson led all scorers with 17. Jamaal Brown added 14 points for the Buckeyes.

Dikembe Mutombo and Charles Harrison each had 15 points for Georgetown.

Ohio State was held well below its 107-point average, and managed only 27 points in the first half. The Buckeyes, playing a ranked team for the first time this season, had won their previous seven games by an average of 44 points a game.

The Buckeyes trailed by five points at halftime and were still behind 40-35 with five minutes gone in the second half. They then went on a 12-0 run to go ahead for good.

Six Ohio State players scored during the streak, which finally ended when Robert Churchwell made a basket with 9:45 left, pulling Georgetown to 47-42.

No. 17 Georgia 79, No. 23 Texas 71
ATLANTA (AP) — Marshall Wilson scored 24 points and Litterial Green 21 as 17th-ranked Georgia forced 24 turnovers and beat No. 23 Texas 79-71 Saturday night.

The Bulldogs (7-2) built an 18-point lead 6½ minutes into the second half and withstood a rally keyed by Benford Williams that saw the Longhorns (4-3) cut the lead to 62-56 with just under seven minutes remaining.

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

The Bulldogs were leading 62-47 when Williams, who led the Longhorns with 20 points, scored 9 in a row to cut the lead to 62-56.

Williams fouled out less than two minutes later and Georgia stretched its lead to 67-56 on a tip-in by Antonio Harvey and Wilson's free throw and 6-footer from the right baseline.

No. 1 UNLV 101 Florida St. 69
LAS VEGAS (AP) — Anderson Hunt scored 21 points as top-ranked UNLV blew the game open early in the second half Saturday in a 101-69 rout of Florida State.

UNLV, winning for the fifth time



LAS VEGAS — Ohio State's Bill Robinson tries to stop Georgetown's Charles Harrison from driving to the basket in first half action Saturday.

in as many games, led by as many as 46 points midway through the second half before coach Jerry Tarkanian substituted freely and emptied the bench in the blowout.

The Runnin' Rebels opened the second half with a 21-4 run that built a 46-30 halftime lead to 67-34. UNLV's tenacious defense held the Seminoles without a field goal the first six minutes of the second half.

Stacey Augmon added 15 points and 12 rebounds for UNLV and Larry Johnson had 13 points.

Aubry Boyd had 12 points for Florida State, and Derrick Myers, Ron Miller and Rodney Dobard added eight points apiece.

No. 9 Duke 90, No. 11 Oklahoma 85
NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Ninth-ranked Duke, getting 19 points apiece from Grant Hill and Christian Laettner, snapped No. 11 Oklahoma's 51-game home winning streak with 90-85 Saturday.

Oklahoma's last home loss was against Kansas State in the final game of the 1987 regular season. The Sooners (8-2) hadn't lost to a non-conference opponent since Tulsa beat them in 1982.

The home winning streak matched Arizona's as the longest in the nation.

Thomas Hill had 16 points and Bobby Hurley had 13 — 12 in the second half — as Duke (8-2) overcame a five-point halftime deficit.

The loss spoiled an outstanding effort by Oklahoma's Jeff Webster who scored 32 points. At one point in the second half, he scored 20 of the Sooners' 29 points.

Terry Evans, who made five 3-pointers in the first half, was held to just one basket in the second. He also committed 11 turnovers. Brent Price, the team's leading scorer with a 25-point average, scored just 11.

Marshall holds off Judson

HOUSTON (AP) — Chad Fox threw three touchdown passes and D.D. Turner fueled Marshall's running attack with 194 yards on 35 carries, leading the Mavericks to the Class 5A big school state championship with a 21-19 victory over Converse Judson on Saturday.

The Marshall defense intercepted three passes by Judson's David Zunker, two of them setting up first half touchdown passes, leading the Mavericks to their first state title.

Marshall (14-2) reached the quarter-finals in 1988 and the semifinals in 1989 under coach Dennis Parker, who has been named head coach at the University of North Texas.

The Mavericks survived a late scare when Judson's Darnell Stephens returned a fumble by Turner 76 yards to the Marshall 22, setting up a 1-yard touchdown run by Randy Morgan with 10 seconds left in the game.

Judson (14-2), which won the 1983 state title, narrowed Marshall's 15-3 halftime lead in the third quarter on a 5-yard run by Kyle Arnell, who skirted left end untouched for the score with 8:26 left in the third period.

Arnell, Judson's leading rusher with 179 yards on 23 carries, ran 32 yards to the Marshall 35 and a personal foul moved to ball to the 25 before his touchdown run.

Fox, who completed 6 of 11 passes for 102 yards, put the Mavericks back in command late in the quarter with his third touchdown pass, a 26-yarder to Daily Johnson, who was left uncovered in the Rocket secondary.

Turner, who rushed for 160 yards and three touchdowns in last week's 21-0 semifinal victory over Arlington Houston, rushed 8 times for 42 yards prior to Johnson's touchdown catch.

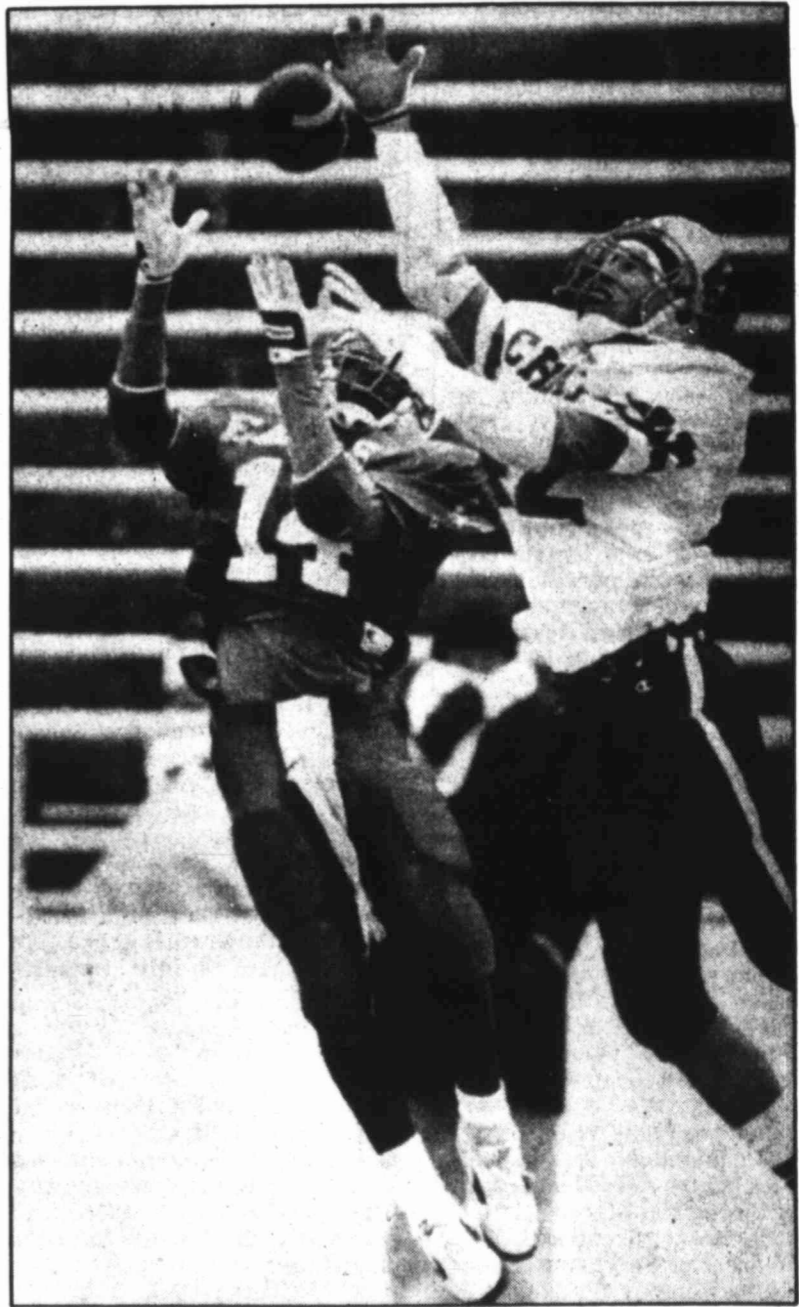
Fox had touchdown passes of 32 yards to Bo Survia and 9 yards to Tency Clough in the second quarter. Each followed Marshall interceptions and helped the Mavericks take a 15-3 halftime.

Shawn Anderson returned Zunker's first interception to the Maverick 49 to set up Fox's touchdown pass to Survia, who circled behind defender Pat Johnson for the touchdown.

Judson reached the Marshall 3-yard line on its next drive, and facing fourth down, Zunker passed into the end zone for Corey Montgomery. Terrance Shaw intercepted the ball and returned it 69 yards to the Judson 31.

A face mask penalty gave Marshall a first down at the Judson nine, and on the next play, Clough beat Judson defensive back Darnell Stephens to the end zone.

Fox then passed to Daily Johnson for the 2-point conversion. Judson took a 3-0 first quarter lead on a 37-yard field goal by



WACO — Wilmer-Hutchins' David Jones (14) and Austin Westlake's Rob Fulford jump for a pass during first half action in the Class 4A state championship football game. Wilmer-Hutchins won the game 19-7.

John Shepard. Randy Morgan's 28-yard run to the Marshall 18 set up the kick.

Judson got a safety with 7:54 left in the game when Marshall's punt attempt was centered out of the end zone.

Vernon 41, Crockett 20
BEDFORD (AP) — Derrick Richardson carried 27 times for 147 yards and three touchdowns Saturday, leading the Vernon Lions to a 41-20 rout over the Crockett Bulldogs in the Class 3A state high school football championship.

Vernon (16-0) won its first title in two state final appearances. The Lions lost last year's championship game 22-21 to Mexia. Crockett finished 15-1.

Vernon's running game, led by Richardson's touchdowns of 8, 2 and 20 yards dominated Crockett on a snowy, 15-degree day. Ver-

non had 248 rushing yards. Crockett led briefly in the first quarter when Kevin Merriweather ran for a 72-yard score on the third play of the game. The 2-point conversion run failed, leaving Crockett with a 6-0 lead.

Merriweather led the Bulldogs with 7 carries for 75 yards. Vernon's Aaron Williams scored on the 27-yard run with 4:09 remaining in the first quarter, capping a four-play, 42-yard drive. Williams' kick put the Lions ahead for good, 7-6.

The Lions struck again on their next drive with a 22-yard touchdown pass from Ken Collums to Ivory Daniels for a 14-6 lead.

Daniels caught five passes for 89 yards and Collums was 6-of-10 passing for 92 yards and one touchdown. Richardson scored his first

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Sidelines

Class A title game will be Monday

MUNDAY (AP) — Munday will play on a Monday.
 For the first time in history, a state championship football game is postponed because of bad weather. Munday and Bartlett were scheduled to play for the Class A state championship Saturday night at Pennington Field in Bedford, a Fort Worth suburb.
 But Munday is iced in and the roads around the town were closed, said Munday coach Jim Edwards. So the game has been postponed until 2 p.m. Monday at Pennington Field.

West Texas State drops football

CANYON (AP) — West Texas State University announced Saturday it is dropping its intercollegiate football program.
 The school's new president, Barry B. Thompson, in announcing the program was being scuttled, left open the possibility it could be reviewed later.
 Thompson took over earlier this month as president for embattled Ed Roach, said he believes in a well-rounded athletic program, including football.

Steers nipped by Artesia

SEMINOLE — The Big Spring Steers lost their second game of the Seminole Christmas Tournament, dropping a 84-83 decision to Artesia, N.M. Friday.
 Senior post player Louis Soldan paced Big Spring with 24 points. Junior guard Pat Chavarria added 19. The Steers hit just seven of 16 free throws, including three of eight in the fourth quarter. Artesia was 21 of 33 from the foul line.
 "We had our chances. They have a lot of guys that play. They just run up and down the court all day," said Steers coach Tommy Washington.
 With the loss, Big Spring falls to 3-13 for the season.
 The Steers picked up a 2-0 win Saturday morning with a forfeit victory over the Lubbock Coronado junior varsity. Coach Washington failed to call in the results of Saturday night's game with Seminole. The Steers are now 4-13.

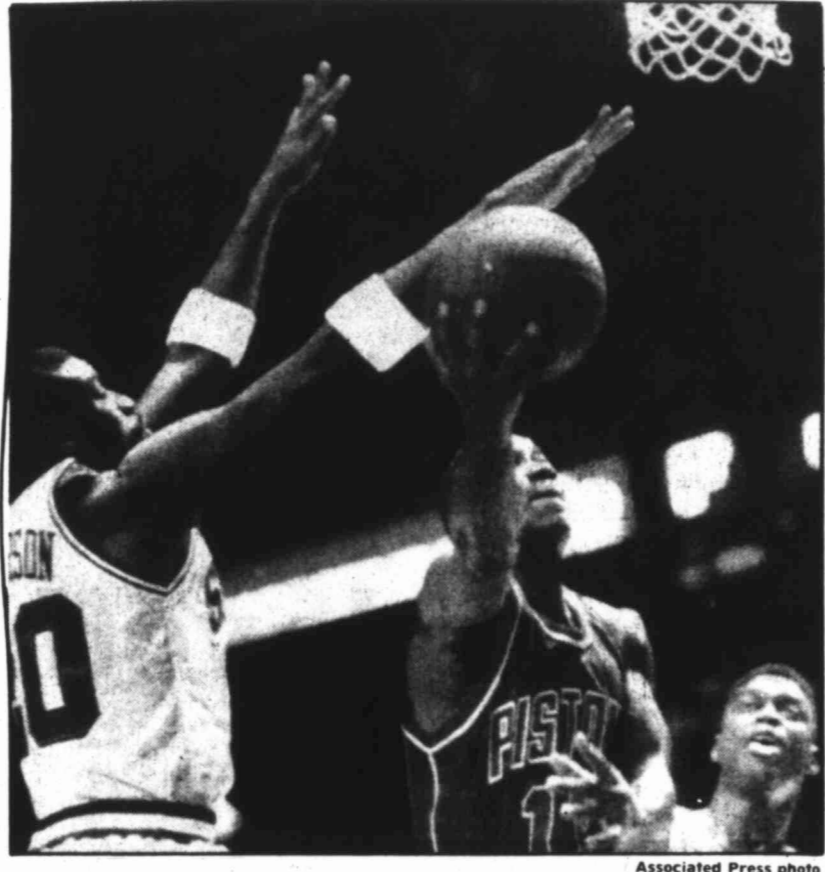
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 can be about as exciting as caulking your windows.
 But basketball's liabilities are few and far between. Even women's basketball is becoming more and more popular. Whereas old-time female contests (you remember halfcourt three-on-three?) were about as thrilling as burned toast, the modern version is a lot more fast-paced.
 Both local women's teams — the Howard College Lady Hawks and the Big Spring Lady Steers — prefer an up-tempo pace to the game. The Lady Steers have been hard-hit with injuries to key players, but still have more than a few players fond of shooting the basketball.
 The Lady Hawks, meanwhile, are currently undefeated and ranked fourth in the nation. That's fourth, as in only three junior college teams in the whole darned country are better than them.
 But if you really, really, really like run-and-gun basketball, check out the men's teams from Big Spring and HC.
 The Steers are currently 3-13, but are fast improving. Saturday, they played Artesia, one of the top teams from New Mexico, neck-and-neck before finally losing by a point. Head Coach Tommy Washington preaches a game featuring 32 minutes of pressure offense and defense, and it appears that his sermons are finally being heeded.
 As for the Hawks, well, they are about as fast-paced as you could possibly want. They, like the women, are currently undefeated and ranked in the top 10 nationally.
 And fast? Goodness, this team can run up and down the court all night long, score about 115 points each night and provide about as much thrills and chills as your average circus.
 Space prohibits me from discussing the virtues of other area basketball teams, such as Coahoma, Forsan, Stanton and Sands, but needless to say, there's plenty of sports going on for the next couple of months.
 Check it out folks. Who knows? Maybe you'll find the stuff to your liking.
 And it's a lead-pipe cinch you'll at least be warm.

Porkers going to SEC top state story

DALLAS (AP) — Sooo-iiii-eeeeee SEC!
 The Arkansas Razorbacks' defection to the Southeastern Conference rattled the windows of the Southwest Conference's office in Dallas and triggered fears Texas A&M and Texas were soon to follow.
 The Hogs, charter members of the league, announced in August that they would take away their sports teams. As it turned out, Arkansas asked permission to keep playing football in the SWC through 1991. The basketball team is out of the SWC as of March 1991.
 The decision was voted the top Texas sports story of 1990 in a survey of state newspaper editors and broadcasters.
 Weeks of speculation followed the announcement by Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles. Would the Aggies and Longhorns also jump ship?
 Both schools announced later they were dedicated to the SWC.
 The story didn't end there. Texas teams took it out on the defending champion Hogs, handing them eight consecutive whippings before Arkansas defeated probation-crippled Southern Methodist in the last game of the season.
 Next in favor with the voters was Nolan Ryan's continued march through baseball's record books. The 44-year-old Ryan pitched his sixth no-hitter against Oakland in June and the Texas Rangers' wondrous left-hander notched career victory No. 300 in July against the Milwaukee Brewers.
 Next in line was the Texas Longhorns first outright SWC football championship since 1983 after back-to-back losing seasons.
 Coach David McWilliams went from a possible firing to getting a new five-year contract for his efforts as the 'Horns stormed through the league unblemished, wrapping a nice ribbon on the year with a 28-27 victory over Texas A&M in the finale.
 Texas ended the regular season ranked third and will meet No. 4 Miami in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.
 The meeting between Texas and Arkansas in the Midwest Regional finals in March at Reunion Arena drew the fourth most votes. The SWC could boast of two teams in the NCAA final eight. Arkansas beat Texas before losing to Duke in the NCAA Final Four.
 The sudden firing of veteran Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf after nearly a quarter of a century at the school was picked the fifth best story of the year.

Odessa Permian's problems with the University Interscholastic League and the unwelcome spotlight focused on the school by the publication of the book "Friday Night Lights" was sixth.
 It was followed by the Dallas Cowboys sudden playoff surge in just the second year under Jimmy Johnson. The Cowboys stand a chance to become the first team since the 1975 Baltimore Colts to making the playoffs after being dead last the season before.



PHILADELPHIA — Detroit Pistons' Isiah Thomas drives before Philadelphia 76ers' Ron Anderson (left) and Rich Mahorn for a layup in NBA action Saturday night.

King scores 46; Bullets win

RICHFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Bernard King scored a season-high 46 points and the Washington Bullets used a collapsing defense to thwart the Cleveland Cavaliers' inside game for a 109-89 victory Saturday night.
 The win was the Bullets' third straight and fourth in the last five games. It was their first at Cleveland since April 4, 1987.
 Cleveland has lost eight of its last nine games.
 King made 12 of his 16 first-half shots, scoring 28 points to help Washington take a 59-47 halftime lead. The Bullets' defense, meanwhile, routinely double-teamed Brad Daugherty and Larry Nance, and Cleveland's guards were unable to compensate, going 4-for-21 from the floor in the half.
 The Cavaliers got within five late in the third quarter, but two layups by King and a jumper by Harvey Grant widened the margin to 11 going into the fourth period. Cleveland closed to 85-79 on Nance's two free throws early in the fourth quarter before two baskets by Grant put the Bullets comfortably ahead again.

NBA Roundup
Rockets 122, Suns 102
 HOUSTON (AP) — Vernon Maxwell scored six of his 11 points in the final two minutes of the third quarter when the Houston Rockets took command of the game and defeated the Phoenix Suns 122-102 Saturday night in the Summit.
 Akeem Olajuwon led Houston with 24 points and 19 rebounds, followed by Sleepy Floyd with 24 points and Otis Thorpe with 15.
Bucks 114, Spurs 98
 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Jack Sikma scored 29 points, including six 3-pointers, and San Antonio missed 12 of its first 14 shots in the fourth quarter as the Milwaukee Bucks snapped the Spurs' eight-game winning streak with a 114-98 victory on Saturday night.
 The Bucks, who trailed by as many as 14 in the first half, rallied for a 57-57 tie at halftime.

Milwaukee continued its hot shooting and stingy defense in the second half, building a 91-83 lead after three quarters. Sikma, 6-for-8 from long range in the game, had two 3-pointers as the Bucks opened the fourth period with a 16-7 run to take a 107-90 lead with 5:01 remaining.
 The Spurs closed to 109-96 with 2:21 left on a dunk by Willie Anderson, but that was as close as they got.
 David Robinson led the Spurs with 25 points, while Anderson scored 21. Ricky Pierce had 20 points, Jay Humphries 16 and Frank Brickowski 15 for the Bucks.
 Sean Higgins hit a 3-pointer at the halftime buzzer for San Antonio, tying the game at 57.
 The Spurs led 39-25 early in the second period.
76ers 106, Pistons 99
 PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rickey Green had a season-high 25 points and Hersey Hawkins scored all of his 21 in the second half as the Philadelphia 76ers defeated the Detroit Pistons 106-99 Saturday night.

Playoffs

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 touchdown on an 8-yard run with 10:11 to go in the second quarter.
 Crockett made it 21-12 with 8:30 left in the first half on Alvin McCullough ran for a 2-yard score.
 Lonnie Bess capped a 12-play, 75-yard drive with a 2-yard touchdown run, giving Vernon a 27-12 halftime lead.
 Richardson scored his 2-yard touchdown with 4:59 to go in the third quarter, and added his 20-yard score with 7:08 remaining in the game.
 Crockett added a score with 2:12 to go on Tony Sulewski's

6-yard run. Jamie Driskell completed a pass to Jeff Ainsworth for the 2-point conversion.
 Groveton 25, De Leon 19
 WACO (AP) — Rodney Thomas scored two touchdowns in 20 seconds and Gerald Farley got the game winner on a 46-yard run Saturday as the Groveton Indians successfully defended their Class 2A state title with a 25-19 victory over the De Leon Bearcats in a numbing cold.
 Thomas, the Associated Press Class 2A offensive player of the

year, rushed 35 times for 220 yards at Floyd Casey Stadium in light snow, 16 degree cold and a minus 8 degrees wind chill factor.
 It was Groveton's 32nd consecutive victory.
 Thomas scored on a 20-yard run in the third quarter only to see De Leon's Greg George dash 20 yards for a touchdown on the next play after the kickoff.
 Thomas, who had 3,483 yards rushing and 47 touchdowns this year, then took a De Leon kickoff and broke three tackles on an 82-yard kickoff return.

Wilmer-Hutchins 19, Austin Westlake 7
 WACO (AP) — Wilmer-Hutchins quarterback Brian Kirk and Rod Hill completed three passes and they all went for touchdowns on Saturday as the Eagles earned the Class 4A state championship with a 19-7 victory over Austin Westlake.
 The wind was 17 mph out of the north and the temperature was 10 degrees at kickoff as some 2,000 fans huddled in frigid Floyd Casey Stadium.
 The Eagles, winning their first state football title, led 13-7 at

halftime on two touchdown passes by Kirk, his only two completions in the game.
 Tight end Emmanuel Brown caught a 22-yard scoring pass in the first period and Terrod Lilly snared a 42-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter to build a 13-0 Wilmer-Hutchins lead.
 But the Chapparrals struck late in the second quarter when Garrett Clark completed passes of 21, and 10 yards before hitting Michael Bremer with a 10-yard scoring pass with 1:06 left. Chad Smith kicked the extra point on his second try.

NFL

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 That resulted in a wind chill of minus 28.
 Numbed fingers were evident immediately when Detroit's Chris Oldham fumbled the opening kickoff and Carl Bland recovered for the Packers at the Lions' 34.
 The Packers went in for their only score of the half, thanks to Ed West's 17-yard reception to the 4 that deflected off the Lions' Bennie Blades. Kiel scored on third down, just crossing the goal line to give the Packers the lead.
 But the Lions quickly tied the game. Rodney Peete passed 38 yards to Richard Johnson to the Green Bay 32. Then, on a fourth-and-4 from the Green Bay 26, Peete ran up the middle for the touchdown.
 Raiders 28, Vikings 24
 MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jay Schroeder passed for four touchdowns and 234 yards as the Los Angeles Raiders defeated Minnesota 28-24 Saturday, moving within one game of their first AFC West title since 1985 and eliminating the Vikings from the playoff race.
 The Raiders (11-4), who have won four straight, can win the division with either a victory against San Diego next week or with one loss by Kansas City, which plays at San Diego on Sunday and at Chicago next week. Los Angeles is already guaranteed a wild-card berth.
 Schroeder, who completed 10 of 15 passes, has more TD passes in

his last three games (10) than he had in his first 12 (eight). Before throwing three in each of his previous two games, he had gone 20 straight quarters without a touchdown pass.
 Colts 35, Redskins 28
 INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Rookie defensive back Alan Grant returned an intercepted pass 25 yards for a touchdown with 50 seconds left Saturday night, lifting the Indianapolis Colts over the penalty-plagued Washington Redskins 35-28.
 The Redskins (9-6) had already clinched their first NFC playoff berth in three years. The Colts (7-8) remained alive for a possible AFC wild-card berth.
 The Redskins appeared to have the game under control after two touchdown passes by Mark Rypien and four field goals by Chip Lohmiller, including a career-best 56-yarder.
 Lohmiller's fourth field goal, a 27-yarder with 4:15 to go, put the Redskins up 28-21. The Colts had to punt on the next possession, but got the ball back with two minutes to go after Clarence Verdin returned a short Washington punt to the Redskins' 37.
 Washington was called for encroachment, one of 14 penalties on the Redskins, putting Indianapolis at the 32. After an incomplete pass, rookie Jeff George then completed three straight, including a 12-yarder to Bill Brooks for the tying touchdown with 1:21 to go.

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First Quarter
LA—Fernandez 17 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick), 2:35.
LA—Graddy 47 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick), 11:25.

Second Quarter
Min—FG Revezil 28, 1:05.
Min—Carter 27 pass from Wilson (Revezil kick), 14:00.

Third Quarter
LA—Allen 19 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick), 5:17.

Fourth Quarter
LA—Horton 3 pass from Schroeder (Jaeger kick), 7:16.
Min—H. Jones 4 pass from Gannon (Revezil kick), 9:11.
Min—Jordan 3 pass from Gannon (Revezil kick), 14:45.
A—53,899.

3A Playoffs

Vernon 14 13 7 41
Crockett 6 6 0 8—2 0

Crk—Merrifield 72 run (run failed)
Ver—Williams 27 run (Williams kick)
Ver—Daniels 22 pass from Coliums (Williams kick)
Ver—Richardson 8 run (Williams kick)
Crk—McCullough 2 run (pass failed)
Ver—Boss 2 run (kick failed)
Ver—Richardson 2 run (Williams kick)
Ver—Richardson 20 run (Williams kick)
Crk—Sulewski 6 run (Ainsworth pass from Driskell)

2A Playoffs

De Leon 0 0 13 6—19
Groveton 0 3 14 8—25

Groveton—FG Newberry 32
Groveton—Thomas 20 run (Newberry kick)
De Leon—George 42 run (Stone kick)
Groveton—Thomas 82 kickoff return (Newberry kick)
De Leon—George 2 run (kick failed)
De Leon—O'Donald 76 pass from Saldivar (pass failed)
Groveton—Farley 46 run (Thomas run) A—1,500 (estimated)

Transactions

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS—Signed Derek Smith, forward, for the remainder of the season.
ORLANDO MAGIC—Activated Sam Vincent, guard, from the injured list. Waived Howard Wright, guard.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Placed Jamie Morris, running back, on injured reserve. Claimed Tim Gordon, safety, off waivers from the Atlanta Falcons.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Activated Keith Henderson, fullback, from injured reserve. Waived Bruce Plummer, safety.

SOCCER
National Professional Soccer League
CHICAGO POWER—Signed Larry Sunderland, defender, to a 10-day contract. Allowed the 10-day contract of Jimmy Ruiz, defender, to expire.

COLLEGE
FLORIDA STATE—Announced that Eric Gibbs, tackle; Jason Pierce and Brooks Atkins, running backs, will not play in the Blockbuster Bowl because they missed exams.

Individual Statistics

RUSHING—Los Angeles, Jackson 17-45, Allen 12-37, Smith 4-18, Schroeder 2-5. Minnesota, Walker 11-53, A. Anderson 5-14, Wilson 3-10, Fenney 1-5, Rice 1-5.
PASSING—Los Angeles, Schroeder 10-15-234, Minnesota, Wilson 11-19-142, Gannon 12-21-4-18.
RECEIVING—Los Angeles, Fernandez 4-41, Gault 2-17, Horton 2-10, Graddy 1-47, Allen 1-19, Minnesota, C. Carter 8-127, A. Carter 5-84, Jordan 3-53, H. Jones 3-26, Rice 2-38, Walker 1-11, A. Anderson 1-9.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Los Angeles, Jaeger 44, 46.

Lions-Packers

Detroit 7 0 3 14—24
Green Bay 7 0 10 0—17

First Quarter
GB—Kiel 3 run (Jacke kick), 4:23.
Det—Peete 26 run (Murray kick), 6:20.

