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Unemployment staying low across Texas

Unemployment rates give Texans more holiday cheer

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Texans have something to celebrate this holiday season - a steady 5.6 percent unemployment rate.

Eddie Cavazos, chairman of the Texas Employment Commission, said, "This strong showing of lower unemployment rates in recent months is a harbinger of an economically robust 1995. The new year promises good prospects for job seekers."

From November 1993 to November 1994, the number of non-farm jobs in Texas increased by 227,000. This November alone, Texas employers added 30,700 new non-farm jobs.

Most of the job creation, which occurred in the wholesale and retail trade sector, was due to employers hiring for seasonal help.

Labor Commissioner Jackie St. Clair said, "We should celebrate the fact that many workers in the state are able to find jobs now. It's easier for workers and their families to enjoy

the holiday season when they have an income."

Government jobs increased by 7,200, largely due to local government, specifically education.

Employer Commissioner James J. Kaster said, "School districts and colleges hired substitute teachers and temporary student workers this November to help finish the year and get ready for the 1995 school year."

The largest employment decline was in the service sector, which lost an estimated 4,200 jobs in November. Due to seasonal declines in business, amusement parks employed fewer workers. Business services, particularly in personnel services, also lost workers.

The state's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) with the lowest unemployment rates in November were the Austin-San Marcos MSA at 3.3 percent, the Bryan-College Station MSA at 3.3 percent, the Amarillo MSA at 3.5 percent, and the Lubbock MSA at 3.8 percent.

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PARTYING IN STANTON



Misty Adams takes a bite of a cupcake in her classroom during a Christmas party at Stanton Elementary School Wednesday. Later in the party, the students were able to see what was in their stockings they had hung on their desks.



By holding up three fingers, Kasey Pointon shows that today is the eve of Christmas Eve's eve.

Who is closed when?

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

With Christmas just a couple of days away, people are getting to their banks, stores, and credit unions before holiday closings.

Several of these businesses will have special hours during the Christmas weekend.

The post office will maintain regular hours and will have a window open from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. It will be closed on Sunday.

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Colorado City denied federal aid

WASHINGTON — When President Clinton announced plans Wednesday to help economically distressed U.S. communities, Colorado City was left out.

Colorado City was among more than 520 applicants that competed for the federal aid. But the town failed to win the coveted designation of "empowerment zone" or "enterprise

community." In all, 106 communities were selected by the administration to receive millions of dollars aimed at bolstering social services. The special zones will also become eligible for business tax breaks totaling \$2.5 billion.

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Did you know...

Location	Accidents
7 - Convenience stores	8
4 - Other	4
2 - Other	2
1 - Other	1

...that all six of the accidents that occurred over the weekend produced no injuries. (Herald graphic: Tim Appel)

Moore Board plans orientation

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The board of directors for Moore Development For Big Spring, Inc., met yesterday to discuss several items including Western Container, Freecom Inc., and Wright Fibers. Also discussed were the upcoming economic development orientation meetings for city officials.

During a November board meeting new Moore Board Executive Director Carole Taylor said she wanted to plan an orientation so that she could offer her insights about successful economic development.

"I want to invite the City Council and county commissioners to an economic development orientation where I can offer insight into the inner workings of an economic development office and the peripheral activities that make successful economic development programs," she explained.

The orientation was planned to provide the governing entities of Big Spring and Howard County with an understanding of where they can improve economic growth of the community in new industry attraction, retention and expansion efforts.

Taylor also added that the orientation would provide a forum where local officials can share their concerns and allow them to develop good communication with the Moore Board, which is vital to successful economic development in the community.

The first of those meetings took place last Friday and two more meetings have been planned for Jan. 3 and Jan. 10 at the Big Spring Country Club.

Taylor added that previous discussions and future meetings will be centered completely around economic development beginning with the roles the community plays; the new approaches she and the Moore Board will be taking towards economic development; and how successful economic development works.

At Wednesday's meeting it was pointed out that Houston-based Western Container is currently going through its fourth expansion and as of 1994 its Big Spring plant has expanded to 210,000 square feet and employs 200 people.

Planned expansions and the addition of new equipment (an \$18 million investment) will add approximately 31 more jobs to the Big Spring plant.

As a show of support for the

company the Moore Board agreed to give Western Container a grant in the amount of \$165,000. The board has requested (not stipulated) that administrative positions remain in Big Spring and not moved to Houston, that the use tax come to Big Spring and that as many local people are hired as possible.

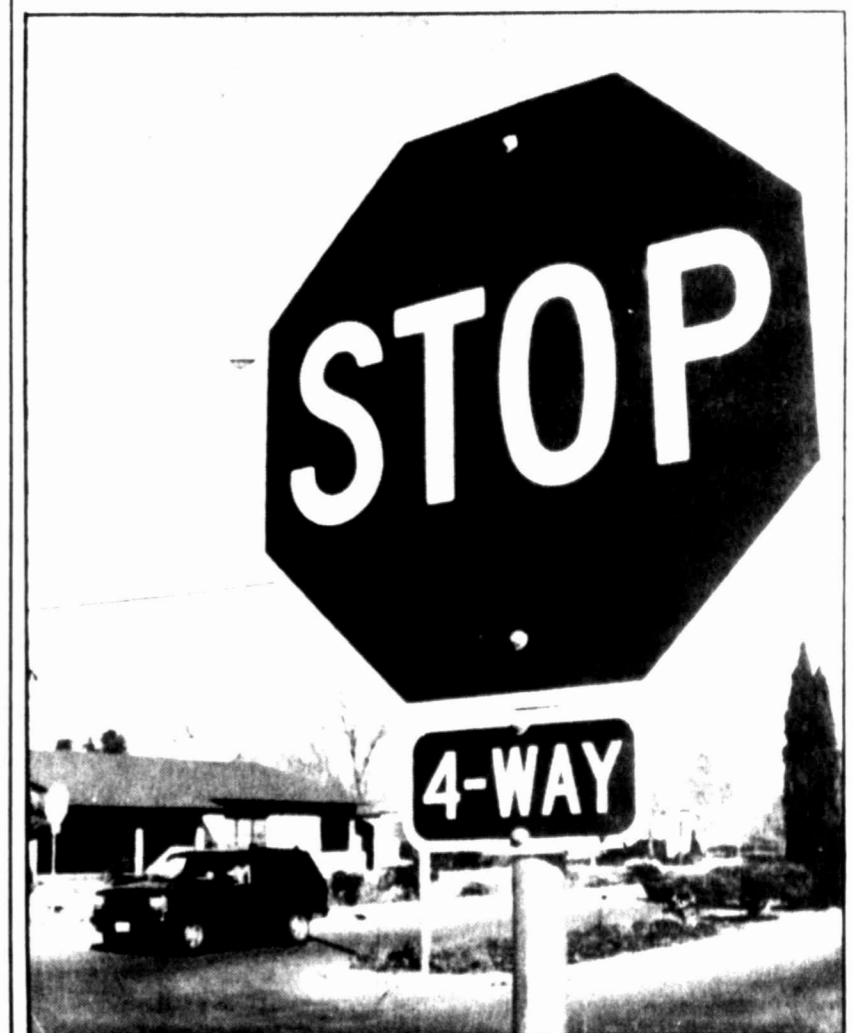
Taylor said all of these requests are likely to happen. Moore Board president Glenn Fillingim said, "Western Container is a good business and they've been a good employer in Big Spring."

