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## Weather

Fair at night through Christmas Day. Low tonight in the low 20s; high Christmas Day in the mid 40s.

Sunday's high temperature.....	32
Sunday's low temperature.....	09
Average high.....	58
Average low.....	29
Record high.....	85 in 1955
Record low.....	02 in 1982
Rainfall Sunday.....	0.00
Month to date.....	0.45
Normal for Month.....	0.69
Year to date.....	21.92
Normal for year.....	18.44

## BSISD to consider tax abatement

The Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees will meet Monday, Dec. 31 at 10 a.m.

The only agenda item is the consideration of a tax abatement application from Fina Oil and Chemical Company.

The meeting will take place in the administrative offices, 708 11th Place.

## Absentee voting to begin Jan. 7

Absentee voting for the Howard County precinct 4 commissioner race will begin Jan. 7, County Clerk Margaret Ray has announced. A 118th district judge ordered the new election between Democrat Bobby Cathey and Republican Robert Crenshaw take place Jan. 19.

Voters in precinct 4 — the only area residents allowed to vote — will have numbers 401 through 408 on their voter registration cards.

Ray said mailing out of ballots will begin as soon as possible.

"We of course can't start mailing them until we receive them, which may be running behind because of the holidays and all," Ray said. She added that all persons who are disabled or over age 65 are eligible to receive mailed ballots.

"They need to call us and we'll mail them a card," she said. "We'll need a written application before we can mail them a ballot."

Students and other local residents who will be out of town during the entire absentee voting period may also apply for a mailed ballot, but the letter of request must be received from out of the county and the ballot mailed to an address outside the area, Ray noted.

Voters do not need an excuse to vote absentee, Ray said.

"Just like in the election that was (declared) void," she said. "This one will operate with the same rules."

The county clerk's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 7-11 and 14-15 for the voting process. Saturday, Jan. 12, the office will open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the convenience of working people, Ray said.

The original election was declared void last week after a single discarded ballot forced the count into a tie.

## Amnesty offered fake card users

Legalized aliens, who used false documents to obtain a Social Security card or used a fake card, will receive amnesty from prosecution if they stop using the fraudulent cards by January 3, 1991.

About 2.5 million of the 3.1 million people who applied for amnesty under the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 and subsequent immigration legislation could be affected by the Social Security amnesty provision.

# Troops on higher alert for holidays

(AP) U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region were on heightened alert against potential attacks on Christmas Eve as the military observed the holiday with subdued celebrations and light duties, a military source said.

Iraq, in a sign of rising tensions, summoned its ambassadors to the United States and the United Nations to Baghdad for consultations with President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi Embassy in Washington said.

The embassy spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the envoy to Washington, Moham-

"We are going to be on a heightened state of alert. I don't tell the enemy anything, but I will damn sure tell Saddam Hussein that he should not expect us to be all stood down on Christmas and think that he's going to catch us napping and asleep on Christmas Day. That's not going to happen."

Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf

ed Al-Mashat, and U.N. Ambassador Abdul Al-Anbari, were expected to remain in Baghdad for a week or two. He declined to elaborate.

Saddam, meanwhile, told

Spanish television that Tel Aviv will be Iraq's first target if war breaks out. The Iraqi president had threatened the Jewish state even before the gulf crisis began nearly five months ago, but it was the first

time he said Israel would be Iraq's first target.

The Spanish TV network summarized Saddam's remarks, made Saturday, and said the interview with him would be shown on

Wednesday.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in response that Iraq would be "harmed in a most serious way" if it attacks Israel. Asked whether war was likely, he said on Israel radio: "I would say the danger is very close."

A senior Palestine Liberation Organization official was quoted today as saying the PLO would fight alongside the Iraqis if war breaks out.

"We have coordinated our plans to fight with Iraq in one trench," Hani Al-Hassan, PLO Chairman

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## Visitors Bureau to try to track tourists

By BILL AYRES  
City Editor

When tourists stop in Big Spring, where do they visit, shop, eat or spend the night? Those questions are exactly what the Visitors and Convention Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce is attempting to answer.

The Bureau is in the process of establishing a program to offer visitors to Big Spring discounts at local retailers, restaurants and motels. Bureau director Linda Roger said the discount coupons, tentatively called Big Spring Bucks, would be distributed at the Visitor's Information Center at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop.

"Since the center opened in October," she said, "we've had about 10 people stop in per day. Of those ten we can track four."

Roger said the idea behind the creation of the Big Spring Bucks was to give the Bureau a method to track the spending habits of tourists to the city.

"We will be able to determine where they (tourists) stay, eat and shop. We will pick up the bucks from the merchants every couple of weeks and keep records of where the bucks were spent."

She said it is important for the merchants to know where tourists spend their money. Roger stated each dollar a tourist spends locally will turn in the economy seven times.

"Considering how many times a tourist's dollar turns in the local economy, that represents a lot of money," she said.

She said the Texas Highway Department tourism report indicates the number one activity for visitors to Texas is shopping.

Roger said last month visitors from 17 states and four countries registered at the center. She said the foreign visitors were from France, Canada, Holland and Germany.

"I think the Visitor's Information Center has been a big plus to the city. I think it has pulled in some dollars to the community. It has had a positive impact on Big Spring," she said.

Roger said more money is needed to pay people to work at the center on weekends and holidays. "The volunteers have worked out really well, but we need people to man the center weekends and holidays."



Herald photo by Tim Appel

## The first noel

Members of Big Spring's First Church of the Nazarene act out a scene from the Biblical story of the birth of Jesus Christ in the annual live drive-through nativity. In this scene, players are, from left, Christopher Olson, Billy Sutton, Wilma Doll, John Doll, Katherine Cline and Joe Marien.

Church officials estimated the event drew about 4,000 local and out-of-town viewers. Due to a sudden blast of cold weather and precipitation, the show was cancelled on the last of its four-night run.

## More soldiers than visitors in holy city at Christmas

### Soldiers ready for violence in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — The main colors of Christmas Eve in Bethlehem this year were purple, red, black and green — the hues of the berets of hundreds of soldiers dispatched to provide security in the holy town.

Early this morning, a few tourists could be seen outside the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition holds that Christ was born.

A strike called by the leadership of the Palestinian uprising closed all shops and restaurants in Bethlehem.

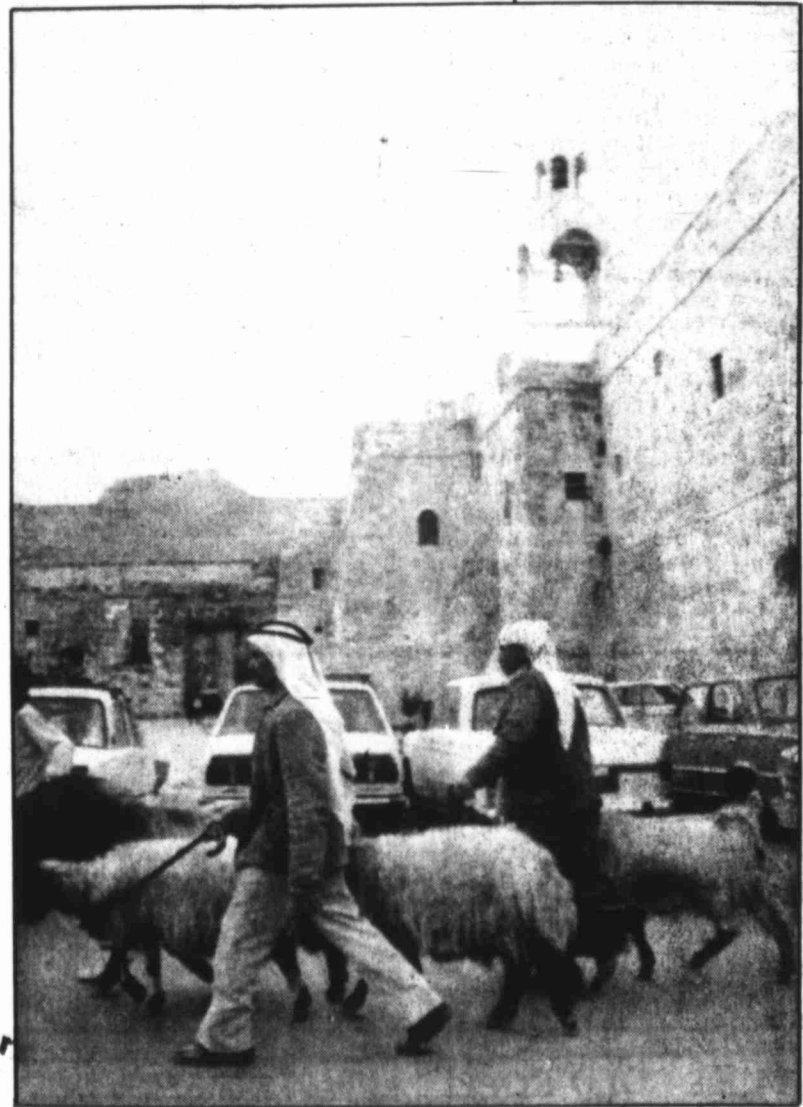
There were no holiday decorations, as officials of this town of 40,000 canceled most celebrations in solidarity with the three-year revolt.

The Tourism Ministry was predicting that fewer than 7,000 people would visit Bethlehem this year, down from 10,000 last year.

Tourism in Israel has been cut in half by the Persian Gulf crisis, and many of the Arab hotels in Jerusalem that cater to Christian pilgrims are shut because of too few guests.

Before the uprising, thousands of pilgrims would normally gather for holiday festivities in Bethlehem and elsewhere.

Church and Israeli government-sponsored programs in Bethlehem were to proceed, beginning with an afternoon procession led by the Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabah, into the Church of the Nativity. The celebrations end with a midnight Mass at neighboring St. Catherine's



Associated Press photo

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank — Two Palestinian shepherds pass by the Church of the Nativity with their flock of sheep in Bethlehem Saturday. Palestinian uprising leaders call for a general strike during Christmas in Bethlehem, while the Israelis say Christmas will take place.

Church. After sunset, a choir from the First United Methodist Church of Oklahoma City was to join a Jerusalem choir, the Living

Stones, in a concert. Security was especially heavy in Bethlehem this year because of a wave Arab-Jewish clashes

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## City water pipes withstanding cold

By DEBBIE LINCEUM  
Staff Writer

City water lines and home water pipes may continue to suffer the effects of the cold weather, but the damage is not as severe as 1989 or 1983, Assistant City Manager Tom Decell said today.

Decell said city water pipes are actually holding up better than in the past.

"We are having some breaks," he said. "But not as many as we've had . . . in the past." The pipes experiencing damage are mostly of the older, cast iron variety, a type city officials hope to eventually replace completely, he said.

Both one year ago and in 1983, record-breaking freezing temperatures and precipitation blasted the area and throughout the state. Last year, more than 100 water lines were reportedly broken by cold and warming temperatures in the last week of December.

Area temperatures are expected to reach 40 degrees today, dropping to the upper teens tonight, a National Weather Service spokesman

said. Christmas Day weather may reach a high in the mid-40's.

A fairly serious break occurred at Third and Main streets today, forcing the closing of the street there for a period of time. At the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark, water was still "on hold" early today after a broken valve created leaks.

On the north side of town, six-inch breaks occurred on Presidio and Bell streets. Other breaks, about eight spread throughout the city, are smaller and have caused less damage, Decell noted.

"As the temperature comes up, we may have more (breaks)," Decell said. He urged all area residents to report any suspected water pipe breaks.

The city may be reached at 263-8311 or 263-8321.

"If anyone sees water coming out of the ground, I hope they'll call us," Decell said. "We don't need to lose the water."

Spokespersons for Southwestern Bell and TU Electric said no power outages due to weather had been reported in the area.

## Arctic air loosens grip on West Texas

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

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

degrees at Amarillo to a mild 65 degrees at Lajitas in West Texas.

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

At least 20 people have died, most in weather-related traffic accidents, since Texas was buffeted by Arctic temperatures.

The Texas Department of Public Safety investigated seven weather-related traffic fatalities Friday and Saturday in the hours before the of

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## Sidelines

### Dallas cabbie shot and killed

DALLAS (AP) — A Yellow Checker Cab driver was shot and killed Sunday night, becoming the fourth cabbie killed in the Dallas area in a seven-month period.

Asrat Bekele, 35, was pronounced dead around 7:30 p.m. at Parkland Memorial Hospital. He was shot once in the back of the head while he sat in his parked cab in a housing project, police said.

No suspects had been arrested Sunday night.

Bekele had worked for Yellow Checker Cab for three years, said general manager Karl Kuhlman.

"It's a tragedy as far as we're concerned, but the violence in this city in all kinds of employment is happening," Kuhlman said. "It's very sad."

Police said Bekele picked up a fare in northwest Dallas before ending up at the housing project. Authorities are unsure whether that person was still in the cab when Bekele was shot.

Two Austin cab drivers were found dead over a three-day period earlier this month. The body of one driver was found stuffed in the trunk of a cab. Two days earlier, a driver was shot three times in the back of the head at point-blank range.

### A&M develops dating method

DALLAS (AP) — Scientists at Texas A&M have developed a new method to determine the age of prehistoric relics that are notoriously hard to date.

In addition to helping date rock paintings, the new technique may also help researchers determine the age of paintings on unfired pottery, *The Dallas Morning News* reported today.

Rock paintings have historically defied direct dating and researchers have had to rely on indirect clues such as a painting's style or archaeological context.

The method developed by the A&M scientists allows researchers to extract minute amounts of organic carbon trapped in pigments. The samples are then dated using standard radiocarbon methods.

The new technique was described by Texas A&M chemist Marvin Rowe in last week's issue of the *British Journal of Nature*.

"Our biggest problem in attempting to interpret cave paintings has been our inability to date it," said Solveig Turpin, associate director of the archaeological laboratory at the University of Texas at Austin. "If we can find a solution to the dating problem... we can associate painters with other aspects of their cultural system. Then we can understand more about why it was painted."

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# Santa Claus comes in all colors, shapes and sizes

DALLAS (AP) — Santa Claus' image as a white-bearded, wide-bellied old fellow with rosy cheeks is being challenged as Kriss Kringle of many races and talents step forward.

Robert Helm said when he first began playing Santa Claus three years ago, children were reluctant to accept him because he is black. But nowadays, more children are accepting Helm and others who do not fit the popular image of St. Nick.

The multiethnic Santa Clauses say it is their spirit, not their appearance, that matters most.

For Helm, the things that matter are "the good feelings that you have inside. That's what makes you a Santa."

City personnel manager Jose Angelo Browne has spent the last nine Christmas Eves in the most rundown parts of Dallas, where he spreads some cheer as an Hispanic Santa Claus.

A year ago, Browne said, he found a teary-eyed boy wandering the streets. When he quizzed the boy in Spanish about his tears, the child replied his family was too poor to afford Christmas presents. So Browne reached into his bag and produced a wrapped gift.

"To me, that's what Christmas is all about," Browne said.

Henri Trinh's mission is to bring some of the meaning of Christmas to newly-arrived Vietnamese

children.

A recent emigre from Paris, Trinh has spent part of the holiday season dressed in full Santa Claus regalia, listening to children's wishes in Vietnamese.

"We have the chance to explain the tradition of Christmas to them," Trinh said.

Even when his features are obscured by Santa's bleached-cotton beard, Trinh draws doubletakes from passersby.

"They say, 'Oh, I didn't know Santa Claus was Asian,'" Trinh said. "But I think Santa Claus can be anyone."

Not everyone agrees, said Michelle Feigenbaum, who owns a Santa Claus placement agency in Dallas.

"Some of my customers say to me, 'Oh, by the way, he is going to be white, isn't he?'" she said. "I'm not really surprised when they ask."

## Texans help less fortunate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



### Taking a spin

DALLAS — Hamilton Steele, 3, takes advantage of the light dusting of snow Saturday in Dallas as he spins down a hill. If the freezing temperatures

stay around, Dallas may see its first white Christmas since 1926.

## Atheists seek to drive wider wedge between church and state

CHICAGO (AP) — For many Christmas is a time of peace and religious celebration, but for atheists, including those in Texas, it can be a time to protest Nativity scenes in city halls or crosses in parks.

Many such symbols of religion overlapping into secular society are disappearing as activists work year-round to build a stronger wall between church and state.

Some targets are obscure, like the notice for a church event posted on a park district's community event board. Others can't be missed, such as the "God Reigns" motto blazoned in a city seal across a 136-foot water tower.

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

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

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

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

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

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Madalyn Murray O'Hair

must go.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some cities, like Zion, would rather fight.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Patients not wanted in Plano

DALLAS (AP) — The "Not in My Backyard" syndrome is alive and well in Plano, say the founders of a home for brain-injured patients.

When Headway Homes of Texas moved into a house in the North Dallas suburb recently, neighbors were invited over for coffee and cake and to meet the new residents.

Nobody came.

Turnout improved when the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing concerning the non-profit home for patients recovering from serious head injuries.

About 10 people spoke at the hearing, saying they feared the home would depress their property values and that the residents may pose a safety hazard.

Founders of Headway Homes say the neighbors' fears are unfounded.

"Each one of (the patients) were run-of-the-mill people who held jobs and led normal, independent lives. They were just like you and me, but they got hurt," said Dr. Alan Hopewell, a neuropsychologist who has worked with the patients. "It's the same as if they had been in an accident and lost a leg."

Headway Homes was formed in October by health care professionals and family members whose loved ones have suffered debilitating head injuries.

The Plano home, leased Nov. 1, provides a home for up to five people in the final stages of rehabilitation before they re-enter society and the workforce as independent adults.

Three recovering patients live at the home now, under 24-hour supervision.

"Mentally, they are quite alert," Hopewell said. "They are capable of handling their own affairs, like keeping a checkbook. They are quite stable. But they just can't do some things, or do them quickly enough to live completely on their own."

Despite their abilities, some neighbors object to the residents' presence.

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## Nation

### Bacteria

BALTIMORE — Scientists have discovered bacteria that can break down radioactive waste water, and they say it could be used to clean up nuclear waste.

The process of the problem disposal, the researchers at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory cautioned.

But the method of waste disposal, the researchers said, is not a natural way to dispose of nuclear waste. The waste is stored in rooms, nuclear waste, atomic weapons.

### Minister

MOUNT VERNON — Eleven days after the death of Coleman, the city council has passed a resolution to honor his memory.

But the council's decision was not unanimous. Some council members felt that the city should not honor a man who had been convicted of a crime.

But the council members who supported the resolution said that Coleman was a good man and that his death was a tragedy for the city.

### Firefighter

BURBANK — A 4-month-old child was hospitalized after being injured by a fire that broke out in a home in the city.

The child, who is now recovering in a hospital, was playing with a candle when it tipped over and set the curtains on fire.

The fire department was called to the scene and firefighters worked for several hours to contain the fire and remove the child from the area.

The fire department is investigating the cause of the fire and will issue a report on the findings.

The fire department is reminding parents to be careful with candles and to make sure that children are not playing with them.

The fire department is also reminding parents to make sure that their homes are fireproofed and that they have fire extinguishers in their homes.

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### Project

WASHINGTON — Kimball Envisors voters reject commercials leaders as the employees resumes.

He has taken to try to make more available telephone in the bid to run from every state.