Third Quarter
GB—Thompson 76 kickoff return (Jacke kick), 1:4.
Det—FG Murray 22, 10:22.
GB—FG Jacke 25, 14:48.

Fourth Quarter
Det—Crockett 22 fumble return (Murray kick), 4:18.
Det—Sanders 6 run (Murray kick), 11:23.
A—44,700.

Individual Statistics
RUSHING—Detroit, Sanders 19-133, Peete 5-25, Green Bay, Haddix 8-32, Thompson 12-71, Fontenot 3-20, Sharpe 1-10, Kiel 3-1, Woodside 2-(minus 4).
PASSING—Detroit, Peete 13-28-1-184, Green Bay, Keil 20-36-1-239.
RECEIVING—Detroit, Sanders 4-49, Matthews 3-33, Clark 3-26, R. Johnson 1-38, Campbell 1-31, Farr 1-7, Green Bay, West 7-103, Wilson 5-60, Query 3-29, Fontenot 1-14, Sharpe 1-13, Workman 1-9, Kemp 1-7, Haddix 1-4.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Detroit, Murray 41, Green Bay, Jacke 33, 32.

5A Football

Marshall 0 15 6 0—21
Judson 3 0 7 9—19

J—FG Shepard 37
M—Servia 32 pass from Fox (Pyle kick)
M—Clough 9 pass from Fox (Johnson pass from Fox)
J—Arnell 5 run (Shepard kick)
M—Johnson 26 pass from Fox (kick failed)
J—Safety, ball centered out of end zone
J—Morgan 1 run (Shepard kick)
A—10,178

Individual Statistics
RUSHING—Marshall, Turner 35-194, Judson, Arnell 23-179, Morgan 14-84.
PASSING—Marshall, Fox 6-11-0-102, Judson, Zunker 5-16-3-56.
RECEIVING—Marshall, Servia 3-55, Clough 2-21, Johnson 1-26, Judson, Morgan 3-32.

HS Playoffs

CLASS 5A (Big School)
Marshall 21, Converse Judson 19

Class 4A
Wilmer-Hutchins 19, Austin Westlake 7

CLASS 3A
First, Vernon 14, Crockett 6

4A Playoffs

Akron 79, W. Michigan 58
Alcorn 57, NE Illinois 70
Ashland 130, Dyke 48
Butler 84, Ball St. 77
Concordia, Mich. 81, Bluffton 74
Dayton 91, Bradley 81
Detroit 81, N. Iowa 79
E. Michigan 100, Boston U. 54
E. Tennessee St. 90, Cincinnati 77
Earlham 100, Wilberforce 97
Evansville 76, Samford 49
Hillsdale 91, Aquinas 72

NBA Standings

All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	21	8	.680	—
Philadelphia	18	8	.692	3 1/2
New York	12	13	.480	9
New Jersey	10	15	.400	11
Washington	10	15	.400	11
Miami	5	19	.208	15 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	17	6	.739	—
Utah	17	9	.654	1 1/2
Houston	15	11	.577	3 1/2
Dallas	8	18	.304	8 1/2
Minnesota	7	16	.304	10

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	21	8	.680	—
Philadelphia	18	8	.692	3 1/2
New York	12	13	.480	9
New Jersey	10	15	.400	11
Washington	10	15	.400	11
Miami	5	19	.208	15 1/2

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Milwaukee	18	8	.692	—
Chicago	17	9	.654	1
Detroit	16	10	.615	2
Atlanta	12	12	.500	5
Cleveland	11	16	.407	7 1/2
Indiana	10	17	.370	8 1/2
Charlotte	8	16	.333	9

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	17	6	.739	—
Utah	17	9	.654	1 1/2
Houston	15	11	.577	3 1/2
Dallas	8	18	.304	8 1/2
Minnesota	7	16	.304	10

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Portland	23	3	.885	—
Phoenix	15	9	.625	7
LA Lakers	14	9	.609	7 1/2
Golden State	14	10	.583	8
Seattle	9	13	.409	12
LA Clippers	10	15	.400	12 1/2
Sacramento	6	16	.273	15

Friday's Games

Indiana 137, Charlotte 114
Philadelphia 126, Miami 103
New Jersey 111, Cleveland 102
Chicago 114, LA Lakers 103
Detroit 113, Atlanta 87
Washington 87, New York 85
Dallas 103, Milwaukee 89
San Antonio 132, Phoenix 128, OT
Portland 117, LA Clippers 107

Saturday's Games

Late Games Not Included
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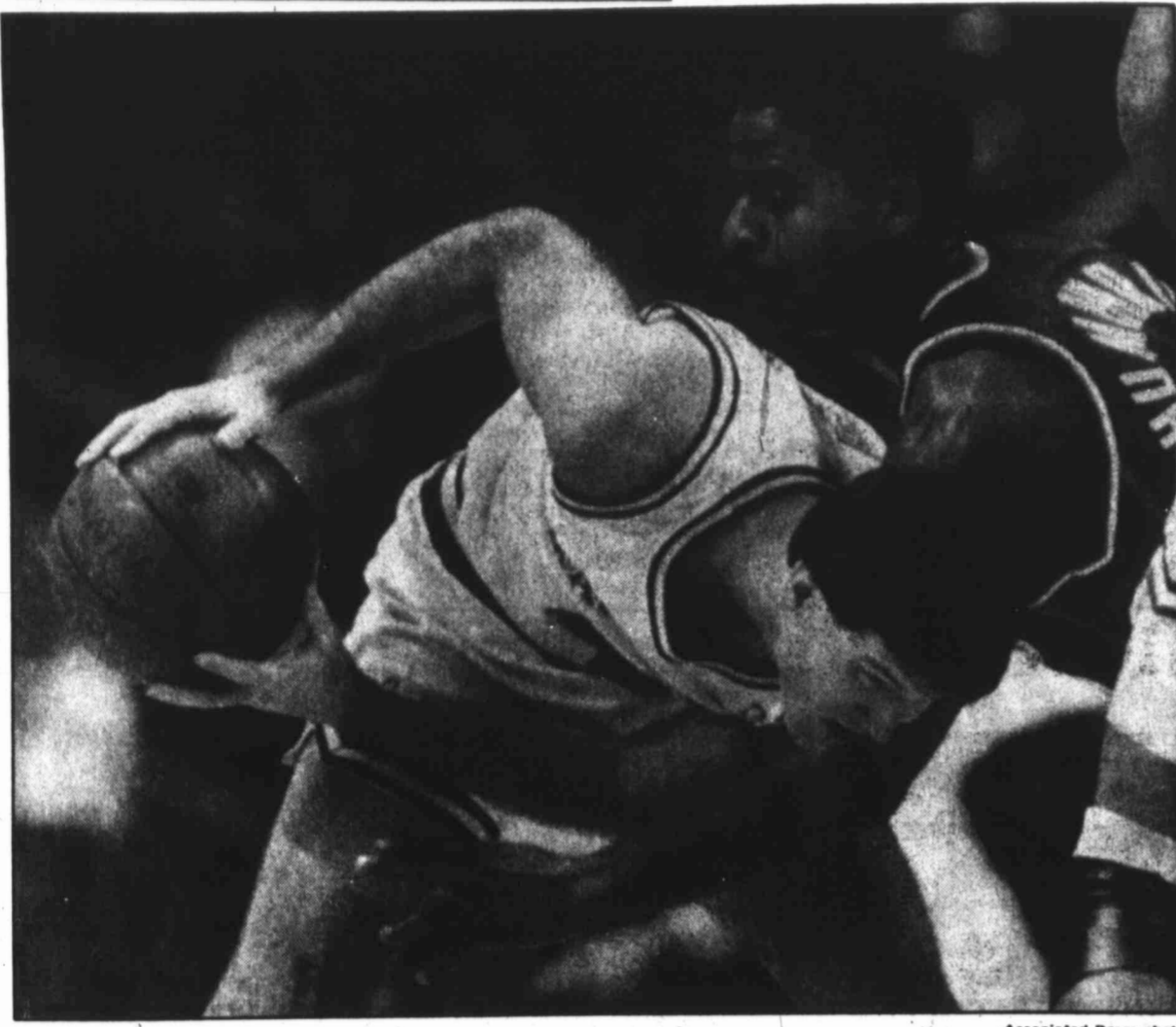
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High school hoop game called off after fisticuffs

HOUSTON (AP) — The University Interscholastic League may re-examine rules governing extracurricular sporting events in the wake of a fight between players and fans at a high school basketball game in Baytown.

A basketball game between Baytown Lee and Houston Clear Lake high schools ended with 22 seconds to play in the third period Thursday when spectators joined a fistfight between two players.

Two Clear Lake players were injured during the four-minute altercation.

"I feel sure this will be a matter that will come before the state Executive Committee because it was a stands-clearing situation and it was among members of two different districts," UIL Executive Director Bailey Marshall said in The Houston Post's Saturday edition.

"If we did have fans joining in the fight, it is the worst incident we've had this year," he said.

Marshall said the incident at Baytown Lee will be heard by the UIL's Executive Committee in January. Penalties could range

"I wish we didn't have to have those kind of rules. But what we have to be concerned about is education. I'm concerned that what kids are learning is more negative than positive. We've got three or four cases already in front of this one to be heard by the Executive Committee. We had one coach with a doll dressed like an official. The coach turned to the crowd and pulled the doll's head off," — UIL Executive Director Bailey Marshall.

from reprimand to the suspension of the players or teams involved, Marshall said.

The host team is responsible for security and crowd control under UIL rules.

Game officials asked for assistance from Baytown Lee administrators to clear the gym, but were told there was none available. There was only one uniformed Baytown policeman working security.

Clear Lake forfeited because coach Bill Krueger refused to let his team continue without proper

security. Clear Lake was leading 55-53 when the scuffle began.

The altercation could prompt UIL Legislative Council members to approve legislation proposed last year which would require the presence of at least one school administrator at every sporting event.

"I wish we didn't have to have those kind of rules," Marshall said. "But what we have to be concerned about is education. I'm concerned that what kids are learning is more negative than positive."

Hands off!

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks guard Steve Alford (left) keeps the ball away from Milwaukee Bucks' Jay Humphries during first half NBA action Friday night. Dallas won the game 103-89.

Rookie learning tough lesson

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) — When Tommy Hodson was a freshman quarterback, he didn't have to worry about what the defense was doing. He figured his receivers were so talented they'd catch the ball anyway.

It's not that easy in his first NFL season. He's playing for the New England Patriots.

They're 1-13. They've lost all four games in which Hodson has started. But he's made progress, and coach Rod Rust believes Hodson can be a successful starter in the pros.

"The evidence right now is all in his favor," Rust said. "He has demonstrated the ingredients we thought we saw in him a year ago, very tough, very competitive."

Hodson is expected to start his fifth consecutive game Sunday against the Jets in New York. He feels much more comfortable than he did Sept. 23, when he saw his first pro action in the fourth quarter of a 41-7 loss at Cincinnati.

"Sometimes it's a little bit of a struggle (reading defenses), but I think I'm progressing in that area," Hodson said. "As a freshman in college, I didn't read a defense the whole year and I got by... I just backed up and threw."

"I had an All-American receiver (Wendell Davis)," he said. "I had great players around me like (current Patriot) Sammy (Martin) and Wendell Davis."

Hodson is getting less help than he did at Louisiana State. New England's receivers have been in-

consistent, the offensive line has been weak and the team usually falls behind early, making its offense more predictable.

"It's hard to play catchup," Hodson said.

Steve Grogan and Marc Wilson shared the starting chores the first 10 games. Grogan quarterbacked the only victory.

Hodson got his first start Nov. 25 at Phoenix and threw two touchdown passes as the Patriots were tied 14-14 at halftime. They ended up losing 34-14, but he completed 17 of 29 passes for 182 yards. None were intercepted.

He has completed more than half his passes in each of his four starts and threw for a career-high 217 yards in last Saturday's 25-10 loss to Washington.

"He threw a couple of nice balls under considerable duress," Rust said. "I don't think this team is going to have the overriding, all-encompassing need (to) get a franchise quarterback. I think that Tommy's play has put that position in a very nice perspective."

Rust stood firm against calls from the media and fans to start Hodson earlier when Wilson was struggling. But the coach wanted to wait until he felt Hodson was ready. Despite Hodson's good play since then, Rust doesn't regret his decision.

"I want to be as good as the other quarterbacks in the league and I'm not right now and I want to get there," Hodson said.

He has displayed fits of temper

on the field that contrast with his mild off-field demeanor. After a second consecutive holding penalty against the Patriots, Hodson's hand-warmer fell off. Wilson tossed him one from the sidelines, but Hodson flung it down.

"I don't like us making mistakes," he said. "I don't like myself making mistakes. I don't get mad at myself. I get disappointed."

This season, the worst in team history, has been filled with disappointments for the Patriots, who haven't won since Sept. 16. They should have a decent chance of breaking their 12-game losing streak when they play the struggling Jets.

"We made a lot of mistakes against the Redskins," Hodson said, "but we played hard and were playing to win, and that was encouraging."

He was drafted in the third round. He knows that with Grogan and Wilson nearing the end of their careers, the Patriots will have to draft another quarterback soon.

"Hopefully I can play well enough where (the Patriots) don't think it's an immediate need," Hodson said. "I was just a third-rounder. If you're a first-rounder that automatically makes you good. You've still got to come in and play and play well to keep your job."

So far, Hodson has done that.

Bobby wants Iowa State

AMES, Iowa (AP) — If Indiana coach Bob Knight had his druthers, the Big Ten Conference would add Iowa State instead of Penn State as its 11th member.

Iowa State coach Johnny Orr says he'd welcome that arrangement, and he's sure football coach Jim Walden would, too.

Penn State last season agreed to become the Big Ten's 11th team. Knight opposed the move because of the difficulty of getting to Penn State, which is located at State College in the mountains of central Pennsylvania — far from any major commercial airport.

Japanese go to shotgun to combat Ivy Leaguers

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's fledgling football all-stars have been routed twice before by Americans in the Ivy Bowl. Their answer this year is the shotgun offense, and Yale coach Carm Cozza is a bit worried.

"I saw videotapes of the Japanese team's two previous games and I was impressed their vast improvement," Cozza said Saturday. "They are getting better. My greatest concern is how to defend their shotgun offense. It will be excellent football, but I am confident of winning the game."

The Yale coach is leading an Ivy League all-star team that will play Japanese all-stars on Christmas eve.

William & Mary won the first game in this series 73-3 two seasons ago and a team of Ivy League all-stars won 49-17 last year.

"The team varies," Cozza said. "For instance, we can go with a small, quick quarterback who might be more inclined to run or a lighter quarterback who can throw more effectively. We should be fairly big up front on the offensive

and defensive lines."

Chris Cochrane of Cornell, Darin Kehler of Yale and Bruce Mayhew of Columbia are all along on the trip.

For the Japanese, size difference still is their main concern.

"The gap between Americans and Japanese is narrowing but the difference in physical size remains unchanged," said coach Mikio Shinotake of Nihon University, Japan's college champion. Shinotake will coach the Japanese all-stars for the third straight year.

Jay Bloedorn of Cornell is the heaviest player on the American team at 290 pounds. Takuya Ohtsuki is Japan's heaviest at 264.

The 40 Ivy League all-stars came together on Wednesday and will not have much practice time together.

"I thought a game against Princeton at home was my last game," Dartmouth defense linesman Pete Chapman said. "But I am happy to be selected for the all-star team and play my last game here in Japan."

The game is sponsored by Epson.



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Valvano's everywhere

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Kathy Melidones and her son Nicholas 8, of Albuquerque play with their Jim Valvano masks as they sit among some of the 15,000 masks given out at the University Arena. Valvano was back in the University Arena

for the first time since winning the national championship in 1983 while coaching North Carolina State. Valvano was at The Pit working for ESPN as a commentator.

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Pokes one win away from history

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are within a victory of completing the greatest one-season turnaround in NFL history.

The Cowboys, 1-15 last year under first-year coach Jimmy Johnson, can earn a wild-card playoff berth if they beat the Philadelphia Eagles Sunday.

Dallas (7-7) is a 7-point underdog against the Eagles (8-6), who will play a wild-card game against the Washington Redskins. The Cowboys end their regular season

against the Atlanta Falcons.

To win the home-field advantage in the wild-card game, the Eagles have to win their last two, closing at Phoenix, and the Redskins need to lose one of their final games, against Indianapolis and Buffalo.

The Cowboys have won four straight, the longest current winning streak in the league, and could accomplish a few other things Sunday when they put aside the Buddy Ryan-Johnson show and play football.

They can forge their first five-

game winning streak since 1963.

They can boost their record to 8-7, best since the 1985 team was 10-6 and won the NFL East for the Cowboys' last trip to the playoffs.

They can end a seven-game losing streak against Philadelphia. Not counting the 1987 strike games, the last time Dallas beat the Eagles was 1986.

They can assure their first winning season since '85.

They can remain undefeated in December for the first time since 1979.

They can give Johnson his second career road victory over an NFC opponent.

Almost lost in the daily exchange of needling between Ryan and Johnson is Randall Cunningham's bid to break the league record of 969 yards rushing by a quarterback, a record set by Bobby Douglass for the Chicago Bears in 1972.

Cunningham has 828 yards and needs 141 in the last two games to erase Douglass' record. Douglass set his mark on a 14-game

schedule. Teams now play 16 games.

Cunningham, the leading passer in the NFC and fourth in the league, has completed 242 of 418 passes for 3,150 yards and 27 touchdowns. He's been intercepted only 10 times.

Dallas' Troy Aikman ranks 13th overall and last in the conference, but the second-year quarterback has completed 62 percent of his attempts during the four-game winning streak, going 62 of 102 for 866 yards and six TDs.

Eagles running back Heath Sherman returns after missing a week with back spasms, and defensive tackle Mike Pitts is expected to see his first action since undergoing knee surgery after the second game of the season.

Cunningham still is nursing a deep thigh bruise. Safety Wes Hopkins is sidelined with an Achilles problem.

Tight end Rob Awalt is listed as doubtful for the Cowboys.

Ryan and Johnson continued their feud last week.

NFL Standings

All Times EST										
AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East										
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA					
y-Buffalo	12	2	0	.857	290	220				
y-Miami	11	3	0	.786	299	201				
Indianapolis	4	8	0	.333	229	302				
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	237	324				
New England	1	13	0	.071	164	391				
Central										
Pittsburgh	8	4	0	.667	243	204				
Houston	8	4	0	.667	251	253				
Cincinnati	7	7	0	.500	299	318				
Cleveland	3	11	0	.214	214	406				
West										
y-LA Raiders	11	4	0	.733	320	254				
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	324	226				
Seattle	7	7	0	.500	259	264				
San Diego	6	8	0	.429	282	240				
Denver	4	10	0	.286	297	344				
NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East										
x-N.Y. Giants	11	3	0	.786	296	180				
y-Washington	9	5	0	.643	324	252				
y-Philadelphia	8	6	0	.571	354	275				
Dallas	7	7	0	.500	234	265				
Phoenix	5	9	0	.357	216	349				
Central										
x-Chicago	10	4	0	.714	311	245				
Tampa Bay	6	8	0	.429	236	324				
Green Bay	6	9	0	.400	256	325				
Detroit	4	9	0	.303	243	383				
Minnesota	4	9	0	.303	334	304				
West										
x-San Francisco	13	1	0	.929	323	209				
New Orleans	6	8	0	.429	247	248				
L.A. Rams	5	9	0	.357	315	373				
Atlanta	3	11	0	.214	302	345				
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Detroit 24, Green Bay 17										
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Houston at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.										
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Dolphins will test new Buffalo quarterback

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Miami enters this week's AFC showdown at Buffalo with Dan Marino at quarterback. The Bills have Frank Reich.

So who do you think has the edge. Miami coach Don Shula thinks it's Buffalo, which beat the Dolphins 31-17 at Rich Stadium last year. With Frank Reich at quarterback.

"All we have to do is to go back to the game there last year," Shula says. "They didn't have him and they completely handled us. It wasn't a contest."

Reich, in fact, was 3-0 in his starts for the Bills last season, when Kelly was out with a shoulder injury.

But none of the games he started was of this magnitude for the Bills, who before Kelly's injury had emerged as perhaps the best team in the AFC. It has eight Pro Bowl players, more than any other team in the league, to prove it.

If Buffalo (12-2) wins, it clinches both the AFC East title and the home field throughout the playoffs, a big advantage considering the weather in Rich Stadium in January. But if the Bills lose, they fall into a tie with the Dolphins (11-3) and lose any tiebreaker because they lost the first meeting, 30-7, at Miami in September.

Moreover, the Bills have a tough closer, at Washington, while the Dolphins play host to the Colts.

So a victory without Kelly is imperative.

"I'm just trying to take it the same as I would any other game," Reich says. "To say that I would prepare differently for this game than I would for playing another game, then I would be saying I'm taking it easy some weeks. In the NFL, you've got to get ready 16 weeks out of the season."

Meanwhile, the final two weeks of the NFL's first 12-team playoff season begin with just four berths still to be decided — one in the NFC and three in the AFC.

In Saturday games, Detroit was at Green Bay, the Los Angeles Raiders were at Minnesota and Washington was at Indianapolis.

In Sunday games, Houston is at Cincinnati; Cleveland at Pittsburgh; Dallas at Philadelphia; New England at the New York Jets; the Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta; Tampa Bay at Chicago; Kansas City at San Diego; New Orleans at San Francisco; the New York Giants at Phoenix; and Denver at Seattle.

Houston (8-6) at Cincinnati (7-7)

Cleveland (3-11) at Pittsburgh (8-6)

Just what everyone expected when the schedule was drawn up — the AFC Central head-to-head in the next-to-last week. Only Cleveland's demise detracts from the division showdown.

Houston and Pittsburgh have the most direct path. If each wins this week, its game next week would be for the division title. Pittsburgh also can clinch a wild card this



TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay Buccaneers' wide receivers Willie Drewry (87) and Mark Carrier (88) celebrate after Carrier caught a touchdown pass from Vinny Testaverde in the second quarter

last Sunday in the Bucs 24-13 win over the Minnesota Vikings. Today the Bucs will play the Chicago Bears. The Bears won the first meeting, 24-6.

week if it wins and Seattle and Cincinnati lose.

Cincinnati has been erratic and quarterback Boomer Esiason remains hobbled by a pulled hamstring, although that didn't keep Sam Wyche from playing him at wide receiver for a play in the 24-7 loss to the Raiders last week.

Wyche, whose team could win the division if it wins its last two games and Pittsburgh loses, is looking at the bright side after Warren Moon's near-record 527 passing yards for Houston last week.

"You figure they're not going to have two 500-yard days in a row," he says.

Pittsburgh, which lost to Cleveland 13-3 on opening day, is in position to make the playoffs despite going without an offensive touchdown in seven of its 14 games, including last week's 9-6 victory over New Orleans, in which Gary Anderson's three field goals beat Morten Andersen's two.

But the Browns, who snapped an eight-game losing streak by beating Atlanta last week, probably will be without quarterback Bernie Kosar, who bruised his right thumb.

New York Giants (11-3) at Phoenix (5-9)

The beginning of the Jeff Hostetler era for the Giants, who ensure one win or a Chicago loss to ensure themselves a first-round

bye and home field in the second game.

The Cardinals are the one team that knows Hostetler and vice versa. He beat them 20-13 last season in one of his two starts in seven years, and came off the bench for the injured Phil Simms earlier this year to lead the Giants to a last-second 20-19 victory.

"You've got to prepare for him like you prepared for Randall Cunningham because scramblers are the ones who kill you," Cardinals coach Joe Bugel says of Hostetler, whose legs may be more dangerous than his arm.

Tampa Bay (6-8) at Chicago (10-4)

Chicago, which beat the Buccaneers 26-6 in Tampa, is one of those M-A-S-H-ward teams — not only is quarterback Jim Harbaugh out (Mike Tomczak starts), but so is running back Neal Anderson, the team's MVP this year.

Still, the Bears more or less know their position — unless they win two and the Giants lose to Phoenix and New England (1-13), they'll play a wild-card game at home the first week. There's even a chance — a long one — that that wild-card team will be the Buccaneers, whose 26-13 victory over Minnesota last week in interim coach Richard Williamson's debut kept them marginally alive.

Kansas City (9-5) at San Diego

Young will relieve Joe Montana some at quarterback in the last two games.

New Orleans probably wouldn't mind playing San Francisco without Montana, who rallied the 49ers in the last minute to beat the Saints 13-12 the first week of the season. New Orleans has one task — to win its last two games, then hope the right teams lose to allow it into the playoffs.

"The last two years we were 10-6 and 9-7 and didn't get in, and here we are 6-8 with two games to go and we still have a chance," coach Jim Mora says. "That's unusual, but crazy things happen in this business."

Los Angeles Rams (5-9) at Atlanta (3-10)

Now that the Falcons are at their customary spot in the standings, Jerry Glanville isn't so cute any more. Not only has Atlanta lost 18 straight on the road, but it's not doing very well at home either.

With Chris Miller out and Scott Campbell a question, the Falcons may start Hugh Miller at quarterback and activate Gilbert Renfro, who's been cut four times this season. "One way or another, we have to have two quarterbacks ready," Glanville says.

The Rams will have Jim Everett, who is several levels above those two. But all he can do is try to bring a satisfactory ending to a dismal season.

New England (1-13) at New York Jets (4-10)

If the NFL wanted to, it probably could call off this game for lack of interest. In fact, it may be Tommy Hodson against Troy Taylor at quarterback for at least part of the game — the Jets' Bruce Coslet says he may use his rookie for the first time.

One other note — if New England loses, as it did to the Jets 37-13 at Foxboro, Mass., 12 weeks ago — it will wrap up the first pick in next year's draft.

Denver (4-10) at Seattle (7-7) (Sunday night)

The Seahawks remain in contention for a playoff berth, although they need to pass Pittsburgh and perhaps Houston to qualify. Denver is long gone, although it broke its six-game losing streak last week by beating San Diego 20-10.

Ironically, it might pay for the Broncos to lose — they could drop as many as seven places in next year's draft with consecutive victories.

Colorado LB has rough trip

MIAMI (AP) — All-American linebacker Alfred Williams missed Colorado's team plane to Miami for the Orange Bowl, had two flights canceled and finally arrived more than 12 hours late and with an upset stomach.

"I don't think flying is his favorite thing to do," Coach Bill McCartney said.

Williams, who was vomiting when he finally reached the Buffaloes' hotel Saturday afternoon, was sent to bed and missed their first workout. McCartney said he hopes Williams will be able to practice on Sunday.

Top-ranked Colorado will play No. 5 Notre Dame on New Year's night in a game that could decide the national championship. The Fighting Irish, who beat Colorado in last season's Orange Bowl, will arrive Christmas night.

While Williams finally arrived, another player was sent back to Boulder. Eric Hamilton, a backup safety and the team's leading tackler on special teams, will miss the game for disciplinary reasons.

McCartney said Hamilton was arrested in Boulder last Nov. 30 on a charge of driving under the influence. The arrest was not previously publicized, and Boulder police refused to comment on the matter Saturday.

"I didn't know about it, and somebody called it to my attention after we got here," McCartney said. "I confronted him and he admitted it, so I sent him home."

Williams, a senior and captain, missed the Buffaloes' flight because he thought the team buses to the Denver airport left Boulder at 4 p.m. Friday, when in fact the plane took off at that time, McCartney said.

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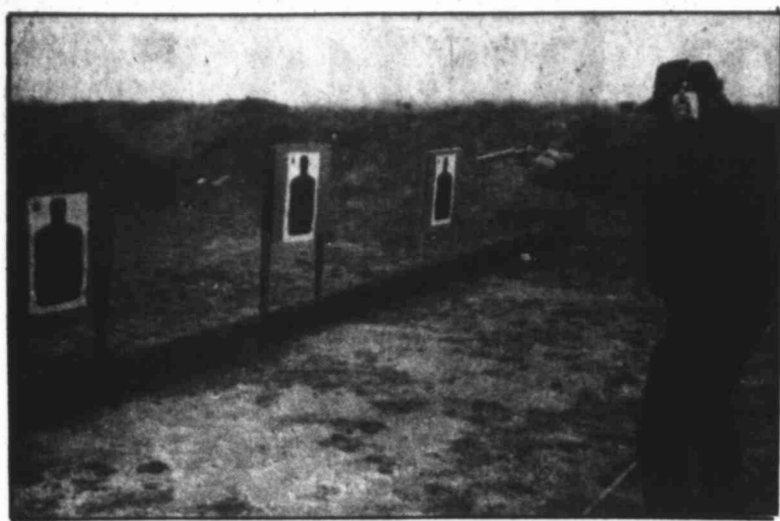
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Western Sportman's Club president Keith Whiteside takes aim at the club's Practical Pistol Course competition last Sunday. The club has four timed competitions during the month. The competitors shoot at 3, 7, 14 and 25 yards and are scored on how fast they fire from target to target. Trophies are awarded to the 1st and 2nd place competitors in each class, 22 rifle or center fire. Whiteside is using a .357 magnum, center fire pistol.

