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## More war clouds forming over Mideast

(AP) In ominous new signs of war readiness, the Pentagon has begun regular news briefings in Saudi Arabia, Iraq has test-fired another missile and Americans have been urged to leave countries where pro-Iraqi sentiment is high.

Twenty days before the U.N.-mandated deadline for Iraq to quit Kuwait or face possible attack, the U.S. Central Command in the Persian Gulf region held its first regular weekly news briefing in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

The prognosis did not point toward peace.

"We see absolutely no indication that Saddam Hussein intends to withdraw from Kuwait," Air Force Lt. Col. Tom Coury, a member of

the command's intelligence staff, told the Wednesday briefing.

Coury said it is "very realistic" that, if Saddam feels war is inevitable, he may attack Israel to try to sunder the international coalition arrayed against him.

Besides the Saudis, key Arab coalition members include Egypt and Syria.

The suggestion of a possible Iraqi pre-emptive strike follows Saddam's pronouncement in a weekend interview that he will attack Israel if war breaks out. Israel has promised massive retaliation.

Coury also said that Iraq, with the most extensive chemical arsenal in the Third World, would likely use such weapons "against

attacking coalition forces."

Saddam, who invaded oil-rich Kuwait on Aug. 2, has more than a half-million troops, 4,000 tanks, 2,500 armored personnel carriers and 2,700 artillery pieces in Kuwait and southern Iraq, Coury said.

The Central Command deliberately chose 6 p.m. for the briefing to avoid any comparison with the daily 5 p.m. briefing during the Vietnam War, dubbed "5 O'clock Follies" by reporters.

If war breaks out, the briefings will occur daily.

Across the Arabian desert, Iraq test-fired another surface-to-surface missile Wednesday within its own borders, aiming it away from multinational forces, U.S. of-

ficials said. No further details were disclosed.

Previous such firings put some of the 300,000 American forces deployed in Operation Desert Shield on a heightened state of alert. The U.S. Command would not comment on the current alert status.

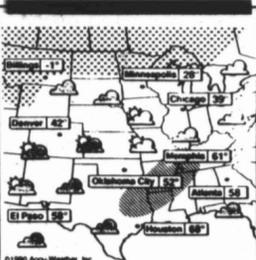
U.S. troops were already on heightened alert, wary of a terrorist attack over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

British and U.S. military officials reported that Iraq test-fired Soviet-made Scud missiles from east to west on Dec. 2, prompting some units to don gas masks against a possible chemical attack. Iraq protested the seizure of one

of its merchant ships in the Arabian Sea early Wednesday by U.S. and other forces. Members of the ship's crew and peace activists traveling with them tried to resist the action.

U.S. Navy sailors said they fired warning shots in the air and tossed smoke grenades to control the crowd on the freighter, which was reported carrying sugar and bound for Iraq in violation of the U.N.-ordered trade embargo.

Iraqi Transport and Communications Minister Muhammed Hamzah called the boarding an act of piracy and barbaric aggression, alleging sailors hit women on the ship. He vowed Iraq would "not be" **• MIDEAST page 8-A**



### Weather

Mostly cloudy through Saturday. Low in the upper 20s; high Friday in the 50s.

Wednesday's high temperature.....	37
Wednesday's low temperature.....	26
Average high.....	34
Average low.....	28
Record high.....	75 in 1921
Record low.....	14 in 1928
Rainfall Wednesday.....	0.00
Month to date.....	0.65
Normal for Month.....	0.69
Year to date.....	21.92
Normal for year.....	18.48

### Hispanic Women sponsor dance

Hispanic Women for Progress will sponsor a New Year's Eve Dance Jan. 31 at 8 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The tickets, \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door, will benefit the scholarship fund. The group helps send local students to college.

Music group Los Libres of Lubbock will provide entertainment.

For more information, call Essie Ortiz at 263-7361, days or 263-7865, evenings.

### C-City council to meet tonight

A meeting to discuss a water grant and four other agenda items has been called for 5:15 p.m. tonight by the Colorado City city council.

Other items to be considered include; the 911 emergency system, the possible retirement of the director of public works, an appointment to the Housing Authority board and an ordinance concerning the city's right-of-way and the baseball field.

### INS considers fees at border crossings

PHOENIX (AP) — The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is considering a proposal to charge fees for quick service at some border crossings, but probably won't include Arizona's busiest port of entry in the plan, officials said.

Duke Austin, an INS spokesman in Washington, said the plan probably won't be finalized until January. But he also said the Nogales border crossing probably won't be included.

Austin said the test likely would focus on the busier ports of entry in San Diego; Blaine, Wash.; and Laredo, Texas.

The fees are being studied as a way to raise money for more INS workers at the ports of entry. Also being considered is a yearly pass again at a fee for those who often drive over the border.

Austin said those walking over the border would not likely be affected by the test program.

"We don't want to inhibit entry into the U.S. We want to expedite it," he said.

The plan would include express lanes at a few of the busier ports, where people crossing the border can get across quicker but for a fee.

Those who don't want to pay still would be able to cross, but it will take them longer, Austin said.

"What we want to do is to see how successful it is in taking pressure off the free lanes," Austin said.

The test could be a long one. Congress has given INS until September 1993 to see whether the fees are successful.

## Agency fails to meet goal

By DEBBIE LINCEUM  
Staff Writer

Holiday contributions to the local Salvation Army fell about \$9,000 short of the goal this year, said Lt. Bill Owens.

"Of course that isn't unique to (the local community)," Owens said. "They're having that problem all over the country."

The holiday mail-out requests drew almost \$20,000 in contributions, down about \$7,000 from last year's total. "Bell ringers" at area businesses collected \$7,795 in spare change, a slight increase over last year.

The total donations topped \$27,000, but fell short of the agency's \$36,500 goal. The loss will hurt, Owens said.

"The money we raise at Christmas funds what we do all year," he said. "There's a real possibility that we may have to cut some services this year."

Owens pointed out that the recent loss of a Federal Emergency Management Act grant — about \$10,000 — was another blow to the agency's financial situation. The Army and the Northside Community Center both received notification recently that they would not be eligible for the grants this year.

"We're still checking into that," Owens said. "We're working with (Rep. Charles) Stenholm, trying to enlist his help in getting the grant reinstated."

A chance of reinstating the grant may exist, if the agencies can provide necessary documentation. Letters of support from local officials will be mailed in an attempt to reverse the decision, Owens said.

Meanwhile, the Army will have **• AGENCY page 8-A**



### Master builder

Robin Anderson reaches high to place another building block on a tower she was building at Jack and Jill Day Care Center this morning. **Herald photo by Tim Appel**

## Cokes, and notes, stuck in warehouse

By DEBBIE LINCEUM  
Staff Writer

Operation Oasis — the local effort to send a "note with a Coke" to U.S. service people in Saudi Arabia — never got past Lubbock, a Coca-Cola representative said Wednesday. Area officials said they've been told that all military transportation is in use.

An official with a Lubbock radio station said today that she has received a "target" shipping date of Jan. 15. According to a release from the station, the Cokes may be shipped by D&J Trucking of Lubbock to a military base whose location is not specified.

The project, a joint effort locally of Coca-Cola, 7-Eleven and radio station KBST, began Sept. 12, ending about five weeks later.

Local businesses, organizations, school classes and individuals in the community bought 12-packs of Coca-Cola and other soft drinks for \$2.50 each at local 7-Eleven stores. An adhesive note card was available with each 12-pack purchased.

The Cokes — more than 3,000 cases — were trucked to Lubbock to join that city's contribution to the project.

Apparently, there they have remained.

Meredith McAllister of radio station KKIK in Lubbock, a co-sponsor of the project, said she had recently taken over coordination of the shipping plans and had been given the "target date" recently.

Chris Mullen, district supervisor for the Southwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company, said the action is "in the military's hands now."

"The product is waiting in a Lubbock warehouse," Mullen said. Shipping it overseas "has taken a lot longer than we expected."

Ray Lara, local field manager for 7-Eleven, said he has been told



COCA-COLA

the project was put on "low priority" by the Department of Defense.

Don Brooks, a member of the Big Spring Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion — two groups that supported the project — said he is concerned about the status of the contributions.

"I've got two or three calls from people who knew I was part of this, and they want to know what is going on," Brooks said. He added that his inquiries were answered with the promise of a Jan. 15 shipping date for the Cokes.

Mullen said he's not sure of the reliability of that date.

"You have to understand that we're talking about a lot of Coke," Mullen said. "Over 3,000 cases from Big Spring alone (Lubbock participated as well) will weigh about 69,000 tons. It's my understanding that they need a large cargo plane."

"They using all their transport equipment to get supplies over there," Mullen said.

He said Reese Air Force Base had been involved in coordinating **• COKES page 8-A**

## Texas a winner in 1990 census

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seventeen million people called themselves Texans in 1990, nearly 3 million more than a decade ago.

Despite a boom and long-lasting bust in the state's economy over the past decade, Texas' population grew twice as fast as the nation as a whole, according to the Census Bureau's 1990 population count.

As a result, the state will gain three seats — and added clout — in Congress.

The Census Bureau said Wednesday that Texas' population grew from 14,229,191 in 1980 to 17,059,805 in 1990. Only two states, California and Florida, had faster growth rates.

Nationally, the population growth rate was about 10 percent, compared with 19.4 percent for Texas.

"Texas came out as one of the three big winners of the 1990 census," said Census Bureau Director Barbara Everitt Bryant.

While eight states gained congressional representation, 13 others lost congressional seats.

"I think you should be smiling in Texas," Bryant said.

The results of the Census Bureau's decennial population count are being challenged in court and may be subject to a statistical adjustment.

The final census figures will be used to allocate federal aid to state and local governments, redraw political boundaries, and allot each

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state its number of members in the House of Representatives. Texas' 27-member House delegation will grow to 30.

"Obviously, increased representation means increased political clout for the state," said Steve Murdock, chief demographer for the Texas State Data Center and a professor in the Department of Rural Sociology at Texas A&M University.

"What (the growth rate) suggests is that despite economic problems, population growth remained relatively rapid," Murdock said. The census figures are also "indicative of longer-term patterns of population growth in the state."

The state experienced rapid growth early in the decade, a slowdown in the mid to late part of the 1980s, and a resurgence toward the close of the decade, Murdock said.

While the decade's growth in Texas was concentrated in

metropolitan areas and the suburbs, rural areas experienced population declines or relatively little population growth, Murdock said.

Population declines in the 1980s hit agricultural areas particularly hard, most noticeably in Texas in the Panhandle, Murdock said.

"Growth was most rapid, more prevalent in larger areas than smaller areas... it was much more concentrated in metropolitan areas in the 1980s than it was in the 1970s."

The population figures indicate the so-called "rural renaissance" of the 1970s ended with the 1980s, when population trends reverted back to a more traditional pattern of growth being concentrated in the cities, Murdock said.

The decline in rural populations will mean an increased need for economic development in those regions, Murdock said, while it will become increasingly difficult for those communities to pay for and make accessible services such as medical care, transportation and education.

All states except the six which now have only one representative — Alaska, Delaware, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming — will have to redraw congressional boundaries. The purpose is to give each representative 572,466 constituents, or as close to that figure as possible.

WASHINGTON — Census Director Barbara Everitt Bryant points to a map of the United States showing the changes of the population during a news conference Wednesday in Washington. The U.S. population stood at 249,632,692 as of the 1990 census.

## Sidelines

### Pride won't carry gamblers this year

GALVESTON (AP) — Those gambling on a New Year's Eve cruise on The Pride of Mississippi will have to celebrate elsewhere this year.

Office with Pride Cruise Lines say the day-cruise casino ship, now the only gambling ship out of Galveston, has been docked because of boiler problems.

"We are very disappointed that we aren't able to go out on New Year's Eve, but we decided not to take a chance," cruise line spokesman Sam Clark told *The Houston Post*. Clark said the cruise line has contacted about 8,000 customers with reservations through Jan. 5 with refund instructions.

The Pride of Mississippi, which was scheduled to be taken out of service for repairs on Jan. 6, developed problems in one of its two boilers last week.

Clark said the ship can operate with one boiler, but cruise line officials said the company's insurer, Lloyds of London, decided not to take a chance on breaking down with passengers aboard.

### Dogcatcher finds lost pet for couple

HOUSTON (AP) — An animal control officer spent three months looking for a stray dog here to reunite it with its Seattle owners for Christmas.

"It's the best Christmas present I could have had: seeing them reunited with the dog," said Gary Wallen, 40, a seven-year employee of Harris County Animal Control.

Claudia Veteto and her fiancé, Joel Humphries, were traveling through Houston in early September before moving to Seattle. The couple left Ms. Veteto's dog, Pearl, with a veterinarian in north Houston during their stay. But the dog got away from handlers during a walk.

"Claudia stopped by and left me a picture of the dog," Wallen said.

About a month later, the dogcatcher spotted Pearl running with a pack of dogs and living off trash in a northwest Houston neighborhood. But Wallen was unable to catch the dog.

"I notified them I had seen the dog," Wallen said. "I didn't want to use a tranquilizing dart. The best we could do was to keep track of her."

But when Wallen learned that Ms. Veteto was coming to Houston around Christmas for a wedding, he wanted to be able to return the dog.

"When she got here, I told her where the dog was staying. They found her," Wallen said. "I didn't want to be there because I was afraid the dog would run when she saw me."

Ms. Veteto said Pearl, who is about 1½ years old, had lost some weight but was otherwise in good condition. The couple and the dog headed home to Seattle on Wednesday.

### McCorvey happier in California

DALLAS (AP) — Norma McCorvey, the "Jane Roe" of the Roe vs. Wade case that legalized abortion in 1973, returned to Texas for the holidays more than a year after gunshots forced her to flee her Dallas home.

But she says she's happier living in California.

McCorvey, 42, moved to California after three shotgun blasts were fired into the windows and front door of the Dallas home where she had lived for at least 10 years on April 4, 1989. She said at the time that anti-abortion demonstrators had harassed her for years.

She says she misses Texas, but prefers life in California because she can live openly as a lesbian.

McCorvey said she currently is raising money to launch the Jane Roe Women's Center, a refuge for battered women and their children.

# Lawmakers will be studying their maps for redistricting

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of the Texas Legislature will spend a lot of their time in 1991 looking at maps.

Not that they're lost. Rather, they will be plotting their own, and fellow politicians', futures.

It's time for redistricting, the once-every-10-years process in which new lines are drawn for the 150 House, 31 Senate and 30 congressional districts, along with the 15 State Board of Education districts.

Based on information from the 1990 census, the idea is to make certain that roughly the same number of voters live in each district. Lawmakers also have other goals: protect their own seats and those of their friends.

"It's life and death on political careers," says House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, a redistricting veteran. "And it's tough to the point that you have an inner-fight."

This time, the Republicans are at a distinct disadvantage.

Democrats control the Legislature and the governor's office. That denies the GOP a gubernatorial veto like the one they enjoyed under Bill Clements in 1981. The GOP also failed to win control of the House, as it had hoped to do.

If lawmakers fail to agree on new boundaries for legislative districts during the 140-day regular session, the job falls to a redistricting board composed of the House speaker, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller and land commissioner. Democrats won all those posts.

Any redistricting plan also must be approved by the U.S. Justice

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Department under the Voting Rights Act, and when it's all over somebody still can challenge it in court.

Texas Republican Party Chairman Fred Meyer says the GOP wants to make sure Democrats don't abuse the process.

"We are going to be supporting fair redistricting, and I mean that sincerely," Meyer said.

"We want fair redistricting where minorities have the opportunity to elect representatives to the various offices to the full extent of the law. We want fair redistricting as far as geographic areas are concerned — a minimum cutting up of cities, counties and a minimum tying together of urban and rural counties," he said.

Democratic Party executive director Ed Martin says fairness is his party's goal, too.

"I don't think this is an opportunity for Democrats to gain a whole lot of seats. But we don't feel like we're going to have state-of-fideholders trying to take seats away from Democrats with pencil and paper, either," Martin said.

"The Republicans' newfound concern for minorities is a charade. We Democrats are committed to making minority

representation what it should be... Had the Republicans won, we were concerned they'd try to do with a pencil and map paper what they couldn't do at the ballot box," Martin said.

Texas grew a lot during the 1980s. That extra population means the number of Texans in Congress is expected to climb from 27 to 30 in 1992.

The early betting forecasts a new U.S. House seat for the Houston area, one in Dallas and one in the Austin-San Antonio area or South Texas.

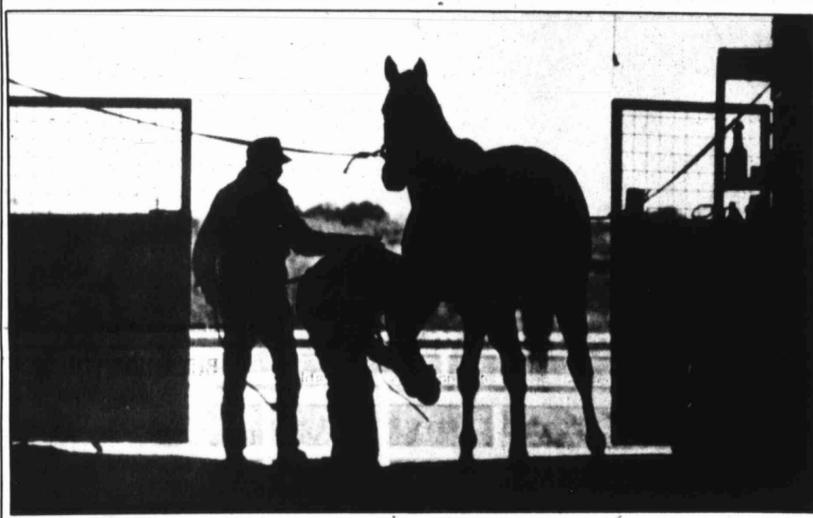
Indications are that the Dallas seat will be carved out to ensure the election of a black.

While some Democrats are pushing for a Hispanic district in Houston, others say the Hispanic population is too spread out to be included in a single district. The GOP is strong in Houston suburbs and a new seat there could go Republican.

Republican Rep. Dick Arme's district is overpopulated and some of it, possibly the Democratic-leaning area in southeastern Tarrant County, may be chopped off. The sprawling 6th District now represented by Republican Joe Barton of Ennis could be whittled down.

The Democrats' Martin says he foresees a congressional plan that provides one new seat for each party and one "swing" seat that could go either way.

"Democrats have to be wary of trying to draw too many Democratic districts," he said. "Things could become pretty thin."