"The people hired help," said Kimball, a teacher and former senator, is director of National Independent non-profit honorary co-

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### Bacteria treat radioactive water

BALTIMORE (AP) — Scientists have discovered harmless bacteria that can remove radioactive contaminants from waste water, a report published today said.

The process does not resolve the problem of nuclear-waste disposal, the research team from the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee cautioned.

But the microbial "scrubbing" of waste water does offer a natural way to remove harmful metals and radioactive contaminants in water that drains from facilities like radiology rooms, nuclear power plants and atomic weapons factories, team

scientists Dr. Brendlyn D. Faison told The (Baltimore) Sun.

The finding may lead to the biological filtration of water-borne nuclear waste that would be cheaper and more effective than chemical methods now in use, Faison said.

"In the case of widespread contamination of a water supply, as occurred at Chernobyl, biological treatment may be a highly cost-effective, environmentally acceptable approach to site restoration," she told the newspaper.

The process differs from biological treatment of oil spills, in that the pollutants are not rendered harmless.

### Minister deals with Cruzan case

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. (AP) — Eleven days ago, the Rev. Ted Coleman thought removing Nancy Cruzan's feeding tube was immoral and cruel.

But the chaplain at the clinic where the woman lies after nearly eight years in a persistent vegetative state told his congregation Sunday that now he's not so sure her parents were wrong to fight for her right to die.

"I'm struggling like I've never had to struggle before," Coleman told parishioners at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Coleman, 51, doubles as

chaplain at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center, where Ms. Cruzan is in a vegetative state doctors say is irreversible. The 33-year-old woman remained in deteriorating condition late Sunday.

A judge on Dec. 14 gave Ms. Cruzan's parents permission to have the tube removed.

Until then, Coleman said he firmly believed that ending Ms. Cruzan's life was wrong.

He'd said he never met Joe and Joyce Cruzan until that day, but it didn't matter because he believed ending their daughter's life was unconscionable.

### Firefighter rescues dangling baby

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — A 4-month-old child dangled from a third-floor balcony in her father's loosening grip, but a firefighter leaped out and scooped up the child, police said Sunday.

"It was one of the most dramatic things I've ever seen," said neighbor Mario Franchini after the rescue Saturday of the infant and her father.

Roldolfo Regalado, 31, had taken to the balcony of an apartment house at about 3:30 p.m. after an argument with his wife, and threatened to jump with the sobbing child, police said.

Spanish-speaking officers on the ground tried to talk Regalado down, while behind a door leading to the balcony other authorities waited for a signal to jump out and restrain him, police said.

When Regalado stood up and moved toward the balcony ledge, officers grabbed hold of him, but the baby started to slip from his hand, police said.



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Firefighter Ron Pearlman leaned over the railing and grabbed the child. Pearlman also nearly fell, but a police officer held on to him and pulled him and the baby to safety.



Associated Press photo

### Cold ride

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

## All federal workers get pay raise except Bush

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

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

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

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

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

Quayle's pay will rocket from \$124,000 to \$160,600. Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Speaker Thomas Foley get the same 29 percent increase. Cabinet salaries swell from \$107,300 to \$138,900.

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

Bush has "no complaints," says White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater. "He thinks his pay is adequate."

The presidency's still a pretty good job," quipped the press secretary.

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

Consumer advocate Ralph Nader begs to differ.

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

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

Presidents have only gotten four pay increases in history.

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

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

## World

### Guerrillas steal truck to play Santa

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — In what they termed "Operation Yuletide Seizure," Communist rebels commandeered a dairy truck, drove it to a Manila slum and handed out butter and cheese.

The driver, Marcus Cordero, said three armed rebels flagged down his truck in suburban Quezon city and ordered him to drive to the Santa Mesa district.

When they arrived, crowds of people from a squatters' neighborhood had already lined up to receive about \$1,140 worth of butter and cheese.

Residents of the neighborhood said the rebels tipped them off in advance of Friday's incident to be ready for "gift-giving." The

driver and a companion were released unharmed.

In a statement to news organizations, the Alex Boncayao Brigade, Manila wing of the communist New People's Army, claimed responsibility for "Operation Yuletide Seizure."

"We undertook this action knowing that in these crisis-ridden times the Christmas season has brought nothing but bitterness and additional pressure to the impoverished," the brigade said.

The incident took place about 1 1/2 miles from President Corazon Aquino's office in the heart of the city.

### Assembly discusses U.N. reforms

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — As the United Nations takes a stronger role in world affairs, hopes are rising that the General Assembly will become more efficient.

The assembly, which ended its fall session last week, is to many minds long overdue for reform.

U.N. officials say the sessions are too short, that delegations are dealing with too much nonessential business and a crush of unnecessary paperwork.

Though the 15-nation Security Council gets most of the limelight at times of international crisis, the assembly, which includes all

159 member states, handles much of the organization's business.

Timing is one important area.

"The timing of the U.N. General Assembly sessions was originally determined with an eye to sailing schedules of the Queen Mary," says the undersecretary-general for General Assembly affairs, Ronald Spiers. "It is now anachronistic."

"What kind of General Assembly is this, which works for three months and hibernates during the remaining nine months?" asks Guido de Marco, Malta's foreign minister.

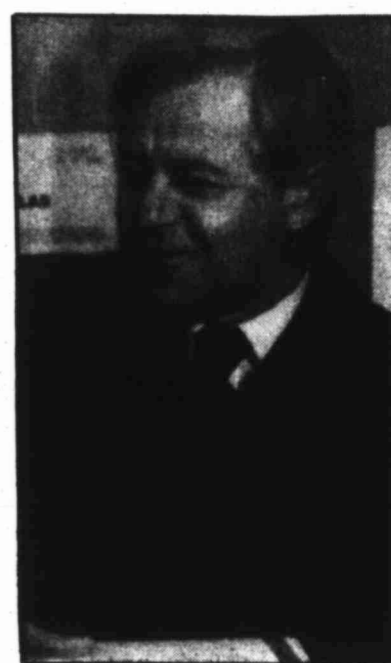
### Slovenia may become independent

LJUBLJANA, Yugoslavia (AP) — With voters in westward-looking Slovenia urging secession by a nearly 9-to-1 margin, officials today looked ahead to talks that may decide whether the republic will break away from Yugoslavia.

"Within the next six months, Slovenia will decide whether to stay in Yugoslavia or become an independent European country," Slovenian President Milan Kucan said.

In Sunday's plebiscite, 88.2 percent voted for secession, and thousands celebrated the results in the Slovenian capital of Ljubljana by dancing in the streets and uncorking champagne.

Four percent voted against secession, and the remainder of the ballots were invalid, according to final unofficial results provided by political parties.



SLOVENIAN PRESIDENT MILAN KUCAN

## Project will provide political resumes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Richard Kimball envisions a future in which voters reject television campaign commercials and select national leaders as they would prospective employees — by reviewing their resumes.

He has taken a leave from his job to try to make those resumes and more available to voters by telephone in 1992 on every candidate running for national office from every state.

"The people in Congress are the hired help," said Kimball. "We're saying if you, the voter, are the employer, what do you need to know?"

Kimball, a political science teacher and former Arizona state senator, is directing the Center for National Independence in Politics, a non-profit organization whose honorary co-chairmen are former

Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter.

Kimball says that by 1992, the center will offer a telephone number providing voters:

- Basic personal information on each candidate.
- Names of people and organizations who have contributed to the campaign.
- Ratings of the candidate by special interest groups ranging from the American Conservative Union to the American Civil Liberties Union.

Kimball worked briefly many years ago in the Washington offices of Sen. Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y., and Rep. Morris Udall, D-Ariz.

After serving in the Arizona Senate for four years and as chairman of the Arizona Corporation Commission, which regulates utilities, Kimball ran for the U.S.

Senate in 1986, but lost to Sen. John McCain, a Republican.

Melodee Jackson, Arizona Democratic Party executive director, said some people questioned Kimball's decision to run a longshot campaign against McCain when he had a secure and successful career with the regulatory commission.

"He probably would have been re-elected (to the commission) for as long as he wanted to run," she said.

Kimball is passionate about politics and unconventional in that "he doesn't hold up his finger to see which way the wind is blowing before he takes a position."

Kimball said his Senate race against the well-financed McCain campaign showed him the importance of television in modern elections.

## Couple hangs tree from ceiling

NEWARK, Ohio (AP) — An off-beat couple defied yuletide tradition — and gravity — by hanging their Scotch pine, ornaments, lights and even gift-wrapped boxes from the ceiling to create a topsy-turvy Christmas.

Jim and Judy Young knew the idea was different when a tree lot worker shot them funny looks after they asked him to lift a tree by its trunk so they could see how it looked upside-down.

"Then the boy looked at me and said, 'Do you drink much?'" Jim Young said. "I gave him my address. I told him to come up to look at it, after we got it decorated."

The 6-foot pine's needles point toward the floor. A twinkling star dangles from its inverted apex. Lights and ornaments are attached so their bottoms point toward the base of the tree as they would if the tree were right side up. Only limp silver tinsel icicles appear to obey the law of gravity.

"Can't seem to get them to go the other way," Young sighed.

To complete the project, the Youngs glued brightly wrapped, empty gift boxes to the ceiling around the base of the tree.



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### Hopes and fears of all the world

The little town lies quiet in the starlight now, far on the other side of the turning globe. Manger Square, guarded by heavily armed Israeli soldiers, is unusually bare of tourist crowds. The Arab shops around the square are shuttered. The owners went home early.

In Arabia Deserta to the east lies an uneasy host, ready for battle, anxious for the morrow.

It is a night not unlike that night 1990 years ago, when Roman armies swept around the skirts of empire, keeping order, checking the power of rebel rulers.

Peace on earth, the angels sang, but peace was no closer that night than it is now. Good will to men, the shepherds heard, but neither then nor at any time since then has the world been free of fear and men of evil intent.

Objectively, there was no proof that the miracles of that night made any immediate change in the course of world history. But people believed, and that made all the difference.

Objectively, this Christmas eve is ominous. The optimism of a year ago about the collapse of communism and the end of the cold war has vanished. Now there are signs of chaos on the Russian plain. And our country is closer to an all-out war than we have been in decades.

But there is faith and so there is great hope. The military enterprise against aggression in the Persian Gulf is backed, for the first time, by a near-unanimous Security Council of the United Nations. Our armed power is so great and so well organized that there is a good chance we will never have to use it.

This silent night is not a night for fear and doubt. It is a night of goodness and glory. We celebrate the miracle of life reborn, away in a manger, touched by divine love. For this evening, that is enough.

### Prince of Peace, be my guest this year

By BETTY JOHANSEN  
Copy Editor

Most people dream of a white Christmas. West Texans expect a brown Christmas. But for the troops stationed in the Saudi desert and their families and friends it will be a blue, blue Christmas.

Maybe next year and the next year, maybe even 45 years from now, we'll be hearing heart-warming stories of how the Christmas of 1990 brought peace or love or a sacrificial gift to some of those lonely people. Like this story from World War II:

Among my pack rat's treasures, I found the story "Truce in the Forest" by Fritz Vincken. Fritz recalls Christmas 1944, in Germany when he was 12 years old. His father had hidden him and his mother in a hunting cabin in the woods before going off to protect a nearby town from the Allies.

Fritz and his mother were saving the fatted rooster Hermann (named contemptuously after Hermann Goring) in case Fritz's father came home some time during the holiday. But the prospect was slim, because the Battle of the Bulge was raging in the distance with the boom of field guns and the drone of airplanes overhead.

On Christmas Eve the visitors arrived: three lost American soldiers, two on the doorstep and one lying wounded in the snow. With no thought of using their weapons, they pleaded for help with their eyes.

Mrs. Vincken took them in and tended the wounded man while Fritz went to get Hermann and six potatoes. The fragrance of roast chicken was filling the cabin when four weary German soldiers knocked on the door, asking to come in and rest.

Sheltering the enemy was treason, punishable by death. But Mrs. Vincken, her face ashen with fear, informed the new arrivals they were welcome to eat and rest, except there was to be no shooting in her home on Christmas Eve. And before they could object, she had showed them where to leave their weapons, outside on the woodpile, and instructed them to come in for a hot meal.

After the first tense minutes, one of the Germans who'd had medical training examined the wounded American. And one of the newcomers found a small loaf of rye bread in his pack to add to



If you ask me...

the meal. The little group gathered around the table and Mrs. Vincken blessed the food. "Komm, Herr Jesus. Be our guest," she said.

The next morning Mrs. Vincken used the only egg in the house to prepare a strengthening beverage for the wounded American while the others ate oatmeal. After breakfast the soldiers fashioned a stretcher for him and the Germans told the Americans how to get back to Allied lines.

"Why don't we just go back to Monschau?" asked an American. "Nein!" the German replied. "We took Monschau."

Then they left in opposite directions and Fritz went into the cabin to find his mother reading the Bible. He looked over her shoulder to see her finger pointing to the words, "... they departed into their own country another way."

That night of armistice was a Christmas miracle. It was a miracle of peace, the kind of miracle only the Prince of Peace can create.

Today we are living in the best of times and the worst of times — maybe every generation believes that. Everyone faces moments of desolation or pain or loneliness. And we all find our own ways of dealing with those hard times, ways that are sometimes referred to as crutches.

Some of the favorite twentieth century crutches are drugs, alcohol and TV to name a very few. But I'd like to recommend my own favorite crutch, a crutch as soft as feather down, yet as powerful as a strong arm around my waist.

My crutch's name is Jesus, and He infuses peace into the core of my being so intense I never feel alone or desolate. And, unlike other crutches, which often hold us in a helpless yoke of slavery, the Prince of Peace only comes where He's invited and only stays as long as He's welcome. In a world torn with war and violence, peace is as close as my heartbeat.

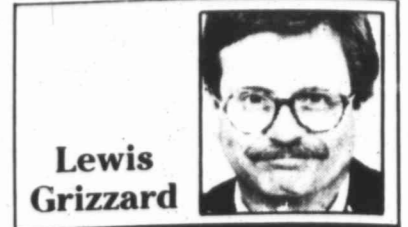
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"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire



### The end is coming, but not yet

My attorney, Marvin (Loophole) Slackerman, phoned the other day and said he thought we ought to sit down and go over my will.

He said it was something everybody should do with his or her attorney from time and time. "What he didn't say was, 'Besides, I need to meet with you with my meter running so I can pick up some extra cash for the holidays.'"

But who am I to question how our legal system works? I'm still wondering if Perry Mason got that fat eating too many blueberry torts.

I also admit talking about my will gives me the creeps. I was pretty certain I was immortal until I turned 35.

When I got to 40, I began having my doubts about the immortal thing, but I still believed I could live to be 120.

I'd just eat a lot of yogurt like those Russians in the yogurt commercials who are probably lucky now if they can get their hands on an occasional box of instant oatmeal in the midst of the Soviet food shortage.

But I went ahead and did a will anyway, and now at 44, my attorney was suggesting I update it.

"You still haven't selected someone to get your dog," said lawyer Slackerman.

"How about Niles Farnsworth?" I said. "He hates dogs."

"Why would you want to leave your dog to somebody who hates dogs?"

"Because Niles Farnsworth owes me a hundred bucks," I explained, "and if I tell him I'm leaving him my dog, he might say, 'Here's the hundred bucks I owe you. Leave that mutt to somebody else.'"

"What other valuables do you have that aren't mentioned in your will?" Loophole asked.

"There's my jukebox with 'Waltz Across Texas' by Ernest Tubb on it."

"Who would you like to have that?"

"My cousin Willard."

"He likes Ernest Tubb?"

"No."

"Then why would you leave him your jukebox?"

"Because he gave me a rap album for Christmas last year, and I want to get even."

"What about your wine collection?"

"You mean the three half-gallons left over from the office Christmas party two years ago? Know any wines?"

"My former stockbroker."

"And how about your furniture? You have some lovely pieces."

"You appreciate naugahyde, too. How nice. Know anybody in serious need of furniture?"

"A guy I represented recently in a divorce trial. He got wiped out and is sleeping at the bus station."

"I know the feeling," I said. "The furniture goes to him."

"Speaking of all that," said my attorney, "you don't make any mention of your ex-wives in your will. Do you want to keep it that way?"

"No," I answered. "I'll mention them. Say, 'To my ex-wives — 'Hi there, girls...'"

"I guess that about does it," said my attorney.

I did feel my affairs were in a better order after my meeting with Loophole, who only charged me a hundred bucks, by the way, which I got from Niles Farnsworth after I told him I'd left him my dog.

I still haven't figured out who is going to get my dog. However, I've got plenty of time to go — not to mention, I hope, one helluva lot of yogurt.

### Who was this man, Jesus?

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Compared to the magnificent nativity scene in New York's Metropolitan Museum, the little creche around our Christmas tree is no great shakes.

Yet I found myself the other evening gazing at the tiny figure of the babe in the manger with an overwhelming sense of curiosity and awe.

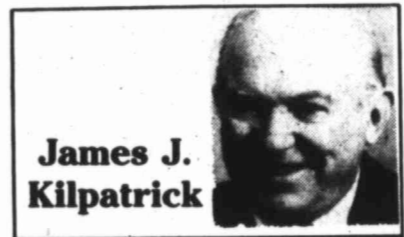
Who was he? The question has haunted historians and theologians through all ages. Who was he? I ask the question not as a priest or minister might ask it. Matters of religious faith are off my beat. It is the who, what, where and when that absorb my reveries.

Think of this infant: He grew to be the man in whose name all the dates of history are divided. It is the Christian calendar that chronicles events B.C. and A.D. Nearly 2,000 years after his death, the various Christian faiths number more than a billion adherents around the world.

There are twice as many Christians as Muslims, twice as many Christians as Hindus. Throughout the Western world, custom and law and codes of moral behavior reflect the Judeo-Christian ethic. No character in history, before or since, approaches the influence of this child upon the course of mankind.

Who was he? I was born a reporter; I cannot let the question go. That there was in fact a man known in his time as Jesus the Messiah no longer is much challenged. Whatever else he may have been — son of God, savior, redeemer — he was also mortal.

Over the centuries skeptics have contended that Jesus is the merest legend, as elusive and in-



James J. Kilpatrick

substantial as King Arthur and his knights of the round table. The 36 miracles are scorned as the products of mass hypnosis, or hallucinations, or imaginative wishvisions.

Jesus sometimes is said to be a kind of pastepot figure, put together in the image of Moses with other stories, allusions and parallels thrown in. A babe in the bulrushes, a babe in a manger; a cruel pharaoh, a cruel Herod; a parting of the waters, a walk upon water; tablets from Mount Sinai, a sermon from the mount. But when all the objections from scholars and agnostics have been considered, one fact about Jesus remains: He was. He undeniably was.

Yet who was he? We know a great deal about other towering figures who came before and after Christ — Augustus, Tiberius, Caligula. We can study the lives of Vergil, Horace, Ovid and Seneca. Plutarch and Epictetus left tangible records behind. The last years of Pilate seem to be the stuff of ghost stories, but we know that a Pontius Pilate was procurator of Judea at the time of the crucifixion. Herod the Great was a real king.

