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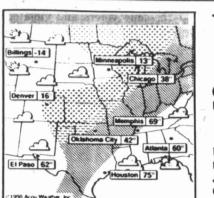
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### **Commissioners to** consider proposal

**Howard County Commis**sioners sponsored a public meeting Thursday to discuss the tax abatement proposal from Fina Oil and Chemical Company.

Commissioner Bill Crooker said believes the meeting, although not well-attended, was beneficial. Three or four local citizens attended, and participated in the "open discussion," Crooker said.

"We discussed abatement for use to promote economic development in the community, and how it could benefit Fina as well." he said.

The refinery is seeking a 10-year abatement to aid in a \$16 million modernization project. The commissioners will meet Monday at 8 a.m. to take action on the abatement proposal.

### Absentee voting begins in C-City

Glenna Garrett, interim city manager of Colorado City, announced absentee voting will begin Monday at City Hall for the January 19 election.

The election was called to fill two vacancies to the city council. The candidates are: District 1, Sammy Contreras, Apolinar Molina and Sam Crenshaw, and District 6, Coleen Palmer, Duff Chesney, Brenda Hammond and Allen Pharis.

### Courthouse to be closed Tuesday

The Howard County Courthouse will be closed Tuesday in observance of the New Year's holiday.

The courthouse will be open regular hours Monday.

### City offices close Monday, Tuesday

The city of Big Spring offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday in observance of the holiday. No curbside trash pick-up will occur those days. but the landfill will be open.

**Discarded Christmas trees** will be picked up by city sanitation crews until Jan. 11. The trees should be placed beside trash containers.

### 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; balck-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.

## U.S. officials send mixed signals on troop readiness

WASHINGTON (AP) - Could U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf go to war 10 minutes from now? Or on Jan. 15? Or shortly after Jan. 15? Or not until Feb. 15?

All are prospective strike dates raised by U.S. officials in recent days, as conflicting signals emerge from the administration on whether and when the nation is ready and able to go to war.

President Bush himself now says there's been enough talk about the preparedness of U.S. forces.

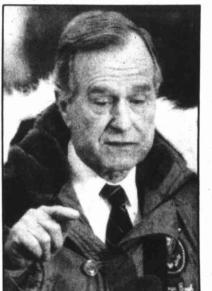
"I've said all I want to say about readiness," he told reporters Thursday during a one-day trip back to Washington from his vacation retreat at Camp David, Md.

"I think it would be very useful if from the president and others there were fewer comments about readiness.

Then he proceeded to talk about readiness

Bush sought to dispel reports, stemming originally from public statements by the deputy U.S. commander in the gulf region, that American forces will not be ready for offensive action until mid-February — a month after the Jan. 15 deadline set by the United Nations for Iraq's withdrawal from occupied Kuwait.

"I feel that the situation is exact-



**GEORGE BUSH** 

ly where I was told it was going to be at this time," the president said. "Don't believe those reports you're reading," he said of accounts that his military advisers are warning against launching an attack before mid-February.

Bush said he is "very comfortable" with what his aides have told him about the preparedness of the American force, now at 300,000 and growing to 430,000. One aide. speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president would not be deterred from launching a strike, if necessary, even if all U.S. troops and equipment are not in place.

Bush said he "absolutely" stood by his comment last Saturday that U.S. and allied forces could "respond vigorously" on 10 minutes' notice if provoked by Iraq.

He said his top military advisers - Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff - did not try to change his mind on that point when they briefed him Monday on their trip to the gulf region.

On the other hand, the president called "too provocative" a question as to whether he would have any hesitation in going to war on Jan. 15. And he never directly denied news reports quoting U.S. officials saying the troops will not be sufficiently ready for offensive action until weeks after the Jan. 15

Bush's comments came in the wake of a jumble of conflicting statements from senior U.S. officials.

Last Wednesday, Army Lt. Gen. Calvin Waller, second in command of U.S. forces in Operation Desert

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### Concentration

Michael Hernandez watches the ball as he prepares to hit it back to his opponent during an

impromptu ping pong match at the Boy's Club Thursday afternoon.



Corroded cast iron pipes sit in a pile of dirt after being removed from a water line break at the intersection of 13th and Main streets. The break is but one of 18 breaks that city crews have had to repair during the recent cold spell.

## City repair crews brace for cold front

By DEBBIE LINCECUM

Staff Writer Eighteen city water lines broke

during the recent cold spell. Repair crews are bracing themselves for the arctic surge expected to arrive this weekend, which may bring with it yet another round of broken pipes.

The National Weather Service predicts temperatures dropping into the low 20s Sunday with a chance of freezing rain or drizzle. Monday may bring precipitation as well, with lows in the low teens and highs near 20 degrees.

Assistant City Manager Tom Decell admits that cold weather is not the only cause of breakage in city water lines

"We have lines break because the ground is cold, lines that

break because the ground is hot. and lines that break just because," he said.

The problem is that most city water lines are consructed of cast iron. Of the 792,000 feet of pipe in the city, about 500,000 feet is cast iron

The bell joints, a connection between two lines, are sealed with lead. When the lead sealant reacts with the cast iron of the pipe, corrosion is the result.

The acidity of area soil adds to the problem, Decell said.

When these pipes were installed, they were state of the art," he said. "Now we realize the problems inherent with dissimilar metals.

Although pipes can break at ● COLD page 8-A

## Cold weather due to hit this weekend

reported across Texas today, and the National Weather Service warned that sub-freezing temperatures will return with a vengeance this weekend, at least to portions of the state.

"A major weather change is in weekend. It will arrive in the form of sharply colder temperatures and increased chances for precipitation," according to a statement today from the weather service.

Dense fog covered much of the eastern half of Texas, but also was prevalent through eastern portions of West Texas. Visibility was near zero throughout Southeast Texas, including the Sam Rayburn and Toledo Bend lake areas.

Jefferson County Airport reported visibility of one-eighth mile in dense fog with Lufkin down to one-quarter mile. Houston also was fogged in.

It was cloudy throughout West Texas. Rain fell overnight at Childress in the southeast Panhandle and at El Paso in far West

Showers are expected to continue

(AP) Rain and dense fog were in West Texas, becoming mixed with or changing to sleet or snow on Saturday

Temperatures early today varied from 32 to 40 degrees in the Panhandle; the South Plains enjoyed temperatures in the lower 40s. The rest of West Texas varied store for parts of West Texas this from the lower to middle 40s. Wind was generally from the south or southwest at 10 to 20 mph

Highs Saturday should be, in the 60s and 70s in West Texas, dropping into the 30s in the Panhandle when the weather turns cold.

The weather service said it should be cloudy and warmer throughout North Texas, with scattered showers and thunderstorms through Saturday. Lows tonight should be in the mid 40s to mid 50s, with highs Saturday in the 60s and

Snow returned to the normally rainy Pacific Northwest today and spread into the East a few days after many cities recorded their warmest Christmas ever.

Cold and stormy weather have been blamed for more than 80 deaths nationwide in the past 10

### Officials: Thousands not counted

WASHINGTON (AP) - State officials say thousands of lowincome and minority Texans may have been overlooked in the Census Bureau's official 1990 head count

At stake are millions of dollars in federal aid for programs based on population, many of them designed to reach the same impoverished people who may have been missed by census takers this spring, officials said Thursday.

The Census Bureau announced Wednesday that Texas's population had grown to 17 million over the past decade, and that the state would get three more seats in the House of Representatives.

On Thursday, state officials complained that the official count appeared to have missed many Spanish-speaking residents of the Rio Grande Valley, urban minorities and poor Anglos living in rural areas.

"Even though the official numbers that were released yesterday are higher than the preliminary estimate that we received last summer, we have not seen anything that would convince us that there has been a complete count in Texas," said

"We are certain there was an undercount in 1980 that cost the state at the very least \$30 million a year in federal funds during the 1980s, and it appears that there's been an undercount again in 1990."

John Bender, a spokesman for the Texas comptroller's office.

'We are certain there was an undercount in 1980 that cost the state at the very least \$30 million a year in federal funds during the 1980s, and it appears that there's been an undercount again in 1990," Bender said.

The decennial census counts are used to allocate seats in the House of Representatives, to draw congressional and legislative boundaries and to decide federal spending for a host of programs.

'In terms of grant allocations done on the basis of population,

millions and millions of federal dollars are at stake on this issue,'

said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas. Bender said there were reports from all over the state last spring of entire city blocks being missed by census counters, as well as entire apartment complexes. Many of the reports came from the larger cities - Houston, Dallas and San Antonio — but there were also problems in the Rio Grande Valley and in rural areas.

"Our analysis shows the people who were missed in 1980 were predominately low-income minorities; that appears to be the pattern this year also," Bender

Texas has joined New York City and others in filing suit requesting the Census Bureau to do a statistical adjustment of its 1990 head count to adjust for the undercounted populations. The bureau has until July 15 to decide whether to conduct the adjustment; if it does not the matter goes to court, Frost said

Thursday. Frost said the Census Bureau clearly had problems from the beginning counting

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### **Sidelines**

#### **Sales of Christmas** trees strong

AUSTIN (AP) — Christmas tree sales increased significantly this season despite increased competition from imports, officials said.

The Texas Christmas Tree Association reported that its 400 members sold more than 400,000 trees between Thanksgiving and Christmas at both wholesale and cut-andchoose farms, the Austin American-Statesman reported

That is a jump from the 280,000 trees sold last year, the association said.

Cut-and-choose farms, where customers select and cut their trees in the field, reported strong sales at farms close to urban areas, James Chandler, forester for the Texas **Agriculture Extension Service** and a member of the association, said.

Chandler, however, said some farms in northeastern Texas that are far from urban centers reported lower sales than last year.

"I think higher gas prices played a role," he said.

Chandler also said some association members believe they were competing in a market glutted by more trees imported from other states than in previous years.

He said that some retail tree lots began cutting prices earlier than usual and some retailers were left with more trees than they generally have after Christmas.

#### **Snake center of** ownership dispute

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A14-foot, 175-pound Burmese python that was expected to be the star attraction at a court hearing was a no-show.

The snake, at the center of an ownership dispute between two men, was to have appeared in court Thursday. But the man with temporary custody of the reptile said it was stolen.

**State District Judge Charles** Gonzalez on Thursday left in place an earlier court order that the snake not be harmed or taken out of Bexar County pending its eventual court appearance.

Herman Ford claims the snake is a male named Bernie that slithered away from his home Dec. 15 and eventually was recovered by police and turned over to the San Antonio

But Sam Gonzales claimed the snake from the zoo after identifying it as his missing female python. Gonzales, an artist and snake dealer, says he was given the reptile four years ago by its former owner.

State District Judge Michael Peden granted a temporary restraining order Dec. 19 and set a Thursday hearing. Peden ordered the python be brought to court for identification.

But Gonzales said the snake was stolen the day after Peden issued the order. Gonzales said on Dec. 20 someone broke into the garage at his sister's boyfriend's house and took the snake from the barrel it was left it in.

### Bill would reduce **DWI** limits

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov.-elect Ann Richards, law enforcement officials and Mothers Against Drunk Driving support a proposal to reduce the bloodalcohol level used to determine intoxication

State Rep. Betty Denton, D-Waco, has filed a bill to lower the legal intoxication limit from .10 to .08 percent.

Karen Thorell, state administrator for MADD, said the organization "will throw our whole support" behind the measure.

Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety, said the DPS would favor a reduction. It could bring some people under the DWI net that need some

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## Judicial panel upholds state district courts

AUSTIN (AP) — Minorities that challenged the creation of seven state district courts by saying they violated their voting rights plan to appeal a federal court panel's decision maintaining those Texas

"We've got an election system right now that elects the judiciary for the state of Texas in a discriminatory fashion," said San Antonio lawyer Rolando Rios, representing the Mexican American Bar Association of Texas and League of United Latin **American Citizens** 'We can't continue functioning

this way.'

Speaker

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AUSTIN (AP) — House Speaker

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Attorney Allen Hill said Lewis

declined the invitation from the

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District Attorney Ronnie Earle

refused to tell Lewis specifically

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what felony offense is being investigated," Hill said.

But Earle said the probe con-

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Earle said Lewis is not entitled to

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The matter was under review by

the U.S. Department of Justice, said spokeswoman Amy Kasner. The Justice Department joined the minority groups in charging that Texas violated minority rights by failing to get federal approval for

With a dissent from U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton of Midland, the three-judge panel said five courts created in Dallas, Lubbock, Tarrant and Victoria counties actually received the required pre-

Justice Department preclearance is needed to ensure that changes in voting practices do not violate minority rights under the U.S. Voting Rights Act.

While saying he was bound by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals' ruling, Bunton called it "reminiscent of the infamous Dred Scott decision, which deprived many people of their rights and led to our most unfortunate historic conflict.'

In that 1857 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court stated that a black person could not claim U.S. citizenship and Congress could not prohibit slavery in the U.S. territories.

"If the Supreme Court does not soon give us guidance, some citizens are going to be deprived of their constitutional and statutory voting rights," Bunton wrote in his

Bunton agreed with the majority, in the decision dated Wednesday, that approval was not required from the Justice Department for two Travis County courts.

Those courts were in state legislation effective before Nov. 1, 1972, and the federal law says electoral changes after that date must be approved.

After the courts were submitted for approval in spring 1990, a legal deadline passed without an objection being made by the U.S. attorney general, the majority said.

Bunton disagreed, saying the state withdrew its application for pre-clearance, then resubmitted it on Oct. 1. The attorney general's

office denied pre-clearance within the allotted 60 days after that submission, Bunton said.

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The Midland-based judge went on to criticize a September ruling by the 5th Circuit that the U.S. Voting Rights Act does not apply to

judges. That decision, which is being appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. overturned Bunton's ruling in a case involving the at-large election of judges in nine urban Texas

Bunton had ruled that such elections diluted the strength of black and Hispanic voters and violated the Voting Rights Act.

### **Houston** drug abuse increasing

HOUSTON (AP) - Drug counselors say drug abuse has become an epidemic, despite a national survey showing huge decreases in casual use in the last five years.

"We don't see any evidence of a decline," said James W. Bryant, executive director of The Shoulder. a drug treatment center for indigent adults. "Our waiting list is just as long as it has been.

About 500 people remain on the waiting list for The Shoulder's detoxification program, but the number is even higher because many who need treatment do not have a phone or an address to put on a list, Bryant said.

"I think it would be very premature to term it anything less than an epidemic here," said Caroline Attwell, executive assistant to the Houston Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

"There are still crack babies being born at public hospitals and young mothers who are addicted who are HIV positive, some of whom are having their second HIVpositive baby.

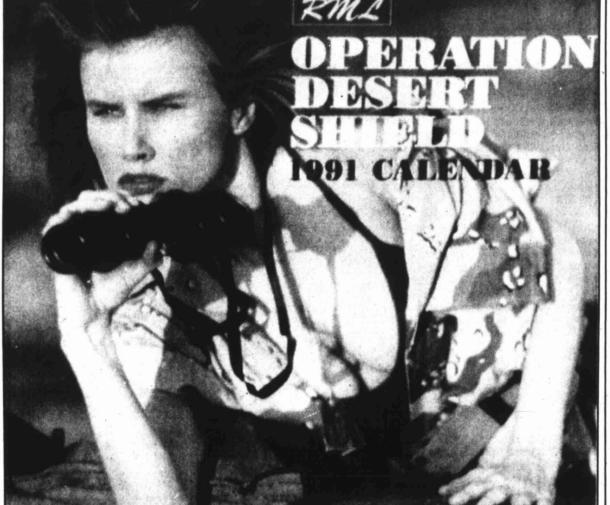
A survey by the National Institute of Drug Abuse cited a 72 percent drop in casual cocaine use and a steady decline in emergency room drug overdose cases.

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### **HUD** refusing to pay air conditioning costs

HOUSTON (AP) — If the Department of Housing and Urban Development is going to subsidize residents of the Northeast for heating expense in the winter, it should subsidize Texans for air conditioning expense in the summer, agency officials have been

As speaker for the last eight HUD officials recently directed years, Lewis has controlled the officials of Houston's housing House, assigning bills to commitauthority to stop paying air conditees, naming their chairmen and tioning costs for residents of

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federal subsidized housing in Houston.

Air conditioning is not a necessity in Houston during the hot months, HUD officials said. Board members complained that the city is the victim of regional

bias and threatened to sue HUD if the decision is not reversed. "Air conditioning is just as important in Houston as fuel oil (for heat) is on the East Coast," said

housing authority board member John Zipprich II.

The local housing authority began subsidizing air conditioning last February, said Joy Fitzgerald. authority executive director. Since then, residents have received additional money as part of their monthly subsidy for utilities such as electricity, natural gas and water.

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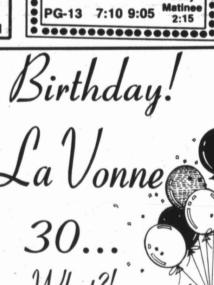
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MOUNT VERNON, Mo. (AP) The father of a brain-damaged patient at the hospital where Nancy Cruzan died this week wants to ruled that her parents had convinmove his daughter to another state and remove her feeding

**Nation** 

"I'm not going to let my kid stay like that," Pete Busalacchi said of his 20-year-old daughter, Christine, who has been in a persistent vegetative state since a 1987 car accident in St. Louis. "If and also hopes to avoid the she knows what's going on, it's pure torture. If she doesn't, it's not worth going on.'

Busalacchi, 43, of St. Charles, declined to say what other facilities or states he was considering. "It might happen real soon," he said.

Ms. Cruzan died at the Missouri Rehabilitation Center early Wednesday, 12 days after a judge cing evidence that she would want to die and allowed doctors to remove her feeding tube.

Busalacchi said he wants to move his daughter to a state with less strict regulations because he does not have the evidence required to meet the Missouri law publicity that surrounded the Cruzan case.

While Ms. Cruzan starved and dehydrated, anti-euthanasia protesters held a vigil outside the southwestern Missouri state hospital. Nineteen protesters were arrested

### Tough environmental laws passed

Parent faces Cruzan-type dilemma

have moved to make wildlife ever passed in the com-Massachusetts safer for plants, monwealth," said Christopher animals and people with laws ordering protection of wildlife Audubon Society's conservation habitat and a drastic reduction in director. automobile air pollution.

The measures were signed Thursday by Gov. Michael Dukakis, who leaves office next week.

The wildlife measure provides protection to more than 200 threatened species of plants, animals and invertebrates by controlling the alteration of wetlands and other areas.

'This is the most important en-

BOSTON (AP) - State officials vironmental legislation for Leahy, the Massachusetts

> He said the legislation was controversial because it could limit what some private landowners can do on their property.

"But it's crucial to be able to truly protect things," he said. The new law also establishes a process for listing species as en-

dangered, threatened or of special concern, and prohibits the taking or selling of those that make the list.

### Child is recovering after freezing



BRITTANY EICHELBERGER

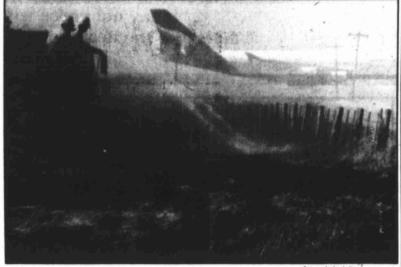
PITTSBURGH (AP) - Brittany Eichelberger is a little hoarse, her lungs are congested and she may lose the tips of her fingers and toes to frostbite.

But her mother couldn't be happier.

Doctors say the 3-year-old girl was alert and well Thursday, three days after she was found frozen and clinically dead in a snowdrift outside her mobile home in Elkins, W.Va.

"At this point, she looks pretty normal," said Dr. Shekhar Venkataraman, the girl's doctor at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where she was in serious condition.

Brittany was breathing and eating on her own and is expected to be released from Children's within two weeks. It will be some time, though, before doctors determine if there's been any brain damage, he said



### Fires close runway

MELBOURNE, Australia — Fire crews hose smoldering grass near the main runway at the international airport in Melbourne, Australia, Thursday, as bushfires rage across the state of Victoria, caused by heatwave conditions and tinder dry surroundings. The airport runway was closed for over an hour and this Qantas Jumbo had to sit on the tarmac until the danger was cleared.

### **Cost-of-living increase** may be given by March

veterans start the new year without any cost-of-living increase in benefits, but key members of Congress promise to change that.

"I've talked to the speaker and he feels very strongly and told me to be sure the COLA increase gets into the March checks of the veterans," said Rep. G.V. "Sonny" Montgomery, the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

An omnibus veterans bill that included the cost-of-living increase died in the last Congress because of a dispute over benefits for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange.

The bill would have required an outside panel to examine scientific evidence to determine if there are links between the dioxincontaminated herbicide and health problems experience by Vietnam veterans

The legislation provided for a 5.4 percent increase in benefits for the 2.2 million veterans and 300,000 widows or children that receive the disability payments. That's the same cost-of-living increase that Social Security recipients will receive.