### Tough times

BRADY — Horse racing has been closed down at the area has been leased out for horse training.

## Texas soldiers miss their hot sauce

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Just like a good jalapeno pepper, the letters are enough to bring tears to your eyes.

American soldiers serving in Operation Desert Shield are pleading with a Texas company to send bottles of its famous Mexican-style hot sauce to troops in the Middle East.

"I am desperate," wrote Army Staff Sgt. James A. Miller of the 82nd Airborne Division. "San Antonio is my home and Pace Picante sauces are on my table all the time. And if you could spare a few quarts, this paratrooper would be grateful."

Pace Foods Inc. is obliging. Not only that, the company and some soldiers say spicy sauces may actually help cool down soldiers in the hot Saudi Arabian desert.

"Nobody knows for sure, but a lot of people think chili peppers cool the body by making it perspire more. That's why people in warm climates eat more chilies," said R.J. Sands, president and chief executive officer of Pace Foods.

Pace Foods has shipped 2,000 16-oz bottles of its famous Pace Picante Sauce to the Persian Gulf.

Aside from the pepper cooling theory, Pace executives realized there were lots of soldiers far from home longing for the hot sauce made of vegetables, peppers and spices.

Sands said many of the soldiers writing letters complain about their bland C-rations, while others just miss the flavors and aromas of home.

Pace Foods, which controls about 25 percent of the hot sauce market and buys 15 million pounds of peppers per year, also received a barrage of phone calls and letters from relatives and friends of the soldiers ordering sauce by the case.

One letter from a soldier accompanied a picture of six soldiers holding four empty Picante sauce bottles upside down.

Army Spec. 4 Michael C. Niema, an Arlington native with the 3rd Battalion, 101st Airborne, wrote on behalf of the heat-struck, homesick

group: "Chips and Pace Picante Sauce are my favorite snack before I was deployed in Saudi Arabia. I managed to stash some Pace in my bag, but I've seen to run into some difficulties... I ran out."

Sands said the company decided to make the sauce shipment after receiving numerous letters from soldiers, although the cost of the shipment surpassed the value of the sauce.

Although there are no plans by Pace Foods to send more hot sauce to the Middle East, pressure grows as more letters stream in, like this one from Spec. 4 Charles R. Moulder, a soldier with an artillery unit:

"I am a native Texan from Austin and have always used Pace made with fresh vegetables and spices by the folks in San Antonio. If y'all find it all in y'all's heart to send us a sizable donation of medium Picante sauce to my unit, it would be a big morale booster and would be appreciated."



GARRISON — A.C. Goodman shows off one of the many wood-working or edged tools he has in his collection, housed in a dilapidated store in Garrison. Goodman doesn't limit his collection to tools; he has everything from egg graders and box openers to cameras and saddles.

## One man's junk is another's treasure

NACOGDOCHES (AP) — Another man's junk has become treasure for A.C. Goodman, a Garrison lawyer and self-described "pack rat."

He has amassed a collection defying description, although the thousands of objects he displays in a dilapidated downtown store do have one thing in common — they're old, real old.

He's into antique implements — for want of a better word — with woodworking or edged tools ranking as his first love.

He owns more than 100 broadaxes, from goose-wing-style ax with Germanic origins, to trade axes displaying the distinctive mark of the guild. Some of his ax blades were made by English guildsmen.

The guilds, which represented all craftsmen, were once very strong in Europe, said Goodman. In fact it was illegal for non-guild members to make tools.

His collection also includes real tomahawks.

Goodman said there has always been two major obstacles when making hand-held tools. "The biggest problem, all the way back to the Stone Age, has been how to hold the tool to the handle. The second problem is balance."

All axes are direct descendants of the battle ax, one of which Goodman has on display in his law office next door. "This is a reproduction of a battle ax. The real one is in an Austrian museum," he said. Another French battle ax, which is authentic, was made of an inferior metal called bog iron.

Bearded axes were used for felling trees he said, and the blades do indeed look somewhat like a beard. "The broadax was used for shaping the tree up."

A Japanese hatchet blade shows more of man's toolmaking ingenuity. "The blade is actually layered and pounded, which is redone and redone. It's an ancient method of making a blade."

The hatchet was so-named, said Goodman, because it actually means "little ax."

The machete has Celtic origins, he continues, as he holds up a fine

but lethal-looking example. He has one blade with religious symbols stamped on the side, much like the mark of the guild. "The Celts, however, were extremely religious and superstitious," he said. "This (three dots and a circle) marks the holy Trinity."

A carpenter's side ax has a handle skewed to one side for work in tight spots.

Goodman doesn't restrict his collection to edged tools, however. A cat's head hammer was used by farriers, or blacksmiths, and he also owns a dog's head hammer. The bowl adz he owns was probably used for digging out wooden canoes the French called pirogues. "It's a dandy piece."

A hand-held wooden drill, complete with bits, still works, but was probably developed a little later than the simple adz.

Probably developed before the adz, however, was a froe which was used to make shingle and "is probably one of the oldest tools in the world."

The collector researches each piece of his collection and has a whole library of books to that end. "I'm currently documenting a lot of it."

When it comes to files and rasps, Goodman's 250-piece set is another collection close to his heart. He admits he's fascinated with how blacksmiths made tools.

"There are 17 different colors of flame, and each is used to make a different implement. That's why it's interesting."

But Goodman won't sell any of his precious collection. If he has a duplicate piece, he says he'll barter, but the one-of-a-kind works don't have a price tag.

Other sections in the store are for old cameras, mason jars, picture frames saddle or box openers, while a wall is lined with pie safes, some of which were built before the Civil War, he says. "This cider making outfit came from Italy."

He bought the store next door to his law office specifically to house his acquisitions. He said his wife told him "don't bring any more home on penalty of a fight."

### UT fans stampede to buy skulls, horns

AUSTIN (AP) — Most University of Texas fans who buy longhorn skulls and horns in honor of their team's mascot want them for wall decorations, says a vendor of the bones.

"But there are always some who drive around with them on the hood of their car," adds John Brommel, owner of The Corner Shoppe.

The Longhorns' successful football season has meant brisk business for Brommel, who sells skulls and horns from various cattle breeds. He buys them from ranchers and farmers who find them on their property, or obtains them after animals are killed at a slaughterhouse.

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## Nation

### Violence breaks out during movie

VALLEY STREAM, N.Y. (AP) — Violence erupted in three movie theaters showing "The Godfather Part III." In the worst outbreak, four bystanders were shot, one fatally.

All the incidents happened on Christmas, the day the movie opened.

A man was slashed at a "Godfather" screening in New York City and a woman was charged with menacing another moviegoer with a knife in a dispute over noisy popcorn eating in Independence, Mo.

Four people were shot in a Long Island theater when two groups of teen-agers exchanged gunfire, spraying shots in the movie house packed with about 700 people, who fled in panic.

The shootout came about an hour into show, after an argument escalated into a shouting match between two groups seated in different parts of the Sunrise Cinema theater, Nassau County Detective Sgt. William Cocks said Wednesday.

A group of about 10 teen-agers moved and surrounded the other group before opening fire, Cocks said. The second group apparently returned fire.

When officers arrived, the gangster film was still running in the virtually deserted movie house. Spent shells showed that at least four handguns were used.

### Car thefts increase in cold weather

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — As frigid weather swept the country around Christmas time, Minneapolis was minus 24.

That's cars, not degrees.

Police tallied 24 reports of cars stolen while the owners left them running so the engines could warm up.

One of them was Jeffrey Persons, whose 1979 Dodge Colt was purloined on Sunday, when temperatures dipped to 20 below in the Twin Cities.

"I blame the cold weather for my stolen car," Persons said Wednesday. "Right now I'd like to move south."

Persons, 22, said he went out-

side to start his car and when it started, he returned to the warmth of his apartment.

Five minutes later Persons watched from his window as two men darted into his car and drove off.

"This always happens in the cold weather," said Lt. Robert Vanusek, head of the police department's auto theft unit. "People start the car, leave it running and then some nitwit jumps in there and drives away."

Locking the car doesn't solve the problem, Vanusek said. In about a third of the 24 cases reported during the holiday period the doors were locked.

### West gets short respite from cold

The frostbitten West got a brief respite today from cold that ravaged citrus fruit, snapped water pipes and threatened lives. Before the last cold front dissipated, most of Washington was paralyzed by heavy snowfall, broken water pipes and gas lines, traffic gridlock and other weather woes.

California was socked with hundreds of millions of dollars in agricultural losses and workers preparing for the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day had to scramble to find replacements for wilted flowers.



FROZEN FLOWERS



Associated Press photo

### Vigil ends

MOUNT VERNON, Mo. — Demonstrators hold candles in cups Wednesday after learning that Nancy Cruzan had died earlier in the day at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center in Mount Vernon, Mo. The demonstrators, who had maintained a round-the-clock prayer vigil outside the hospital since Cruzan's feeding tube was removed 12 days ago, left shortly after learning of her death.

## Gorbachev nominee elected on second ballot

MOSCOW (AP) — The Congress of People's Deputies confirmed President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's nominee for vice president today on a second ballot after Gorbachev implored the lawmakers to approve someone he trusted.

Earlier today, the legislators rejected the nominee, Gennady I. Yanayev, by 31 votes, prompting Gorbachev to request a second vote.

The state news agency Tass, citing "provisional results," said Yanayev won the second round. The independent news agency Interfax also reported the victory, saying Yanayev won "about 1,240" votes in the secret ballot.

The confirmation by the 2,239-member Congress means Yanayev, a relatively obscure 53-year-old Communist bureaucrat, will assume the newly created office of vice president in a reorganized federal government hierarchy.

Yanayev was the only candidate for the vice presidency. Neither the new plan — adopted by legislators Wednesday — nor Soviet officials defined the vice president's powers, apparently leaving them for Gorbachev to decide.

A constitutional amendment says the vice president "replaces the president of the U.S.S.R. in case of his absence and inability to carry out his duties."

The first vote today by the country's highest legislative body was 1,089 for Yanayev and 583 against, the elections commission announced. Yanayev needed at least 1,120 votes, a simple majority of the 2,239 registered deputies.

Gorbachev had said it was important the vice president be someone in whom he had complete confidence and urged further debate on Yanayev's candidacy.

"The fact that only 583 deputies or 25 percent of the Congress voted against Comrade Yanayev persuades me to ask the Congress to vote again," he said.

Lawmakers said Yanayev was initially rejected because he was not well known and had too many ties to the Communist Party and its youth organization, the Komsomol.

Nevertheless, after the renomination, several lawmakers rose to praise Yanayev.

## World

### Britain to deploy nuclear missiles

LONDON (AP) — A newspaper today quoted ministers as saying the government has decided to deploy a new generation of nuclear weapons to replace Britain's ageing free-fall nuclear bombs.

The report in *The Independent* said ministers had told the paper that despite the end of the Cold War, Britain will go ahead with the deployment of tactical air-to-surface missiles (TASMs) to replace the free-fall bomb system known as AW177.

Britain and France are the only two West European powers which maintain nuclear deterrent forces of their own, independent of the NATO defense alliance.

*The Independent's* report said: "The only question still open is over the type of (TASM) system to use and a decision is expected in the New Year."

Ministers are preparing a study of the options, including two American systems and a possible Anglo-French missile. French scientists have been involved in top secret talks at the Nuclear Weapons Establishment at Aldermaston (45 miles west of London), where the warheads would be designed and built.

"Britain's decision, yet to be announced, could be conveyed to the NATO planning group at its meeting in late March."

### Red Army troops deserting weekly

BERLIN (AP) — A senior national police official says Soviet troops in eastern Germany are now deserting at the rate of 15 to 30 a week, a newspaper reported today.

*Die Welt* also quoted the head of the federal police office, Hans-Ludwig Zachert, as saying police daily register 20 to 30 legal violations attributable to Soviet troops, mostly thefts and traffic violations.

Zachert said the Red Army troops — based in what was East Germany until the Oct. 3 unification — are a growing problem for domestic security, the newspaper said.

The report comes as many Germans have tried to boost morale of the 360,000 Soviet troops by inviting some to Christmas dinners or sending presents to their camps.

On Christmas Eve, some German families were seen with uniformed Soviet soldiers in unprecedented strolls in western Berlin's shopping district.

Moscow is to withdraw all the troops by 1994, given time by the Germans to prepare for the shock of providing for them all back in the Soviet Union.

Morale among Soviet units is reported dangerously low.

### Ro named Korean prime minister



RO JAI-BONG

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — President Roh Tae-woo today named a new prime minister and reshuffled his Cabinet in a bid to polish his party's image before a series of elections starting next year.

Also today, authorities announced more than 50 more arrests as party of a continuing crackdown on anti-government activity.

After Roh named him as prime minister, Ro Jai-bong immediately issued a statement calling for law and order and said the conservative government will make further talks with longtime rival North Korea a priority.

## Khamenei calls Rushdie death sentence irrevocable

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran's spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, said yesterday the death decree against Salman Rushdie is irreversible, despite the British author's attempts at reconciliation with Moslems offended by his novel.

"God willing, from now on no one will dare insult the great messenger of God, and Islamic sanctities," Khamenei said in a statement carried by Tehran radio,

monitored in Nicosia.

The late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had called for Rushdie's death in February 1989 for allegedly defaming Islam in his book "The Satanic Verses."

Rushdie issued a statement in London on Monday embracing Islam and stating that he would not seek the printing of a paperback edition of the novel and would not allow its translation into any more languages.

The radical daily newspaper *Jomhuri Islami* stressed that the

death sentence was irrevocable.

"If Rushdie's repentance and his return to Islam are seen as a sign of his bravery, naturally it is necessary that he shows greater bravery and prepares himself for death," the Farsi-language newspaper said.

"He will die anyway, but he will be better off to choose his way to eternal salvation courageously before a son of Islam fires the coup de grace," it added.

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### Kasparov wins chess championship

LYON, France (AP) — For Garry Kasparov, it was the world chess title and something more. It was the ultimate vindication of him and his flamboyant style over the surgical precision of his introspective rival, Anatoly Karpov.

Kasparov defeated Karpov, a fellow Soviet, for the fourth time in a world chess championship on Wednesday by playing him to a draw in the 22nd game.

The half point each player received put Kasparov ahead 12-10 and let him retain the crown. He had won four games to Karpov's two. The rest were draws.

At age 22 in 1985, Kasparov won the title from Karpov to become the youngest champion in history. He defended the crown by beating Karpov in 1986 and 1987.

On Wednesday, Kasparov declared himself, in measured tones that may belie the magnitude of the accomplishment, a better player than his 39-year-old rival.

"I am a really good professional player," Kasparov said. "Today I play chess better than Karpov. I can concentrate and do things a little better, as I did during this match when I had problems."

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Tuesday, Jan. 1 ..... Deadline: Friday, Dec. 28, 5:00 p.m.  
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# Opinion

## Views of other Texas papers

### Disaster looms in Sudan

Americans who remember the tragic African famines of the mid-1980s and the resulting world effort to provide assistance should know that a greater catastrophe is about to unfold in Sudan.

U.S. government officials and the United Nations leaders warn that the food needs in the Sudan for the next year are greater than those of Ethiopia in 1984-85 when conditions spurred the Live Aid rock concerts and other events to help the needy.

The United States has already pledged to deliver 100,000 tons of food next year to Sudan, but expects the government there to meet the reasonable conditions of halting bombing in the southern portions of the nation while Western donors are trying to distribute food.

There is only so much that the United States and other nations can do in trying to provide assistance for the needy of Sudan. But despite all the obstacles, Western nations must not forget the innocent and hungry people of Sudan who lie on the edge of starvation.

San Antonio Light

### Bureaucrats' solutions

There seems to be no end to the craziness perpetrated by federal bureaucrats.

Both the federal government and the state of Alaska have sued Exxon, but the precise extent of the environmental damage caused by the (Exxon Valdez) spill has been difficult to ascertain.

So, according to published reports, the Justice Department asked the Fish and Wildlife Service to undertake a little study. With \$600,000 of taxpayer money, it hired an "ecological consulting firm" to find 219 birds — some of them in wildlife refuges — and shoot them. They were then dunked in oil and set in the harbor. Alaska performed the same "experiment" on mammals.

Only 36,000 dead birds were recovered after the spill; with their experiment the bureaucrats hope to show that many more could have sunk to the harbor floor or been washed out to sea.

Take the poor fellow from Springfield, Ill., who was ordered by local officials to destroy unruly pigeons nesting in trees on his property. The poison he set out was eaten by two grackles and a mourning dove. They died, too. He was prosecuted under the Migratory Bird Treaty, found guilty, fined and given a suspended sentence.

Too bad. Had he known better, he could have said he was from the Fish and Wildlife Service, and was just trying to help the birds.

San Antonio Express-News

### Don't call them heroes

Of all the titles to use for Port of Houston commissioners, "heroes" is the most ridiculous. But that is what Commissioner J. Michael Solar called his colleagues, citing all the work they do for the port for free.

More apt titles for some of them would be "deadbeats," "outrageous profligates," "gluttons at the public trough" and — if state and federal investigations bear fruit — "convicts."

Recent stories, initiated by KPRC-TV, have shown that several of the commissioners, their wives and staff members, have been living it up all over the world while charging the tab to the public. They traveled first class. They stayed at some of the most expensive resorts and hotels on Earth. They spent \$1,600 for a single meal at a Paris restaurant — no clients, no customers, no colleagues, no business, just the commissioners and their spouses.

All of this in clear violation of the port's own travel policies. It is also a possible violation of several laws. Both the district attorney's office and the Internal Revenue Service are reportedly investigating the mess. But more than that, the commissioners' actions are an unconscionable violation of the public trust.

But Solar calls the commissioners "heroes." Ned Holmes, the chairman, goes on TV and with a straight face says he sees nothing wrong with any of it. They insult our intelligence with such tripe. If they can't tell the difference between right and wrong, they have no business running the Port of Houston.

Houston Post

### Workers' comp questioned

A state district judge in Eagle Pass last week gave the Texas Legislature an early Christmas gift that lawmakers could have done without: the judge ruled the new workers' compensation system appears to violate the Texas Constitution and ordered it not be implemented Jan. 1.

The Legislature should allow the legal challenges to the new law to run their course and not bend to any early pressure to put the issue before the session that convenes Jan. 8. It would be folly to reintroduce workers' compensation early in a session that already includes public school finance, reform of the state's tax structure, legislative redistricting and a budget deficit that some officials say will reach \$4 billion.

Austin American-Statesman

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



## Signing up guests for new year

The network news executives met to decide what politicians they would book for the 1991 season.