Where is a biography of the man who inspired the Christian church? During Christ's lifetime, Matthew tells us, "multitudes" of people followed him. Word of his

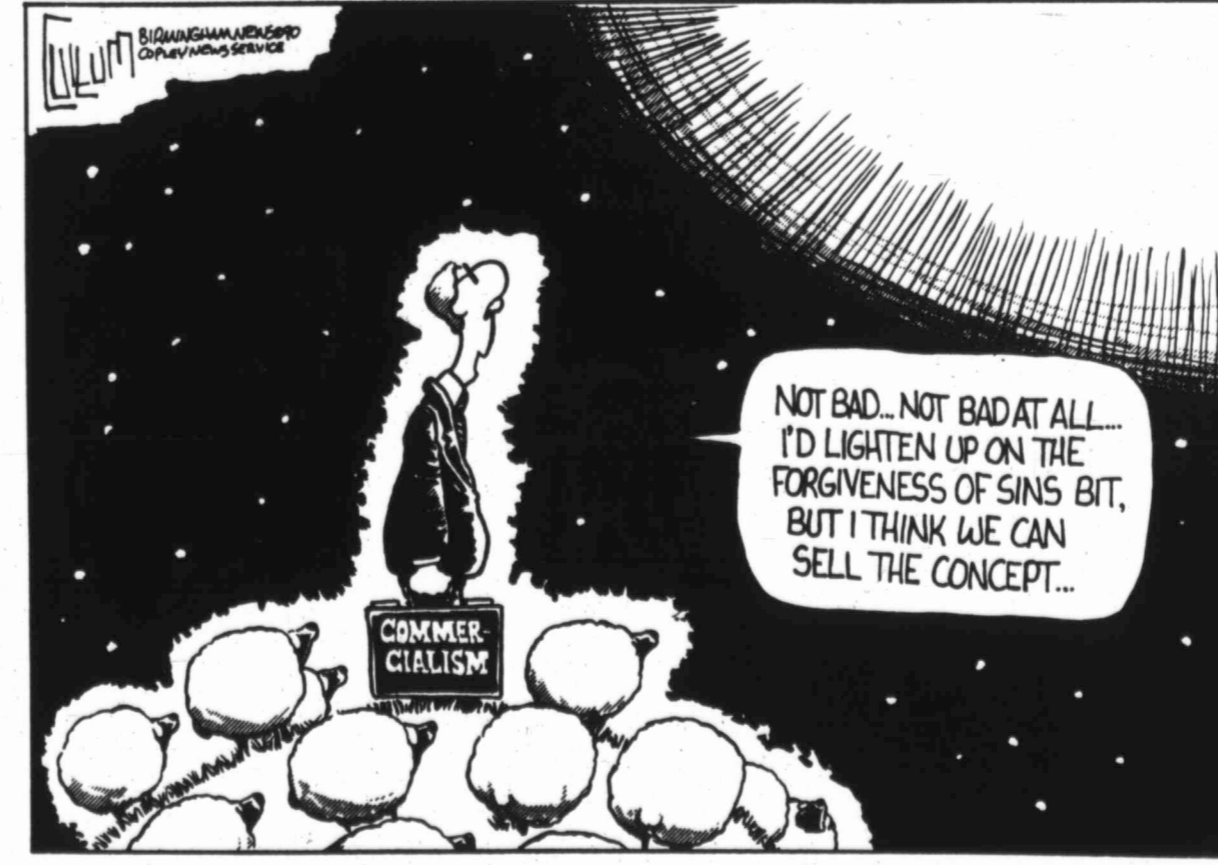
teaching spread everywhere. Jesus was a troublemaker, an agitator, a revolutionary. He was news. Yet except for a fleeting reference in Luke to Christ's teaching in the temple at 12, we know nothing of the formative years. All is surmise. At 30 Christ emerges.

I look at the tiny figure in the straw-lined cradle and reflect upon millennial themes. In his name came the Roman church and the Reformation and the convulsions of history that were thus aroused. The history of Christianity is in part a history of bigotry and persecution, of slain martyrs and slain infidels as well. It is a history that embraces Richard Coeur de Lion and Torquemada, Cromwell and Cotton Mather, King Henry alive and Tom More dead. Not only much good but also much evil has been done in Christ's name.

But to insist on the reporter's question, "Who was he?" is to put form ahead of substance. It is not the biography that matters. Here at Christmas time, we of the Western world celebrate the birth of a child who would grow to become, at the very least, the greatest teacher who ever lived. He was possessed of every characteristic of a leader — the commanding presence, the personal magnetism, the forensic skills. He could be furious, gentle, demanding and tender. He would have excelled as a lawyer, a doctor or politician. He left us a tough but rewarding code to live by.

On this day we say, "What a child!" For all ages we can say in awe-struck admiration, "What a man!"

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### Quotes

"We need food and clothes. You can't eat democracy." — Romanian Livia Hosszu, lamenting the economic hard times that have befallen Eastern Europe since the demise of Communism.

"At least we'll know Nancy's at peace. Somewhere out there Nancy's still tied to this body by a thread. We are going to snip that thread and then she will be completely free." — Joyce Cruzan, mother of right-to-die patient Nancy Cruzan, on the family's decision to disconnect her from a feeding tube.

"Although Christianity is a great thing, the Christian church, as a human institution, has been responsible for some pretty immense wrongdoing over the years." — Mark Reeve, of the interfaith group Christians and Laity Concerned, criticizing the Roman Catholic Church's plans to commemorate Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas 500 years ago.

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# Big Ben's bong just doesn't ring as true

LONDON (AP) — Big Ben's chimes, which traditionally announce the queen's Christmas Day message and ring in the New Year, might not make it onto BBC airwaves this time around. Seems the main bell has lost its distinctive bong.

A decision has yet to be made, and some British Broadcasting Corp. officials think it would be a big mistake to depart from tradition, by banning the bong this holiday season.

Big Ben's bells have traditionally been used on BBC airwaves as a lead-in to news bulletins, but disappeared temporarily in March after cracks were found in the hammer arm of the 132-year-old main bell that sounds the hours.

The original Victorian hammer was removed and replaced with a new \$15,000 steel hammer.

But ever since the 13-ton bell went back into service in August, BBC executives have been unenthusiastic, so much so that they have begun phasing the chimes out of regular broadcasts.

"It just sounds wrong," said Simon Schute, the BBC's general manager of operations and engineering, responsible for setting up microphones in the Big Ben belfry, 334 steps above the street.

"I'm no expert on bells, but this one has a sort of curious start and finishes sounding sort of small and clattery. It certainly doesn't sound rich and important anymore," Schute said.

Britain's Independent Television News has solved the problem by continuing to use a 1967 recording of Big Ben. But BBC executives won't hear of it.

"We shall either use the real thing or nothing at all," said John

Breach, presentation organizer of Radio 4, the BBC's flagship domestic channel.

"These are the chimes of Big Ben. To play a recording would not be the same. It's not part of our tradition."

BBC Radio 4 replaced the bong with pips, the electronic signal of Greenwich Mean Time, to introduce its daily news at 6 p.m. and midnight and the weekend morning news.

"We don't mix pips and bongs," said Breach. "Listeners have missed Big Ben, but the decision was made at a more senior level than myself that the sound quality wasn't as good as it used to be and the switch to pips was permanent."

Breach said listeners understood the reason for the change, but BBC executives fear the public may not be so patient with a change in a holiday tradition that dates back to midnight, Dec. 31, 1923.

Every year since then, the live sounds from Big Ben have rung in the New Year and introduced the monarch's speech on Christmas Day.

"We're still trying to decide what to do. I believe we will decide to use the bell. After all, what is more important, tradition or a faulty bong?" said Breach.

BBC engineers have experimented with moving the microphones which transmit the live bong. They tried placing directional microphones on a nearby building in Parliament Square. Nothing worked.

David Heathcoat-Amory, the former junior environment minister, told Parliament in October that the new bearings were to blame and they would just take time to settle in.



SAUDI ARABIA — Santa Claus, Lt. Col. Bob Murphy, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division, holds PFC Ben Cooper, Monticello, Ark., on his knee after Cooper won the division's Christmas Eve "Jingle Bell Jog" at their base in Saudi Arabia.

# Every soldier will get Christmas gift

IN EASTERN SAUDI ARABIA (AP) — Every soldier in the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division is getting a gift package for Christmas — even if it's only a pair of government-issue green socks.

Services to mark the birth of Jesus and secular yuletide symbols such as Christmas trees are being hidden behind closed tent flaps so as not to offend the Moslem hosts of the Desert Shield deployment.

Carols are sung in combat boots and Christmas spirit is as hard to find as reindeer in a camel herd, so troops fight to keep their minds off the thousands of miles separating them from loved ones.

"If I start thinking about it, I get lonely," said Army Spec. Robert Dennett, 29, of Rutherford, Texas, whose three kids will be opening Christmas gifts without him. "My wife said she was going to save a bunch of presents 'til I got back and do Christmas all over again."

Christmas was intentionally subdued in Saudi Arabia, where strict Islamic codes ban the worship of other religions. That means songs like "White Christmas" are preferred over "Silent Night" on the military radio stations.

The only celebrity to visit is

Bob Hope, the war-horse troubadour who first entertained U.S. combat troops 50 years ago.

Meals and mail provided some Christmas cheer.

Military cooks prepared 150,000 pounds of rolled turkey and 4,000 whole turkeys for the 280,000 U.S. service members brought to Saudi Arabia after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait on Aug. 2. The goal is to get a hot Christmas dinner to all the troops, even those closest to the Kuwaiti border.

The main lifeline to home is the average of 400 tons of mail a day, hauled in on at least five planeloads.

So many packages addressed to "any soldier" were received that each of the 20,000 soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division can expect to get a Christmas package. Those who don't get a civilian gift can expect to get military T-shirts, underwear and socks.

"It might be a pair of green socks. It might be a Frisbee." But we've got one gift for every soldier," said Maj. Steve Stacey, the division's personnel officer.

He also delivered the 1st Cavalry's message to the folks on the home front: "Although we're homesick and we miss you, we're with you in spirit. We can't send any presents, so we send your love."

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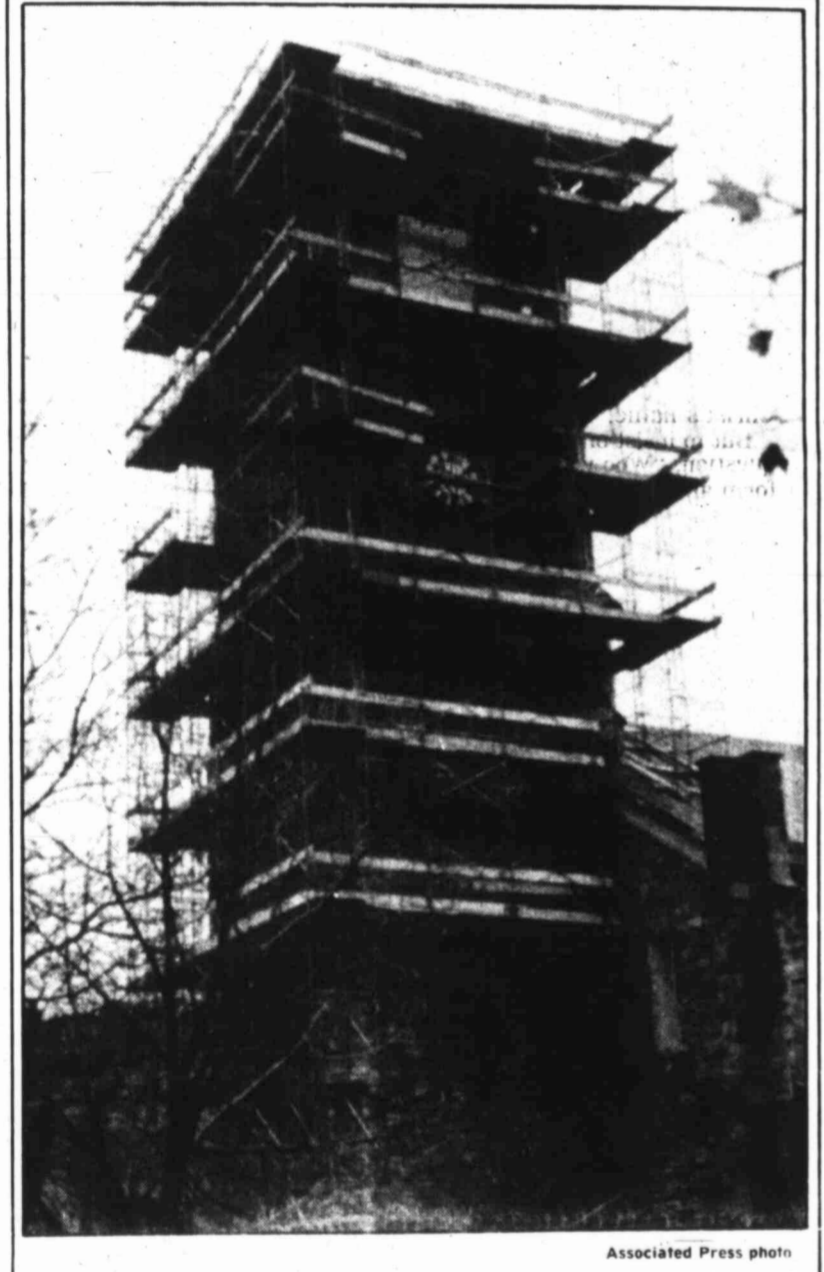
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Falling down  
NEW YORK — In the Chelsea section of Manhattan, St. Peter's Episcopal Church's 10-foot-high bell tower is held together by steel cables and masked by scaffolding. After 16 years Clement Moore's "The Night Before Christmas" is still a solid classic. But another of his creations — the stately old church for which he donated the land and the design — is crumbling.

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Big Spring Independent School District  
Financial Statement for the Year Ending  
August 31, 1990

	GENERAL OPERATING FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL
REVENUE:				
Local, Intermediate, Out of State	\$7,898,554		\$600,347	\$8,498,901
State Program Revenues	\$6,838,749			\$6,838,749
Federal Program Revenues	\$799,276	\$831,153		\$1,630,429
Total Revenues	\$15,536,579	\$831,153	\$600,347	\$16,968,079
EXPENDITURE:				
Instruction	\$8,694,593	\$420,812		\$9,115,405
Instructional Computing	\$111,664	\$203,453		\$315,117
Instructional Administration	\$196,408	\$31,249		\$227,657
Instructional Resources and Media Services	\$282,423	\$1,430		\$283,853
School Administration	\$856,130			\$856,130
Curriculum and Personnel Development	\$171,604			\$171,604
Guidance and Counseling Services	\$427,717	\$200		\$427,917
Attendance and Social Work Services	\$30,847			\$30,847
Health Services	\$100,061			\$100,061
Pupil Transportation-Regular	\$547,396			\$547,396
Co-Curricular Activities	\$792,817			\$792,817
Food Services	\$1,288,520			\$1,288,520
General Administration	\$763,288			\$763,288
Debt Services	\$56,830	\$172,366	\$501,152	\$810,348
Plant Maintenance and Operations	\$1,733,095	\$1,643		\$1,734,738
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	\$184,742			\$184,742
Computer Processing	\$36,567			\$36,567
Data Processing/Development	\$29,386			\$29,386
Total Expenditures	\$16,304,088	\$831,153	\$501,152	\$17,716,393
OTHER RESOURCES AND USES:				
Other Resources	\$108,292			\$108,292
Other Uses	\$46,339			\$46,339
FUND BALANCE:				
August 31, 1990 (ending)	\$2,826,421		\$287,968	\$3,114,389

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# States slow to make Chapter 1 reforms

WASHINGTON — Most states have been slow to embrace reforms aimed at expanding and improving Chapter 1 — the federal program for the most disadvantaged students in the nation's poorest schools, according to a survey by the U.S. Education Department.

The Chapter 1 reforms were required under a 1988 law. The goal was to shake up the program by requiring higher achievement standards for students, creating new ways to get parents involved, and improving coordination between Chapter 1 classes and other school instruction.

The federal government spends more than \$5 billion per year for Chapter 1 grants, which serve more than five million students in 51,000 schools in nearly every district across the nation.

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Almost half of the states reported that they were taking advantage of changes in the law which allow school districts to use Chapter 1 grants for an entire school if at least 75 percent of families live in poverty. But instead of creating imaginative new programs, as the Hawkins-Stafford Act envisioned, nearly eight out of 10 such districts chose to use the money to decrease class size.

It is clear that we certainly haven't found the answers to educating those children who need it the most," Fagan said. "We can do better and we've got to find more innovative ways to teach these children."

There was a general concern about identifying (unsuccessful) schools. Nobody wants to be declared bad," said Education Department official Tom Fagan.

He also said states were reluctant to start compiling such a list because many officials feared it would be too long and require too much money to improve every troubled school. Grant money, set aside to help schools establish im-

provement plans, went unspent in many states.

School officials offered similar reasons for not raising achievement goals for Chapter 1 student, Fagan said.

But we need to put the emphasis not just on improving the performance of Chapter 1 children, but on bringing those children up to the level of their peers," he said.

The survey showed that state officials had made significant progress in two areas.

Only a handful of states have raised their standards for student achievement and most have not met the requirement to identify schools where Chapter 1 is not working well and establish plans for improving those schools.

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provement plans, went unspent in many states.



**Please bring me . . .**  
Corrina Rios, 9, left, and Megan Reyes, 6, make sure Santa has their wish list Saturday at The Big Spring Mall. Corrina's hoping for a sweater, a computer, a typewriter and a bike. Megan wants a P.J. Sparkles, a bike, Barbies and a teddy bear.

# Let your fingers find how to vote

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



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

If your children are in school, let them help you.

I know that if each community made it easier, more people would vote. — AN ILLINOIS VOTER

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

**DEAR ABBY:** People who are embarrassed to ask for help should be encouraged to do so. Those titles suggest a couple at their wedding celebration have not had their lives before.

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

People who are frequently we have had to do business. But we were married if, at our 50th anniversary, I had played "Night on the Town" before and when and where to register to vote. I can help them, as I am new here and voted absentee.

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

**CONFIDENTIAL TO THOSE WHO READ ME OCCASIONALLY:** I have a Merry Christmas to you and your family. I am driving, and I hope you are driving, too.

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

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

Abby, am I morally obligated to borrow the money to put my kids through college in my circumstances? I can barely support myself right now. STOP ME . . . FLAT BROKE AT 50.

**DEAR FLAT BROKE:** Nowhere is it written that a parent who is flat broke must put his children

# Time capsule stuffed with book reviews

WASHINGTON (AP) — A time capsule prepared last month Wednesday by youngsters involved in a national reading program will give students in 2089 the impression that 20th century kids were a very literate bunch.

Fifty selected book reviews of fourth-, fifth- and sixth-grade students from each state were placed in the time capsule that was "buried" at the Library of Congress to mark the second annual National Young Reader's Day.

"Six Months to Live" tells "how to cope with personal problems — the ones you can't change," 12-year-old Tiffany Harmon of Lexington, S.C. wrote.

"Kids growing up in the 1990s are faced with their own personal bat-

les," Tiffany continued. "Some of these include drugs, divorce, peer pressure, and stress."

Thomas Daniel Tarantino of Camarillo, Calif., said of "The Hobbit," "You know, I've studied a lot about the Revolutionary War in school, but I never had such an in-depth look at the horror and sadness of war this book showed to me."

"I love to read," said 11-year-old Jennie Pacheco of Bristol, R.I. "My mother told me when I was young that if I had a good book, I had a good friend."