CRMWD lakes end suspension of fees

By JOE PICKLE
For the Herald
Suspension of fees at Lake O.H. Ivie will end soon, and the regular schedule for all Colorado River Municipal Water District Lakes will take effect Jan. 1.
Surveys conducted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department indicate the fingerlings introduced last year have experienced good growth, with a good possibility of some "keepers" next summer.
Richard Halfmann, lake superintendent, has announced the Concho (south) and James Padgett (north) recreation areas will be open to camping Jan. 1. There will be no hour schedule, boat ramps and toilet facilities are at each area and additional picnic units will be brought in and roads open to those units.
Fees are \$2 adult (17 to 65 years of age) daily; \$20 individual annual; and \$50 annual for up to 10 guests. Permits are available at Ridge Rock Grocery and Nick's Bait Shop near the Concho bridge on FM 1929, and Voss Grocery on FM 503.
"When Lake Ivie was opened to the public Sept. 29, CRMWD directors elected not to impose fees for the balance of the year in appreciation for cooperation and patience of

the people in the area," said Ernest Lillard, administrative assistant. "Our operations are financed by sale of water, so we try to make recreation support itself insofar as possible. Fees and regulations will apply alike at Lakes J.B. Thomas, E.V. Spence and Ivie," he said.
Those interested primarily in viewing the lake and dam will have access to the Observation Point on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to sunset. The observation point may be reached by turning off FM 2134 a mile and a half north of Millersview and going east on a country road three miles, then north a mile and a half to the District's airstrip, and then two miles to the sight.
After closing the dam last April, Bill Follis, marine biologist with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in San Angelo, and aides stocked the lake with 1/4 million Florida large-mouth bass, small mouth bass, Crappie, and channel, blue and flathead catfish. Some of the bass have reached 10 inches in length. Follis is asking for a larger stocking this year, since the lake now has 95,000 acre feet of water. All state regulation apply, except for an 18 inch minimum for bass.



Catfish capture
Associated Press photo
Catfish workers harvest the whiskered fish at a farm in the Mississippi Delta. While catfish are gaining popularity across the nation, higher fish prices and increased demands from laborers are predicted to change how the industry is run.

Winterizing your boat prevents spring problems

By MARK WEAVER
The very best way to prepare for springtime fishing is make sure you properly winterize your boat now. And there is a lot more to winterizing your boat than just throwing a cover over it.
A properly winterized boat will make life a whole lot easier in the spring when fishing once again heats up.
Many anglers mistakenly think that proper winter boat storage consist of taking care of just the boat. While there are important considerations for protecting the boat, it's the outboard motor which can cause the headaches after winter's thaw.
There is no substitute for following the manufacturers requirements, so be sure and follow those closely. Here are a few tips which will help protect your investment.
Make sure you change the gearcase oil and replace all filters including the fuel filters.
All fittings should be properly greased and make sure there is no water in the gas tank. Should you find any water in the tank, make sure it is cleaned.
The engine should be covered for winter storing.
The quickest way to make a two year old boat look old is improper

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winter storage. Whenever possible, store your boat in a garage. However, this often isn't possible so here are a few tips for proper boat storage.
Even the best boat cover can allow a little water to enter, so make sure the boat sets properly for easy drainage. Don't try to save a few bucks on a cover either. Any size boat is a big investment these days and a good quality cover is a great investment.
Make sure that all water in the livewells is drained. Even small amounts of water can cause big problems when it freezes.
It's a good idea to remove any depthfinders or related electronics for the winter. Moisture can find its way into this type of equipment and freezing temperatures won't help at all.
Last, but certainly not least, remove your batteries from the boat and be sure to charge them every once in a while.



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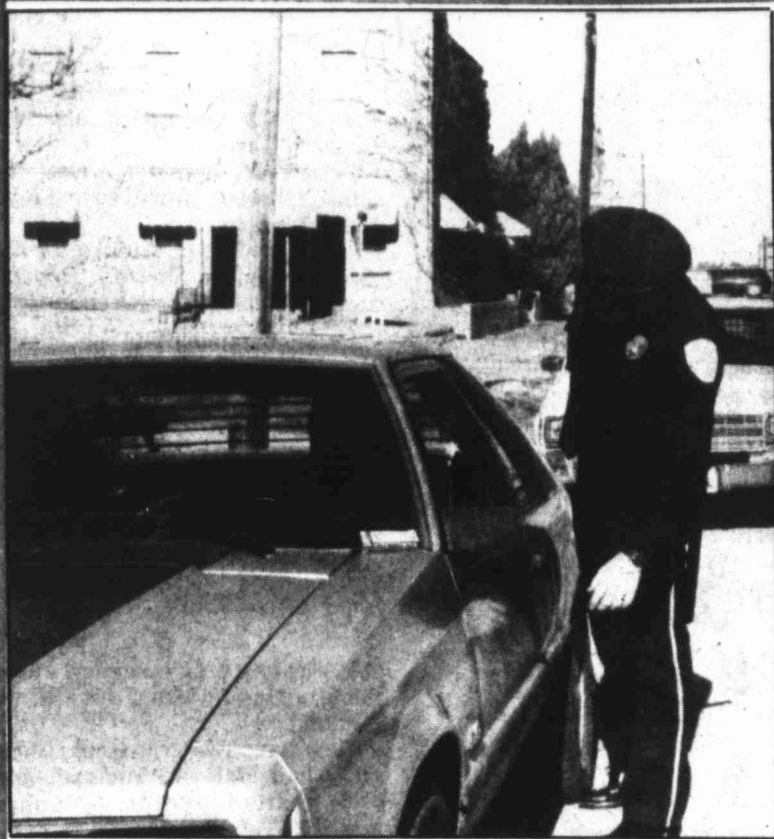
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Big Spring Police Department patrol officer Mike Chestnut stops a "suspect" in this mock driving while intoxicated arrest.



Bail bond, license suspension, fines — is driving while intoxicated worth it?

Herald photos by Linda Choate

DWI: Was that last drink worth it?

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

The scene is familiar: The red, blinking rotary lights of a police car stopped behind a motorist. A police officer stands by the driver's side window of the car, flashlight in hand.

But this time it's different. This time the officer is looking at you. You were out celebrating at a holiday party. You had a good time, a couple of drinks, and now you're driving home. Before you know it, you may become one of the hundreds of people arrested locally every year for driving while intoxicated.

Big Spring Police Department statistics show that December is a busy month: 22 arrests were made during the month last year, and as of Dec. 17, 10 persons had already been arrested for the offense.

DWI arrests have increased by 160 percent since last year, the report stated.

But let's go back to you, in the automobile the officer observed weaving recklessly on a city street a few minutes earlier.

The officer will probably ask for your license and registration. While you're finding them, he will check your car for signs — a beer can or bottle of alcohol tossed carelessly in the back seat.

If there's reason to suspect that you have been drinking, the officer will ask you to get out of the car. Then he'll conduct a series of "field sobriety tests."

If you stumble, sway and slur words, the officer may decide to place you under arrest and take you to the station. He will ask if you want to take an intoxilyzer test, which measures breath alcohol content.

Once you've been handcuffed and "frisked," the officer will put you in the back of the patrol car. If your car is parked safely, he may leave it there. If not, he'll radio for a tow truck.

At the station, you'll be "booked." The officer will tell you exactly what your rights are, and he'll ask you to complete a form DIC-24, a Police Officer DWI Statutory Warning. There should be no doubt in your mind at this point that you are under arrest.

Then the officer will ask you to

try those sobriety tests again.

Everything you do and say is being videotaped by a camera located in a corner of the room. That tape may be used as evidence if your case goes to court.

After a brief interview — "Have you been drinking? What did you drink?" and other questions — you will take the intoxilyzer test. Keep in mind that a refusal to take the test can result in an automatic suspension of your license for up to 90 days.

When you blow into the intoxilyzer test tube, a certified officer will measure the approximate level of alcohol in your breath. Although .10 percent is the official designation of intoxicated, a .08 percentage or even less may make you drunk and thus, unfit to drive, said Sgt. Robert Fitzgibbons, a certified intoxilyzer operator.

Your property will be inventoried and you will be placed in the holding cell, commonly called the "drunk tank." All DWI offenders must stay at least four hours, even when bond is posted.

You will be fingerprinted and photographed by the jailer. If a conviction follows the arrest, the entire event will stay on your record with the Department of Public Safety.

If there is time, you'll be allowed to make a phone call before you are locked up. If not, they'll bring you out later. You may want to call a bail bond company.

Bonds for DWI begin at \$1,000, increasing with every offense. Your third driving while intoxicated conviction is a felony offense.

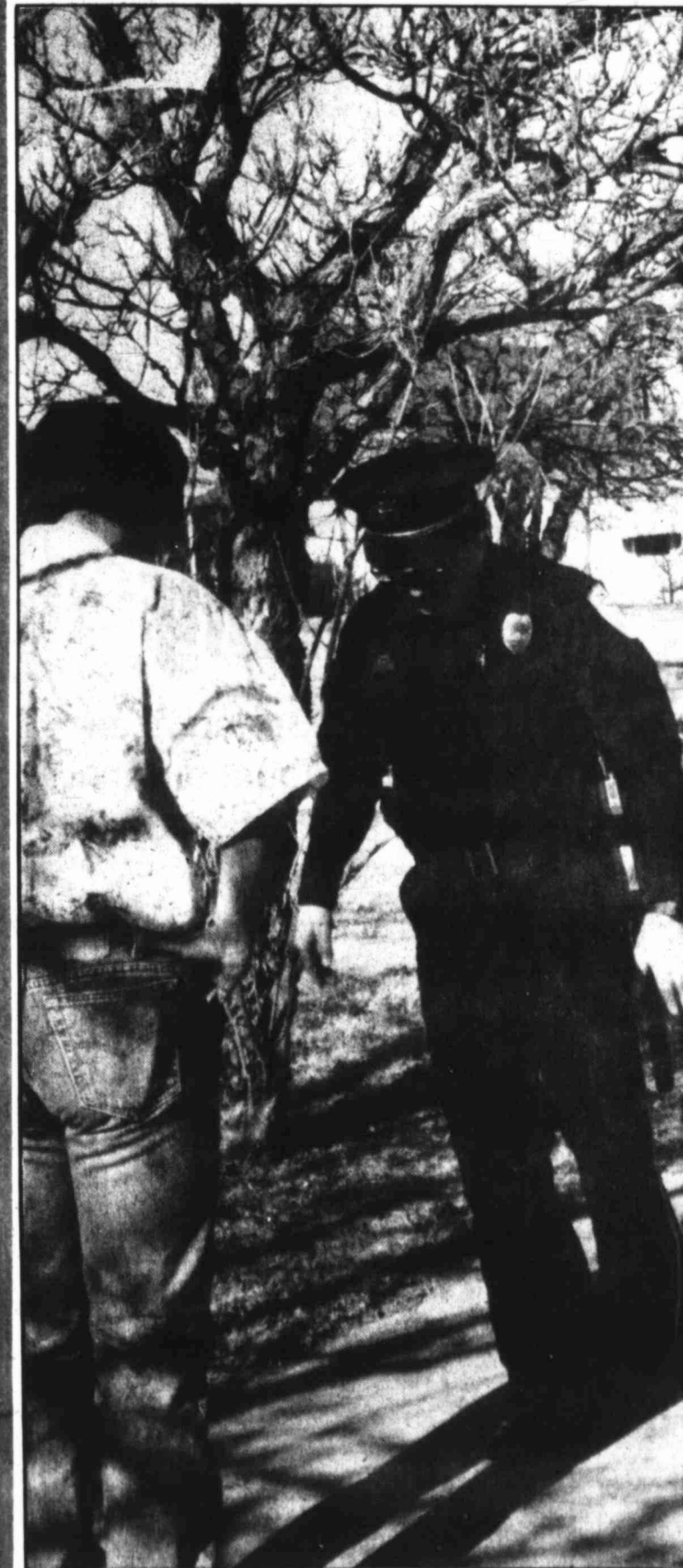
After legal fees, fines, tow truck payments and the rest, a DPS report estimates that even your first offense can cost from \$3,200 to \$17,000. That's why they say you can't afford a DWI.

Punishments inevitably include the suspension of your driver's license for a period time. Some judges will add forced participation in an alcohol treatment program, as well as fines to varying degrees.

As you sit in a cold, stark holding cell, staring into the face of a conviction for driving while intoxicated, that party may not look like such a good time anymore.



While you find your license and registration, the officer will look for signs that you've been drinking.



Officer Chestnut demonstrates one of several field sobriety tests.



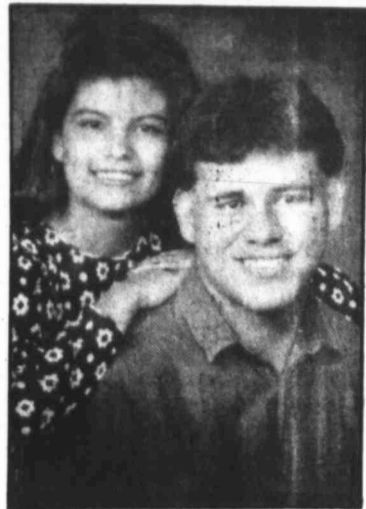
If you can't perform these tests, an officer suspects you may be impaired.



The "suspect" tries to walk a straight without wobbling.

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Engaged



COUPLE TO WED — Mr. and Mrs. Fidel G. Saldivar, Monahans, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nelda Yvette Saldivar, to Ronnie G. Ontiveros, son of Mrs. Lena Ontiveros and the late Chon Ontiveros. The couple will wed Dec. 29 at an 11 a.m. service at St. Thomas Catholic Church.



COUPLE TO WED — Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Wheat, 901 Mountain Park Dr., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lee Elise Wheat, Midland, to Shane Kail, Midland, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.E. Kail, Midland. The couple will wed June 22 at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. Kenneth Patrick officiating.

DATE SET — Robert and Mary Langford, Snyder, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Langford, Snyder, to Shawn Justiss, Snyder, son of Johnny and Barbara Justiss, Coahoma. The couple will wed Dec. 29 at First Baptist Church, Snyder, with the Rev. Don Taylor officiating.

Wedding

Bomar-Wilson

Dena Bomar and Wayne Wilson were united in marriage Dec. 20, 1990, at a 6 p.m. ceremony at Midway Baptist Church, with the Rev. Jack Clinkscale, pastor of Forsan Baptist Church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Lanell Bomar.

Bridegroom's parents are John and Donna Wilson, Forsan.

The couple stood before an archway decorated with white flowers and teal and wine-colored ribbon. Ficus trees on each side completed the setting.

Pianist was Velma Ruth Wood. Vocalist was Nancy Wood.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore an ivory formal-length gown with a train attached at the waist. The train was adorned with ruffles, bows and lace. The "V" bodice was covered with lace, sequins and pearls. She wore a veil fashioned of baby's breath attached to the netting.

Maid of honor was Peggy Calhoun, Big Spring.

Bridesmaid was Debbie Mahlmann, San Antonio.

Best man was Kenny Duffer.

Groomsman was Lewis Boeker.

Ushers were Rocky Schrecengost and Robert Wash.

After the wedding, a reception was hosted at the church. The bride's table featured a three-tier white wedding cake decorated with fresh red roses between layers. The cake also was decorated with



MRS. DENA WILSON

teal ribbon and baby's breath. The bride's bouquet served as the centerpiece. The bridegroom's cake was German chocolate.

The bride, a graduate of South Garland High School and Angelo State University, is a sixth-grade teacher for the Coahoma Independent School District.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Hyssem High School, Montana, is employed by Forsan Oil Company.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple will make their home in Forsan.

Newcomers

Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service welcomed several new residents to Big Spring.

Ronald and Debbie Dickson from San Antonio. Ronald is territory manager for Blue Bell Creameries Inc. They are joined by their son, Jeffrey, 21 months. Hobbies include singing, crafts and ceramics.

Jimmy and Evelyn Hill from San Angelo. Jimmy is a cement pump operator for Halliburton Services. They are joined by their children, Carol and Donna, 17. Hobbies include golf, bowling and fishing.

David and Jennifer Lucas from Spring Valley, Calif. David is employed by Power Resource.

They are joined by their daughter, Amanda, 2 1/2. Hobbies include bicycles, golf and fishing.

Worth and Barbara Lee from San Angelo. Worth is an acid pump operator for Halliburton Services. They are joined by their daughter,

Lisa, 23. Hobbies include art, crafts and car mechanics.

Rick and Jackie Hill from Albuquerque, N.M. Rick is retired from the U.S. Army. Jackie is a nurse's aide at Mountain View Lodge. They are joined by their daughter, Deanna, 14. Hobbies include racquetball, bowling and sports.

Jeffrey Locke from El Paso is employed by the Federal Prison Camp. Hobbies include jogging and weightlifting.

James and Ruth Vineyard from Holly, Mich. James is retired from Fina Oil & Chemical. Hobbies include church, reading and sports.

Jesse and Margarita Ontiveros from Midland. Jesse is employed by Pool Well Service. They are joined by their children, Daniel, 10, and Jessica, 6. Hobbies include reading, fishing and camping.

Mary Serrano from Ft. Worth is a cook at Sonic Drive-In. Hobbies include reading and handcrafts.

Anniversary

The Jack Shaffers

Jack and Rachel Shaffer, 2000 Alabama St., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 15 at a dinner in San Angelo, hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Phyllis and Jeff Turney, and their granddaughter, Amanda Turney. The couple also was honored Dec. 16 at the home of Jim and Georgie Newsom, 1206 Nolan St.

Shaffer was born in Cass County. Mrs. Shaffer, the former Rachel McKee, was born in Howard County.

The couple met at a party in April 1940, and married Dec. 14, 1940 at the home of the Rev. R. Elmer Dunham, former pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Big Spring.

The Shaffers have two children: Phillip Shaffer, Denison; Phyllis Turney, 2208 Alabama St.; one



MR. AND MRS. JACK SHAFFER

granddaughter, Amanda Turney. During their marriage, the Shaffers have lived in Big Spring. Shaffer was in the Air Force during World War II and was stationed at

Big Spring Bombardier School; Chanute Field, Ill.; Morrison Field, West Palm Beach, Fla. They also lived in Lamesa in 1950.

Shaffer is a real estate broker and appraiser for Shaffer Real Estate Sales and Appraisals, 2000 Birdwell Lane.

Before going into business for himself, he was employed by Lloyd F. Curley Inc.

After 20 years of working for the Howard County Sheriff's Department, Mrs. Shaffer retired in 1985.

They are members of Trinity Baptist Church.

When asked to comment about their marriage, they said, "We are thankful for 50 years together."

Hobbies and interests include their home, children, families and church.

The Joe Matlocks

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Matlock celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday with the reaffirmation of their wedding vows at Midland Christian Fellowship, with Bro. Dan Schiel officiating.

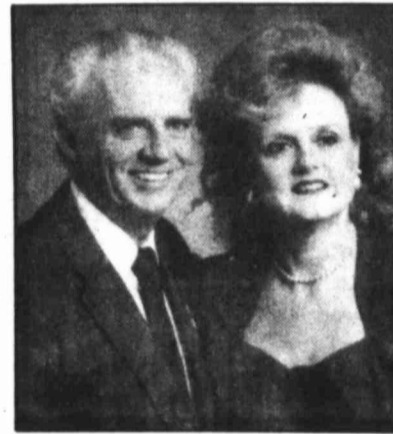
The couple was attended by their two sons and daughter and their spouses, Benny and Candy Matlock, Kevin and Tina Matlock, and Rory and Katrina McKinney, all of Midland.

Special music was presented by Shari VonHoff, Darrell Schiel and Katrina McKinney.

After the ceremony, a reception was hosted in the fellowship hall.

Matlock is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Matlock.

Mrs. Matlock, the former Sheila (Sam) Allen, is the daughter of



MR. AND MRS. JOE MATLOCK

Kay Allen, Big Spring, and the late A.J. Allen.

The Matlocks were married Dec.

23, 1965 at a 4 p.m. ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Finis Martin, Midland.

They have two grandsons, Chris and Chad Matlock, Midland, and one granddaughter, Jeannie Matlock, The Woodlands.

Matlock retired from the Midland Police Department in August 1988, and began serving as sergeant of Youth Services at the Midland County Sheriff's Department that same year, where he is presently employed.

Mrs. Allen is a homemaker. She was employed in the oil industry for several years and serves as president of the Midland Sheriff's Auxiliary.

Both are actively involved at Midland Christian Fellowship.

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Home economics and advertising

By NAOMI HUNT
County Extension Agent

With the holiday season, consumers are bombarded by advertisements, which are designed to sell a product or service, and their effects are felt by children, teens and adults.

Exposure to an effective advertisement can make it difficult for a consumer to approach the purchase of a product from an objective, analytical perspective. Advertising serves many beneficial purposes for the consumer. It may introduce consumers to a new product or sale price, increase competition, help lower prices, encourage merchants to stock new products, spur the marketing of new products, support free press, or help ensure consistent product quality.

And it is often entertaining. Along with positive impacts are possible negative influences of which a consumer should be aware. Advertising can add dollars



Crystal, Rebecca & Amber Choate

to the cost of a product. It may also use persuasion to convince a consumer to spend money unwisely or purchase a product without appropriate investigation.

Advertisements, especially those directed at children, may be camouflaged as information or impartial entertainment. Advertising often uses appeals to emotions. It may appeal to the need to belong or the desire to be the best one can be; it may play on insecurities or fears; it may aim directly at the desire for happiness or physical pleasure; it may use sex appeal to sell products, or it may emphasize costs or quality when appealing to

the consumer's desire to get a bargain.

By being aware of which emotion an advertisement is tapping, consumers can be better prepared to decipher the actual information being provided. Actual information covers facts such as style of the product, color, size, weight, shape, quantity in a set, where the item is available, who makes the product, price and purpose. Analyzing the ad for emotional appeal versus factual information will provide a basis for decision making.

Critical viewing of advertising involves asking questions like these:

- What information does this ad actually give me?
- What does the advertiser want me to think? Is that true?
- Is the ad intended to be factual or emotional?
- What is it about the ad that make me want to buy the product?
- Do I need the product?
- How does this ad help me?

Congratulations, Penny



Best of Big Spring

The Business Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Penny Speaker as the December recipient of the "Best of Big Spring" award.

Penney, a Radio Shack employee for almost two years. Penny has been married to Robert Speaker for 15 years. She has two daughters, Kimberlie and Ruthann. Her hobbies are crafts and work. Penny was thrilled to be a winner and she "thanks" everyone!

The Business Committee will continue to accept nominations at the Chamber of Commerce office from anyone who feels they have found that "extra special employee."

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Residents attend Humane Society grand opening

By LEA WHITEHEAD
For the Herald

Politicians, civic leaders and social figures gathered to tip a glass of punch in celebration, and nibble on cookies baked in the likeness of dog bones and fish.

The occasion was the grand opening of the Big Spring Humane Society's new shelter on West I-20.

Dr. David Rickey was among the first to arrive.

"I'm just here to look," he said, adding that wife Judy "gave me strict orders not to bring home any more cats!"

Others came to pick out a special companion.

"We want to get a watchdog," one couple was heard to say — and soon a large red chow picked them out.

Among guests were Stan and Sue Partee, who donated the land and building for the shelter, and Dorothy Garrett, a long-time Humane Society benefactor.

Commissioner Bill Crooker, who has worked tirelessly in behalf of his four-legged constituents, was there with wife Joyce.

Humane Society volunteers are to be congratulated for this roomy facility and the TLC they dispense to the homeless animals.

Marj Carpenter, former resident and Herald staffer who has many friends here, writes that she has just returned from another trip to Russia in connection with her job as world-wide press relations chief for the Presbyterian Church.

Marj, who is headquartered in Louisville, Ky., is a candidate for new president of the National Press Women's Club, Washington, D.C.

For the holidays she will be in Dallas with the family of her son, Jim Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Johnson Jr., expect to have their family together here for the Yuletide.

The Ben F. Johnsons, II, will come in from Pine Bluff, Ark. A member of the University of

Tidbits



Arkansas at Pine Bluff faculty, Ben expects to receive his Ph.D. in May.

Dr. and Mrs. Van Johnson, Casa Grande, Ariz., will also be here for the holidays. Formerly on the faculty of Midland College, Van is now dean of instruction for Central Arizona College.

Friends and co-workers "and even some that I saw in court" gathered to bid adieu to Municipal

Court Judge Gwen Fair, who will leave soon to return home to Washington, D.C.

"December is no time to be moving to Washington, D.C.," Gwen quipped.

Police Chief Joe Cook presented Gwen with a genuine BSPD badge, encased in lucite. As she held it up to her right shoulder, Joe reminded her the badge goes on the left side.

Among those sharing dips,

cheese and cake were Morris Robertson, Karl and Betty Schoenfeld, Marinette Teague, China Long, Gail Earls, Ema Lee Bogard, Martha Calvio, Irene Calvio, Peggy Crooks, Boyd Carson, Pat Porter, Amy Hernandez, Lonnie Smith, Terry Jenkins, Karen Singleton, Tom Ferguson and Dana Paredes.

Also Bob and Brenda Moore, Hal Boyd, Richard Perez, Terry Hudson, Jackie Seay, Bonnie Bennett, Cathy Porras, Norma Rizer, Pat Deanda, Bob Smith, Manette Ussery, Bill and Dene Sheppard and so many more.

Tina Atkins, Ginny Matyka, Mary Miller and Carolyn Freeman wore merrily decorated white sweatshirts and black shorts to welcome friends to the holiday

open house at Big Spring Skipper Travel — one of the many corporate parties dotting social calendars this week.

McCutcheon Oil Company's 10th annual open house was canceled this year, much to the disappointment of hundreds of regular guests.

The date sneaked up on them. "Everybody just got too busy," a spokesman said. And there was a small matter of a sagging roof caused by recent rains.

Rodney Martin has been out of pocket lately.

He has been busy working in the oilfield near Dilly (that's not far from San Antonio), according to wife Amy. This is the field where they're pioneering horizontal drilling.

Amy says it's a tiny town of about 2,500 — just a cafe and some cheap motels — but it's booming.

Christine Freeman is expecting holiday visitors.

Her son, Gen. Carl Franklin and wife Edith, will drop by on their way to Reese Air Base, Lubbock, where Carl is scheduled to give the commencement address at ceremonies in which their son, Greg Franklin, will graduate from pilot training!

Christine also expects her daughter, Clara Chisholm, in from Arizona. Clara's daughter, Dawn, and David Meinharat with Kyle; and Clara's son Ed and Marie Chisholm, all of Dallas, will add to the family gathering.

Edith Franklin and Clara Chisholm are both sisters of John Freeman.

Former residents Bob and Christy Ray, Odessa, hosted a reception for family and friends at their home to celebrate daughter Rhonda Overman's graduation from UTPB. Rhonda is married to Brent Overman, son of D.W. and Jane Overman.

"My son and grandsons — Chance, Chad and Chris — are enjoying her success," said Jane.



Police Chief Joe Cook presents Municipal Court Judge Gwen Fair with a genuine BSPD badge Thursday during a reception in the judge's office.

Herald photo by Lea Whitehead

Sidelines

1905 Hyperion Club meets

The 1905 Hyperion Club met Dec. 13 at First Presbyterian Church, with Mrs. Flynn (Grace) Long and Mrs. Wayne (Lucy) Bonner as hostesses.

Twelve members answered roll call by sharing "My Favorite Christmas Song."

Mrs. Harlan (Doris) Hujbregtse introduced the Rev. Flynn Long, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, who read a Christmas story, titled "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," by Barbara Robinson.

The next meeting will be Jan. 17 at the home of Mrs. Clyde (Annie Matt) Angel.

Menus

BIG SPRING SR. CITIZENS MONDAY and TUESDAY — Center closed.

WEDNESDAY — Country fried steak; buttered carrots; okra and tomatoes; cornbread; peach half; milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken and noodles; buttered beets; squash; ice cream; milk.

FRIDAY — Beef stew; green beans; tossed salad; corn bread; apple cobbler; milk.

Military

Lewis T. Hinojos Jr., son of Mrs. San Juanita Hinojos, 1802 Goliad, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six week basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Airman Hinojos will receive technical training in the inventory management specialist career area.

Airman Lewis is a 1990 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Drive carefully.

HC pecans do well at regional show

By DON RICHARDSON
County Extension Agent

Results were received at our office this past week from the Western Regional Pecan Show in San Angelo, Tex. In that city the week previous, Howard County entries did very well in the most competitive regional show in Texas.

Wanda Petty, a member of the Howard County Horticultural (Urban Agriculture) Extension Program Area Committee and a member of this year's county pecan show committee, was awarded the second place award in the very competitive Burkett Variety Division. Petty, a Sand Springs resident, won the top spot of the Burkett entries at the recent Howard County Pecan Show. Her entry was selected as second place winner over 14 other entries that had qualified for the regional show from counties throughout the West Texas Area, an area that encompasses all counties from Wichita Falls to El Paso and up through the Panhandle area.

Official statistics from her entry included the following: Nut size (nuts/lb.) — 51.20; percent edible kernel — 56.43; weight of 10 nuts — 88.60 grams; weight of edible kernels — 50.00 grams; color of kernel — golden.

Bennie McChristian, Big Spring, had a Variety Seedling that placed third in its division over 11 other entries in the regional show. Its statistics included: Weight of 10 kernels — 68.40 grams; weight of edible kernels — 42.20 grams; color of kernel — golden; nut size (nuts/lb.) — 66.32; percent edible kernel — 61.70.