All the guests for the news shows had been used up in 1990, and therefore the executives were faced with renewing them or putting them on waivers for the new year.

Blunt said, "Do we want to sign up Secretary of Defense Cheney for another 12 months?"

Blowtorch replied, "He's been on every program, including 'People's Court.' Frankly, I think he's overexposed."

"Who else can we get to speak for defense — Ollie North?" Notary yelled. "Let's renew Cheney until we find another spokesperson, preferably a tall blonde who looks like Jane Pauley."

"OK, we stick with Cheney. What do we do about Secretary of State Baker's contract?" Blunt asked.

"If we keep Baker as a guest, why do we need Henry Kissinger? They both say the same thing."

"Yeh, but with different accents."

"Why don't we hold on to Baker for television and save Kissinger for the radio?" Notary suggested.

"How about Baker for the Brinkley show and Kissinger for 'Nightline'?"

Blunt said, "The last time we used Baker on the Brinkley show we got a three rating."

Blowtorch protested, "It's not the person, it's the job. Secretaries of state never get good ratings."

Notary said, "Are we renewing Sununu?"

"You better believe it. There is nobody with as much fire in his belly as Sununu. Barbara Walters would take him over Donald Trump and Marla Maples combined."

"I hate to think of what 'Meet the Press' would be like without Sununu."

"Not to mention all of CNN."

"I know that this is a silly question," Notworthy said, "but are we renewing Dan Quayle?"

"We have to lighten up Sam Donaldson somehow," Blunt replied. "Besides, our surveys indicate that the viewers like watching Quayle for the same reason that they enjoy watching a train wreck."

Blowtorch interrupted, "Let's move along. How do we feel about signing up Secretary of Treasury Brady as a guest?"

"Nobody knows who Brady is. You could put his picture on every milk carton in America, and they still wouldn't have any idea why he was on television."

"If we don't take Brady, we need one more person from the Bush administration to service 'Face the Nation.'"

"There is none," Blunt retorted. "We're going to have to sign Newt Gingrich again."

"If we use Gingrich, we're going to have to invite House Speaker Tom Foley."

"I saw Foley talk about the budget on McNeil/Lehrer, and he took the show to the bottom of the sea. He died about the same time they did."

"So where does that leave us?"

"We still have one more possibility. Are we going to use Jesse Jackson as a guest on the 'Today' show or not?"

Blunt sighed, "What choice do we ever have?"

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## Make resolutions you can keep

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Random notes while suffering from mistletoe overdose:

Now that we've managed to put another Christmas behind us, it's time to prepare for another time-honored tradition: Making — and breaking — New Year's resolutions.

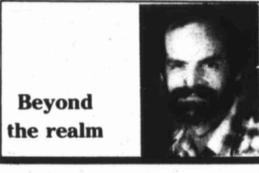
New Year's resolutions are like promises: They are easily made, and they are even more easily broken. Whether one resolves to lose weight, quit smoking or spend less, those heart-felt promises usually fall into the trash can within two or three weeks.

I don't quite know why this is so, but it is a vicious circle: Make a resolution, break a resolution, make a resolution, *ad infinitum*.

My personal bugaboo as far as resolutions go has been my vows to stop smoking. I wish I had a nickel for every time I've sworn that the new year would find me without a cigarette in hand.

I've also resolved — with varying degrees of success — to save more money, stop cursing and be kinder to cats. I now own two cats, so one out of three's not bad.

What is needed to make resolution-keeping easier, I



Beyond the realm

Why, this whole thing might snowball into something grand and wonderful.

Yeah, and elephants might sprout wings and fly away.

Anyway, using the Reagan Reduced Resolution formula, here are my New Year's resolutions for 1991 (please note that in no way is this intended to be a legal binding document):

- I promise to finish pulling all the weeds in my yard before I die.
  - I promise to go to sleep tonight and wake up sometime tomorrow morning.
  - I promise not to put my hand through a plate-glass window unless it's absolutely necessary.
  - I will wear socks every day to work.
  - I will not kill my cats.
  - Well, maybe not.
  - I will figure out the ending on my newest Nintendo game.
  - I will do my best not to quit breathing.
  - I will smile at my wife and child at least once during 1991.
  - And I promise to make a few more resolutions.
- Now, there's a list most anybody could keep for 12 months or so. Tune in this time next year to see how I did.
- Happy New Year, everybody.

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#### Let's support local entrepreneur

To the editor:  
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Ronnie Carter runs an efficient and courteous service for those of us who need our trash picked up, and we need to give him our whole-hearted support.

MRS. JOHN BAGNALL  
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#### Hearty thanks for your support

To the editor:  
A hearty thanks to Big Spring and Steer fans for supporting our Spirit Ribbon Sale at Big Spring High School.

VIRGINIA MARTIN, CHAIRMAN  
Home Economics Dept.  
Big Spring High School  
708 11th Place

#### Their service is appreciated

To the editor:  
I would like to thank Mr. A. N. Standard and all his deputies for the nice and courteous way they went about retrieving my 1984 Chevrolet pickup, which was stolen Saturday night.

It makes me realize again how lucky we are to have them.

BILLY L. SMITH  
Rt. 1 Box 537

#### Letters

Letters to the editor on issues of general interest always are welcomed by the Big Spring Herald and always are printed if these guidelines are followed: Letters should be 350 words or less, typewritten if possible, and double-spaced. If not, the handwriting must be legible to reduce chances for mistakes. They are subject to editing, but the essence of the writer's message will not be altered. Letters exceeding the 350-word limit will be cut. They must be signed, free of libelous statements and in good taste. Political endorsements won't be accepted during a campaign; candidates are allowed a single letter during a campaign. Letters listing numerous donors to projects are not published.

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# Lifestyle

## Middle East deployment announced

Spec. Gary L. Newton has been deployed to the Middle East with American military forces participating in Operation Desert Shield.

Operation Desert Shield is the largest deployment of U.S. military forces since Vietnam. The operation is in response to Iraq's invasion of Kuwait and threat to Saudi Arabia.

"It is the presence of dedicated military people like Newton that brings America's principles to life and gives them strength and meaning," President George Bush said.

The soldier is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. He is the son of A.L. Newton of Rural Route 2.

Margaret A. Uribe has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of airman first class.

Uribe is an apprentice Morse systems operator at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

She is the daughter of Hilda E. Uribe and granddaughter of Beatrice Uribe of 1300 Wright.

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

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Freddy L. Womack, son of Glenda A. Womack of 200 Grant Ave., and Freddy L. Womack Sr. of Colorado

City, recently departed on deployment to the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Desert Shield. Womack is serving aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Worden, homeported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

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A 1977 graduate of Colorado High School, Colorado City, he joined the Navy in August 1977.

Navy Hospitalman Recruit Michael M. Carrillo, son of Jessie and Yolanda Carrillo of 805 Magnolia, recently graduated from Field Medical Service School.

During the course at Field Medical Service School, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., Carrillo was prepared for duty with Marine Corps combat units as a Naval hospital corpsman and dental technician. Carrillo studied the fundamentals of battlefield survival, personal protective measures, and received instructions on basic tactics and the use of weapons for self-defense.

To graduate, he was required to demonstrate basic proficiency in emergency medical techniques, casualty evacuation, field sanitation and preventive medicine procedures.

A 1987 graduate of Big Spring High School, he joined the Navy in January 1990.

## Cherished memories of a Christmas gift

By LEA WHITEHEAD  
For the Herald

A special toy from childhood, a loving gift from a spouse — there seems to be a spot in everyone's heart that's reserved for the memory of a favorite Christmas gift.

The Herald asked a few of its favorite Big Spring residents to share the story of the Christmas gift they remembered most fondly.

While the cherished gifts recalled were as varied as the recipients, in each case it was apparent that one past gift stood out clearly, etched in the heart for all time.

"I was about 7 or 8 years old, and I received a pair of pink ballet shoes," said Gwen Fair.

That started my career in ballet, interpretative and modern dancing. Fair is a former professional dancer.

The family, including an older sister and a brother, also got a piano that Christmas — "my mother made sure we had a lot of culture!" Gwen said.

Elroy Green didn't have to reach back very far to find his favorite memory.

"My most memorable Christmas present came early this year — my son was born August 7, 1990. His name is Darius Jerrell Green," said Green.

"This Christmas was my most memorable," he said — the first year the Greens spent together as

a new family.

"It's almost impossible to single out one Christmas from others. Of course, childhood Christmases stand out," said Joe Pickle. "And I remember what we fondly called 'houseshoe Christmases' in the depth of the Depression in 1932-33. A dollar and a half pair of houseshoes was about the most expensive gift anyone could afford."

But there was one special gift. "I suppose the most memorable was in 1939. Our first son, Thomas Rix had been born to me and Lucille June 25 — and six months later to the day, we celebrated our first Christmas as a family. Just so we wouldn't forget it, the Lord sent a six-inch snow (to make it) our first White Christmas."

"My best Christmas gift was one I received some years ago from my husband," says Margaret Lloyd.

"I always had my gifts wrapped and under the tree weeks before Christmas. He always brought his gifts in on Christmas Eve from the trunk of his car. In my lovely gift-wrapped package was the prettiest set of black lace lingerie that I'd ever seen — two sizes too small."

Margaret says it was her best gift "for it was the only time before or since that anyone ever thought of me as petite."

"Nothing compares to the incomparable gift God gave me when He gave me Himself," says Nancy Patrick.

"That gift never grows old, is constantly being renewed, can be shared with others — and I have it with me always," she adds.

Vents Allyn remembers a toy he received one Christmas "when I was very young."

"I got this eight-inch action figure — his name was Super Joe Commander — with a 1-2 punch. He had this gold vest with a light in the middle and a back pack with a battery. When you pressed the battery button the light would come on, and then you pressed another button and it would make his arm punch!"

Allyn recalled that he played all day "with that thing. He was my buddy!"

Cyneather Woodruff recalls that "in the early 40s when we first moved to West Texas, money was a little short and we as children were told that Santa would not be able to bring us much."

But that was the year Cyneather received her most memorable gift.

"That year I received an animal piano! For a five-year-old, this was great. The piano was like a small zoo — with all the

animals in a cage — and their heads were the key board. There was a zebra, lion, elephant, bear, camel and giraffe. There was also a little book of songs and instructions of which animal to strike to play songs like 'I Went to the Animal Fair'."

"At six years old, my one wish was a bicycle," recalls Dene Sheppard.

Her parents had taken her to see Santa Claus just two weeks before Christmas, and Dene told him how very much she wanted a bike to ride to school.

He reminded me it was war time, and there were very few bicycles available in his shop because all of the materials were going overseas," Dene remembers. Her parents had told her the same thing, "but I stuck with my request."

"Christmas morning I awoke with great expectations — and ran into the living room. There were fresh oranges, apples and nuts in my stocking — the smell of fresh fruit was overwhelming — but no bicycle!"

Then Dene's Dad said "I hear a noise outside and it sounds like Santa. They ran to the front door and sure enough there was "a beautiful blue bicycle with my name on it!"

"It was second hand," said Dene, "but to me it was the prettiest sight I'd ever seen!"



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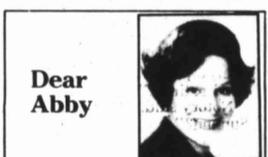


DENE SHEPPARD

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## Man finds modeling revealing



DEAR ABBY: I was amused to read the letters concerning nudity from "Baffled in Vancouver" and "Stark Naked in San Marcos."

Some years ago, at the age of 55, I responded to a city college request for figure models for its art classes. (Their models are unclothed.) I found it to be a most liberating growth experience, one which gave me enough insight into societal response to nudity to form the basis of a term paper for a psychology class I had.

As a result of that experience, I became a confirmed nudist, visiting the nude beaches in Santa Barbara as often as I could, and doing my housework in a like state, as well as enjoying a lady friend's invitation to use her backyard for sunbathing.

I think many of us might do well to confront our own feelings on the subject. Though such exposure, like olives, may not be everyone's taste, there is a certain exhilaration and self-confidence that can be derived. Let us remember, we were all born without clothing. —NATURE BOY IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR NATURE BOY: There is nothing immoral about the unclothed body. Being self-conscious (or ashamed) of one's body is learned behavior. For years, nudists of all ages have formed colonies all over the world, enjoying nature with not so much as a fig leaf between them.

DEAR ABBY: I have this nagging feeling that I should have a will. My husband doesn't have one either, and we are both getting up there in years.

The problem is, we don't have much, and I hesitate to bother a lawyer with so meager an estate as ours. We live on the edge of Palm Springs, where there are a lot of wealthy people, and the lawyers here cater to these rich people.

How do I find a lawyer who wouldn't turn up his nose at our few possessions? I would sure appreciate your suggestions, as I have been worrying lately. —GROWING OLD IN CATHEDRAL CITY

DEAR GROWING OLD: Call the Riverside County Bar Association and tell the people there what you have told me. Regardless of how modest your means, I assure you they will refer you to a lawyer who will not turn up his nose at your business. Trust me.

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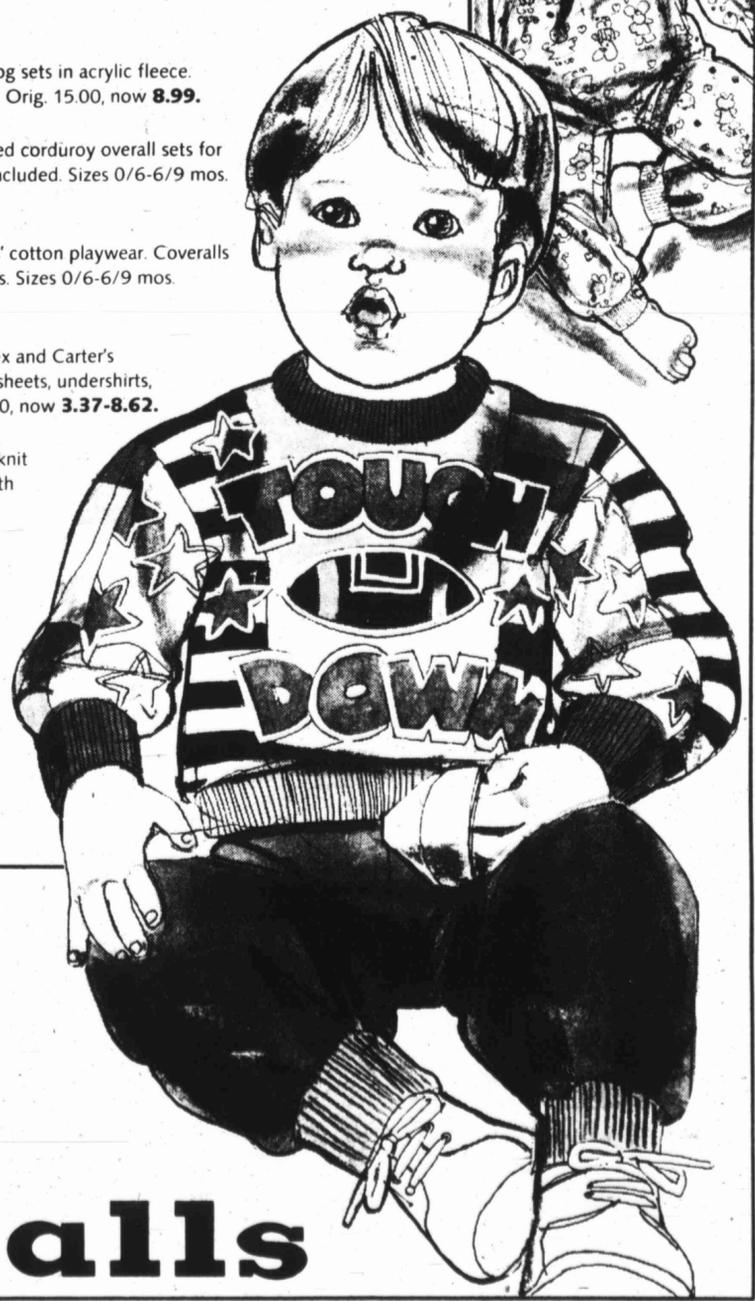
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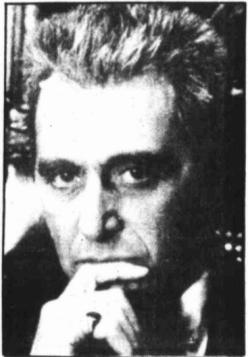
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# Entertainment

## Sidelines



Andy Garcia, top photo, is expected to be propelled to stardom by "The Godfather III," now in limited release throughout the country. Al Pacino, bottom photo, continues in the title role. Pacino's career took off when the first film came out. Garcia has been cast as Sonny's illegitimate son in the new film, which reportedly cost more than \$50 million.



**Chesnutt to appear at Odessa rodeo**

Mark Chesnutt, whose "Brother Jukebox" is climbing country charts, will appear at the Odessa Rodeo Saturday, Jan. 5 at 10 p.m. and midnight. Tickets are \$9, available at Luskey's Western Wear and T-Bar Western Wear in Midland and Odessa.

Chesnutt's first single — "Too Cold At Home" — the title cut from his new album, set a record as the fastest breaking debut single. The 27-year-old former Beaumont resident will follow opening act Randy Pitt and Goldrush.

**Hispanic artists to receive recognition**

Voting is underway for the 11th Annual Tejano Music Awards. The awards show is set for March 1 in San Antonio. The show will be broadcast over radio to more than 14,000 Tejano music supporters, and an audience of 14.5 million enthusiasts will have a chance to view the taped TV broadcast.

A Christmas gala event drew thousands to San Antonio last week to benefit the Tejano Music Awards Scholarship Committee. Favored performing acts include Ramiro "Ram" Herrera, Joe Posada, Jimmy Edward, Shelly Lares, Jean LeGrand and "Sunny."

**Travis Tritt set to perform in Odessa**

Travis Tritt has announced plans to perform in Odessa Jan. 24.

The hit country music artist, known for "Country Club," as well as "Help Me Hold On," will perform at the Ector County Coliseum at 8 p.m.

Tritt debut album, named for the "Country Club" smash hit single, has been soaring up the charts. The artist was born and raised in Marietta, Ga. and began singing in the church. He was largely influenced by the "outlaw" movement in country music and the blending of country and rock. Tritt, a nominee for the Country Music Association's Horizon Award, is 27 years old.



TRITT

## McBride and the Ride plan gig in San Angelo

HERALD STAFF REPORT

McBride and the Ride, set to perform in San Angelo Thursday, Jan. 3, are one band without a gimmick, studio musicians or lip-synching.