Jennie's favorite book is "The Bridge to Terabithia," although she noted "I read at least two books a week. I've read 100 books in the last two summers."

The reviews were in the forms of letters in which youngsters displayed a sense of humor, as well as vivid imaginations.

Jeremy Eggleston, 12, of Binghamton, N.Y., opened his letter, "Hi earthling! Maybe I'd better not say 'earthling' because in your time you might be living on Jupiter. Anyway, I live in the year 1990. When you receive this letter, you'll probably think my generation lived in 'ancient' times."

Ariane Kiel, 12, of St. Louis, Mo., said "I am wondering how you enjoy books in the year, 2089. Is your home computer able to type out books directly from the local library? Can your watch tell stories? Do you take a book pill while you rest and then dream

about the story?"

"However you enjoy books, try to pick up 'Number the Stars' by Lois Lowry," she said.

The National Young Reader's Day was initiated jointly by Book II! National Reading Incentive Program, sponsored by Pizza Hut, and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress to remind Americans of the joys and importance of books for the nation's youth.

An estimated 27 million adult Americans are considered functionally illiterate — unable to read, write or compute well enough to function effectively in the workplace and in society.

# Students honored for achievements

## Runnels students make honor roll

The following students at Runnels Junior High made the Gold Honor Roll:

Leslie Adkins, Tammy Alexander, Holley Armstrong, Kristi Birrell, Kari Blausner, Jennifer Broadrick, Jennifer Brown, Dawn Garreira, Dale Corley, Karyl Davis, Heather Duncan, Lindsay Duncan, Cheryl Edmondson, Kellie Edwards, Chris Haddad, Rudy Haddad, Chandra Harrell, Oleta Henderson, Stacey Hollar, Franklin Jones, Kirk Klatt, Kirstie Moates, Caroline Nguyen, Brandon Oliphant, Drexell Owusu, Katina Palmer, Jennie Pierce, Valerie Rios, Jo Robinson, Ann Marie Scott, Kathy Smith, Michael Stewart, Jeremy Talbot, Richard Thompson, Monica Tijerina, Dorothy Trent, Maria Villarreal and Ryan Williams.

## Students chosen for Dean's List

The following students were selected for the National Dean's List:

**BIG SPRING** — Randall C. Dickens, Suzanne M. Fulesday, Melynda Griffith, Amber D. Logback, Beverly K. Massingill, Sandra J. Merrick, Diana Currie Nichols, Shauna B. Richardson, R. Zane Rutledge, Stephen M. Shugrue, Priscilla R. Torres, D'Carlon Wilson and Patricia J. Wright.

**COLORADO CITY** — Darrell J. Thomas.

**STANTON** — Edward Hernandez and Laura J. Huckaby.

# Court rules dropouts can lose license

## Charleston, W.Va. (AP) —

The state Supreme Court today upheld a state law that allows young school dropouts to be denied or stripped of their driver's license.

The court split 3-2 in upholding the nation's first law aimed at denying licenses to 16- and 17-year-old dropouts who fail to complete school.

Chief Justice Richard Neely said the affected student must be offered a hearing before the superintendent of schools or an authorized official before the student quits so he can be notified of the consequences.

The law was passed by the Legislature in 1988 to allow revocation or denial of a license to a student who drops out before completing high school.

Christopher Butch, attorney for dropout Michael Means of Charleston, said the court test was a first in the nation. "The whole world is watching you today," Butch had argued when the case was presented.

Means lost his license when he quit school in 1988. He turned 16 on March 26, 1988, and dropped out of school the next month but lost his license even though the law was not enacted until that June.

## Students picked for Who's Who

Honored by Who's Who Among American Students for their achievements were:

**COAHOMA** — LaTisha Anderson, Dutch W. Barr, Dellamy S. Denton, David B. Elmore, Rachel A. Gipson, Lorinna Hernandez, Samuel J. Justiss, Sara K. McMahan, Corky W. Mitchell, Gloria Moran, Marty D. Phillips, Kimberly J. Rich, Tara Robertson, Kimberly A. Shubert, Philip L. Wood, Tess Anderson, Sherri A. Cox, James Drewery, John Ed Ezell, Anne Granado, Michelle L. Howland, Michael J. Knowles, Charles W. Mitchell, David Molina, Ernest J. Overton, Monnie Prater, Lori K. Rich, Gloria L. Ruiz and Kelly Williams.

**COLORADO CITY** — Douglas Abbott, Valerie D. Akin, Kim Alexander, Raquel Alviar, Nikki Anderson, Robert C. Archibald, Crystelda Armendarez, Brooke Arrick, Ginger Atkinson, Jennifer Bailey, Roxanna Baker, Steven Bedell, Drew Bell, Amiey Boyd, Carrie

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# Skin blotches could signal a blood disorder

BY NYU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

(AP) An underlying blood disorder may be revealed by the appearance of red spots or blotches on the skin.

Medically termed purpura, the condition is common in older people, in whom it is usually a harmless consequence of the skin's aging, said Dr. Alec Goldenberg, a specialist in blood disorders at New York University Medical Center.

In younger people, purpura is much rarer, and is sometimes a warning sign of a blood disorder.

"Purpura is a catchall term for bleeding into the skin," Goldenberg said. "It generally appears as red spots or small patches."

Purpura is caused either by ruptures in the tiny blood vessels that lie underneath the skin, or, more seriously, by thrombocytopenia, an abnormal shortage of platelets, the blood cells essential to the clotting process.

**The blotches, which may be as large as 5 centimeters (2 inches) across, may appear anywhere on the body, but are generally on the legs or the backs of the hands.**

"Thrombocytopenia can occur as a result of the body's forming antibodies to its own platelets," Goldenberg said.

Purpura can also be a symptom of certain infections, an allergic reaction to medications or leukemia.

The most common type of purpura, which affects older people, is generally harmless. "It is thought that as the skin ages, it becomes thinner and more brittle," Goldenberg explained. "Pressure

can cause tiny blood vessels to rupture and leak blood into the skin."

The blotches, which may be as large as 5 centimeters (2 inches) across, may appear anywhere on the body, but are generally on the legs or the backs of the hands.

More spots are likely to develop with age because the loss of protective skin tissue is irreversible and usually untreatable.

A medical history and physical examination can often rule out an underlying blood disorder. "A person's age, and where and how fast the purpura develops, are important clues to platelet problems," the physician said.

Blood tests for platelet counts and coagulation factors may be performed if a blood disorder is suspected.

Symptoms of an underlying blood disorder include prolonged bleeding from cuts, nose bleeds, easy bruising, sores of the lip, mouth or throat and a general feeling of weakness.



Herald photo by George von Hassell 1987

## Five generations

The Rudd home will be bustling this Christmas as 29 family members gather for a holiday reunion. There is a 92-year difference in ages in the five generations pictured above. From the left is Pat Rhoton, 3rd generation; Danielle Pollard, 5th generation; Canna Mae Rudd, 2nd genera-

tion; Rhonda Pollard, 4th generation; and Mae Rudd, 1st generation. All four of Canna Mae Rudd's children, all 11 of her grandchildren and all four of her great grandchildren made it home for the holidays.

## Lioness Club hosts Christmas party

The Howard County Lioness Club met in Memorial Hall at Wesley Methodist Church, Monday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting and Christmas party.

Lioness Rose Von Hassell, president, presided over the business meeting. The invocation was given by Madeline Boadle, who then led the pledge. Leta Kirby gave the treasurer's report and reported that Madeline Boadle, Lloydola Bearden went shopping with her for two Christmas angels and she had delivered the gifts to the Salvation Army.

Madeline Boadle reported 20 people had been helped the last month

from the food pantry the club contributes to monthly.

Madeline also reported on the "Just Say No" Club the group sponsors.

A party was held at their December meeting at the Westside Community Center and pencils with "Happy Birthday, Jesus" were given to the 30 club members attending.

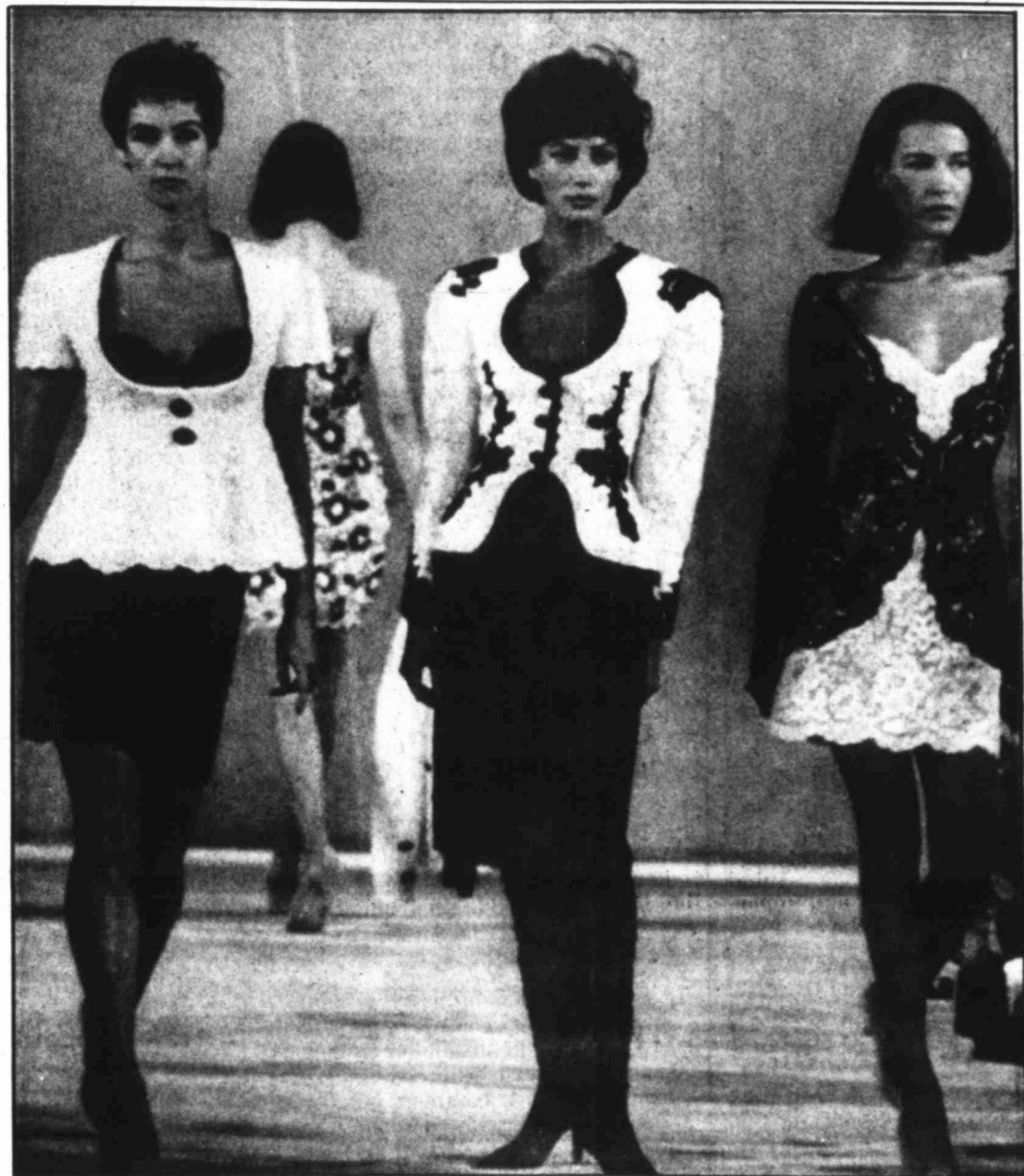
Kay Clark reported a Thanksgiving basket had been delivered by the club to a widow with three small children.

Margarita Thompson reported four Lioness had visited the Southside San Angelo Lioness Club.

Connie Rameriz requested pictures of each Lioness for the scrapbook. She and Jan Noyes took pictures of the proceedings that followed the business session.

Rose Von Hassell closed the meeting and 15 members and one guest enjoyed a salad dinner and a fun and games period conducted by "Santa" Rose Stukel and her "Elf" Debbie Sanders. Gifts were exchanged and Mary Leatham provided the birthday gift won by Helen Ray.

The next meeting is January 21 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall, Wesley Methodist Church, East 12th and Owens.



Associated Press photo

## Make it lace

NEW YORK — To heat up the night evening wear this Spring will feature the look of lace, as shown by these models at Bill Blass' Spring fashion show recently.

# Resort wear: a circus of big tops and lots of color

(AP) Winter is in the air, and style-conscious travelers are stocking their getaway bags with the latest resort wear.

Fashion fanatics who want a head start on the best looks for the sunny months to come are also sifting through the collections.

Pucci-inspired prints, dresses, nautical motifs and anything bright rank high.

"We're experiencing a very good response to anything that has color," says Andrew Basile, vice president and fashion director for Bergdorf Goodman. "It's making a statement on our floors because the color is lifting the dark palette of the fall season, and customers are responding to the visual aspect of it."

Color is moving out of the store for everything from swimwear to trapeze dresses, says Wilmer Weiss, senior vice president of communications for I. Magnin. Both brights and jewel tones are strong sellers, including tangerine, lemon, electric green, sapphire and emerald, says Weiss. Sonia Rykiel's fuchsia velour crop top, \$210, and matching clam digger pants, \$210, are doing well, he says.

You can make a poolside splash with Oscar de la Renta's orange maillot. It has a bandeau top secured with a gold ring and is \$67. La Bianca has a vibrant tank suit made up of horizontal and vertical ribbing. It comes in lime, hot pink, royal blue or yellow for \$50. Add multiple bright lucite cuffs by Bayanihan, \$58. All are available at I. Magnin.

At Lord & Taylor, "bright colored leggings just hit the floor and are selling very well," says LaVelle Olexa, senior vice president of fashion merchandising and public relations. Among swift-moving items at Lord & Taylor

**When it comes to color, Pucci-inspired prints, those psychedelic, wildly colorful patterns revived from the '60s, are among the brightest sellers.**

stores are Perry Ellis' royal blue or red leggings, about \$250, and DKNY leggings in yellow, fuchsia or royal blue, about \$180. They all come in light merino wool. Team them with an oversized silk shirt.

Bergdorf's carries Donna Karan's collection of silk taffeta shirts in marigold, electric blue, hot orange and hot pink for \$640 each. "The taffeta and shine enable you to wear the shirt day or night just by changing accessories, plus it travels well," says Basile.

Mary Ann Restivo's linen tropical print shirt with tangerine stripes is \$320 at Lord & Taylor. A roomy white cotton shirt by DKNY, \$110 at Lord & Taylor, is another fashionable option.

The resort picture is also bright at Saks Fifth Avenue, according to Susan Hughes, a vice president and fashion director in New York. Genny's collection of abstract geometric separates in orange, fuchsia, turquoise and black are expected to do well. An easy silk shirt goes for \$350, and a rayon-silk shantung blazer is \$1,300.

When it comes to color, Pucci-inspired prints, those psychedelic, wildly colorful patterns revived from the '60s, are among the brightest sellers. Neiman Marcus has Adrienne Vittadini's interpretation — royal blue, yellow and white cotton and Lycra stretch tee-shirt, \$97, and matching leggings, \$70.

I. Magnin has an interpretation by Expo — an off-the-shoulder short cotton and Lycra sheath in purple, lime, white and black at \$98. It has added fashion punch, since "The newest thing for resort is the dress," says Weiss of I. Magnin.

Choose a dress that's bright, and make it a '60s look. A-lines, chemises and tent dresses rack up points for retro appeal. Steve Fabrikant has a coral wool-rayon knit chemise, \$540 at Neiman Marcus.

If color's not your thing, go dotty. Saks has a group of silk faille cocktail dresses in black and white polka dot from Oscar de la Renta. "Oscar flirted with the idea of an alternative to the straight, tight little skirt," John Nikleson, his design assistant, says of the short, full-skirted styles.

When it comes to ball gowns, the most popular resort wear is no-fuss.

That's what Bob Miller, executive vice president for Victor Costa, discovered during a recent trip to the Bloomingdale's store at Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. "Over and over women are telling me that they hope to never see another bead," Miller says.

Victor Costa, a dihard ballgown designer, is trying to keep things simple with slender column dresses. One is a narrow white crepe skirt with a bodice of nude chiffon and embroidered white daisies, about \$1,120. It's sold at Bloomingdale's in Palm Beach Gardens and Saks.

Nautical and flag motifs are important looks. Stars and stripes in red, white and blue are particularly strong sellers, says Weiss of I. Magnin.

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### How's that?

Q. Who is responsible for depicting Santa Claus as we know him today?

A. The Santa Claus we know today was first drawn in 1863 by cartoonist Thomas Nast, according to North American Precise Syndicate, Inc.

### Calendar

#### TODAY

• Due to the Christmas holidays, the regularly scheduled gospel singing has been cancelled.

#### TUESDAY

- MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- 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 Street. Volunteers to serve are welcome. Anyone shut in who would like a meal, call 267-1175 or 267-8239.
- 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.

### Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- A man was reportedly injured in an accident Sunday on Highway 80 near Willia. Atansio Gutierrez, 36, was rushed to Scenic Mountain Medical Center after his vehicle rear-ended a car driven by Victor Raymond Yanez, 47, 107 NE Ninth Street. Gutierrez was cited for driving while license suspended and failure to control speed.
- Jose Gutierrez, 24, Ackerly, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- Ruben Roman Gamboa, 34, 506 N. Nolan Street, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- J.C. Woodard, 49, 1301 Lindbergh, was arrested and charged with driving while license suspended.
- Ernest A. Fuentes, 22, 1618 Mesquite Street, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- Credit card abuse was reported by a business in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street. A person used a stolen credit card to pay for two nights' rent of a motel room.
- A vehicle was burglarized in the 1300 block of Utah Road. A battery, a charging device and a man's wallet were reported taken, at a value of \$215.
- The burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Goliad Street. A microwave was among numerous household items reported taken.
- Robert Allen Walker, 27, 907 Davis Road, was arrested and charged with failure to appear before a judge.
- A western hat was reported stolen in the burglary of a building in the 200 block of Runnels Street. Damage to windows was estimated at \$500 value.
- The theft of hubcaps worth \$400 reportedly occurred in a parking lot in the 2600 block of South Gregg Street.
- A burglary was reported to a building on the south service road of IH-20. Furniture, keys, a microphone and stereo equipment are said to have been taken sometime between Oct. 20 and Saturday.
- Credit card abuse was reported by a business in the 2100 block of South Gregg Street. Automobile services worth \$82.50 were reportedly bought with a stolen credit card.

### Sheriff's log

- The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:
- A resident on U.S. 87 reported a prowler and reckless damage to property. The complainant said a white man, 5 feet 10 inches tall, about 25 years old with blond hair and facial hair came to his home asking for someone named "Austin." The perpetrator reportedly asked to be let inside, and caused damage to property when his request was denied.
- The burglary of a mobile home was reported on Loop Road near Birdwell Lane. A color TV and VCR were reported taken.
- Virginia Martinez Perez, 25, 1601 Harding Street, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.
- Three subjects arrested for driving while intoxicated, were released on \$1,000 bond. They are: Roderick Arthur Fair, 24, 1321 Utah Road; Wallace Marshall Franklin, 39, 1410 Lexington Avenue; Clifford Arvin Hart, 28, Big Spring.