House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash, has told Montgomery, D-Miss., to move quickly to get disabled veterans a cost-of-living

'They'll be beating each over the heads to get to that one," said Sen. Alan K. Simpson, R. Wyo., the tion and voted for Agent Orange Republican whip whose objections provisions.

 ${\it WASHINGTON\,(AP)-Disabled} \quad {\it blocked\ a\ vote\ on\ the\ veterans\ bill.}$ Monthly disability benefits now range from \$76 to \$1,537, based on a disability scale that runs from 10 percent to 100 percent. Payments may be higher, up to \$2,679, for

multiple disabilities involving loss of limbs, sight or hearing. Even if a bill passes quickly, veterans won't get their increase until March, but the increase would be made retroactive to Jan. 1. The question is what role the Agent Orange dispute will have.

'The people who are polarized on this issue, there's a handful of them," said John Heilman, national legislative director of the Disabled American Veterans. They were willing to put our entitlements at risk. That tail should not be wagging the entire dog.'

Other veterans groups and lawmakers who have fought for official recognition of a connection between Agent Orange exposure and a variety of diseases say they will resist efforts to enact a cost-ofliving bill free of Agent Orange provisions.

"I'm not optimistic that we've got the votes," said Paul S. Egan. legislative director for the Vietnam Veterans of America

"I think the only game in town is the linkage between the COLA and the Agent Orange," he said.

Egan is worried about the makeup of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, which in October everruled Montgomery's opposi-

### World

### Aquino says conditions will be met

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino said today her government would meet conditions set by a Swiss court for the return of \$350 million deposited in Switzerland by the late President Ferdinand Marcos.

In a decision made public Thursday, the Swiss Supreme Court ruled the money must be returned as soon as a competent Philippine criminal court has issued a "legally binding" verdict in a case against Marcos and his wife, Imelda

The money has been frozen in several Swiss banks since March

The order set a one-year deadline for the Philippine and face trial.

government to complete legal proceedings. It said that if no verdict is returned within that period, Swiss banks would end their seizure of the assets.

"The decision of Switzerland's Federal Supreme Court should be hailed as a victory for the Filipino people," Mrs. Aquino said in a statement. "For our part, we are confident that we will be able to fulfill the conditions within the time frame available.

Neither Marcos, who died in September 1989, nor his widow, Imelda, has ever been charged with a criminal offense in the Philippines because the government feared they would demand their right to return from exile

#### Castro bans the slaughter of pigs

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Pigs holiday pork feast because of saved for breeding instead of slaughter may be the only beneficiaries of austerity measures that President Fidel Castro has approved to combat Cuba's worst economic crisis since he took power 32 years ago.

Castro on Thursday declared 'a general amnesty for pigs" as part of a food self-sufficiency strategy aimed at offsetting cutbacks in supplies from East European countries, the Havanabased official news agency Prensa Latina said

forgo their traditional New Year pigfeed.

hard times, said the agency, monitored in Mexico City.

"About 200,000 pigs will survive the New Year festivities in Cuba as part of the official strategy to protect livestock," it said.

Castro personally promoted the porkless celebration at a parliamentary session on farm production.

"People asked why there was no pork in the markets," Prensa Latina said. "It was necessary to explain the reasons.'

Cuba's 1990 pork plan flopped The decree means Cubans will because the country ran short on

### Vigilantes warn of more attacks



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JERUSALEM (AP) - A Jewish vigilante group that claimed responsibility for wounding three Palestinians in a roadside ambush says it will launch more attacks on Arabs, an Israeli journalist reported today.

In the occupied lands, meanwhile, Palestinians observed a general strike called to protest the mass immigration of Soviet Jews and the increasing settlement of Jews in Israeli-occupied land in east Jerusalem.

Roni Shaked, a reporter for the Yedioth Ahronoth daily newspaper, said an anonymous telephone caller told him an hour after the shooting Thursday night that "this is the first activity of the group, and there are going to be more actions, and much worse

The caller claimed responsibility for the attack in the name of a group calling itself the "Zionist Avengers,

### Officials debate whether mothballed fleet should be junked or saved for service

BENICIA, Calif. (AP) — Scores of rusting old ships float in ranks on an inland bay northeast of San Francisco, looming out of the chilly fog like ghostly oceangoing

Congressional critics want to junk the 66-ship Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet, but Charlie Johnston, caretaker of the "ghost fleet," says the ships are ready to weigh anchor if the nation needs

them again. "Many of these ships go back to service in World War II, Korea, Vietnam," said Johnston, 40, the fleet's acting superintendent.

Hanging on a wall was a board with the name and location of each ship, 33 of them World War II Victory ships, all part of a fleet that once numbered 700.

"Pick one. You call it," he said to assure that a tour wouldn't steer the visitor toward a specially prepared ship. A CIA spy vessel is off limits, though. During the last session of Congress, the ships here and at Fort

Eustis, Va., and Beaumont, Texas,

came under fire from the House

Small Business Committee's subcommittee on regulation, business opportunities and energy. The taxpayers are getting repeatedly fleeced . . for these maritime cadavers," said Rep. Ron Wyden of Oregon, subcommit-money ran out in the mid-1980s tee chairman. William S. Broomfield of Michigan, ranking Republican on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, described the ships as "glorified rust buckets."

The array of ships local landlubbers call the "mothball fleet" is impressive from a distance, and the spookiness that earned it the nickname "ghost fleet" is evident while approaching in a tugboat.

They're tied in rows, anchored at the bow and stern and joined to each other by gangplanks. Almost all are gray, and rust stains their hulls.

They include the Glomar Explorer, the CIA ship built to it did in December 1950, when it retrieve a sunken Soviet submarine. Since the secret voyage off Hawaii in 1974, the 618-foot ship has been waiting for a new role.

"We keep the Explorer here for the Navy," Johnston said, explaining the Glomar isn't Maritime Administration property like nearly all the other ships. You can't visit the Glomar, but

the Meredith Victory, dubbed "The Gallant Lady" for rescuing thousands of Korean War refugees, is a good substitute.

Rust was rampant. Paint chips littered the deck, leaving metal ed to keep busy on the fleet, but

"Besides, to us rust is no big deal as long as the metal is sound." Johnston said as he stamped his foot to show the steel's hardness. "If it really got bad we could put

Charts, books, spare parts, bedwhere they were in 1971 when the

Pusan on Christmas Day.

served in World War II. It became part of the reserve fleet after ty in Vietnam.

It would take a presidential act to call out the reserve fleet, which is 120 days' notice.

Much of the Ready Reserve, innaked to the elements. Painters us- cluding some ships from here, were called up after Iraq invaded

another plate over it.'

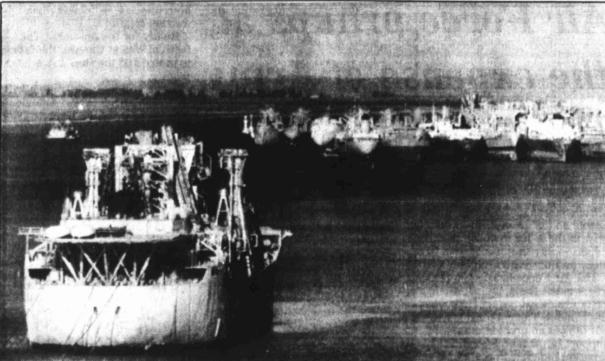
Unlike the outside, the ship's interior was clean, almost spotless and creepy.

ding and other items were left ship returned from Vietnam. The lack of interior rust is maintained by systems that keep airborne moisture low. Below deck, it must look much as

evacuated 14,000 Koreans as Chinese troops besieged the city of Hungnam. Five babies were born during the voyage that ended in Built in 1945, the cargo vessel

Korea, only to be pulled out for du-Could it happen again?

supposed to be ready to sail on 30 to



BENICIA, Calif. — Aerial view of the 66-vessel Suisun Bay Reserve Fleet near Benicia, Calif., two weeks ago. The fleet have been under attack

costly to maintain.

by critics who think the ships are too old and too

Kuwait in August 'Planes just can't do it." 'Sealift ships carried 90 percent The older ships are routinely sold of the Desert Shield equipment," for salvage and the money goes to Johnston said with obvious pride. buy "newer" vessels for the fleet.

its caretaker said.

"To us," he said, "a 20-year-old ship is still new.

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### **Herald opinion**

## Plan needs a new emphasis

The federal government recently announced a four-year plan to trim payments for certain procedures performed by physicians and hospitals under Medicare, the federal health insurance program for the elderly and the disabled. The plan shows why health-care costs continue to run twice as high as the rate of inflation in spite of two decades of federal initiatives to control them.

Though the latest plan is projected to save Medicare \$40 billion in hospital and physician costs over four years, these cost-containment initiatives alone won't necessarily slow medical inflation. The government's approach is like that of a child squeezing an inflated balloon. As policymakers press Medicare expenses downward, healthcare providers are likely to raise prices elsewhere to compensate for lost revenue, just as they now raise rates to privately insured patients to cover some of the uncompensated costs of caring for the poor.

If Washington is serious about getting medical inflation under control, it must abandon its piece-meal costcontainment attack in favor of measures that affect both public and private health-care spending. The savings could easily finance many of the nation's unmet health needs. These include health insurance for 31 million Americans who lack it and nursing-home care for millions of elderly who have no insurance for long-term care.

Whether these issues are addressed, the administration and Congress must at least do a better job in corraling medical inflation, caused in part by unnecessary surgery, high administrative costs, hospital overbuilding and an emphasis on high-tech medicine at the expense of basic

Add to these causes the lack of emphasis on prevention. Former Colorado Gov. Richard D. Lamm, among others, is calling for a new definition of what constitutes prevention. He insists that a \$1 tax on a pack of cigarettes is every bit as preventive a health-care measure as screening for hypertension is. So, too, he says, is a seat-belt law, a drunk-driving bill and a gun-control law because these measures cut medical expenses and preserve lives.

The only thing the public can be certain of under the latest cost-cutting plan is a bigger medical bill. It jumped to \$606 billion from \$230 billion between 1980 and 1990. Washington must do a lot more than depress just one part of the bloated health-care balloon. Otherwise, health-care policymakers will certainly fulfill their prophecy that health costs will reach \$1.5 trillion by the year 2000, with no significant improvement in the health of most Americans.

This projection underscores the urgent need to adopt wellness programs and system wide cost-containment measures similar to those in Japan and Canada. These are countries with national health-insurance programs hat have held down prices without compromising basic

## Air Force primps at the expense of Army

WASHINGTON - The imageconscious Air Force wants to retire its fleet of "ugly" A-10 attack planes, the ones now in service in Saudi Arabia, and replace them with a modified version of the sleek and sexy F-16 fighter. But sources in the Army - the

people on the ground who would rely on the A-10s to cover them in a fight - say that would be a bad idea, and an expensive one too. The Air Force has long wanted

to get rid of the A-10s, affectionately called "Wart Hogs" by their pilots. Their job is to take out tanks and provide close air support for ground troops. It was a triumphant Air Force that recently won internal Pentagon approval to modify F-16s to take the place of A-10s. But the decision will not fly

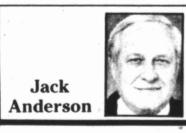
smoothly through Congress, which must fund the \$1 billion-plus remake of the F-16s

The A-10s are big, slow and ugly for a good reason. Close-air support calls for aircraft sturdy enough to withstand ground fire and capable of carrying 30mm cannons. The A-10s have a thick armor and aft engines to make them less vulnerable to antiaircraft fire.

The F-16 is lighter and faster, designed for dogfights. Army and congressional analysts question whether "bastardizing" the F-16 would result in a jet that did nothing well - was neither agile nor durable.

One Army source told us that, "The Air Force wants to turn back the clock and do away with a concept that works best in exactly the kind of combat environment we are now confronting." He summed up the issue; "You can use a crescent wrench to pound nails, but why bother when you can use a hammer?'

Piers Wood was a field artillery captain in Vietnam. He told us the Air Force has long tried to minimize its responsibility to provide close-air support to the Army. And now, Wood said, "They're designing themselves



right out of the mission.' Wood, who is now chief of staff at the Center for Defense Infor-

mation, says the animosity toward the A-10 comes from Air Force pilots. "Fighter jocks don't feel like fighter jocks when they fly something slow and ugly," he

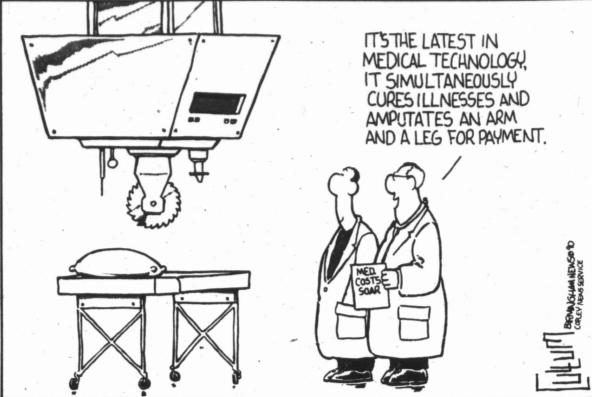
The military brass has been vain in the past. A 1983 Pentagon document details the Navy's dislike for another bulky attack plane, the A-6. "It's definitely the ugliest carrier air wing to ever congregate on the deck of an air-

craft carrier," the report says. The A-10 is not perfect. Its technology is dated and its pilots have some gripes about performance. But those problems could be corrected for far less money that it will cost to remake the F-16s. That price tag is \$3 million per plane for about 400 planes, or well over \$1 billion for the fleet.

**House Armed Services Commit**tee sources familiar with the A-10 say there is still reluctance on Capitol Hill to dump it. Congress told the Air Force to come up with a test to determine which plane would be best for the job, and the Air Force did that, but didn't use the test plan in its decision

making. The Air Force says its decision was based not on looks, but on needs. Air Force Major General Joe Ralston told our associate Jim Lynch that a modified F-16 is the best plane for close-air support in today's battle conditions because it is faster and more agile. "The F-16 is not made to absorb hits, but to avoid hits," Ralston said.

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### The writer's art A nation of lousy spellers

Six months have passed since we last talked in this column about spelling. The situation has not improved. Ours is a nation of lousy spellers. What do you word lovers propose to do about it?

William Jenkins of Kenmore, N.Y., has sent me a list of 20 words compiled some years ago by an editor who swore that no one in the country could spell all 20 correctly. The tough words are asinine, braggadocio, rarefy, liquefy, pavilion, vermilion, impostor, moccasin, accommodate, consensus, rococo, titillate, sacrilegious, mayonnaise, impresario, inoculate, supersede; obbligato, desiccate and resuscitate.

The editor could well have added millennium, separate and sergeant. To judge from clippings that are sent me, they are constantly misspelled.

Some words are so wildly misspelled that a reader has to make a blind stab at the text. In Omaha, Neb., the Dundee Theater advertised a movie that won a prize at "1990 Can's Film Festival." In the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle a feature writer suggested that a room may be dressed up "by using a more formal fabric like moray." A writer for The Associated Press recalled in June that the Confederate ship Merrimack was "originally a wooden frigid.'

Ready for the answers? The festival was at Cannes, the fabric is moire and the ship was a

Some writers have trouble with their dubbayas. In San Antonio, a movie critic for the Express-News wrote that in "She-Devil" Meryl Streep "made me want to wretch." In the Chicago Tribune, we learned that Canada "is being wrent by resurging tensions." The words are retch and rent, and

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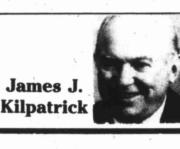
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while we're on the subject, "nerve-racking" is better than "nerve-wracking."

Some people have problems with p-haitches. In Jackson, Miss., a headline writer said that only a mind reader could 'decifer'' the mixed signals a boyfriend was sending. In the October issue of Travel Agent, a spokesman for USAir said it was 'a great phallacy" to suppose that his airline has been sheltered from competition. Let's try decipher and fallacy.

Newsweek magazine in October noted that a probate court in Dallas "is kitty-corner to the old School Book Depository." In Fort Pierce, Fla., a marina advertised its location as "caddy corner from Kentucky Fried Chicken." I can't find any authority for "caddy corner." A couple of dictionaries acknowledge "kitty-corner." The preferred spelling appears to be 'cater-cornered" or "catercorner." The word, meaning 'diagonally across from,' dates from 1843. It's out of the Old French "catre" (four) and the Latin "quattuor." I have now told you more about cater-cornered than you really wanted to know.

People who write classified ads need help. The Hendersonville (N.C.) Shoppers Guide in August listed a "French Proventional Whirlitzer piano." The Hendersonville Times-News, not to be outspelled, carried classified ads

offering desert bowls, a liquior bar and a magohany chest of drawers. In Terre Haute, Ind., a Decatur company advertised in he Tribune-Star for "mill writes with at least two years experience." Let us suggest a few minor improvements. The ads dealt with a French Provincial Wurlitzer, a dessert bowl, a liquor bar, a mahogany chest and a few good millwrights

The next item comes from gracious! — The New York Times. In June a business writer, concerned with the new publishing empire of Harper-Collins, found the company facing "a challenge in relatively unchartered waters. Those dangerous waters, sir, are "uncharted," not unchartered.

And this is from — heavens to Betsy! - the Nature Conservancy. It invited prospective members to send in \$15 to buy another spot of "inexcessible land." Let us keep extremism out of environmental controversies.

In California, the Fred Meyer people published a catalog offering bathroom fixtures at bargain prices. Among the irresistible items was a pedestal toilet comb regularly \$599.98, for \$399. It is made of "white virtuous china," which is even better than white vitreous china

For the moment only, I pass over "heresay" for hearsay in Wisconsin, and "threadbear" for threadbare in Indiana. That leaves us with a farewell item from the Las Vegas Review-Journal about a local flock of pet falcons. "They are fed a diet of quayle, pigeons and other small birds." Now, knock it off! And leave the vice president alone!

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**Olympics** A preview of Atlanta's upcoming road to the 1996 Olympic 1991. Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson and Billy Payne, who organized the effort to bring the Games to Atlanta, have a serious falling out over which one can answer questions first at Olympic press conferences.

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The mayor says, "I'm the oldest." But Payne says, "You're also the fattest, but I did all the

Civil Rights leader Hosea Williams gets into the fray and says he'll be glad to run the Olympics, if he is given a new Lincoln Town Car and diplomatic immunity from traffic tickets.

Realizing what a mistake that would be, the mayor and Payne make up and vow to restore harmony to the Atlanta Olympic planning team.

The mayor will answer first at press conferences, but Payne will get the aisle seat when the two fly on Olympic business. A few weeks later, residents of

the area near the site of the new Olympic stadium block bulldozers from clearing the area for construction

The residents claim building the stadium will be a nuisance to

Mayor Jackson arrives and tries to end the tension. In the confusion, he is run over by one of the bulldozers.

The protesters finally disperse and agree to the construction when the mayor, unharmed, but noticeably flat, promises them the stadium parking concession with full price gouging rights.

A couple of months later, construction begins on the stadium, but the mayor is still complaining about difficulty in breathing due to the fact the bottom half of his nose is covering his mouth after the unfortunate accident with the bulldozer.

1992: The City Council votes itself all the tickets it wants for the '96 games, not to mention a limo to each event, a \$15,000 raise and an unlimited expense account to entertain foreign dignitaries.

Said a City Council person who asked not to be identified: "Do we have a great political system or what?

Residents in the area continue to protest construction of an Olympic tennis facility in their neighborhood.

The tennis site is then moved to Forsyth County. Hosea Williams announces he will return to the county and will drive through it this time, rather than march, if the stadium isn't named after

Fearing for their lives, Forsyth officials convince the Olympic Committee to OK the Hosea William Olympic Tennis Stadium and also offer him an honorary membership in the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

1993: Billy Payne says all the politics involved in Olympics has 'made me sick" and says he is "washing my hands of the entire Aware of the fact that Mayor

Jackson continues to seek an even larger role in the Olympics, Payne suggests His Rotundity participate in the Olympics in a newly created event, Javelin Catching. Asked about his future plans,

Payne said he may seek to bring the Indianapolis 500 to Atlanta. Georgia Gov. Zell Miller announces he will allow Olympic equestrian events to be held in the yard of the governor's mansion. "But what about the smell?" the governor is asked.

"I'm used to it," he said, referring to his many years of service in the state capital.

1994: Billy Payne wins the new Georgia lottery and moves to Australia. 1995: Two Atlanta gangs, the

Crips and Bloods, wipe each other out in an automatic weapons battle, reinforcing Atlanta's reputation as "Murder Capital, USA." Mayor Jackson holds a press

conference to deny Atlanta is unsafe for Olympic visitors. "Any city has a few bad apples," said the mayor, crouching

behind his desk. Iraq, meanwhile, announced it will boycott the 1996 Games and

invade Scandinavia instead.