In updating Freecom's status in Big Spring the board said Freecom wants to add 3,000 square feet to its current structure and add 11 new jobs to its workforce of 24 employees.

Board member Scott McLaughlin gave an update on the Wright Fibers application to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority for a \$400,000 loan to be used for working capital.

According to McLaughlin TAFE wants additional collateral. The idea that was proposed would have the Wright Fibers building deeded to Herb Wright with Moore Board having first position on a \$950,000 lien and TAFE would have the second position.

BEWARE THE STOP SIGN



Monday, the covers over the stop signs at the intersections of Washington and Virginia and Washington and Lexington were removed. For one week, drivers that fail to stop will be warned by police officers, with tickets being issued starting the following Monday.

U.S. Trivia

Since the World Series began, which two years saw the event canceled?

1904, 1994

Which state is the Peach Garden state?

North Dakota

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: A man critically injured by a firebomb that shot flames through a crowded subway car was arrested in his hospital bed today and charged with attempted murder and assault. See page 5A.

World: Two shells slammed into a small market in Sarajevo's Old Town today, killing at least two people and wounding seven others.

The attack came only a day before a nationwide cease-fire negotiated by Jimmy Carter was to go into effect. See page 6A.

Execution halted

A condemned killer avoided a trip to the death chamber after midnight when the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted him a reprieve. David Allen Gardner, 40, faced lethal injection early today for the August 1980 abduction and slaying of 14-year-old Kandi Kae Reynolds near Weatherford. See page 3A.

ATF agents rehired

Two federal officers fired for not calling off last year's ill-fated raid on David Koresh and his well-armed followers are back on the payroll. They get to spend the holidays with their families, then return to the job Jan. 9. See page 3A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight

63 ▲ Highs 32
Lows ▼

Cloudy

Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low around 30. Light wind.

Permian Basin Forecast

Friday: Mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain. Highs in the upper 50s, lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday: Cloudy, with highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid to upper 30s. High around 60.

Tomorrow

County commissioners honor 4-H Club's request

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY - Mitchell County commissioners met in a special meeting Tuesday to discuss several items, including a request by the Mitchell County 4-H Horse Club.

Members of the horse club asked commissioners to waive the \$45 fee to use the county's rodeo arena for an upcoming event. Commissioners approved the request for several reasons.

"The horse club uses the rodeo arena about twice a year and it's during the day, so they don't need to use much electric-

ity. Also, since they are a youth and non-profit organization, the commissioners voted to exempt them from paying the fee," explained County Judge Ray Mayo.

Commissioners also approved a bid to sell some property in Loraline. Mayo says several lots in Loraline did not sell in a 1988 sheriff's sale, and they approved a request for someone to purchase the property for \$200.

No action was taken on a proposal for Justin Bradbury to rent the rodeo arena. Bradbury was not at the meeting so commissioners did not vote.

OBITUARIES

Raymond Kelley

Graveside services for Raymond Kelley, 87, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 1994, at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Flynn Long, of First Presbyterian Church, officiating and under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mr. Kelley died Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness.

He was born July 31, 1907 and came to Big Spring in 1922. He married Margaret Boatler in 1926 in Big Spring. Mr. Kelley was a farmer, retiring in 1956. He had also worked at Higginbotham-Bartlett and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife: Margaret Kelley, Big Spring; several nieces and nephews including Marceline Yeats and Loyce Denton, both of Big Spring; and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by one son: Elton Kaye Kelley on May 8, 1967, four brothers and one sister.

Bruce Kemper

Services for Bruce Kemper, 43, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 1994, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Vealmoor Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Kemper died Wednesday, Dec. 21, at his residence.

He was born on Aug. 20, 1951, in Big Spring and married Brenda Jackson on May 30, 1971, in Luther. He had farmed in Howard County all of his life. He loved baseball and football. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife: Brenda Kemper, Big Spring; two sons: Shane Henry Kemper,

Midland, and Clint Wade Kemper, Big Spring; his parents: Velah and Myra Kemper, Big Spring; four sisters: Jackie Tredaway, Midland, Aletha Marlar, Jodie Wright and Zenobia Kemper, all of Big Spring; two brothers: Boyce Kemper and Jimmy Kemper, both of Big Spring; several nieces and nephews; and his mother-in-law and step-father-in-law: Juanita and Bill Briley, Hobbs, N.M.

Ernest E. Hughes

Services for Ernest E. Hughes, 74, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, 1994, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Hughes died Wednesday, Dec. 21, in a local hospital.

He was born on Jan. 2, 1920, in Ellaville and married Nina Severson on Oct. 20, 1944, in Garfield, Idaho. She preceded him in death on June 13, 1980. He married Lula Mae Eggleton on Oct. 7, 1981, in Big Spring. He came to Big Spring in 1950 and worked for Pina Oil and Chemical, retiring in 1982. He worked as a welder and also in the tank car department. Mr. Hughes was a member of 14th & Main Church of Christ. He had served in the United States Air Force during World War II as a tallgunner.

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"What we want to do is to empower people at the community level to make the most of their own lives by solving their own problems and have the federal government be a support to them for a change, and not a burden," Clinton said.

The president announced that six U.S. cities — Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, New York, Detroit, Philadelphia and Camden, N.J. — will become empowerment zones. These cities will each be eligible for business tax breaks and \$100 million in block grants.

Three rural areas — along the Rio Grande and in Kentucky and Mississippi — will also become eligible for tax breaks and each receive \$40 million in grants as rural empowerment zones.

Another 95 communities — including San Antonio, El Paso, Waco and Dallas — have been designated enterprise communities, each eligible for \$3 million in social service block grants and tax breaks.

While Colorado City lost the contest, its efforts may not be in vain. A USDA official said losing applications would receive priority treatment if they apply for other federal grants, loans or aid programs.

ON THE RUN

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- LEILANI ANN BAYLES, 33 of 3801 West Highway 80, was arrested for theft over \$20 and under \$500. She was transferred to the county jail and released after posting a \$2,000 bond.
- RAYMOND EARL HOLMQUIST, 39 of 3801 West Highway 80, was arrested for theft over \$20 and under \$500. He was transferred to the county jail and released after posting a \$2,000 bond.
- EDWARD GARCIA, 37 of 642 Manor, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE at Courtney Place.
- THEFTS in the 200 block of West Marcy, 500 block of Birdwell and 400 block of Johnson.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1800 block of East Marcy.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 2600 block of Chanute.
- UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE in the 1000 block of West Fourth.
- ASSAULT in the 2600 block of Carlton.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1400 block of Rannels.
- MINOR ACCIDENT at intersection of Birdwell and 11th. Citations for turning improperly from the wrong lane and expired driver's license were issued. No injuries were reported.

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However, priority mail and express mail will be delivered on Sunday by carriers in Santa Claus suits, and the post office will be closed on Monday.

All county offices will be closed Friday through Monday and will resume regular hours on Dec. 27.

City Hall will be closed Monday.

The Howard County Library will be closed Friday and Monday.

These local banks will be closed Monday: Coahoma State Bank, First National Bank, Security State Bank and State National Bank.