# Christmas brings out the greed in children

NEW YORK (AP) — When the materialistic side of Christmas rears its ugly head, child psychologists admit it often has a child's face.

Never mind visions of sugar plums. For many children, the only things dancing in their heads — with all the resolution of a Nintendo or TURBO-Grafx-16 home video game — are dreams of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Batman and Go-Go My Walking Pup.

Experts on child development call it a natural process for youngsters to want things. At around age 2, they say, the average

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**Martin Hoffman**  
Head, NYU psychology department

child says "mine" about everything in view. It's only over time that they develop a sense of what is theirs and what belongs to others.

"To learn how to give they first have to learn what it feels like to be

recipients — of love or gifts or whatever, so you could consider it a developmental process," said Caroline Persell, head of the sociology department at New York University.

"If it's sort of a stage that people

have to go through, hopefully they get beyond it when they see some of the fun of thinking of gifts for other people. That's part of the fun of Christmas."

But don't most children think 'tis

better to receive than to give?

"I think kids from a very young age are capable of being totally selfish," said Martin Hoffman, head of the NYU psychology department. "But they are also capable of being quite empathic and sympathetic toward others who do not have what they have."

The problem, Hoffman said, is not that children are inherently selfish, but that Christmas thrusts them into a context that surrounds them with all sorts of neat things they would like to have. And they usually respond with according materialism, even greed.

## Mideast

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Yasser Arafat's chief political adviser, told the Iraqi daily newspaper Al-Jumhuriya.

Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, had told reporters last week the U.S. troops would be ready to counter any military move by Iraq over the holidays.

"We are going to be on a heightened state of alert," Schwarzkopf said. "I don't tell the enemy anything, but I will damn sure tell Saddam Hussein that he should not expect us to be all stood down on Christmas and think that he's going to catch us napping and asleep on Christmas Day. That's not going to happen."

A military source who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed the heightened alert status today. In Saudi Arabia, sentries at military guardposts made more thorough checks than usual, and Saudi Arabian police had checkpoints set up on highways.

However, most troops had a light-duty day, meaning they could sleep late or engage in sports activities.

Bush was meeting today with Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who ended a five-day trip to the Middle East on Sunday.

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

## Holy city

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following the Oct. 8 Temple Mount riot in which Israeli police killed 17 Palestinians.

Thousands of Israeli soldiers and police manned roadblocks and rooftop observation posts on roads leading to Bethlehem and inside the town.

Metal detectors were set up at the seven streets leading to Manger Square, and everyone entering was searched.

Army curfews were imposed on the three refugee camps in the area, confining about 15,000 Arabs to their homes.



Herald photo by Bill Ayres

## Merry Christmas, Saudi Arabia

Mrs. Arlene Robertson, whose son Marty L. Kirby is with the U.S. Army and is deployed with Operation Desert Shield, decided to decorate a Christmas tree with yellow bows to express the sadness families feel at being separated from loved ones in the military during the holidays. The tree, topped with an American flag, stands proudly on her front porch.

## Alumni gather to sing in tree

DENVER (AP) — The yuletide holiday is such a big deal at West High School that even the campus Christmas tree bursts into song.

Students at the school normally provide the voices for their Singing Christmas Tree, but this year, in honor of a half-century of song, alumni from the classes of 1940 to 1989 joined in at two weekend concerts.

Mothers and fathers who memorized the verses to "Silent Night" and "What Child is This?" decades ago have been practicing for the reprise since October, some alongside their daughters, sons, nieces and nephews.

Alumni representing every year of the tree's last 49 climbed the risers on the 24-foot tree's steel framework to stand between the branches and give the audience what looks like a Christmas tree come to life.

## Drug testing includes intrastate drivers

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Staff Writer

Effective Dec. 21, all commercial transport companies with drivers hauling goods within the state must implement a drug testing program to comply with the state and federal laws.

Last December, all interstate transport companies, employing more than 50 people, were required to have a company drug program in place.

The law now covers all state-to-state commercial companies with fewer than 50 employees and all drivers within the state, according to Captain Virgil Walsmith of the Department of Public Safety in Austin.

Walsmith said the law covers any commercial transport company, including dump truck drivers or brick haulers or oil field

## Weather

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ficial holiday death count began at 6 p.m. CST Saturday. The count continues through midnight Christmas.

Since the death count began, DPS has recorded an additional 10 traffic fatalities, three of which were weather-related. The harsh weather also is being blamed for the deaths of an elderly woman who slipped outside and froze to death and two men who were asphyxiated while trying to warm themselves with a heater.

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

Temperatures in West Texas are expected to be slightly warmer with highs rising above freezing in all sections. Fair weather was expected in North Texas, with overnight temperatures in the single digits. South Texas was also in store for warmer temperatures in the 30s and 40s in the northern portion of the region to the 50s in the Rio Grande valley.

equipment transports. Anyone who operates a vehicle that weighs over 26,000 pounds must implement a drug testing program and test all new employees hired after Dec. 21, Walsmith said.

Smith said the program does not apply to state and federal transport drivers, including school bus drivers. Government agencies, like school districts, are not in commercial business and therefore not required to test employees, he said.

The federal law also requires companies to provide at least 60 minutes of drug awareness training for supervisory personnel, according to the Texas Motor Transportation Association, a private corporation involved with the trucking industry.

TMTA scheduled a workshop in Lubbock on Nov. 29 to explain the new law and answer questions. Individuals who attended received a

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

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

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

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

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

certificate of completion that meets the federal requirement for supervisory training.

Hampton Rogers, of TMTA, said, "This is the first one we've had (in the West Texas area). We're not sure that everyone is aware who is touched by this," he said.

The criteria for drug testing mandates that all companies must test any driver who operates a commercial vehicle weighing over 26,000 pounds, is designed to transport more than 15 passengers, or is marked for transporting hazardous materials.

Joe Kirkland, the manager of Chemical Express, said his firm has computer-generated random drug testing of employees, and all new employees are required to pass a drug test before being hired. Chemical Express transports for Fina Oil and Chemical Co.

## Texas holiday death toll could reach 61

HERALD STAFF REPORT

An estimated 61 persons could lose their lives this Christmas and New Year's holiday season, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Trooper Ballarta, a public information officer with the Midland office, said the DPS has estimated 33 persons will die in traffic during the 78-hour Christmas period, with the possibility another 28 will be killed in New Year's accidents.

Ballarta said 36 people died in 1989 during the Christmas holiday period and another 32 died over New Year's.

With the recent surge of winter weather, Ballarta said the estimates could be off. "Weather can be both a blessing and a problem," he said. He stated that during periods of bad weather, many travelers will either postpone or cancel their trips.

But, he said, those who do decide to travel add an extra hazard to their trip, if the weather is adverse. Ballarta said a holiday falling

during the week can make a difference as well. When a holiday is on or near the weekend, the number of motorist on the highways increases. Holiday travel may not be as heavy this year since Christmas is on Tuesday he said.

He said the number of fatalities could be decreased if motorists would drive within the speed limit, stop when tired, use their seat belts and not drink and drive.

As is the case for other holidays, Ballarta said all available DPS Troopers will be on the roadways to watch for serious traffic violations and assist motorists.

The Christmas counting period began at 6 p.m. Saturday and will continue until midnight Tuesday. The New Year's period will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 29 and conclude midnight, Tuesday Jan. 1.

Ballarta said the National Safety Council estimates 380 to 480 persons will be killed in holiday traffic accidents across the nation, with an additional 14,000 to 17,000 suffering serious injury.

## Drug lords will have luxury cells, report says

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Jail cells for surrendering cocaine smugglers will be endowed with kitchenettes, private baths and individual patios, a Bogota newspaper reports.

Citing Justice Ministry official John Jairo Mejia, *El Tiempo* said in Sunday's editions that each drug trafficker's cell will contain 290 square feet. A common outdoor "green zone" will surround the prisoners.

Colombian drug bosses have said between 200 and 300 traffickers are willing to surrender to authorities in exchange for lenient judicial

treatment. Besides an end to extraditions to the United States, the traffickers are demanding specially prepared jails protected by the army and police.

Five traffickers have already turned themselves in, including Fabio Ochoa, the youngest of three brothers who help run the Medellin cocaine cartel.

Mejia denied reports that traffickers would be given luxury jail cells.

"We are not talking about suites," *El Tiempo* quoted him as saying.

## Deaths

### William Sprayberry

William K. Sprayberry, 73, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 1990, at a local hospital after a lengthy illness. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Mozelle Herren

Mrs. Alfred (Mozelle) Herren, 60, Ackerly, died Monday, Dec. 24, 1990, in a local hospital.

Services will be 10 a.m. Thursday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Walter Driver, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Ackerly, and the Rev. David Robinson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Big Spring, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 12, 1930, in Anson. She married Alfred Herren Dec. 4, 1948, in Ackerly. She was a member of First United Methodist Church in Ackerly. She served as the pianist for many years. She came to Ackerly as a child with her parents, George and Bonnie Rhea. She graduated from Ackerly High School. She worked for Yale E. Key in the Lamesa office for 17 years. She retired in Oct., 1990, due to ill health.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred Herren, Ackerly; two sons and one daughter-in-law: Robert Herren, Austin; and Steve and Gay Herren, Big Spring; one brother, Gary Dale Rhea, Midland; one sister, Marcia B. Johnson, Omaha, Neb.; two granddaughters, one un-

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cle and one aunt. The family suggests memorials to the First United Methodist Church of Ackerly.

### Eunice Watt

Eunice Verdell (Dell) Watt, 81, Big Spring, died Friday, Dec. 21, 1990, at a local hospital.

Services were 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Robert Bonington, 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 Road, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

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BIG SPRING  
Mozelle Herren, 60, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 A.M. Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.



Litke's letter



A tie for Christmas

By JIM LITKE  
AP Sports Writer

The NFL's tie-breaking procedures are supposed to reveal who's in and who's out of the postseason. But heading into the final weekend with six teams coveting three remaining slots, we are reminded again that deciphering the Dead Sea scrolls probably was easier.

And if the NFL keeps adding to the burden — remember, this season is the first with three wild-card slots available in each conference — it is hardly going to be worth the effort.

Under the league's rules, as many as nine steps might be applied if the tie to be broken involves teams in the same division; eight if the tie-breaking is needed to determine the wild-card teams. But the only step that most people readily grasp, under either scenario, is the last one: Flip a coin.

"Really, you'd be surprised at how many fans are knowledgeable about this stuff," Pete Abitante, whose job it is to determine the AFC playoff entrants and kept him working late into the night Sunday at the league's headquarters. "In a sense, it's like learning a foreign language — you're always trying to figure which situation applies in which case."

"But there are obviously a lot of other people doing it. I get plenty of calls around this time of year from people who say, 'I've got it figured this way,' and they ask if there's anything they might have missed."

"And when you straighten them out," he added, "they really thank you for it."

Abitante has no way or knowing how many of the callers happen to be employed by the NFL as general managers, coaches or players. But it's a safe bet that the long-distance lines from the four cities still chasing the two remaining AFC spots — Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Houston and Seattle — to his extension in New York will be humming in the days to come.

Under one punishing scenario, the Steelers, who are alone at the top of AFC Central division this week, could be out of the playoffs altogether by this same time next week.

A Pittsburgh loss at Houston, coupled with a Cincinnati victory over the lowly Cleveland Browns, would leave all three teams at 9-7. But Cincinnati would claim the AFC Central title by virtue of beating the Steelers in head-to-head contests.

Houston or Seattle would then get the wild-card berth, leaving Pittsburgh out of it.

"Maybe it's better that we have to win," Steeler cornerback David Johnson said. "If we knew there was a chance we could lose and still make the playoffs, who knows? Maybe we'd relax."

If it's any consolation to Johnson, the Bengals and the Oilers won't be breathing any easier next week. Seattle also could finish 9-7 (or 8-8 if both Cincinnati and Houston lose as well), and because of this head-to-head business, nose out either of them for the wild card.

The NFC, thankfully, is easier to figure because only two teams — Dallas and New Orleans — are circling the last musical chair. The Cowboys win next Sunday against the Falcons, regardless of how the Saints do against the Rams, and they're in. If both lose, Dallas still wins.

But that kind of simplicity carries a price: under that both-teams-losing scenario, the Cowboys, at 7-9, would mark the first time a team with a losing record made the playoffs.

It was that very danger — diluting the product — that was raised earlier this year when the NFL announced in March that it was expanding the playoffs by adding a third wild-

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Philly sacks Dallas; Oilers fall

Eagles claim 6th quarterback

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles have developed a failsafe pass defense.

It's not a 4-3 or a 3-4 or the "46." It's even simpler. It's called "Knock the Quarterback Out of the Game."

The Eagles (9-6) kayoed their sixth quarterback Sunday in a 17-3 victory over the Dallas Cowboys (7-8) and strengthened their bid for the home-field advantage in the first round of the NFL playoffs.

Philadelphia sent Dallas' Troy Aikman reeling to the sidelines with a dislocated right shoulder just 4:51 into the game.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson was forced to go to backup Babe Laufenberg, who had thrown three passes during the regular seasons of the last three years.

Laufenberg simply wasn't equal to the occasion. He completed 13 of 36 passes for 140 yards. In the process, he threw four interceptions, one returned for a touchdown.

When Aikman went down, the Eagles smelled blood.

"They are another team without Aikman," said defensive end Reggie White. "When you're used to playing with your starting quarterback all year and when he goes down, it changes your attitude and hurts your confidence."

"When he went down, we knew we had them." Defensive tackle Brown said the team noticed a big difference.

"(I'm) not calling the guy dumb or anything, (but) Troy's a lot smarter. Babe threw the ball away a lot," Brown said.

Eric Allen, the corner who



PHILADELPHIA — Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman (8) is hit by Philadelphia defender Clyde Simmons during first quarter action at Veterans Stadium Sunday. Aikman was knocked out of the game with a shoulder injury on the play.

returned Laufenberg's fourth interception for a final quarter TD, said the backup had more problems than he even imagined.

"After Troy went down, me and Ben Smith said, 'We're going to get some picks (interceptions)... He's telegraphing his passes.'"

Laufenberg acknowledged he

has plenty of work getting ready for Atlanta next week. Despite their first loss in five games, the Cowboys can claim the NFC's final playoff spot with a victory next week.

"I have to work on getting a couple of more reps (repetitions) for next week. We'll have to see what happens. I made a couple of big mistakes out there today. The Eagles' defense didn't make things any easier for me."

Laufenberg attested to the ferocity of the Eagles' rush.

"They play hard and they come after you. You're going to put people."

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Brooks keys Bengals' romp

CINCINNATI (AP) — The offense was sputtering again, the Houston Oilers were ahead 10-0, and James Brooks knew something had to be done to keep the Cincinnati Bengals in playoff contention.

He did it almost single-handedly. Brooks rushed for a club record 201 yards on 20 carries, including a 56-yard touchdown and two other long runs, to rally the Bengals to a 40-20 victory Sunday over the Oilers.

The victory left Cincinnati and Houston tied for second in the AFC Central Division at 8-7. Pittsburgh leads at 9-6 and could win the division by defeating the Oilers in the Astrodome next Sunday night.

The game cost Houston not only a share of first place in the division, but also the services of Warren Moon. The Oilers quarterback dislocated the thumb on his passing hand late in the game and won't be able to throw a football for at least three weeks.

"It's devastating," Moon said. So were Brooks' runs.

Brooks listened to coach Sam Wyche, who reminded his players all week that this was the Bengals' pivotal game of the year.

"Sam always says that somebody's got to make something happen," Brooks said. "I made that long run and things got started from there."

He broke off a 45-yard run early in the second quarter that set up the Bengals' first touchdown, a 1-yard run by Ickey Woods. He went 56 yards for a touchdown on Cincinnati's next possession, pulling

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Raines traded to White Sox

NEW YORK (AP) — After a year and a half of pushing to leave, Tim Raines is out of Montreal.

The seven-time All-Star was traded from the Expos to the Chicago White Sox on Sunday night for outfielder Ivan Calderon and pitcher Barry Jones.

Sources in both California and Chicago confirmed the trade to The Associated Press, saying an announcement would be made today.

Later Sunday night, Raines confirmed the transaction.

"I'll miss the fans, a lot of good times and a little bad times, the friends and the relationships I had with the players and the city," Raines said. "I think it's probably the toughest thing I've ever had to do in my life — to leave the place that I practically grew up in."

The trade, which had been discussed since the winter meetings earlier this month, was completed when Raines agreed to a three-year contract worth more than \$10 million.

As part of the deal, Chicago will get minor league pitcher Jeff Carter.

New Orleans remains alive with win

NFL roundup

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Los Angeles Raiders, 28-24



SAN FRANCISCO — New Orleans tight end Greg Scales (83) beats San Francisco linebacker Bill Romanowski to score a first quarter touchdown

and tie the 49ers. The Saints went on to defeat San Francisco.

wins Saturday over Minnesota, and the Kansas City Chiefs, also have berths clinched. The Raiders (11-4) need to finish a game ahead of the Chiefs (10-5) to win the West

because Kansas City won both times they played. The Chiefs clinched with a 24-21 victory over San Diego.

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

For the 9-6 Steelers, it's the AFC Central or nothing. They would be

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Wildcats survive Friars to keep win streak intact

(AP) Arizona extended the nation's longest homecourt-winning streak, but saw McKale Center's scoring record fall.

The fourth-ranked Wildcats beat Providence 99-87 on Sunday, their 52nd consecutive victory on the Tucson floor. Eric Murdock, however, scored 45 points for the Friars, the fourth consecutive game he improved his career-high, to break the arena's scoring mark.

"I wouldn't trade him for any player in the country," Providence coach Rick Barnes said. "He was the one guy who thought we could win this game."

The Friars (7-2), playing without three players who were serving the final game of a three-game suspension for fighting, gave Arizona (8-1) a scare.

A 10-0 run left the Friars trailing only 88-85 with 2:19 left on a jumper by Murdock, who scored 19 points in the final 9:45. His final point of the game made it 89-86 with 1:10 left.

Arizona put the game away on two free throws each by Matt Othick and Chris Mills and a dunk by Wayne Womack.