Publicist Jennifer Dunn says the band knows "the music that will last is music with a solid foundation."

The band is on its "Burnin' Up the Road" tour. The new album includes "Can I Count On You," a ballad; "Nobody's Fool," a reflection on lost love; and "Turn to the Blue," a song about what happens when you think of a lost lover.

"Ain't No Big Deal," the reaction to a woman who has just left, makes its point with a heavy shuffle beat under a screaming guitar. Contrast is evident in "Same Old Star," a waltz melody full of

nostalgic reflection on lasting love.

The three-man group leans toward rock in "Felicia," rolling into bluegrass in "Chains of Memory" and going back to the down-home style they know in "Stone Country."

Players are Terry McBride, who grew up in Lampasas, lead singer; Guitarist Ray Herndon, of Arizona; and drummer Billy Thomas, of Florida.

MCA Nashville Executive Vice President Tony Brown, who produces both Lyle Lovett and Vince Gill, knew the three artists separately. In June of 1989, he recommended that they get together. The group developed its own sound, working with songs mostly all co-written by McBride.



**'Vanities' shots**  
Tom Hanks, left and Bruce Willis perform in a scene from "Bontire of the Vanities," now showing in Big Spring. Brian De Palma directed the film, which chronicles the fall of Hanks' character, New York stockbroker Sherman McCoy.

## Canned laughs for 40 years

NEW YORK (AP) — Man has been called the only animal that laughs; television, the only machine. And 1990 was the year that "canned laughter," the use of prerecorded hilarity in the TV comedy sound track, turned 40 years old.

Like many 40-year-olds, the laugh track didn't need or want to be reminded of its age, or that it first appeared on "The Hank McCune Show," an unremembered, filmed sitcom that made its debut on NBC on Sept. 9, 1950.

"The Hank McCune Show" was about an amiable bumbler who created chaos wherever he went. Its home audience, seated at the electronic hearth, heard the unmistakable sound of an audience's laughter if they noticed it at all.

All was not what it seemed. The show, noted the trade newspaper Variety, "has an innovation in a sound track that contains audience laughter. Although the show is lensed on film without a studio audience, there are chuckles and yocks dubbed in."

"Whether this induces a jovial mood in home viewers is still to be determined, but the practice may have unlimited possibilities if it's

spread to include canned peals of hilarity, thunderous ovations and gasps of sympathy."

And spread it has. To the early producers, the laugh track seemed as reasonable as the "claque" — paid applauders who pack a theater to heat up an audience's response to the show.

Radio comedies never had that problem, but producing filmed comedy for the hungry new medium meant using sound stages, where audiences could not fit. The laugh track synthesized audience reaction and cued the audience — however ungently — when something was funny.

"If there's one basic truth in show biz," said Pat Weaver, the then-president of NBC, "the one basic truth is nobody knows what the audience reaction is going to be to any project until it is actually played."

Weaver said the laugh track was predicated on the psychological fact that people are more inclined to laugh when they are "among" people who are laughing.

"Not that I was in favor of laugh tracks," Weaver added. "The idiots that were running the programs all got carried away, even if they were

really good comedies," he said. "I was in favor of a laugh track that was intelligently used," he said. "That was the way it started and the way it should have continued."

Technology evolved to the post-production "laugh machine," where a technician could mix the audible range of human reactions from snort, chuckle and giggle to guffaw, belly laugh and roar into an audience's silence.

A skilled technician could play the laugh machine like a musician, exhorting the "canned peals of hilarity, thunderous ovations and gasps of sympathy" into a symphony of synthetic response.

"The machine will love it" and "we'll fix it in post" became stock excuses for a gag that fell short or, worse, an unfunny script.

"There's no question that we have been conditioned to the sound of laughter," said George Schlatter, executive producer of the comedy series "Laugh-In," which premiered in 1968.

"Whether that's improving the quality of television is the real question — and I don't think so," he said.

## Krantz turns out yet another pop novel

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When she first hit best-seller lists a dozen years ago with her steamy novel, "Scruples," Judith Krantz thought it was a fluke, a magical midlife gift that would never come again.

"I was in shock for two years," she says of the book sales bonanza that set the publishing world on its ear. "I put one foot in front of another and did what a person does on a 16-city book tour when you have a No. 1 best seller. But I didn't know what I was doing."

Now, launching her sixth book, "Dazzle," another in the sex-and-glamour sagas that have made her famous, the acclaimed queen of escapist pop literature recalls her first overnight success as fondly as a first love affair.

And she, who has since sold books and miniseries for millions, still savors the memory of her first \$50,000 advance.

"Scruples" was published two days after her 50th birthday and, for this former free-lance magazine writer and Beverly Hills wife and mother, a new life had begun.

When she hit the best-seller list, she ran out and impulsively bought a pair of diamond earrings.

And it had never occurred to her that she could make a major purchase without her husband's approval. "It's one of the basic things most women can't do — they can't write a big check without asking their husbands."



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## Next Generation



Bill Dean, executive director of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association, left, is pictured with Marilyn Corwin of Big Spring and Lori Rich of Coahoma at the association's reception. The girls were honored for the academic accomplishments.

## Sprinkle named to Who's Who list

Big Spring resident Mark Sprinkle, a student at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, has been named to "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for 1991. The honored students are nominated by the faculty.



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### Student named to honor roll

Oscar Zubiate of Big Spring, studying electronics technology at Texas State Technical Institute in Amarillo, has been named to the President's Honor Roll. TSTI reported Zubiate has kept a 4.0 grade point average for the fall quarter.

### Corwin, Rich honored at Tech

Marilyn Corwin, of Big Spring, and Lori Rich of Coahoma were honored at Texas Tech recently. The two were honored for having received academic scholarships.

Rich, the daughter of Nancy and Larry Rich, is a finance major at Tech. Corwin, daughter of Jobeth and Thomas Corwin, is a member of the band. Both were chosen as salutatorian at high school.

### Registration date announced

Midland College has announced spring registration, set for Wednesday, Jan. 9. Time permits will be issued Jan. 2-4 in the student services office. For more information, call 685-4501.

Continuing education at the college will begin Jan. 14. Planned courses include College Classics, for those at least 55 years old; Kids' College and Teens on Campus.

### National park seeking students

Yellowstone National Park in

Wyoming and Denali National Park in Alaska are among beautiful parks seeking dedicated students and adults to work for improvement of the environment. The Student Conservation Association is offering 1,000 expense paid volunteer positions in conservation, resource management and environmental education for summer/fall 1991.

For information, write to SCA, P.O. Box 550, Charlestown, NH 03603 or call (603) 826-4301.

### Increase possible for college loans

Legislation may be on the way to increase funding for student college and university loans. The Texas Higher Coordinating Board has planned to request more authority for the funding, according to a recent release.

### Registration set at Odessa College

Odessa College has announced registration as well. It takes place Tuesday, Jan. 8 and Thursday, Jan. 10. Classes begin Monday, Jan. 14. For more information, call 335-6433.

### UTEP to register Jan. 14

The University of Texas of the Permian Basin will register students for the spring semester Monday, Jan. 14. For information contact the registrar's office, 367-2139.



### Christmas concert

Students at Elbow Elementary, with guest director Bill Cregar and music teacher Sharon Cregar, presented a 45-minute musical Christmas program last Wednesday.

## Hunt begins for test to judge thinking skills

NEW YORK (AP) — Two foundations have awarded grants totaling \$2.45 million to help devise better ways of judging students' knowledge and ability to think clearly.

One grant, announced Sunday, is a \$1.15 million award from the Pew Charitable Trusts of Philadelphia to the University of Pittsburgh's Learning Research and Development Center.

The second, \$1.3 million from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation of Chicago, will go

to The National Center on Education and the Economy in Rochester.

The two research centers will work together to devise ways of assessing student performance other than through the usual multiple-choice exams. The collaboration could extend over a decade, a joint announcement said.

Critics say such tests fail to assess a student's ability to solve problems creatively or to cooperate with others.

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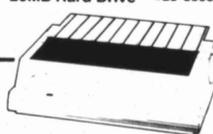


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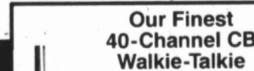
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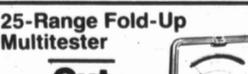
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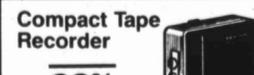
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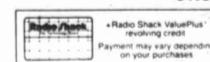


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## Calendar

**TODAY**  
 • There will be a Kentwood Country/Western program at 7 p.m. at the Kentwood Older Adult Center. Public invited. No dancing.  
**SATURDAY**  
 • There will be a LULAC dance at the Colorado City civic center from 8 p.m. to midnight, \$8 per person. Open to public. For more information call 782-8302.  
**FRIDAY**  
 • The Coahoma ISD Tax Office will be open only today and Dec. 31st for those wishing to pay their taxes before Jan. 1.

## Tops on TV

- Ice Capades 50th Anniversary Special. Film clips of the Ice Capades' most memorable performances are shown along with appearances by The Simpsons and Pia Zadora. 7 p.m. Channel 2.
- Aliens CBS Special Movie. 7 p.m. Channel 7.
- L.A. Law. 9 p.m. Channel 9.

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 to "make do" with what is being done in donations, he added. The Army is limited to four fundraising events a year, so adding a drive is not a possibility, Owens said.  
 "We just have to let people know," he said. "The community did well helping us this year, but we still have things we need to pay for. We just didn't meet our goal."

## Sheriff's log

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:  
 • A man who lives on HC 76 reported that one of his employees quit, taking with him a set of two tires without permission.

## Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:  
 • A building was reportedly burglarized in the 3200 block of Parkway Road. More than \$5,500 worth of equipment and tools was reported taken.  
 • Nintendo cassettes and other items worth \$700 were reported stolen from a home in the 1300 block of Colby Avenue.  
 • A vehicle was burglarized in the 500 block of South Aylford Street. A stereo valued at \$400 was reported taken.  
 • Damage to a window was reported in the 700 block of NW 10th Street. The estimated value of damage is \$120.  
 • A car window was damaged in the 700 block of Douglas Street. Cassettes were reportedly stolen.  
 • A vehicle was burglarized in the 900 block of San Antonio Way. Toys were reported taken, valued at \$100.  
 • Henry Trevino Franco, 26, 1500 Mesa Avenue, was arrested for revocation of probation.  
 • Criminal mischief to a vehicle window was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road. Damage was estimated at \$250.

## Oil/markets

February crude oil \$26.96, down 36, and March cotton futures 74.88 cents a pound, down 37; cash hog was steady at 49.50; slaughter steers steady at 81 cents even; February live hog futures 49.10, up 38; February live cattle futures 74.55, down 2 at 10:49 a.m., according to Delta Commodities. Noon quotes were not available today.

# European Community presidency is huge task

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — Luxembourg takes over the European Community's presidency on Tuesday, with war looming in the Persian Gulf, world trade talks in disarray and Europe in full transformation.

The Grand Duchy, a tiny speck on the map with only about 0.1 percent of the population in the 12-nation community, has a good track record in handling the rotating six-month EC presidencies.

Jacques Santer, prime minister of the 378,400 Luxembourgers, is convinced the mouse will roar again when his country takes over the community's presidency from Italy as 1991 begins.

"During all of our presidencies we always came up with results,"

"Because we are so small, the others do not suspect us of having ulterior self-serving motives."

Jacques Santer  
 Prime minister of Luxembourg

Santer said in a recent interview.

Five years ago, the Luxembourg presidency paved the way for the Single European Act, an updated constitution that pushes the trade bloc toward creating a truly unified market after 1992.

This time around, new initiatives to create economic, monetary and political union by the turn of the century have been thrust into Santer's lap.

The Christian Democrat plans to

act as a mediator between the EC's powerhouses — Germany, France and Britain — to finalize the blueprint for European unity.

"Because we are so small, the others do not suspect us of having ulterior self-serving motives," he said.

Shoehorned between Germany, France and Belgium, Luxembourg occupies a key crossroads on the continent, straddling Europe's main cultures — the Romanic and

Germanic. It is also well-connected with both the rich north and poor south in the community.

The Persian Gulf crisis might prove the first test of Luxembourg's mettle.

The EC has said it would not hold talks with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz unless the United States first reaches agreement with Iraq on exchanging foreign ministers' visits.

If the EC agrees to talk with

Iraq, that task would fall to Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Jacques Poes.

During Luxembourg's six months, a lot of energy will be spent on two conferences — one on economic and monetary union, the other on political union — to pave the way for a more unified Europe.

Disarray reigns on how fast monetary union should be achieved, Santer said.

He said calls for an independent EC defense organization are not realistic and it remains "essential that we keep a partnership with the United States" within NATO — the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

The partnership with Washington has been strained in global trade.



**Damaged by fire**  
 A fire was reported at 12:35 a.m. Wednesday in a building on U.S. 87 South owned by Leonard Burks. Thirty firefighters from the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department responded with one pumper and one tanker from the City of Big Spring. The cause of the fire is still being investigated. Damage was assessed at \$15,000 for the building, \$25,000 for automobiles and \$5,000 for shop equipment.

## Governor embarrassed by chain saw massacre

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A red-faced Gov. William Donald Schaefer is promising to replace seven trees felled by state work crews in what some residents of this Washington suburb are calling the Bethesda Chain Saw Massacre.

"I'm really sorry because we try not to mess up," Schaefer said Wednesday, surveying the seven tree stumps. "We made a mistake and we're going to do everything we can to rectify it."

The blunder by crews working for the state comes at a miserable time for Schaefer, who is a third of the way through a ballyhooed campaign to plant 1 million trees as a means of enhancing the Maryland environment.

"I am tree conscious," he reminded reporters.

They accompanied him on a visit with mechanical engineer Arun Vohra, whose home had been shielded from a nearby roadway by the seven trees.

Schaefer, with state Transportation Secretary James Lighthizer in tow, apologized to Vohra, a 46-year-old native of India who moved here three years ago.

Actually, it was Vohra's call to state officials months ago that started the painful chain of events.

Vohra told the state highway administration he believed a pine tree on a public right of way near his

property was diseased and should be removed.

Authorities later determined that the pine tree was not diseased and had merely come under heavy attack from woodpeckers.

By that time, though, crews had visited the site on two occasions and cut down seven other, perfectly healthy trees — two pines, three blooming dogwoods, a giant lilac and a cedar that soared 80 feet to 100 feet.

The pine tree a few yards away was left untouched.

Vohra was upset. "I acted a little crazy," he said. He called the governor's mansion, his state delegate, his congresswoman and other state officials. The ruckus found its way into the news reports and was dubbed the Bethesda Chain Saw Massacre.

Wednesday's visit was friendly enough, though.

Vohra served coffee and snacks to the governor and his aides while Schaefer surveyed the damage and pronounced it a result of poor communications, misunderstandings and a failure to properly mark the tree that originally had been the target of concern.

"We made a mistake... we learned," said Schaefer.

The governor was glum about the massive cedar.

## Fire delays trading on stock exchanges today

NEW YORK (AP) — Trading on the New York and American stock exchanges was delayed indefinitely today following an early morning fire caused by a transformer explosion in Manhattan's Wall Street area.

The blaze sent smoke into the Securities Industry Automation Corp., which controls the computer system that supports stock trading, said New York Stock Exchange spokeswoman Sharon Gamsin.

The company, a joint venture between the two stock exchanges, was evacuated about 2:30 a.m., about two hours after the explosion, she said.

Officials said earlier that the fire may have caused hazardous PCBs to spew onto seven floors of the building.

The company was awaiting permission from New York City en-

vironmental officials before it could re-enter the affected area, she said.

"Trading will begin a few hours after that," she said.

Trading was also indefinitely held up at the American Exchange, spokesman Bob Shabazian said.

Twenty-six firefighters and 14 others were treated for possible exposure to carcinogenic polychlorinated biphenyls as a result of the fire, said Lt. Jim Powell, a New York City Fire Department spokesman.

The transformer exploded just after 12:30 a.m., Powell said. The fire was under control at 3:16 a.m.

Officials from the Department of Environmental Protection were on the scene, he said, and samples from the building were taken to the department's chemical lab for analysis.

## Teens not welcome at parties

ATLANTA (AP) — On New Year's Eve, downtown hotels will hide welcome mats.

Last New Year's Eve teen-agers ran amok and trashed the Marriott Marquis. This year, they're invited to go elsewhere.

"There will be no real party this year at the hotel," said Steve Clanton, Marriott marketing director. "We obviously don't want anything like what we had last year."

Bottles, furniture and huge potted plants were tossed off balconies into the atrium of the hotel. About 50 people, most between 17 and 21 years old, were charged with crimes, including assault, van-

dalism and reckless conduct. Paramedics treated more than a dozen injured people.

Only adult guests will be admitted and no large parties will be allowed in rooms, Clanton said. Other downtown hotels are taking similar precautions.

"You cannot check in here on that day unless you're 21 or older," said Andre Schaefer, general manager of the Hilton. "You won't even come in the building."

Some hotels will have New Year's Eve parties, but security will be extra tight and teen-agers will not be welcome.

## Cities are hit by large law suits

An intoxicated man falls and is hit by a New York subway. A pedestrian is struck at a Phoenix intersection with no traffic signals. An inmate in Illinois is beaten into a coma by another prisoner.

All sue the cities for damages and get multimillion-dollar awards doled out by juries. A judge even gives away City Hall to settle one case.

A dozen years ago, cities enjoyed the same broad immunity as states against such lawsuits. But a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court decision opened the floodgates.

The court said cities, their agencies and city officials may be sued for violating an individual's civil rights. Damages could be awarded if the violation occurred while a city ordinance or official policy was being followed.

Today, some cities pay out millions each year as a result of damage suits. New York City alone pays out between \$150 million and \$200 million. In Los Angeles, \$30.8 million was used to cover 1,132 suits filed in fiscal 1989-90.

"In general terms, it's a shame because as a nation what we're doing is suing ourselves into oblivion," said Steven Atkins, city administrator in Iowa City, Iowa. "Every time we turn around, we can't take any action without the threat of some kind of litigation."

"Cities get sued because we're here," said Lewis Leigh, executive director of the Washington Cities Insurance Authority, an insurance pool for 70 cities in Washington state.

## Cokes

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transportation for the Cokes. A public information officer for Reese Air Force Base said the military installation was not involving itself in the project.

The Air Force has strict regulations concerning participation in corporate-sponsored promotions; said Master Sgt. Ralph Monson. He added that the base simply does not have the means to transport the soft drinks overseas.

"We talked to them about this when the promotion first started," Monson said. "We're not a transport base. We're a training base... We don't have any transport aircraft."