Credit unions will operate as follows: Big Spring Education

Employees Federal Credit Union, closed Friday and Monday; Big Spring State Hospital Federal Credit Union, closes at noon Friday and closed Monday; Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, closed Monday; Citizens Federal Credit Union, closed Monday; Coaden Employees Credit Union, closed Friday and Monday; and T & P Federal Credit Union, closed Friday and Monday.

Local grocery stores will close as follows: HEB will close at 8 p.m. Saturday and will reopen Monday morning; Wal-Mart will close at 6 p.m. Saturday and reopen at 6 a.m. Monday; and Don's IGA will close at 8 p.m. Saturday and resume regular business hours on Monday.

Closings

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The MSAs with the highest unemployment rates included the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA at 15 percent, the Brownsville-Harlingen MSA at 10 percent, the Beaumont-Port Arthur MSA at 8.5 percent, and the El Paso MSA at 8.3 percent.

In the local area, the unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland MSA fell slightly, from 6.4 percent in October to 6.3 percent in November.

According to Vicki Dittmore of the local Texas Employment Commission office, there was spurt of filings for unemployment (most likely from the completion of local projects), which with more persons looking for work helped increase county unemployment rates.

She added that hiring during the holiday season usually

tops out in early December and holds through the end of the year.

The current civilian labor force for Howard County (based on November figures) is 14,232 with a total employment force of 13,590, leaving 642 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent.

For the month of October Howard County had an unemployment rate of 3.9 percent, and one year ago the unemployment rate for Howard County was 4.9 percent.

For the city of Big Spring the civilian labor force is 9,792 with 9,299 employed, leaving 493 unemployed for an unemployment rate of 5 percent.

During the month of October Big Spring's unemployment rate was 4.4 percent, and one year ago the unemployment rate was 5.4 percent.

MARKETS

March cotton futures	85.20 cents a pound, up 102 points; Feb. crude oil 17.06 up 3 points; cash hog steady at 34.50; slaughter steers steady at 70 cents even; Dec. live hog futures 35.95, up 125 points; Dec. live cattle futures 70.35, up 33 points; according to Delta Commodities.	IBM	74 1/2
Index 3812.57	Volume 103,148,320	JC Penney	42 1/2
ATT	50 1/2	Laser Indus LTD	5 1/2
Amoco	60 1/2	Mesa Ltd. Prt	4 1/2
Atlantic Richfield	103 1/2	Mobile	8 1/2
Atmos	16 1/2	NUV	9 1/2
Boston Chicken	15 1/2	Pepsi Cola	36 1/2
Cabot	28 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	34 nc
Chevron	44 1/2	Sears	45 1/2
Chrysler	47 1/2	Southwestern Bell	40 1/2
Coca-Cola	51 1/2	Sun	28 1/2
De Beers	22 1/2	Texaco	61 1/2
DuPont	56 1/2	Texas Instruments	73 1/2
Exxon	61 1/2	Texas Utilities	32 1/2
Fina Inc.	67 1/2	Unocal Corp.	26 1/2
Ford Motors	26 1/2	Wal Mart	22 1/2
Halliburton	34 1/2	Amcap	11.57-12.28
		Euro Pacific	20.96-22.24
		L.C.A.	17.64-18.72
		New Economy	13.61-14.44
		New Perspective	14.26-15.13
		Van Kampen	13.73-14.40
		Gold	381.50-382.00
		Silver	4.76-4.79



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- MINOR ACCIDENT at intersection of Wasson and FM 700. A citation for failure to control speed was issued and no injuries were reported.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents during a 24 hour period ending 8 a.m. Thursday:

- JOHN DARREN ROARK, 26 of 3223 Cornell, was transferred from the city jail after being arrested on a robbery charge and revocation of probation. He remains in the county jail held without bond.
- MICHAEL HEATH ANDERSON, 18 of 3212 Cornell, was arrested for theft over \$20 and released after posting a \$5,000 bond.
- DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE at a residence on the south service road of Interstate 20.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

TODAY

- Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.
- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Alford.
- Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
- Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.
- Good Shepherd Fellowship, 1610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.
- Couples golf play, 5 p.m., Comanche Trail Golf Course. Call Mary Robertson, 267-7144.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Tape Study, 615 Settles.
- Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
- Country/western music singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

FRIDAY

- Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.
- Survivors support group, 5:15 to 7 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
- Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Music by The Super Six Band. Area seniors invited.
- Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

- Family support group, 1 p.m., Reflections Unit at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Contact Beverly Grant, 263-0074.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 6 p.m., First United Methodist Church.

SUNDAY

- Good Shepherd Fellowship, 1610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.
- Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.
- "Single-Minded," unmarried/singles group, 8 p.m., Elks Lodge, FM 700. Call 263-8868 or 263-5367.
- Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Weigh-in, 6 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
- Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.
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TUESDAY

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- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.
- Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Most Excellent Way chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m., or 263-3168 before 8 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting, 615 Settles.
- High Adventure Explorers Post 519, 7 p.m., VA Medical Center room 212, ages 14-20.
- Melissa Avila, of St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, will be doing free health screenings, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Youth Center, 509 N. Aylford. Call, 1-806-765-8475.

RECORDS

Wednesday's temp.	67
Wednesday's low	29
Average high	57
Average low	28
Record high	84 in 1981
Record low	2 in 1983
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Month's normal	0.46
Year to date	17.69
Normal for year	18.38

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

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& CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

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Reception for Honorees following

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NEW BRI

Minister ref to lose cred

FORT WORTH Methodist minister up the pulpit, largest Methodist allegations of ministerial credentials.

A United Methodist minister has recommended Rev. Barry B. Senior minister of United Methodist Church to lose his credentials.

But lawyer Jimly named to re-told the Fort Worth Methodist minister will fight litigation.

Bailey, 68, is from the pulpit member of Methodist Church. He has served as a grievance appeal sexual harassment. He has denied it.

Bush puts d emission te

(AP) - Gov Bush says a mandated vehicle testing program begin next month and inconspicuous.

Bush made Wednesday afternoon with top environmental officials expressed respect for the program, saying number of who want the changed.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Minister refuses to lose credentials

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Methodist minister who gave up the pulpit of the city's largest Methodist church amid allegations of sexual harassment will not give up his ministerial credentials, his lawyer says.

A United Methodist committee has recommended that the Rev. Barry Bailey, former senior minister of the First United Methodist Church, surrender his credentials.

But lawyer Jim Lane, recently named to represent Bailey, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Wednesday that his client will fight the recommendation.

Bailey, 68, retired Aug. 31 from the pulpit of the 10,500-member First United Methodist Church after grievances accusing him of sexual harassment were filed. He has denied the allegations.

Bush puts down new emission tests

(AP) — Gov.-elect George Bush says a new federally mandated vehicle emissions testing program scheduled to begin next month is "too onerous and inconvenient for Texans."

Bush made the comment Wednesday after meeting privately with two of the state's top environmental officials. He expressed reservations about the program, joining a growing number of state officials who want the testing program changed.

Bush urged the officials to consider the possibility of canceling the testing company's contract and delaying the program that is now scheduled to begin in January.

Inmate hits car; motorist killed

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A Texas prison inmate was driving a van that struck a motorist's pickup and killed the truck's driver, officials say.