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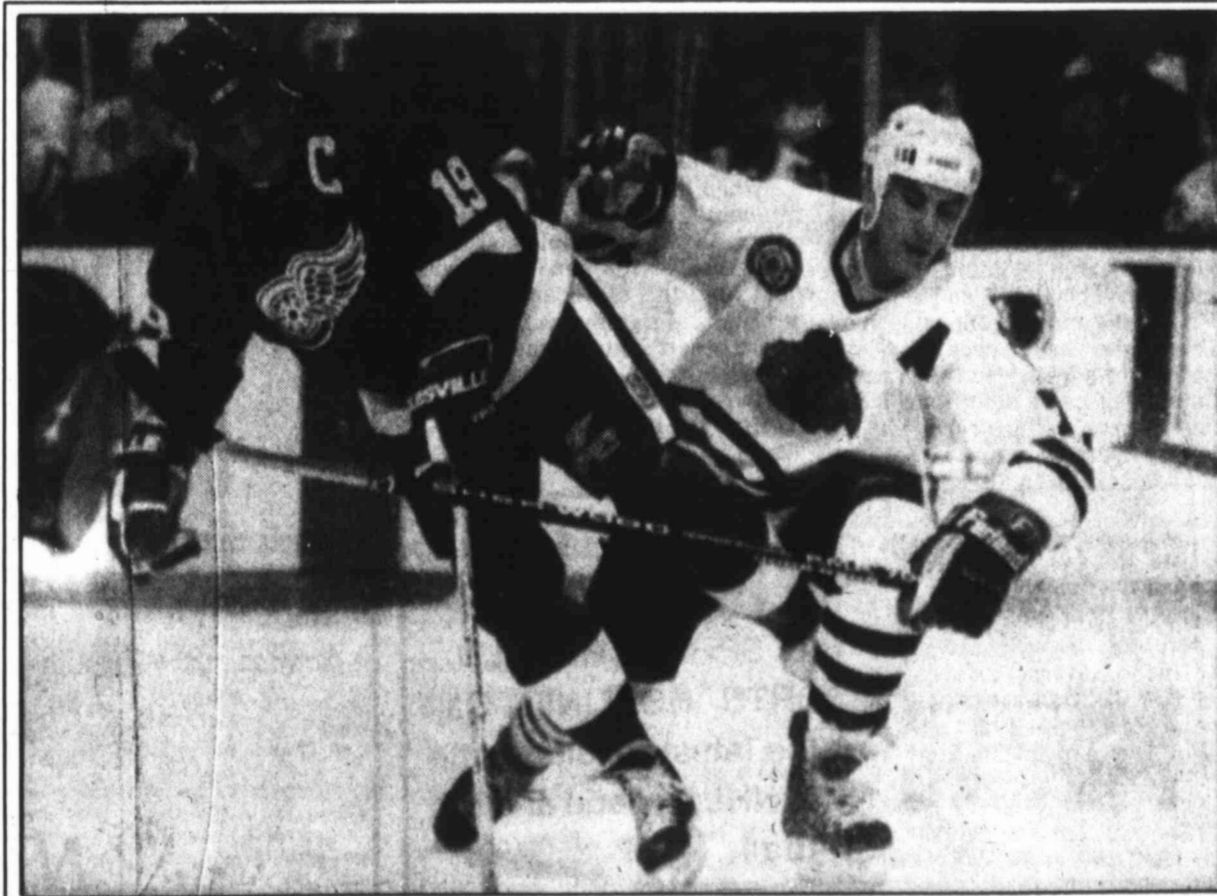
Murdock, a 6-foot-2 senior guard, finished with eight rebounds and five steals.

"Murdock is as good a guard as I've seen since I've been out here," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "What's significant about him is that he plays well at both ends of the court. He's constantly a threat on defense. Even when we thought we had good pressure on him, he still was able to knock them down. He's a tremendous player and a tremendous competitor."

In the only other game involving a ranked team on Sunday, No. 15 Connecticut beat Fairfield 94-70.

On Saturday it was: No. 1 UNLV 101, Florida State 69; No. 2 Arkansas 71, Oregon 68; No. 3 Syracuse 110, Illinois-Chicago 66; Iowa 88, No. 5 UCLA 71; No. 7 Ohio State 71, No. 12 Georgetown 60; No. 8 North Carolina 86, Purdue 74; No. 9 Duke 90, No. 11 Oklahoma 85; Illinois-102, No. 10 Louisiana State 96; No. 13 St. John's 74, Fordham 62; No. 14 Pittsburgh 88, Toledo 68; No. 16 South

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Two step

CHICAGO — Detroit center Steve Yzerman, left, and Chicago defenseman Chris Chelios tangle on the ice during the first period of the game in Chicago Sunday.

Associated Press photo

# Sidelines

## Baseball auction in Abilene

Hardin-Simmons University is sponsoring a dinner-auction Jan. 29 at Briarstone Manor in Abilene.

Texas Rangers coach Bobby Valentine will be the guest speaker and auctioneer. Items donated by San Francisco Giants first baseman Will Clark, Cincinnati Reds third baseman Chris Szabo, the Rangers' Nolan Ryan and Chicago White Sox Carlton Fisk, will be auctioned off.

The festivities will get underway at 6 p.m. Advance tickets are \$15 per person in advance and \$20 at the door. All proceeds go to the HSU baseball program. For more information call Gary Murphy at 670-1494.

## Bike festival set in February

The Third Annual Chihuahuan Challenge and Mountain Bike Festival will be Feb. 7-11 in Lijitas, located in Big Bend Country.

The competition will consist of trial competitions, criterium and multi-lap circuit races and cross-country competitions. There will be divisions for men and women.

For more information call 371-2533.

## Barnes wants back on track

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shot put world record holder Randy Barnes on Saturday asked a panel of the Athletics Congress, which governs American track and field, to lift his suspension for steroid use.

In his appeal, the 1988 Olympic silver medalist said the Aug. 7 drug test that led to the ban in his career was mishandled from start to finish by officials in Sweden.

If the three-member panel recommends his suspension be lifted and TAC accepts the ruling, Barnes could compete in American meets while awaiting appeal of his suspension by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

Barnes, 24, was suspended by the IAAF this fall after authorities said he tested positive for use of methyltestosterone at a meet in Malmo, Sweden. He won that event with a mark of 74 feet, 11 1/4 inches, three months after he set the world record of 75-10 1/4 in May at Los Angeles.

## Wendell Scott dead at 69

DANVILLE, Va. (AP) — Wendell Scott, who broke stock-car racing's color barrier and became the subject of a Hollywood movie, died Sunday at the age of 69. Scott, diagnosed in June as having spinal cancer, had been hospitalized since July 28, when he was admitted to treat the cancer, bilateral pneumonia, high blood pressure and kidney ailments.

Scott, who retired in 1973, competed in more than 500 Grand National races.

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card team to each conference. That meant that 12 of the 28 NFL teams would participate in the postseason, bringing it closer to the NBA (where 16 of 27 teams qualify for the playoffs) and the NHL (a laughable 16 of 21) models, and distancing itself farther from baseball's (just four of 26).

The move may have looked good at the time, if only because it enabled the NFL to squeeze more money from television at the same time it addressed inequities in the existing system.

Since 1978, 10 NFL teams have been excluded from the playoffs despite winning at least 10 games in a season. It happened to both Washington and Green Bay last season and in 1988, the Saints went 10-6 and watched from the sideline as the 10-6 San Francisco 49ers went on to win the Super Bowl.

Yet another playoff berth was supposed to diminish the likelihood of those kinds of things happening. Understandably, New Orleans President Jim Finks was one of those supporting the playoff expansion.

"We're not like hockey," he said at the time. "We don't take five months to eliminate four teams. This is a far cry from that."

Maybe so. But it's getting closer all the time.

# Celtics down Hawks in resumed game

## NBA roundup

(AP) Taking the floor against the Celtics in Boston is never easy. Being down 15 points and knowing you have just 34 1/2 minutes to do something about it is pretty much a hopeless situation.

That's what the Atlanta Hawks faced Sunday when their game at the Boston Garden which had been suspended on Nov. 28 because of a slippery floor, was resumed. The Celtics extended the lead and went on to a 132-104 victory.

"We were worried about the floor before the game and it showed," Atlanta's Dominique Wilkins said. "Everybody on the Celtics shot the ball well. And when you start the game 15 points down, it's tough to win."

When the game was stopped last month, Boston led 37-22 with 10:30 to play in the second quarter. Moisture from the hockey surface below the famed parquet floor made the court too slippery to continue that night.

It looked there might some of the same problems on Sunday because temperatures in Boston were a spring-like 68 degrees. But drier boards prevailed.

"It looked like we were worried about the floor and they weren't as they hit their first couple of shots," Hawks coach Bob Weiss said. "Our guys just weren't ready."

The Celtics were as they hit their first seven shots from the field. Boston started the resumption with an 18-4 run, with Kevin Gamble scoring eight of his 25 points in the burst.

Larry Bird, playing just 32 minutes, had 14 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists.

In other NBA games on Sunday it was Miami 99, Utah 93; the Los Angeles Clippers 109, Sacramento 99; Portland 132, Denver 101; and the Los Angeles Lakers 118, Min-



BOSTON — Atlanta forward Trevor Wilson, left, and Boston Celtics Larry Bird, center, and Robert Parish battle for control of the ball in the second quarter at Boston Garden Sunday.

nesota 94. Boston led 69-41 at halftime and stretched the lead to as many as 39 points in breezing to its seventh straight win and 18th in 20 games. The Celtics are 13-1 at home while leading the Atlantic Division with a 22-4 record.

"My major concern was how we were going to start," Boston coach Chris Ford said. "We wanted to come out and treat it as a 35-minute game or whatever."

The Celtics took a 103-68 lead into the fourth quarter and reserves played the rest of the way as Atlanta lost its third in 11 games.

Robert Parish had 18 points and Brian Shaw 16 for Boston. Bird had scored six points when the game was suspended and was six shy of the 20,000 mark. Although all statistics were put on hold until completion of the game, Bird two days later became the fifth player in NBA history to

record 20,000 points and 5,000 assists.

John Battle scored 17 points for the Hawks and Duane Ferrell 16.

Heat 99, Jazz 93  
Miami snapped the NBA's longest losing streak of the season — 10 games — and also came up with the first win in 33 games for one of the league's four expansion teams.

Sherman Douglas had 23 points and 10 assists for the Heat and his free throws with 10 seconds to play gave Miami a 96-93 lead. John Stockton missed a 3-point attempt to tie and Miami had its first win since beating New Jersey on Nov. 28.

Karl Malone led the Jazz with 25 points and 17 rebounds.

Clippers 109, Kings 99  
Los Angeles snapped a five-game losing streak as Ken Norman scored 12 of his season-high 34 points in the fourth quarter.

Sacramento, which has lost three straight and fell to 1-11 on the road, closed to 89-86 with 6:15 to play, but the Clippers went on a 10-2 run that was capped by Winston Garland's jumper with 3:11 left.

Charles Smith added 19 points for the Clippers, while Wayman Tisdale topped the Kings with 27 points.

Trail Blazers 132, Nuggets 101  
Portland opened the third quarter with a 10-4 run and the fourth quarter with a 14-0 spurt as it won easily behind the 23 points and 14 rebounds of Jerome Kersey.

Danny Young had a career-high 21 points for the Trail Blazers, 13 in the second quarter when he made all five of his shots from the field.

Michael Adams and Chris Jackson each had 18 points for Denver, while Walter Davis added 17.

Lakers 118, Timberwolves 94  
Los Angeles snapped a two-game losing streak with the easy win behind James Worthy's 24 points.

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eliminated in the wild-card tiebreaking procedure with a loss to the Oilers (8-7). Houston can win only the division if it beats Pittsburgh and Cincinnati (8-7) losses to Cleveland (3-12).

Seattle, a 17-12 winner over Denver, would finish 9-7 with a victory over Detroit. The Seahawks would win a wild-card tiebreaker over Cincinnati or Houston on the strength of victories earlier in the season.

Elsewhere, the New York Jets 42, New England 7; Atlanta 20, the Los Angeles Rams 13; and Chicago 27, Tampa Bay 14. On Saturday, it was Detroit 24, Green Bay 17.

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

## Houston

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ing the Bengals into a 13-13 halftime tie.

A 40-yard run set up another touchdown, and Brooks ran for 15 yards in the Bengals' drive to the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter.

All this came against one of the toughest rushing defenses in the league.

"We let Brooks get three big plays against us," Oilers coach Jack Pardee said. "We were the top-ranked defense in the AFC against the rush, and to have a 200-yard rushing day against us... I give them credit."

By allowing Cincinnati to rush for 222 yards, Brooks helped limit the playing time of Moon and the league's top-ranked offense. The teams wound up even in time of possession.

"The way we ran our offense today, with James Brooks running the way he did, we just kept them off the field," Bengals cornerback Eric Thomas said.

Moon was coming off the second-best passing performance in NFL history, a 527-yard effort against Kansas City. He just missed on a few long passes Sunday and wound up completing 25 of 48 attempts for 288 yards and one touchdown. He also threw his first interception in 105 attempts.

Moon injured his thumb in a fourth quarter that was a disaster for the Oilers.

Teddy Garcia hit the upright on a 42-yard field goal attempt with Houston trailing by seven points, and Gerald McNeil fumbled a punt to set up one of Boomer Esiason's two touchdown passes to tight end Eric Kattus in the closing minutes.

Moon was lost when he banged his thumb on a helmet while throwing an incompleting with less than two minutes to play.

"You work so hard to get to this point," said Moon, who finished the regular season with 4,689 yards passing and 33 touchdowns, both league highs. "We've been close so many times. It's frustrating."

The AFC Central title comes

Using the no-huddle offense that Kelly ran so well, Reich threw touchdown passes of seven yards to James Lofton and 11 yards to Andre Reed.

Thomas has 1,297 rushing yards, 16 more than Detroit's Barry Sanders.

Buffalo's defense limited Miami (11-4) to 35 rushing yards and controlled Dan Marino, sacking him three times and forcing two turnovers. Marino completed 24 of 43 passes for 286 yards.

Miami's Mark Clayton, out six games with a knee injury, caught eight passes for 108 yards, including an 11-yard TD pass with one minute left.

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

Bubby Brister threw four touchdown passes in the first half, two to Mike Mularkey and one each

to Merril Hoge and rookie Chris Calloway.

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

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

As time expired, Elway threw a 51-yard pass that Michael Young caught on the back boundary of the end zone. The official covering the play signalled that the catch was good, but a flag had already been thrown in the Denver backfield, negating the play and ending the game.

Eugene Robinson's interception and 39-yard runback to the Denver 11 set up Derrick Fenner's 1-yard touchdown run with 11 seconds left in the third quarter, giving Seattle a 17-12 lead.

down to next Sunday's game in the AstroDome.

The Bengals play Cleveland at Riverfront Stadium on Sunday afternoon. If they defeat the Browns and Pittsburgh loses, the Bengals would be division champions. Pittsburgh can win the division by defeating Houston. The wild-card possibilities are more complex.

The Oilers will try to make the playoffs behind Cody Carlson, who has completed 15 of 26 pass attempts with one touchdown and one interception. He said he's comfortable taking over the Oilers' run-and-shoot offense even though he's had little opportunity to work with

## Dallas man bags bighorn ram

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas roofer has become the first hunter since 1903 to legally bag a Texas desert bighorn ram.

Christmas came early for David Abbey, who killed the sheep Dec. 15 on Texas Parks and Wildlife's Sierra Diablo Wildlife Management Area north of Van Horn.

"It's the most challenging hunt I've made," said Abbey, 24, who a college student. He had never hunted big game other than Texas deer before being drawn for the bighorn permit.

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"I think they would have cut me if I'm not adapted to it," Carlson said. "I think everyone on this team is comfortable with it. We just have to make it work, polish it up and make it work a little better next week."

The victory gave the Bengals a chance to feel good about themselves again after two defeats dropped them out of first place.

"Everybody was writing about the Oilers like they're the next Super Bowl team," Esiason said. "You'd pick up the paper and you'd think this team was undefeated. That gave us added incentive. It was all we needed."

When state biologists determined there was a surplus ram in 1990, Gov. Bill Clements drew Abbey's name from about 1,600 applicants.

"When they called me to tell me my name had been drawn for the permit, it was a complete shock," said Abbey. "It's hard to understand what this all means in terms of historical significance."

The desert bighorn species, one of only four wild sheep native to North America, disappeared shortly after the turn of the century in Texas.

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## Dallas

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ple out of the game like that," he said.

The Eagles' list of fallen quarterbacks started with Steve Grogan of New England, then grew with Washington's Jeff Rutledge and Stan Humphries, Atlanta's Chris Miller and Green Bay's Anthony Dilweg.

Aikman placed no dirty-play stigma on the Eagles' Clyde Simmons for his injury.

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

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

The victory boosted Philadelphia coach Buddy Ryan's record to 4-0 against Johnson, who has a running feud with Ryan.

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

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

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

"We had our chance and the (replay) official blew the call," Johnson said.

The Eagles can lock up the home-field edge for the NFC wild-card playoff game against Washington with a win at Phoenix on Saturday.

Keith Byars got the Eagles started with his fourth halfback pass of the season to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

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

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

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

Hostetler completed 13 of 23 passes for 190 yards and rushed nine times for 31 yards.

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

Kansas City (10-5) began the winning drive inches from its own goal line. Steve DeBerg, playing with a

protective cast on his left hand, hit Todd McNair for 65 yards to set up Lowery.

DeBerg threw two touchdown passes while completing 19 of 27 for 251 yards. Barry Word ran 28 times for 106 yards and a touchdown.

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

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

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

The 49ers lost four fumbles, the third setting up the decisive field goal and the fourth halting a final bid by San Francisco.

Steve Young completed 22 of 37 passes for 208 yards

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Carolina 73, St. Joseph's 61; No. 17 Georgia 79, No. 23 Texas 71; No. 21 East Tennessee State 90, Cincinnati 79; and No. 22 Nebraska 88, Miami, Ohio 73.

Going into the weekend, Arizona was tied with Oklahoma with 51 consecutive home wins, but the Sooners were beaten in Norman by Duke on Saturday.

It apparently didn't matter to Murdock where he was playing. "I knew I would have to be the leader out there," said Murdock, who had 37 points against Manhattan on Friday night. "But I wasn't worried about the scoring, just trying to do things to help us win. Offensively, we base our game plan on penetrating, drawing the defensive man and kicking it out. Basically, I was getting the ball in the right spots."

Murdock broke the McKale Center record of 41 points set by Arizona's Al Fleming in 1976 against Detroit.

Mills led Arizona with 28 points, while Matt Muehlebach had 18.

No. 15 Connecticut 94, Fairfield 70. Scott Burrell scored a career-high 23 points — 18 in the first half — and grabbed nine rebounds for Connecticut (6-1).

The Huskies put the game out of reach with a 13-3 second-half run that gave them a 62-42 lead. They took their biggest lead at 78-51 when Murray Williams made a short jumper with 7:49 to play.

Huskies coach Jim Calhoun was hospitalized with the flu and missed the intrastate rivalry at the Hartford Civic Center.

Kevin George led Fairfield (4-4) with 15 points.

No. 1 UNLV 101, Florida State 69.

The Runnin' Rebels (5-0), who started the second half with a 21-4 run, led by as many as 46 points in the second half before coach Jerry Tarkanian emptied his bench. Anderson Hunt's 21 points led UNLV and Stacey Augmon added 15 points and 12 rebounds. Aubrey Boyd led the visiting Seminoles (4-3) with 12 points.

No. 2 Arkansas 71, Oregon 68.

Arkansas (9-1) led most of the game, but never by more than 10 points over Oregon (3-5). Todd Day's 22 points led the visiting Razorbacks, but he missed two of three free throws in the final 12 seconds to give the Ducks a chance at the upset. Lee Mayberry, who scored all 12 of his points in the second half, came up with the clinching steal in the final seconds. Kevin Mixon led Oregon with 22 points, all but four on 3-pointers.

No. 3 Syracuse 110, Illinois-Chicago 66.

The Orangemen (11-0) used a 21-2 first-half run to prevail in the battle of unbeaten. Dave Johnson had 26 points and Billy Owens 23 for Syracuse, which was playing its first home game since a local newspaper alleged a number of violations against the program. Brian Hill led the Flames (7-1) with 14 points.

Iowa 88, No. 5 UCLA 71.