## Mideast

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intimidated by such malicious provocations."

No injuries were reported during the pre-dawn fracas aboard the 11,333-ton freighter Ibn Khaldoun.

In Washington, the State Department on Wednesday ordered nearly 300 non-essential American diplomatic personnel and dependents to leave Jordan and Sudan. It also recommended that Americans defer travel to the two countries.

Spokesman Richard Boucher cited "unstable conditions" for the order.

Jordan borders Iraq and Israel,

"They assume we're good for some part of (damages) just because we're around... The law is fairly consistent in finding fault with cities. We have to just grin and bear it."

Struggling East St. Louis, Ill., lost its City Hall building when it couldn't pay off a judgment. The city had so little money that a judge in September awarded City Hall to a man who was brain-damaged in a beating by another inmate in city jail. He sued and was awarded \$3.4 million. The city is appealing.

Pat Dennis, an assistant city attorney in Oklahoma City, says such lawsuits are a growing problem in her city.

"Many times they feel that the police used excessive force just putting handcuffs on them," Ms. Dennis said. "Or they allege the jail is inadequate or the food is no good. The imagination is the only thing that is the limit to what kind of suits there are. This is their revenge."

A number of cities queried by The Associated Press said the number of lawsuits hasn't changed much in recent years.

"People are always suing the city," said Roderick McDougall, Phoenix city attorney. "They have a traffic accident and claim there was something wrong with the roadway, or they're hit by a car and claim the crosswalks weren't clearly marked."

Philip Shiner, assistant Los Angeles City Attorney, said the number of lawsuits filed against the city have decreased but the set-

tlement and verdict amounts are on the increase.

"You can have one case in a given year that goes haywire. Or you can have two cases that skew the statistics," Shiner said. "Inflation and attorney's fees in some cases increase the value of the case."

Charleston, S.C., City Attorney John Charnock thinks juries tend to rule against the city in such lawsuits.

"I just think they look at the city and say, 'They got plenty of money,'" he said. "The city is a deep-pocket defendant."

"My own theory is one of anti-government," said Albuquerque, N.M., city attorney David Campbell, who said lawsuits against his city are increasing at 8 to 10 percent a year.

"If you've ever had your dog picked up, if you've ever been ticketed by the cops, if you've ever had your water service cut off or a pothole in front of your house for weeks, then you get a chance to serve on a jury and if the defendant is the city — it's payback time," he said.

New York City successfully appealed a \$9.3 million jury award to a dishwasher who was intoxicated when he fell onto a subway track and was hit by a train. He argued that the Transit Authority should have followed its own rules and removed him from the platform after a token clerk noticed he was drunk. He also argued the station was too dimly lit.

An appeals court set aside the verdict and ordered a new trial.

he said. "We'd like to get it out of our warehouse. But it's secure there, and covered and everything. It's fine where it is, but we'd like to see it go."

Monson said the Cokes, because of problems with air pressure and carbonation, would probably have to be shipped "surface" to the Mideast, requiring a 14-day trip over the ocean.

"Even if it was sent today, I can't say how long it might take to get there," Monson said.

Monson said the delay "shouldn't be surprising."

"That's just how it has to work," he said.

and has sided with Saddam at times in his dispute with the United States. Sudan's Moslem fundamentalist government has supported the Iraqi leader as well.

Soviet Deputy Premier Igor Belousov arrived for talks in Baghdad on Wednesday and also sought to persuade Soviet workers to leave before the Jan. 15 deadline. Soviet diplomats in the Iraqi capital said.

About 1,000 Soviet workers have elected to stay in Iraq, where they earn hard currency, rather than returning to the Soviet Union to face a winter of hardship.

U.S. and Israeli officials have

## Deaths

### Leslie Patterson

Leslie O. (Pat) Patterson, 77, Crane, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 1990, in Crane Memorial Hospital.

Services were Thursday in the Richard W. Box Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Mike Evans officiating. Burial will be in Crane County Cemetery under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home of Crane.

He was born Oct. 25, 1913, in

Seagoville and had lived in Crane the past 30 years. He had previously lived in McCamey. He married Helen Muller on January 3, 1940 in Reno, Nevada. He had worked as a pumper for Kewanee Oil Company, later renamed Chevron, until he retired.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Patterson, Crane; two daughters: Sandra Lee Thompson, Arlington; and Vickie Lynn McLean, Big Spring; one son, Glen Dell Patterson, Fairbrook, Calif.; one sister, Velta Lewis, Wichita Falls; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son.

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## BSHS drops hoop games

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Sports fans who were planning to spend part of New Year's Eve watching Big Spring High School's basketball teams are out of luck. The scheduled double-header between the Big Spring and Greenwood boys and girls has been cancelled because of scheduling conflicts, BSHS coaches said. The games had been planned for Dec. 31 in Steer Gym. The Big Spring Lady Steers will return to action Jan. 3 when they host Sweetwater at 7:30 p.m. in Steer Gym. The Big Spring boys will travel to Sweetwater to play the Mustangs in the District 3-4A opener for both teams.

## 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. 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.

## OC women host tourney

Three of the top 20 nationally ranked junior college women's basketball teams will compete in the Odessa Chamber of Commerce Tournament of Champions Jan. 3-5 at the Odessa College Sports Center. Kicking off the tournament at 2 p.m. Jan 3 is a game between Westark Community College, ranked 13th in the nation, and New Mexico Junior College. A matchup between No. 5 Central Arizona and Paris Junior College follows at 4 p.m. After Western Texas and Trinity Valley Junior College play at 6 p.m., the OC Lady Wranglers, tied with Central Arizona in the national rankings, will face Ranger Junior College at 8 p.m. Games will be played at the Sports Center at 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. each day. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students.

## Reds to conduct open tryouts

The world champion Cincinnati Reds will conduct an open tryout camp for baseball players at the University of Houston baseball field Saturday, Jan. 12. Registration will begin at 9 a.m., and the camp will begin as soon as possible afterwards. The camp is open to those players who have completed their high school eligibility only. Current high school players are not allowed to participate, nor are current junior college and college players. Players are requested to bring their own uniforms and

# Air Force seeking respect

## Liberty Bowl 7 p.m., ESPN

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — By the map it's 1,800 miles from Memphis to Pasadena, but for Ohio State's purposes the difference between playing in the Rose Bowl and tonight's Liberty Bowl against Air Force was a scant 18 inches. Last month, the Buckeyes were within 18 inches of going to the Rose Bowl for the first time since 1984. But Ohio State failed to pick up a first down on a fourth-down play in the final minutes and rival Michigan kicked a late field goal for a 16-13 victory.

"The program was on the verge of catapulting back into the national limelight," Ohio State quarterback coach Ron Hudson said. "We would have been 8-2-1 and in the Rose Bowl, but we just came up a yard-and-a-half short."

So, the Buckeyes are now readying to play in possible below-freezing temperatures in a bowl few players seemed to be looking forward to after the loss to Michigan.

"There are teams going to New Year's Day bowls that we are better than," said Ohio State safety Mark Pelini. "The bowl picture... it's crazy what has happened this year."

While the Buckeyes seem to be more concerned with venting their personal frustrations, Air Force is just happy to be back in Memphis



MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Air Force Academy coach Fisher DeBerry, left, shouts instructions to Falcon Eric Faison (27) during Christmas Day practice Tuesday. The Air Force will face Ohio State tonight in the Liberty Bowl.

for the second straight year. The Falcons don't pretend to be a national title contender, but they do wish someone — especially Ohio State — would recognize the fact the Air Force is deserving of its

postseason bid. "Ohio State has only one more win than we do. And four of the teams we've played are playing in bowls," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry, whose Falcons

(6-5) are a big underdog to the Big Ten Buckeyes (7-3-1). "Many teams go to bowls at 6-5. We deserve it as much as anyone because of the way we played late

# Seniors suspend season

MIAMI (AP) — The founder of the Senior Professional Baseball Association said his brainchild probably was rushed into existence and regrets that its second season had to be canceled.

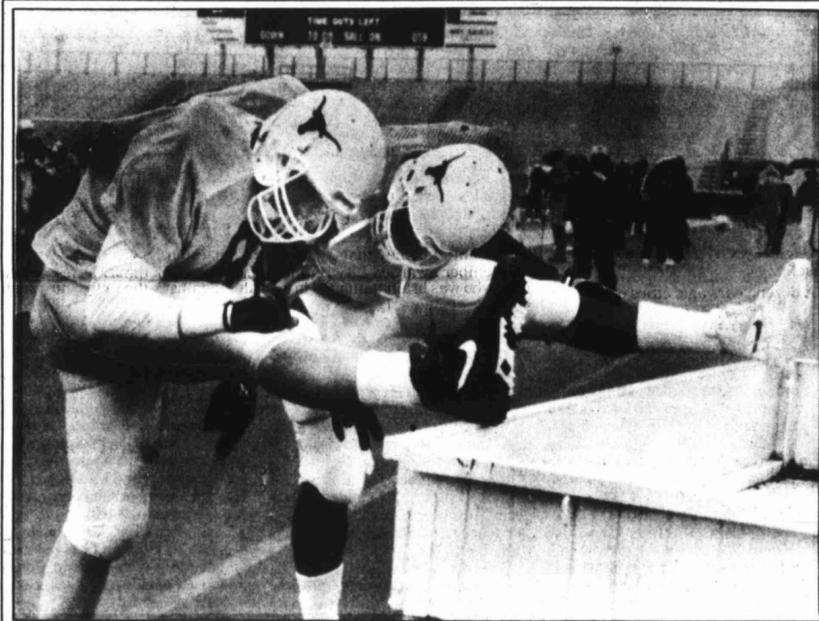
But Jim Morley, co-owner of the St. Petersburg franchise, guarantees the league will be back next year.

The season was suspended Wednesday after an ownership rift in the Fort Myers franchise prompted cancellation of all remaining games.

Other teams voted to cancel the season after Fort Myers general manager Kip Ingle called his players and told them not to report to Thursday's game with Daytona Beach.

"Most of the time in this situation the reason is financial," Morley said. "This isn't financial. Fort Myers is far and away the wealthiest franchise. They have an internal partnership problem."

Morley said Fort Myers owner Michael Graham and two Delaware investors — J. Simpson



DALLAS — University of Texas players Alan Webb, left, and Kerry Cash stretch before Wednesday's workout. The Longhorns will play the University of Miami in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

## One and kick and two and . . .

DALLAS — University of Texas players Alan Webb, left, and Kerry Cash stretch before Wednesday's workout. The Longhorns will play the University of Miami in the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day.

# Boston runs, runs and runs some more in win

(AP) The Boston Celtics literally ran up the score on the Indiana Pacers.

The Celtics raced up and down the court throughout the game for their highest point total in 20 years in a 152-132 rout Wednesday night.

"They just plain outran us," Indiana's Mike Sanders said.

"They're going to be tough to beat when they run like that," said Reggie Miller, who led the Pacers with 20 points.

Brian Shaw, who had 26 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds, spearheaded an attack that produced Boston's fifth-biggest output in team history. He was one of eight Celtics in double figures.

"In the last month, we've been getting balanced scoring from five or six players," Boston's Reggie Lewis said. "We are making the game fun because of our defense. We've executed the offense the way we've wanted to."

The Celtics' eighth consecutive victory was the latest blowout in a season filled with them. Their 23-4 record is their best start since they had the same mark in 1984-85, and they've won 21 games by at least eight points and 17 by at least 10.

Boston, 19-2 in its last 21 games, leads the Eastern Conference with 116.2 points per game. The Celtics broke their previous season-high of 148 points set against Denver on Dec. 5.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Portland 108, New York 92; Atlanta 113, New Jersey 111; Seattle 99,

## NBA roundup

Cleveland 97; Detroit 102, Charlotte 94; Orlando 109, Houston 103; Philadelphia 106, Washington 105 in overtime; San Antonio 111, Miami 97; Phoenix 115, Dallas 88; Milwaukee 126, Golden State 119; the Los Angeles Lakers 108, the Los Angeles Clippers 99; and Denver 128, Sacramento 112.

Trail Blazers 108, Knicks 92 Clyde Drexler and Kevin Duckworth combined for 20 points as Portland won its ninth straight road game against an Atlantic Division opponent.

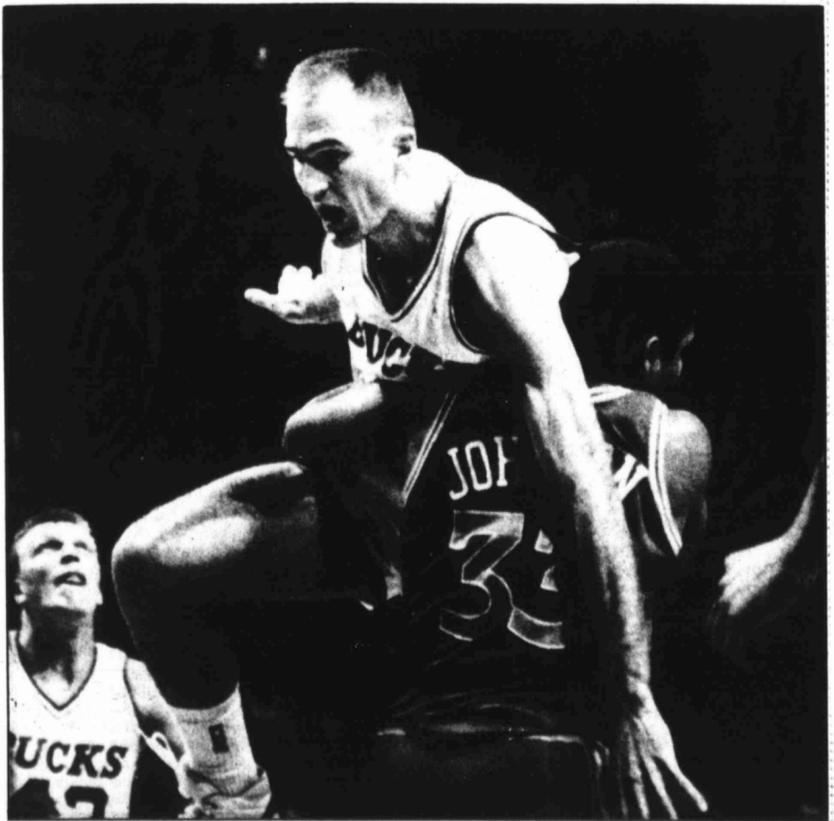
Drexler scored 12 of his 27 points in the third period and Duckworth 8 of his 24 as Portland upped the NBA's best record to 25-3 and 10-2 on the road. The Trail Blazer haven't lost to an Atlantic Division team on the road since March of 1989.

Patrick Ewing led New York with 24 points.

SuperSonics 99, Cavaliers 97 Derrick McKey took a feed from Dana Barros and swished an 18-foot baseline jumper with 2.3 seconds remaining as Seattle won its fifth straight game.

Brad Daugherty's dunk tied it for Cleveland with 12.4 seconds to go. After a Seattle timeout, Barros got the inbound pass from McKey at midcourt, drove the middle and fed McKey on the left side.

Shawn Kemp scored 19 points for



MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee's Fred Roberts collides with Golden State's Steve Johnson (33) while driving the lane during Milwaukee's 126-119 NBA win over the Warriors Wednesday. The win extended the Bucks' home record to a perfect 14-0 this season.

# 'Horns in tall Cotton

DALLAS (AP) — Black shoes have become the Texas Longhorns success symbol for the 1991 Cotton Bowl.

Texas coach David McWilliams kept his promise to the Southwest Conference champions when practice started on Wednesday for the New Year's Day game against No. 4 ranked Miami.

"They asked me (during the season) if they could wear black shoes and I said IF they got to the Cotton Bowl," McWilliams said.

The No. 3 ranked Longhorns, making their first appearance in the Cotton Bowl in seven seasons, didn't mind the sloppy, dreary 40-degree weather.

"This is a beautiful day," said Texas coach David McWilliams. "It's a great feeling to be back particularly as the host of the bowl not just a guest."

It's the 11th Cotton Bowl for McWilliams but his first as head coach. The others came as a player and an assistant coach.

"Coming down here with Cindy and the kids we were talking about what a big kick this was," McWilliams said. "We had to keep pinching ourselves to realize we were going to Dallas."

"I guess you can say we had a double Christmas — yesterday and then today. It's sure going to be nice to have something to do between Christmas and New Year's Day."

Although they are six-point underdogs, the Texas players were relaxed and confident. "One wore a T-shirt saying 'We're so damned superior we can't stand ourselves.'"

The Texas theme for the season was what they called a "shock the nation tour."

"We did exactly that," said All-American defensive back Stanley Richard. "In fact, we may have even shocked ourselves things went so well."

The Horns came from behind to win seven games but McWilliams said they can't afford to start slow against a team as talented as Miami.

"We've got to be focused from the start," McWilliams said. "Everything we hear about Miami is kind of scary because of all the athletes they've got."

"We've seen 'em on film but we've been told that that's only half the story because when you see 'em in person you're shocked how quick and fast they are," McWilliams said. "They are so much quicker than what you see on film it's like everything is on fast-forward."

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## Sidelines

### Ryan TSN's Man of the Year

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Nolan Ryan, the 43-year-old who pitched his record sixth no-hitter in 1990 and won his 300th game, was chosen Wednesday as the Sporting News Man of the Year.

Ryan led the American League with 232 strikeouts last season and also pitched his record-tying 12th one-hitter. He got his 300th victory on July 31 as Texas beat Milwaukee.

Ryan is 302-272 lifetime with a record 5,308 strikeouts.

"Ryan represents the quintessential sports role model — a uniquely talented athlete who has accomplished feats and demonstrated a responsible understanding of his role as a public figure," Sporting News publisher Thomas G. Osenton said. "For these and many other reasons, he is the perfect choice for our 1990 Man of the Year."

### Jordan early leader in voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Chicago guard Michael Jordan is the early leader in voting for Eastern Conference players for the NBA All-Star game in Charlotte, N.C., on Feb. 10.

Jordan, who leads the league with a 29.7 scoring average, has 50,465 votes in fan balloting which continues through Jan. 23. Detroit's Isiah Thomas is second with 22,245 votes.

Patrick Ewing of the New York Knicks leads Eastern Conference centers with 37,998 votes. The voting at forward is close. Charles Barkley of Philadelphia has 36,776 votes and Larry Bird of Boston has 35,003.

### Brooks, Hostetler win NFL honors

NEW YORK (AP) — James Brooks of the Cincinnati Bengals, who rushed for 201 yards in just 20 carries last week, was named the AFC's offensive player of the week and Jeff Hostetler of the New York Giants won NFC honors.