Ask the agent

W.R. Campbell, Big Spring, also won a third place at the regional show with his Cherokee entry. Statistics for his entry included: Weight of 10 nuts — 73.90 grams; weight of edible nuts — 37.30 grams; color of kernel — light brown; nut size (nut/lb.) — 61.38; percent edible kernel — 50.47.

A fourth place winner in the Mahan Division was awarded to Big Spring resident Wayne Johnson. His entry weighed out at 118.00 grams for 10 pecans with 61.80 grams kernel weight and graded golden in color. His pecans calculated at 38.44 per pound with a 52.37 percent kernel weight.

Other Howard County exhibitors with entries qualifying for the regional show included Mrs. Bettye McChristian, Davie Stephens, George McClesky, and Roy Hester. Petty, McChristian and Campbell entries will advance to the state pecan show to be held later in 1991.

We appreciate all the support we have for the Howard County Pecan Show by our local growers. Each year our quality of show improves and this is the result of our growers intensifying their management programs in striving to produce a higher quality product not only for

their own satisfaction but, in most cases, their customers. Pecan

shows are educational experiences for such producers. Many of the top winners come from single tree owners from their backyards who just enjoy growing top pecans.

Regardless, however, all types of producers make up county pecan shows everywhere and they all participate to learn how to improve their product... but perhaps, and it may be most important reason of all, and that is the opportunity such shows present for such persons who share a common interest to come together to share experiences with each other and to just have fun.

We, of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the local Howard County Office of that organization, appreciate the producers we work with here in Howard County for their support of all our educational program efforts, their assistance in planning such programs and implementing them throughout the year... not just with pecans and horticultural programs but in all our agricultural, 4-H, home economics and community development programs as well. Our hats are off to all you... the committee members, program participants and office callers and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to assist you through our program efforts and we want to wish you, on behalf of all our staff members, Naomi Hunt, Gail Earls, Kim Sanders, Ricky Spencer and myself a most Merry Christmas.

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Plant lover digs for reason why someone stole her fern

DEAR ABBY: I have always had a deep love for all living things. I have a house full of thriving plants.

About five years ago someone gave me a half-dead Boston fern. I took it home, repotted it, watered it and gave it plenty of love. (Boston ferns are very hard to grow.) It lived and grew into a huge, lush, thriving plant.

Every year, after the last frost, I put it outside. After being indoors all winter, it would grow like crazy! I kept it outside on my picnic table all summer. By the end of October I would bring it back inside for the winter, and it would be just beautiful.



Dear Abby

Well, last Monday somebody stole my plant in broad daylight! Abby, it was in a 50-pound flowerpot. I cannot begin to tell you my shock and hurt. How could anyone be so low?

I hope that whoever took it knows how to care for it, because Boston ferns are very fragile and need lov-

ing care. Abby, why in this world would anyone want to steal a plant? Perhaps if you put this in your column, the thief will bring it back. — MOTHER EARTH

DEAR MOTHER EARTH: Sorry about your plant, but please don't hold your breath until the thief returns it. You ask why anyone would want to steal a plant. "Elementary, my dear Watson." A thief will steal anything that isn't nailed down. And, if a thief has the time and the tools, also things that are nailed down.

I doubt that a plant lover stole your plant. In all probability it was stolen because it could be sold for a few dollars to another crook who

buys stolen merchandise to sell to sleazy characters who ask no questions.

DEAR ABBY: Please correct me and a host of friends and relatives on "new tradition." We have a longtime family member and friend who are giving a 40th anniversary party. They have rented a banquet room and are charging \$35 per person to attend.

Friends and family members are livid because we feel that an anniversary party should be given at their expense (if they are giving it) or someone else's expense if someone else chooses to give it, and

then have a money tree for those who want to put money on it. They are making this a very formal affair, but the invitations that we received are photocopied fliers, which I think is totally tacky.

I have heard that this is a "new tradition." Please inform the world of this new tradition (if there is one) and also inform a handful of cheapskates if it is not. — CONFUSED ON TRADITION IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFUSED: When a party is given to honor someone, the person (or people) who gives the party pays for it. It is not uncommon for a group of close friends to get together and organize a "no

host" party where everyone pays for himself. But for a family member to plan a party and bill each guest for his or her share of the party is tacky.

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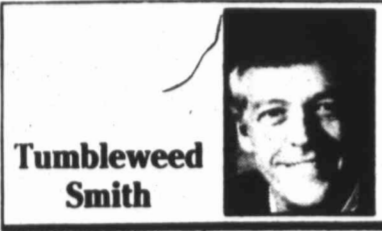
Fraser successful at family, business and skiing

Troy Fraser of Big Spring is a family man, has a successful business and serves in the Texas House of Representatives. He's also one of the best skiers in the state. He learned to ski while living in Colorado a few years.

Troy races on skis about twice a month during the winter. He would do more if he didn't have to make a living and serve the people in his elected position. He has several trophies and plaques to show for his ability on the powdery slopes. Troy is just getting into the ultimate thrill for a skier: helicopter skiing.

"You're in untracked snow," says Troy, "and it's real deep powder usually in extreme conditions. The only way to get to places like that is by helicopter. The helicopter takes you to the top of a mountain, you get out, put on your skis and ski down as far as you can go, then repeat the process about five times in a day."

Sometimes the runs can be as far as five miles long. Winds at those high elevations of



Tumbleweed Smith

13,000 feet or so are treacherous. "It's difficult for the helicopter to land and when you get out you have to lie down flat. They just throw your skis out and as soon as your skis hit the ground, the helicopter takes off because it's having trouble hovering where it is. The helicopter seldom touches the ground because it's snowing and foggy. I've had to put on my skis while lying down because the winds were so strong I couldn't stand up."

Helicopter skiing is not for beginners. In fact, it's limited to extremely proficient skiers who are seeking thrills and challenges in their sport.

Troy was in a group of 11 people

who went helicopter skiing in Canada. He was the only American. The others were from Austria or Switzerland. Colorado and Utah offer helicopter skiing, but the best place for the sport is in the Bugaboos, just outside Revelstoke in Canada.

"It's extremely cold," says Troy. "When we were skiing it stayed about thirty degrees below zero. Because it's so cold, the snow stays real fresh and fluffy. That's a perfect condition for skiing."

Helicopter skiers have to carry an emergency locator with them at all times because there is a constant threat of cave-ins. "You can have an avalanche and get covered up and the other skiers have to know how to read the locator. The closer you get to the skier, the faster the beep. You have to punch into the snow with your poles to try to locate the skier, which might be buried 15 feet. Avalanches are quite common. We were always digging somebody out."

The helicopter is a Huey Jet that holds all 11 skiers and the pilot plus

a guide which accompanies each group of skiers. The guide goes ahead of the skiers and checks for avalanches and even starts avalanches to eliminate the threat of danger.

A normal ski area wouldn't do for helicopter skiers, who ski down steep slopes in national forests high in the mountains. They seek out places where nobody with good sense would go.

When it's foggy and windy and snowing real hard skiers can't see very far in front of them. "We skied into trees a lot because visibility was so poor," says Troy. "Once I missed a turn, went off a crevice and flew down about twenty feet into an embankment. The snow was so powdery I did a front flip, landed on my skis and kept going."

Troy admits there's a certain amount of risk in helicopter skiing. "But like anything that's fun, the degree of difficulty increases with the amount of opportunity to have fun."

Humane society

Pet of the Week: "Ceasar" is a solid black Persian mix. He is a neutered male with gold eyes.

"Romeo" is a large ash gray neutered male. He is very loving and is declawed.

"Corky" is a calico Japanese bobtail. She is gold, black and white with tabby markings. Her tail is a short spiral; she is also very affectionate.

"Raisin" is a very small solid black kitten. He is around six weeks of age. A great stocking stuffer.

"Bridgette" is a red dachshund. She has a short, sleek coat and is an indoor housebroken dog.

"Bonbon" is a very small solid black dog. She has a medium length coat and is very sweet.

"Bernard" he is a St. Bernard

mix. He is a large, black, brown and white dog. He has a square muzzle and medium length coat, male, about 10-11 months of age.

"Scraggles" is a gray and white terrier mix. She is a smaller dog and loves people.

"Peaches" is a rat terrier mix. She is brown, white and black spotted; very small adult.

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Shoplifting a growing threat

NEW YORK (AP) — Retail pilferage or shoplifting is getting more expensive for retailers and consumers, according to a report issued by a New York-based marketing communications company.

Losses to retailers are building to some \$9 billion annually, notes the report from the Howard Mariboro Group. Pilferage also costs every

American consumer about \$300 annually in the form of increased prices stores charge to cover their losses and the added expenses for pilferage prevention.

According to the FBI's most recent Crime Index, shoplifting accounts for an estimated 15 percent of all larcenies. This figure has been growing steadily, up 35 percent over the past four years.

Sunshine Singers and Kings Kids Choirs perform

Dec. 9 was an exciting time for the children of the First Baptist Church as well as their proud parents. The musical "Arch the Angel of the 91st Airborne Division" was performed by the Sunshine Singers and the Kings Kids Choirs.

Those kids are Mandi Waldrip, Micah Brannon, Mica Merrell, Genece Brannon, and Tanya Smith.

Patrick Spear, Sagan Everett, Calen McPhaul and Krystal Blankenship. The First Baptist church invites the public to hear the Sunshine Singers II Choir sing today.

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A Christmas pageant, titled "The World's Greatest Christmas Gift" was presented Dec. 16 to the Plainview Baptist Church members and visitors.

The young cast included Lynn Boyd as Joseph, Amber Kelley as Mary and Amanda Lee as Baby

Jesus. The shepherds were Chuck Lee, Bubba Limmones, Stacey Johnson, Michael Howell and Brian Wilkinson. The angels at Jesus' birth were Stephany Boyd, Misty Kinley, Katy Lee, Stephany Lee, Brian Limones, and Kelly Wilkinson. Shane Kelley, Robert Johnson and Keith Wilkinson posed as the three wisemen.

An adult choir accompanied the play in song, they were Donna Boyd, Ina Bowen, Junior Camp (Innkeeper No. 2), Doris Dockrey, Barbara Green, Jack Garnigan, Bo Kelley (Innkeeper No. 3), Grace Howell, Brenda Kelley, Floy Law,

Kathy Lee, Geneva Wise and Harry Dockrey (Innkeeper). Essie Bushart directed the play as well as the choir. Modell Shurtleff and Fern Culbertson accompanied on the organ and piano.

Community event

Everyone was invited to the events that took place last weekend at the City National Bank. On Monday employees and customers alike were treated to a few Christmas carols played by the Colorado High School Band.

The Community Choir sang Tuesday; the Middle School Band had their chance to perform Wednesday morning. Mrs. Janet Mayo's first grade class entertained the listeners with some songs Thursday. Beautiful sounds of a bell choir echoed through the bank as the First United Methodist Bell choir played Friday. Santa Claus was the special attraction Friday afternoon.

Birds know how to survive dreadful cold weather

(AP) — Winter is for the birds — and they know how to survive it.

The birds of winter are equipped to survive the worst weather nature can deliver, according to an article in the current issue of Sports Afield, with cold-weather systems that exhibit an amazing degree of efficiency.

The great horned owl, for instance, thaws food like a living microwave. Researchers William G. George and Robert Sulski saw great horned owls crouching on frozen carcasses, using their body heat to thaw the meat so they could eat it.

Grouse develop horny comblike

growths and ptarmigan dense mats of stiff feathers on their toes that they use like snowshoes. Both birds easily walk on snow to reach twigs and buds.

They escape predators and severe weather by diving into snowbanks. Biologist John Madson found that when grouse roost under two feet of snow, their body heat boosts the temperature of the chamber as much as 60 degrees Fahrenheit higher than that of the outside air.

The exposed legs and feet of waterfowl, pheasants and turkeys are warmed with a countercurrent heat-exchange system in which the

arteries in the limbs run alongside the veins. The returning cold venous blood is warmed by the arterial blood, reducing heat loss.

Jays, nutcrackers and crows, all members of the corvid family, hoard food. In autumn, when seeds and nuts are plentiful, they cache food in crevices.

Even tiny black-capped chickadees are winter wonder birds, "not the suburban wimps that some people think they are," said Margaret Clark Brittingham, a biologist who studied chickadees for three years at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Chickadees are dynamos with

extremely high energy levels. They must consume 20 times more food on cold winter days than on warm to maintain a body temperature of 108 degrees Fahrenheit, avoid predators and have enough fuel to survive winter nights.

Brittingham said the chickadees she examined in early morning had virtually no visible body fat. Those birds, examined later the same day, had masses of fat around their sternums.

To protect themselves during winter nights, most birds seek the shelter of thick vegetation or retire to tree or rock crevices.

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Reviving newborns

(AP) — Delivery-room physicians are now able to intervene aggressively if they detect a problem with a newborn's breathing or heart.

"Increased awareness and technical advances have allowed us to save a growing number of lives," said Dr. Karen Hendricks-Munoz, director of the Division of Neonatology at New York University Medical Center.

One out of 10 newborns in the United States requires some type of intensive care.

Most delivery suites now have artery and vein lines in place to administer medication and test blood in case of an emergency. Many hospitals include resuscitation areas within delivery suites, as well as a neonatologist, a specialist in newborn care.

"Babies born prematurely are rapidly provided with a tube that helps ensure the lungs receive sufficient oxygen," Hendricks-Munoz said. If their heart rates are low, infants receive artificial respiration and may be given stimulants such as epinephrine.

"Very small premature infants who have problems breathing receive assisted respiration within minutes of birth," she said. "Glucose is administered very early if a baby has had episodes of decreased blood flow and decreased oxygen. Nutrition is important from the beginning."

Many of the newborn's needs are better understood today. Delivery suites used to be kept cool because the adults are gowned. "We now know babies tend to lose a lot of

warmth into the environment," she explained. "Delivery suites are now warmed by overhead lamps. Warmed towels and hats wrap the baby and prevent decreases in temperature."

As a result of these developments, the widely used Apgar test is becoming of less diagnostic value in determining when to start or continue assisting an infant with breathing or heart problems.

"Now that physicians have tools to intervene immediately, they no longer have to rely on a test done at five minutes," Hendricks-Munoz said. "They continuously evaluate a newborn every 30 to 60 seconds. New tests can provide more objective results."

The Apgar score, based on a standardized testing method devised in 1952 by anesthesiologist Virginia Apgar, has been used worldwide to assist the delivery room physician assess whether a newborn needed resuscitation or was being effectively resuscitated.

While not mandatory, the test is performed on nearly all the 4 million babies born in hospitals in the United States each year.

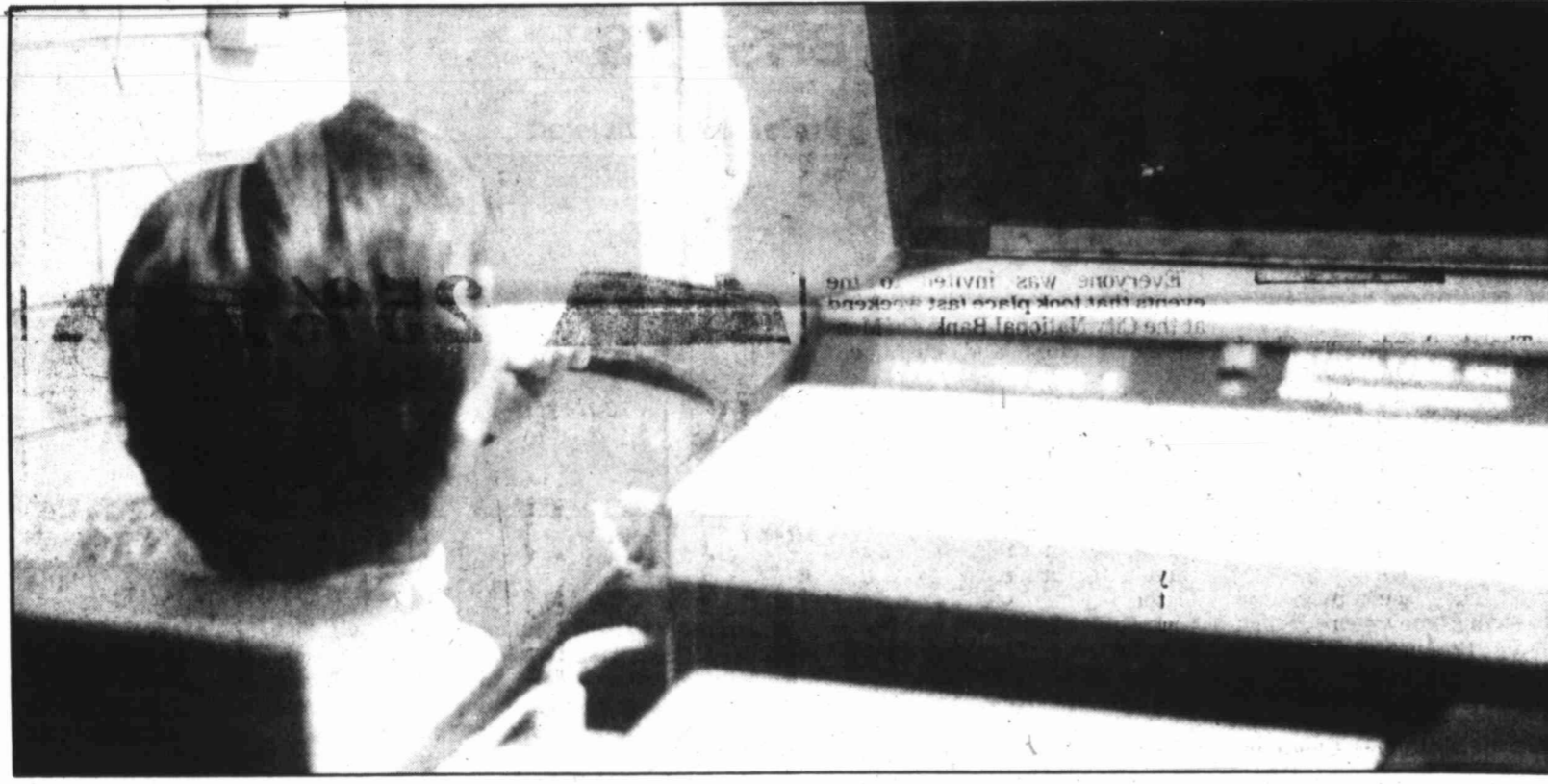
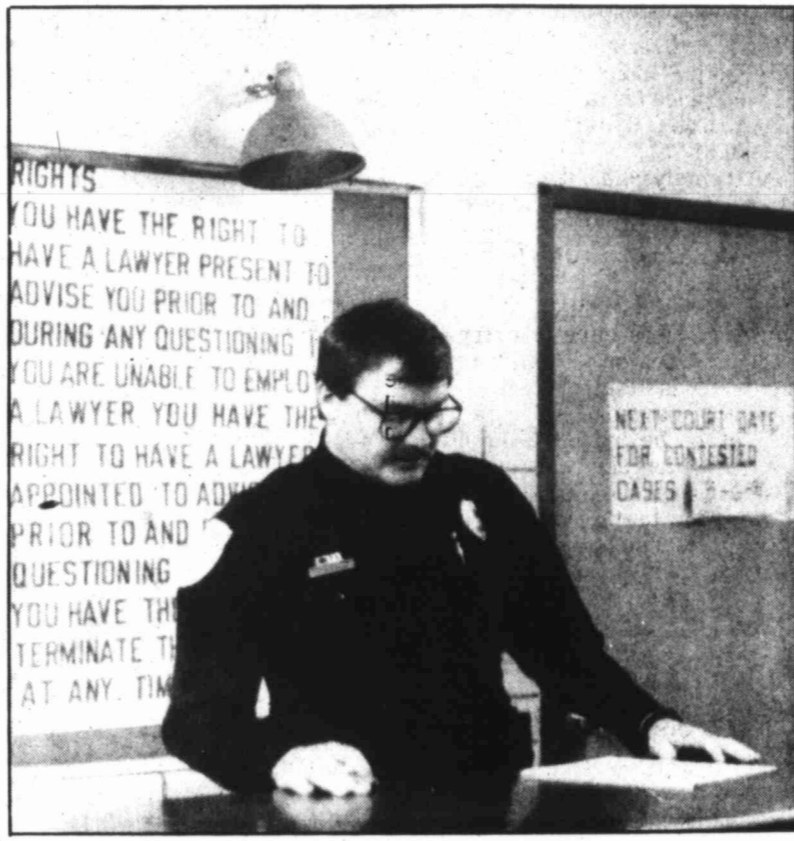
The score indicates how a newborn has reacted to the outside world during the first five minutes, called the transitional period.

A value from zero to 2 is assigned to each of five criteria: heart rate, respiratory effort, muscle tone, response to stimulation and skin color. An overall score of 10 indicates the best possible condition.

While useful, Apgar figures can be misleading.



In this mock arrest, a DWI "suspect" is "frisked" by Officer Mike Chestnut, left. He is then transported to the police station in handcuffs, middle left. Chestnut asks questions to complete required forms, middle right. In the bottom photo, the "suspect" takes an intoxilyzer test to determine the alcohol content of his breath.



Millions of Americans wear uniforms

(AP) — If you start the day starting into your closet without a clue as to what to wear, you might well envy the millions of Americans in uniform.

Private school kids and Pentagon brass, doctors and nurses, policemen and firemen, auto mechanics and appliance service reps, airline pilots and bus drivers, hash slingers and chefs, the hotel concierge and chambermaid. All rely on a pre-packaged wardrobe.

Uniforms for 25 million of the 26.5 million Americans who wear them are made in the United States, according to the Crafted with Pride in the U.S.A. Council. And uniform manufacturing has evolved into a \$5 billion a year business, according to the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and

Distributors. Some in the industry, however, say uniforms go beyond the traditional definition of an official outfit worn by a particular group such as policemen or military.

"You walk into any business community and men are wearing a blue or gray pinstripe suit with black or cordovan wing tip shoes," says Len Schlosberg, senior vice president of the association. "There's really a certain mold in each and every industry."

But for those uniformed workers who pine for creativity in their fashion image, there's not much room for change.

"Airline personnel, for example, must keep a conservative image that gives you confidence that you'll land where you want to

land," says Norman Fryman, president of the Greif Companies, a menswear and uniform manufacturer. "You don't want your pilot wearing a pink tutu."

Gone are the days when Southwest Airlines flight attendants wore hot pants with cream-colored knee-high boots, and Braniff's crew sported Pucci prints.

But fashion forges on, and this year Southwest Airlines introduced its "Funwear" uniform line, a nautical, sporty look which includes red and white striped boatneck knit shirts, blue sweaters and shorts and pants in taupe or navy.

Employees of the Dallas-based air carrier can wear the clothes on flights throughout the summer and

on weekends year-round. The alternative uniform is tailored separates in earth tones.

"I think the look is one of the most innovative in the industry," Bill Miller, vice president of in-flight services for Southwest, says of the leisure look.

Jackie Rosselli, public relations director for the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors, says uniforms are taking on softer lines and brighter colors. Among the most daring colors are suits in magenta or purple for Mary Kay Cosmetics representatives.

Even security guard uniforms are taking on a new hue, according to Rosselli, because "authority isn't as 'in' as it used to be, and people wearing uniforms want to look more fashionable."

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Purcell: Discipline key to saving money

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

When it comes to saving money, one must have discipline, said the president of a local bank. A certified public accountant said that savings and investment options offer something for everyone.

Jim Purcell, president of State National Bank, said "there are a few (people) who save, but many don't have the discipline." He recommended a savings account for people who want to save money, but fear giving up access to it completely.

"A savings account gets someone to start saving," he said. "Many people won't save unless it's forced on them."

"With junk bonds, you're looking at a 14 or 15 percent return, but there's a real bankruptcy risk. Some people say, 'Why not take it to Vegas and put it on the table' "

Mike Morgan

A standard savings account at a local bank will pay between 5 percent and 5½ percent. Withdrawals, although limited, are allowed in most savings accounts.

Once the saved money reaches an acceptable level, Purcell recommended contacting a professional to determine investment possibilities.

Mike Morgan, a Big Spring certified public accountant, said invest-

ment options are plentiful for people who are willing to try them.

"It all depends on if you like risk or not," Morgan said. "With a savings account paying around 5 percent, you're basically just keeping up with inflation."

For the risk averse who wants higher returns than the standard savings account, Morgan said a certificate of deposit (CD) would probably be a good option. CDs can

be invested for varying periods of time, with interest rates going up as the time period increases.

"If you take a savings account at 5 percent (interest), you're really just keeping up with inflation," he said. A one-year CD will pay interest rates of around 7 percent.

"But, if you don't mind some risk," Morgan suggested, "I'd go with stocks or a stock mutual fund."

The stock market "goes up and down, but remains one of the very best investments you can make," Morgan said. He added that a stock mutual fund adds diversity, allowing the investor to utilize several stocks at one time.

"The mutual fund is not as fast going up, but it gives a better return," he said.

For those in the higher tax brackets, Morgan suggested fixed bonds or municipal bonds. Other types of bonds, such as corporate and "junk" bonds, yield higher interest, but risk is a factor, he said.

"With junk bonds, you're looking at a 14 or 15 percent return, but there's a real bankruptcy risk," he said.

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The need for group insurance

By JOHN PAYNE

Question: What's the hoopla about providing medical benefits for the uninsured? Everyone I know has medical coverage through their companies. George T.

Dear George: I wish you were right about "everyone" having medical coverage. Recent numbers show that a significant amount of our population is without medical coverage.

A recent study by the Employee Benefit Research Institute covering the period through the end of 1988 shows that more than one-half of U.S. workers are covered by medical plans provided by employers. An additional 17 percent are covered as dependents by an employer plan.

George, the problem is that 15 percent of the non-elderly population (below age 65) have no medical coverage whatsoever. This amounts to 33,300,000 people with no medical insurance.

I think your idea that most of us should be covered by our company plans is probably right, but of that 15 percent of our population without medical coverage, 62 percent of them were found in families of full-time steadily employed workers.

Gainfully employed individuals are thus not provided with medical benefits through their companies and they choose not to pay for coverage themselves.

There is federal legislation that requires private employers with 20 or more employees to offer continued coverage to employees and their dependents in most circumstances. But, there are many businesses with less than 20 employees.

So, where does this leave us, George? It leaves us with 33.3 million problems. Even though this number of people lack medical insurance, they will have medical benefits paid for by you and me through our tax dollars. The program covering these benefits is called Medicaid which provides medical benefits for those unable to afford it.

The problem is twofold. First, how do we cover the uninsured and second, how do we control the cost of medical care? I wish I had a solution to either question.

John Payne is a Certified Financial Planner and has been in practice for ten years. If you have a financial question you wish to ask in this column or confidentially, please write him at: John Payne, "Texas: You Money," 1800 West Loop South #980, Houston, Texas 77027.

OSHA settles with USX

WASHINGTON (AP) — USX Corp. will pay a record \$3.25 million fine to settle government allegations that it deliberately and repeatedly violated worker-safety standards at two Pennsylvania steel plants.

The settlement, announced Thursday, stemmed from allegations leveled last year by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The agency accused USS, the steelmaking division of USX Corp., of more than 2,000 federal job safety violations.

OSHA originally proposed a record \$7.3 million fine for the violations, which included hazards the government said were blamed for fatalities and not corrected. The \$3.25 million settlement is the largest worker-safety fine to be collected, eclipsing the \$1.6 million Chrysler Corp. paid for violations at a plant in Newark, Del.

The original OSHA citation charged that Pittsburgh-based USX permitted some of violations at the Pennsylvania plants, even though the company agreed two years ago to eliminate them at all its facilities.