### 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

egible 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.

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despite increasingly aggressive measures. About 1.2 million Norwegians smoke, or 37 percent of the population, but fewer young people are starting. Tobacco consumption has dropped only marginally, to 6,700 metric tons a year from 6,800 in

TORONTO (AP) - Haven't you

ever wished somebody would in-

vent a doohickey that fastens on

the bathtub and holds your book

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Toronto's New Product Store - a

home for the mad scientist and

The business was founded a year

ago by Brian Gray, his brother

Joseph, and Ed Zwolinski.

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OSLO, Norway (AP) - Norway,

which already has the world's most

expensive cigarettes, is trying to

stop smoking everywhere indoors

and wipe out the habit in a decade.

day-care centers tell children

about the dangers of passive smok-

ing and encourage them to tell

their parents to quit or smoke

Norwegians with tobacco habits

are responding by rolling their own

cigarettes, using butts over again,

Even a smoker's home may not be his castle for long. Schools and

a cigarette or other drug habit.

and closes toilet lids, no hands?

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crazy inventor.

Sanner, in no mood to give up, declared: "You saw what happened to the Berlin Wall. Nobody thought it would fall.

Tobacco advertising has been prohibited since 1975. Smoking is forbidden in all public transportation, in terminals, museums and other indoor public places.

A 2-year-old law bans smoking in any office where there is more than one person.

Because 85 percent of the price is taxes and fees, a pack of 20 cigarettes costs 31 kroner, or \$5.40. The government proposes to raise the price by another 10 percent next

Some Norwegians are as stubborn about smoking as Sanner is about getting them to quit.

On a snowy day in downtown Oslo, Bioerne Ulvaes, 28, took a last deep drag before his streetcar arrived. He put the cigarette out and slid it back into the pack, his fingers shaking with cold, before getting aboard.

"You do cut down," Ulvaes said, but added he did not intend to quit.

"Brian Gray was a frustrated inventor," says Zwolinski, who manages the place. "He had a line of hardware products - a radon gas detector, a disco music light box, custom construction hard hats and was frustrated by all the doors closed to him, being told to

He says the biggest problem for inventors is skepticism.

"It's so hard to get attention. You really have to have a lot of clout behind you. One person alone doesn't have that.'

The New Products Store can't offer much in the way of clout. But it can offer exposure, both in shelf space in the store and via the

"Brian Gray was a frustrated inventor. He had a line of hardware products . . . and was frustrated by all the doors closed to him, being told to buzz off." Ed Zwolinski

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publicity it has generated.

It also offers professional evaluation from its board of engineers and lawyers, distribution leads, contacts with retailers and a sympathetic ear.

The typical inventor usually follows a path like this: He gets an idea, becomes obsessed with it,

creates a product and produces it. At that point, the honeymoon is over because he then has to sell it.

"That's where we come in," says Zwolinski. "We offer them a start in the market. There is no way an inventor can know how good his product is without public exposure.

The store is not very large, but it is located in one of Toronto's most fashionable shopping districts. The store manager can judge customer response to products, even browser

response. Robert Dubeck invented the device for reader-bathers, an obsession that has consumed nine vears of his life.

'No one thought this was going to go," says Dubeck. "Everyone wanted me to give up the dream, just keep working. I was put down by friends and family. They basically said work for a living, don't come up with a dream to better yourself.

The secret is getting the big

stores and chains to buy and stock the item. And, according to Dubeck, buyers in these recessionary times are not given to speculating on unproven products.

"Our main concern is marketing, publicity and distribution," says Zwolinski. "We're publishing a distribution catalog in December, sending it to 10,000 distributors in Canada and the United States."

About 40 percent of the inventors represented in the store are American.

"It's really good working with Americans because they are more risk- oriented and more willing to take a chance," says Zwolinski.

## Fire kills thirty in Bangladesh factory

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP) -Fire raced through a garment factory in a Dhaka suburb Thursday, killing at least 30 people, police and hospital sources said. Hundreds fled from the flames, causing a stampede.

About 100 other people suffered

Police said most of the bodies were found on the third floor, which houses a cutting room where cloth is piled before being made into garments.

Survivors said the room usually was kept locked so workers couldn't smuggle anything out of the factory.

Twenty-four charred bodies were pulled from the rubble, and doctors said five people succumbed to injuries in hospitals.

Another victim, a 9-year-old girl,

died in the stampede as the 500 employees fled the flames, the police said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Parveen Akhtar, a worker whose

hands were badly burned, said the worst devastation was in the cutting room.

"There were at least 100 people in the cutting room with heaps of clothes. The room usually remains locked," she said.



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#### MOSCOW — A group of elderly Muscovites sit in background. Many days, shoppers find little but the Tagansky supermarket in Moscow earlier this disappointment at the state-run food store. month as people line up at cash registers in the Waiting in line for a scrap of food MOSCOW (AP) — In the meat "gastronom," one of Moscow's bigtered at one another. The supply ran out while more than 200 were gest food stores, at midday on a restill waiting. Some drifted away cent Saturday. Signs hanging from the ceiling reluctantly, but others stayed, hoping more wine would appear. "Macaroni Products,"

department of the dingy Tagansky supermarket, an opaque window slid open. Small packages of pinkish-gray sausage tumbled through it into a refrigerated case

Scores of shoppers, in a line under flickering fluorescent lights. snapped up the packages as they thudded into the case.

The humiliating scene was duplicated at the other end of the meat department. Plastic bags of frozen beef kidneys were hurled from behind a sliding window to the 82 sullen shoppers waiting in line.

"Like dogs!" a woman muttered about the store's methods, which are typical of state-run food stores in Moscow and elsewhere. Food is more plentiful at farmers' markets in the cities, but prices are much

Soviet officials say there is plenty of food but the centralized distribution system is collapsing. They blame the collapse on corruption and on farmers who hold back produce, waiting for a market

economy. Shoppers found little but disap"Oatmeal," "Flour," "Cheese," "Sausage," "Chicken," "Canned "Fish," "Fruit" and

Below them are two refrigerated cases, 58 feet long and empty.

The bread department had a huge selection by Moscow supermarket standards — five kinds of the Soviet staple, The Tagansky had no macaroni, however, and more than 30 people were in line for

Milk, sometimes hard to find in Moscow, was in good supply initially, but the hundreds of light blue one-liter cartons were gone in an

Six old women surrounded a rack containing a dozen heads of cabbage the size of bowling balls, some with large rotten spots. The women turned the cabbages over and over, trying to decide whether to buy.

More than 250 people were jammed against each other behind a

barrier, waiting to buy wine. They pushed, jostled and mut- the police!

holding back supplies - and, by implication, selling to black marketeers out the back door. 'We aren't hiding anything!" the clerk retorted. "We are sold out!

An elderly woman wearing a

green scarf confronted a sales

clerk. She accused the store of

Do you take us for foels? De you want us to be imprisoned?" The clerk turned to her coworkers and said, gesturing at the complainer: "She's got one foot in

the grave and she's out walking in search of wine!" "You shouldn't work here!" the old woman said. She turned to leave, then hurled a final insult at the clerks:

"Speculators!" That was enough for her target. "You have no right to call me

names!" the clerk yelled. "I'll call the police! On her way to the door, the old

woman whimpered: "I don't need

### pointment in the Tagansky Japan is trying to improve its image overseas

TOKYO (AP) - Could something as simple as books and pamphlets about the lifestyles of ordinary Japanese help solve Japan's image problem in the

United States? Japanese officials say they sure hope so, and they're putting money

The government, at the urging of former Foreign Minister Shintaro Abe, is setting up a \$370 million fund for public relations and joint U.S.-Japanese research on common problems.

Foreign Ministry officials say the effort is necessary, given polls showing that Americans view Japan as a serious economic threat.

Abe, a senior legislator of the governing Liberal Democratic Party; proposed the Japan-U.S. Global Partnership Fund in June during a visit to Washington. The idea was later endorsed by Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu.

"American people feel the Japanese are always very efficient, that they band together among themselves and their only goal is to make profits," said a Foreign Ministry official on condi-

tion of anonymity. "But we share many problems in common, such as educating our kids and the aging of our societies. If there are many opportunities for Americans to get acquainted, Japanese will look more human," he said.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Taizo Watanabe said the fund was set up in response to "apprehen-

CHIROPRACTOR Dr. Bill T. Chrane 263-3182 1409 Lancaster sion about deterioration of trust because of a lack of communication efforts.

It's a slightly more pragmatic approach to an old problem first dealt with in 1972, when the government set up the Japan Foundation.

That semi-governmental institution has supported worldwide teaching and student exchanges as well as research on Japan, but has done little to educate the nonacademic community in the United States, the Foreign Ministry official said.

"The relations between our two countries have outgrown the realm of scholarship. These days, even Americans who don't study Japan have to know about it because of the size of our economy," he said.

In a supplementary national budget approved Monday, The Global Partnership Fund received \$300 million directly from the government and another \$74.6 million from the Japan Founda-

That money will be used to provide U.S. universities and public libraries with publications aimed

at explaining the Japanese people. But Japanese propaganda efforts overseas frequently are met with

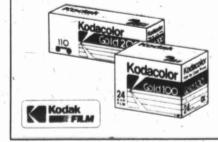
"Americans are tired of hearing that the real problem is they don't have a deep understanding of Japan," says Robert M. Orr Jr., director of the Stanford Japan Center in Kyoto, western Japan.

"The Japanese idea is that if you disagree with them, then you don't understand them.

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The First Church of God Golden Agers celebrated the Christmas season Saturday, Dec. 15, in the fellowship hall, sharing a carry-in dinner. Thirty members and six guests were present.

Rev. George Harrington opened the festivities, blessing the food, following a moment of silence to commemorate the passing of Helen Walker recently.

Truett Thomas entertained the gathering with a Paul Harvey "The Rest of the Story" about a patient who hobbles to the doctor's office on a cane, goes into the office and comes out walking perfectly straight. When asked what had happened, the patient replied, "He gave me a new cane.

Thomas led the group in singing the first verse of "Jingle Bells" after the story

Chairman Juanita Harrington introduced Suzanne Cranford, a Big Spring residence since 1976, who shared "The S's of Christmas," in song, sights and smells of the holiday.

"I was a little girl whose mom was a special cook — especially when it came to fudge - um, um, Mrs. Cranford began. She then sang the fun songs of Christmas, "Christmas Makes You Feel," and "Silver Bells." Afterwards she then led the singing of all verses of "Jingle Bells", "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," and "White Christmas.

To illustrate the spiritual side of the season, Mrs. Cranford told the World War I story of two trenches; one filled with Germans, the other with Allied soldiers. On Christmas, around midnight, the soldiers stopped firing at each other. From the German side came the sounds of "Silent Night". One by one, carefully and unarmed, the soldiers left the trenches met and shook their enemies hands and each, in his own language, wished

the others a Merry Christmas Mrs Christmas carol medley with a Christmas carol medley "Angels We Have Heard On High," "The First Noel" and "O Holy

After singing "Sweet Little Jesus Christmas.

Boy," she then quoted Fred Bork's 'One Solitary Life"

'Born in an obscure village, he was the child of a peasant woman. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty years old, and then for three years he traveled around the country, stopping long énough to talk to and to listen to people, and help wherever he could. He never wrote a book, he never had a hit record, he never went to college, he never ran for public office, he never had a family, or owned a house. He never did any of the things that actually accompany greatness. He had no credentials by himself. But when he was only thirty-three years old, the tide of public opinion turned against him and his friends all rejected him. When he was arrested, very few wanted anything to do with him. After the trial, he was executed by the state along with admitted thieves. Only because a generous friend offered his own cemetery plot was there any place to bury him. This all happened nineteen centuries ago, and yet today, he is the leading figure of the human race, and the ultimate example of love. Now it is no exaggeration to say that all the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that have ever set sail, all the rulers that have ever ruled, all the kings that have ever reigned on this earth, all put together have not affected the life of man on earth like this one solitary life.

At the conclusion Juanita Harrington presented Mrs. Cranford two red roses. Charles Harrington sang, "Every Need Supplied," and "He Is All I Need.

Mrs. Cranford's daughter, Jane Bray of Austin, was a guest.

Additional guests present were: Estaline Rice, Carolyn and Len Fielder, San Marcos, daughter of 6.8. Harrington, and Charles The Charles Hard Com. Ted and Hazel Phillips She has been unable to attend for several weeks recovering from surgery.

Truett Thomas, with Betty She then retold the story of the Reagan at the piano, led the group in singing "We Wish You A Merry



At Washington Elementary, crossing guard Ike McConnell stops traffic for the children to travel safely across Birdwell Lane.



J.D. Stiehl, the crossing guard at College Heights Elementary conducts April Cunningham and Matt Loveland, both second graders,

### Crossing guards: helping kids, dodging cars

By JEAN WARREN Special to the Herald

In blowing sand, broiling heat, or on days when the temperature drops and the wind swirls in from

the north, they are on the job. They are the crossing guards who work in school zones helping children get safely across the street. Their concern

but their chief complaint is about drivers who make their jobs difficult. J.D. Stiehl, who is in his second

year as crossing guard at College Heights, enjoys working with children. "I learn the kids' names, and we visit. They call me by name." Stiehl, a retired oil field worker, says his biggest headache is drivers who disregard the stop sign he holds. "You have to keep the kids from running out in front of them; some of them come dadgum near to running over you.' Ike McConnell, who works the

Washington School zone, has spent nine and a half years as a bus

similar complaints. He says motorists need to be more "kidfriendly," and adds, "I have been lucky enough not to have anyone get hurt, including me, but there have been some close calls." This is McConnell's first year to work as a crossing guard.

Arlie Knight at Marcy Elementary says that too many drivers are in too big a hurry. Knight's concern for the safety of youngsters is evident. "I love my kids," he says. Knight, an ordained minister, has been the crossing guard at Marcy for eight years; before that he

driver for BSISD

The crossing guards are employed by the Big Spring Independent School District, but they can refer problem drivers to the Big Spring Police Department. A hefty fine of \$80 is imposed for a conviction of speeding in a school

Howard Stewart, who is in charge of school bus operations for BSISD, says that drivers also need to be watchful for the flashing lights of a school bus. This means children are getting on or off the bus, and the motorist is required by

Students get science lesson from space

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP) -Forty-one pupils took seats Friday in the first "space classrooms" as shuttle Columbia astronauts — one sporting a necktie that floated in weightlessness — beamed down a lesson on celestial subjects.

The lesson, taught by astronauts Jeffrey Hoffman and Sam Durrance as the shuttle orbited 218 miles above Earth, lasted more than half an hour, focusing on star formations and the kinds of radiation emitted from heavenly objects.

Twelve middle school students gathered at Marchail Space Elight and teachers I had wore ties,"
Center in Hungwille for the lesson Haffman said.

Ewenty fine other youngsters were "As far as I know, nobody's ever Center in Greenbelt, Md., from two

around a horseshoe desk watched a you it works quite well. You have to large television screen quietly and be a little careful in zero-gravity as teacher on temporary assignment with all the notes.

attentively as the astronauts con- you can see," Hoffman said, ducted the lesson. Later, students got to beam questions at astronauts Robert Parker and Ron Parise when they got off their work shifts on Columbia.

To mark the occasion of the first space lesson, Hoffman wore a dress shirt and tie. Once in orbit, the astronauts usually wear regular casual clothes; they don't use space suits except for takeoffs and landing.

'When I started thinking about giving a classroom talk in space, I thought back to my own school rom, four Southeastern states days and I realized that all of the

"As far as I know, nobody's ever on hand at Goddard Space Flight worn a tie in space. I thought I'd give it a try and see what it looks like in celebration of this space At Marshall, the students seated classroom occasion, and I can tell

pushing down his floating, burgundy patterned tie.

During the later Q and A session, the questions ranged from how the astronauts trained to what they enjoyed the most about the mission. 'Looking out the window at the Earth," Parise replied to the latter

The pupils were chosen for today's Space Classroom because of their scientific interests. It is the first in what NASA hopes will become a science series designed to promote interest in the space agency's missions among young

The program will be available via some cable television com-

panies to classrooms. In addition to the lesson from the "It's great of the astronauts to

take time out to talk to us," she Hoffman, during the lesson from space, told the youngsters, "You

may have heard some of the pro-

blems we've been having. It's been quite an interesting and dynamic mission." The astronauts have struggled with computer and other problems since the launch early To illustrate the importance of studying all types of radiation emitted from celestial objects,

Durrance played two versions of the theme from the film "Star

Low and high-frequency notes were filtered electronically from shall discussed their findings with music was unrecognizable. The Karen Widenhofer, a science same measures then were played

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### Lawyer's client wonders how to file her brief





DEAR ABBY: I hope you can answer my question in your column because I'm too embarrassed to ask anyone I know.

After 12 years of marriage, I filed for divorce. A little background: My husband drank heavily and became so physically abusive that if I had not taken our young child and left him, I might not have been around to write this letter. I am now in counseling and doing well.

Because there is a custody battle and a good deal of money involved, I have retained a top-notch lawyer. He's single, and I am sure he is ethical when it comes to lawyerclient relationships. So what's the problem? I find him very attrac-

tive, and when this mess is over, I'd like to date him. We have similar backgrounds and have enjoyed pleasant conversations together. I don't know if he has any interest in me.

Abby, in general, do good, ethical lawyers ever date their clients after their cases have been closed? And if they do, how should I proceed after my divorce is over? --HOPEFUL

DEAR HOPEFUL: Good, ethical lawyers have been known to not only date their clients, but marry them. But it might be wise to put out some feelers to learn if he's already involved.

Attraction usually works both ways, so after "this mess is over," invite him to escort you somewhere. If he's interested and available, he'll accept. Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

DEAR ABBY: Our problem is similar to "Dog Tired's" -- only worse. The house next door is only 8 feet away, and the woman who

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lives there has 12 barking dogs! We have two small children who are constantly awakened by the dogs.

We complained to the police and were told to sign a complaint and take our neighbor to court, which we did -- twice! The first was a waste of time. The second time, she was fined \$30, but the dogs continued to bark. We finally decided to move, so we put our house up for

One couple came back three times to look at the house, and the last time, our neighbor let all her dogs out and they all started to bark, so we lost the sale of our house.

We are now living with my mother for the time being, as we don't know what else to do. Any suggestions? -- IN THE DOGHOUSE IN OAKLAND, N.J.

DEAR IN THE DOGHOUSE: I checked with the police department in your borough. They say, "Four dogs is the limit." Apparently your neighbor was able to get around it by invoking the "grandfather clause." (She had the 12 dogs before the four-dog-limit law

was passed.) However, when people cannot sell their home, and their children suffer loss of sleep due to the constant barking, it's time to review the law regarding the number of dogs one can keep in a residential neighborhood.

Readers, to find out what the laws are in your area, call your local animal protection league.

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### **Military**

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Dominguez is an air traffic control operator at George Air Force

She is the daughter of Manuel and Adela Dominguez of 1501 W. Cherokee. The airman is a 1987 graduate of

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### Americans blame bad luck for homelessness

NEW YORK (AP) - Many Americans deny firsthand knowledge of homelessness and blame it mainly on tough breaks or bad economic luck, an Associated Press poll has found.

A majority of the respondents, 54 percent, say their knowledge of the homeless is based on news reports or word of mouth. Fewer than half say their knowledge of the homeless is a result of something they have seen or dealt with in

Only 15 percent know someone who has become homeless in the last year. That measure of Americans' scant firsthand knowledge of the problem holds true for all income groups, and drops to 10 percent in nonmetropolitan areas and to 7 percent among Americans over 65.

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Yet polls over the years have shown Americans want the government to do more to help the homeless. In January, for example, a CBS News-New York Times poll found 71 percent saying the Bush administration had not shown enough concern.

In the current poll, 58 percent said federal spending on helping the homeless should be increased. That is not a significant change from the 60 percent who provided the same answer in a Media General-Associated Press poll in November 1988.

This time, 75 percent of those who wanted increased spending said they would be willing to pay more taxes for it, compared with 86 percent two years ago.

The overall acceptance rate for a tax increase to help the homeless has dropped from 52 percent to 44 percent, perhaps because of the economic downturn

One out of seven Americans rate as likely the chances that they or a member of their family could become homeless in the coming year. But only 4 percent rated it very likely and 67 percent rated it not at all likely.

The total answering very likely or somewhat likely was 19 percent in the South and West, compared with 5 percent in the Northeast and 14 percent in the north-central states. It was 20 percent for

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a member of their family could become homeless in the coming year. But only 4 percent rated it very likely and 67 percent rated it not at all likely.

women, compared with 9 percent

A gender gap also showed up in measuring attitudes toward the homeless

Among men, 21 percent agreed that "the homeless themselves are mainly at fault because of their unwillingness to work or their behavior, such as alcohol or drug use." Only 13 percent of the women agreed, making the overall total 17

Twenty percent of men and 21 percent of women agreed that "our society is mainly at fault because we do not provide sufficient housing for them.'