Hostetler, making just his third start in seven years in place of the injured Phil Simms, completed 13 of 23 passes for 190 yards and a touchdown.

Defensive players of the week were Darryl Talley of Buffalo and Scott Case of Atlanta. Case returned an interception 35 yards for his first career touchdown and had a sack in the Falcons' 20-13 victory over the Los Angeles Rams. Talley had 10 tackles in Buffalo's 24-14 win over Miami that clinched the AFC East title and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

### Cancer stalls Farr's comeback

PHOENIX (AP) — Heather Farr, who tried to make a comeback on the LPGA tour this year after breast cancer surgery in 1989, has had a recurrence of the disease and will undergo chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant.

The former Arizona State player was coming off her most successful year on the LPGA tour when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in July of 1989 and underwent a mastectomy.

## Notes

Continued from page 1-B gloves. The Reds will provide catching gear (except mitts), baseballs, helmets and bats.

All players must pay their own expenses to and from the camp. Should any participant be signed to a Reds' organizational contract, all expenses will be reimbursed.

### Palestine site of Resolution Run

The Fourth Annual Resolution Run will be held beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12.

The run will include a one-mile fun walk and run which begins at 8:30 a.m. The 5K and 10K runs will follow at 9 a.m.

Pre-registration will include a long-sleeve T-shirt, towel, water bottle, storage belt, carry bag and free breakfast for runners.

Late registration can be made from 6-8 a.m. on the day of the run at the Palestine Middle School on Loop 256 in Palestine.

Entry fee is \$12 per person. Late registration is \$15.

# Bowl picks: Buffs over Irish; Miami in Cotton

(AP) College football will offer a 3-for-1 special on New Year's Day — three bowls with a chance to produce the No. 1 team.

The national champion could emerge from the Orange (Colorado-Notre Dame), Cotton (Miami-Texas) or Citrus (Georgia Tech-Nebraska). In fact, all of those teams except Nebraska have a shot to win it all.

Top-ranked Colorado (10-1-1) has the clearest path. Despite the lingering controversy over their fifth-down victory against Missouri, the Buffaloes can lock up their first national title by beating No. 5 Notre Dame.

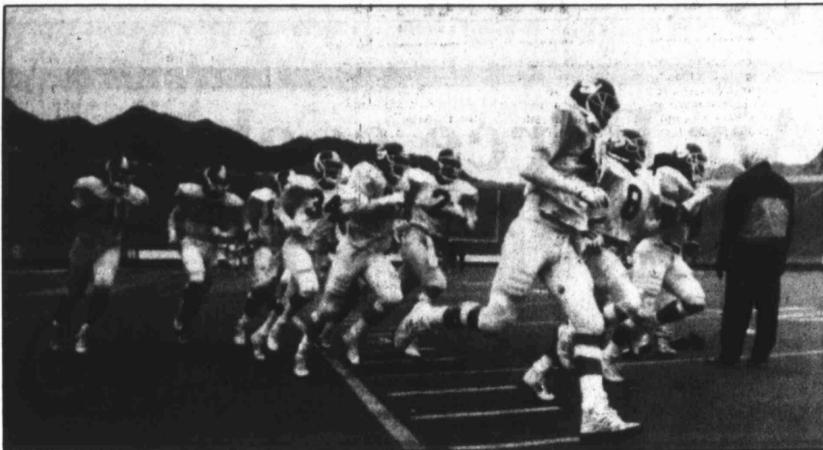
However, a Colorado loss would open the door for No. 2 Georgia Tech (10-0-1), No. 3 Texas (10-1), No. 4 Miami (9-2) or Notre Dame (9-2).

Tech could grab the top spot if it beats Nebraska and Colorado loses. But even then, the lightly-regarded Yellow Jackets might lose out to Texas if the Longhorns come up with an impressive win over Miami.

If Colorado and Tech lose, any kind of Texas victory would probably vault the Longhorns to No. 1. But what if Colorado, Tech and Texas lose?

That would set up an intriguing battle between Miami and Notre Dame, one strikingly similar to the photo finish for last year's national title.

Last year, Miami and Notre



EL PASO — The Michigan State defense runs laps at Sun Bowl Stadium during their first workout at the site of the John Hancock Bowl. The Spartans will face USC Dec. 31.

Dame finished with one loss. But the Hurricanes edged the Irish in the final poll, mainly because they won their head-to-head meeting.

If they both win on Jan. 1, Miami and Notre Dame again will finish with the same number of losses. This time, however, the Irish would have the edge because they beat the Hurricanes during the season. The debate promises to be lively.

So do the three top games on New Year's Day.

**Orange**  
Did somebody say deja vu?  
For the second straight year, Notre Dame plays top-ranked Colorado in the Orange Bowl. And for the second straight year, the Irish hope to spoil the Buffaloes' bid for a national championship and claim it themselves.

Last year, Notre Dame beat Colorado 21-6. This year, the Buffaloes will get revenge.

It boils down to this: Notre Dame isn't as good as last year and Colorado is better.

Skeptics might mention that Colorado had a perfect record last season before playing Notre Dame. But there are two important differences between the 1990 and 1991

versions of the Orange Bowl. One is Notre Dame's leaky defense, which gave up nearly 400 yards and 23 points per game this season. The other is Colorado's experience. Last year, the Buffaloes were the new kids on the block and didn't know what to expect in their first national championship game. This time, they should be better prepared for the hype and pressure.

The oddsmakers are calling it a tossup. ... COLORADO 28-20.

**COTTON**  
Finally, a Cotton Bowl that matters.

After a decade of decline, the Cotton has a chance to produce its first national champion in 13 years.

Miami made a habit of winning national titles in the 1980s. The Hurricanes are going for their second straight championship, third in four years and fourth since 1983. They also have a chance to become the first school to finish No. 1 or No. 2 for five consecutive years.

But the Longhorns won't be able to hook the Hurricanes.

Miami has one of the nation's most potent offenses (483 yards and 36.5 points per game) and a stellar rushing defense led by Outland Trophy winner Russell Maryland. Texas may be able to score through the air, but not enough to beat the explosive Hurricanes.

Miami is favored by six points. ... MIAMI 24-14.

## Liberty

Continued from page 1-B in the season," DeBerry said.

The Falcons, members of the Western Athletic Conference, did come through when they had to this season. Air Force wrapped up the Commander-in-Chief trophy and the host spot in the Liberty Bowl by downing Army in West Point, N.Y., on Nov. 10, its first win on Army soil since 1982.

The Falcons took a 5-5 record into their regular season finale against Texas-El Paso and stopped a 2-point conversion attempt that allowed them to finish with a winning season.

## NBA

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Seattle. Larry Nance led Cleveland, a loser of three straight and nine of 10, with 28 points. Daugherty added 23.

**Pistons 102, Hornets 94**  
Joe Dumars scored 19 points and William Bedford 16 as struggling Detroit handed Charlotte a franchise-tying 10th straight loss.

The Pistons, 11-1 at home but losers in nine of their previous 12 games, led throughout after breaking a 6-6 tie. After Charlotte pulled within six points with 6:44 remaining, the vaunted Piston defense took over, holding the Hornets to one basket in the next six minutes.

Armon Gilliam led Charlotte with 27 points.

**Hawks 113, Nets 111**  
Kevin Willis, who had 26 points and 15 rebounds, hit a dunk with 16 seconds remaining to lead surging Atlanta over undermanned New Jersey.

The Nets began the game without forward Chris Morris, lost forward Derrick Coleman to a sprained knee in the second quarter and center Sam Bowie to fouls in the fourth.

Derrick Gervin had a career-high 34 points and Reggie Theus 30 for New Jersey. John Battle added 19 points and Dominique Wilkins 18 for Atlanta, which won for the eighth time in 11 games.

## Seniors

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Dean and William Curry — had been squabbling over money and neither side would give in.

Morley hopes to establish formal ties by next year for the senior league with major league baseball and with Japanese baseball.

"Now we're regrouping for next year," Morley said by telephone from Phoenix. The six teams hadn't quite reached the halfway point in a planned 56-game schedule.

A meeting has been tentatively set in January with the office of baseball commissioner Fay Vincent, Morley said. Morley would like major league teams to contract with his league as a place to rehabilitate injured players or develop players during the winter months.

Morley said the league may have been pushed into existence too quickly, but the sudden suspension can provide time to build a solid foundation.

Envisioned as baseball's equivalent to the popular seniors golf tour, the Senior League opened in 1989 as a winter-month league for former major leaguers aged 35 and over.

Unlike the seniors golf tour, which has top stars such as Arnold Palmer, Lee Trevino and Jack Nicklaus, few baseball superstars were attracted to the league, which began with eight Florida franchises.

With those two victories, the Falcons did prove they were rough and ready on the road. But the Air Force comes into the Liberty Bowl without much of an aerial attack.

While Brigham Young's Ty Detmer averaged 432 yards and three touchdowns passing a game, the Air Force has managed a season total of only 386 yards passing and no touchdowns through the air.

Falcon quarterback Rob Perez is the team's No. 2 rusher with 545 yards and five touchdowns, only 53 yards behind Air Force's top ground-gainer, Jason Jones, who

has rushed for 598 yards and averages 5.8 yards a carry.

The Falcons are the nation's No. 7 rushing team.

Ohio State, behind senior quarterback Greg Frey brings in a much more feared aerial game. Frey needs only 48 passing yards tonight to become the first quarterback in Ohio State history to pass for 2,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.

"Greg is the kind of player who is not really gifted in size, arm strength, speed and athletic ability," said Ohio State quarterbacks coach Ron Hudson.

Seikaly led Miami, a loser in 11 of 12 games, with 26 points.

**Bucks 126, Warriors 119**  
Jay Humphries and Ricky Pierce scored 28 points apiece, and Alvin Robertson had his third triple-double of the season as Milwaukee remained unbeaten at home with its 14th victory.

Pierce scored 17 points in the fourth quarter, including seven straight in a 9-2 surge that gave the Bucks a 112-106 lead with 3:06 remaining. Robertson had 25 points, 16 rebounds and 12 assists.

Chris Mullin led Golden State with 29 points, while Tim Hardaway had 27 and Mitch Richmond 23. The Warriors haven't won in Milwaukee since 1981.

**Suns 115, Mavericks 88**  
Tom Chambers had 24 points and 12 rebounds while Kevin Johnson added 19 points as Phoenix outbounded Dallas 61-34.

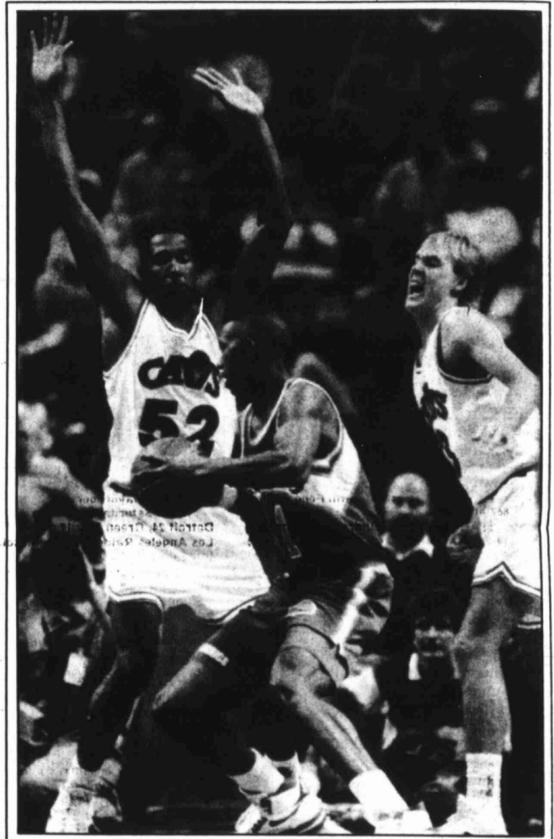
Xavier McDaniel added 14 points for the Suns, who beat the Mavericks for the fifth straight time at home and eighth in the last 10 meetings overall.

Derek Harper led Dallas with 19 points while Alex English had 18. It was the fewest points allowed this season by the Suns, who previously held Sacramento to 90 on Dec. 11. Phoenix limited Dallas to just three offensive boards.

**Lakers 108, Clippers 99**  
James Worthy had 31 points and Magic Johnson 19 points and 13 assists as the Lakers continued their dominance of the Clippers in the battle of Los Angeles.

The first meeting of the season marked the Lakers' fourth straight victory over the Clippers and their 31st in 36 meetings since becoming neighbors in 1984-85. All five of the Clippers' victories have been at the Sports Arena.

Ken Norman had 21 points and Charles Smith 20 for the Clippers, who lost for the eighth time in 11 games.



Arms up  
RICHFIELD, Ohio — Cleveland Cavs forward Chucky Brown, left, and Craig Ehlo, right, play defense against Seattle SuperSonics guard Derrick McKey during their game Wednesday. The Sonics beat the Cavs, 99-97.

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# SCOREBOARD

## Bowling

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT STRIKERS**  
**RESULTS** — Gentlemen's Corner split with Tony's Texaco, 4-4; Carlos over Coca-Cola, 89-0; Permian Research over Brass Nail, 6-2; Comanche Trail Golf split with Poncho's Welding, 4-4; Night Rangers, unopposed, 8-0; hi team series, Poncho's Welding, 3184; hi ind. series, Wally Franklin, 725; hi team game, Permian Research, 1086; hi ind. game Jayland White, 283.

**STANDINGS** — Night Rangers, 84-44; Poncho's Welding, 82-44; Permian Research, 82-44; Carlos, 78-50; Gentlemen's Corner, 78-50; Coca-Cola, 68-60; Brass Nail, 62-66; Comanche Trail Golf, 50-78; Tony's Texaco, 48-80.

**WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO**  
**RESULTS** — Golden Corral over Rob Stars, 8-0; Security State Bank over Loan Sars, 8-0; Cat Construction over Big Spring Music, 6-2; Rowland Real Estate over Willies Weebies, 6-2; Neals Pharmacy over Slow Starters, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (man) JM Ringener, 218 and 624; hi hdp game and series (man) Kirke McKenzie, 248 and JM Ringener, 708; hi sc. game and series (woman) Barbara Clark, 203 and Joyce Davis, 566; hi hdp game and series (woman) Barbara Clark, 251 and 478; hi sc. team game and series Security State Bank, 583 and 1617; hi hdp team game and series Security State Bank, 690 and 1938.

**STANDINGS** — Security State Bank, 76-44; Big Spring Music, 68-52; Golden Corral, 68-52; Cat Construction, 62-58; Rowland Real Estate, 59-61; Slow Starters, 56-64; Neals Pharmacy, 54-66; Rob & Sons (postponed), 54-58; Loan Stars (unopposed), 50-82; Willies Weebies, 45-75.

**NEW MISSES**  
**RESULTS** — Lucky Strikes over State National Bank, 6-2; Jimmy's Exxon, 8-0; Shute Inn Gals over Gold Rollers, 6-2; Silver Bullets over Granny's Girls, 6-2; Carlos Restaurant over Big Spring Inn, 8-0; Do Gooders over Neighbors Auto Sale, 8-0; Big Spring Tire over Team Fourteen, 8-0; hi sc. game and series Olga Chavez, 213 and 552; hi sc. team game and series Shute Inn Gals, 641 and 1799; hi hdp game and series Olga Chavez, 252 and 669; hi hdp game and series Do Gooders, 827 and 2382.

**STANDINGS** — Jimmy's Exxon, 88-40; State National Bank, 84-44; Neighbors Auto Sal, 82-46; Shute Inn Gals, 78-50; Do Gooders, 77-51; Gold Rollers, 72-56; Big Spring Tire, 69-59; Granny's Girls, 63-65; Silver Bullets, 62-66; Campbell Cement, 60-68; Carlos Restaurant, 58-70; Lucky Strikes, 56-72; Big Spring Inn, 37-91; Team Fourteen, 10-118.

**PIN POPPERS**  
**RESULTS** — A & B Farms over Mary Kay Cosmetics, 8-0; Andrews Transport over Big Spring Skipper, 8-0; Trei-O-Lite over Leftovers, 6-2; Sanders Farms tied Brown & Associates, 4-4; Kuykendall Inc. over Yates Cattle Co., 4-2; Health Food Center over Cline Paving, 6-2; hi sc. game and series Lucille Romine, 211 and 546; hi sc. team game and series Health Food Center, 689 and 1914; hi hdp game and series Lucille Romine, 261 and 496; hi hdp team game and series Health Food Center, 867 and 2468.

**STANDINGS** — Andrews Transport, 14-2; Trei-O-Lite, 12-4; Cline Paving, 10-4; A & B Farms, 10-4; Sanders Farms, 10-6; Health Food Center, 8-8; Leftovers, 8-8; Big Spring Skipper, 8-8; Kuykendall Inc., 6-10; Brown & Associates, 6-10; Yates Cattle Co., 2-14; Mary Kay Cosmetics, 2-14.

**WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO**  
**RESULTS** — Willies Weebies over Slow Starters, 8-0; Golden Corral over Neals Pharmacy, 8-0; Loan Stars over Big Spring Music, 6-2; Security State Bank split with Cat Construction, 4-4; hi sc. game and series (man) David Cruz, 230 and Jackie Lecroy, 567; hi hdp game and series (man) David Cruz, 259 and Ron Westbrook, 631; hi sc. game and series (woman) Wanda Lockhart, 213 and Kay Hendricks, 570; hi hdp game and series (woman) Kay Hendricks, 258 and 714; hi sc. team game and series Big Spring Music, 582 and 1564; hi hdp team game and series Golden Corral, 700 and 1912.

**TUESDAY COUPLES**  
**RESULTS** — Arrow Refrigeration over C & T Cleaners, 8-0; Big Spring Instrument Inc. over Saunders OED, 8-0; Quality Rubber Stamps over Hester's Supply Co., 8-0; KC Steak House over N.A.L.C. #1, 8-0; Donuts Etc. over Headhunters Beauty Salon, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration Co. over Timbers at Work, 6-2; N.A.L.C. #2 over Double R Cattle Co., 6-2; Parks Agency, Inc. over Coahoma Cafe, 6-2; Coahoma Beauty Center over Dudes & Duddies, 4-2; LHO Office Center tied Rehab Rollers, 4-4; Coca-Cola (unopposed), Henderson Hereford, Moss Creek Lake (postponed); hi sc. game and series (man) Charlie Campbell, 224 and 618; hi hdp game and series (man) Rich Ewing, 240 and Charlie Campbell, 642; hi sc. game and series (woman) Patti Zeigler, 230 and Joyce Davis, 545; hi hdp game and series (woman) Patti Zeigler, 262 and Barbara Kennedy, 665; hi sc. team game and series Headhunters Beauty Salon, 767 and 2049; hi hdp team game and series Added Touch, 885 and 2450.