J.D. Hightower, 58, of Huntsville died following the early Tuesday accident. The 42-year-old inmate, Joe Bowman, was cited for failing to yield the right of way.

The accident occurred when Bowman, classified as an "outside trusty" turned onto Farm-To-Market Road 247, then collided with Hightower's truck and forced it off the road.

Bowman, serving a 14-year sentence for burglary of a vehicle and aggravated robbery, suffered minor bruises.

Conviction overturned in shotgun slaying

AUSTIN (AP) — The conviction and death sentence of a man found guilty in the sawed-off shotgun slaying of a Plano liquor store clerk has been overturned because of an error on his written confession.

While the statement included warnings about the suspect's rights against self-incrimination, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said it lacked a paragraph saying he was "knowingly, intelligently and voluntarily" waiving those rights.

In reversing the conviction of Gustavo Julian Garcia, 22, the court said in its 5-4 decision Wednesday that state law was clear in what police and prosecutors must include in

such written statements. According to court records, Garcia and another man entered the liquor store on Dec. 9, 1990.

The clerk, Craig Turski, 43, was ordered into a small room and to his knees. The clerk then was shot in the abdomen. Turski managed to get to his feet, threw a chair at his attacker and escaped, running around the building and over a fence. But his assailant reloaded, chased the man and shot him in the back of the head, court records say.

Extradition denied Mexican commander

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Guillermo Gonzalez Calderoni, an ex-commander of Mexico's national narcotics unit, has been relieved of his greatest fear — returning to Mexico to face torture charges.

A U.S. judge on Wednesday refused Mexico's extradition request, ruling that there wasn't probable cause to believe that Gonzalez Calderoni participated in torture that occurred at a Mexico City police station in January 1990.

U.S. prosecutors, who brought Mexico's case before U.S. Magistrate Peter E. Orsmy, said they cannot appeal the judge's ruling. A representative of Mexico's attorney general's office refused comment.

Record beef production expected in Texas

AMARILLO (AP) — A cattle group's forecast for 1995 expresses guarded optimism for the beef industry after a year in which prices plunged and competition mounted from pork and poultry.

Consumers will eat a "mountain of meat" and retail prices will hold steady as beef production hits record levels, the Texas Cattle Feeders Association predicted Wednesday.

"When it's all said and done, 1995 will be a better year for the cattle feeder than 1994," said Jim Gill, TCFA market director.

The Amarillo-based group released its annual outlook on the same day that officials in Hereford announced plans for a plant that will process 1.76 million hogs annually. That facility represents a further expansion of pork in the heart of the nation's cattle country.

Fumes force mall evacuation

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — About 4,500 Christmas shoppers were sent home from a mall when an unknown foul odor forced the building to be evacuated.

"Whatever we were smelling was not flammable or explosive," Fire Chief J.J. Adame said late Wednesday.

Whatever the problem was, the three lost hours of shopping costs stores about \$100,000 in sales, said mall general manager Brian Giffin. There were no injuries.

By 10 p.m., several tests had been taken and none turned up no specific problem, although a slight scent lingered.

Epidemic hits San Antonio hard

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A flu-like respiratory illness that hits infants the hardest is sweeping through the San Antonio area, health officials say.

Respiratory syncytial virus, known as RSV, has been filling local hospital pediatric units since about Thanksgiving.

Agents fired over Koresh raid have been reinstated

Two agents are back on the ATF payroll

DALLAS (AP) — Two federal officers fired for not calling off last year's ill-fated raid on David Koresh and his well-armed followers are back on the payroll.

Phillip Chojnacki and Chuck Sarabyn got their jobs back Wednesday, 16 months after a Treasury report blamed them for the disaster and seven weeks after they appealed to be rehired.

The agents and their attorneys came up with a settlement with the government that provides them with full back pay and benefits, and removes the incident from their personnel files.

They get to spend the holidays with their families, then return to the job Jan. 9.

By settling, the agents avoided

a potentially traumatic hearing that would have forced them and others to relive the Feb. 28, 1993, shootout that claimed the lives of four agents and six Branch Davidians.

"That certainly was an important aspect to Phil and Chuck," said attorney Gail Dickenson, who represented Chojnacki. "They didn't want to put other people through it."

Following the firefight, a 51-day standoff ensued until a fire on April 19, 1993, destroyed the group's compound, killing Koresh and more than 70 followers.

Chojnacki and Sarabyn went on temporary leave following the release of a September 1993 Treasury report that blamed them for gross negligence in the Feb. 28, 1993, siege on Koresh's prairie home outside Waco.

They remained on leave until being fired in a letter dated Oct. 26. On Oct. 31, they appealed the decision to the Merit Systems Protection Board, through which federal civil service workers can petition disciplinary actions.

In their appeal, the agents said they were being made scapegoats for the tragedy because several other agents

also had the authority to call off the raid.

Chojnacki, who has been with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms for 24 years, will be the agency's liaison to the U.S. Customs Service in Houston. He had been in charge of the ATF's Houston office.

"It's a good settlement for both sides," Dickenson said. "Phil will be back doing productive work for the ATF. That's what they needed and that's what he needed."

Sarabyn, who has been with the ATF for 18 1/2 years, will be moving to Washington to be chief of a visual information branch at ATF headquarters. He had been Chojnacki's top assistant in the Houston office.

"I know we settled because it got them hired back and they got good jobs with the ATF," said attorney Stephen Gardner, who represented Sarabyn. "I think ATF is lucky because they got good cops back."

Treasury officials could not immediately be reached for comment Wednesday night. Telephones at the agency's main offices in Washington went unanswered after business hours.

Killer receives stay of execution

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — A condemned killer avoided a trip to the death chamber after midnight when the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals granted him a reprieve.

David Allen Gardner, 40, faced lethal injection early Thursday for the August 1980 abduction and slaying of 14-year-old Kandi Kae Reynolds near Weatherford.

Defense attorneys argued Gardner, a native of Kenton, Ky., should not be put to death until the courts review whether a psychiatrist failed to warn Gardner that their conversations could be used during the punishment phase of the trial.

No other executions are scheduled for the rest of 1994, a year in which 14 convicted killers were put to death by the state. That compares with 17 in 1993 and 12 in 1992.

The 14 this year, however, still made Texas the most active capital punishment state in the nation and boosted to 85 the number of executions since the state resumed carrying out the death penalty in 1982.

At least 12 convicts have execution dates pending for 1995 and at least four of those already on the schedule for early in the year are considered likely to occur.

In the Gardner case, the Reynolds girl and another 14-year-old boy, both described as runaways, were hitchhiking along Interstate 20 near Weatherford when they were picked up by Gardner.

Court records show Gardner pulled to a gravel road and stopped along the side of a bridge and told the two teenagers to get out of the car and walk down an embankment.

The boy, Rocky Allen Crecy, was stabbed there several times and left for dead. Miss Reynolds was taken to an area near Lake Weatherford where she was stabbed several times and hit in the head with a rock.

Crecy, however, managed to get to a farm house for help. Gardner was arrested three days later and led authorities to the girl's body.

WHAT'S THE PLAN?