Thirty-eight percent of the men and 45 percent of the women said a third statement best reflected their attitude: "Neither the homeless nor society is mainly at fault because they become homeless through tough breaks or bad economic luck.

Overall, 41 percent agreed with the tough-luck explanation of homelessness, while 17 percent volunteered the answer that both the homeless and society are mainly at fault for the problem.

The survey of 1,004 adults was conducted Dec. 5-9 by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultant Cos.

The poll used a random-sampling method that generally should produce results accurate to within three percentage points. When responses are broken down by age groups or income categories, the margin of error increases as the subgroups get smaller.

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### Wildlife trying to escape cold

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The record cold wave is driving ants, ants and more ants into houses and apartments throughout the San Francisco Bay area in search of warmth and food.

"People are frantic, some hysterical," said Ann McDonald, whose husband, Rich, owns a pest control company

One of McDonald's customers in Sausalito left half a cake out Christmas night. When she got up the next morning she found "the ants had taken over.'

"They were all over everything," Dorothy McLaird said. The counters and cupboards were alive with what McDonald

estimated as 30,000 ants. Mice also are moving in. "Any hole the size of a pencil

they can squeeze through," said Ken Alexander of Jackson's Pest Control. "Suddenly you open a cupboard and there is a little telltale thing telling you the mice have moved in.

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### Watch for Desert Shield

CHISTOPOL, U.S.S.R. — A Soviet-made watch designed for U.S. troops in Saudi Arabia started production in Chistopol, approximately 330 miles west of Moscow, last week. Some 200,000 of the watches have been ordered and will be sent to the United States this week. The factory that produces them also produces the Soviet Army officers' watches.

### Tourists offer hope for endangered species

be the unlikely last hope in the preservation of the endangered Bengal tiger, Rwanda mountain gorilla and the Amazon rain forest.

"The only person who is interested in preservation of the wildlife and the national parks is the quality visitor," said Kailash Sankhala, president and founder of Tiger Trust of India. "He's the only friend the national park has left."

Sankhala joined nearly 400 people from 28 countries in Miami recently for the second annual International Symposium on Ecotourism.

Many of the tour operators, developers, government officials and environmentalists there pointed to the Tiger Trust as a perfect example of how tourists, developers and preservationists can peacefully coexist.

"This is really a get-together of people whose living depends on natural resources," said Jon Kusler, co-chairman of the symposium, held by the Sierra Club. "And the money being brought in through tourism is a very powerful resource for protection.

Sankhala was a government forester for 35 years, before becoming interested in saving the tiger in India. In 1972, there were

MIAMI (AP) — The tourist may only 1,827 tigers left. Today, there are 4,300 tigers on 18 reserves in In-

Richard Ryel, founder of International Expeditions Inc., was tired of lab research as a biologist and obsessed with butterfly collec-

ting in the Amazon rain forest. Eleven years ago, he organized a few tours to the Amazon that stressed local culture and custom. Today, he is the largest "environmentally sensitive" tour operator in the world, according to

"They're not the average trip," Ryel said. "We try to establish a greater awareness of a culture and its people to preserve it for the future. And we offer the local inhabitants a reason to save (their natural resources) for the long term, instead of destroying it for the short-term benefit.'

He said his tourists want to be educated and feel as if they are contributing to the preservation of the people and places they visit.

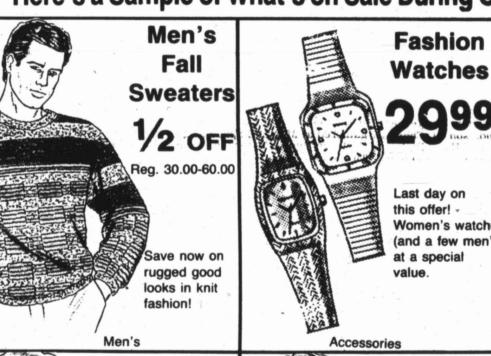
"They come home as if they've had a religious experience.'

Bill Weber said that's how his visitors feel when they climb the Virunga Mountains in Rwanda, Central Africa, to see the sociable gorillas made famous by Dian

## **End of Year Sale** 1990 - 1991

As one year fades to another, we're celebrating with one last Sale! We've made our list and checked it twice to offer this selection of values, sales, and price reductions throughout the store.

### Here's a Sample of What's on Sale During Our End of Year Sale:



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Last day on this offer! -Women's watches (and a few men's) at a special value. Accessories Kashmiracle **Pant Coat** 

**Embellished Sweaters** by Carducci Beautiful styles with lurex threads and pretty patterns.

**Velour** Robes by Vanity Fair & Shadowline OFF Reg. to 72.00 Fashion robes at great year end clearance prices!

**Ladies Isotoner Gloves** 



Joyce, Studio 10, and more ... now at great values!



**Shirts Apparel** Workshop

Reg. 36.00

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**Wool Coats** by Jofeld 1/2 OFF Pant coats and long coats in luxurious jewel tones. Ready-To-Wear

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might flunk out at reelection time.

dation lined up seven figures from

the right to grade Bush, his Cabinet

and top aides for the "sophomore

slump" report card. They gave

Vice President Dan Quayle better

The critique released Thursday

is to be published in Policy Review,

the foundation's quarterly

magazine. A year ago, in a similar

exercise, Bush got grades ranging

from "B" to "D." This time, one

rater gave him an "F" and three

said "D" in judging his domestic

The budget deal and tax increase

Martin Anderson, a White House

adviser to Ronald Reagan who now

is a senior fellow at the Hoover In-

stitution, said Bush rated a "B

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over the limit, Decell said.

going to go," he said.

any time, cold weather causes

contractions in the ground which

may push susceptible bell joints

crack and you get just a little

movement (underground) — it's

City crews are gradually

replacing all cast-iron pipe with

PVC, sealed at bell joints with an

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usually occur at or near the same

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feet of pipe with PVC," Decell

said. "And in 1991 a lot more will

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cur (during cold weather), we use

a 'band-aid.' That's the only way

we can get our job done, get the

water going again and get to the

A system of checking valve's

throughout the city will help

make cold weather breakage less

A crew of two workers now

systematically checks every

water line shut-off valve to make

sure it operates. As water line

breaks occur, if all valves are

working, repair crews need only

shut off the two valves in closest

without water during the repair.

as 29 valves in the downtown

area, where the system is so com-

Of the recent breaks, most were

six inches long or less. One

14-inch break occurred on the

Municipal Golf Course, and eight-

inch breaks occurred downtown

occurred in various areas of the

Six, four and two-inch breaks

Most minor emergency repair

situations like the recent cold

weather can be funded by the

city's operations and

maintenance budget, Decell said.

In times of major need, such as

last year's freeze that took 100

water lines over the edge, con-

City employees remain on call

during holidays to respond to

water line breaks and other

emergency situations. But for

now, Decell said, the city's only

"We can be sure we have plenty

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Antonio, said he believes the Cen-

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tell me, in areas like Laredo,

Eagle Pass and Del Rio, that the

growth there was not counted.

There was a lot more growth than

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for

Attorney General Jim Mattox,

said it was not clear Thursday

what the attorney general's office

would do next, "whether to ac-

cept (the numbers) as they are or

whether we're going to continue

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Bureau's methods of estimating

Despite the economic hard

times of the 1980s, Texas' popula-

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result, the state's delegation to

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Rep. Albert Bustamante, D-San

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Census

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Bustamante said.

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with one block at a time."

and at the airpark.

"We used to shut down as many

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"In 1990, we've replaced 12,000

"You've got something ready to

were their common complaint.

marks than Bush.

policy performance.

Cold

schedule

The conservative Heritage Foun-

### **Spring** board

#### How's that?

Q. What is wind shear? A. Wind shear is a change in wind direction and speed as altitude changes, according to Weather Trivia

#### Calendar

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

### Tops on TV

 Kennedy Center Honors. Dizzy Gillespie, Katharine Hepburn, Rise Stevens, Jule Styne and Billy Wilder are honored. 8 p.m. Channel 7.

• Wings. 8:30 p.m. Channel 9. • 20/20. 9 p.m. Channel 2.

### Gorbachev sends Bush greetings

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush says Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev sent him a private message containing 'friendly words of greeting" but he and aides are mum about the

"It was just one more in what's become a series of exchanges with the president of the Soviet Union,' Bush told reporters after Soviet Ambassador Alexander Bessmertnvkh hand-delivered the message Thursday

"There were some very friendly words of greeting from President Gorbachev," he said, giving no details. "And I had a chance to . . . ask the ambassador to give him our best wishes for a Happy New Year.'

Bush said he and the Soviet envoy, discussed some of the praise proximity. Fewer people must go blems in the Soviet Union, a nation enguifed in a political turmoil that resulted last week in the resignation of Gorbachev's longtime close ally, Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze

A senior administration official characterized the letter as "a private message," and would not describe it further except to say it "is not going to change the course of human history.

The communication came as Gorbachev is struggling to keep his clout and to reconcile volatile conflicts between reformers and conservatives within the Soviet Union. At the same time, the country is suffering severe economic problems, with shortages and food distribution problems.

"They are having difficulties, economic difficulties principally, Bush said Thursday. "Difficulties in sorting out this new federation."

He said those problems were to be expected.

### Police beat

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

 Miscellaneous clothing was reported stolen from a business in College Park Shopping Center. The theft was accomplished by a person altering the signature on a check.

 Criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Ridge Road. Damage to the car's paint was estimated at \$300 value.

 Dennis Glenn-Heffington, San Antonio, was arrested on a warrant for bondsman off bond.

• Edgar Salvador Barraza, 19. HC 76 Box 147K, was arrested for failure to appear before a judge.

• Two tires worth \$150 were reported damaged in the 800 block

of West Fifth Street • The inside of a home in the 500 block of South Goliad Street was

reported damaged. Walls and the sink were damaged, and a bed and curtains were said to have been stolen sometime between Dec. 12 and early Thursday. • A woman said she was

threatened with retaliation after she reported a crime to police.

 Stephen Jack Smylie, 22, Box 231, was arrested for failure to

### Oil/markets

February crude oil \$27.36, up 35, and March cotton rebruary crude oil \$27.30, up 35, and March conton futures 77.35 cents a pound, up 46; cash hog was 25 cents higher at 49.75; slaughter steers steady at 81.25; February live hog futures 48.97, up 16; February live cattle futures 77.10, down 10 at 11:30 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Noon quotes were not available today.

## Conservatives give Bush midterm grades

WASHINGTON (AP) - Presi-"George Bush will go down as one of the worst presidents in American dent Bush's acceptance of a tax inhistory. The Republicans were the anti-tax party and now they are the crease was reason enough for a panel of conservatives to mark him dumb party." down in midterm grades, and one of them suggests the president

**Edward H. Crane** 

**President of the libertarian Cato Institute** 

minus" overall, and could have made "A" if he hadn't flunked on the budget and economic policy. At the other end of the scale, Ed-

ward H. Crane, president of the

libertarian Cato Institute, gave

Bush an "F "George Bush will go down as one of the worst presidents in American history," Crane wrote. "The Republicans were the antitax party and now they are the

dumb party. James C. Miller III, a Reagan budget director now chairman of Citizens for a Sound Economy, said 'D" because of Bush's "incredible blunder" on taxes.

Train crash

A motion allowing the Director of

part-time as a consultant to the city

Thursday's 5:15 p.m. meeting in

Glenna Garrett, interim city

manager, said Buford (Buz) Rich,

who has worked for the city since

the early 1950s, had announced

plans to retire. The proposal to

allow Rich to work part-time was

an alternative to having to find a

new Public Works Director. By

allowing Rich to work part-time,

the city still benefits from his ex-

The city has no immediate plans

to hire a full-time Public Works

The council approved the ap-

pointment of A.W. Rowe to serve

on the Housing Authority Board.

Rowe replaces Mark Waldrip, who

resigned in order to take care of

An ordinance, granting the Col-

BEIJING (AP) - Chinese of-

ficials today approved the death

penalty for some drug and por-

nography cases, and they replaced

quell last year's pro-democracy

Shield, told reporters Bush should

wait until mid-February if he

wants to attack because the troops

White House Press Secretary

Marlin Fitzwater then said Waller

meant the troops "might not be as

ready as they'd like to be . . . for

The Pentagon said Cheney was

"not displeased" by Waller's com-

ments. Some Pentagon officials

said U.S. air power would be fully

prepared for a strike even if

Then Cheney himself said that

"soon after Jan. 15," the U.S.

forces would be "in a position to

take military action in conjunction

Bush entered the readiness fray

on Saturday, stating that he could

The varying statements caused

speculation that the administration

was deliberately trying to put

Iraq's Saddam Hussein off

balance. Fitzwater told reporters

launch an attack in 10 minutes.

Mideast

all the contingencies.

ground troops were not.

with our allies.

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would not be ready until then.

the city's right-of-way, was ap- implemented.

Chinese replace security

perience and certification.

Director, Garrett said.

Colorado City.

BOSTON — Workers clear debris where two light rail trains collid-

ed at 6:30 a.m. this morning at Boston's Arlington Station on the

working as consultant

Public Works to continue working cording to Garrett, that the conces-

was approved by the city council at school baseball field were actually

orado City Independent School which forms the council had to sign

District the right to encroach on before the system could be

chief, approve death penalty

the security chief who failed to of the Standing Committee of

Green line. Officials said more than 20 people were injured.

**Director to continue** 

promise anything in the 1992 campaign without evoking giggles from ne audience?

Burton Yale Pines, senior vice president of the Heritage Foundation, who has suggested that conservative Republicans may challenge Bush in the 1992 presidential primaries, also gave him a "D" on domestic affairs.

Most of the conservative graders ranked Bush higher on foreign policy, and his handling of the Middle East crisis, while reserving final judgment pending the outcome of the confrontation with

Crane didn't agree, contending "His credibility has suffered a that Bush blundered by sending mortal blow," said Miller. "Can he troops to the Middle East, and with

**Associated Press photo** 

proved at the Thursday meeting. It

had been determined earlier, ac-

sion stand and bleachers at the

The encroachment did not effect

traffic or any other city services,

so the ordinance was proposed to

grant the encroachment. A fence

will be built to enclose the area,

and should not interfere with

Garrett said the city had receiv-

ed a grant from the state during the

summer in the amount of \$191,000,

to be used to replace aging city

water lines. At Thursday's meeting

Garrett told the council that all

designated repairs and line replac-

The council was to have discuss-

ed the 911 emergency system at

Thursday's meeting, but voted to

postpone the discussion until a

later date. The reason for the

postponement was to allow the

council to correct confusion over

Wang Fang, the 70-year-old

public security minister in charge

of the police, submitted his

resignation before today's meeting

China's legislature, the official

that, "It never hurts to build in a

little uncertainty about what our

intentions are as it relates to Jan.

Administration officials have

Asked what message he wanted

Saddam to get on the readiness

issue, Bush said Thursday, "We

are going to fully implement the

United Nations resolutions," which

include one authorizing use of

"I would take the president's com-

official, speaking on condition of

anonymity, said, "His is the last

ments most seriously.

stressed that Jan. 15 is not a strike

date, but merely an authorization

Xinhua News Agency reported.

ment had been completed.

driver visibility.

"his dangerous and costly vision of a New World Order" involving U.S. military and economic involvement abroad. He stuck with his

"Bush's foreign policy has unraveled like a cheap Russian sweater," Crane said.

The conservative panel gave Quayle four "A's" and two "B's," praising his loyalty to conservative tenets as well as to Bush and saying he'd tried to talk the president out of the budget and tax deal. But Crane said "D-plus," with points off for loyalty.

The vice president has proven to be a loyal team player, which would be okay were it not for the fact that he's playing on the Bush

The conservatives gave White House chief of staff John H. Sununu low grades. Pines marked him "F" for "meekly surrendering to and becoming an eager captive of Washington's permanent establishment.

Gary L. Bauer, another Reagan adviser now president of the Family Research Council, made it a

'When President Bush takes aim at his own foot, Sununu brings in the heavy artillery," complained Amy Moritz, of the National Center for Public Policy Research.

Among other items on the conservative report card:

 Jack Kemp, secretary of housing and urban development, got the highest Cabinet grades, including five "A's.

 Back on taxes and the budget, Pines called budget director Richard G. Darman "the Milli Vanilli of the Bush White House' and said "he lip syncs what are actually the economic policies of the Carter administration.'

### New Year's gunfire could lead to arrest

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Officials stem the "terrible, ugly tradition," beefed up police patrols and threatened jail time to revelers who carry on the city's "terrible. ugly tradition" of firing guns into

City officials distributed a halfmillion posters and handbills warning that random shooting is a felony punishable by up to three vears in prison. Witnesses are asked to report gunfire to police and extra patrols will be on the streets Monday night.

of weapons to celebrate the coming in jail and a \$500 fine upon

message in rhyme: "If you shoot bullets into the sky, when they come down, we might die.' Eight people in the Los Angeles

area were injured during such shootings last New Year's Eve. More than 70 people were arrested, police said.

deployed on New Year's Eve to

Assistant Chief Robert Vernon A weeklong ban on ammunitions

sales also should help, said Vernon. The city ordinance first was used the week before July Fourth and drastically reduced celebratory shooting, he said. By Thursday, no merchants were

cited for violating the ban, said Deputy Chief Bill Rathburn. Ammunition sales resume Wednesday. Violating the ban is a misde-

conviction. However, one weapons retailer called the city ordinance "a

fallacy" because people could easily buy bullets elsewhere. Barry Kahn, co-owner of B&B Sales, said customers at his North

Hollywood store — within the Los Angeles city limits - were sent 40 miles away to his store in Westminster, where the ban does not apply, or went to other suburban stores not covered by the law.

### Sheriff's log

• Janice Haggard Ray, 37, HC 63 Box 163A, surrendered to deputies on a charge of issuing bad checks. She was later released on \$400

• Donald Ray Bird, 44, 800 San

Antonio Way, surrendered to deputies on a charge of theft over \$20 and under \$200. He was released on bond

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday

at Northridge Methodist Church in

Lubbock with the Rev. Paul

Baskins, pastor, and assisted by

the Rev. Shell Dennison, and the

Rev. Carl White. Burial will be in

Lamesa Memorial Park under the

direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Lillian. He moved to Lamesa from

Big Spring in 1946. He married

Jean Jones Dec. 24, 1947, in

Lamesa. He was a charter member

of Northridge Methodist Church.

He was the owner of a convenience

Haney, Lamesa; two daughters:

Sandi Haney, Lubbock; and Patty

George, Muskogee, Okla.; three

sisters: Edna Cook, and Opal

Barber, both of Big Spring; and

Vera Peterson, Vealmore; four

brothers: Johnie Haney, R.E.

Haney, and Myrle Haney, all of Big

Spring; and Edward Haney,

Carlsbad, N.M.; and three

Vera Ethel Hogg, 78, Coahoma,

died Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1990, at

Medical Arts Hospital in Lamesa

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday

at Branon Funeral Home Chapel in

Lamesa with the Rev. David

Greaves, pastor of Friendship Bap-

tist Church in Lamesa, officiating

and assisted by the Rev. Gerald

Parsons, pastor of Sunset Baptist

Church in Lamesa. Burial will be in

Lamesa Memorial Park under the

direction of Branon Funeral Home.

Louisiana and married Lee Hogg

Jan. 6, 1932, in Louisiana. She mov-

ed to Dawson in 1941, then to

Survivors include her husband,

Lee Hogg, Coahoma; two sons:

James Hogg, Albuquerque, N.M.;

and Edward L. Hogg Jr., Lamesa;

two brothers: W.W. Stamper,

Hebert, La.; and C.L. Stamper,

West Monroe, La.; 12 grand-

children, and 16 great-

Coahoma in 1974.

She was born April 17, 1912, in

grandchildren.

Vera Hogg

after a lengthy illness.

Survivors include his wife, Jean

store and an automatic laundry.

He was born April 25, 1924, in

### **Ed Scott**

Ed Scott, 65, Phoenix, Ariz., sonin-law of a Big Spring couple, died Nov. 23, 1990, at the John C. Lincoln

Services were under the direction of Grimshaw Bethany Funeral Home in Phoenix.

He was born Oct. 31, 1925, in Kinston, N.C. He married Gloria Gene Fletcher (who was born and raised in Big Spring) Dec. 4, 1971, in Los Angeles, Calif. They settled in 1975, in Phoenix, Ariz., after leaving Los Angeles. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force as a pilot during World War II. He obtained his electrical engineering degree from U.C.L.A. and taught physics and astronomy at U.C.L.A. for a few years. He then was an executive in design and marketing with Tappan O'Keefe and Meritt He retired in 1981 and established his own business as a marketing consultant.