**STANDINGS** — Casual Shoppe, 97-39; Headhunters Beauty Salon, 85-31; Arrow Refrigeration Co., 84-52; Hester's Supply Co., 84-52; Hester's Supply Co., 84-52; Parks Agency, Inc., 83-53; Coca-Cola (unopposed), 82-46; L H Office Center, 78-58; Double R Cattle Co., 76-60; K C Steak House, 76-60; Donuts Etc., 72-64; Coahoma Cafe, 71-65; Quality Rubber Stamps, 70-66; Big Spring Instrument Inc., 64-70; N.A.L.C. #2, 66-70; Coahoma Beauty Center, 62-73; Dudes & Duddies, 58-80; Rehab Rollers, 58-82; Henderson Hereford (postponed), 52-76; Timbers at Work, 52-84; Added Touch, 51-77; N.A.L.C. #1, 46-90; C & T Cleaners, 40-96; Moss Creek Lake (postponed), 36-92.

**GUY'S & DOLLS**  
**RESULTS** — Arrow Refrigeration over Photo-Magic Studio, 8-0; Pinkies over Van's Well Service, Inc., 8-0; Andrews Transport over Parks Oil Co., 6-2; Strikers and Fifth Wheels, postponed; hi sc. game and series (man) Ed Booth, 203 and J.M. Ringener, 554; hi hdp game and series (man) Ed Booth, 236 and J.M. Ringener, 617; hi sc. game and series (woman) LaVerne Berger, 170 and Jamie Ringener, 482; hi hdp game and series (woman) Latha Hill, 213 and 412; hi sc. team game and series Andrews Transport, 677 and 1900; hi hdp team game and series Arrow Refrigeration, 821 and 2374.

**STANDINGS** — Pinkies, 102-42; Andrews Transport, 87-57; Arrow Refrigeration, 79-65; Strikers, 68-88; Parks Oil Co., 65-79; Fifth Wheels, 60-76; Photo-Magic Studio, 54-90; Van's Well Service, Inc., 53-91.

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## NFL standings

Associated Press 1990 final regular season college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 1, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and last week's rankings:

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1	Colorado (42)	10-1-1	1,476	1
2	Georgia Tech (16)	10-0-1	1,397	2
3	Texas (2)	10-1-0	1,328	5
4	Miami, Fla.	9-2-0	1,303	3
5	Notre Dame	9-2-0	1,252	7
6	Florida St.	9-2-0	1,196	8
7	Penn St.	9-2-0	1,125	10
8	Washington	9-2-0	1,117	9
9	Houston	10-1-0	945	11
10	Tennessee	8-2-2	944	12
11	Florida	9-2-0	905	6
12	Michigan	8-3-0	833	13
13	Brigham Young	10-2-0	786	4
14	Clemson	9-2-0	737	14
15	Mississippi	9-2-0	535	15
16	Illinois	8-3-0	500	16
17	Iowa	8-3-0	461	18
18	Louisville	9-1-1	450	17
19	Nebraska	9-2-0	466	19
20	Oklahoma	8-3-0	360	22
21	Southern Cal	8-3-1	352	21
22	Michigan St.	7-3-1	260	23
23	Southern Miss.	8-3-0	226	24
24	Ohio St.	7-3-1	197	25
25	Alabama	7-4-0	115	—

## NFL standings

All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
x-Buffalo	13	2	0	.867	414	234
y-Miami	11	4	0	.733	313	225
Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467	264	330
N.Y. Jets	5	10	0	.333	279	328
New England	1	14	0	.067	171	431

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NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
x-N.Y. Giants	12	3	0	.800	322	201
y-Philadelphia	9	6	0	.600	307	278
w-Washington	9	6	0	.600	355	287
Dallas	7	8	0	.467	237	282
Phoenix	5	10	0	.333	237	373

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Houston	12	14	.464	10 1/2	
New Jersey	10	16	.385	12 1/2	
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Miami	6	20	.231	16 1/2	

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Seattle	11	13	.458	12	
LA Clippers	11	14	.438	12 1/2	
Sacramento	6	19	.240	17 1/2	

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MIDWEST						
W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	
Creighton	87	10	1	.893	3,414	2,184
Tulsa	95	5	0	.950	3,414	2,184

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SOUTHWEST						
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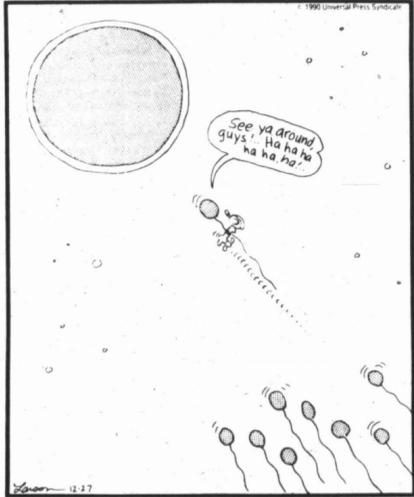
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**ATTENTION RV OWNERS**  
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LARGE SELECTION of used tires - reasonable. Flats fixed. J & J Tire, 1111 West 4th.

### Business Opp. 150

FOR SALE: retirement or investment, trailer and RV park. Approximately 8 acres, \$900 plus monthly income. Nice living house and office. Terms: 263-7982.

### Help Wanted 270

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**HOME TYPISTS, PC users needed.** \$35, 000 potential. Details: (1)805-687-6000 Ext 8 8423.

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\$500 TO \$800+ WEEK. People are making lots of money being their own boss. Full-time/part-time. Call M-F, 9-5 for amazing details! 214-386-0445.

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**LIFESTYLE REPORTER.** If you're a good writer, like people and are interested in reporting community news, you might be a candidate for our lifestyle reporter position. Call Karen McCarthy, Managing Editor, 263-7331.

### Jobs Wanted 299

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

WILL CLEAN house or apartments. Reasonable rates. Call 267-6943.

HELPING HANDS - Housecleaning, laundry and ironing. Call 264-7009.

### Child Care 375

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

### Grain Hay Feed 430

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

### Auctions 505

SPRING CITY AUCTION - Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-9914. We do all types of auctions!

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**SPRING CITY AUCTION**  
Thursday, Dec. 27  
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**NEW YEAR'S PARTY**  
Before Auction, come enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Glassware, coins, sofas, dining room sets, small wicker shelf, chairs, bicycles, golf clubs.

Consignments coming in daily! Too numerous to list!!  
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### Taxidermy 511

SAND SPRINGS Taxidermy. Deer mounts, pheasants, quail in glass domes. Exotics, tanning, 6 miles east Big Spring. 393-5259.

### Dogs, Pets, Etc 513

SAND SPRINGS KENNEL, AKC Rat Terriers, Chihuahuas, Toy Poodles and Pomeranians. Lay away available and USDA Licensed. 393-5259

TWO CUTE kittens adorable, and free. Litter trained. 394-4482, 394-4607, 394-4652.

### Pet Grooming 515

IRIS' POODLE Parlor. Grooming, indoor kennels - heated and air, swimming, coats, etc. 2112 West 3rd, 263-2409 - 263-7900.

### Lost-Pets 516

LOST: SHORT-haired Pointer, spotted, brown and white. Reward. Answers to "Duke". Please call 267-7123.

REWARD: BROWN & white Brittany Spaniel, male, Jeffery Road South of City. Call 267-6043.

### Musical Instruments 529

SPINET CONSOLE piano. Name brand. Assume payments. See locally. 1-800-343-6494.

### Household Goods 531

Refrigerator, range, freezer, sofa, coffee table, Dearborne heater, table, chairs, washer/dryer, TV, microwave, Secretary. 267-6558.

### Garage Sale 535

YARD SALE: 9:00 a.m., Friday and Saturday, 120 Airbase Road, Building 2, Apt. 1. Microwave, dishes, toolbox, and more.

### Produce 536

U-PICK PECANS for 1/2 or .50 lb. Whole, shelled, cracked pecans. Honey, Bennie's Pecans, 267-8090.

### Misc. For Sale 537

ALL SIZES of good used tires also 10.00x20 truck tires. Big Spring Tire, 601 Gregg.

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TELEPHONES, JACKS, install, \$22.50. Business and Residential sales and services. J - Dean Communications, 267-5478.

COM SHOP HOLIDAY SPECIAL - Buy novelty phone, regular price, jack installed 1/2 price. 267-2423.

### Houses For Sale 601

OWNER - REDUCED - 3-1-1/2, steel siding, storm windows, large den, fireplace, fenced backyard. 30's. 267-1036.

FOUR BEDROOM, two bath with back-house and garage. \$250 month for 14 years, nothing down. Also three bedroom, fenced yard on contract for deed. \$250 month. 600 Aylford. 264-0159.

LARGE LOVELY family home on 20 acres south of Stanton, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, formal living room plus den with fireplace, extra large garage. 756-2143.

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REMODELED 3 BEDROOM + den. Central heat, refrigerated air, swimming pool. Will trade for larger house. Call 263-6346.

### Acreeage For Sale 605

THREE ACRE tracts, no qualifying. \$200 down, \$98 monthly. Elbow Road and Garden City Hwy. 1-512-994-1080.

### Farms & Ranches 607

FINE WIGGINS farm, 129.5 acres at 5475 west of Ackerly. Will carry note, 25% down. Ova Wiggins, Paul Alexander, 263-3927.

320 ACRE GLASSCOCK County, improved, irrigated farm. In St. Lawrence area, on pavement. Owner finance. 915-949-1377.

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- 36 Parts of evergreens
- 40 Mother - (saint)
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### Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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# Names in the news

## Former champ hates taxes, cops

NEW YORK (AP) — What makes former heavyweight champ Mike Tyson angry? Paying taxes and getting pulled over by the police. "I hate taxes," he told Spin magazine in its January 1991 issue. "More than anything. They can take your money and all that stuff. But you know what they do? They humiliate you. Like, I can handle being broke, but it's just the fact of being humiliated." As for the police, Tyson, 24, hates officers who tell him, "You might have a lot of money, but I'm the boss here."



MIKE TYSON



JAMES BROWN

Brown will perform in public for the first time since his imprisonment two years ago when he entertains soldiers at Fort Jackson on Christmas.

The soul singer, who began a four-day furlough Sunday, is scheduled to entertain nearly 10,000 soldiers whose holiday leaves were canceled because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

Corrections Commissioner Parker Evtatt gave the "Godfather of Soul" permission to perform.

Brown is serving a six-year sentence for aggravated assault, failure to stop for police and weapons violations stemming from a high-speed chase through Georgia and South Carolina. He was imprisoned in December 1988 and is eligible for parole March 8.

me a ticket, give me a ticket," Tyson said. "Don't give me a ticket and a lecture."  
**Brown returns to the stage**  
COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — James

## DENNIS THE MENACE



"MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE PUT THE PEANUT BUTTER ON AFTER WE TOASTED IT."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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"My doll doesn't do anything. She just soaks up love."

## PEANUTS



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## Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1990

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:** Your interest in combining comfort with style will attract new notice. Look forward to higher profits and easier financial times! Spring will prove an especially rewarding period for marriage. Romance leads many of you to change your lifestyle. Patience is essential if you are to enjoy the business success you deserve — particularly next fall. Look for new outlets for your organizational talents. A community campaign desperately needs your expertise.

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** President Woodrow Wilson, golfer Hubie Green, actor Lou Jacobi, actress Maggie Smith.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Stick to your original plan and you will accomplish more. Your mate or partner offers some excellent advice. Financial pressures lessen when you get an unexpected check in the mail. Curb extravagance.

## CALVIN AND HOBBS



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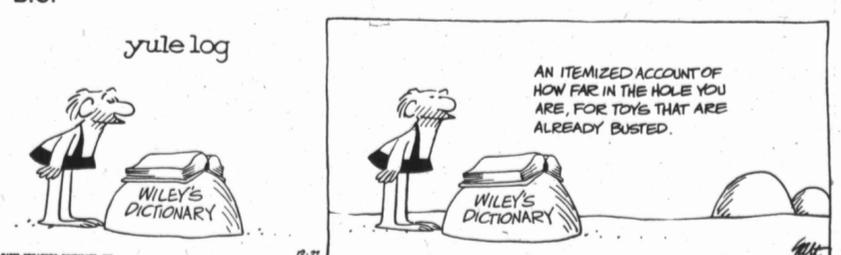
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**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Your enthusiasm for a pet project is contagious. A collaborative effort enjoys highly favorable influences. A good financial return is the best incentive. Get in touch with people at a distance.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A romantic attraction shows every sign of lasting. You stand to win a legal battle. A new or far-off contact could brighten your financial future. Entertain guests in your home this evening.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** All members of your household must be frugal if you are to reach your financial goals. Be affectionate but firm. Pitch in to help a family member who has a problem.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You may have to settle a debt or return a favor on short notice. In the long run, you will be glad you did! Words from afar come as a delightful surprise.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** High-ranking types are willing to introduce you to influential people. Put your best foot forward. An older person could make romantic advances. Make your attitude quite clear.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Send messages that reflect exactly what you feel. Loved ones need to know what you expect from them. A small

restaurant sets just the right mood for romance. Be sentimental!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You will shine in fresh surroundings and knowledgeable circles today. Seek introductions to people you feel can benefit your career. A friend may help you get your foot in the door.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Be consistent when discussing work matters. Have the facts and figures you need to back up your arguments. Romance is in the air! Dress your best. First impressions are very important.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Do not attempt to take independent action where a partnership is concerned. Keep other people informed of your plans. Closer communication will prevent complications. Romance takes an unexpected turn.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Be prepared to share more of the load with others. Offer the hospitality of your home to your business associates. Public praise and a financial bonus are the reward for high-quality work.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Someone may not live up to your expectations. Swallow your disappointment and look elsewhere. Let your co-workers take the lead in organizing a new venture.

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## Americans urged to leave Gulf area

(AP) In ominous new signs of war readiness, the Pentagon has begun regular news briefings in Saudi Arabia, Iraq has test-fired another missile and Americans have been urged to leave countries where pro-Iraqi sentiment is high.

Twenty days before the U.N.-mandated deadline for Iraq to quit Kuwait or face possible attack, the U.S. Central Command in the Persian Gulf region held its first regular weekly news briefing in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

The prognosis did not point toward peace.

"We see absolutely no indication that Saddam Hussein intends to withdraw from Kuwait," Air Force Lt. Col. Tom Coury, a member of the command's intelligence staff, told the Wednesday briefing.

Coury said it is "very realistic" that, if Saddam feels war is inevitable, he may attack Israel to

try to sunder the international coalition arrayed against him. Besides the Saudis, key Arab coalition members include Egypt and Syria.

The suggestion of a possible Iraqi pre-emptive strike follows Saddam's pronouncement in a weekend interview that he will attack Israel if war breaks out. Israel has promised massive retaliation.

Coury also said that Iraq, with the most extensive chemical arsenal in the Third World, would likely use such weapons "against attacking coalition forces."

Saddam, who invaded oil-rich Kuwait on Aug. 2, has more than a half-million troops, 4,000 tanks, 2,500 armored personnel carriers and 2,700 artillery pieces in Kuwait and southern Iraq, Coury said.

The Central Command deliberately chose 6 p.m. for the briefing to avoid any comparison

with the daily 5 p.m. briefing during the Vietnam War, dubbed "5 O'clock Follies" by reporters.

If war breaks out, the briefings will occur daily.

Across the Arabian desert, Iraq test-fired another surface-to-surface missile Wednesday within its own borders, aiming it away from multinational forces, U.S. officials said. No further details were disclosed.

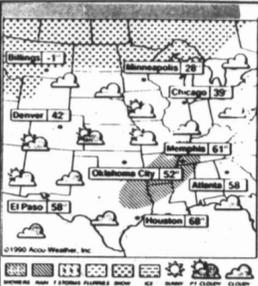
Previous such firings put some of the 300,000 American forces deployed in Operation Desert Shield on a heightened state of alert. The U.S. Command would not comment on the current alert status.

U.S. troops were already on heightened alert, wary of a terrorist attack over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

British and U.S. military of-



Army Specialists Eddie Ramos of Miami, Fla., left, and David Gibbs of Spirit Lake, Idaho, use goggles and bandanas to shield themselves against the blowing Saudi Arabian dust and sand.



### Weather

Mostly cloudy through Saturday. Low in the upper 20s; high Friday in the 50s.

Wednesday's high temperature	37
Wednesday's low temperature	26
Average high	56
Average low	28
Record high	75 in 1921
Record low	14 in 1928
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	0.65
Normal for Month	0.69
Year to date	21.92
Normal for year	18.48

### Black-eyed pea dinner planned

Martin County Senior Citizens will host 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 be available. Tickets will be \$3.50 in advance and \$4 at the door. For more information contact Sally Carroll at 756-2791.

### New Year's party planned

Stanton Rink-a-Dink will be the site of a New Year's eve celebration, Dec. 31 from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. According to skating officials, prizes will be given away every hour, along with T-shirts, music and posters. Other prizes will include two sets of wheels. Party favors will be provided. Admission for the party will be \$4 per person. For more information call 756-3844.

### Commissioners to swear-in judges

The Martin County Commissioners Court will administer the oath of office to Nolan Parker and Shirley Scoggins Tuesday, Jan. 1, according to County Judge Bob Deavenport. Parker will be sworn-in as the Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1 and Scoggins will be sworn-in as the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace.

Parker, who has lived in Stanton for 30 years, defeated incumbent Francis Kennedy and two other opponents for the Precinct 1 position. He taught at Stanton schools for 25 years before retiring.

Prior to coming to Stanton, Parker had taught in Dell City and Luis. Santo. He and his wife, Martha, have three sons, John, Richard and Luis.

Scoggins, who will begin her third term as Justice of the Peace, was born and raised in Abilene, TX. She married Calvin Scoggins in 1950. The couple lived in Stanton until her husband was transferred. They returned to Stanton in 1961. They have three children, Barbara Beckman, Leroy and Roger, and four grandchildren.

Prior to being elected to an unexpired two-year term, Scoggins had worked for Justice of the Peace Martin L. Gibson from Oct. 1976 to Sept. 1980.

"I ran against other candidates in my first time for office, but have run unopposed for the last two terms," Scoggins said.