State Rep. Curtis Seidlits (D-Sherman) speaks at a joint legislative panel making recommendations on electric and telephone utilities Wednesday in Austin. Seidlits is co-chairman of the committee with Sen. David Sibley (R-Waco) at left and Sen. Ken Armbrister (D-Victoria). One recommendation was to reduce regulations to give new companies a better chance of joining the telecommunication market.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day
"It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horse races."
Mark Twain, author, 1894

No Grinch for Northside

The Grinch who stole Christmas will just have to bypass Howard County this year. The community has made it clear they won't stand for Grinches.

Even a month ago, it seemed as if the shadow of the Grinch loomed large over Northside Community Center. Donations of money and goods were down. The money problems of a year ago still seemed to haunt the center.

But one good faith effort seemed to spread the Christmas spirit in the community. We encouraged you to bring your Northside donations to the Herald for us to take to the center. And you responded.

Because of your generosity, there will be extra cash for families desperately short of money. Children will have coats, mittens and food, even toys. Babies will not only have the necessities, they'll have fun items like rattles as

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well.
Now Northside and those who rely on the center will have a much merrier Christmas than they originally predicted. And it didn't even take a huge effort on any one person's part, but minor effort on the part of many.

Generosity, forgiveness, the power of working together - there are many lessons to be learned here. Let's not forget those lessons as Christmas passes and a new year approaches.

With a view to the future

Something strange is going on. I keep reading and hearing why it's foolish to consider orphanages as a haven for abused and neglected children.

Most of the objections come from social workers, editorialists, cartoonists, TV talkers and White House experts on everything that ails us.

They might be right. I'm convinced that soon nobody will be talking about orphanages. It's one of those issues that flares, is kicked around by politicians and pundits, then fades away.

But I should mention that I also keep hearing from people who think orphanages aren't as bad as critics describe them. These people aren't experts, since they haven't run for political office, don't have degrees in sociology and aren't paid to broadcast their opinions.

However, they do know something about orphanages because they lived in them.

Every mail delivery brings me letters from someone like Louella Hull Howland, of Venice, Fla., who wrote:

"Maybe you never heard of the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors Children's Home, in Knightstown, Ind. It was great for most of us. My father died when I was 9 years old. My mother had five little kids and no money or answers."

"Someone told her about the home, and two months after my father's death, we were there. We were well fed, clothed, educated and disciplined. Most of us appreciate what was done for us. We graduated from high school and turned into decent people, along with many hundreds before and after."

"I go back for an annual reunion. We laugh and talk and remember and it is our family."

Or Gene Farmer, of Montague, Calif., a writer and professor of political science:

"I grew up in the Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Children's School, near Bloomington, Ill. The 'Home,' as it was called, was definitely not something out of a Dickens novel. It was self-contained, with a farm, hos-



Mike Royko
Columnist

pital, power plant, bakery, clothing warehouse, churches, gymnasium, swimming pool and a grade and junior high school. Those in high school went to University High in nearby Normal. The emphasis was on education.

"How did the orphans do after they left? Pretty damn good. In the cottage group I grew up with (from age 3), one has a Ph.D., two have M.A.'s, and at least half a dozen have other B.A.'s. My cottage can boast of a college professor, a couple of high school teachers, a Treasury agent, and a comedy writer for television."

"You can understand why I take umbrage at idiotic remarks, such as those from the president's wife, referring to the notion of allowing kids whose family can't support them to be placed in orphanages as 'absurd and unbelievable.' If she likes to toss those words about, she could more properly apply them to her silly health-care plan."

And Curtis Kennedy, a lawyer in Denver:

"During the early '60s, I spent some time in a church-run orphanage in Dallas. During the years I was institutionalized, I considered myself unfortunate and, most often, I was unhappy."

"Yet, I was surrounded by good people and conditions which fostered a very healthy perspective on self-esteem and 'the golden rule.'"

"I am most certain my experience in the orphanage was a whole hell of a lot better than the more tragic consequences I would have suffered had that particular safety net not been available."

"I join in the chorus for a return of established 'enhanced orphanages,' where tens of thousands of kids can be safe

from the sheer terror, humiliation and perverse gross neglect inflicted upon them by so many dysfunctional families."

Sol Zatt, of Long Beach, Calif., a journalist:

"The Hebrew Orphans Home in North Philadelphia was on acres of landscaped grounds and farm land, a white-counseled Georgian facility that housed 250 of us unfortunate, unwanted, nobody-cared-about children."

"We had a baseball diamond, basketball court, tennis court, swimming pool, classrooms, library, infirmary, gymnasium and locker rooms. Not bad for a poor bunch of kids orphaned by death, from broken homes, near-delinquents and other outcasts."

"We were encouraged to learn and read a lot, to walk tall and be proud of who we were. I became a journalist. There were some who became doctors, lawyers, nurses, taxi drivers and learned trades. ..."

"Newt Gingrich's orphans should be so lucky."

But as The New York Times pointed out in an editorial Monday: "The act of institutionalization often harms (the children's) social and psychological development."

On the front page of the same paper was the story of Garland Hampton, a Milwaukee boy, whose mother went to prison for killing her boyfriend.

He went to live with his grandmother. Trouble was, grandma once blew away the father of two of her children. And an uncle killed two cops. Now Garland, 15, is in jail for murdering another teen.

You just can't beat that good old family social and psychological development.

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Crackdown on Chechnya to enforce constitution

A year ago this week, Russian voters approved a democratic constitution. Enforcing that constitution, says President Boris Yeltsin, is the reason he is cracking down on Chechen insurgents.

How's that again? Moscow's deployment of up to 40,000 heavily armed troops in the chronically rebellious Muslim corner of the Caucasus mountains does not have an altogether Jeffersonian ring. Superficially, at least, it calls to mind instead the last major movement of Russian soldiers: the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

Courageous Russian democrats have publicly criticized the move into secessionist Chechnya, reluctant though many are to break with Yeltsin. Even former Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar, so closely identified with the president, urgently warns against Russian troops attacking part of the Russian Federation. Others decry the increasing influence of the security forces.

Nevertheless, in a climate of gathering nationalism, Yeltsin apparently decided he could no longer tolerate defiance in a region whose refineries and

pipelines are considered vital. Russian soldiers have been ordered to seize oil-related facilities. Moreover, Chechens' role in organized crime - both real and exaggerated by popular stereotype - seems likely to elicit support for quelling them.

This is a regrettably short-term calculation. Chechnya with its 1.3 million people is singularly hostile terrain for any definitive assertion of authority by Moscow. In the 19th century, it took the czars decades to subdue the Chechens.

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FEATURES

Would you spend time opening mail for a cat?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Allan "Tugboat" Gordon, a retired Navy chief petty officer, looks out over his Christmas-red string tie and tries out his growl: "I spent most of my life in submarines and now I work for a cat."

Not that Gordon, 77, is displeased at that fate; it's not just any feline celebrity he works for.

Gordon handles the mail for Socks, the presidential cat, and he takes his self-proclaimed title of "Secretary to Socks" seriously.

Chief Gordon presides over the "Socks Corner" of the sun-splashed room at the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home, which has served since last January as the volunteer-run White House Auxiliary Mail Room.

While he waited for a special visitor, Gordon showed off the hundreds of cat photos that cat lovers have sent Socks, thumbed through the albums with his favorite letters to Socks

and bragged of the three visits Socks has made to see the mail room in operation.