Survivors include Gloria Gene Scott, Phoenix, Ariz.; three sons: Matt Scott, Phoenix; Ted Scott, Atlanta, Ga.; and Greg Scott, Sacramento, Calif.; one daughter, Ashleigh Scott, Phoenix; two stepsons: Chris Thompson, and Todd Thompson, both of Fort Worth; his mother, Edith Scott, Norfolk, Va.; two brothers: Mac Scott, Norfolk, Va.; and Tony Scott, Kinston, N.C.; one sister, Carolyn Whitehurst, Bethesda, Md.; his mother and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Fletcher Jr., Big Spring; and several other relatives in Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials

#### Sammie Haney A senior administration official said, meantime, it has been decid-

ed not to talk about readiness any Asked for an indication of which of the various statements represented the real administration position, the official said only,

grandchildren. **Funeral Home** 

Nalley-Pickle & Welch and Rosewood Chapel 906 GREGG BIG SPRING

the air to ring in the New Year.

'We will not tolerate illegal use meanor that can bring six months

of New Year's," Mayor Tom Bradley said Thursday. A poster of three toddlers put the

Extra police officers will be

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following

Brian Ross Roberts, 27, Quit-

man, arrested on a warrant for issuance of bad checks, paid a fine

### **Deaths**

VA Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz.

to the American Cancer Society.

Sammie Fred Haney, 66, Lamesa, brother of several Big Spring residents, died Thursday, Dec. 27, 1990, at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock after a lengthy illness.

MYERS & SMITH As to Bush's statement that he Funeral Home and Chapel could go to war in 10 minutes, the

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#### Hospital visit

DALLAS — University of Miami center Darren Handy talks with six-year-old Kral-Mallory at the Children's Medical Center Hospital Thursday afternoon. Miami will play the University of Texas in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

#### Baseball auction in Abilene

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

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

The festivites 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 rank ings, 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 gloves. The Reds will provide catching gear (except mitts), baseballs, helmets and bats.

## Air Force shocks Ohio State

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Ohio State coach John Cooper had sent up the warning signals earlier in the week, but the lesson was not taken to heart until the No. 24 Buckeyes walked off the Liberty Bowl field a 23-11 loser to Air Force.

The Falcons (7-5) held the Buckeyes and 1,000-yard rusher Robert Smith in check Thursday night and controlled the game tempo with a ground-hugging wishbone offense that gained 254 yards on 61

Despite going into the game a 17-point underdog, the Falcons looked the part of a victim only for a few fleeting minutes in the first quarter when they gave up a safety and a field goal to fall behind 5-0.

"We proved we deserved to be here. I don't know if I've ever been prouder of a team," said Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry. "In my opinion, (it is) one of the greatest wins in the history of Air Force Academy football.'

Ohio State's Cooper said he was prepared to meet a strong challenge from the Falcons, but his Buckeyes (7-4-1) were not able to overcome a sputtering offense that was limited to 80 yards rushing and 134 yards through the air.

'As the game went on, we let them stay with us and it was kind of like a fight. They kept after us and continued to gain confidence, Cooper said. "We probably played well enough defensively to win the game . . . but not offensively."

Smith, who broke the freshman rushing record set at Ohio State by Archie Griffin with 1,064 yards during the season, said the Buckeyes were just not the better team Thursday night.

Hey, you!

CHICAGO — Chicago guard Michael Jordan (23) puts defensive

pressure on Golden State's Sarunas Marciulionis during first-

quarter action Thursday night. Jordan led all scorers with 42

points as the Bulls defeated Golden State 128-113.



MEMPHIS, Tenn. - Air Force's Carlton McDonald (3) holds the ball aloft after intercepting an Ohio State pass and returning it 40 yards

for a touchdown to clinch a Liberty Bowl victory for the Falcons. Air Force defeated Ohio State,

them. You have to give credit where credit is due. They played some tough defense and they confused us with their offense. They controlled the ball. They deserved to win," said Smith.

Smith gained 62 yards on 13 carries, including a 29-yard scoring

"I don't think we underestimated run in the fourth quarter that cut

the Falcons' lead to 13-11. Quarterback Rob Perez, the Liberty Bowl MVP, scored on a pair of 1-yard runs and cornerback Carlton McDonald returned his second pass interception of the evening 40 yards for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter to subdue the

Buckeyes.

"We've been a big underdog all along this year," said Perez, who rushed for 93 yards on 26 carries and completed one of his three passes for 11 yards. "We did what it took. They would think they had made a big play and we'd have 4 or

### Ranked teams pass tough holiday tests

(AP) Christmas vacation is not a time for exams. Still, Ohio State and South Carolina were tested severely in-holiday tournaments The sixth-ranked Buckeyes bare-

ly got by Mississippi State 82-80 Thursday night in the opening round of the Palm Beach Classic in Florida. Ohio State (9-0) plays Miami, Ohio, for the title.

"I commend Mississippi State. They've got a good ballclub and they did a good job of taking it to us," Ohio State coach Randy Ayers said. "We needed another close game like this to get ready for our Big 10 season starting next week."

No. 12 South Carolina didn't put away Brigham Young until 16 seconds were left in their firstround game of the Holiday Festival at New York. Joe Rhett's long pass to JoJo English on an inbounds play provided the clinching points.

"I feel relieved," South Carolina coach George Felton said. "BYU cut the game totally in half and made us shoot from the perimeter. Our defense bailed us out. We didn't lose our composure.'

In other games involving ranked teams, No. 4 Arizona beat Pepperdine 80-66 to start off the Fiesta Bowl Classic; No. 5 Indiana took Marshall 91-67 in the first round of the Hoosier Classic; No. 10 UCLA blitzed Fresno State 110-89; and 18th-rated Kentucky defeated Eastern Kentucky 74-60.

In other tournament games, it was Maryland 86, Rutgers 81 in the Holiday Festival; Iowa State 81,

### **College roundup**

Temple 79 in overtime at the Fiesta Bowl; Ohio 77, North Texas 74 in the other first-rounder of the Hoosier Classic; Miami, Ohio 101, Miami, Fla. 99 in double overtime at the Palm Beach Classic: Georgia Tech 95, Tulane 83, and Villanova 88, Auburn 71 in the Sugar Bowl Classic.

No 6 Ohio State 82, Mississippi State 80

Mississippi State (7-1), showed it might be a Southeastern Conference contender with the way it pushed Ohio State. The Buckeyes trailed much of the first half and the lead changed five times after halftime before Ohio State took charge

Jamaal Brown led Ohio State with 20 points and Jim Jackson scored 18, including three baskets in the last four minutes.

"It was a tough, hard-fought game," Bulldogs coach Richard Williams said. "We knew it would be and I'm proud of our kids' effort. They gave themselves a chance to win against the sixth-ranked team in the nation.

No. 12 South Carolina 52, Brigham Young 49

Despite shooting just 9-for-26 from the field in the second half and scoring a season-low 23 points in the final 20 minutes, South

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## close session

DALLAS (AP) - Jeff Boyd permits himself a slight smile when he considers the daunting task ahead on New Year's Day. "It's going to be a lot of fun, I hope," said the Texas

Longhorns' 6-4, 278-pound red-

shirt sophomore starting right

guard. His mission in the 55th Cotton Bowl will be to stop Miami's Russell Maryland, the Outland award winner. Maryland is a fifth year senior who wrecks op-

ponent's offensive game plans. "I've seen him on film and he's amazing," Boyd said. "I haven't played anybody that quick all year. I've got to find a way to keep him from totally controlling the game.

Maryland is 6-2 and 273 and can run a 4.8 in the 40.

"Those Miami defensive linemen can run," he said. "I knew they were fast when I saw em running faster than most backs. It should be real interesting.

While Boyd was pondering his fate, Miami closed practice for the Cotton Bowl on New Year's Day although the game between No. 3 ranked Texas and No. 4 ranked Miami is five days

"We closed practice because we're playing Texas in Texas," said Miami coach Dennis Erickson. "Also, the Lou Holtz thing last year scares me a

Erickson was referring to the Notre Dame coach's "Colorado is living a dream" statement in the Orange Bowl which was picked up by a television crew's boom microphone.

Erickson said he also thought getting rid of visitors would cut down the distraction-

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tion," Erickson said. Texas coach David McWilliams said his practices

would remain open. "It's been so cold nobody omes to our practices anyway," McWilliams said. 'We've never closed our

workouts. 'McWilliams said he didn't anticipate Miami making many

changes behind closed gates. "They aren't going to change much because they've been too successful at what they are do-

ing," McWilliams said. On the social front, outspoken Texas offensive tackle Stan Thomas said he was offended by the behavior of the Miami players at a barbecue on

Wednesday night. "They put bandanas on their heads and I thought I was in the middle of Huntsville penitentiary," Thomas said of the

"There was a lot of showboating going on at the party," said Texas defensive back Stanley Richard.

### Oilers-Steelers matchup promises to be shootout

Astrodome. The winner goes to the playoffs. The loser probably goes Of course, whatever happens bet-

ween the Pittsburgh Steelers and Houston Oilers on Sunday night won't be the only deciding factor in the AFC Central race. Or for the third and final wild-card spot in the conference.

The Cleveland-Cincinnati and Detroit-Seattle games also have a bearing on the postseason lineup.

In the NFC, it's a lot simpler. Dallas, which is at Atlanta, is 7-8. So is New Orleans, which is at home against the Los Angeles Rams on Monday night. If the Cowboys and Saints both win or both lose, Dallas gets the final wildcard slot. Only if New Orleans wins while Dallas doesn't - or the Saints tie and the Cowboys losè will the Saints qualify.

Got it? Elsewhere, Kansas City needs to win Saturday at Chicago to keep its hopes for the AFC West title alive. to do.' The Chiefs, who already have a

(AP) A shootout in the wild-card spot, need a win and a home loss by the Raiders on Sunday against San Diego.

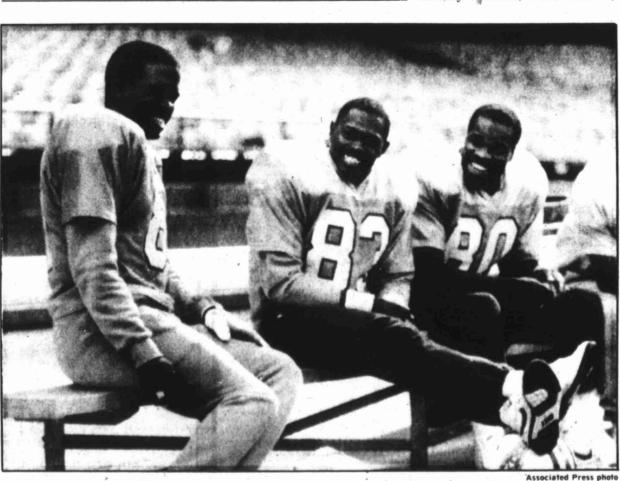
The other Saturday game has Philadelphia at Phoenix, with the Eagles needing a win to sew up being at home against Washington in the NFC wild-card game.

Also on Sunday, it's Buffalo at Washington; Indianapolis at Miami; the New York Giants at New England; San Francisco at Minnesota; Green Bay at Denver; and the New York Jets at Tampa

Steelers coach Chuck Noll isn't worried about playing the biggest game of the year in Houston. Last season, the Steelers won the AFC wild-card game at the Astrodome.

"Sometimes winning the big game is overrated and you get yourself all pumped up and out of control," Noll said. "We've had some guys who are susceptible to that type of thing. Winning the big game is just being very efficient and doing the things you know how

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HOUSTON - Houston wide receivers Ernest Givens (81), Leonard Harris (83) and Curtis Dun-

can enjoy a light moment before a recent practice in Houston.

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### Coughlin named coach at BC

NEWTON, Mass. (AP) -Tom Coughlin, an NFL assistant coach with Philadelphia, Green Bay and the New York Giants since 1984, was named coach at Boston College,

replacing ousted Jack Bicknell. Coughlin, 44, who has coached receivers for the Giants for three seasons, was chosen by new BC athletic director Chet Gladchuk for a second tour of duty with the Eagles. Coughlin was an original member of Bicknell's staff in 1980.

Coach Frank Beamer of Virginia Tech turned down an offer to replace Bicknell. Then coach Jimmye Laycock of William & Mary accepted an offer, but changed his mind less than 24 hours later.

#### Canada ties U.S. in junior hockey

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan (AP) - Mike Craig scored with 4:23 remaining in the third period to give Canada a 4-4 tie with the United States in the **World Junior Hockey** Championships.

Craig, on loan from the Minnesota North Stars, stripped the puck from a defenseman. took two strides and beat goaltender Matt Heinke during a power play, capping a gamelong comeback by the favored

In the other game, Marcus Thuresson scored his second goal of the game with 25 seconds left to give Sweden a 4-3 victory over Czechoslovakia

The U.S., which had lost its last nine games to Canada, led 3-1 after one period, 3-2 after two and took a 4-3 lead midway through the final period on an unassisted goal by Doug

Steven Rice, Eric Lindros and Pat Falloon also scored for Canada, now 1-0-1 in the eightnation round-robin event. Czechoslovakia and Sweden are 1-1 and the Americans are 0-1-1. The Soviet Union and Finland are 1-0, while Norway and Switzerland are 0-1.

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### Tyson sues to stop fight

NEW YORK (AP) - Mike Tyson filed suit in an attempt to stop the next heavyweight championship bout, saying he and not George Foreman should have the first opportunity to challenge champion Evander Holyfield.

The lawsuit, filed in Manhattan's federal court, also seeks \$10 million in damages from the World Boxing Association, the International Boxing Federation and officers of the two organizations. In the lawsuit, Tyson claims

the WBA and IBF violated their own rules when they denied him a rematch with James "Buster" Douglas after Douglas unseated him as champion last February in Tokyo.

Tyson said the two boxing organizations decided he would be the challenger if Holyfield won the October championship fight with Douglas, which Holyfield did.

But the decision that Tyson would then fight Holyfield was rescinded, Tyson alleged, when WBA lawyer James Binns improperly persuaded the WBA executive committee to let Foreman be the challenger.

### TAC delays **Barnes decision**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Apanel of The Athletics Congress is collecting more information on the steroids test of world shot put record holder Randy Barnes before deciding whether his suspension should be lifted, Barnes' lawyer said Wednesday.

Attorney John Dowd said it may take several more days before the panel has all the information it needs to issue a decision on Barnes, who tested positive for steriod use after a meet Aug. 7 in Malmo Sweden. He was suspended by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The panelists requested more information from the IAAF and from the laboratory in Sweden that handled Barnes' tests.

If the panel recommends his suspension be lifted and TAC accepts the ruling, Barnes' case with the IAAF would go to arbitration. He could compete in the meantime in domestic meets.

## Sidelines Portland sub-par, but still downs Charlotte

### **NBA** roundup

(AP) If the mark of a great team is to win without playing its best, put the Portland Trail Blazers in that category

"There's a lot of hard work that has led to this great start," Clyde Drexler said after Portland beat Charlotte 105-96 Thursday night. "We were not at our best and we still won. That's a compliment to this team.

Drexler scored 25 points as the surging Trail Blazers handed the Hornets their 11th straight loss. The Trail Blazers, winning their fourth straight game and seventh in eight, improved the NBA's best record to 26-3. They also are the league's best road team at 11-2.

But all of that is of little interest to the players. Their biggest incentive was born in defeat, specifically that at the hands of the Detroit Pistons in the NBA Finals last season.

stomach to get back and win the whole thing," Drexler said. Another year of experience also

"There's a hunger in our

is paying dividends. "We're another year older and playing better together because we're more used to one another," said Buck Williams, who had 14 points and 17 rebounds against Charlotte. "We're more consistent defensively. We're rebounding the ball well.

The loss left the third-year Hornets one short of the franchise mark for futility set last season. Still, coach Gene Littles was not discouraged.

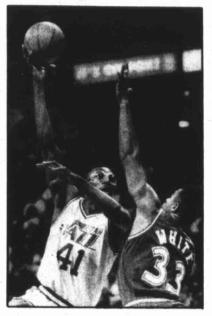
"I think the last two games we have turned it up," Littles said. "We have played better against better competition, but we just couldn't get the win.

Hornets with 27 points, was fourth straight game. disheartened, however. lost three in a row," he said. "It's a

lot harder to take now. Elsewhere, it was Chicago 128, Golden State 113; Utah 110, Dallas time in eight games and 14th in 17. 102: Seattle 125. Washington 120:

and Miami 124, Denver 114. 10 rebounds for the Trail Blazers. Higgi while Terry Porter had 22 points. State. Rex Champman added 21 points for Charlotte.

Portland took its biggest lead at quarter. The Hornets responded 32 of the Bulls' 41 points. Chicago Mills 15 each.



SALT LAKE CITY — Utah's Thurl Bailey shoots for two points over the outstretched arms of Dallas' Randy White Thursday night. Utah downed Dallas, 110-102.

with a 9-0 run, including six points by Chapman, to close to 59-57. Charlotte took its first lead, 72-71,

in the fourth quarter on a 20-foot jumper from Dell Curry. Shortly thereafter, Portland

regained control. The Trail Blazers got their fastbreak going and opened an 88-77 lead. Four different players scored during a 9-1 Portland surge and the Hornets could get no closer than four points Charlotte played without starting

point guard Muggsy Bogues, who sprained his left ankle in a loss at Detroit on Wednesday night. He is fourth in the NBA in assists at 10.4 per game.

**Bulls 128, Warriors 113** Michael Jordan scored a seasonhigh 42 points and Scottie Pippen a Johnny Newman, who led the career-high 34 as Chicago won its

It was only the second time this "It was hard to take when we had season that Jordan, the league's leading scorer at 29.7 coming in, surpassed the 40-point mark. It helped Chicago win for the seventh

The Warriors, led by Tim Hardaway with 29 points, dropped their Jerome Kersey had 21 points and fourth consecutive road game. Rod Higgins added 21 points for Golden

The Bulls blew past the Warriors in the third quarter when Jordan, 8-of-11, scored 18 points and Pipa 105-85 lead entering the final

Jazz 110, Mavericks 102 Thurl Bailey scored 10 of his 18 points in the final period to spark surging Utah over stumbling Dallas.

Karl Malone led the Jazz to its 10th victory in 13 games with 35 points on 12-of-16 shooting. Derek Harper had 32 points and 11 assists for the Mavericks, who lost for the 10th time in 13 games.

The Mavericks, who trailed by as many as 14 points, pulled to 87-86 a minute into the final period on a 3-pointer by Brad Davis. But Bailey scored the next six points for Utah, which took a 93-88 lead with 7:35 remaining. Dallas got no closer the rest of the way.

Jeff Malone added 19 points for Utah and John Stockton had 16 assists. Rolando Blackman had 21 points and Alex English 18 for the Mavericks.

SuperSonics 125, Bullets 120 Eddie Johnson scored 18 of his 22 points in Seattle's 71-point first half and the SuperSonics won their sixth straight game.

Bernard King scored 29 points for the Bullets, who had won five straight at the Capital Centre in Landover, Md. A crowd of 2,413 braved a snowstorm to see Washington lose its second straight following a three-game winning

Shawn Kemp scored 20 points and had 11 rebounds for the Sonics and Sedale Threatt had 16 points. Led by Johnson and Threatt, Seattle's bench produced 54 points.

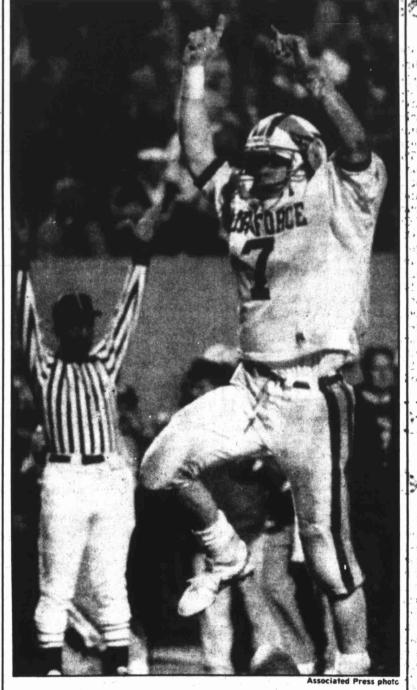
Johnson scored 12 points in the pivotal second quarter, when Seattle outscored the Bullets 39-29 to take a 71-57 lead.

Heat 124, Nuggets 114 Sherman Douglas had a careerhigh 42 points and Willie Burton a career-high 27, rallying Miami over outmanned Denver for only its second road victory.

The Heat, winning for just the second time in 13 games overall, is now 2-10 on the road. Control of the backboards highlighted the victory, in which four Miami players were in double figures in rebounds.