Acie Earl had 30 points and 12 rebounds as the Hawkeyes (9-1) extended their winning streak to eight games and ended the Bruins' unbeaten run at eight.

UCLA, averaging 109 points entering the game, didn't arrive in Iowa City until the day of the game because of weather problems. Don MacLean led the Bruins with 18 points.

No. 7 Ohio State 71, No. 12 Georgetown 60.

Ohio State (8-0) won its first seven games by an average of 44 points and the Buckeyes had just 27 at halftime before prevailing against Georgetown.

The Buckeyes, off to their best start since 1962, started the second half with a 12-0 run, overcoming a five-point deficit.

Jim Jackson led Ohio State with 17 points, while Dikembe Mutombo and Charles Harrison each had 15 for the Hoyas (6-2), playing without leading scorer Alonzo Mourning because of a strained arch.

No. 8 North Carolina 86, Purdue 72.

Rick Fox scored 18 of his 22 points in the second half as visiting North Carolina (7-1) rallied from a five-point halftime deficit.

Purdue (7-2), scoreless for 5½ minutes in the second half while committing five turnovers without getting off a shot, was led by Woody Austin's 22 points.

No. 9 Duke 90, No. 11 Oklahoma 85.

The Blue Devils (8-2) ended the Sooners' 51-game winning streak at Lloyd Noble Center as Grant Hill and Christian Laettner each had 19 points.

Duke took the lead for good with a 10-4 run to start the second half for a 55-54 lead. Bobby Hurley later hit a 3-pointer to start an 11-2 run that gave the Blue Devils a 78-70 advantage with 7:44 left.

Jeff Webster's 32 points led the Sooners (8-2), whose last home loss was to Kansas State in the final game of the 1987 regular season and whose last non-conference loss was to Tulsa in 1982.

Illinois 102, No. 10 Louisiana State 96.

The Fighting Illini (9-3) ruined the Tigers' first trip ever to Champaign as freshman Rennie Clemmons scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half.

Clemmons sealed the victory with a three-point play.

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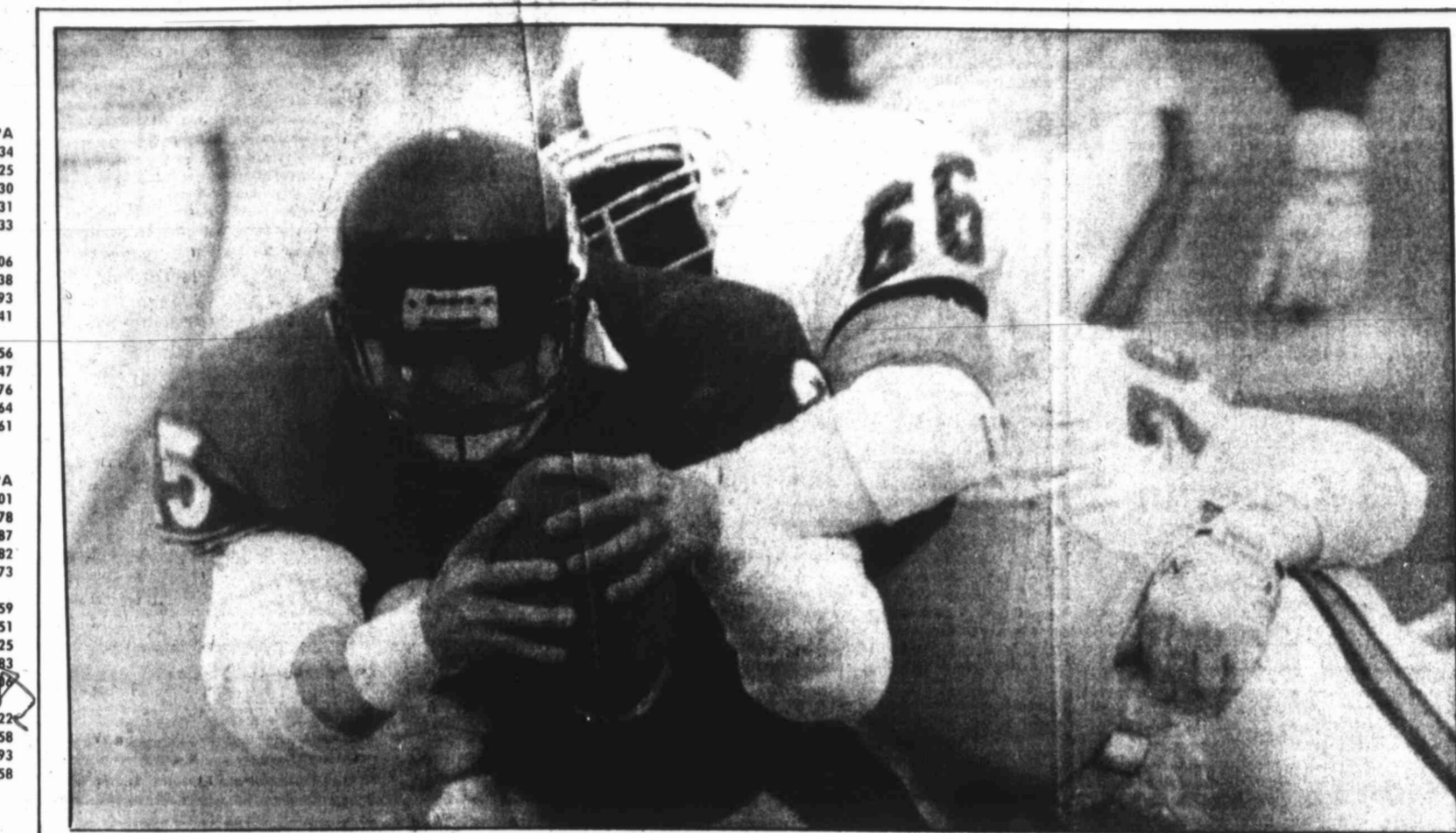
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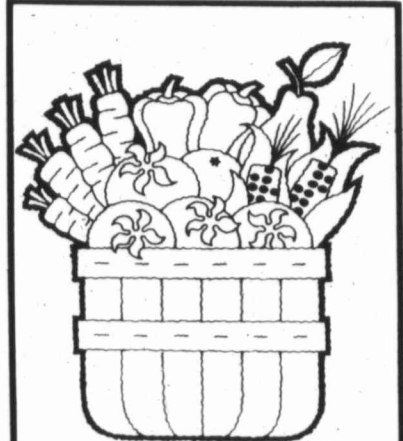
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**Rangers win wild overtime affair**

(AP) The New York Islanders were off the ice and practically on the bus when they learned they had to come back and play some more hockey.

Fortunately, Pat Flatley still had another goal left. "Patrick's such a great defensive player, it's nice to see him get the offense like this," New York coach Al Arbour said after Flatley's third goal of the night gave the Islanders a wild 4-3 overtime victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins on Sunday night.

The Islanders thought they had won the game earlier in overtime when David Volek's shot hit the crossbar and bounced down. Referee Paul Stewart originally called the shot a goal, then changed his mind after consulting with his linesmen.

The Islanders had already left the ice at that point. Flatley said the Islanders suspected the goal call would be overturned when Stewart consulted with the goal judge and linesmen.

"It didn't really bother us that much," Flatley said. "We knew we just had to come back and play the rest of the game."

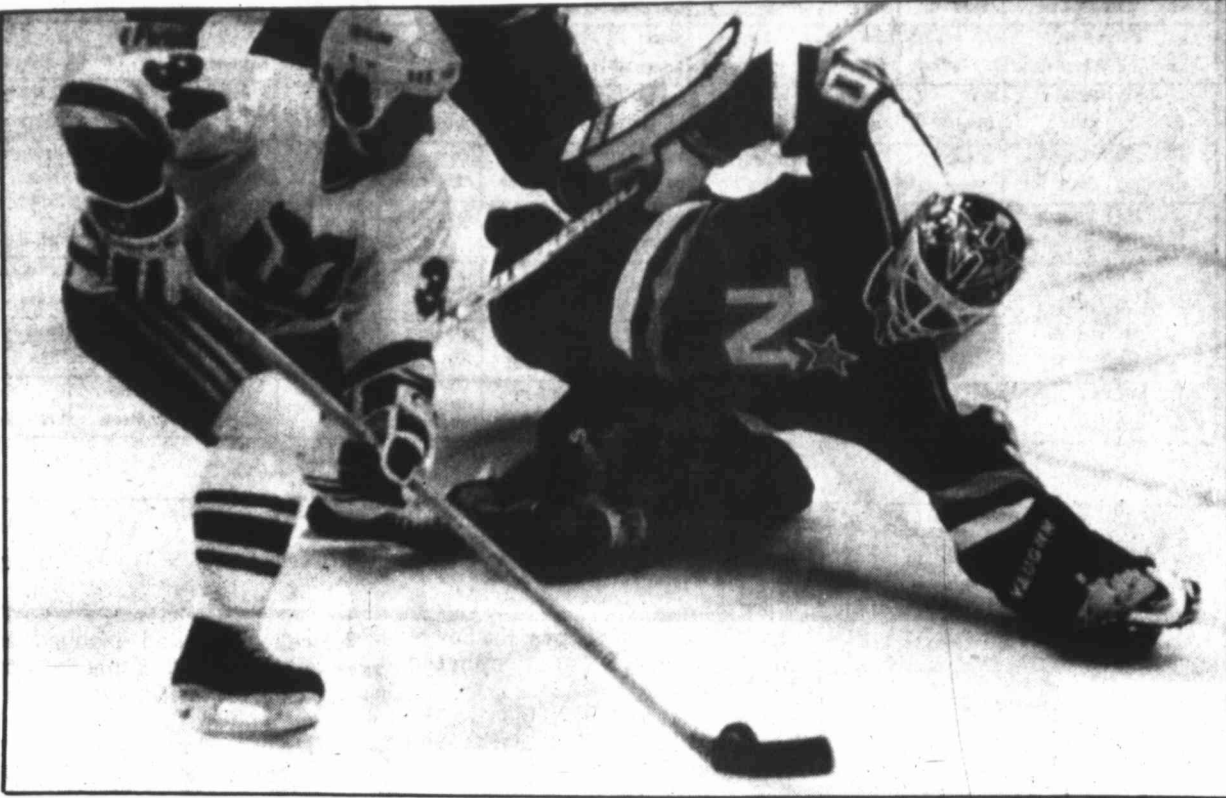
In other games, it was New York Rangers 5, Boston 5; Montreal 4, Philadelphia 4; New Jersey 4, Toronto 2; Buffalo 10, Quebec 3; Edmonton 4, Vancouver 3; Chicago 3, Detroit 2, and Minnesota 5, Hartford 2.

There were 31 seconds left in overtime when Flatley completed his hat trick, ending Pittsburgh's six-game winning streak.

Flatley took a pass from Brent Sutter, came out from behind the net and whipped a wraparound past Frank Pietrangolo. The goal came less than three minutes after Volek appeared to have won the game for New York.

New York's Bill Berg forced the overtime with a goal at 8:18 of the third period after Flatley's two goals helped the Islanders overcome an early 2-0 deficit.

Bruins 5, Rangers 5  
Darren Turcotte's goal with 2:37



HARTFORD, Conn. — Minnesota goalie Jon Casey dives to stop a shot by Mikael Andersson (34 in white) of the Hartford Whalers in the first

period of the Whalers-North Stars game in Hartford Sunday. Kurt Giles of the North Stars comes in to help Casey.

left in regulation capped a three-goal comeback as New York rallied to tie Boston.

The Rangers trailed 5-2 after Dave Christian scored his second goal of the game, capping a three-goal spurge in the first 2:13 of the final period.

But Mike Gartner rallied the Rangers with a tip-in of Brian Leetch's shot during a power play at 11:13 and an airborne backhand past Andy Moog at 13:52. Turcotte tied the game on another power play, blasting a slap shot from the bottom of the left circle past Moog.

Jody Hull and Bernie Nicholls staked the Rangers to a 2-0 lead. Dave Poulin and Christian tied the game late in the second period before Cam Neely, Vladimir Ruzicka and Christian put Boston ahead.

**NHL roundup**

Canadiens 4, Flyers 4

Denis Savard scored twice and Russ Courtnall got the game-tying goal with 4:54 remaining in regulation time as Montreal overcame a four-goal deficit to tie Philadelphia.

Courtnall tied the game on a breakaway, beating goaltender Ron Hextall to the far side after defenseman Gord Murphy failed to clear the puck. Savard, who started the Canadiens' comeback with a second-period power-play goal, had made it 4-3 at 9:48 of the third period, also on the power play.

Murray Craven scored twice, once on a penalty shot, as the

Flyers took a 4-0 lead in the first period.

Devils 4, Maple Leafs 2  
Claude Lemieux scored two goals to help New Jersey extend its unbeaten streak to five games.

The win was the Devils' fourth straight at the Meadowlands Arena and extended their home unbeaten streak to seven games (5-0-2). The Devils' home record of 13-3-3 is the best home winning percentage in the NHL. Toronto was undefeated in its five previous road contests (4-0-1).

Lemieux tied the game on a breakaway at 17:01 of the first period, then gave New Jersey a 3-1 lead with a power-play goal early in the third period. Pat Conacher and Brendan Shanahan also had goals for New Jersey; Dave Reid and Kevin Maguire scored for Toronto.

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# Names in the news

## Dancer donates dollars

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail Baryshnikov has decided to help restore monuments in Leningrad, where he began his ballet career, by donating a Picasso worth at least \$250,000 to a telethon.



BARYSHNIKOV

A "revival telethon" will be held at the Leningrad Opera and Ballet Theater on Jan. 6-7, and will attract business leaders, scholars and cultural

figures from 100 nations, the Soviet news agency Tass reported Wednesday.

The telethon will help save the city's crumbling landmarks and create a Russian emigre center, Tass said.

## Goodbye Ernie

DETROIT (AP) — Broadcaster Ernie Harwell, the voice of Detroit Tiger baseball for the past 31 years, is being let go after the 1991 season.

The ballclub gave no reason Wednesday for the decision to get rid of the 72-year-old Tiger institution.

Harwell, who had planned to work until the end of the 1993 or 1994 season, said he was hurt by the decision.

"I realize that broadcasters don't go on forever," he said. "But I was quite surprised."

"When you have to make personnel decisions you just have to make them," said Tigers president Bo Schembechler.

At age 16, Harwell became the Atlanta correspondent for The Sporting News. For 20 years before coming to Detroit in 1960, he did play-by-play for the Atlanta Crackers, Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Giants and Baltimore Orioles.

## Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1990

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** actor Humphrey Bogart, singer Jimmy Buffett, country star Barbara Mandrell, actress Sissy Spacek.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Bask in the joy that results when a family unites to share this special day. Small children bring gifts of love to their parents. Invitations from close friends add to the festivities.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Make this a Christmas to remember! Those who are traveling should get an early start. Go easy when the feast is set before you. Curb an urge to go overboard. Romance is joyous.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Loved ones go out of their way to give you a special treat. Good will fills the air. Accept a special invitation to socialize this evening. Singles could find their ideal partner.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Include close friends in your family

celebration. Although children are the most important factor in loved one's happiness today, romance will also play a role.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): This can be one of the happiest holidays ever! An older person shares a confidence that will make any worries seem light years away. Enjoy the special treats on the dinner menu.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Forget any worries on this most joyous of days. Greater family rapport and an imaginative gift will make this a memorable occasion. A visitor from your past will bring glad tidings.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Friends are delighted to join the family circle. Go ahead and indulge at dinner; eat sparingly tomorrow! A long-cherished romantic dream could come true very soon. The future beckons brightly.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Fellowship and good cheer will make this one of the merriest days of the year. Young people are a source of

joy and pride. Avoid spoiling your holiday through overindulgence.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You find yourself in the midst of a flurry of activity today. A special gift will be wrapped in the smallest package! A loving relationship is strengthened when you say the right thing.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A gesture of good will makes this the most memorable of holidays. Religious services have special appeal for those who understand the true meaning of Christmas.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Romance is on the upswing. An unexpected gift makes your spirits soar. Some of you could be thinking about setting a wedding date! Do something special for your parents or grandparents this week.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Let nothing stand in the way of domestic harmony on this happy occasion. Romance should be blissful if you and mate are considerate of each other. Pamper a young child.



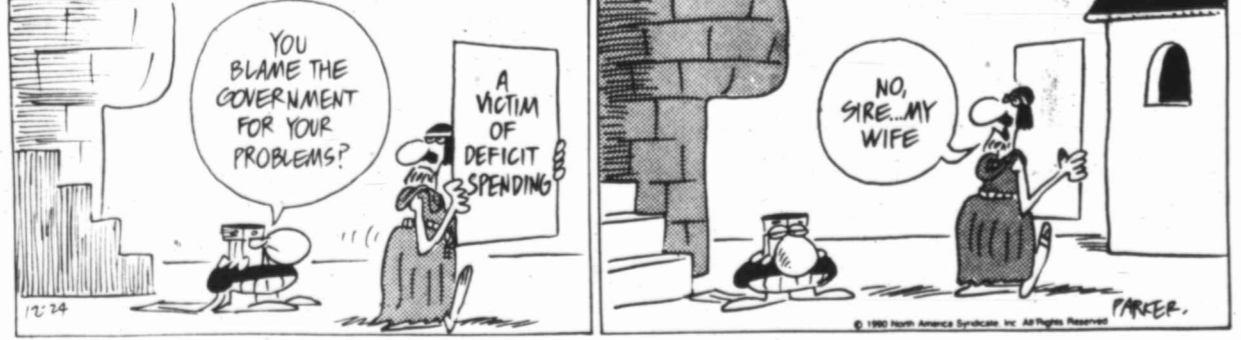
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## Weather

Fair at night through Christmas Day. Low tonight in the low 20s; high Christmas Day in the mid 40s.

Sunday's high temperature	32
Sunday's low temperature	09
Average high	58
Average low	29
Record high	85 in 1955
Record low	02 in 1983
Rainfall Sunday	0.00
Month to date	0.65
Normal for Month	0.69
Year to date	21.92
Normal for year	18.44

## Final touch to Christmas program

The area Christmas Cheer program is ironing out its final touches for this year's program, officials say.

"We managed to get everyone that was on our list and yesterday our MC sheriff's department finished off the last family out in the country. We put out toys Tuesday and Wednesday. We passed out food on Thursday and Friday and we feel we got as much as we could at this time. If we have another cold spell we might need more coats, everything is going good at this point," Martin County Judge and program chairman Bob Deavenport said.

The program, which began Dec. 8, is still accepting donations for this year.

Deavenport said, "we always try to have a balance for following year so our Christmas elf can go buy presents early."

For more information contact Judge Deavenport at 756-2231 or 756-3425.

## Chapter celebrates Christmas holidays

Eta Master, Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Dec. 20 in the home of June Reid to celebrate the coming holidays. As members gathered around the table filled with "Christmas goodies", Sammie Laws conducted the business meeting.

The group gathered around a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, where gifts were handed out, and Phi pals of the past year were revealed and names for new pals were drawn.

Helen Cobean presented members with gifts from her recent cruise and a desk calendar. June Reid gave a very informative program on the genealogy of Jesus and concluded reading the story of the birth of Jesus from the book of Matthew.

All members were present, for the last meeting of the year.