Soon he was showing his treasured "cat books" to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, who had come to say a personal thank you to Gordon and the scores of volunteer veterans who have sorted and responded to hundreds of thousands of letters sent to members of the president's family over the past two years.

"You have been working very hard in the mail room and we are very grateful for that," Mrs. Clinton told the veterans at their mail-sorting slots around the room.

As of Saturday afternoon, the veterans had handled 1,018,998 pieces of mail.

"Our busiest month was July," said William Woods, 66, the retired Army Sgt. 1st Class who runs the mail operation at the home.

May E. Jodey looked up at the first lady, smiled and said the

volunteer job has kept her energized.

"Every day I come down here and have my finger on the pulse of the nation," she said.

A life-size cardboard likeness of the president gazes out at the mail room's bustle. "It's the heart of the nation and it's fascinating," said veteran Lee Cruze of the letters she reads.

At one table is a life-size and working Socks telephone. It was awarded to the person who opened the millionth piece of mail.

Back at Socks Corner, Gordon is reading letters from fans. A favorite: "Dear Socks: Come to Colorado and I'll take you mouse hunting."

He displays the oversize postcard that is sent to everyone who writes to Socks Clinton.

Next to a photograph of the cat are the words: "Thank You for writing to me. I am honored to be your 'First Cat.'" It's signed with a paw print.

Abilene's 'Good Samaritan' winning fight to stay alive

ABILENE (AP) — Stephen Faulkner can't talk and can barely walk, but he's alive.

That alone means Christmas will be a happy one this year at the Faulkner home.

Stephen Faulkner is the good Samaritan who stopped to assist a stranded motorist June 7. When a jack slipped, he was pinned under a trailer-load of used tires for several critical minutes.

"He didn't breathe for a while," said his mother, Lynda Faulkner.

He was in a coma for about two weeks, she said.

The only physical injury Stephen had was a cracked scapula. Because he was without oxygen for a while, however, Stephen's brain hasn't healed enough to let him function normally, Lynda said.

"He is improving daily, but it's just been very slow," she said. "I don't know if he'll ever be able to do everything he once could."

Stephen was a mechanic before the accident, which caused him to be hospitalized for 130 days.

"I don't know if he really realizes a lot of what happened," his mother continued, telling about his short-term memory loss.

"He remembers where he worked the day of the accident, but he still thinks he's 18 years old. He's 23."

Because of the damage to



Stephen Faulkner of Abilene suffered brain damage when he was pinned under a trailer on which he was changing a tire in June. He can't talk, but he has a "talking" laptop computer that helps him communicate.

Stephen's brain, he must have round-the-clock care.

When his mother and grandmother aren't caring for him, he is at the Hendrick Center for Rehabilitation and Abilene Adult Day Care Center.

He can't swallow, but it's not because of the physical injuries. His mother explained that it's because his brain doesn't tell him to swallow. So far now he is fed through a tube.

Stephen is slowly learning to walk again, with assistance. His progress even surprised his therapist recently, she said.

One item that will make

everyone's life easier at the Faulkner household is a "talking" lap computer Stephen will soon learn to operate, which will make communication much easier.

"All he'll have to do is touch it, and he can ask for a drink, or whatever he needs," Lynda said.

The computer that arrived last week "will really help out a lot," she continued. "He's very slow, but he can type in some words."

The computer is being paid for by civic organizations and donations.

Washington says 'So long' to Rusk

ATLANTA (AP) — Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk, one of the Kennedy-Johnson era's "best and brightest" who confronted Moscow during the Cuban missile crisis and helped lead America deeper into Vietnam, died at 85.

Rusk, the son of a minister-turned-farmer, died Tuesday at his home in Athens. He had taught law at the University of Georgia since leaving Washington in 1969 and had suffered from heart disease.

After working for the State Department in the 1940s and '50s, Rusk was recruited back to Washington in 1961 by President Kennedy, who sought out the "best and brightest" of his generation. Among the others were Defense Secretary Robert McNamara and McGeorge Bundy, assistant for national security.

After Kennedy's assassination, President Lyndon Johnson insisted Rusk stay on. He remained until the end of Johnson's administration in 1969, despite criticism over his advocacy of the Vietnam War.

Rusk never apologized for his role in the war, which killed 57,000 Americans and 1 million

Vietnamese. His son Richard was among those who criticized him as an "architect" of the war.

"Because of this nation's commitments, I had a duty to perform; to try to prevent North Vietnam from overrunning South Vietnam by force. That was my job and I tried to do it," he said in a 1990 biography, "As I Saw It."

Others saw it differently. "I always considered him to be the enemy," said Scott Camil, a Vietnam veteran who as a member of the Gainesville 8 was found innocent of conspiracy to disrupt the 1972 Republican convention in Florida. "I just don't think people who make war and lie to the American public deserve a place in history."

Vietnam was only one of four major global events Rusk helped preside over as secretary of state. The others were the

botched Bay of Pigs Invasion of Cuba in 1961, the 1962 Cuban missile crisis and the signing of a nuclear nonproliferation treaty with the Soviet Union in 1968.

"He set a standard of patriotism and public service that will never be exceeded. He was a great American and a great human being," said Henry Kissinger, secretary of state under President Nixon.

The current secretary of state, Warren Christopher, said: "Above all else, he brought strength and steadfastness to his stewardship of American diplomacy at a time of extraordinary challenge for the United States."

In 1962, the world held its breath as Kennedy ordered the Soviets to dismantle Cuban missile sites.

At the height of the crisis, Rusk said later, he awoke one morning and told himself: "Ah, I am still here. This is very interesting."

When he sensed that Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev was backing down, he summed it up this way: "We're standing eye-ball-to-eye-ball, and the other fellow just blinked." A

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FDA warns of "Rio" hair p

WASHINGTON (AP) — Food and Drug Administration warned consumers not to use "Rio" hair products because severe hair loss has been reported.

The FDA has 100 reports since reactions to Naturalizer Styling product sold through Infomercials Corp. of Los Angeles. The reports include bald patches, and hands turned purple, people who left them completely bald, and FDA cosmetic chemist Bailey.

He said doctors reported hair loss in not

Overuse of could hurt

BOSTON (AP) — People taking Tylenol and acetaminophen for the cases of kidney disease in this country but medical history in a year, concludes.

The study found that the average course of a usual risk of a devastating requires frequent use.

Another report of the American Association of Rare Diseases says that doses can cause damage to the stomach.

Clinton to secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's appointment of a secretary to start filling the week, starting Wednesday, through the highest-profiling outgoing Secretary of State, choice, Wednesday.

"He's pretty his mind, but the last 'it' House officials speaking on anonymity."

Babbitt ab grazing fe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Babbitt is ab increase grazing range land, defeat for the nation's effort land policies.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

FDA warns against "Rio" hair products

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration warned consumers Wednesday not to use "Rio" hair relaxer products because they may cause severe hair loss or turn hair green.

The FDA has received nearly 100 reports since last month of reactions to "Rio Hair Naturalizer Systems," a product imported from Brazil and sold through television "infomercials" by World Rio Corp. of Los Angeles.

The reports range from hair and hands turning green to bald patches, including a few people who claim the product left them completely bald, said FDA cosmetics chief Dr. John Bailey.