Billy Thompson led the way with 12 rebounds

The Nuggets, who suited only eight players because of injuries, were led by Michael Adams with 23 points and 11 assists. Chris Jackson added 21 points, Walter Davis 17 59-48 midway through the third pen, 5-of-7, added 14 to account for and Marcus Liberty and Terry



### Flying Falcon

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Air Force quarterback Rob Perez celebrates a second-quarter touchdown against Ohio State in the Liberty Bowl Thursday night. Air Force defeated the Buckeyes, 23-11.

The Steelers know how to stop all kinds of offenses, even Houston's run-and-shoot, which might be severely handicapped by the absence of Warren Moon. The Pro Bowl quarterback is out with a dislocated thumb.

stingiest overall defense and also is No. 1 stopping the pass.

"Our defense has played real well the whole year," Pro Bowl cornerback Rod Woodson said. "Last year, we had a new system and didn't understand it at all until the last couple of games.

crown belongs to them. Houston' needs to win and have Cincinnati lose for the Oilers to get the championship. But Houston still can get a wild card if it and Cincinnati both

### College

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Carolina won. The Gamecocks scored the final four points of the first half for a 29-22 halftime lead, but then managed just one free throw in the opening 6:01 of the second half.

It took almost the rest of the gamé to recover, with Joe Rhett's three-point play with 1:26 to go giving the Gamecocks the lead for good at 50-49. "They came out and played some

great defense," said Rhett, who finished with nine points. "This year is different for us. Everybody comes out and is ready for us this year because we're ranked. We can't sneak up on anybody. No. 4 Arizona 80, Pepperdine 66

Sean Rooks scored 26 points and had 11 rebounds as Arizona overpowered Pepperdine to advance to the championship of the Fiesta Bowl Classic for the sixth consecutive time. Arizona had a massive height edge with its 6-foot-11 frontline — Pepperdine's biggest player is 6-8.

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ing a 14-6 Pepperdine surge that drew the Waves within 49-48 with 11:45 left. That's when the Wildcats took charge.

Doug Christie led Pepperdine with 20 points.

No. 5 Indiana 91, Marshall 67 Calbert Cheaney scored 27 points for Indiana, which scored the game's first 12 points and 18 of the first 20.

Marshall never recovered, trailing 34-11 at 6:30 and 43-22 at halftime. Cheaney had 16 of his points in the second half as he scored in double figures for the 25th straight game.

Eric Anderson added 16 points for Indiana, Damon Bailey had 15, Pat Graham 14 and Greg Graham 10. John Taft scored 25 of his 28 points in the second half for the Thundering Herd.

No. 10 UCLA 110, Fresno State 89 Tracy Murray scored 20 of his 26 points in the second half and Don MacLean had 22 points.

UCLA, rebounding from its first

Geoff Lear scored six points dur- loss of the season at Iowa, got 19 points from Mitchell Butler in beating the Bulldogs for the sixth time in as many meetings.

Tod Bernard led Fresno State with 25 points. The Bulldogs have dropped 51 of 60 road games dating back to the start of the 1986-87

No. 18 Kentucky 74, Eastern Ken-

tucky 60 The Wildcats played the Colonels for just the second time in 62 years and Eastern put up a valiant fight. But Reggie Hanson scored nine of his career-high 27 points during a 20-6 run in the second half for the

'When we had Kentucky by three (42-39), we took a couple of bad shots," said John Allen. "We knew what was happening. It took us a while to get to used to" Kentucky's press.

"I appreciate what we got out of this game - the publicity and the chance to play a team of this caliber," Eastern Kentucky coach Mike Pollio said.

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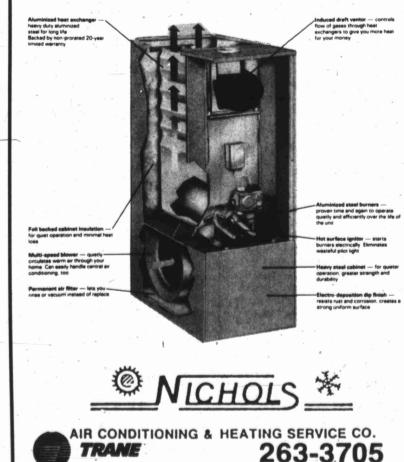
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### Sainthood drive for Spanish queen angers Jews, Moslems

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"Moslems and Jews were forced at the point of a sword to covert to

VATICAN CITY (AP) - She sent Christopher Columbus on his voyage and opened up the New World for the spread of Catholicism, but did Queen Isabella I of Spain have the stuff of saints? Jews and Moslems are outraged by the idea.

The Vatican is studying a petition that supporters hope will put the queen on the road to possible sainthood in time for 1992, when the church plans to celebrate 500 years of Christianity in the Americas.

One of the most significant figures in Spanish history, Isabella commissioned the voyage of Columbus in 1492 to the New World.

Isabella is also remembered as the queen who expelled the Jews and Moslems from Spain and for the dreaded Inquisition that began of history," said the Rev. during her rule with her husband, Ferdinand II.

Samuel Toledano, head of the before Vatican commissions. Federation of Spanish Jewish Com-

of intolerance.' The Vatican petition, he said,

"would reopen old wounds that we thought were closed forever."

But an Argentine-born priest pursuing her cause says her contributions to unifying Spain and spreading Catholicism were immense and worthy of recognition.

She was one of the great women Anastasius Gutierrez, who is serving as postulator to argue her case

Gutierrez, who is representing

munities, calls Isabella "a symbol the Spanish archdiocese of Valladolid, near the site of Isabella's death in 1504, says the church in many countries of Latin America has given its support.

The Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints must decide if there is merit in a cause for a candidate's heroic virtue or martyrdom and then send it on to the cardinals of the congregation and eventually the pope.

If approved, the candidate would be declared "venerable," the first step up the ladder.

Gutierrez said he is hoping for

this approval by the fall of 1991 but admitted the next step - beatification — may be more difficult.

Hesham el-Essawy, chairman,

**Promotion of Religious Tolerance** 

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"We need a miracle that doesn't exist," he said.

One miracle attributed to the candidate is needed for the declaration of "blessed." The petition appears to have

touched a sensitive nerve at the Vatican. The sainthood congregation referred queries to the Vatican's press office.

Chief spokesman Joaquin Navarro insisted the Vatican is not working under any deadline.

"There is no special desire to complete it by 1992," he said.

Jewish representatives in Spain, Italy and Britain have called on the Vatican to shelve the petition for the time being

"I do hope the Vatican will listen and not place an obstacle in the path of dialogue," said Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish Communities

She said Isabella's reign destroyed "a unique example of fruitful cooperation among Jews, Moslems and Christians." and a move toward beatification would only encourage extremists.

Hesham el-Essawy, chairman of the Islamic Society for the Promotion of Religious Tolerance, was quoted in The Times of London as saying: "Moslems and Jews were forced at the point of a sword to covert to Christianity or die. She is more of a demon than a saint.'

The Inquisition began in Spain in 1478 and was originally aimed at discovering and punishing Jews whose conversions were considered insincere. It was later extended to Moslems and then to any Spaniard suspected of heresy.

Meanwhile, plans to celebrate the 500th anniversary of Columbus' arrival in America are under fire from native American groups

The Spanish conquerors transferred tons of gold and silver to Spain from the newly discovered land, especially from Mexico and Peru, after dominating the natives

## Eastern Europe is top religion story

NEW YORK (AP) — The wave of tee on ways to aid Eastern Europe, religious freedom sweeping over and Jewish groups concerned Eastern Europe and the efforts of Western religious groups to bring the church in from the cold was the top religion news story of 1990, ac-

cording to a poll. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who won the 1990 Nobel ing democratic changes in Eastern Europe and easing East-West conflicts, also was selected as religion newsmaker of the year for the second year in a row in the voting by 45 members of the Religion Newswriters Association. Evangelist Billy Graham finished

In the Soviet Union, official tolerance for religion has increased greatly since Gorbachev came to power in 1985. In the last two years, many churches have been reconsecrated and Soviet citizens have flocked to services in record numbers.

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The Soviet legislature this fall approved a freedom of conscience bill promised by Gorbachev when he met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican last December. The law forbids the government from interfering in the practice of

opened, many Western churches are sponsoring missionary efforts in Eastern Europe, bringing in Presiding Episcopal Bishop Edteachers, preachers, equipment, building funds and Bibles. Organizations from the United Methodist Church to the Southern Baptist Convention have planned

projects in Eastern Europe. U.S. Roman Catholic bishops

about the dangers of a renewal of anti-Semitism have jumped in to help long-dormant churches realize the fruits of decades of ecumenical advances in the West.

Sex scandals took second place in the poll. Roman Catholic Ar-Peace Prize for his role in introduc- chbishop Eugene A. Marino resigned July 10 after revelations of an "intimate relationship" with a young woman, and the Rev. Allen Boesak resigned Aug. 10 as president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches after admitting an extramarital affair with a married television producer. The Rev. Bruce Ritter left the Covenant House organization he founded amid accusations by male youths of sexual affairs.

The continuing conflict in the nation's largest Protestant denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, ranked third. Conservatives elected a fundamentalist to the presidency and fired the two top editors of the denomination's press service, and moderates withheld some funds from convention agencies.

In fourth place was the suspension of two Lutheran congregations in San Francisco by the With the door to evangelism Evangelical Lutheran Church in America for ordaining and installing acknowledged homosexuals. mond L. Browning reprimanded Bishop John Spong of Newark, N.J., for ordaining a declared homosexual, the Rev. Robert Williams. Spong later suspended Williams for making public remarks disparaging monogamy



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Art at risk

MILAN, Italy — Two carabinieri of the Artwork Protection branch show a 14th century crucifix painted on wood and a wooden polychrome statue of a Madonna and Child of the same period

that had been stolen from a Rome church two years ago. Although these pieces were recovered, inadequate security and border controls favor international thieves of relics in Italy.

### have established a special commit- and the celibacy of Mother Teresa. Robertson predicts heavenly intervention to protect Israel

NEW YORK (AP) — Christian broadcaster Pat Robertson, now off the campaign trail but still plug-

ging for believers engagement with; political issuęs, worries the Persian Gulf crisis could be turned against Israel



He says Ira-

qi leader Saddam, Hussein "has set the machinery in motion" by which a world military alliance and Arab nations eventually might "isolate Israel and spark cataclysmic events.

If that happens, it would bring "some heavenly intervention to protect Israel," Robertson said in an interview. "Certainly events are marching in that direction and very rapidly.

He doesn't offer any timetable or specific scenario for such convulsions, as do some end-of-time sifters of biblical clues. But as a firm backer of Israel's nationhood, he does see hints of it in the present

Robertson, in a wide-ranging conversation, also foresaw a sharpening "struggle for the pinacles of power" in this country government, the courts, n government, the courts,
 schools and news media — and predicted religious values would

regain ascendancy. It's a multifaceted struggle, but the people of faith are going to prevail," he said. "A profound spiritual awakening is coming in this country in this decade,

He elaborates his views in a new "The New Millennium," published by Word Publishing of Irving, Texas, and it foresees a conflic between secularism and Judeo-Christian standards.

Similar themes threaded his unsuccessful 1988 campaign for the Republican presidential nomina-

complished a goal even though he didn't win.

"My main purpose was not to see me elected, but to get Christians involved in the public arena and in politics. And they're in there," he

"I found there is an enormous reservoir of pro-family, pro-Christian values in this country. These people are in it for the long haul. .. Within the next 10 years they may be the most powerful political force in America.

Robertson, 60, is back as president of his financially rebounded Christian Broadcasting Network and chancellor of its affiliated graduate school, Regent University at Virginia Beach, Va.

He brushes aside the idea of another presidential bid. Chuckling, he said, "I'm so glad that Bush got handed the deficit, the savingsand-loan crisis and the Middle East, I don't know what to do."

He said he has "no plans whatever" to run again. But earlier this year, he set up a national voter-education organization, the Christian Coalition, to alert grass-roots supporters to

It has about 50,000 participants so far, he said. "They're going to make a big contribution. They're capable, intelligent, and make tremendous political operatives when they care to do so. It'll be for

the good of the country.' In his book, he predicts that in this decade, a "fierce, intense and sometimes ugly battle is going to be waged to seize the control points of society away from the forces of

anti-Christian secularism.' "After a period of intense struggle, the believers will stand firmly astride the fallen and crumbling ruins of the secular colossus," he

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> But, he says, these will be countered by a "groundswell of Christian renewal all over the world" that will reverse smothering, irreligious secularism.

He sharply criticizes the courts, saying they have "legislated Judeo-Christian values out of American life," and the educational system, saying it has caused the "dumbing of America."

"Generations have been so well trained to be so open minded, their minds are essentially empty," he

Anti-religious attitudes dominate the movies, television and print media, he says. But like communism, he says, "secular humanism has failed....It is a bankrupt system, without moral guidelines or reliable safeguards to protect the people from its own corruptions.

Robertson stressed similar points in the interview. He said the religious non-establishment clause in the constitution "has been used for the establishment of everything else," chiefly "a secularistic religion" that excludes Judeo-Christianity.

He blames the abandonment of America's religious roots for the most serious problems of the country - drug abuse, crime, childabuse, wife battering, the deficit and financial scandals

'It's like taking the foundation from under a skyscraper. The whole thing comes tumbling down," he said.

Robertson, relaxed, warm, with his ready smile, keeps in shape jogging, playing tennis and horseback riding. A one-time Golden Gloves boxer, he took time out this fall at He also predicts that "we are the invitation of boxer Evander

## Divisions limit role of religion in U.S.

(AP) Religion in America was simpler in the 1950s.

The phrase "under God" was added to the Pledge of Allegiance, Catholics, evangelicals, Jews and Muslims kept a low profile, and a pecking order helped a community's most prominent citizens gravitate toward mainline Protestant institutions such as the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches.

But then a series of sociological changes shook nearly 31/2 centuries of Protestant hegemony, ranging from the rapid rise of evangelicalism, to the surge of Catholics to equal Protestants in income and education, to judicial rulings limiting the influence of

religion in public life. In explaining what happened in his Midwest community, one mainline Protestant executive told Hartford Seminary Dean William McKinney, "You have to understand the neighborhood changed when the whites moved out and the Irish Catholics moved

The demographic shifts have not led to a passive changing of the guard, but to what some observers see as increasingly bitter divisions between liberals and conservatives that threaten religion's traditional role of supplying society with a common set of moral standards.

"Religious people have got to. get their act together," said Dean Thomas Ogletree of Yale Divinity School. "If we're unable to talk to one another because we're so divided, the larger society is wise to say, 'Let's keep religion out of it because they'll just mess it up.'

In a 1984 Gallup Poll, 31 percent of religious conservatives held negative stereotypes of religious liberals, while only 7 percent found similar faults with themselves. The range of intolerance was even greater on the

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**Dean Thomas Ogletree** 

religious left, where 41 percent held negative views of conservatives, while only 3 percent said

liberal sterotypes were valid. 'The division is at least as strong, if not stronger than it was five years ago," said Robert Wuthnow, a Princeton University sociology professor who has studied the issue

America may be heralded as a haven for religious freedom, but it also has a history of religious

At the founding of the country, most states had laws discriminating against Catholics and formally establishing either Anglican or Congregational

Strong anti-Catholic and anti-Semitic attitudes existed into the 1950s, despite a veneer of placid tolerance epitomized by President Eisenhower's declaration that, "Our government makes no sense unless it is founded on a deeply felt religious faith - and I don't care what it is.

But the '60s and '70s saw unprecedented ecumenical advances, fueled by such things as a broad range of religious groups working together on the civil rights movement.

## Religious groups can work together

(AP) When Nelson Mandela visited New York City this summer, more than 100 religious leaders - Protestant, Jewish, Catholic, Muslim - gathered to

The leaders, who might not have stepped into the same room a few years earlier, hammered out a statement within a half-hour condemning apartheid and supporting U.S. sanctions against South

"It was stupendous," said Episcopal Presiding Bishop Edmond Browning.

Burger King placed ads espousing family values in newspapers around the country in November after a coalition of more than 1,600 religious leaders called off a boycott of the company for sponsoring television programs they said featured sex, profanity and anti-Christian stereotyping.

After a generation when they often were engaged in a holy war with one another, religious groups have started to join forces in what some say is a culture war for the hearts and minds of a nation.

"There's . . . a growing feeling that the forces that are aligned against the Christian churches secularism, nationalism, militarism — are so formidable that we can't help but align ourselves with one another," said Bishop Herbert Chilstrom of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The National Council of Churches has formed a group, chaired by Chilstrom, to explore better relations among mainline Protestants, evangelical Protestants and Catholics.

By nearly any standard, Americans are among the most religious people in the world. Eighty-six percent of the respondents to a November Associated Press poll conducted by the ICR Survey Research Group said religion is very important or fairly important in their lives. Sixty-two percent said they had attended a religious service within the past month.

And 64 percent said they believe religion can answer all or most of

today's problems. "The great public battle is over culture - how ought we to live. At the heart of culture are the moral questions," said Richard Neuhaus, director of the Institute on Religion and Public Life in New York. "At least in America, for the overwhelming number of people, the moral questions are inseparable

from the religious questions. But the force that historically tethered the country to a sense of the common good no longer is first among the nation's political institutions, as the French historian Alexis de Tocqueville referred to religion in his landmark study of American democracy in the 1800s.

After two decades in which individual liberty has been upheld as the greatest good, anyone promoting an agenda of justice for all that would require a common ethical standard — such as a moral obligation to assist the less fortunate — is having a difficult time being heard, observers say

"It's doubly hard if you're religious. Your motives are suspect," said philosopher Lisa Newton of Fairfield University. "If I stand up and say I represent a religion, not only are they going to ignore me, but they are going to pelt me with tomatoes for doing something they believe is fun-

damentally wrong. The buck has become the only common language, said the Rev. Donald Wildmon, whose American Family Association monitors television programming for Christian Leaders for Responsible Television, the coalition that led the Burger King boycott.

### **Inspirational** film to be shown

"Cry From the Mountain," an inspirational adventure film set in the majestic wilderness of Alaska, will be shown Monday at 8 p.m. at East Fourth Street Baptist Church.

the public.

Daniel L. Quick, and produced by World Wide Pictures, the story centers around the Sanders family. Larry Sanders takes his 10-year-old son, Cal, on a camping trip where he is to break the news that he and his wife, Carolyn, are getting a divorce. Meanwhile Carolyn, filled with bitterness and unable to forgive her husband for an affair he has had with a woman in his office, considers the option of having an abortion. Through a lifethreatening accident and an old

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the hermit caretaker of the deserted mining camp, who lives alone with his dog, Jake. The old man resents the intrusion of the campers, but eventually comes to share his Christian faith. Wes Parker plays Larry

Sanders, and Rita Walter plays Carolyn Sanders, the couple whose marriage is on the brink of disaster.

Chris Kidd plays 10-year old Cal Sanders, who seeks the hermit's help when his father is injured in a kayaking accident. Billy Graham appears as himself with a message of hope

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Fenholt's picture has appeared on the cover of Time magazine, in Life, Cosmopolitan, Vogue and other magazines. He has appeared on the Phil Donahue Show. At one time, Fenholt was the lead vocalist for the rock group Black Sabbath. He has performed with other rock groups, including Whitesnake,

Fenholt made Jesus Christ his lord and savior in 1979. Since 1984 he has performed with Nicy Cruz in the United States, Mexico and South and Central

America. In 1987 and 1988, he toured on his own in Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Canada. Fenholt has a weekly musical and testimonial show on the Trinity Broadcasting Network entitled 'Highway to Heaven.'

Tickets to the performance are available for \$5 in Big Spring at the Sonshine Christian Bookstore and in Midland at the Lighthouse. For further information, call Mark Barber, outreach director, at (915) 263-4321.

#### Bishop stresses need to involve youth

FORT WORTH (AP) - AUnited Methodist bishop says the next missionary challenge for U.S. Christians is not overseas, but among teen-agers and young adults in American communities.

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### Rabbi: Holocaust God's punishment

JERUSALEM (AP) — An ultra-Orthodox rabbi considered to be a political kingmaker has enraged religious and secular Israelis by claiming the Holocaust was God's punishment for sins such as violating the Jewish Sabbath and eating pork.

"Not for a long time has any single remark caused such an emotional reaction," said Razi Barkai, host of a radio talk show that was flooded with hundreds of calls Thursday over the remarks of Rabbi Eliezer Schach.

Barkai said calls ran about 3-2 against the 97-year-old rabbi, who also predicted another disaster may befall Jews for violating traditional religious tenets.

'The last time he brought destruction, it was the Holocaust... Because of the sins, the Almighty may bring another Holocaust upon us, and it may already be tomorrow," Schach told Jewish seminary students earlier this week

About 6 million Jews perished in the Nazi genocide during World War II, and tens of thousands of survivors live in Israel. Five percent of Israel's Jewish residents are ultra-Orthodox, while 70 percent define themselves as secular.