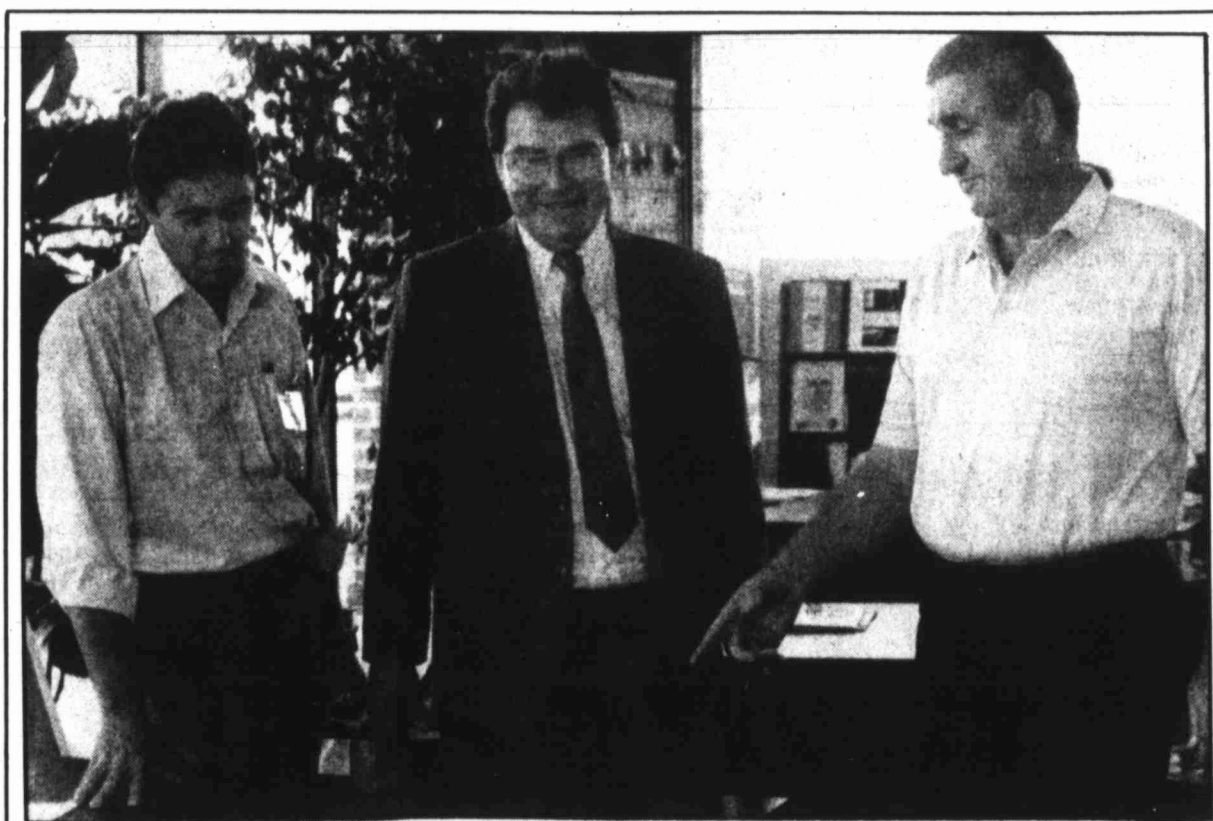
In a statement, the company said it agreed to pay the huge fine, in part, to avoid lengthy and costly legal battles over the government's allegations.

"We continue to believe that both Clairton Works and Fairless Works are safe plants. ... Throughout our organization, there is no higher priority than the safety and health of our people," Thomas W. Sterling, vice president for employee relations at USS, said in a statement.

Clairton Works, near Pittsburgh, and Fairless Works, near Philadelphia, were the two steel plants originally at issue in OSHA's complaint.

The United Steelworkers of America, the union representing about 18,000 USX workers, cautioned against the significance of the settlement.

"The agreement confirms the union's contentions that USX willfully allowed safety and health conditions in its facilities to deteriorate to such a point that workers were in serious danger," a union statement said.



Donation

George Ebersson, left, Elmore Chrysler-Plymouth owner J.B. Elmore, center, and Big Spring ISD Athletic Director David Thompson examine a VCR that was purchased from part

a \$1,500 donation from Elmore to the Big Spring school district. The donation will be used to purchase video equipment for use by the entire athletic department.

Herald photo by Bill Ayres

Brady burned betting on horse racing

BRADY (AP) — In the fall of 1989, the eyes of Texas smiled on this ranching community of 6,000 a little more than two hours northwest of Austin.

The cotton crop was in, deer season was starting, and it seemed like folks from all over the country were coming in just to spend a few dollars at Texas' first horse-racing track in more than a half century to have parimutuel betting.

Now, just a year later, it's as though this town in the heart of Texas is broken. The race track has failed. The largest employer has closed. And the high school football team has finished its worst season in 69 years.

About a mile out of town on South Bridge Street, Lee Thompson looks across the empty parking lot of the nine-unit Oaklawn Motel and says: "We're just not doing anything at all."

"The only thing that's keeping me going is the hunters, or people coming in for a funeral, or passing through," says Thompson, who has been manager for 11 years.

Everything looked a lot different last October.

"It was just a big letdown; everybody was geared up for it. And when it didn't happen it was kind of like Christmas when it's over."

After a million-dollar face lift, G. Rollie Downs opened for horse racing and parimutuel betting, and thousands of people and dozens of television cameras descended on the little track two miles west of town.

Traffic slowed down, business picked up, and it looked as though the town's bet on horse racing would pay off.

Unfortunately, as the race cards rolled by, fewer people came to the track. Clifford Grubbs, 53, says they should have known it would happen.

"We weren't astute enough to realize it was a bad time to open. We were competing with football season, deer hunting and bad weather," says Grubbs, who is president of the group that invested in the track.

"The weather started getting cold, and we started running out of funds, and we couldn't

compete."

Time and distance can be overwhelming enemies. Brady is 200 miles from Dallas, 300 miles from Houston and about 140 miles from San Antonio. "We found out just how isolated we are," says Larry B. Smith, editor and publisher of the *Brady Herald*.

"The closest town of any size is San Angelo. That's 75 (miles). And we're not on an interstate," says Smith.

"It was just a big letdown; everybody was geared up for it," says Kathy Roddie, executive vice president of the Brady Chamber of Commerce. "And when it didn't happen it was kind of like Christmas when it's over."

In July, Loadcraft, a trailer manufacturing company that employed about 200, closed its doors. In August, the racing association filed for bankruptcy

and in September, the Brady High Bulldogs got rolling on a football season that seems to capture the year.

"We didn't score a point until the fourth ball game," says Smith. Actually, it was worse than that.

The Bulldogs lost all 10 games. Llano beat them 50-0. Ballinger beat them 42-0. Mason beat them 44-0. And San Saba beat them 40-0.

Head Coach Jerald Klett ties some of the team's losses to the town's losses. He says the closing of Loadcraft cost him two starting players, who moved away with their laid-off parents.

"I'd say we've lost 20-25 kids who had to move out of town," says Klett, who has spent three of his 21 years in coaching at Brady High.

By mid-season, it was a town divided.

It's not that there is no hope and spirit left here.

As Mayor H.L. "Bud" Gober Jr. will quickly tell you, Brady's had its troubles before. Brady's recovered, and Brady will recover again. Even now, there are some good things happening, Grubbs

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Banks, Fed lower lending rate in hopes of stemming recession

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the nation's largest banks cut its prime lending rate by a steep 0.5 percentage point to 9.5 percent. Two days earlier, the Federal Reserve announced they would lower a key lending rate in an effort to prevent the recession from deepening.

First National Bank of Chicago, the 13th largest U.S. banking company, said Thursday it would lower its prime rate from 10 percent effective immediately.

Earlier in the month, a handful of regional banks took a more cautious step by easing their prime rates to 9.75 percent. The recent decline marks the first prime cut in nearly a year.

OEDC outlook worsens

PARIS (AP) — The short-term outlook for the world economy has worsened markedly in recent months, the Organization of Economic Development and Cooperation said.

The organization of 24 major industrial democracies said in a twice-yearly report released

Business highlights

Thursday, that the rise in oil prices has boosted inflation and curtailed output.

It said Eastern European countries face special difficulties, gave a gloomy assessment of the Soviet Union's economic health and singled out the United States as a particular cause of economic concern.

Vernon owner convicted

DALLAS (AP) — A former Texas thrift owner was convicted of taking hundreds of thousands of dollars from depositors and spending it on himself.

The jury on Thursday said Don R. Dixon of Dallas was guilty of illegally spending money from his Vernon Savings Association on a California beach house and prostitutes, but cleared him of charges he made illegal campaign contributions.

The thrift's 1987 failure cost taxpayers \$1.3 billion and was one of the first costly collapses of the savings and loan crisis.

P-BS reports loss

NEW YORK (AP) — Prudential-Bache Securities Inc. will report a 1990 loss of about \$250 million, more than double what analysts had expected and a further sign of the malaise gripping Wall Street, its parent said.

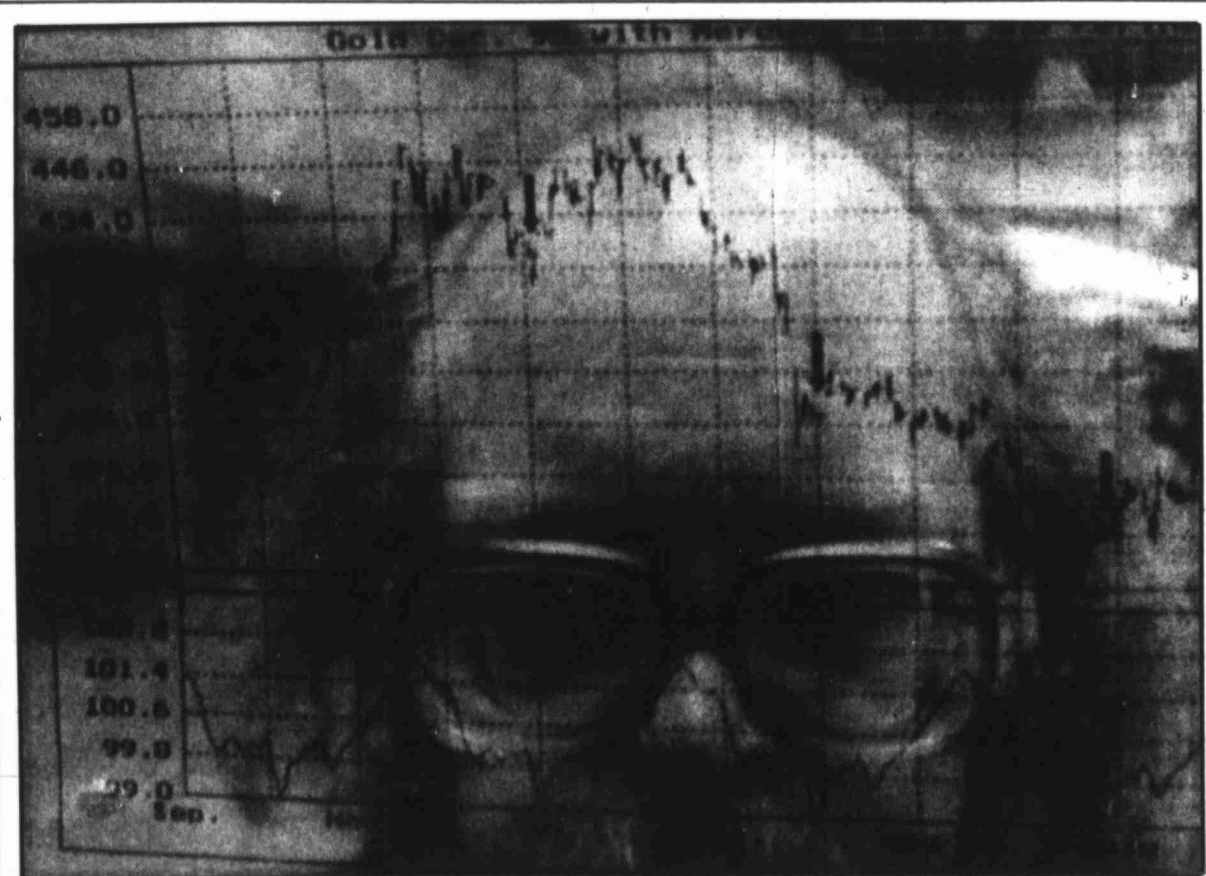
The Prudential Insurance Co. of America also said Thursday it had injected \$200 million in new capital into the struggling investment firm, which has abandoned or reduced several key businesses in a major restructuring.

The equity infusion is the latest move by a big corporate parent this year to contain losses at firms pummeled by a collapse in merger activity and the junk bond market.

Spending record

WASHINGTON (AP) — The na

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Stocks and stars

CHICAGO — Robert hand looks at an overlay that shows the fluctuation of gold prices in relation to the planet Mercury at a conference on astro-economics recently. Hand developed a software program that combines a star chart with stock market fluctuations.

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CRMWD plans pipeline survey

Surveying of a pipeline route from Lake O.H. Ivie to a terminal point between Midland and Odessa will commence Jan. 7, 1991, according to Lee Freese, consulting engineer to the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Surveying and preparation of all supporting work is to be completed by April 15 for the approximately 152-mile route. The initial section will be near San Angelo, followed by the remaining portion via Garden City on to Midland/Odessa.

There is no timetable as yet for the pipeline, capable of transporting 90 million gallons of water per day.

District posts delivery gain

For the first time in five months, November deliveries by the Colorado Municipal Water District gained slightly.

The total of 1.17 billion gallons was up 19 million gallons (1.78 percent), principally because of Midland's billing including the contract balance.

Total municipal draw was 994.8 million gallons, up 1.56 percent. Industrial and secondary recovery deliveries reached 123 million gallons.

Big Spring's total of 156.89 gallons was down 17.29 percent because the Fina catalytic cracker

unit was down for maintenance.

State releases tourism survey

Statistics on motoring visitors to Texas are now available through the state highway department.

The Texas Auto Visitor Survey showed that the time spent by short-term visitors from the United States was 6.8 days. Each party was composed of an average of 2.2 visitors and spent \$582 during the trip.

Long-term visitors spent an average of 71.2 days and spent \$2,405 in Texas per travel party of 1.9 visitors.

Among short-term visitors (those staying 30 days or less), Louisiana was the number-one point of origin, with 14.1 percent of the total.

Oklahoma, Florida, California and Illinois sent smaller contingents of tourists. Among long-term visitors, Illinois held the top spot. In fact, the top 10 home states of long-term visitors — except for California — were in the Midwest.

San Antonio weighed in as the most popular destination among both groups, attracting 31.1 percent of short-term visitors and 35.4 percent of those staying more than a month.

The Alamo, the San Antonio River Walk, Big Bend National Park, the Capitol complex and the LBJ National Historical Park were the top five attractions visited by travelers this year.

Saving

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said. "Some people say, 'Why not take it to Vegas and put it on the table?'"

Investment options should be considered on the basis of many factors, including the investor's age, job, financial security and fear of risk, Morgan said.

"A person has to decide what risk they're willing to take," he said.

Purcell recommended setting aside 10 percent of all earnings. He described a book which, although it was written in the 1920's, gives good advice for saving money. Author George Samuel Clason explains the "seven cures to a lean purse," which still make sense today.

"Whatever savings method you use," Purcell said, "it's the discipline to do it that counts."

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After 3 years	1,169.38	1,231.39
After 5 years	1,297.96	1,414.78
After 10 years	1,684.70	2,001.60

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says. "The peanut crop had a record crop this fall. We're talking peanuts," Grubbs says. "And the price of cattle is way up. And with all the cotton around here, you would have thought it was snowing."

"I have full confidence, we'll have full recovery in Brady," Smith says. "It's been a cycle situation in Brady forever. We lost a bunch of people in the early '50s to the drought, but we've built it back up."

Still, there are folks around town who wish for the good old days when G. Rollie White Downs was

just a race track without parimutuel betting and folks came from around the state on the Fourth of July just to watch the ponies run.

It wasn't the big time. It wasn't big money. But "it was better than nothing at all," says Linda Deans, owner of Circle H Western Wear, which is going out of business. "A lot of people would take their vacation, come here and go to the races, but not now."

"Everything is kind of closing down in Brady," says Klett, who has resigned as coach and says he'll soon be moving on. "Nothing's going right."

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tion's spending on health care climbed to a record of more than \$604 billion last year, federal officials said.

The growth rate accelerated in 1989, just as it has done every year since 1986, and the amount spent added up to roughly \$2,400 for every man, woman and child in the country.

Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan said the growth in health costs is alarming. It cuts some people off from medical care and puts a heavy financial burden on people who are using the system.

Acquisition approved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Acquisition of the bankrupt New Hampshire utility that controls the Seabrook nuclear plant was approved by federal stock regulators, eliminating one more roadblock to the power company's reorganization plan.

Northeast Utilities wants to acquire Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, which holds the largest stake, 35.6 percent, in the controversial Seabrook plant.

The acquisition, approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission on Thursday, is the key part of PSNH's plan to emerge from bankruptcy reorganization.

Fighter loss, job loss

ST. LOUIS (AP) — McDonnell Douglas Corp. and General

Dynamics Corp. said about 4,000 workers at each company could lose their jobs if the Pentagon cancels the Navy A-12 Avenger program.

The two leading defense contractors, both based in St. Louis, are the prime contractors on the \$4.8 billion A-12 program, which the government has threatened to scrap because of cost overruns and schedule problems. A decision could come as early as Jan. 2.

Pessimistic outlook

WASHINGTON (AP) — American businesses, worried about a recession, plan a barely perceptible 0.4 percent increase in spending to modernize in 1991, the most pessimistic outlook for business investment in five years.

The 0.4 percent increase, after adjusting for inflation, would follow a projected advance of 4.1 percent for this year, according to Thursday's Commerce Department report.

It would be the weakest showing since business investment fell 3.1 percent in 1986.

Home ownership down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are less likely to own a home today than they were a decade ago, as the nation's households have edged away from their traditional family orienta-

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SAN FRANCISCO — Fritz Maytag uses a long-handled ladle to check the Anchor Steam beer in one of the large copper vats of his San Francisco brewery in 1986. The Anchor Brewing Co. was the first brewery to produce a holiday ale.

Holiday brews come in variety of flavors

At the New England Brewing Co. in Connecticut, the holiday spirit flows in flavors of cinnamon, nutmeg, cardamom and vanilla. This is the stuff of winter, of eggnog, fruitcake and cider.

But this is beer. New England's 1990 Holiday Ale is one of an increasing number of special seasonal beers that are being cooked up at small breweries around the country.

Scholars of suds can raise toasts this season with mugs of Hoppy Holiday, Kris Kringle, Our Special Ale, Celebration Ale, Wassail, Christmas Ale, Winterfest, Winter Welcome, Winter's Tale — just a few of the names given by brewers to their holiday offerings.

"A lot of the small breweries, a lot of the microbreweries, are doing what brewers in Europe have been doing for centuries, and that is brewing different beers for the different seasons, and the most special season is the winter," said Tom McCormick, a specialty beer distributor in Rocklin, Calif. McCormick is carrying nine holiday brews this year and said his volume in winter beers has roughly doubled each year for the past several years.

"There's really been an increase in awareness of microbreweries and specialty beers in general, so it's all part of that," he said. The holiday beers are usually stronger and fuller-bodied than brewers' usual offerings; they typically are a deep reddish-amber and are relatively high in alcohol content.

And increasingly they are brewed with spices, including cinnamon, orange peel, ginger, nutmeg and cloves.

The tradition, beer-ophiles say, goes back centuries. The main flavoring ingredient in most beer now is hops, a bitter vine, but brewers once used whatever spice they had on hand.

Philip Markowski, the brewer at New England Brewing in Norwalk, Conn., traces the tradition to America's colonial days. David Edgar, news editor of the *New Brewer* magazine in Denver, said it goes back much further, "to pagan festivals at which they

would brew a ritual ale." "So basically," Edgar said, "the tradition of a special winter festival beer has existed since before Christ — since before there was a Christmas."

In the United States, the modern tradition can be dated more accurately. It goes back 16 years, to the first holiday ale produced by the Anchor Brewing Co. of San Francisco.

Anchor's first offerings were strong, hoppy ales, perfect for sipping in front of a fire on a cold winter's night. Later, the brewery began adding spices that gave the beers a delicately fruity smell and taste.

The giants of the beer industry have mostly ignored the holiday beer trend. The small brewers say it's simply too difficult for the major brewers to interrupt their production lines to make seasonal batches of beer.

One exception is the Adolph Coors Co., which has been marketing Coors Winterfest, a full-bodied lager, since 1986. The company won't release sales or production figures, but spokesman Todd Appleman said the market for Winterfest has been growing annually.

"I think each year you're going to see it become a little more national, a little more high-profile," Appleman said.

You'll hear no such claim from Grant Johnston, the brewer for the tiny Marin Brewing Co. in Larkspur, Calif. His Hoppy Holiday winter beer won a gold medal at this year's Great American Beer Festival in Colorado.

But fans of Hoppy Holiday are lucky to find it on the other side of San Francisco Bay, much less across the country. This year's entire production was 28 barrels, each containing 31 gallons of pale, spicy beer.

Still, Johnston isn't complaining. He's only worried about selling out.

"We try to have it on hand through Christmas and New Year's," he said, "but I doubt we'll last that long." After that, it's just like baseball. There's always next year.

Uncertainty is like coal in stocking

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the more terrible punishments that can be inflicted by economic events is uncertainty, and during this holiday season it is present in lumps, like coal in a Christmas stocking.

Fundamental changes are under way, and about all that can be said about them is that they will deeply affect the way people live, for better or worse.

Business is reassessing its employment practices, and chances are that more people will lose their jobs. Interest rates are falling, which will benefit many but undermine the plans of those who live off interest payments.

Some of the banks are in trouble. Many insurers also are likely to face difficult decisions about writing off assets. Lots of small businesses are likely to fail over the next few months. Bigger ones might have to cut dividends.

Perhaps the only people who claim to like uncertainty are those who believe they can benefit from it. To them, change is opportunity, but even they doubt, because ex-

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perience shows that many will reach for the brass ring — and miss it.

Grim as the current changes may seem, however, no American should forget the bigger picture. Give yourself a Christmas gift and think about it.

• Economic downturns are natural and inevitable. No powers invented by humankind have ever been able to keep economies from ups and downs, and probably that is a good thing.

• The American economy has always recovered from recessions and come back bigger and stronger and usually healthier than before. That's not theory, but fact.

• Downturns correct imbalances. Not all of them, but they do tend to set many things "straight" that should have been

corrected earlier. Workers, for example, become more dedicated, businesses more productive. Waste is reduced. Solid values are reaffirmed.

There is a tendency during upturns to throw away the old guidelines and believe that humankind has entered a new era of affluence. Old disciplines are trampled; their believers are scorned.

When the downturn comes, the old anchors of behavior, generally healthier and more productive ones, are reinstated — for a while, anyway.

• Downturns, and the corrections they force upon us, are the foundations of economic ascents. The pain that recessions bring generally is not wasted, but remains as a constructive lesson to

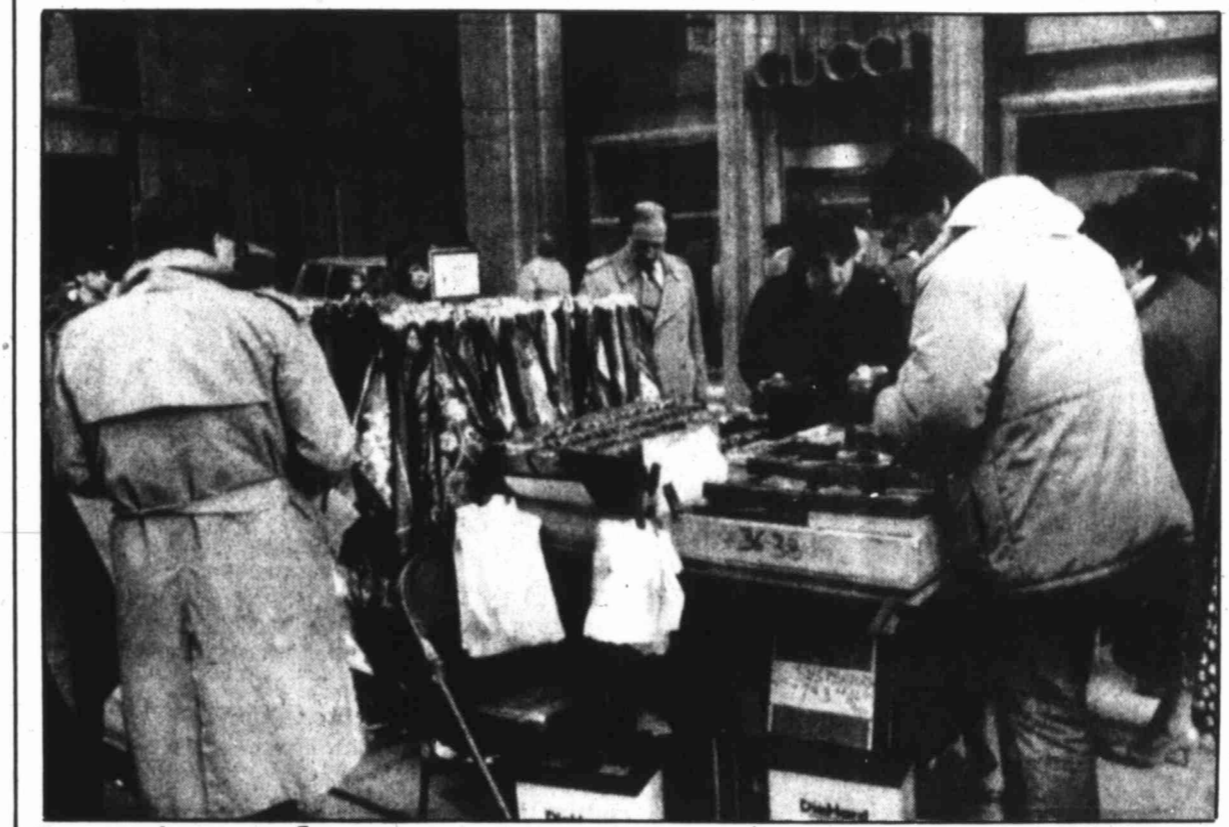
be remembered when times improve.

Nobody can say how long these bad times will last. That is simply an uncertainty that people must live with. But recessions lasting more than a year have become rarer, in part because we know what actions to take against them.

Those actions already are under way. The Federal Reserve, which has been unusually cautious about allowing funds to flow into the economy, has now eased the pressure. Interest rates are falling. Inflation is down.

There will be immediate relief for some financial institutions, businesses and people. Home mortgage rates, especially variable rates but also new fixed-rate loans, already are less expensive. They will become more so.

Banks, with help from regulators, will be getting their affairs in order. They will be writing off non-performing loans; they will be making deals with their hard-pressed business customers that will help those customers survive.



Lagging sales
NEW YORK — Shoppers browse along New York's Fifth Avenue, looking at items offered by street vendors. With Christmas sales still lagging in the last week of the season, retailers are changing their strategy in an attempt to snag last-minute shoppers. But analysts say even an eleventh hour spending spree wouldn't be enough to turn the season around.

Protests by farmers are effective

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Agriculture Department report says there's a good reason why farmers in the European Community take to the streets when their subsidies are threatened: the protests have usually worked.

In late August, for example, French farmers protested low prices they had been getting for beef and lamb, blaming cheaper imports from Britain, Ireland and Eastern Europe.

Groups of angry French farmers hijacked imported shipments, destroyed beef and lamb carcasses, and set live animals loose in town squares. Other acts included killing sheep or lambs in public, and British trucks carrying live sheep twice were set on fire.

"Farmers in the EC stage such protests largely because the demonstrations are successful," the report said. "The French agriculture minister, while condemning the demonstrators'

violence, announced measures designed to relieve some of the profit squeeze."

Police had to use tear gas and water cannons in Brussels this fall to disperse 30,000 farmers protesting the talks being held under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The so-called Uruguay Round of talks for the liberalization of world trade was clouded by persistent snarls over agricultural issues, primarily the refusal of the 12-nation EC to go along with substantive reductions in farm subsidies favored by the United States and most other GATT members.

European farmers, typically small and heavily dependent on EC subsidies and protection from outside imports, fear they would be swamped by the market-oriented policies sought by the others.

The report, by economist Mary Lisa Madell of USDA's Economic

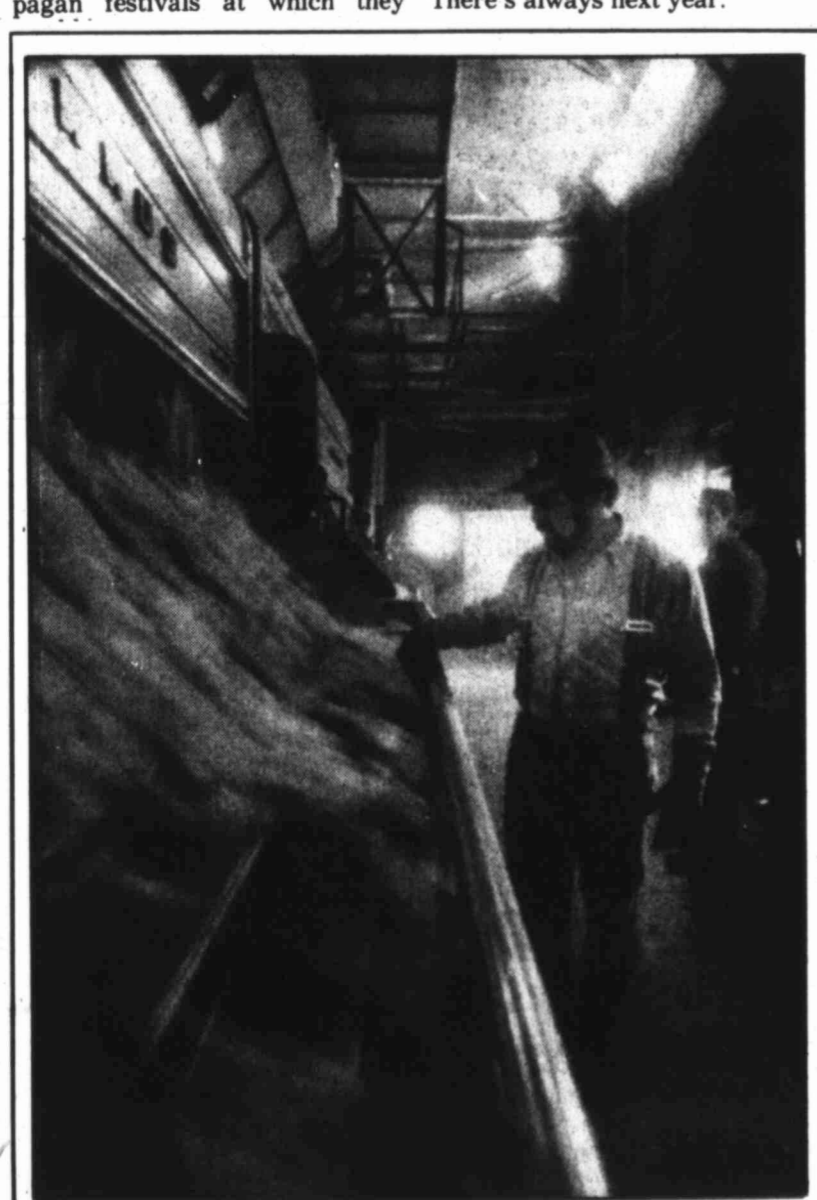
Research Service, was published in the December issue of *Agricultural Outlook* magazine.