He said doctors believe the hair loss is not permanent.

Overuse of painkiller could hurt kidneys

BOSTON (AP) — Persuading people to avoid overusing Tylenol and other brands of acetaminophen could reduce the cases of kidney failure in this country by 10 percent and cut medical bills by \$700 million a year, a study today concludes.

The study found that people who average a pill a day over the course of a year face double the usual risk of kidney failure, a devastating condition that requires frequent dialysis treatment.

Another report in the Journal of the American Medical Association concluded that in rare instances moderate overdoses can cause severe liver damage if taken on an empty stomach.

Clinton to fill ag secretary slot

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has a list of appointments to make that's getting as long as his Christmas list. He's likely to start filling some slots this week, starting with agriculture secretary, and let others slide through the holidays.

The agriculture job is the highest-profile opening, with outgoing Rep. Dan Glickman, D-Kan., emerging as the likely choice, officials said Wednesday.

"He's pretty much made up his mind, but he hasn't dotted the last 'i' yet," one White House official said of Clinton, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

Babbitt abandons grazing fee plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is abandoning a plan to increase grazing fees on federal range land, marking a bitter defeat for the Clinton administration's effort to reform public land policies.

The reversal, sharply criticized by environmentalists, was seen as evidence of the political clout of Western lawmakers in the new Republican-led Congress and desires by the administration to appease them.

Bowing to political pressures, Babbitt said Wednesday that the highly charged issue of grazing fees should be decided by the new Congress. He postponed implementation of the grazing regulations, which were to go into effect next month, for six months so Congress could act.

White House shooting began with chase

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI says a fatal shooting on the White House sidewalk began with the knife-wielding victim chasing a U.S. Park Police officer and defying shouted orders to stop.

Marcelino Corniel "refused to drop the knife and refused to lie on the ground," the FBI said in an affidavit that accompanied a charge of assault on a federal officer filed Wednesday against Corniel.

Corniel, 33, a homeless man who had been living in Lafayette Square, the park across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House, died Wednesday night. He was shot once in the abdomen and once in his right leg and underwent two lengthy surgeries.

Police arrest suspect in subway bombing



A New York City police officer carries a charred briefcase from the platform of New York's Fulton Street subway station where an underground blast caused by a firebomb turned the car into an inferno Wednesday. 43 people inside the burning train were injured.

NEW YORK (AP) — A man critically injured by a firebomb that shot flames through a crowded subway car was arrested in his hospital bed today and charged with attempted murder and assault.

Edward J. Leary, a 49-year-old unemployed computer operator from Scotch Plains, N.J., was charged with 45 counts. The bomb went off in his hands, Police Commissioner William Bratton said.

Leary was under police guard at Cornell Medical Center, where he was in critical condition with burns to his face, knuckles and legs.

Leary became a suspect when he left the scene of the blast Wednesday in lower Manhattan. He was found about two miles away in the borough of Brooklyn, in pain and with his pants scorched and in tatters.

He was one of four passengers critically injured. Detectives questioned him overnight, and state and federal

investigators along with New York City officers searched Leary's home in New Jersey and planned to return later today to search further. Police were not talking about what they found.

A residence in Brooklyn also was searched, Bratton said today. Leary owns property in Brooklyn.

Bratton would not comment on a possible motive.

Police said they were investigating whether there was any link between the explosion and another blast that injured two teenagers Friday on a subway line in Harlem.

"The most we can say right now is that both devices were homemade concoctions," Transit Police Chief Michael O'Connor said late Wednesday.

The explosion of the crude firebomb sent holiday shoppers into hysterics, inspired acts of heroism by passengers and triggered an emergency response that tied up downtown streets for hours.

It occurred just one block east of the World Trade Center, where a terrorist bomb killed six people and hurt 1,000 in February 1993.

"I thought, 'Here we go again,'" said investment banker Mike Klein, who was passing by the station when the firebomb went off.

Passengers left behind briefcases, purses and Christmas packages as they scrambled for safety.

Police said the bomb went off, possibly in a passenger's lap, as the train sat with its doors open in the Fulton Street station, where an average of 50,000 people a day enter eight subway lines. It was not clear if the bomb was detonated accidentally.

Leary's neighbors said he moved to Scotch Plains with his wife and son about a year or two ago. They said he recently lost his job on Wall Street, but his wife continued to work.

School prayer divides tiny Mississippi town

ECRU, Miss. (AP) — Ecrú, a town with five churches and no traffic light, is a place that's ready for Christmas. Nearly all the homes are adorned with wreaths and lights, and large colored lights hang from poles leading to downtown.

But a bitter religious dispute has risen up among the holly, plastic angels and wishes for peace on earth, pitting most of Ecrú's 700 residents against a woman who is suing to stop morning prayers and Bible classes in the public school.

Lisa Herdahl, a mother of six who moved down from Wisconsin last year, said she filed the federal lawsuit against the school district Tuesday "as a last resort to defend my family's religious freedom."

"I simply do not want the school telling my children how and when to pray," said Herdahl, who has children in kindergarten and grades 3, 4, 6 and 9.

Herdahl says her children, baptized as Lutherans, have been ridiculed by their classmates; her 7-year-old son, Jason, was called "football head" after a teacher made him wear headphones to drown out the prayers broadcast on the school's intercom.

But her yearlong effort to

eliminate prayer and Bible study from her children's classes has few supporters at the North Pontotoc Attendance Center, which serves 1,300 students in kindergarten through high school.

"Without prayer I don't know how I'd make it through the day," said Jason Davis, a senior elected most likely to succeed. "I don't see why anyone in the world wouldn't want to study the Bible."

Many parents say Herdahl has caused conflict ever since she moved to their town, nestled in the hills of northeast Mississippi between Oxford and Tupelo, by speaking out at School Board meetings and complaining to the school superintendent about the prayer issue.

Her stance has rankled what Mayor Sam Newsom calls a very conservative community and put a damper on the holidays.

"I feel sorry this lady has got the attitude she's got," Newsom said.

"I think they ought to have prayer," said Staggs. "They did when I was in school, and it didn't hurt me any."

The lawsuit comes at a time when school prayer advocates are gaining support nationally.

Nonprofit groups sue U.S. Postal Service

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group representing nonprofit organizations filed suit against the post office Wednesday, challenging the higher rates scheduled to take effect Jan. 1.

The Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers did not seek to prevent the new rates from taking effect, but rather asked for a court review of the portion that affects its members.

The suit was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, said Neal Denton, alliance executive director.

The suit charges that the discounts given nonprofit mailers for presorting their third-class

mail are smaller than those provided to others sending advertising mail. Discounts are given for presorting mail because it saves work for the post office.

The alliance had sought equal discounts with other mailers, but the independent Postal Rate Commission left in place rates similar to the current structure, stating that it did not have updated cost data from the post office to make the change.

Organizations eligible for the lower rates include religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic and fraternal groups.



A snowman found it difficult to remain standing during the mild temperatures in Wisconsin Rapids Dec. 20 when the mercury climbed into the mid-40s.

Federal prosecutors to investigate Magaziner

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors are being asked to investigate whether senior White House aide Ira Magaziner lied under oath during a court battle over President Clinton's health reform task force. The White House says it expects Magaziner to be vindicated.