"Rabbi Schach today is one of the most powerful men in Israeli politics and each one of his words creates a lot of noise," said sociologist Menachem Friedman, an expert on religious communities.

Earlier this year, Schach helped Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir form a government by ordering his followers to join Shamir's coalition. The faction's support gave Shamir 62 votes in the 120-member parliament.

In exchange, the party asked for a series of reform laws, including a ban on sexually suggestive ads and sale of pork, forbidden by Jewish dietary laws.

The Knesset, or parliament, earlier this month outlawed outdoor advertising that features semi-clad people. It is expected to take up some of the other proposals

The proposed laws have angered many secular Israelis, who claim the ultra-Orthodox minority carry too much influence.

Schach's comments on the Holocaust was simply repeating a theme common in the Bible: of divine retribution against the Jewish people for straying from the path of their religious law.

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But on another level, many took his remarks to mean that the Jews somehow were to blame for the Nazis' behavior.

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"The Almighty keeps a balance sheet of the world, and when the sins become too many, he brings destruction. We don't know how long his patience holds out, sometimes 20 years, sometimes 10 and sometimes only a year,' Schach said.

Some of Schach's sharpest critics were Holocaust survivors.

Menahem Russak, a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp and a former commander of the Israeli police unit investigating Nazi war crimes, said Schach 'shamed and humiliated" millions of Holocaust victims

His voice shaking, Russak told listeners that Schach "not only exonerated the Nazi murderers, but turned them into messengers of God who were sent to punish the people of Israel for not observing the Torah.

But another caller, an ultra-Orthodox woman who lost relatives in the Holocaust, defended the

"With all the pain I have, I can understand his words. We believe in the link between sin and punishment," said the woman, who did not give her name.

Friedman said Schach's views reflect ultra-Orthodox thinking prevalent since the 1950s.

But secular Israelis only began listening after the ultra-Orthodox left their self-chosen isolation and entered Israeli politics in the 1980s, Friedman said.

The secular public tends to stereotype ultra-Orthodox Jews like Schach as throwbacks to the Jews' ghetto years who never embraced the Zionist cause. For one thing, they speak Yiddish, the language of the ghetto in Europe,

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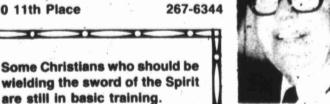
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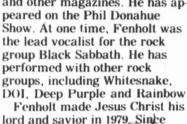
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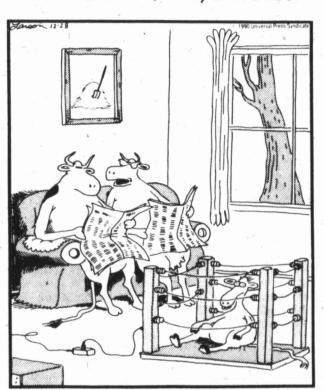
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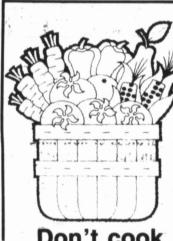
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### Accidental goal lets Islanders gain a tie

(AP) New Jersey defenseman Ken Daneyko did what no New York Islander could — put the puck into the Devils' net.

Daneyko, who has four goals this season and 23 in seven NHL seasons, accidentally hooked the puck into his own net midway through the second period to give the Islanders a 1-1 tie with the Devils Thursday night.

Goaltender Chris Terreri stopped David Volek's break-in from the right side, but could only watch as Daneyko, while laying on his stomach, inadvertantly rolled the puck into his own net.

"I was just trying to get the puck into the corner," Daneyko said. "I didn't know who was behind me and Chris was laying on the ice and I didn't want someone to put it in an open net. I just didn't think this would be the only goal. Though New Jersey is now

unbeaten in its last six games (3-0-3), the own goal cost the Devils a chance to move into a first-place tie with the New York Rangers in the Patrick Division.

In other NHL games, it was Toronto 6, St. Louis 4; Edmonton 4, Calgary 1; Philadelphia 7, Los Angeles 5; and Montreal 7, Vancouver 5.

John MacLean gave the Devils a 1-0 lead with a first-period powerplay goal, the only one of New Jersey's 30 shots that Glenn Healy didn't stop. New Jersey killed off all seven of the Islanders' power plays, including three 5-on-3 opportunities. But there was nothing anyone could do about Daneyko's accidental goal.

"There is nothing to do," Terreri said. "I was falling the other way and Kenny felt there was someone near for the rebound. He tried to scoop it and it rolled off his stick. He made the right play. Volek got credit for his 15th goal.

saw the puck in slow motion go past the goal line," said Volek, who had skated past the net at the point the puck went in. New York is 4-1-3 in its last eight

"I was watching the play and I

and 2-0-2 in its last four against New Jersey. "Right now every point is very important for us," Volek said.

'We're getting closer and closer to

the team in front of us. Maple Leafs 6, Blues 4 Toronto moved out of last place in the overall NHL standings by scoring four times in the first

period and holding off St. Louis. The Maple Leafs, 6-4-1 in December and 11-26-2 overall, moved one point ahead of the Quebec Nordiques and climbed within four of the Minnesota North Stars for the final Norris Division

playoff berth. The last-place finisher in the overall standings would be in line for the first pick in the June entry draft - with budding superstar Eric Lindros as the prize. But the Leafs' top pick belongs to New Jersey as the result of a trade last

"We'll take anything we can get," coach Tom Watt said. "Our immediate goal is to catch

Minnesota. Lucien DeBlois, Paul Fenton, Dan Marois, Mike Millar, Michel Petit and Doug Shedden scored for the Leafs, while Brett Hull, Rich Sutter, Rod Brind'Amour and Bob Bassen had goals for the Blues, who had their 6-0-3 unbeaten string snapped

Oilers 4, Flames 1

The Oilers earned their 500th NHL victory by winning the latest renewal of the "Battle of Alberta."

Edmonton's special teams provided all the offense - scoring twice on the power play and twice shorthanded - and Bill Ranford stopped 26 shots before Joe Nieuwendyk scored with 10 seconds remaining.

With less than two minutes to go, the bad blood between the provincial rivals boiled over. All 10 skaters on the ice got involved in a melee that threatened to empty both benches. Calgary took 27 penalties in the game and Edmonton had 26.

Esa Tikkanen and Craig Mac-Tavish scored shorthanded goals 34 seconds apart in the first period. Glenn Anderson and Petr Klima had power-play goals as the Oilers handed the Flames their fourth straight loss and ended their ninegame road unbeaten streak.

Canadiens 7, Canucks 5 Shane Corson and Brian Skrudland each had a first-period goal and two assists as Montreal built a 6-0 lead, then hung on to win in Vancouver.

Mike McPhee, Tom Chorske and Gerald Diduck scored in the first 4:48 of the second period to give Montreal a 5-0 lead and send Kirk McLean to the bench in favor of Troy Gamble. Eric Desjardins made it 6-0 at 8:33, beating Gamble on a 2-on-1 break.

But Gino Odjick spoiled J.C. Bergeron's shutout bid at 15:48 of the second period and the Canucks mounted a third-period comeback with goals from Doug Lidster, Robert Kron, Igor Larionov and Dan Quinn Stephane Richer's goal with 1:21 remaining in the game halted the rally.

Flyers 7, Kings 5

Philadelphia got off to a successful start on a seven-game road trip as rookie Mike Ricci scored two goals and Tim Kerr had a goal and an assist in his first game since Nov. 10. The Flyers moved into a second-

Patrick Division, one point behind the New York Rangers Ricci and Kerr scored in the first period as the Flyers took a 3-2 lead. Ricci added his second goal during a three-goal spurt that gave Philadelphia a 6-2 lead before one

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Luc Robitaille made it 6-5 midway through the third period. But Rick Tocchet's power-play goal with 2:50 left sealed the win.

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS . RUSHING-Ohio St., Smith 13-62, By'Not'E 5-19, Lee 1-12, Harris 4-11, S.Graham 3-7, J.Graham 1-(minus 9), Frey 3-(minus 22). Air Force, Perez 26-93, Lewis 12-74, Jones 9-38, Onuoha 2-34, Howard 5-19, Crandall 1-15, Durham 2-8, Zdroik 2-7, Baker 1-(minus 1), team 1-(minus 33).

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### Bowl schedule

All Times EST Saturday, Dec. 8 California Bowl At Fresno, Calif. San Jose State 48, Central Michigan 24

Saturday, Dec. 15 At Shreveport, La. Louisiana Tech 34, Maryland 34, tie

Tuesday, Dec. 25 Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala. Blue 17, Gray 14 Aloha Bowl At Honolulu

Syracuse 28, Arizona 0 Thursday, Dec. 27 **Liberty Bowl** At Memphis, Tenn Air Force 23, Ohio State 11

Friday, Dec. 28 All American Bowl At Birmingham, Ala. North Carolina State (6-5) vs. Southern Mississippi (8-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN) **Blockbuster Bowl** At Miami Penn State (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 8

p.m. (Raycom) Saturday, Dec. 29 Peach Bowl

Indiana (6-4-1) vs. Auburn (7-3-1), 12:30 p.m. (ABC) Freedom Bowl At Anaheim, Calif.

Oregon (8-3) vs. Colorado State (8-4) 8 Holiday Bowl At San Diego Brigham Young (10-2) vs. Texas A&M

(8-3-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 31 John Hancock Bowl At El Paso, Texas Southern California (8-3-1) vs. Michigan State (7-3-1), 2:30 p.m. (CBS) At Tucson, Ariz. California (6-4-1) vs. Wyoming (9-3), 5

Tuesday, Jan. 1 **Gator Bowl** At Jacksonville, Fla. Michigan (8-3) vs. Mississippi (9-2), 11:30 a.m. (ESPN) Hall of Fame Bowl

At Tampa, Fla. Clemson (9-2) vs. Illinois (8-3), 1 p.m. Citrus Bowl At Orlando, Fla.

Georgia Tech (10-0-1) vs. Nebraska (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (ABC) Cotton Bowl At Dallas Texas (10-1) vs. Miami, Fla. (9-2), 1:30

Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz. Louisville (9-1-1) vs. Alabama (7-4), 4:30

p.m. (NBC) Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif Washington (9-2) vs. lowa (8-3), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl At Miami Colorado (10-1-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 8 p.m. (NBC)

Sugar Bowl At New Orleans Virginia (8-3) vs. Tennessee (8-2-2), 8:30 84

Saturday, Jan. 12 Japan Bowl At Yokohama, Japan West vs. East, 10 p.m. (ESPN) Saturday, Jan. 19 **Hula Bowl** At Honolulu West vs. East, 4 p.m. (NBC) Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala. AFC vs. NFC, noon (ESPN) Saturday, Jan. 26 East-West Shrine Game At Stanford, Calif. West vs. East, 4 p.m. (ESPN)

### College scores

EAST George Washington 81, Duquesne 76, OT Molloy 70, Yeshiva 57 Rider 87, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 82, OT Robert Morris 84, Niagara 79 Seton Hall 103, N. Carolina A&T 77 SOUTH

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TOURNAMENTS **ECAC Holiday Festival First Round** Maryland 86, Rutgers 81 South Carolina 52, Brigham Young 49

Fiesta Bowl Classic Arizona 80, Pepperdine 66 lowa St. 81, Temple 79, OT Holiday Basketball Challenge First Round

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WIBW Holiday Tournament **First Round** Briar Cliff 83, Emporia St. 70 Cal Poly-SLO 96, Cent. St., Okla. 82 Fort Hays St. 93, Stonehill 90 Washburn 96, Baker 58 **EXHIBITION** St. John's 88, High Five America 70

AP top 25

How the Associated Press' top 25 teams

1. UNLV (5-0) did not play. Next: vs. James Madison, Wednesday, Jan. 2. 2. Arkansas (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Jackson State, Saturday. 3. Syracuse (1-0) did not play. Next: vs.

Wagner, Saturday. 1. Arizona (9-1) beat Pepperdine 80-66.

fared Thursday

Next: vs. Iowa State, Saturday. 5. Indiana (11-1) beat Marshall 91-67 Next: vs. Ohio University at Indianapolis, Friday. 6. Ohio State (9-0) beat Mississippi State 82-80. Next: vs. Miami, Ohio at West Palm

Beach, Fla., Friday. 7. North Carolina (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul at Orlando, Fla.,

8. Duke (8-2) did not play. Next: vs. Lehigh, Saturday. 9. St. John's (9-0) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Syracuse, Wednesday, Jan. 2. 10. UCLA (9-1) beat Fresno State 110-89

Next: vs. San Diego State, Saturday. 11. Pittsburgh (9-1) did not play. Next: vs. Alaska-Anchorage at Honolulu, 12. South Carolina (9-1) beat Brigham

Young 52-49. Next: vs. Maryland at New York, Saturday. 13. Connecticut (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Lafayette at Hartford, Conn., Friday. 14. Oklahoma (8-2) did not play. Next: Illinois State at Oklahoma City,

Friday. 15. LSU (6-2) did not play. Next: vs. Nicholls State, Saturday.

16. Georgetown (6-2) did not play. Next:

vs. Houston at the Sun Coast Dome, St. Petersburg, Fla., Saturday. 17. Georgia (7-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Saturday.

18. Kentucky (7-2) beat Eastern Ken-

tucky 74-60. Next: at Louisville, Saturday. 19. Virginia (6-2) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday. 20. East Tennessee State (8-1) did not

play. Next: vs. North Carolina State, Saturday. 21. Southern Mississippi (3-1) did not

play. Next: vs. Holy Cross at Casper, Wyo., Friday. 22. Nebraska (10-1) did not play. Next: vs. Idaho, Friday.

23. Iowa (9-1) did not play. Next: at Hawaii-Hilo, Friday.

24. New Mexico State (7-1) did not play Next: vs. Morgan State, Saturday. 25. Michigan State (5-3) did not play Next: vs. George Mason, Friday.

### NBA standings

All Times EST EASTERN CONFERENCE

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W L Pct. San Antonio 18 6 .750 Utah 10 .643 Houston 15 12 .556 41/2 Minnesota 7 18 .280 111/2 Denver 6 21 .222 131/2 6 22 .214 **Pacific Division** Portland 26 3 .897 LA Lakers Phoenix 16 9 .640 Golden State 15 12 .556 Seattle 12 13 .480 12 11 16 .407 14 LA Clippers 6 19 .240 18 Sacramento

Thursday's Games Portland 105, Charlotte 96 Seattle 125, Washington 120 Chicago 128, Golden State 113 Miami 124, Denver 114 Utah 110, Dallas 102

Friday's Games Houston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Boston at Atlanta, 8 p.m. Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Sacramento at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m. Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games Milwaukee at New York, 1 p.m. LA Clippers at Utah, 3 p.m. Orlando at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m. Portland at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m. Houston at Detroit, 7:30 p.m. New Jersey at Indiana, 7:30 p.m Denver at Washington, 7:30 p.m. Golden State at Atlanta, 8 p.m. Seattle at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Miami at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games Denver at Orlando, 8 p.m. Portland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m. Seattle at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Philadelphia at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m. Miami at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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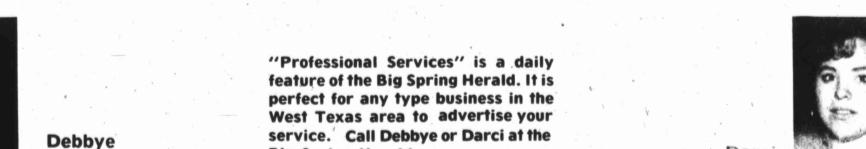
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### Names in the news

#### Wedding called off

LOS ANGELES (AP) Ed McMahon has called off his marriage to restaurant hostess Joanna Ford.

McMahon, 67, was to marry Miss Ford on Jan. 12 at his Los Angeles Mome, his spokesman Charlie Bartt said Thursday. No reason for the cancellation was given. It would have been the third mar-

mage for McMahon and the second or Miss Ford, Barrett said. McMahon is Johnny Carson's pected to become final until idekick on "The Tonight Show" and host of the syndicated series

Star Search. McMahon filed for divorce in 1989 after 13 years of marriage to

January at the earliest **Author explains switch** 

his second wife, Victoria. For tax

reasons, the divorce was not ex-

NEW YORK (AP) — Salman

Rushdie, under a death sentence by Iran for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses," today explained his recent embrace of the Moslem faith.

"I am certainly not a good Moslem. But I am able now to say that I am a Moslem," Rushdie wrote in a column published today in The New York Times and The Times of London

Rushdie, a British citizen born in India, said he came from a Moslem family background but wasn't raised as a believer.

"However ... I have been engaging more and more with religious belief ... and religion for me has always meant Islam," he wrote.

## Horoscope

Jeanne Dixon's

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1990** 

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE: Interesting changes lie just ahead. A partnership flourishes in February 1991 but could require your moving. to another city. Revamping your lifestyle and image sends your self-confidence soaring. Do those things you never dared to try before. A latesummer vacation gives you the perfect opportunity to broaden your social and cultural horizons. You see a friend in a new light. Take a chance on romance next fall.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE: actors Jon Voight and Ted Danson, singer Marianne Faithfull, actress Mary Tyler Moore.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work on an alliance that needs strengthening. Compromise could bring you together. A period of reflection proves enlightening. Enjoy a quiet evening at home with friends or TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

**CALVIN AND HOBBES** 

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After-Christmas sales give you a chance to stock up on small luxuries. An unexpected visitor motivates you to throw an impromptu party. Romance is favored tonight. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A

risky financial move could cause regrets. Sit tight. Handle important personal matters yourself. An older person offers unsolicited advice. Stick up for your own way of doing things. CANCER (June 21-July 22): A

good day to buy items for yourself or your home. You will have to act quickly to get the best deals. Do you need a special favor? Ask for it this afternoon. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): An affair

of the heart could put a real dent in your savings account. Does your mate have extravagant tastes? Be kind but firm. Tuck away your money and relax at home tonight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are at the controls today and can move much closer to your goals. You will establish a real support system if you join forces with someone who shares your interests.

LIBRA (Sept.\*23-Oct. 22): Be on guard against those who might try underhanded business maneuvers. Do not betray a trust. Spend a sociable evening with friends and family.

BOY, ARE

YOU OUT

Compose New Year's resolutions!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You need to be more perceptive abou people. Sift your true friends from acquaintances who are only out for themselves. The social scene wil amuse you tonight. A telephone cal brings welcome news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec 21): Short of barricading the front door, there is no way to refuse to shoulder new responsibilities. Overcome your fears. Loved ones can be a valuable source of comfort. Accept

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Although an influential person will probably lend you financial support, there could be strings attached. Display more interest in family projects. Entertaining at home is appealing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A friendly climate exists for your projects. Group activities provide both pleasure and valuable information. You enjoy visiting familiar places and seeing old friends. Reassess a romance.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Those who have accumulated substantial resources dislike the risks inherent in making changes. Avoid going to extremes. Good service will be recognized this evening.

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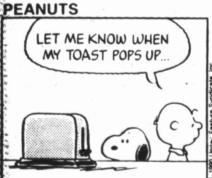
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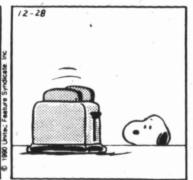


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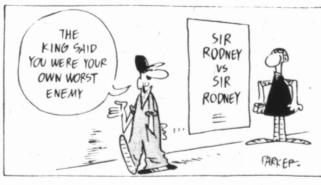














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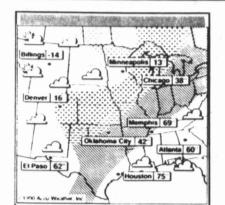
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### **Scholarship** dance planned

St. Joseph 's Knights of Columbus will sponsor a benefit dance to raise money for two scholarship to be presented to hispanic graduates from Stanton high school, according to **KOC spokesman Clemente** Villa

The dance will be at the Martin County Community Center from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., New Year's eve. "We want to encourage our graduating kids to continue towards their education. The scholarships will benefit a young man and woman from Stanton high. May, we can keep raising money after our New Year's Eve dance. We will have a concession stand selling nachos, popcorn and soft drinks," Villa said.

The cost of the dance will be \$5 per person. Marcial Chapa e su grupo will provide the musice.

Villa added, "we will be working hard to make this an attractive scholarship since we have until May to raise money Our intention is to keep doing this every year and make our fund grow with it. SHS counselor Marsha Todd is helping our orgainzation by presenting us with a list for us to choose from.

#### Commissioners set to end year

Martin County Commissioners will meet at 10 a.m. in a special session Monday, Dec. 31 and again Wednesday morning, Jan 2 at 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Court.

On Monday, county officials will discuss several agenda items, from county road maps. to approving unpaid bills.

From 1:30 until 3 p.m., there will be a reception for outgoing Commissioner Precinct 4 E. D. (Wimp) Holcomb and his wife, Evelyn. Holcomb was defeated by Charles McKaskle in the democratic primary.