"Farmers may have a lot to protest, but they face some economic realities that politicians in Brussels and the national capitals cannot change," the report said.

For instance, the average size of the EC's 9 million farmers is only 33 acres, it added. Those averages range from 161 acres in the United Kingdom to less than 10 acres in Greece.

The larger, more efficient farms "can flourish under the high level of support" provided by the bloc's Common Agricultural Policy, or CAP, but many smaller operations still struggle to survive.

Until the mid-1980s, the community adjusted prices under the CAP to ensure that farmers could earn a good living from the land. But costs grew burdensome and chronic surpluses developed.



Ginning the cotton
IDALOU — Mateos Reyes keeps a watchful eye on the flow of cotton at the Idalou Co-op gin in Idalou, Texas, recently.

Cigarette exports make up for drop in domestic sales

WASHINGTON (AP) — Overseas sales of U.S. cigarettes have risen dramatically the last five years, more than offsetting a decline in domestic use by health-conscious Americans, an Agriculture Department report says.

Cigarette output dropped 20 percent from 1981 to 1985. This year, the report said, production may be up 3 percent from the 1985 level. Domestic use has dropped 12 percent since 1985, the report said.

"The continued decline in U.S. cigarette consumption is due to rising prices and taxes, slipping social acceptance, health concerns, and restrictions on where people can smoke," the report said.

Further, analysts expect the decline in domestic cigarette use to continue in the 1990s, perhaps by 3 percent or more each year.

The report, by Verner N. Grise of the department's Economic Research Service, is in the December issue of *Agricultural Outlook* magazine, published by the agency.

In 1985, sales abroad totaled 59 billion cigarettes. That is down 29 percent from the peak of 83 billion "pieces" set in 1981.

"In 1990, the U.S. is probably exporting 160 billion cigarettes, almost three times the 1985 mark," the report said. "The phenomenal growth partly reflects lowered

trade barriers in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea."

Other factors have been the high quality of U.S. cigarettes, rising incomes in importing countries, and the weakening of the dollar against foreign currencies.

Recent moves in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union toward market-oriented systems also have spurred increased interest in U.S. cigarettes.

The Soviet Union has agreed with U.S. manufacturers to buy more than 35 billion cigarettes over the next two years, with further sales expected. The Soviets will swap goods for part of the cigarettes, but the report said some analysts are concerned that Moscow will have trouble finding hard currency to pay for the rest.

Another indication of the growing foreign markets is a decision by some U.S. companies to set up manufacturing plants in what was East Germany, "a strong sign of the region's hunger" for American cigarettes, the report said.

Still another example is Thailand's agreement to abide by a recent ruling by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade against Thailand's 10-year ban on cigarette imports.

"Efforts to open the Thai market were hampered by an unusual alliance between U.S. anti-smoking groups and the Thai tobacco industry," the report said.

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FOR SALE, electric dryer. \$50; two end tables, \$35. Call 263-0560.

BEAUTY SHOP equipment for sale. 3 hydraulic chairs, 3 dryers. Call 264-7015.

CHIMNEY SWEEPING, caps, repair, etc. Call 263-7015.

FOR SALE: two commercial refrigerators, 1 2 door, like new \$750, 1 4 door, like brand new, \$1,250. Call 267-2061.

Misc. For Sale 537

BEAUTY SHOP equipment, 5 wet booths; 5 shampoo bowls; 5 styling chairs and associated equipment. 264-0159.

Professional piano accordion, 120 bass. \$99.00, 267-4970 or call at 710 East 14th.

FOR SALE: king size waterbed, mirror headboard side rails, 3 pairs of sheets. Also a Ivers & Pond piano and a wood baby cradle. Call 263-2026 anytime.

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, 267-5478.

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 3-1/2, steel siding, storm windows, large den, fireplace, fenced backyard. 30's. 267-1036.

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 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 District, city conveniences, three bedroom, one bath, 2 living areas. 263-8546 after 5:00 p.m.

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: 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, storm windows; Near Moss Elementary. \$27,500. Call 267-2798.

THIS MEETS you 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, 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.

Acreeage For Sale 605

THREE ACRE tracts, no qualifying. \$200 down, \$98 monthly. Elbow Road and Garden City Hwy. 1-512-994-1080.

Farms & Ranches 607

FINE WIGGINS farm. 129.5 acres at 47% west of Ackerly. Will carry note, \$255 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.

NO BODY ASKS FOR IT

Help STOP Sexual Assaults call 263-3312 Rape Crisis Services/Big Spring

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 - Carpets - 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

Carpets - 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 - \$150 deposit; Also one, two bedroom mobile homes, \$195 - \$225. No children or pets preferred. 263-6944/263-2341.

Unfurnished Apartments 655

ONE, TWO and three bedroom apartments. Washer/dryer connections, ceiling fans, mini-blinds. Rent starts at \$260 month. Quail Run Apartments, 2609 Wason Road, 263-1781.

Unfurnished Apartments 655

1,2,3 or 4 bedrooms with 1,2,3 or 4 bath. Attached carport, washer/dryer connections, private patios, 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

ALL BILLS PAID Two Bedroom - \$279 Rent based on income Stove, Refrigerator, Ref. Air Carpeted, Laundry Facility Adjacent To School

Park Village Apartments 1905 Wason 267-6421

EHO. 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.

Drive carefully.

Spring City Realty REALTOR Sales Appraisals Rentals

FOUR BDRMS - On East 5th Near shopping. Storm windows, ceiling fans. Owner transferred and will help with closing costs. Reduced to \$35,000.

LARGE FOUR BDRM - at small price. Cozy corner fireplace, steel siding, fenced. Very nice at \$35,000.

REDUCED - Mulberry two bdrm. Excellent first home. Has carport, metal siding, and fenced yard. \$15,000.

Larry Pick 263-2910 **Donna Groenke** 267-6938 **300 W. 9th** 263-8402

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BILL SHEPPARD, Appraiser

267-6628

Unfurnished Houses 659

FOUR BEDROOM, two bath in Sand Springs area. 8-20, 5-00, 263-0522; after 5-00, 263-6062 or 267-3841 or 263-7536.

SUNDANCE. ENJOY your own yard, patio, spacious home and carport with all the conveniences of apartment living. Two and three bedrooms from \$275. Call 263-2703.

FOUR BEDROOM 2 bath house in Kentwood. Central heat & air. Deposit and references required. \$450 month. Call 263-7867 or 263-4549.

RENT TO own. 1512 Tucson, 3 bedroom, central heat, air, appliances. Owner's Broker, 267-3613, 267-2656.

RENT TO own. 1306 Stadium, roomy, two bedrooms, carpeted, stove, fenced. Owner's Broker, 267-3613, 267-2656.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath. 1807 Nolan, \$225. 263-7038 or 267-4292.

NEAT ONE bedroom garage apartment. \$150, bills paid. 1510, 2 story, two bedrooms, two bath. \$150 a month. 264-0159.

TWO BEDROOM, one bath. No bills paid. \$185 plus deposit. 1505A Lexington. 263-6569 or 264-7006.

FOR RENT 2 bedroom unfurnished on East 15th. Fenced back yard, garage, carpet. HUD approved. \$250 a month, \$100 deposit. Call 263-5000.

Four bedroom one and a half bath at 4271 Hamilton. From 8-5 call 263-0572 or 263-6062 or 267-3841 or 263-7536.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, 2603 Carleton. \$340 per month plus deposit. 1-2 children. Pets negotiable. Come by 3618 Hamilton to see.

FOR RENT, adorable inside and out. 1509 E. 6th. \$350 per month. Call 393-5419.

Business Buildings 678

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.

Business Buildings 678

FOR LEASE: Building at 907 E. 4th. 9:00 - 5:00. 263-6319; after 5:00, 267-8657.

Office Space 680

1510-1512 SCURRY, ONE large office and large office with computer room available. Utilities paid Suite B. One professional Suite C. Four private offices, large reception area, all offices have phone system, coffee bar, refrigerator, off street parking. 263-2318.

12 ROOM OFFICE building with large shop and fenced acre on US-87 South. Call 267-7900.

Manufactured Housing 682

FOR RENT: lease option purchase, 14x80, 3 bedroom, 7 bath mobile home in country, on one acre. \$300 month plus deposit. 1-691-9601, leave message.

NEED YOUR carpet cleaned before the New Year? Rainbow Carpet Dyeing & Cleaning Company. 267-9700.

Announcements 685

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.

Lodges 686

D-FY-IT 263-1532

Marie Rowland REALTOR

Dorothy Jones 267-1384 **Thelma Montgomery** 267-8754

Rufus Rowland, Appraiser, GRI, Broker

2101 Scurry - VA AREA MANAGEMENT BROKER - 263-2591

9.5% VA REPOSS. NO DOWN PAYMENT CLOSING COST ONLY 8.5%

BEST COUNTRY LIVING - Must see to appreciate. Many amenities. \$69,900

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.

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2000 Gregg 267-3613

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Best Wishes For A Very Merry Christmas

From The Staff Of Sun Country Realtors

ASSUMABLE LOANS OR OWNER FINANCE - Save on Time and Closing Costs. Wide Range of Prices.

Residential	Suburban
108 Donley 5,000	1703 Millie 30's
1209 Rimmel 1,500	1907 Mann 30's
1616 Boston 1,000	405 Pennsylvania 40's
1311 Mulberry 1,000	2906 Navajo 40's
1514 Sunset 1,000	1903 Choctaw 50's
1313 Park 1,000	3218 Choctaw 50's
1402 1/2 Kirby 1,000	3218 Choctaw 50's
4201 Dixon 1,000	1310 Bayview 40's
4097 1/2 E. 5th 20's	2500 Ann 40's
1505 Kentucky Way 20's	4028 Vicky 70's
1802 Duquoin 20's	525 Scott 80's
2625 Elm 20's	512 Highland 90's
2503 Albrook 30's	531 Scott 90's
	1310 Bayview 50's

WHEN YOU'RE ON THE WAY UP - These Executive Homes are Sure to Please - Located in Prestige Areas. They Offer Numerous Amenities. \$80,000 & Above.

2708 Stonehaven 80's	407 W. 18th 90's	2817 Coronado 100's
2102 Altendale 80's	508 Westover 90's	79 Village Road 100's
2803 MacAuslan 90's	111 Cedar 90's	707 Scott 100's
517 Scott 90's	406 Highland 100's	

FOR THE GROWING FAMILY IN COMFORTABLE NEIGHBORHOODS. These Spacious Homes are Ideal. Most Have 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths. Midpriced \$30's \$70's.

1605 Main 30's	811 W. 18th 30's	3218 Drexel 50's
104 Lincoln 30's	7401 Merritt 50's	404 Washington 50's
1419 Sycamore 40's	295 Washington 40's	2503 Cindy 40's
3222 Cornell 30's	2311 Lynn 40's	1919 Parkwood 40's
600 Elgin 30's	813 W. 18th 50's	2500 Ann 40's
2132 Scurry 30's	1309 11th Place 50's	2715 Ann 40's
1700 Lario 40's	1932 Cloc. Road 50's	1201 Pennsylvania 40's
2708 Ann 40's	415 Buckwalter 50's	518 Scott 70's
1710 Main 40's	2705 Clinton 50's	Unit L Village 70's
2700 Cecilia 40's	1310 Bayview 50's	

STARTING OUT OR SLOWING DOWN - Perfect Home for Those Needing Lower Payments. All Under \$30,000.

1104 N. Gregg 4,500	1197 Barnett 1,500	1505 Tucson 20's
105 E. 17th 9,500	703 Sullins 1,200	712 Goliad 20's
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Special Notices 688

IMPORTANT NOTICE For Your Information

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Happy Ads 691

WISH YOUR favorite person a Happy Birthday. Anniversary or just say "Hi!" by putting a HAPPY AD in the Big Spring Herald Classified Section.

Personal 692

ADULT ONLY. 90 minute VHS Adult Movies. Reg. \$29.95, Special \$6.75 each, 4 movie minimum, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday - Saturday.

Personal 692

ADOPTION Make our holiday wishes come true and our lives complete. We're a financially secure and happily married couple who want to give a loving home to your child.

Too Late To Classify 800

1973 FORD Galaxy, \$600 or best offer. 263-1642 or 267-7112.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC III (carpenter) temporary position, \$1429.00 monthly. Requires high school graduate or GED.

ATTENTION ALL Garage Sale Customers

let's keep Big Spring Beautiful by removing garage sale signs after your sale. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS - Laredo Cowtown and Honda boots, Western blifolds, mens and boys hats \$50, belts & buckles, at Smallwood's Western Wear.

REWARD: Western & white Brittany Spaniel, male. Jeffery Road South of City. Call 267-6436.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Forsan ISD will take bids until noon January 11, 1991 for the installation of a subsurface irrigation system for the football field.

7039 December 23 & 30, 1990

CLASSIFIEDS are for everyone!

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High medical costs mix with recession

NEW YORK (AP) - Two of the somber realities of economic life, recession and high health-care costs, are coming together at just the wrong time for many businesses and employees.

Consulting firms are recommending that companies scrutinize their plans for savings, but the historical evidence shows that insecurity and other stresses of economic downturns produce greater demands on the plans.

"For a variety of reasons, health-care utilization and lean times go hand in hand," says Anna Rappaport, an officer of William M. Mercer Inc., a leading employee benefits and human resources consulting firm.

Even layoffs, inevitable in a recession, can have an impact on the cost of health coverage, since the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Act of 1985 requires employers to offer continued coverage to terminated workers.

Health-care managers believe some of those former employees may use their time to attend to nagging ailments or to undergo surgery they had postponed, or that financial stress could produce costly physical and mental problems.

While the Omnibus Act (popularly and perhaps aptly known as COBRA in some circles) allows employers to charge terminated employees the full cost of continued coverage, the companies still could end up with higher costs.

Ms. Rappaport explains that employees who continue coverage often are those most in need. Typically, she says, that need might involve someone in the family with a mental or physical ailment, with the result that their coverage costs more than the company is allowed to charge the former worker.

Still another recession-induced problem puts pressure on company benefit plans: Older workers and those with chronic ailments may seek protection from termination by opting for early retirement or by filing a disability claim.

Consultants at Mercer, which serves 9,000 domestic employers, and more of its international operations are included, are urging clients to re-examine their plans and prepare for the worst, but to avoid knee-jerk solutions.

Based on past experience, one of the more serious blunders may be to slash benefits at the expense of morale and productivity. Ms. Rappaport, a Mercer managing director, claims that to do so "can send all the wrong signals."

Instead, she recommends that companies seek to preserve the overall value of benefits, and that if it is necessary to shift costs to employees then it is also wise to balance this with a low-cost addition to the plan.

Health-care costs have been a worsening problem for more than two decades, consistently rising faster than inflation in general. By some estimates, health care now accounts for about 17 percent of gross national product.

At the same time, recipients, providers, insurers, employers and others agree that much cost is associated with correctible personal habits, waste, duplication and needless usage, such as overly long hospital stays.

One of the most disturbing consequences of efforts to correct any one of these, however, has been to see costs rise in

Paying top dollar for American junk



Light-weight laptop computer
Japan — A model displays FM R-CARD, a new generation laptop computer released by Fujitsu this fall. Using power-saving circuits and plug-in memory cards instead of floppy disks, the thin computer weighs only 2.2 pounds with a full-size keyboard.

TOKYO (AP) — It may not do wonders for solving the trade imbalance, but the Japanese finally have found U.S. products for which they are willing to pay big bucks — secondhand goods.

A U.S.-style thrift store in southern Tokyo called Panic Melon Studio Beverly Hills has three floors crammed with bits and pieces of postwar Americana that look as though they belong in a forgotten attic corner.

But in Japan, they sell for eye-popping prices. A gallon 1957 Coca-Cola bottle sells for \$285, a worn out but working General Electric refrigerator from the 1960s for \$1,880, a 1975 Mattel talking Pink Panther for \$210.

An old-fashioned Hoover vacuum cleaner goes for \$285, a faded, chipped dresser for \$620 and a diner counter stool for \$285. Even empty egg cartons are available at \$3.60 each.

"This is an aesthetic of the passe, dirtiness and ruin," Panic Melon supervisor Bonjour Watanabe says with a wave of his hand.

"There are things here that are practically garbage. But we need to keep the space filled, and you'd be surprised at what gets bought."

**Bonjour Watanabe
Thrift store supervisor**

"We spend a lot of effort trying to present unfashionable American things as fashionable for the Japanese."

There is indeed a fashion move toward '50s and '60s Americana, says Hiromi Egawa, an editor at a monthly magazine for young middle-class women. "Jackie Kennedy is very popular now," she says.

Watanabe, 33, says the store rakes in about \$45,000 a month on sales and rental of goods that he and his staff collect from thrift stores, flea markets and individual collectors in Los Angeles.

More than half of Panic Melon's income comes from rental for props for fashion magazine shoots and television commercials, he

American won't buy it," Watanabe says with a smile.

Japanese, however, are a different story. "I come here often. I have bought a road sign that I hang in my home and small items like forks and knives," said Junichi Yamamoto, a 23-year-old architect clad in a leather jacket. "I usually spend about 10,000 yen (\$75) on each visit."

Those who studied in the United States are drawn to the functional dining tables and chairs that remind them of their younger days, he says.

"There are things here that are practically garbage," Watanabe admits. "But we need to keep the space filled, and you'd be surprised at what gets bought."

Watanabe says Japanese, who typically wouldn't be caught dead wearing last year's clothes, are awed by the unwillingness of Americans to throw anything away.

"It allows this to exist," he says, lifting a basket of discolored fake flowers.

Many Japanese businesses are run from home

NANAO, Japan (AP) — The small factory floor looked empty beneath the hum of 24 electric looms. Repeatedly, the visitors called out. At last a head of black hair surfaced amid the clattering streams of bright white fiber.

She introduced herself as Yasuko Matsuda. A tired-looking woman of 40, she and her husband and one hired man run their synthetics-weaving plant by themselves, 24 hours a day, six days a week.

"I get up at midnight. That's when my husband goes to sleep," Mrs. Matsuda explained matter-of-factly. "We do get to eat lunch together. It's not so bad."

Unfortunately, it's only getting worse for the Matsudas and others like them who have been the quiet heroes of Japan's postwar economic resurgence.

For all the myth-making about the mighty Japanese corporation, that vast, teeming hive of uniformed workers and sophisticated technology, the Matsudas and their lonely shop 180 miles northwest of Tokyo come closer to representing the real corporate Japan.

Statistics show it. Of Japan's 874,471 manufacturing plants, 75 percent employ fewer than 10 workers, according to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. Only 0.15 percent of Japanese companies have more than 1,000 employees. Small- to medium-sized manufacturers employ nearly three times as many of the 13.5 million factory workers as large ones.

Implicit in these numbers is one of the keys to Japan's corporate success: subcontracting.

When consumers buy such world-famous names as Panasonic, Hitachi, Sony and Toyota, their money trickles down through layers of hard-pressed small manufacturers that loyally supply the giants with materials, components, and in many cases, the products themselves.

In good times, these "household industries" are rewarded with steady business and, even more important, access to technological research and development they otherwise couldn't afford.

But in some respects, it is a Faustian bargain. Tiny shops like the Matsudas are also the shock absorbers of Japan's economy, the hapless guarantors of the system by which large companies assure employees a job for life.

When Japan's economy enters a

slowdown, as it is doing now, it is the small shops that must endure abrupt cutoffs of orders, lay off workers and push for penny-pinching productivity to help their giant overlords maintain profit margins.

This "keiretsu" relationship helps explain how Japan adapted so well to the high yen that, in the late 1980s, was expected to slice into the huge trade surplus with the United States. Rather than lose sales because of soaring export prices, the parent firms forced subcontractors to cut prices, sparing themselves the brunt of the market shift. Exports barely suffered.

If things get bad enough, thousands of shops spiral into bankruptcy, a fate almost unheard of for large corporations.



A pair of dummies
WHEELING, III. — A 1989 Dodge Spirit, left, and a 1990 Plymouth Acclaim crash into each other at Allstate's Tech-Car facility in Wheeling, Ill. In the right car, the dummy is kept in place by belts and an air bag. In the left car, the unprotected dummy's head hits the windshield.

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Many consumer products are only a phone call away

NEW YORK (AP) — Need a new mattress, but don't feel like getting out of bed? Slumber comfort is just a phone call away — as are dream dates, decorators, teachers and T-shirts, all via the city's assorted Dial-A lines.

Dial-A-Floor. Dial-A-Chef. Dial-A-Hearing Test. In New York, where time is always tight, you can get everything from soup to nuts — and a redecorated kitchen to eat them in — with nothing more than a touch-tone phone.

"You can call us from your office, from your home, from your car — doesn't matter. And within two hours, we can deliver you a mattress," said Joe Vicens, vice

president of sales and marketing at Dial-A-Mattress.

"We get close to 1,000 calls a day," he said. "On a top day, we get 1,500 calls."

It wasn't always so. For seven years, Vicens answered the phones alone. But times have changed; there are more two-job families, less time to shop. And it's so easy to punch in 1-800-MATTRES (nobody said spelling was a requirement for sales).

Dial-A-Mattress was born 12 years ago when a small furniture company owner, Napoleon Barrigan, spotted a "dial-a-steak promotion in one of the papers," Vicens recalled. "This gave him

the idea for Dial-A-Mattress. Surprisingly, a lot of people started calling."

The steak idea is still hot. Dial-A-Chef will dispatch a genuine, trained cook to your residence to prepare the repeat of your choice.

"We are not a catering service. If you're planning a dinner party, you call us up. We send over a chef who prepares an entire meal right in

your home," said manager Charles Dean, whose company opened last year.

He has about two dozen chefs, who handle everything from vegetarian delights to fine French cuisine. The chefs get \$20 to \$50 an hour; they work a minimum of four hours, and raw materials cost extra, said Dean.

Since man does not live by bread

alone — or by pheasant under glass — there are Dial-A-Prayer and Dial-An-Atheist.

"I give thanks, O God, that because I believe in thee, I can be positive about life. . . . Remove the fears from my heart, I pray, for fears draw negative feelings. Prune my thoughts of defeat," intoned Tuesday's Dial-A-Prayer.

Thus inspired, it's on to the

secular, like Dial-A-Hearing Test. There was no answer there, leading a caller to believe it apparently works this way: If you can hear the phone ringing, your ears are OK.

Obviously in demand: secretaries. There are three Dial-A-Secretary numbers for people seeking temporary office assistance.

Overall, Manhattan offers 40 Dial-A services — uh, make that 39. Out of business: Dial-A-Dentist. "I'm sure you've got the wrong number. This is a shoe store," advised the worker answering the phone at the line once used for oral aid.

"You can call us from your office, from your home, from your car — doesn't matter. And within two hours, we can deliver you a mattress."

Joe Vicens
Vice president at Dial-A-Mattress.



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Filling orders

DODGEVILLE, Wis. — Janet Stone, a customer sales representative at Lands' End Inc. in Dodgeville, Wis., works in the company's phone room with other sales representatives to fill Christmas catalog orders for mail-order customers. Lands' End is trying to rebound from a year long decline in earnings and stock value with a holiday catalog expansion.

Alchemy: turning garbage into profits

GLASTONBURY, Conn. (AP) — Neighbors of Peter Sellow's company don't seem to mind that he turns mountains of ripe garbage and sewer sludge into compost. That's probably because they can't smell it.

Sellow's company has borrowed from history, exploiting what he calls an age-old farmers' secret for taking the barnyard stench out of composting, now one of the fastest growing methods for environmentally sensitive garbage disposal.

His story begins in 1977, when the one-time nursery owner was bagging homemade compost, and a tip from a chicken farmer took him to Japan.

There, he found the technology for an indoor composting system that turned sewage sludge, yard clippings and other waste into nutrient-rich compost, without the

suffocating aroma usually produced.

Sellow updated the Japanese technology to meet American waste-disposal problems and patented it. In 1982, he founded International Process Systems Inc. to sell design plans and equipment for composting plants to towns and private companies.

"Composting is as old as mankind," said Archie Albright, the company's president and chief operating officer. "By using composting, we're solving an enormous problem in a cost-effective and environmentally safe way."

The company was in the right place at the right time last year when the Connecticut Legislature enacted a mandatory recycling law that takes effect Jan. 1.

Its customers include the town of Fairfield, which last year opened

what local officials say was the first municipal composting plant in New England.

Many companies compost yard wastes alone, Albright said. But only about a half-dozen companies in the country offer ways to combine sewage sludge with garbage and trash to form an odor-free, safe compost, he said.

For years, farmers have mixed manure and dead crops and allowed the mixture to dry and break down on open land, creating a rich fertilizer for the next planting season.

The modern-day recipe calls for sewage sludge and yard waste, plus any variety of newspapers, office paper and cardboard, along with run-of-the-mill garbage like last night's leftovers.

The technology is relatively

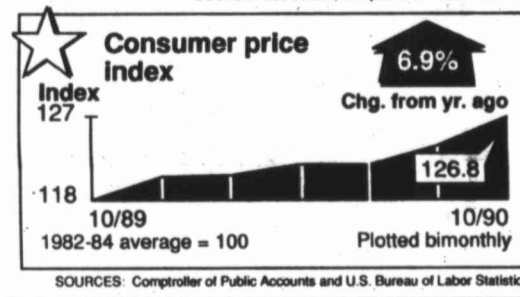
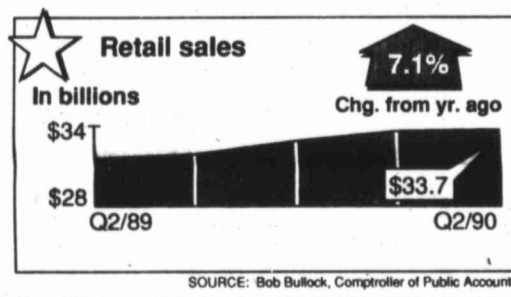
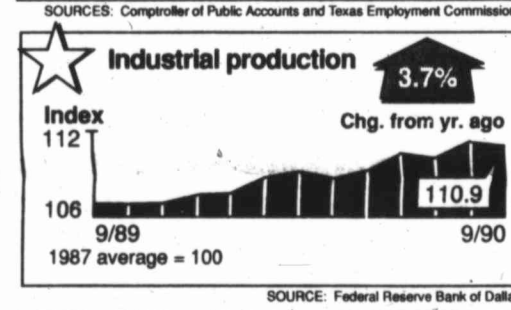
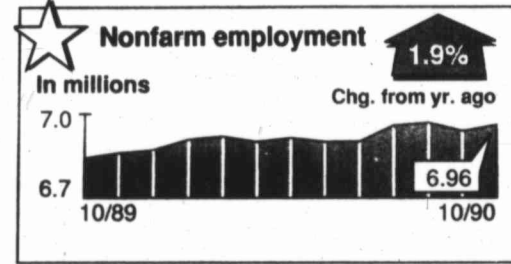
simple. Mounds of garbage go into a giant mixing machine. The blend is dumped into a concrete bay. Agitators churn it, moving it slowly through a conveyor system as blowers add oxygen.

After about three weeks, the original mess has been turned into compost ready to be bagged and sold.

Compost itself doesn't smell: it's basically just dirt. It's getting the compost from garbage and sewage sludge that produces the foul smell.

The odor is kept inside the composting plants through negative air pressure: when the doors are opened, air is sucked in, not out. Also, fans blow oxygen through the plant, and the exhaust air is pumped through bio-filters containing tiny bacteria that eat the stuff that smells.

December roundup of Texas economic data



Financial reporter joins McDonald's board

CHICAGO (AP) — A columnist and TV commentator who reports on financial news says there is no ethical conflict between her work and her appointment to the McDonald's Corp. board of directors.

"This won't be a problem," said Terry Savage, who writes a weekly financial news column for the *Chicago Sun-Times* and *Dallas Times Herald* and who appears regularly on Chicago station WBBM, which is owned by CBS.

Savage, 46, the first woman named to the company's board in 20 years, will receive \$24,000 a year from McDonald's plus \$2,000 for

each board meeting attended. Officials at the newspapers and TV station said Savage promised to stay away from any issues that could be construed as conflicting with her role on the McDonald's board.