The oath of office will be given by Judge Deavenport at 12:01 a.m. in the Commissioner's Court.

## European Community presidency is huge task

"Because we are so small, the others do not suspect us of having ulterior self-serving motives."

Jacques Santer  
Prime minister of  
Luxembourg

LUXEMBOURG (AP) — Luxembourg takes over the European Community's presidency on Tuesday, with war looming in the Persian Gulf, world trade talks in disarray and Europe in full transformation.

The Grand Duchy, a tiny speck on the map with only about 0.1 percent of the population in the 12-nation community, has a good track record in handling the rotating six-month EC presidencies.

Jacques Santer, prime minister of the 378,400 Luxembourgers, is convinced the mouse will roar again when his country takes over the community's presidency from Italy as 1991 begins.

"During all of our presidencies we always came up with results," Santer said in a recent interview.

Five years ago, the Luxembourg

presidency paved the way for the Single European Act, an updated constitution that pushes the trade bloc toward creating a truly unified market after 1992.

This time around, new initiatives to create economic, monetary and political union by the turn of the century have been thrust into Santer's lap.

The Christian Democrat plans to act as a mediator between the EC's powerhouses — Germany, France and Britain — to finalize the blueprint for European unity.

"Because we are so small, the others do not suspect us of having ulterior self-serving motives," he said.

Sheehorned between Germany, France and Belgium, Luxembourg occupies a key crossroads on the continent, straddling Europe's main cultures — the Romanic and Germanic. It is also well-connected with both the rich north and poor south in the community.

The Persian Gulf crisis might prove the first test of Luxembourg's mettle.

The EC has said it would not hold talks with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz unless the United States first reaches agreement with Iraq on exchanging foreign ministers' visits.

If the EC agrees to talk with

## State to gain three seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seventeen million people called themselves Texans in 1990, nearly 3 million more than a decade ago.

Despite a boom and long-lasting bust in the state's economy over the past decade, Texas' population grew twice as fast as the nation as a whole, according to the Census Bureau's 1990 population count.

As a result, the state will gain three seats — and added clout — in Congress.

The Census Bureau said Wednesday that Texas' population grew from 14,229,191 in 1980 to 17,059,805 in 1990. Only two states, California and Florida, had faster growth rates.

Nationally, the population growth rate was about 10 percent, compared with 19.4 percent for Texas.

"Texas came out as one of the three big winners of the 1990 census," said Census Bureau Director Barbara Everitt Bryant.

While eight states gained congressional representation, 13 others lost congressional seats.

"I think you should be smiling in Texas," Bryant said.

The results of the Census Bureau's decennial population count are being challenged in court and may be subject to a statistical adjustment.

The final census figures will be

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Census Bureau Director

used to allocate federal aid to state and local governments, redraw political boundaries, and allot each state its number of members in the House of Representatives. Texas' 27-member House delegation will grow to 30.

"Obviously, increased representation means increased political clout for the state," said Steve Murdock, chief demographer for the Texas State Data Center and a professor in the Department of Rural Sociology at Texas A&M University.

"What (the growth rate) suggests is that despite economic problems, population growth remained relatively rapid," Murdock said. The census figures are also "indicative of longer-term patterns of population growth in the state."

The state experienced rapid growth early in the decade, a slowdown in the mid to late part of the 1980s, and a resurgence

toward the close of the decade, Murdock said.

While the decade's growth in Texas was concentrated in metropolitan areas and the suburbs, rural areas experienced population declines or relatively little population growth, Murdock said.

Population declines in the 1980s hit agricultural areas particularly hard, most noticeably in Texas in the Panhandle, Murdock said.

"Growth was most rapid, more prevalent in larger areas than smaller areas... it was much more concentrated in metropolitan areas in the 1980s than it was in the 1970s."

The population figures indicate the so-called "rural renaissance" of the 1970s ended with the 1980s, when population trends reverted back to a more traditional pattern of growth being concentrated in the cities, Murdock said.

The decline in rural populations will mean an increased need for economic development in those regions, Murdock said, while it will become increasingly difficult for those communities to pay for and make accessible services such as medical care, transportation and education.

"The loss of population for many rural areas is going to make financing and provision of public services much more difficult," Murdock said.

## Emergency loan practices come under new fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — An internal audit by the Agriculture Department says field offices of the Farmers Home Administration are often still sloppy in determining whether producers qualify for emergency loans.

The department's Office of Inspector General said the review involved FmHA emergency loans made to help farmers recover from

Emergency loans nationally totaled \$73.5 million in the 1989 fiscal year and represent a small part of total FmHA financial activity. Overall, the report said, the agency as of June 30, 1990, had more than 1.1 million borrowers who owed about \$52.3 billion.

losses caused by drought and other natural disasters in 1988.

In its semiannual report for the period April 1 through Sept. 30, auditors said they checked 71 loans totaling \$2.1 million in 18 county FmHA offices in four states. Locations were not identified.

"Our review disclosed that controls were not adequate to ensure that loans were made only to eligible farmers in correct amounts," the report said. "We found that county offices approved 43 borrowers for excessive loans totaling over \$600,000."



West Texas farmers are no strangers to the perils of drought and violent weather and the financial losses that can occur. The FmHA Emergency

Loan program faces a new series of questions concerning loan practices.

The report, which is required by law every six months, said similar error rates in the FmHA emergency loan program had been reported in prior audits going back to 1983.

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But the flaws in the emergency loan program raise old questions about FmHA's attention to proper procedures when dispensing federal credit and aid to impoverished farmers.

For example, the report said

FmHA had not cross-checked with other department agencies — notably the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service and the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. — to determine eligibility for crop losses.

"We found 42 cases where FmHA personnel had not received or not used complete records of acres,

yards or benefits from ASCS," the report said. "In addition, current law requires FmHA to use average monthly market prices to compute loss amounts; however, we found that these prices were not always used."

The auditors also found the FmHA's national office in Washington had not ensured that state officials of the agency were in full compliance with the rules.

The report recommended that FmHA review emergency loan action plans of state offices, update loan training, conduct field assessment reviews and take other steps to improve administration of the program.

In a related finding by auditors, the FmHA was said to have insufficient controls to ensure that county offices consider prospective borrowers' participation in the 10-year Conservation Reserve Program when seeking loans or servicing of existing debts.

Under the CRP, farmers can idle fragile crop land and receive annual federal rental payments in return. The idled land must be planted in protective grasses or trees.

Auditors checked 97 cases in which FmHA borrowers had land in the 10-year conservation program and found errors in 82 of them.

Only one of 13 county offices checked had obtained lists of CRP payments from ASCS offices. And most of the "farm and home" plans filled out for borrowers seeking loans or restructuring did not show the CRP payments.

# Spring board

## How's that?

**Q.** What are the qualifications for a veteran to qualify for a government financed allowance for burial in a private cemetery?

**A.** Effective 10/31/90, if a veteran is receiving VA compensation for a service-connected disability, or is receiving a VA pension due to a non-service related disability, i.e. heart attack, he/she qualifies for a \$150 burial plot allowance and a \$300 burial fee. The government will also furnish a government grave marker and a flag. All other veterans are entitled only to a government grave marker, according to Kerry Cartier, Public Affairs Officer, Dallas Regional Office of Public Affairs for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Calendar Party

### 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

• **Ice Capades 50th Anniversary Special.** Film clips of the Ice Capades' most memorable performances are shown along with appearances by The Simpsons and Pia Zadora. 7 p.m. Channel 2.

• **Aliens CBS Special Movie.** 7 p.m. Channel 7.  
L.A. Law. 9 p.m. Channel 9.

# Trashing teens not welcome

ATLANTA (AP) — On New Year's Eve, downtown hotels will hide welcome mats.

Last New Year's Eve teenagers ran amok and trashed the Marriott Marquis. This year, they're invited to go elsewhere.

"There will be no real party this year at the hotel," said Steve Clanton, Marriott marketing director. "We obviously don't want anything like what we had last year."

Bottles, furniture and huge potted plants were tossed off balconies into the atrium of the hotel. About 50 people, most between 17 and 21 years old, were charged with crimes, including assault, vandalism and reckless conduct. Paramedics treated more than a dozen injured people.

Only adult guests will be admitted and no large parties will be allowed in rooms, Clanton said. Other downtown hotels are taking similar precautions.

"You cannot check in here on that day unless you're 21 or older," said Andre Schaefer, general manager of the Hilton. "You won't even come in the building."

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Plans and specifications including minimum wage rates as provided by law are available for inspection at the office of Mike McNally, Resident Engineer, Odessa, Texas, and at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, Austin, Texas.

Bidding proposals are to be requested from the Construction Division, D.C. Greer State Highway Building, 11th and Brazos Streets, Austin, Texas 78701. Plans are available through commercial printers in Austin, Texas, at the expense of the bidder.

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# Operation Oasis dries up in Lubbock

By DEBBIE LINCECUM  
Staff Writer

Operation Oasis — the local effort to send a "note with a Coke" to U.S. service people in Saudi Arabia — never got past Lubbock, a Coca-Cola representative said Wednesday. Area officials said they've been told that all military transportation is in use.

An official with a Lubbock radio station said today that she has received a "target" shipping date of Jan. 15. According to a release from the station, the Cokes may be shipped by D&J Trucking of Lubbock to a military base whose location is not specified.

The project, a joint effort locally of Coca-Cola, 7-Eleven and radio station KBST, began Sept. 12, ending about five weeks later. Local businesses, organizations, school classes and individuals in the community bought 12-packs of Coca-Cola and other soft drinks for \$2.50 each at local 7-Eleven stores. An adhesive note card was available with each 12-pack purchased.

The Cokes — more than 3,000 cases — were trucked to Lubbock to join that city's contribution to the project.

## Middle East

Continued from page 1-A

Officials reported that Iraq test-fired Soviet-made Scud missiles from east to west on Dec. 2, prompting some units to don gas masks against a possible chemical attack.

Iraq protested the seizure of one of its merchant ships in the Arabian Sea early Wednesday by U.S. and other forces. Members of the ship's crew and peace activists traveling with them tried to resist the action.

U.S. Navy sailors said they fired warning shots in the air and tossed smoke grenades to control the crowd on the freighter, which was reported carrying sugar and bound for Iraq in violation of the U.N.-ordered trade embargo.

Iraqi Transport and Communications Minister Muhammed Hamzah called the boarding an act of piracy and barbaric aggression, alleging sailors hit women on the ship. He vowed Iraq would "not be intimidated by such malicious provocations."

No injuries were reported during the pre-dawn fracas aboard the 11,333-ton freighter Ibn Khaldoun.

In Washington, the State Department on Wednesday ordered nearly 300 non-essential American diplomatic personnel and dependents to leave Jordan and Sudan. It also recommended that Americans defer travel to the two countries.

Spokesman Richard Boucher cited "unstable conditions" for the order.

Jordan borders Iraq and Israel, and has sided with Saddam at times in his dispute with the United States. Sudan's Moslem fundamentalist government has supported the Iraqi leader as well.



**"You have to understand that we're talking about a lot of Coke." Over 3,000 cases from Big Spring alone (Lubbock participated as well) will weigh about 69,000 tons. It's my understanding that they need a large cargo plane.**

Chris Mullen

Apparently, there they have remained.

Meredith McAllister of radio station KKIK in Lubbock, a co-sponsor of the project, said she had recently taken over coordination of the shipping plans and had been given the "target date" recently.

Chris Mullen, district supervisor for the Southwest Coca-Cola Bottling Company, said the action is "in the military's hands now."

"The product is waiting in a Lubbock warehouse," Mullen said. Shipping it overseas "has taken a lot longer than we expected."

Ray Lara, local field manager for 7-Eleven, said he has been told the project was put on "low priority" by the Department of Defense.

Don Brooks, a member of the Big

Spring Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion — two groups that supported the project — said he is concerned about the status of the contributions.

"I've got two or three calls from people who knew I was part of this, and they want to know what is going on," Brooks said. He added that his inquiries were answered with the promise of a Jan. 15 shipping date for the Cokes.

Mullen said he's not sure of the reliability of that date.

"You have to understand that we're talking about a lot of Coke," Mullen said. "Over 3,000 cases from Big Spring alone (Lubbock participated as well) will weigh about 69,000 tons. It's my understanding that they need a large cargo plane."

"They using all their transport

equipment to get supplies over there," Mullen said.

He said Reese Air Force Base had been involved in coordinating transportation for the Cokes.

A public information officer for Reese Air Force Base said the military installation was not involving itself in the project.

The Air Force has strict regulations concerning participation in corporate-sponsored promotions, said Master Sgt. Ralph Monson. He added that the base simply does not have the means to transport the soft drinks overseas.

"We talked to them about this when the promotion first started," Monson said. "We're not a transport base. We're a training base... We don't have any transport aircraft."

He said the decision to use

military planes to ship the soft drinks would have to be made by the Department of Defense.

"When it comes to deciding whether to ship Cokes, and they are trying to send troops over there, and supplies, it's a question of priorities," Monson said.

He added that the nearest transport base is in Pennsylvania. Lara said another transport base, near San Francisco, has been suggested.

Mullen said contributors need not worry — the soft drink has a nine-month shelf life.

"Hopefully it won't be that long," he said. "We'd like to get it out of our warehouse. But it's secure there, and covered and everything. It's fine where it is, but we'd like to see it go."

Monson said the Cokes, because of problems with air pressure and carbonation, would probably have to be shipped "surface" to the Mideast, requiring a 14-day trip over the ocean.

"Even if it was sent today, I can't say how long it might take to get there," Monson said.

Monson said the delay "shouldn't be surprising."

"That's just how it has to work," he said.

# Governor promises to replace cut trees

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — A red-faced Gov. William Donald Schaefer is promising to replace seven trees felled by state work crews in what some residents of this Washington suburb are calling the Bethesda Chain Saw Massacre.

"I'm really sorry because we try not to mess up," Schaefer said Wednesday, surveying the seven tree stumps. "We made a mistake and we're going to do everything we can to rectify it."

The blunder by crews working for the state comes at a miserable time for Schaefer, who is a third of the way through a ballyhooed campaign to plant 1 million trees as a means of enhancing the Maryland environment.

"I am tree conscious," he reminded reporters.

They accompanied him on a visit with mechanical engineer Arun Vohra, whose home had been shielded from a nearby roadway by the seven trees.

Schaefer, with state Transportation Secretary James Lighthizer in tow, apologized to Vohra, a 46-year-old native of India who moved here three years ago.

Actually, it was Vohra's call to state officials months ago that started the painful chain of events.

Vohra told the state highway administration he believed a pine tree on a public right of way near his property was diseased and

should be removed.

Authorities later determined that the pine tree was not diseased and had merely come under heavy attack from woodpeckers.

By that time, though, crews had visited the site on two occasions and cut down seven other, perfectly healthy trees — two pines, three blooming dogwoods, a giant lilac and a cedar that soared 80 feet to 100 feet.

The pine tree a few yards away was left untouched.

Vohra was upset. "I acted a little crazy," he said. He called the governor's mansion, his state delegate, his congresswoman and other state officials. The ruckus found its way into the news reports and was dubbed the Bethesda Chain Saw Massacre.

Wednesday's visit was friendly enough, though.

Vohra served coffee and snacks to the governor and his aides while Schaefer surveyed the damage and pronounced it a result of poor communications, misunderstandings and a failure to properly mark the tree that originally had been the target of concern.

"We made a mistake ... we learned," said Schaefer.

The governor was glum about the massive cedar.

"That was a great tree," he acknowledged. He and Vohra posed for cameras standing on its stump.



BETHESDA, Md. — Gov. Donald Schaefer stands on the stump of an old cedar cut down by state workers. Schaefer traveled 40 miles to apologize for the destruction of seven trees that shielded owner Arun Vohra's home from a roadway.

# Cities targets for injury suits

An intoxicated man falls and is hit by a New York subway. A pedestrian is struck at a Phoenix intersection with no traffic signals. An inmate in Illinois is beaten into a coma by another prisoner.

All sue the cities for damages and get multimillion-dollar awards doled out by juries. A judge even gives away City Hall to settle one case.

A dozen years ago, cities enjoyed the same broad immunity as states against such lawsuits. But a 1978 U.S. Supreme Court decision opened the floodgates.

The court said cities, their agencies and city officials may be sued for violating an individual's civil rights. Damages could be awarded if the violation occurred while a city ordinance or official policy was being followed.

Today, some cities pay out millions each year as a result of damage suits. New York City alone pays out between \$150 million and \$200 million. In Los Angeles, \$30.8 million was used to cover 1,132 suits filed in fiscal 1989-90.

"In general terms, it's a shame because as a nation what we're doing is suing ourselves into oblivion," said Steven Atkins, city administrator in Iowa City, Iowa.

"Every time we turn around, we can't take any action without the threat of some kind of litigation."

"Cities get sued because we're here," said Lewis Leigh, executive director of the Washington Cities Insurance Authority, an insurance pool for 70 cities in Washington state.

"They assume we're good for some part of (damages) just because we're around. ... The law is fairly consistent in finding fault with cities. We have to just grin and bear it."

Struggling East St. Louis, Ill., lost its City Hall building when it couldn't pay off a judgment. The city had so little money that a judge in September awarded City Hall to a man who was brain-damaged in a beating by another inmate in city jail. He sued and was awarded \$3.4 million. The city is appealing.

Pat Dennis, an assistant city attorney in Oklahoma City, says such lawsuits are a growing problem in her city.

"Many times they feel that the police used excessive force just putting handcuffs on them," Ms. Dennis said. "Or they allege the jail is inadequate or the food is no good. The imagination is the only thing that is the limit to what kind of suits there are. This is their

revenge."

A number of cities queried by The Associated Press said the number of lawsuits hasn't changed much in recent years.

"People are always suing the city," said Roderick McDougall, Phoenix city attorney. "They have a traffic accident and claim there was something wrong with the roadway, or they're hit by a car and claim the crosswalks weren't clearly marked."

This year, Phoenix was ordered to pay \$6 million in damages for failing to install traffic signals at an intersection near a high school. The money went to a paralyzed victim of a traffic accident at the intersection. Phoenix is appealing the award.

Philip Shiner, assistant Los Angeles City Attorney, said the number of lawsuits filed against the city have decreased but the settlement and verdict amounts are on the increase.

Charleston, S.C., City Attorney John Charnock thinks juries tend to rule against the city in such lawsuits.

"I just think they look at the city and say, 'They got plenty of money,'" he said. "The city is a deep-pocket defendant."

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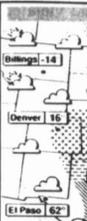
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