The agenda for Monday will include: consider pipeline and utility crossings; progress on county road maps and reviewing quotes on road signs; landfill situation; approving officials bonds, consider a resolution commending Commissioner Holcomb; budget admendments; consider approving unpaid bills.

The Commissioners will also consider improvements and repairs; the payment of bills. officials report and annual report from MC extension service.

On Wednesday, the Commissioners will administer the oath of office: consider setting court terms for county and Justice of the Peace courts; set holidays for 1991; consider improvement and repairs and consider the

## Mixed signals sent on troop readiness

"I feel that the situation is exactly where I was told it was going to

be at this time. Don't believe those reports you're reading."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Could U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf go to war 10 minutes from now? Or on Jan. 15? Or shortly after Jan. 15? Or not until Feb. 15?

All are prospective strike dates raised by U.S. officials in recent days, as conflicting signals emerge from the administration on whether and when the nation is ready and able to go to war.

President Bush himself now says there's been enough talk about the preparedness of U.S. forces.

'I've said all I want to say about readiness," he told reporters Thursday during a one-day trip occupied Kuwait. back to Washington from his vacation retreat at Camp David, Md.

"I think it would be very useful if from the president and others there were fewer comments about readiness.

Then he proceeded to talk about

**Freezing** 

weather

to return

(AP) Rain and dense fog were

reported across Texas today, and

the National Weather Service

warned that sub-freezing

temperatures will return with a

vengeance this weekend, at least to

store for parts of West Texas this

weekend. It will arrive in the form

of sharply colder temperatures and

increased chances for precipita-

tion," according to a statement to-

Dense fog covered much of the

prevalent through eastern portions

of West Texas. Visibility was near

zero throughout Southeast Texas,

Toledo Bend lake areas.

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including the Sam Rayburn and

Jefferson County Airport

reported visibility of one-eighth

mile in dense fog with Lufkin down

day from the weather service.

"A major weather change is in

portions of the state.

Bush sought to dispel reports, stemming originally from public statements by the deputy U.S. commander in the gulf region, that American forces will not be ready for offensive action until mid-February — a month after the Jan. 15 deadline set by the United Nations for Iraq's withdrawal from

"I feel that the situation is exactly where I was told it was going to be at this time," the president said. "Don't believe those reports you're reading," he said of accounts that his military advisers are warning against launching an attack before mid-February

Bush said he is "very comfortable" with what his aides have told him about the preparedness of the American force, now at 300,000 and growing to 430,000. One aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president would not be deterred from launching a strike, if necessary, even if all U.S. troops and equipment are not in place.

Bush said he "absolutely" stood by his comment last Saturday that U.S. and allied forces could "respond vigorously" on 10 minutes' notice if provoked by Iraq.

He said his top military advisers - Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of

the Joint Chiefs of Staff — did not try to change his mind on that point when they briefed him Monday on their trip to the gulf region.

**President Bush** 

On the other hand, the president called "too provocative" a question as to whether he would have any hesitation in going to war on Jan. 15. And he never directly denied news reports quoting U.S. officials saying the troops will not be sufficiently ready for offensive action until weeks after the Jan. 15

Bush's comments came in the wake of a jumble of conflicting statements from senior U.S. officials

Last Wednesday, Army Lt. Gen. Calvin Waller, second in command of U.S. forces in Operation Desert Shield, told reporters Bush should wait until mid-February if he wants to attack because the troops would not be ready until then.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater then said Waller meant the troops "might not be as ready as they'd like to be . . . for all the contingencies.

The Pentagon said Cheney was 'not displeased" by Waller's comments. Some Pentagon officials said U.S. air power would be fully prepared for a strike even i ground troops were not.

Then Cheney himself said that 'soon after Jan. 15," the U.S. forces would be "in a position to take military action in conjunction with our allies.

Bush entered the readiness fray

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## Gorby sends Bush message

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush says Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev sent him a private message containing 'friendly words of greeting' but he and aides are mum about the details.

"It was just one more in what's become a series of exchanges with resident of the Soviet Union. Bush told reporters after Soviet Ambassador Alexander Bessmertnykh hand-delivered the message Thursday.

"There were some very friendly words of greeting from President Gorbachev," he said, giving no details. "And I had a chance to ... GORBACHEV page 8-A



Herald photo by Carla Welct

### "It's your turn."

Some local senior citizens gathered at the Depot Thusday for a friendly game of cards. Returning from the holidays are; Lillian Beavers, left,

Faye Rhodes, Dewitt Davis and Ola Mae Maxwell.

## Officials concerned about under count in state

"Even though the official numbers that were released yesterday

are higher than the preliminary estimate that we received last sum-

mer, we have not seen anything that would convince us that there

WASHINGTON (AP) - State of ficials say thousands of low-income and minority Texans may have been overlooked in the Census Bureau's official 1990 head count.

At stake are millions of dollars in federal aid for programs based on population, many of them designed to reach the same impoverished people who may have been missed by census takers this spring, officials said Thursday.

The Census Bureau announced Wednesday that Texas's population had grown to 17 million over the past decade, and that the state would get three more seats in the House of Representatives.

On Thursday, state officials complained that the official count appeared to have missed many Spanish-speaking residents of the

Rio Grande Valley, urban

has been a complete count in Texas."

minorities and poor Anglos living in rural areas. 'Even though the official numbers that were released yesterday are higher than the preliminary estimate that we received last summer, we have not seen anything that would convince us that there has been a complete count in Texas," said John Bender, a spokesman for the Texas comptroller's office.

'We are certain there was an undercount in 1980 that cost the state at the very least \$30 million a year in federal funds during the millions and millions of federal 1980s, and it appears that there's been an undercount again in 1990,' Bender said.

The decennial census counts are used to allocate seats in the House gressional and legislative bountire apartment complexes. Many of

daries and to decide federal spen-

John Bender

ding for a host of programs. 'In terms of grant allocations done on the basis of population, dollars are at stake on this issue.

said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Dallas. Bender said there were reports from all over the state last spring of entire city blocks being missed of Representatives, to draw con- by census counters, as well as en-

the reports came from the larger cities - Houston, Dallas and San Antonio — but there were also problems in the Rio Grande Valley and in rural areas.

'Our analysis shows the people who were missed in 1980 were predominately low-income minorities; that appears to be the pattern this year also," Bender said.

Texas has joined New York City and others in filing suit requesting the Census Bureau to do a statistical adjustment of its 1990 head count to adjust for the undercounted populations. The bureau has until July 15 to decide whether to conduct the adjustment; if it does not the matter goes to court, Frost said Thursday

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### Slight price increase seen from recent freeze

WASHINGTON (AP) — The freeze that hit much of the nation before Christmas ravaged fruit and vegetable crops in California, but Agriculture Department analysts are holding to their 1991 food price forecast.

Ralph Parlett Jr. of the department's Economic Research Service said Thursday, however, that it was too soon to predict accurately what impact the freeze will Parlett said fruit and vegetable

prices will go up "a little more" next year than has been predicted. Overall, he is sticking with the agency's forecast that food prices will rise an average of 2 percent to 5 percent in 1991.

This year, according to USDA calculations, consumer food prices rose about 6 percent, compared with a 5.8 percent gain in 1989. That is the sharpest back-to-back increase since an 8.6 percent jump in 1980 and a rise of 7.8 percent in 1981

Parlett's comments, in a

telephone interview, followed a report by the government's Joint Agricultural Weather Facility that crop damage from the cold wave during the week of Dec. 16-22 was mostly confined to fruit and vegetables in California.

The severe cold in California 'caused extensive damage to the citrus and vegetable crops," the report said. But Arizona and Texas crops escaped serious freeze damage, it added.

"Rain and snow over the eastern third of the nation provided moisture to growing crops and delayed late harvest of corn and soybeans," the report said. "Lack of moisture in Florida resulted in continued use of irrigation in fruit

The weather facility is operated by the Agriculture and Commerce departments. Weekly reports show the general effects of weather on crops but do not foretell actual losses or production estimates.

While the low temperatures in PRICES page 8-A



Romp in the snow

adults ride an inner tube down a snow-covered hill n Haskell Park Wednesday afternoon. More snow

ALTON, III. - A group of youngsters and two fell Thursday, with the possibility of sleet and freezing rain this weekend.

### **Spring** board

#### How's that?

Q. What is wind shear? Wind shear is a change in the direction and speed of the wind as altitude changes, accor ding to Weather Trivia

### Calendar

#### **Party**

MONDAY 31st • There will be a communitywide New Year's Eve skate party from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Admission \$4

### Tops on TV

 Kennedy Center Honors. Dizzy Gillespie, Katharine Hepburn, Rise Stevens, Julie Styne and Billy Wilder are honored. 8 p.m. Channel 7.

• Wings. 8:30 p.m. Channel 9 20/20. 9 p.m. Channel 2.

### **Briefs**

### 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; balck-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 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.

### China leads in cotton production

WASHINGTON (AP) -China, the United States and the Soviet Union, in that order. are the top cotton producers in the world. The next four are India, Pakistan, Brazil and Turkey, says the Agriculture Department.

The seven countries are expected to produce more than 81 percent of the world's estimated 87.2 million bales of cotton in 1990-91, according to the department's Foreign Agricultural Service.

According to recent figures compiled by the agency, the second seven countries on the list will produce 9.5 percent of the world's 1990-91 cotton. In order, they are: Australia, Egypt, Argentina, Paraguay, Greece, Mexico and Syria.

Other countries, not listed, are expected to turn out the remainder, 9.2 percent of the 1990-91 cotton harvest.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The Planning & Zoning Commission of the City of Stanton will hold a Public Hearing at 5:15 PM on January 7, 1991 at City Hall to consider the request of Sheryl Spinks for a Specific Use Permit to erate a Day Care Center at 305 N St. Paul, the North 50 ft. of Lots 4-7. Block 16, Original Town. 7044 December 28, 1990

### Stanton Classified

THE STANTON HERALD needs 2 motor route delivery people, in Western Martin County and in the Lenorah /Merrick area. You must have a dependable automobile with insurance size of the route you get. Apply in person at the Stanton between 1:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday

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### **Troops begin getting** vaccinated against possible germ warfare

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon said today it plans to begin vaccinating U.S. troops in the Persian Gulf against possible germ

The vaccinations are part of a plan to protect U.S. troops against the possibility that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein may use chemical or biological weapons if war breaks

"We are committed to providing maximum protection for our troops, including protection against chemical and biological weapons," said a brief Pentagon statement.

"We expect to begin a program of inoculations soon," it said. The statement did not provide further details, and a spokeswoman said more may be available later in the

The New York Times reported in its Friday editions that senior administration officials recommended the inoculations as part of a broader plan that also includes the use of masks and other protective

CIA Director William Webster said recently that Iraq has a large stockpile of biological weapons. Saddam has repeatedly denied it.

Iraq used chemical weapons against some rebellious Kurds in its own country and against Iran during its war with that country. As a result, U.S. troops in the

Gulf have been given protective clothing and have undergone training on how to protect themselves against an attack of poison gas.

The Times said it was unclear how many troops might be vaccinated. The administration plans to

deploy more than 400,000 troops in the region, and all are expected to be in place within several weeks. The Times said the inoculations could begin "in a matter of

Biological weapons are based on living agents like viruses and bacteria, and they cause diseases such as typhoid and cholera.

### **Prices**

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California damaged the citrus crop, the report said "damaged fruit can be processed but will be limited by processing capacity.'

In southern Texas, growers in the Rio Grande Valley "reported little damage to growing crops' from cold weather, the report said. However, there was some minor damage to spinach and beet crops in the San Antonio winter garden

Parlett said it appeared losses in California were mainly to navel oranges, a valuable fruit for the fresh market. Valencias, he said, come along later but still may have been badly hurt by the cold. "We have a big crop (of oranges)

in Florida, and when we get into the valencia season, I'm sure a lot of the Florida valencias will be attracted away from the juice market and end up in the fresh market," he said. As for vegetables, Parlett said

lettuce prices don't need much cold weather to trigger sharp increases. Other vegetables also may react. "This will be temporary," he

quick" as growers plant new to fair condition" as the holidays vegetable crops. "But it's going to approached. nave some effect.

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will be "a little more" than was forecast.

ty said the condition of winter wheat planted for the 1991 harvest was varied 'Snow provided limited cover

said. "Some wheat fields in southcentral areas of Kansas had serious army worm damage. The wheat crop was said to be in

mostly good to excellent condition" in Illinois. Snow helped provide insulation from the cold in Montana and Oklahoma 'Showers early in the week slow-

ed the last of the corn harvest in Michigan," the report said. "The soybean harvests in South Carolina and Georgia were almost complete. Texas' soybean harvest was almost complete, with yields poor to average. The 1990 cotton harvest was "vir-

tually complete" in Arizona, the report said. But late harvesting continued in southern California The Texas cotton harvest was said to be 97 percent completed, nine percentage points ahead of normal. Pastures and livestock across said. "They'll come back pretty the nation were reported "in good

Hay supplies were adequate in In USDA's first 1991 food price North Dakota, and adequate to forecast a month ago, retail prices surplus in West Virginia," the of fruits and vegetables as a group report said. "Range conditions in were projected to rise 1 percent to 4 the southern two-thirds of Califorpercent in 1991, compared with nia were poor to very poor, and

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Winter pastures in Texas con-

#### Parlett, without being more tinued to provide adequate grazing specific, said the outlook for the despite a lack of moisture, the fruit and vegetable price index now report said. Gorbachev\_

• Continued from page 1-A At the same time, the country is ask the ambassador to give him suffering severe economic proour best wishes for a Happy New blems, with shortages and food distribution problems. Bush said he and the Soviet en-

voy discussed "some of the proeconomic difficulties principally, blems" in the Soviet Union, a na-Bush said Thursday. "Difficulties tion engulfed in a political turmoil in sorting out this new federation.' that resulted last week in the He said those problems were to resignation of Gorbachev's be expected with Gorbachev's efforts to transform his nation from a longtime close ally, Foreign \*totalitarian state to a more open,

"They are having difficulties,

A senior administration official market-oriented country "The main thing is, there's a private message," and would not determination to keep going down describe it further except to say it this path of reform," he said. "And "is not going to change the course that's very important.

themselves.

The communication came as Gorbachev is struggling to keep his U.S. officials are closely flicts between reformers and conmonitoring the tumultuous

The president said he believes the Soviets can "sort that all out"

political situation



MINNEAPOLIS — With temperatures in the Twin

(AP) Snow returned to the normally rainy Pacific Northwest today, making roads treacherous and knocking out power, and several inches fell in the East a few days after many cities recorded their warmest Christmas ever.

Ice cave

Forecasters said a second "Yukon Express" air mass could send the mercury plummeting again in California, where record cold devastated citrus crops last week. Temperatures could dip into the low 20s in some valley locations tonight even before the second arctic blast arrives

Cold and stormy weather have been blamed for more than 80 deaths nationwide in the past 10 said. Seattle, known for rain, got

stocked up on tire chains, reported. flashlights and candles.

this time," said Jeanne Grijalva, make everything slushy, and emergency management coor- should pretty much melt all this dinator for Kitsap County. "It away," said Deborah Weisberg, a worst storms people in this county tation in Pittsburgh. had seen for years.'

es of snow fell on hills east of the Seattle metropolitan on some regional rail and bus area, the weather service said, routes in the Philadelphia area. Three inches hit downtown Everett, but little of the snow that fell on Seattle stuck.

At least 34,000 customers were without electricity today because rinks, authorities said today. of downed power lines, said Teri Van Duine, spokeswoman for down per se. But they're bad, real Puget Power, the region's largest

caused trees to tumble, damaging automobiles and power lines. A Bend fireman was seriously injured by a falling tree while helping clear debris on a roadway, sheriff's deputies said.

snow fell by 6 a.m. today in Central Highs in the 40s were forecast, and Park, just a few days after record the much of the snow was expected warm weather saw temperatures to melt.

rise into the 60s. By late morning, the snow had changed to freezing The city mobilized hundreds of

salt-spreading trucks and snowplows. Motorists were urged to leave their cars at home. Bob Lavner, a spokesman for the Automobile Association of

America, said the timing of the storm would hold down traffic problems and reduce calls for emergency service. "It's a Friday at the end of a holiday week. The volume of cars on

the road is going to be down and people are going to stay home because of the snowfall," Lavner The winter's first major

snowstorm slowed commuter trafheavy snow for the second time in a fic in Pennsylvania's metropolitan week. Washington state residents areas, but few problems were ashlights and candles. "Everything appears to be under "We are pretty much prepared control and (today's) rain will

won't catch everyone off guard like spokeswoman for the Pennit did last week. That was one of the sylvania Department of Transpor-Delays of 10 to 20 minutes were reported during the morning rush

Martinsburg, W.Va., was buried under at least 10 inches of snow and

freezing rain turned West Virginia's highways into skating "We don't have any roads shut

bad," Berkeley County emergency services dispatcher Robin Taylor Strong winds in central Oregon said. "They're just full of snow." "The cars are all over the place. They're a mess.

Ohio's first major storm of the winter dumped 8 inches of snow on Cincinnati and other southwestern cities Thursday, but the precipita-In New York City, 7 inches of tion changed to rain this morning.

In Hedgesville, W.Va., four members of one family died and two were missing when their car plunged off a bridge into a creek on Wednesday, authorities said. Recent rain and snow swelled the creek to twice its normal 4-foot depth, and water covered the bridge. Rescuers today resumed their search for two boys who were

Associated Press photo

Kathy McClure took the opportunity to explore an

still missing. In Indianapolis, a homeless woman was found dead outside an abandoned service station, and authorities said she probably died of hypothermia when the thermometer plunged into the single digits Wednesday night.

Warmer temperatures were expected today in Indiana, where icy roads and accumulations of 6 or more inches of snow forced hundreds of holiday travelers to check into motels Thursday. Police reported hundreds of accidents, but no traffic deaths A blizzard in North Dakota drop-

ped visibility to near zero in some areas Thursday night and forecasters said wind chills could drop to 40 to 60 below in the western and central part of the state today. "It could be close to impossible

forecaster at the National Weather Service in Fargo. Temperatures were expected to reach the 50s by the weekend.

to travel," said Bob Nordland, a

In San Francisco, the record cold wave drove ants indoors in search of warmth and food.

"People are frantic, some hysterical," said Ann McDonald, whose husband, Rich, owns a pest control company

One of McDonald's customers in Sausalito left half a cake out Christmas night. When she got up the next morning she found "the ants had taken over.

'They were all over everything," Dorothy McLaird said. The counters and cupboards were alive with what McDonald estimated as 30,000 ants.

### Census

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Frost said the Census Bureau "clearly had problems from the beginning counting minorities. .. They never seemed to get on top of how to count, how to do a really good job in the minority community.

Rep. Albert Bustamante, D-San Antonio, said he believes the Census Bureau also missed some peo-

ple in his district, which extends to the U.S.-Mexico border

"Some of the mayors and some of the county commission people tell me, in areas like Laredo, Eagle Pass and Del Rio, that the growth lot more growth than what the figures reported," Bustamante

Ron Dusek, a spokesman for At-grew twice as rapidly as the nation

torney General Jim Mattox, said it was not clear Thursday what the attorney general's office would do next, "whether to accept (the numbers) as they are or whether we're going to continue our protest there was not counted. There was a of the Census Bureau's methods of estimating the undercount.

Despite the economic hard times

of the 1980s, Texas' population

40s. The rest of West Texas varied

Weather

• Continued from page 1-A to one-quarter mile. Houston also was fogged in.

Texas. Rain fell overnight at Childress in the southeast Panhandle and at El Paso in far West Texas. Showers are expected to continue

with or changing to sleet or snow on Saturday. Temperatures early today

in West Texas, becoming mixed

varied from 32 to 40 degrees in the Panhandle; the South Plains enjoyed temperatures in the lower 70s.

from the lower to middle 40s. Wind was generally from the south or It was cloudy throughout West southwest at 10 to 20 mph. Highs Saturday should be in the 60s and 70s in West Texas, dropping

into the 30s in the Panhandle when the weather turns cold. The weather service said it

should be cloudy and warmer throughout North Texas, with scattered showers and thunderstorms through Saturday. Lows tonight should be in the mid 40s to mid 50s, with highs Saturday in the 60s and

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on Saturday, stating that he could launch an attack in 10 minutes.

The varying statements caused speculation that the administration was deliberately trying to put Irag's Saddam Hussein off balance. Fitzwater told reporters that, "It never hurts to build in a little uncertainty about what our intentions are as it relates to Jan.

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Grin and bear it

NEW YORK - Members of the Coney Island Polar Bear Club take a dip in the Atlantic Ocean Thursday. The air temperature was reported at

an unidenified man showed the water temperature at 44 degrees.

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