"We will make sure she does not write about the food industry, and McDonald's in particular," said *Times Herald* Business Editor Jim Frisinger. But George Harmon, who teaches business writing at Northwestern University's graduate school of journalism, said it would be hard to avoid the appearance of a conflict because McDonald's influences so much of the business world.

BUSINESS REVIEW

There when you need them. South Mountain Agency

"We make a point of being available," says Marjorie Dodson, broker-owner of South Mountain Realtors, 801-B E. FM 700.

Sometimes buyers have a tight schedule, she says, particularly those moving here from out-of-town. "That's why we're always on call — day or night — seven days a week. We spend time with our buyers, we don't rush them. It's a business where you must be flexible to serve your clients well. Our goal is to make every buyer happy with their new home."

Marjorie, who founded South Mountain Realtors in July, 1987, earned her realtors license six years ago and since then earned the coveted GRI (Graduate Realtor Institute) professional designation for successful completion of advanced real estate studies.

The firm specializes in relocation work — working with



Linda Alexander, Vickie Purcell and Becky Knight prepare the office for the holidays. All year long, you can depend on the South Mountain Agency for first rate service and dependability. (Not pictured is owner-broker Marjorie Dodson.)

families who are transferred to this area. "We try to put them in touch with the community," Marjorie says. "We show them the city as well as the homes, and try to line up their interests with things that are available here."

We are now members of RELO International which helps us serve our customer more

efficiently. The firm hasn't forgotten the seller, of course; sellers are kept apprised on a weekly basis of activity on their listings.

For Marjorie, she has "come back" to real estate after a career in music.

"My background in teaching has given me an appreciation for training, training, training,"

she says. Marjorie teaches classes in real estate at Howard College, and has set up an extensive training program for South Mountain's sales associates.

Marjorie is vice president of the Big Spring Board of Realtors; a member of the Texas and National Association of Realtors, and National Brokerage Council.

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Love,
Jaime Garfias

Dear Santa, I have tried to be good I hope I don't see coal in my stocking or a switch. I hope I see what I want to see witch is water tank for my fish, water heater, light and I expect Jesus too.
Your friend,
James

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I'm fine. Well I hope you get to come, and vist my new house this year. I hope to see you soon.
Your friend
Gabriel

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I am looking forward to Christmas. This year for Christmas I would like a doll that is named opps oppsie baby. Since I have been good this year I would also like to sequest an oher TV so I will not be desterved when I am washing one of my shows.
Your Friend,
Delia

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year and I would like a few presents and they are a real flying unicorn, Ninetendo, baseball and bat.
Your friend,
April

Dear Santa, How are you doing this Christmas me just fine I am looking forward to Christmas how is your wife doing is she doing okay. This is whar I want for Christmas I want a bike for Christmas and a Ninetendo and a little dog and a Ninja turtle mirrow and a New TV and a car.
Love,
Nick

Dear Santa, I have been good this year, and I wood like to have a little miss makeup. My Prty Balaren, Doley supis, Baribe ice cremmaker, clothes, VCR, TV, phone, stereo. And lots tats what I wood like for Christmas.
Love,
Laura

Dear Santa, I wish thant I get a skateboard, and a Ninetendo. and then I wanded a bike. and then I alos wanded a scooder. and then I also wanded a Nijaturtle toys and then I wanded a watergun I also wanded the power gluf and six games.
Raymond

Dear Santa Claus, I would like some books to read.
Love,
Alex Edgemon

Dear Santa Claus, I would like all kindes of Nintendo games. Your elves make very good toys. I would like another

glass doll, have pizza all the time, and spagety too.
Love your friend,
Rebekah Tarver

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a Christmas tree and a pink heart. You can put a tooth in it. Mrs. Claus works good. You do too Santa Claus.
From your friend,
Vanessa Ochoa

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a present. i would like a Ninetendo. I wish for a Ninja Turtles.
Love
Jigar Patel

Dear Santa Claus, I would like an Ninetendo. I hope you bring Rulph, The deer.
Love,
Ernesto Rangel

Dear Santa Claus, I wood want a dog and a nitendo and a new shirt. I wood like a new house.
Love
AJ Phillips

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a bike and a Nintendo to play. I want a game for Nintendo like Mario Brothers.
Daniel Mata

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a pet for my sister and me.
Love,
Vanessa Pacheco

Dear Santa Claus, I wish for a Magik Mrshry baby. I would like a bean bag, and I would like My Pretty Balurina.
Love
Amanda Sheedy

Dear Santa Claus, Is Rudoh leading the sleigh? May I have a doll and a tennis racket. Bring my brother a Ninja turtle and a car.
Love
Jamie Corse.

Dear Santa Claus, I would like a make up kit and Ninetendo. I want to no how Rudolph is.
Love
Jennifer Saucedo

Dear Santa Claus, How are you? Fine I hope, as for us, fine. Well, for Christmas, I want a racing car, bike and skateboard. For my sisters, Heather and Corina, dolls and dishes. My baby brother, Robby a small racing car. For daddy a skateboard, so he can go play with me. My mom, flowers. Bye for now. I'll leave a coke and cookies for you.
Drive careful.
Your friend,
Jimmito R. Yanez 4 years old

Dear Santa, What I really want for Christmas is a Splinter on Ninja Turtles and a Ninja Turtles T-shirt, Ninja pants, Ninja underwear, Ninja Jacket, Ninja pujumas.
Tommy Guzman

Dear Santa, I am writing this for my little brother. He wants a 2 trucks, Splinter. A operated truck that he can ride.
My brother's name is Rocky Guzman.
Written By
Melissa Guzman

Dear Santa What I would really like for Christma is peace and not to have war. So all our people can be in peace and our soldiers won't have to fight in the war.
Melissa Guzman

Dear Santa, I would like a Operated Barbie car. And Barbie fake car for my Barbie. A beautiful Barbie. P.J. Sparkles, Sparkling Glitter. I want my dad Mico to come vist me on Christmas. I want a New Kids on the Block T-shirt.
Liza Ovalle

Dear Santa, Of all the wishes, kids like me have wished for are toys, toys and wishes and for their dreams to come true. But this year my really wish is for us to have peace on earth and for God to help our soldiers and army troops. Also for the people in Saudi Arabi to release our hostages. May there be hope for that and for peace on earth. Have a Merry Christmas.
Jennifer Mata

Dear Santa, My name is A'mmi Victoria Hernandez. I am 8 years old. I have been good to my mom. I always help her clean my house. I would like for Christmas skates, a Nursery baby, New Kids on the Block dolls and other stuff. Baby O-Oh, ant farm, Little Miss Magic Hair, Little Miss Dress Up, Little Miss Make-Up, doll basanet, doll stroller, doll carage, doll clothes, kid jewelry, stereo, tapes of M.C. Hammer, Vanilla Ice, U Krew, Janet Jackson, New Kids on the Block, Bete Midler, Maria Carry, Bobby Brown, VCR, clothes. Have a nice Christmas.
Sincerely,
A'mmi Victoria Henandez

Dear Santa, My name is Laura Hernandez. I have been a nice little girl. I help my mommy clean. So I would like Sparkle doll and a coloring book, skates, crayons, and a bike and two Barbies, The New Kids on the Block figure guys, Opps a Daisy doll and a play kitchen. Santa say Hi to Mrs. Santa and take care.
Love you Santa.
Laura Hernandez

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas Santa. Please may I have a tractor, trailer with tools. I also would like to have a truck that makes a lot of noises. I can't wait to see you.
Merry Christmas
Chance Cain

Dear Santa, I hope that you have had a nice stroller vacation! I would like a jewelry set, Barbie house and a doll I will be happy with whatever you

give me. I wish that you will help all of the girls and boys to have a nice Christmas. Look by the fireplace and you will find a surprise!
Merry Christmas,
Bridget Cain

Dear Santa, All I want for Christmas is a new bike, a set of your Ninja turtles, a four wheeler. I have been a good boy this year. I am 8 years old.
Kelly Patton

Dear Santa, I have been good this year. I want a remockcontrol Airplane and a skateboard ramp and a Base Ball Poster. I am looking forward to Christmas.
Your Friend,
Adam Andrews

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. Do you now what I want for Christmas. I want a doll house, a pool and maybe a doll. Is it very cold down their?
Your friend,
Sarah

Dear Santa, I have been very good this year. I am looking forward to Christmas. This year for Christmas I would like to have a barbe car that little girls drive in new shoes and a barbe doll with the clothes. My stocking is hanging on the wall will you put candy 100 dollars in my stocking. I you bring me what I want the you are the best Sant in the world. I want lost of prents.
Your friend,
Nina Evans

Dear Santa, I would like a TV, a Radaow, and Nintindo and since I have been so supper trific I would like a Firebird with a drivers licinces O.K.
Your Frind,
J.D.

Dear Santa, I want a basket for my bike long gold earing and close. Bows for my hair. A western atfit and western earing to go with it and a prisom tape.
A good Kid
Kristi Nelson

Dear Santa, I want a bike, new scooter, airpump, computer, desk, chairs, Santa doll, playhouse, motorcycle, go cart, electric jeep, jeep. Thats all I want.
Stepheny Foster.

Dear Santa Will you bring me a bike and a scooter and some close to wear and some new shoes.
Thank you Santa.
April McGee

Dear Santa, I tried to be good in class. I make good grades and I tried hard Santa. I want a train track with a train tuf-trax, radio control fire truck and radio control boat and a tent.
Love,
Garrett Hopper

Dear Santa, I want to go to my dads house. I play with my dads puppies and one of the puppies likes me and I fed him. I want a lunchbox for Christmas.
Love,
Charlotte Ann Robinson

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Dear Santa For Christmas I would like to have a skateboard for Christmas. I would also like a watch. Thats not all but I just cant think of Them. I wish I could see Rudolph with his red nose. I am going to give you some cookies to eat.
Your friend,
Bowe Butler

Dear Santa, My mommy is helping me write this letter. I know my letters, but it takes a long time to write them. I have to share this letter with my sister, Amber, because she's too little. She's only 2.
For Christmas I want the baby with blond hair that changes colors when you brush it. Amber would like a telephone that talks back to you. We both want a swing set. I

told my mom I wanted seven babies, but she told me you would probably only bring me one. I wish I could have seven. I like babies.
I will leave you some milk and cookies, but you have to be quiet so you don't wake me up.
Oh yeah, when you come to my class I will sit on your lap this time.
I love you, Santa.
Jessica Lynne Hallford Age 4

Dear Santa, Please bring me some walkie talies and the game Operation. My sister would like a rattle.
Thank you,
April Ward Age 5

Dear Santa For Christmas I want a ninja turtle sewer hokey, Ninja turtle belts, a Ninja turtle watch, Bart Simpson doll, Bart Simpson flash light, Bart Simpson key chain.
This is what I want for Christmas day.
Sign:
Johnny Lara, Jr.

Dear Santa for Christmas I want my two front teeth and I want a barbie and I want little miss magic hair.
Lori Ann Franco

Dear Santa for Christmas I want a fire truck, coloring book, ninja turtle glasses, Bart Simpson doll, Bart Simpson shirt and sweats.
That's what I want for Christmas.
Signed:
Alex Franco

Dear Santa for Christmas I want pooch-patrol, baby sparkles, water pets, Barbie car, Go-Go my walking pup, Yum Yums, wet-n-wild barbie and shark attack, lil miss magic hair.
That's what I want for Christmas.
Signed:
Corrina Franco

Dear Santa Claus, I am Cassie Daniel and I am 6 years old. Please bring me a Barbie Western van, a ballerina doll, a Speak 'N Spell, and any other special surprises you can think of. I am moving to a new house. It has a chimney.
Please remeber my friends at school. The girls have been a lot better than the boys. Please remebermy cousins, Rachel and Matthew. I will leave you some cookies and milk.
I love you,
Cassie

Dear Santa, I try to get better grades. I want a Baby Alive. But I will have some cookies and milk out for you.
Your Friend,
Amanda

Dear Santa, I want a Wrecker Breaker and a Powskat bode.
Patric

I want a remote control car and a Wrecker Breaker. I want a watch for Christmas and if I am better you can get me anything.
Your friend,
Micah

Dear Santa, I will bring a dragon Fire for Rudoooff the reindeer and Blistin. I want a race car for Christmas and a bike for Christmas.
Your friend,
Eric McIntosh

Dear Santa, Will you please bing me a nursery baby and two dollars please Santa. And a daddy to. And a car And a gold neckless for my mommy to. If you leave me a Vanilla Ice tape I will leave you a thank you note for next year. Please Santa bring my wish come ture and please me a daddy.
Krystle

Dear Santa, I wish this Santa Claus will bring me Barbie I wish this you will Santa Claus a Baby Aline
Your Friend,
Stephanie Torres

Dear Santa, I wish I can have a powerwheel and thas all I want.
Mickiel

Dear Santa, I want the Teenace Mutant Ninja Turtles so will you do it for me. I beee a good boy. For you to do that I will give you some cocke and milk. And also I want a Ninetendo.
John

Deat Santa Claus, I wish you would get me a power wheel and thas all. I want but I want only a boy one and the one I really want is that jeep one that is new.
Youre friend,
Ethan Arguello

Dear Santa, I will leave you and reindeer some cookies on my talbe I will leave you a presint on the table too. Will you get me a bartday presint? Was I good or bad? I will wait t get a radio and I can listen to it win I open it o Christmas If I was good maybe I will get a radio and I want a Barbie and I really really really want a reindeer that will move and sing.
Your friend,
Mandy Johnson

Dear Santa Claus, I will want a Barbie and a Game boy New Kids on the Block I want John Night. For my mom I want a red dress.
Your friend,
Leticia Ann Ortega

Dear Santa, What I want for Christmas is a Double Dragon game Remote control car power weel Dragon Fire game Ninja Turtles game boy kneepades for a skatsbord a skate bord I will leave you some cookies.
Michael Ramirez

Dear Santa, I wish for a black tiger bike a pro skateboard when you are in my house I will see you.
Your friend,
Aaron Lattimore

Dear Santa, I will like a pro skateboard and a Game boy with double dragon to go with it. I will like a power wheel and a Hypertriper, please.
Your friend,
Stande Williams

Dear Santa, I wish for playset for Christmas and a radio for Christmas I have been getting good grades all year I will get my star student card back Santa.
Your friend,
Gloria

Dear Santa, I whis that you would bring me a Nitendo and a Nitendo tape for Christmas please And a skateboard for Christmas. I was good at school and got As and Bs on my report card at school.
your friend,
Juan Olivarez

Dear Santa, I wish you would bring me a Barbie and some Barbie clothes and a new kids on the block tape to lesin to.
Your friend,
Laura Moore

Dear Santa, I will leave you some milk and cooks. I wish I could have Double Dragon II for gameboy and Ninetendo. And I want a remote control car. And a wrecker breaker, Ive been a goodboy.
Your Frind,
Rey Chavirra

Dear Santa, The one thing I want to see is you in person. And I got a question for you. How do you get the reindeers to fly? But the thing I want the most is to see my mom and dad more often And I hope you can answer the question soon.
Your Pal,
Scott Hyatt

Dear Santa, How are you doing at the North Pole. I am doing fine her in Big Spring. How is Mrs. Santa, and the elves, and Rudolph with his nose so bright? I want baby alive, and a curling iron, hair spray, conditioner, shampoo, sweater, skates and socks and underwear.
Love,
Brittany Roberson

Dear Santa, I would like a rocking horse and a Cherry Merry Muffin.
Tamara McAdams



Dear Santa,
Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a motorcycle, nintendo, mario brothers three, bee bee guns and butterfly knives.
Joseph Yanez

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie Corvette.
Michel Newell

Dear Santa,
I would like a rocket.
Cody Ditto

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie
Nickea Cooper

Dear Santa,
I want a Powerwheel and new clothes and a new bike and marbles and a coloring book and new crayons.
Danny Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a Glo-Worm, a Barbie car and new shoes with a bow at the top. And a play kitchen.
Angela Gomez

Dear Santa,
I want a little Barbie car and I want a dog Patrol and I want a big Barbie battery car that you can drive for real and a Bubby doll and My Pretty Ballerina doll.
Samantha Herrera

Dear Santa,
I want a dog that walks and a new Barbie and a new dress and a Ken and a baby doll that bubbles. I want shoes and new pants and new boots shoes and new pants and new boots and a cowboy hat and a toy gun and a shirt for a cowgirl and a play horse.
Jennifer Lewis

Dear Santa,
I want a Light Bright and choo-choo and a blue ball and a Dog Patrol.
Ren Parks



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you to give my bruthr a new Lithrhede. I would like you to give my sister a swidr. And I would like you to give my othe bruthr a noisy toy. I would like you to give my mom a swidr. And I would like you to give my dad a new golf clubs.
Love,
Jacob Garcia

Dear Santa Claus,
How do you get in? I want a set of markers! Wear do you keep Rudolph? I wish you will bring a litel dog.
Love,
Benjamin Yee

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a Nintendo. I want a bike. I want a Ninja Turtles.
Love,
George Quintera

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a bike. I will say to Sata I love you. Will you Ninga Turtles.
Love,
Steven Franco

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a key board and Robocop 2 and an art kit.
Love,
Matt Belcher

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa do you like North Pole? Please bring me a play house and a buch of toys. I like fruit in stoking. Hav a good Christmas. You to Mes Santa. Whot Raindeer is going to gide your sleigh on Christmas? I'm going to put my Christmas tree up.
Love,
Nicole Chesworth

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a paint set. Does Mis Claus sow your close?
Love,
Shasta Fuqua

Dear Santa,
I want a buch of toys. They are baby Alive and Magic Nursery Baby. I rele want to go to your house. But do not know wher you liv?
Love,
Brenna Gibbons

Dear Santa Claus,
Santa would you bring me toys please. Santa how is it up there? Santa how are your elves doing? Do your elves work hard?
Love,
James Helms

Dear Santa,
I want a Snoopy and a new bike and a new piano and a new Christmas tree for my mom and a brand new shoe for my dad. And thats it.
Paul Landin

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie house, a new Barbie car corvette and I want a play kitchen. I want a Puppy Patrol and a car you can drive in and a Barbie boy.
Marisela Saucedo

Dear Santa,
I want a truck that can go by itself and move back by itself and a car with batteries in it that will go by itself and a box for my toys to I won't make a mess in my room.
Mike Flores

Dear Santa,
I want new clothes and new shoes and new toys and a lot of pencils and a new toybox and a new bed for Christmas.
Samantha Casto

Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old. I would like a race car track, a powerwheel and every little boy and girl to have what they want. P.S. I sure need a train track, too.
Bye,
Zachary Pierce

Dear Santa
I want collection of money and a car. A nintendo game and dirt bike with moter. I really want spytech and a walkietalkie.
Love,
Patrick Matthews

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am fine. How is Mrs. Claus? Is she doing fine?

How many cookies do you want? For Christmas, I want a telephone, radio, school box, barbies, and I want it to snow. How is the North Pole?
Your Friend,
Victoria Hernandez

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo with six nintendo tapes with the powerglove. The six nintendo tapes are ninja turtle, Mario Brothers and three Double Dragon, two and one, Zelda one, Supperman, Mike Tyson Punch Out.
Love,
Johnny Juarez

Dear Santa,
What's up Santa? How are you doing? I have been good every day. All is I want is my front teeth. I will see you later.
Mary Chavez

Dear Santa,
I will leave cookies for you on Christmas Eve night. For Christmas I want a tv, Little Miss Magic Hair doll, Cates Party collection, a radio, and some batteries so we don't have to buy some. I want some clothes because mine are so small.
Love,
Cassie Gover

Dear Santa,
How are you? I am doing fine. What I want for Christmas is a game. The name of the game is candyland. I want a lot of Nintendo games. I want a lot of puzzles too.
Love,
Tamara Minter

Dear Santa,
I want a baby shivers. I hope it is not too cold in the North Pole. What does Mrs. Claus want for Christmas? How are you doing?
Love,
Sarah Crowley

Dear Santa,
I would like a jambox, a stereo, a television, a telephone, a VCR, peace, a comforter, and a bike. I want a diamond ring and diamond earring. I hope you don't get tired.
Love always,
Jancy Crow

Dear Santa,
I would like a bicycle, some nintendo tapes and some cassettes.
Jeremy Balios

Dear Santa,
Please bring me toys Magic Nursery Baby Paintset Baby Alive I want a doll.
Love,
Michael Dewett

Dear Santa,
How is it there? Please bring me a keyboard, watch, Mario Brothers tree and a power wheel jeep and a necklace for my sister.
Love,
Matt Jones

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a Magic Nursery Baby. Bring my Cusen a yo-yo Give Mrs. Claus a hug.
Love,
Taylor Kennedy

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I have been waiting for Christmas. Do you want me to leave a few cookies for you? I have been good. For Christmas I want a radio, curling iron, bike, telephone, puzzles and shark attack. See you for Christmas.
Love,
Misty Padilla

Dear Santa,
This is what I want for Christmas. I want a 12 speed bike and remote control car. How many cookies do you want?
Love,
Zac Hall

Dear Santa,
How many cookies do you want me to leave for you and waht kind

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do you want, homebaked? How's Mrs. Claus? How are the reindeer and elves? Is Rudolph's nose still redder than roses? I want lots of books and games. Make sure you keep warm.
Merry Christmas!
Matthew Josefy

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I want a gold car and I want my grandma to not have to get her wrist cut open. I want a nintendo and I want the game to ge Zelda. I want a dog and I want it to be a puppy chow. I want some foot-ball cards and a case for them. I want my sister to come back from lubbock and my mom and dad do to. I want you to get me a friend to play with at home.
Peter Cobos

Dear Santa,
I want a diamond ring for my wonderful mom. I want a babby alive and a jambox and a T.V. and a VCR and a crammer and school to be out for the rest of the year.



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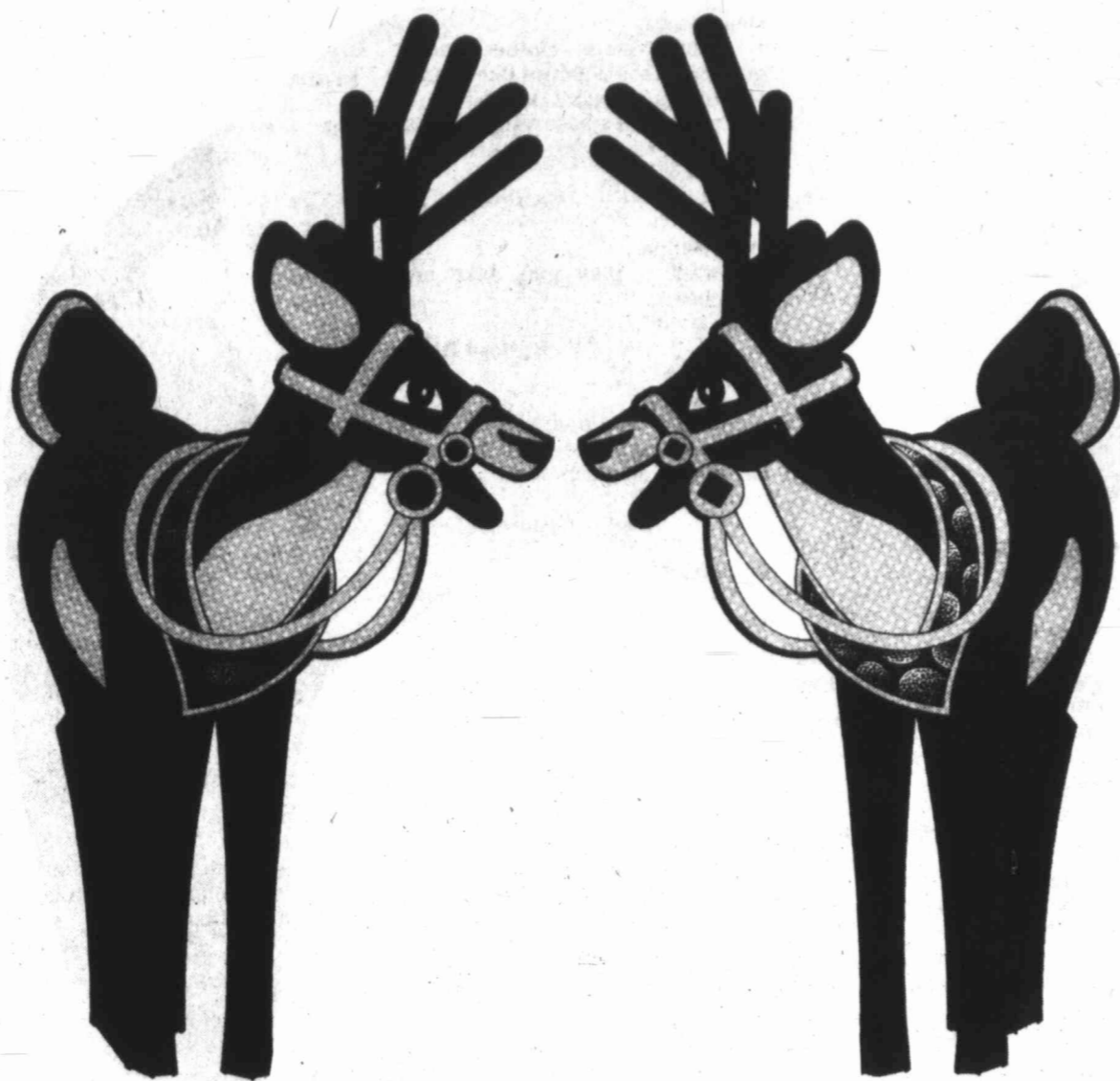
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what I want for Christmas. It's a crib for my dolls. And a poster of Julia Roberts and a daunation thats a boy. And one more thing, I want a picture of you and Mrs. Claus together. I will give you a present and cookies for you. Make sure you get them and the present too. Merry Christmas Santa and Mrs. Claus. I hope you have a Merry Merry Christmas to all and forever to you. I hope you and elves are hard for the children. I still have more stuff to say for Christmas by I will wait for Christmas to say all of the things that I want. I want a lot of toys that look like Toys R Us toys. Merry Christmas.
Love,
Alexis Casillos



Dear Santa,
Thank you for my TV. This year I want a Nintendo and a video game for it and a walkman. By the way how is your wife doing does she dance around the house?
Sincerely,
Tiffany Maxwell

Dear Santa,
I have been especially good this year and lokking forward to your arrival. This year I would like a computer with computer discs and VCR, telescope, microscope, disk, CD playe and a little TV that I can take around with me. I hope you get some of this stuff.
Your friend,
Kimbely Alcantar

Dear Santa,
I have been pretty good this year and I think I would like a TV of my own and Mario Brothers 2 and a doll and a puppy.
Your friend,
Loni Birmelin

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I am looking forward to opening presents. This year for Christmas I would like to have a skateboard and a remote control car for Christmas. I am going to do five things for my mom and dad. My mom and dad are sick. I want them to get better when Christmas comes.
Your friend,
Javier

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a computer for Christmas.
Love,
David

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a dog for Christmas Love
Steven G.