## Dinner planned by MCSC group

Martin County Senior Citizens will be hosting its annual Black-eyed pea dinner, Tuesday Jan. 1 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Depot. The menu will include; black-eyed peas, cole slaw, cornbread and cobbler. Drinks will be provided.

Take-out plates will also be available. Tickets will be \$3.50 in advance and \$4 at the door. For more information contact Sally Carroll at 756-2791.

## More soldiers than visitors in Holy City this Christmas

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — The main colors of Christmas Eve in Bethlehem this year were purple, red, black and green — the hues of the berets of hundreds of soldiers dispatched to provide security in the holy town.

Early this morning, a few tourists could be seen outside the Church of the Nativity, built over the grotto where tradition holds that Christ was born.

A strike called by the leadership of the Palestinian uprising closed all shops and restaurants in Bethlehem.

There were no holiday decorations, as officials of this town of 40,000 canceled most celebrations in solidarity with the three-year revolt.

The Tourism Ministry was predicting that fewer than 7,000 people would visit Bethlehem this year, down from 10,000 last year.

Tourism in Israel has been cut in half by the Persian Gulf crisis, and many of the Arab hotels in Jerusalem that cater to Christian pilgrims are shut because of too few guests.

Before the uprising, thousands of pilgrims would normally gather for holiday festivities in Bethlehem and elsewhere.

Church and Israeli government-sponsored programs in Bethlehem were to proceed, beginning with an afternoon procession led by the Roman Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, Michel Sabah, into the Church of the Nativity. The

celebrations end with a midnight Mass at neighboring St. Catherine's Church.

After sunset, a choir from the First United Methodist Church of Oklahoma City was to join a Jerusalem choir, the Living Stones, in a concert.

Security was especially heavy in Bethlehem this year because of a wave Arab-Jewish clashes following the Oct. 8 Temple Mount riot in which Israeli police killed 17 Palestinians.

Thousands of Israeli soldiers and police manned roadblocks and rooftop observation posts on roads leading to Bethlehem and inside the town.



BETHLEHEM — Two Palestinian shepherds pass by the Church of the Nativity with their flock of sheep Saturday. Palestinian leaders called for a general strike over Christmas in the city. Israeli leaders say Christmas will take place.



## Bake-off winners

First National Bank president Paul Crosthwait, left, congratulates Torchy Swinson, Jeffery Burch, and Brenda Kendall, winners of the bank's first Christmas bake-off contest. The winning recipes were: first place — Swubson's Jam tarts;

second place — Burch's patience candy; and third place — Kendall's coca-cola cake. Swinson received \$115 for first, Burch received \$90 and Kendall received \$65. Kendall also received an honorable mention for her sourdough bread entry.

## Troops on higher alert for holidays

(AP) U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf region were on heightened alert against potential attacks on Christmas Eve as the military observed the holiday with subdued celebrations and light duties, a military source said.

Iraq, in a sign of rising tensions, summoned its ambassadors to the United States and the United Nations to Baghdad for consultations with President Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi Embassy in Washington said.

The embassy spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the envoy to Washington, Mohamed Al-Mashat, and U.N. Ambassador Abdul Al-Anbari, were expected to remain in Baghdad for a week or two. He declined to elaborate.

Saddam, meanwhile, told Spanish television that Tel Aviv will be Iraq's first target if war breaks out. The Iraqi president had threatened the Jewish state even before the gulf crisis began nearly five months ago, but it was the first time he said Israel would be Iraq's

first target. The Spanish TV network summarized Saddam's remarks, made Saturday, and said the interview with him would be shown on Wednesday.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in response that Iraq would be "harmed in a most serious way" if it attacks Israel. Asked whether war was likely, he said on Israel radio: "I would say the danger is very close."

A senior Palestine Liberation Organization official was quoted today as saying the PLO would fight alongside the Iraqis if war breaks out.

"We have coordinated our plans to fight with Iraq in one trench," Hani Al-Hassan, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's chief political adviser, told the Iraqi daily newspaper Al-Jumhuriya.

Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, the commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf, had told reporters last week the U.S. troops would be

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## President sends holiday message to troops worldwide

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, in a Christmas message to U.S. troops worldwide, reiterated his vow to try to bring those serving in the Persian Gulf home without a shot fired and declared "the world is behind you."

"In this season of peace it is your commitment and your courage that makes peace possible," Bush said in the taped message that was being broadcast on armed services radio beginning at noon today.

"Back home, some talk of the cost of war. But it is you who understand the price of peace," he said.

Bush, who with his wife Barbara spent Thanksgiving visiting troops

**"It's distant in time, but close within our hearts because on this Christmas Day, hour by hour, hand in hand, Americans will send their prayers eastward across the ocean and halfway across the world not only to the town of Bethlehem but to the sands and shores where you stand in harm's way."**

President Bush



in Saudi Arabia, recalled that visit in his talk.

"And when I got back, I spoke to the American people, told them of your bravery and reminded them why we're there."

Bush was spending the Christmas holidays with members of his family at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md.

"We're in the Gulf because the

world must not reward aggression, because our vital interests are at stake, and because of the brutality and danger of Saddam Hussein," Bush said.

With the United Nations-set deadline of Jan. 15 for Saddam Hussein to leave Kuwait just weeks away, Bush said, "When you come home, and we hope it's soon, you'll be welcomed as what you are: all-

American heroes."

Bush reiterated his vow to "do my level best to bring you home without a shot being fired."

"The sacrifices you make will never be forgotten. America is behind you. The world is behind you and history is behind you."

The president concluded the message with a story about a military couple both serving in the

## Arctic air eases grip around area

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

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

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

At least 20 people have died, most in weather-related traffic ac-

cidents, since Texas was buffeted by Arctic temperatures.

The Texas Department of Public Safety investigated seven weather-related traffic fatalities Friday and Saturday in the hours before the official holiday death count began at 6 p.m. CST Saturday. The count continues through midnight Christmas.

Since the death count began, DPS has recorded an additional 10 traffic fatalities, three of which were weather-related. The harsh weather also is being blamed for the deaths of an elderly woman who slipped outside and froze to death and two men who were asphyxiated while trying to warm themselves with a heater.

Although most roads remained



## Country Christmas program

Stanton fifth grade students were busy rehearsing in the elementary music room during their last days before the holiday break for their presenta-

tion of a "Country Christmas". During the production, the players spelled out "Christmas" with a special message for each letter.

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# Spring board

## How's that?

**Q. Who is responsible for depicting Santa Claus as we know him today?**  
 A. The Santa Claus we know today was first drawn in 1863 by cartoonist Thomas Nast, according to North American Precise Syndicate, Inc.

## Calendar

### Christmas!

**TUESDAY**  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**  
**MONDAY 31st**  
 • There will be a community-wide New Year's Eve skate party from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Admission \$4

## Tops on TV

• **Roots: The Gift ABC Monday Night Movie.** Lou Gossett Jr., LeVar Burton. A freed slave turns to the reluctant Fiddler and the confused Kunta for help in staging a Christmas Eve escape for a group of runaway slaves. 8 p.m. Channel 2.  
 • **A Very Retail Christmas.** 7 p.m. Channel 9.  
**Christmas Eve NBC Monday Night at the Movies.** 8 p.m. Channel 9.

## Weather

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

Temperatures in West Texas are expected to be slightly warmer with highs rising above freezing in all sections. Fair weather was expected in North Texas, with overnight temperatures in the single digits. South Texas was also in store for warmer temperatures in the 30s and 40s in the northern portion of the region to the 50s in the Rio Grande valley.

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

# Stanton Classified

**LOST DOG** - female, Dalmation, answers to "Dottie", 8 miles North Stanton. Reward offered. Call 1-459-2400.

**FREE TRI-CHEM** classes. If interested call Joanna at 267-5157.

**THE STANTON HERALD** needs 2 motor route delivery people, in Western Martin County and in the Lenora/Merrick area. You must have a dependable automobile with insurance. Income depends on the size of the route you get. Apply in person at the Stanton Herald Office, 210 N. St. Peter between 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

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

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION ESPECIAL)**  
 To the Registered Voters of the County of Martin & Howard County, Texas:  
 (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Texas.)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on January 19, 1991, for voting in a special election to annex parts of Northwest Howard County into the Martin County Underground Water Conservation District.

(Notifiquese, por las presentes, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 19 de Enero de 1991 para votar en la Eleccion Especial para agregar partes del nordeste del Condado de Howard al Martin County Underground Water Conservation District.)

**LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES (DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)**  
 Martin County Courthouse Commissioners Courtroom and Knott Community Center, Knott, Texas.

(Sala de Justicia de Comisionados, Condado de Martin, Stanton, Texas, y el Centro de la Comunidad de Knott, Texas.)  
 Absentee voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at

(La votacion en ausencia en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

The County Clerks Office, Martin/Howard County, Texas.  
 (La oficina del secretario de los Condados de Martin y Howard, Texas.)  
 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on December 31, 1990.  
 (entre las 8:00 de la mañana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el dia 31 de Diciembre, 1990.)  
 and ending on January 15, 1991. (y terminando el 15 de Enero 1991.)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:  
 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)  
 Virginia James (for Martin County)  
 Margaret Ray (for Howard Co.)  
 (Name of Absentee Voting Clerk)  
 (Nombre del Secretario de la Votacion En Ausencia)

Martin County Courthouse  
 Howard County Courthouse  
 (Address) (Direccion)  
 Stanton, Texas  
 Big Spring, Texas  
 (City) (Ciudad)

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on  
 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)  
 January 12, 1991.  
 (date) (fecha)

Issued this the 21 day of December, 1990.  
 (Emitteda este dia 21 de Diciembre, 1990.)  
 John Campbell  
 Chairman of the Board  
 (Signature of County Judge)  
 (Firma del Jefe del Condado)

7043 December 24, 1990

# Christmas brings out the worst in kids

**NEW YORK (AP)** — When the materialistic side of Christmas rears its ugly head, child psychologists admit it often has a child's face.

Never mind visions of sugar plums. For many children, the only things dancing in their heads — with all the resolution of a Nintendo or TURBO-Grafx-16 home video game — are dreams of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Batman and Go-Go My Walking Pup.

Experts on child development call it a natural process for youngsters to want things. At around age 2, they say, the average child says "mine" about everything in view. It's only over time that they develop a sense of what is theirs and what belongs to others.

"To learn how to give they first have to learn what it feels like to be recipients — of love or gifts or whatever, so you could consider it a developmental process," said Caroline Persell, head of the sociology department at New York University.

"If it's sort of a stage that people have to go through, hopefully they get beyond it when they see some of the fun of thinking of gifts for other people. That's part of the fun of Christmas."

But don't most children think 'tis better to receive than to give?

"I think kids from a very young age are capable of being totally selfish," said Martin Hoffman, head of the NYU psychology

department. "But they are also capable of being quite empathic and sympathetic toward others who do not have what they have."

The problem, Hoffman said, is not that children are inherently selfish, but that Christmas thrusts them into a context that surrounds them with all sorts of neat things they would like to have. And they usually respond with according materialism, even greed.

But change the context, and the same child might offer a pleasant surprise.

"Most kids, as greedy and self oriented as they appear when they go to visit Santa in the department stores and sit on his lap and ask for everything under the sun, if put into the position of knowing that there are other children who have nothing — and if there are adults around who make the suggestion that they might want to share some of their things — most kids would share a lot," Hoffman said.

Hoffman explained that children, and parents too, are bombarded by television commercials that put them in the context of gift getters, rarely as potential givers. But it needn't be that way, Hoffman asserts.

In that sense, Hoffman said, children reflect American society as a whole.

"This whole American culture is probably the most materialistic culture in the history of humankind. On the other hand it is also a very giving culture."



**Hit and run**  
**PORTLAND, Ore.** — Norman Wicks, 14, takes a flying leap as he is hit by a group of speeding snow sledders Thursday. Schoolchildren enjoyed the snowfall after a winter storm passed over the area.

## Extension notes

# MC residents win three awards

By GREG JONES

**County Extension Agent**  
 The 1990 West Texas Regional Pecan Show took place in San Angelo, Dec. 10-12. Martin County was represented by several varieties this year.

Local participants entered at San Angelo were: Robert White, Joyce Wells, Marshall Louder, Justin and Jeffery Burch. County residents fared well winning three awards out of 12 varieties displayed.

Joyce Wells placed second in the Commercial division for her Cape Fear display. In the Classic category, Robert White's Barton variety won the division, and his

John Garner variety placed second.

The MC extension service wants to extend their congratulations to all the Martin County winners and participants.

All ribbon-winning entries at the Regional Pecan Show will be placed in frozen storage at Texas A&M University until the State Pecan Show July 7, 1991 in San Angelo.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin.

## Treaty approved to preserve union

**MOSCOW (AP)** — The Congress of People's Deputies today endorsed the concept of a new Union Treaty designed to hold the 15 republics together, and it voted to keep the word "socialist" in the country's name.

The 2,250-member Congress endorsed the idea of preserving the Soviet Union as a federation of equal, sovereign states, guaranteeing the rights of all nationalities.

The treaty must now be approved by the republics in popular referendum.

In the 1,365-to-189 vote with 170 abstentions, the deputies also agreed to retain the name Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

A legislative committee had proposed changing the name to the "Union of Sovereign Republics" to reflect the republics' growing autonomy.

Alexander Zhuravlev, a deputy from the Byelorussian capital,

Minsk, set off a raucous debate by suggesting that the country call itself simply "Russia."

Zhuravlev said "our fatherland is Russian, and so I propose that we call ourselves as we did in the past, Russia."

His suggestion was greeted by a chorus of hisses in the Kremlin meeting.

Leningrad Mayor Anatoly Sobchak proposed instead that the Congress adopt the name favored by the late Nobel Prize winning dissident Andrei Sakharov: "The Union of Soviet Republics of Europe and Asia."

Other delegates chipped in with "Union of Soviet Republics" and "The Treaty Between Russia and Its Colonies."

Congress Chairman Anatoly Lukyanov cut off the debate, telling the deputies to "put your emotion back in your pocket."

In a second, non-binding measure, the Congress voted

# Market to dominate program

## Cotton talk

**LUBBOCK** — The most common less-than-10-word description of the 1990 farm act is "a continuation of the market-oriented programs of 1986-90."

But Dr. Carl Anderson prefers another term. He calls the 1991-95 program "market-dominated." Dr. Anderson is Extension Economist-Cotton Marketing for Texas A&M University at College Station. He recently told Plains Cotton Growers, Inc., Lubbock, that his choice of words stems from his opinion that the financial survival of producers under the 1990 farm act will be more market dependent than program dependent. "I don't think producers can make it on loan prices and reduced deficiency payments alone," said Anderson.

With this feeling, plus a less than bullish outlook on late 1991 cotton prices, Anderson cautions against assuming for 1991 a repeat of 1990 prices. Instead he advises producers to spend at least as much if not more time assessing market price prospects as they do analyzing program op-

tions. In the latest issue of his "Cotton Market Comments," he recommends the use of forward contracts, futures and/or options whenever possible to reduce the effect of price uncertainty.

He reminds producers that Mother Nature, as always, will play a key role in the 1991 crop size and resulting market price despite an expected favorable demand. "This uncertain market environment strongly suggests a flexible marketing plan that takes advantage of market rallies and at the same time covers downside market risks," said Anderson.

Justifying his concern for 1991 prices, Anderson pointed out that the new farm program's "triple-base" plan and the ten percent added planting "flex" provisions are expected to boost 1991 acreage substantially. His own estimate, which he labels conser-

vative, is that an additional one million acres will be planted to cotton as a result of new provisions in the program. He adds another 700,000 acres from a combination of additional "wildcat" planting and what he calls a probable reduction of this year's 12.5 percent acreage reduction program (ARP) or set-aside requirement.

Anderson projects 1991 plantings to total around 14 million acres, up from the 12.3 acres planted in 1990. This would result in production between 15 and 20 million bales. "Most likely," he said, "production will be near 18 million bales."

With a projected 1991-92 offtake of 15 million bales, the 30 percent stocks-to-use ratio targeted under the new farm law would call for a 1992 carryover of 4.5 million bales. From that, Anderson sees a need for a 1991 crop of only 16.9 million — 15 million to satisfy current-year offtake plus a 1.9 million bale addition to 1991's projected carryover of 2.6 million bales.

# Drug dog attacks fifth-grader

**NICHOLASVILLE, Ky. (AP)** — A dog trained to help police find drugs attacked a fifth-grade girl during a demonstration in her classroom, and the youngster required nearly 50 stitches.

The Labrador retriever, named Bruiser, was taken to school Tuesday as part of the Police Department's Drug Awareness Resistance Education program, said Joan Vice, a teacher at Hattie C. Warner Elementary School.

The dog's trainer hid a packet of simulated marijuana, used to train dogs, while 20 children were sitting on the classroom floor, Vice said. Bruiser found the packet and the trainer threw it so Bruiser could play with it to reinforce his behavior, Vice said.

"At this point he had taken the dog off the leash," she said. "So the

dog ran toward the front of the room where the children were and nudged and messed around with the packet. And then for no reason, absolutely no provocation, turned on this child."

Ten-year-old Geri Cobb was taken to Humana Hospital-Lexington. She received 35 stitches for severe bites to the back of her head and 14 stitches to her right hand and arm and was released.

There was no comment from Bruiser's trainer, policeman Dallas Murphy; he has an unlisted telephone number and was off duty until later today, a dispatcher said. Bruiser has successfully aided police in drug searches for six months, said Maj. Robert Sallee, assistant chief of operations. The dog "showed no signs of be-

ing aggressive before," Sallee said. "It's strictly a drug-search dog, passively trained."

Sallee said the dog has had rabies shots and other recommended vaccinations and has been examined by a veterinarian. The dog is being kept in a kennel under quarantine during the investigation, Sallee said.

Richard Williams, the school's principal, said school officials would review their policy allowing demonstrations involving animals. "We're going to discuss and see if there is any way that we can prevent any of this kind of thing from occurring again, of course," Williams said.

"If they can't control their dogs they don't need to have them in the classroom," said Geri's mother, Donna Cobb.



**Frosty reminder**  
**BISMARCK, N.D.** — Eugene Fisher, a main-store scrapes a layer of frost from the large maintenance supervisor at a Bismarck department store.

## Mideast

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 ready to counter any military move by Iraq over the holidays.

"We are going to be on a heightened state of alert," Schwarzkopf said. "I don't tell the enemy anything, but I will damn sure tell Saddam Hussein that he should not expect us to be all stood down on Christmas and think that he's go-

ing to catch us napping and asleep on Christmas Day. That's not going to happen."

A military source who spoke on condition of anonymity confirmed the heightened alert status today. In Saudi Arabia, sentries at military guardposts made more thorough checks than usual, and Saudi Arabian police had checkpoints set up on highways.

However, most troops had a light-duty day, meaning they could sleep late or engage in sports activities.

Bush was meeting today with

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, who ended a five-day trip to the Middle East on Sunday.

Cheney declined to say whether the United States has a timetable to attack Iraqi forces if Saddam ignores a U.N.-imposed Jan. 15 deadline to quit Kuwait. Last week, Lt. Gen. Calvin A.H. Waller said American ground forces would not be ready for combat until about a month after the deadline.

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

## Deaths

### 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: Trinito Juarez, Manuel Juarez, Roberto Juarez, Rosendo Juarez Jr., Reimundo Juarez, and Guillermo Juarez, all of Mexico; 38 grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.

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