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a natindoe for Christmas for Love
Adrian Crosby

Dear Santa,
Please come on Christmas night Santa and bring my toys with you. Please Santa and be quiet Santa, please if you don't be quiet you will wake us up.
Love,
Ryan Wester

Dear Santa,
Is it cold there? I have a Christmas tree an it is very very prtee. How are you? I love you and I have 2 sisters. I want a G.I. Joe set.
Love,
Ryan Vassar

Dear Santa,
Please give me a G.I. Joe set. My

sister is going to be it my houes. Please give me a nuw wach.
Love,
Jack Maines

Dear Santa,
I want a baby doll and a Barbie doll and Baby Alive and a bike and biling blox.
Love,
Kate McCutheon

Dear Santa,
I wish there could be peca in the world and love in evry ones heart and no drugs in the world and we would not have a war because my dad might half to be in it and evry one would be happy.
Lashawanna

Dear Santa
i want a B-B game.
Erick

Dear Santa,
I wish that I had a Mario Bros. 3 and a walkman and a Vanilla Ice tape, New Kids on the Block tape, M.C. Hammer tape and a computer.
I also wish there was peace in the Middle East. I want a new outfit and my layway out.
Your Friend,
Emily

Dear Santa,
I like you a lot. I'm glad there is a Christmas because you bring us toys. I want a football soccerball skateboard helmet for Christmas. I wished I could go with you but it

come to late and I get so sleepy and I fall asleep. I have been a good girl. I have so many things I ask you to bring them. A real flying unicorn, high top skates and more I'm looking forward to Christmas the day Jesus was born.
Yours truly,
Ginger Diane Sullivan

Dear Santa,
I want a Dr. Mario nintendo game. It it my favorite.
Timothy

Dear Santa,
I've been very good to my mom and dad. I have been waiting for Christmas but since its the month of Decemer I don't have to wait long. For Christmas I would like new nintendo since my brother broke his and a VCR to watch scary movies and a P.J. Sparkle doll and a Little Miss Make-up Doll. I'm really looking forward to Christmas. And I would like to name one thing for my little sister Bridget that's a barbie all the time tey show a barbie on TV and she says Barbie Barbie.
Love,
Alyssa Rivas

would be a long time till I come back.
Michael

Dear St. Nick,
I have been good, good very good you see. Can I have a skateboard, a honda cub and a soundmaker. I have been wanting a Hot Keys really bad so be nice and bring it to me. From Me,
Travis Davis Wiggins

Dear Santa,
I am three and a half years old and my name is Kellee. I would like a laughing baby. I have a brother, Eric, he is 7. Please bring him something too. We'll have you some cookies I made and milk too.
Kelle Marie

Dear Santa,
I am 7. My sister wants a laughing baby. I want Nija Turtles, power weels jeep and Batman.
Eric Christopher

Dear Santa,
I want a Barbie and I want a teapot for Christmas.
Jessica Bodine

Dear Santa,
I want a radio control car and Jeep Safari.
Jonathan Williams

Dear Santa,
I want new clothes and a playhouse.
Laura Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I would like you to bring presents if you can.
Benito

Dear Santa, For Christmas I would like a computer and a walkman. Your Friend.
Adam

Dear Santa,
I wish I could have a radio for Christmas and a tape of M.C. Hammer and a tape of The New Kids on the Block. I wish I could have new shoes and I wish I could have new clothes.
Carolina

Dear Santa,
How you? Please bring me paint-set in bring me a cat for Love
Chris

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a doll for Christmas.
Love
Jessica

Dear Santa
How are you? Please bring me for motorcycle for Christmas.
Love
Mikey

Dear Santa,
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Lupe

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me for Christmas Love
Lupe

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring ne a computer for Christmas. Hour is Rudolf? Love
Coby

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I have been a good worker. I would like to have a Barbie car.
Love,
Elaine Ortega

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I have cooked and cleaned house. I would like some flash cards, some paper, pens, pencils and some workbooks. I would also like some books to read.
Sincerely,
Codi Graves

Dear Santa,
I have been kind. I helped put up the Christmas tree and lights. I help my Dad pickup pecans. I want to have a big remote control race car.
Love
Treavor Partlow

Dear Santa,
I helped my dad even if he didn't need me. I've been very good. I want a mini toca. I even want a remote controle Big foot and a electric guitar I want a Ninja Turtle poster. I want a bell off the reindeer.
Love
Ty Savell

Dear Santa,
I have read soom books. I have done soom chores. I want trampoline for Christmas. I want \$80 for Christmas. I want Technaball and a dog.
Love,
John David

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I have been nice to other people. I have helped people. I would like a tramopline, a Barbie corvette, a chinese pug and anything else you have.
Love,
Misty Dawn Kilpatrick

Dear Santa,
I want a He-Man power sword and a ball for Christmas.
Alicia Brunson

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Dear Santa,
I have been kind. I've cleaned by
room. I've worked with my dad.
I want a Nintendo.

Love

Taggart Walker

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year I've
taken out the trash and hoof-picked
my horse.

Love,

Brandi Barnett

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I have been
good. I've cleaned my room every
day I've helped wash the dishes.
I would love to have a scooter
and a bike.

Love

Amy Jackson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a seasmur street
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the turtles sherue, human batman,
superman, teddy rubbskin the little
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dogs. This what I would like. Yours
truly.

Sherrie Thompson

Dear Santa Claus,
I wills a gootdot at hyperitrip-
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to and the car.

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How are you? Please bring me
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How are you? Please bring me
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Love

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Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me
Go-Go Christmas.

Love

Elizabeth

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a
babby doll for Christmas

Love

Heather

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me
disagefol love Christmas

John Soliz

Dear Santa,
I have been helpful this year. I
helped decorate the tree and clean
house.

I want a VCR for Christmas,
some cassette tapes, some new
boots, a trampoline, United States
flash cards and game boy.

Love,

Michael Rowden

Dear Santa Claus,
I've cleaned the house and put up
the tree.

I want an ant farm and red
ropers.

Love,

Chelsea Shults

Dear Santa Claus,
I helped my mom and dad. I cut
our weeds.

I want a turbo football and a pet
rabbit.

Love,

Chance Sherman

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good this year. I took
out the trash and I exercised the
horse.

I want a trampoline.

Love,

Cole Davis

Dear Santa,
I have really been good this year.
I have obeyed my mom and dad. I
have helped my brother too.

Santa Claus will you bring me a
trampoline and lots of candy and a
big big teddy bear.

Love

Megan McDiffit

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been good at school. I have
also been helpful.

I want a Trampoline and I also
want a car.

Love,

Dustin Morgan

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been great. I have tried to
have great manners. I've hunted
birds.

I want a real car and a real
torpedo.

Love,

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Dear Santa Claus,
I've been great this year. I am
getting good grades in school. I've
helped my dad with the house.

I want a little coke machine and
a little oven that I saw in the
wishbook.

Love,

Jessica Arlene Moreno

Dear Santa Claus,
I have been very nice this year, I
have been helpful so far.

I want a skirt and I want clip-on
earrings I want clothing.

Love,

Kristen Newton

Dear Santa,
We are the children and teachers
from room 109 at Head Start. We
wanted to let you know what we
want for Christmas. We have all
been good boys and girls. Here is
what each one of us want:

1. Ivan Puna - Batmobile
 2. Gabriel Hernandez - Choo-choo Train
 3. Wesley Porras - Mickey Mouse
 4. Joshua Griggs - stuff animal bear
 5. Timothy Sanchez - choo-choo train
 6. Jarrett Barraza - skateboard, batmobile
 7. Jimmy Yanez - Bike
 8. David Mills - Ninja Turtle
 9. Ricauter Deleson - Ninja Turtle
 10. Michael Parker - Big fire truck, red corvette
 11. Christopher Fox - Play truck
 12. Laura Olague - Barbie car, Baby Sparkle
 13. Leann Musick - Barbie, Barbie car
 14. Neomi Haro - Barbie car, P.J. Sparkle
 15. Kristen Sosa - Red corvette, Ninja Turtle Cycle
 16. Kassapdra Duarte - Barbie, Barbie car
 17. Tyonne Brown - Cabbage Patch Doll, bike
 18. RuAnn Martinez - Rainbow Bright
 19. Monica Solis - Barbie, Barbie House
 20. Ms. Molina - a new truck
 21. Mrs. Ruiz - a new diamond ring
- Thank you, Santa, from the children in Room 109. We love you Santa and we will have cookies and milk waiting for you.

Dear Santa,
I want some clothes and a
guitar and some games like puzzles
and the game qick sand and a bike
and a foot ball a base ball and a bat
and a TV.

Your best kid,
Rickey Solis Jr.

Dear Santa,
I want a play gun, bike and
skateboard.

Your friend,
Ratford Rivas

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and Ninja Turtles
and cops and police academy and a
car that you push back and he-
man.

Joseph Garza

Dear Santa,
I have been good all year. This is
what I would like to have for
Christmas, Bouncing Baby, Magic
Nursery Baby, Panda Bear, make-
up, Baby Bubbles, Baby Scribbles,
Wet'nWild Barbie, Quints.

I love you.

Brittany

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I am doing fine. I
have been a good boy this year. I
would like you to bring me a Ninja
Turtle Battle Costume (Donatello) and
a Batman Gun and a Turtle
Blimp and a He-man Sword and a
Superman Doll.

Love,

Anthony Fuentes

P.S. I'll leave cookies and milk on
the counter.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jennifer Hernandez.
I have been a nice little girl. I help
my mommy clean. So I would like
a sparkle doll and a 24 crayons and
a bike and I would like tiny toones
rabbit and I would like a oopsdaisy
doll and the New Kids on the Blocks
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on the Block. Santa say nite to Mrs.
Santa and take care Santa with
love. And I want Jennifer D. Her-
nandez some skates and the New
Kids on the Block tape of all of the
songs and I wish you a and M.C.
Hammer sings

Dear Santa,
I want a TV and a radio and a fish
aKrewerom and a bike some shoes
and a go cart with stereow. And a
guter and a pare of glasses.

Your friend,

Larry Ward

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a
nintendo tape, a go cart, a TV and a
pair of gloves.

Your friend,

Victor Alvarado

Dear Santa,
What I want for Christmas is a
bike and a scooter I also want
an aquarium with fish and I also want
boots that are blue, red or gray.
That's all that I want.

Cheryl Platte

Dear Santa,
I would like to have a gameboy
with six different games. Also I like
to have a big ten speed with blue
paint and a big and big foot truck
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that are called pumps that are
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so big. That all I like to have.

Your Friend,

Scott Martinez

Dear Santa,
I want a computer for Christmas.
I even want a TV for me. I even
want a bike for Christmas. I want a
ver to. I even want games. They
are bingo and bonkers. I also want
a capatch. That's what I want for
Christmas from you.

Your friend,

Stephene Ruiz

Dear Santa,
I want little miss magic chair



and I want a slap braslit and I want
a taperecorder with two Christmas
tapes and I want a game of Mouse
trap and that is all I can think of
right now.

From

Karissa Wilson

Dear Santa,
I want a nintendo set and a bike
and a remot control car. And I even
like a trip to Disneyland.

Jesse Mier

Dear Santa,
I want a set of batman and a fack
bebie gun and a set of nija Turtles.

Your friend,

Sean Bailey

Dear Santa,
I want a drum set and a complet
set pf basketball cards. I would like
a guitar in plus a rock polisher and
a trampoline. I want a gerdle that
is playful and likes to exersize alot.
I want a keyboard.

Love,

Nicci Vizeaino

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and some roller
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want a nintendo. I want a set of
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Your friend,

Cheryl Platte

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scooter to rider around and a
telescope to see the stars.

Your friend,

Rolando Ortiz

Dear Santa, I want a dunbugy,
porsh, pim gun, lamergeny, I am
10.

Your Friend,

Dale Spivey

Dear Santa,
I only want three things for
Christmas. I want a basketball,
Wilson Phillips and Ice Ice Baby.
Sencilly Yours,
Nicedi

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me a
doll for Christmas bring me a ball
Bring me a prss

Love

Ann

Dear Santa I am Tandi Jo
Casselman I am 8 years old. What I
want is not a whole lot. All I want is
P.J. Sparkles, a Ant Farm a new
Nintendo, the Snoop Nintendo
game, a game boy, the Snoop
Game Boy game and a Kittens
sleeping bag.
Sincerely yours,
Tandi Casselman

Dear Santa,
I have been good at school. I have
also been helpful.

Love,

Megan McDiffit

Dear Santa,
I have been good at school. I have
also been helpful.

Love,

Megan McDiffit

Dear Santa,
I have been great. I have tried to
have great manners. I've hunted
birds.

Love,

Sisto Furillo Subia

Dear Santa,
I have really been good this year.
I have obeyed my mom and dad. I
have helped my brother too.

Love,

Sisto Furillo Subia

Dear Santa,
I wills a gootdot at hyperitrip-
tipennnd your friend ted and the rod
to and the car.

Love

David

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me
Gijo for Christmas.

Love

Kyle

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me
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Christmas Love Heath and woud
you get me a bellebell and mester
Santa I

Dear Santa,
I want a puppy, a kite, Pretty Vallreyna, and a Nintindo game called Super Mario Brothers?
Amanda Doring

Dear Santa,
I was kind this yere. I cleaned Miss Newtons Desk. I washed dishes lasnight. I changed Neiman Ferguson's diaper.
Santa, I want a hair cutting doll for Christmas. I want a Cabbage Patch for Christmas I want a tala-foun for Christmas. And I want some reckrds for Christmas.
Love,
Chelsea Ferguson

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I took the trash out, I fed my puppy.
I want a new domino rally, some new close.
Love,
Andy Neel

Dear Santa,
I have been nice when I play with my baby brother. I also have been nice when I feed my dog. I would like a Barbie.
Love,
Sylvia Ray

Dear Santa,
I have been polite. I helped my mom clean the sink, stove and for that I want a blaster and jet, micro machines and a little computer.
Love
Angel Serrano

Dear Santa,
I have been good. I take out the trash and I help clean the dishes. I want a nintendo.
Love,
Cody Lee Pesnell

Dear Santa,
I helped my granpal pick up pecons and racked the yard. I want a rase car track, micros and sport kit.
Love,
Jay Boyd Allen

Dear Santa,
Im kind because I want to meet you Santa. I want a game and a map.
Love,
Steve JR Alvarez

Dear Santa,
I have been kind to others. I have been good this year you are such a good person anyway I want a game called girl talk and I want some books like Rabbit Hill Miss Hicery.
Love,
Samantha Stapp

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I cleaned my teachers desk I also took the food out for the dogs. I would like to have a Nursery Baby for Christmas.
Love,
Debbie Cantu

Dear Santa,
I have been good in school and I have helped One girl in my class I picked up trash and what I want for Christmas is a game Boy and Bongokongo and a nintendo.
Love,
Travis

Dear Santa,
I have been considerate this year. In the autom one day I helped my grampa pick pecans. Oh i almost forgot for Christmas I would like a Rubits Cube.
Love,
Zachary Cole Smiley

Dear Santa,
I have been nice this year. I take out the trash. I read to my brother. I want a professional go cart, Rattle Me Bones, Bong Go Kong Go.
Love,
Dustin Baker

Dear Santa,
I help clean the house. I'm kind to my mom. I try to have a positive attitude.
Santa, I want a plau dough set, clothes basket, ball, and cabbage patch.
Love,
Monica Yzaguirre

Dear Santa,
I helped my teacher clean the class room. I have been considerate at school. Mrs. Newton taught us how to say yes Mam or no Mam.
I want a pink ring with a diamond in the middle of it and also a tape player with tapes.
Love,
Amy Braddock

Dear Santa,
I cleaned my desk and I made my bed. I want a bike.
Love,
Jason Birmelin

Dear Santa,
I have a good attitude and sure would like Rattle Me Bones.
Love,
Shawn Simmons

Dear Santa,
I have been nice at home. I play with my baby sister. I want dishes for my mom and I wood lic a macontral car and a nintndo tape.
Love,
Matthew

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like to have a teachers rolling chair and dinosaur cards, number cards, and all of the months and all of the numbers. My little sister would like a Barbie car. My big sister would like a rolling chair too. My mom would like a real dimend. Please give my dog something. And give my dad a tuxedo.
Love,
Ashley Trune



Dear Santa,
I am going to give you some milk and cookies for Christmas. I want my doll's shoes and my doll's books and some different books.
Love,
Jennifer Harvey

Dear Santa
For Christmas I want (you do not have to give it to me) a baby doll set. I am going to be out of town for Christmas. I am going to El Paso. Will you still leave me some presents Santa? Maybe I will leave some milk and cookies for you out on the table, Santa Claus. I do want to see Rudolph the red nose reindeer. I want to see all of the reindeer. Do you know what? I can not even remember the reindeer names.
Love,
Stephanie McFadden

Dear Santa,
I want a bike for Christmas. I wonder how you and Mrs. Claus and the reindeer are doing. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Love,
Desiree M. Richardson

Dear Santa,
I would like a little of Ninja Turtles, GI Joes, Bat man, Clothes, Dick Tracy, and Ghostbusters. I think Santa is nice because he gave Gods sun presents.
Your Friend,
Stephen Bailey

Dear Santa,
I want a game boy. I like games. They are fun. Do you. I do. I-like them and I like football and games and I like soccer. Do you like one of these games?
Your friend,
Cody Willis

Dear Santa
I like dolls. I love you. I like Mrs. Santa. I like the cookies that she makes. Thank you.
Love,
Tisha Campbell

Dear Santa,
Is Rudolph real? I'm not sure if he is real but I know that all the reat of the gang is real. Are your Elf's working hard for you? They probably are. My daddy said that you are real. Are you real? I don't know if you are real but I think you are real. Well, I bette go now Bye Bye.
Your friend,
Melissa Flenniken

Dear Santa,
I want a cowboy hat and a gun. I also want a pet rat.
Your friend,
Michael Jewett

Dear Santa,
I went to my Granny's. My cousin was there. I got a bike and sweats and jeans and a tap.
Your friend,
Dusty Sumpter

Dear Santa,
My name is Patrick Lindsey. I want a gameboy for Christmas. Tell Mrs. Claus to cepe making cookies. Are they good? Teel your elves to not work too hard. They are going to have a busy day on Christmas. Tell Rudolph keep up pulling the sled. I would like to ride your reindeer. Do thay talk? If thay bo tell them I said hi.
Love,
Patrick Lindsey

Dear Santa,
I used to think weren't real. But now I think you are real. I want to ask you a question. How do you know which house to go to? Well, if that is a secret then you dont have to tell me. When I did not believe

you. I got a present from you. But I did not believe in you. I said thank you to mom and dad but dad said we did not buy it I said, "Well who did. Then he said Santa did. I said I dont believe in santa. He said well then who brought it to you Bill Cosby.
Your friend,
Sarah Harrison

Dear Santa,
I would like one doll named Baby Alive. I would like it for Christmas and one dog named watch dog. That is what I want for Christmas.
Your friend,
Heather Wilks

Dear Santa
I hope you are doing well. I hope I get some good things from you.
Your friend,
Zachary

Dear Santa
One night I stayed up till you came. I heard bells then I closed my eyes and I was asleep. And I would like a bike, game boy, Super-mario Brothers 3.
Love,
Richard Matthew Key

Dear Santa
Santa Claus I want a game boy and I hope I get some more too. I hope I will get the bike that you pull the handle and it goes to the sixth gear.
Your friend,
Nick Cunningham

Dear Santa Claus,
This is what I want for Christmas. It is not much. But it is ok for me. My brother wants a bow and arrow. It is silly but he want it. Santa Claus, isRudolph going to lead the sled this Christmas. I hope so.
Your friend,
Jennifer Minton



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People met with smiling faces,
Greeting friends while children played,
And for a Merry Christmas prayed.
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Santa do you know what I want for Christmas? I want GoGo My Walking Pup and My Pretty Ballerina. I dont remember what else I want. I wonder what my Nan wants for Christmas?
Your friend,
Kassie Blossom

Dear Santa
I really don't want anything so you don't have to make everything. But I want one thing, and I got some of it. It's love. I love Jesus and it's his Birthday. I hope everybody knows Jesus.
Your friend,
Kara Froman

Dear Santa
I am going to tell my dad to get some cookies and some milk for you. I want to meet your raindeer. I wish I could. It must be cold in the North Pole. I have pen pals. I might go to Colorado for Christmas, or my mom might come to Big Spring, TX. I hope you drink and eat the cookies I give you.
Your friend,
Chris Psilas

Dear Santa
I don't want alot of things. But Christmas is not about gifts. It is a time you should be thankful because you are with your family. I would like my doll stuff by you do not have to bring me anything if you do not want to. It is O.K. with me if you do not bring me anything.
Love,
Ashley Harvey

Dear Santa,
I am 13 and I have a question for you. We all know there was a Jesus so there must have been a Santa Claus, Tooth Fairy and so on. My point is why get people's hopes up if there were no such things. I believe there was a Santa but not anymore. Do you relly believe there was a Santa Claus? Please tell me what you think. I would relly like to hear the truth from someone who makes children so very happy.
Thank you
Santas Little Helper

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I want a Spiderman walky talky, a My Pet Monster, a puppet and a microscope. I've been good, Santa. Have a safe trip on the sleigh.
Please bring all the kids in the whole entire world a good present.
Good bye Santa!
Love
Christopher Wigington

Dear Santa,
I want a bike and a clay set computer, diamond earings and Vanilla Ice tape.
Love
Yvoñne

Dear Santa,
I would like a walkman and a turbo graphics, and a game boy.
Love
Jacob

Dear Santa,
I wish I had a puzze book and games like bed bugs and a poster.
Your friend,
Jeremy

Dear Santa, I would like there to be peace in the Middle East and not there be war and if there is let no one get hurt in war.
Your chaircirth friend,
Stacy

Dear Santa,
I wish you were real. I wish my sisters dont fight I want to learn like Amelia and Read. I wish their was no war. Pleas santa.
Love
Juanita

Dear Santa, I want you to come see me on Christmas night. I've always wanted to see Santa Claus in real life.
Love
Laura D.

Dear Santa, I allways wondered is it fun up there. And do it snow alot and is it cold in the North Pole. Don't the deeres frost up there. Do you go all over the world if you do tell me.
Love,
Robert Evans

Dear Santa,
I want to be no war but i think we are going to have war.
Love
Amelia

Dear Santa,
I just want three things fro Christmat, Game boy, Dr. Mario and Typhoon. It is fun in school i like friday and that's all I have to say.
Love
Robert

Dear Santa, I wouls like to have Peace in the Middle East because my cousin is the Middle East.
Love
Rachael

Dear Santa, I want a watch and skates. I wish that ther wes pece in the middle east.
Love
Larry

Dear Santa, My name is Kristina Miller. I hope you come this year. And I dont want to have war. I want Ninga Turtle stiff.
Love
Kristina

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a remote control jet please. I love you Santa Claus. And you are the Best.
Love
Adam Lloyd

Dear Santa,
How are you? Please bring me Christmas. Love John Ramsey
I was a Turtle
I was a dog
I was a cat
I was a mouse
I was a pumpppo

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you give me a Magic Nursery Baby and a bike. I hope you give my sisters prests too. My sister and mother and Father and I will give you sum cooky to you.
Love
Jamie Long

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Magic Nursery Baby and Baby Alive and Nintendo. How is it in the North Pole? Is it cold in the North Pole? I am really exsid about you at my house.
Love,
Heather Milton

Dear Santa,
Bring me a Gogo my walking dog and a little Mrs. Makeup and a Barbie.
Love,
Julie Owens

Dear Santa,
Please will you bring me a G.I. Joe set. Is it cold in the North Pole? Will you please bring me a Nintendo set. I will have some cookys for you.
Love,
Adam Partee

Dear Santa,
Wat I like wood be a baby Alive please, Santa. And a Nintendo! Traintoy and a tricycle please Santa.
Love,
Rebecca Phillips

Dear Santa,
Dear Santa I would like the Quins and my Prite Balrena
Love
Bethany Rogers

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa will you please bring me theas things. Power glove, Super Mario Brothers 3, bike. I'll get milk and cookys for you and a surprise for you!
Love,
Nathan Smith

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control train and my sister would like a doll. But when Santa comes that nit the Christmas tree will be full with gifts and ornamntes.
Love,
Jimmy Wallace

Dear Santa,
I want a Magic Nursery Baby. Please will you give me a bike. My mom and my dad say my sistr and I have to get two things at ech Christmas.
Love
Jessi Weir

Dear Santa,
I would like a noo Barbie and a Magik Nursery Baby. Wer do you live? Is it cold there?
Love,
Lacy Wilkinson

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like any kind of doll. I would like a swimming pool. I would like a Barbe doll. And Santa Claus I hoap Mrs. Claus has fun. I hoap you have a good Christmas Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus!
Love,
Bridget Cain



Dear Santa,
I want a stoller and a Shaking Baby and a battery dog that walks and a remote control dog.
Mandy Murphy

Dear Santa,
I want new clothes and fun toys and a play robot and new crayolas for Christmas.
Erik Hendricks

Dear Santa,
I want roller skates that look like tennis shoes and a Barbie Cat that grown-ups ride in and a new Barbie that has ice skates.
Courtney Brock

Dear Santa,
I want a football helmet, a Monster truck and Ninja Turtle skated for Christmas. And a motorcycle.
Brandon Hart

Dear Santa,
I want some skates with rolling wheels and a remote control dog and a Ninja Turtle sword.
James Mills

Dear Santa,
I would like a helmet and GI Joe Toys and a toy boat for Christmas. And a toy telephone and a He-Man power sword.
Michael Fernandez





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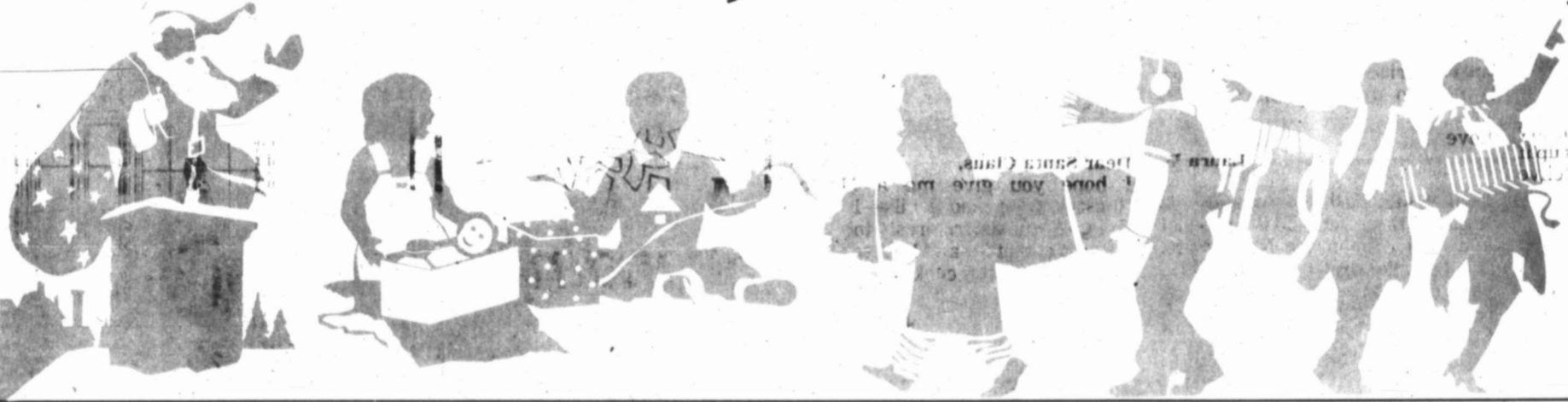
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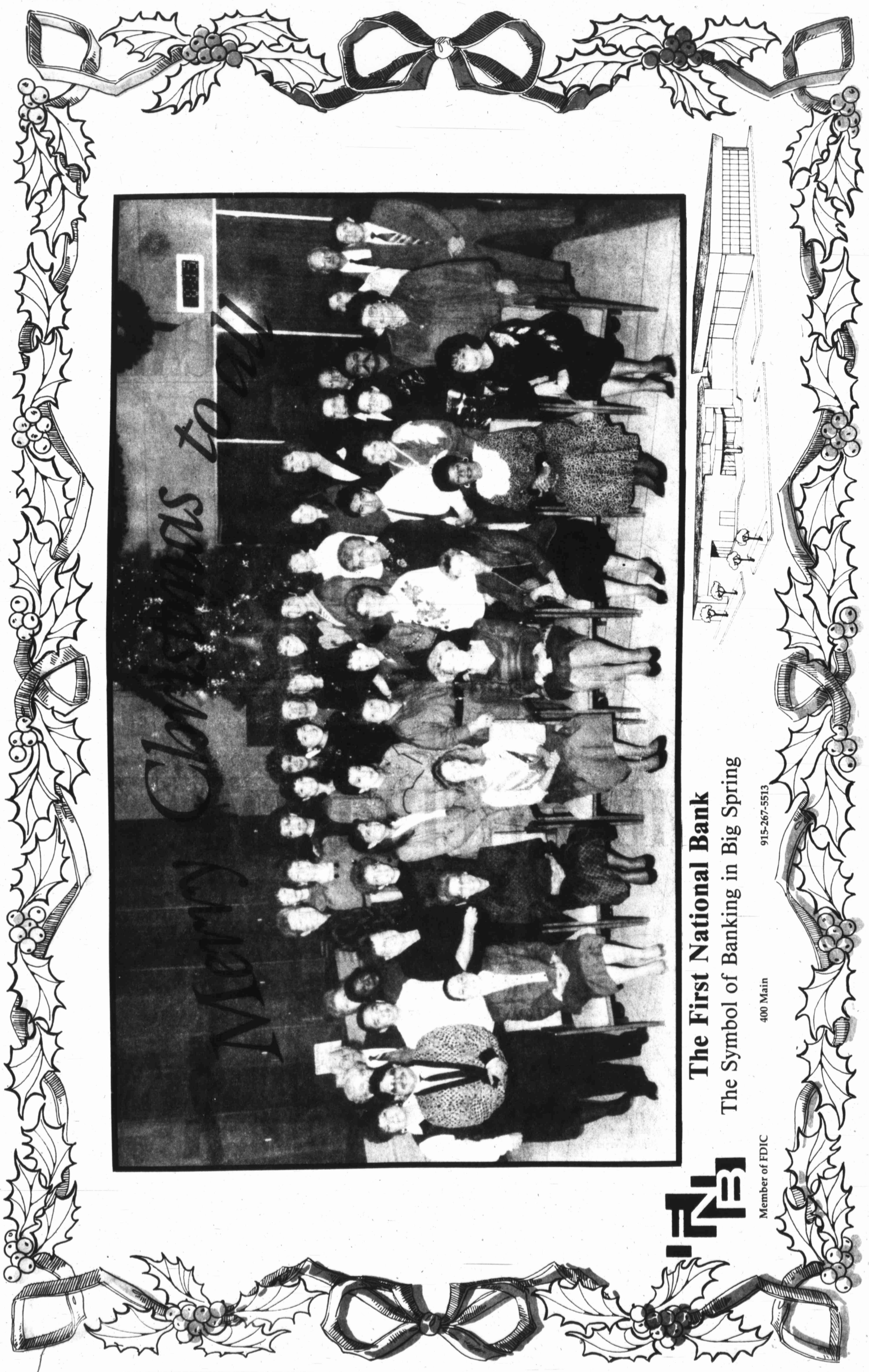
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