U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth has asked the U.S. attorney's office to determine whether Magaziner committed perjury, made false statements or could be charged with criminal contempt of court during a lawsuit by medical groups seeking information about the secret White House task force.

In a six-page ruling issued Wednesday, Lamberth said he was referring the matter to U.S.

Attorney Eric Holder "for further development of the facts in order to determine whether a criminal offense has been committed."

Lamberth concluded that Magaziner made some false statements about the working groups' members. But the judge said prosecutors must determine whether Magaziner knowingly and intentionally made false statements, which would be a crime.

"He must be proven to have been intentionally untruthful at the time he signed the document before he can be found guilty of a criminal offense," Lamberth wrote.

Presidential spokeswoman Lorrie McHugh said, "The White House believes that a

full and fair review of the facts will completely vindicate Mr. Magaziner."

Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said the department was "happy the case is over." He declined further comment. A spokesman for Holder, Monty Wilkinson, said the U.S. attorney's office was reviewing the judge's ruling and had no comment.

Magaziner was the top White House aide on the health care task force headed by Hillary Rodham Clinton. He supervised working groups that formulated Clinton's failed health care reform proposal.

At issue is a sworn declaration Magaziner signed on March 3, 1993.

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Police fight off rebels in Mexico

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Hundreds of police and soldiers have moved into a mountain town that rebels briefly seized earlier this week, raising fears of renewed clashes.

About 300 troops with assault rifles and flak jackets patrolled the town of Simojovel on Wednesday, two days after it was overrun by members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army.

Tensions soared early in the day as a band of rebel sympathizers hastily tried to rebuild a roadblock of logs and rocks on the highway leading from Simojovel to the central Chiapas city of San Cristobal de las Casas.

The Indian peasants building the road-

About 300 troops with assault rifles and flak jackets patrolled the town of Simojovel on Wednesday, two days after it was overrun by members of the Zapatista National Liberation Army.

block hurled shovels and picks at an arriving convoy of some 100 flak-jacketed police sharpshooters. The peasants fled up the slopes of a mountain, but two young men were captured.

The area has been tense since the ruling party was accused of fraud in the Aug. 21 election for governor of Chiapas. The losing opposition candidate set up a parallel government that won the support of dozens of Indian villages and

towns on Monday, setting the stage for the renewed rebel action.

In Mexico City, eight anti-war opponents led a hunger strike for peace in solidarity with San Cristobal Bishop Samuel Ruiz, a former negotiator between the rebels and the government. Hundreds of people with candles gathered Wednesday night to support the hunger strikers.

Meanwhile, hard-line lawmakers

exhorted President Ernesto Zedillo to deliver an ultimatum to the rebels: begin peace talks by Jan. 15 or risk army action.

Zedillo, facing the first crisis of his three-week-old administration, has repeatedly insisted he will handle the conflict peacefully. A Jan. 12 cease-fire ended fighting between the army and the rebels, but only after 145 people had been killed.

But renewed efforts to open peace talks have failed.

This week's show of force by the rebels has unsettled the Mexican economy, forcing Zedillo to allow the peso to sink to a record low against the dollar.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jet goes down in Great Britain

LONDON (AP) — A Boeing 737 cargo jet on approach to Coventry airport hit power lines and crashed Wednesday, killing all five people aboard.

The pilot of the Air Algerie plane veered away from a cluster of houses at the last moment and crashed into a wooded area, witnesses said. No one on the ground was injured, said Phil Spinks of the West Midlands Ambulance Service.

The plane, returning empty after delivering 190 calves to Amsterdam earlier in the day, was carrying three Algerian crew members and two British animal handlers, Phoenix Aviation said.

Fighting continues in Russian territory

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Wave after wave of Russian jets bombed the Chechen capital today while Russian artillery indiscriminately lobbed shells into the city center.

It was the heaviest bombardment yet of Grozny, and represented a major escalation in Russia's assault on the capital of the breakaway republic.

Dozens of people were killed, and terrified residents fled Grozny any way they could. Some desperately flagged down passing cars, while other women and children rode on sacks of flour on trailers being dragged by tractors.

People ran through the streets seeking shelter as jets roared overhead. Smoke billowed over the city from the numerous explosions.

Earlier today, Russian fighter jets ignited a blaze at an oil refinery that sent streaks of fire into the pre-dawn sky.

The attacks on Grozny came after Chechen leaders ignored President Boris Yeltsin's promise that the area could retain some self-determination if it surrendered.

There was no immediate word on casualties. Chechen officials claim scores of civilians were killed the previous two nights.

In Moscow, the deputy commander of Russia's army resigned after refusing an order from Defense Minister Pavel Grachev to direct operations in the unpopular war, a lawmaker said today.

Col. Gen. Eduard Vorobyov refused to assume command of Russian forces in Chechnya.

Shells hit Sarajevo just one day before cease-fire agreement

Two dead, seven injured in Sarajevo's 'Old Town'

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Two shells slammed into a small market in Sarajevo's Old Town today, killing at least two people and wounding seven others.

The attack came only a day before a nationwide cease-fire negotiated by Jimmy Carter was to go into effect — and two hours before the United Nations' top diplomat in Yugoslavia arrived for talks on implementing the truce.

"This is a brutal violation, and outrageous," said U.N. envoy Yashushi Akashi.

The shells landed in a market just behind the burned-out National Library and City Hall. Witnesses said one shell hit a shop and the other landed in a parking lot where residents earn money by selling personal belongings.

A few large pools of blood could be seen in the fresh snow, as well as scattered clothes and tins of food.

There was no immediate word on who fired the shells, but the market is located just below Mount Trebevic, which is held by Bosnian Serbs.

Hospital officials said two dead were men.

Police cordoned off the market and banned pedestrians from

walking along the city's notorious "Sniper Alley" as of Friday.

At a different market in Sarajevo last February, a single shell killed 69 people. That attack prompted NATO to issue an ultimatum for Bosnian Serbs to move heavy weapons outside a 12.5-mile radius of Sarajevo or face airstrikes.

The Serbs generally complied, bringing months of relative calm to the besieged Bosnian capital.

Akashi met today with the Muslim-led Bosnian government on implementing the cease-fire Carter had negotiated, and planned to go later to Serb headquarters in the nearby village of Pale.

Despite cease-fire plans, the United Nations command today reported violent incidents Wednesday in four of Bosnia's six U.N. designated safe areas.

In Sarajevo, there were scattered exchanges of mortar fire along the front line, said Lt. Col. Gary Coward. Serbs also fired about nine mortar rounds inside the safe area of Gorazde to the southeast.

In the northwest Bihac region, the war's deadliest front, three homemade rockets were fired into that safe zone.



Sarajevans rush a fatally injured man into the Kosevo hospital Thursday after two shells slammed into a small market in the Bosnian capital. Two died; seven were injured in an attack that came a day before a nationwide cease-fire.

Before leaving Bosnia, Carter acknowledged that stubborn differences remained between the government and their Serb enemies on a key issue: acceptance of an international peace plan. The plan would require the Serbs to reduce their holdings from 70 percent of Bosnia to 49 percent.

The government has accepted the plan and wants Bosnian Serbs to do the same before beginning talks on any changes. Serbs have repeatedly rejected the plan, and want to talk without first accepting it.

Those differences still appear unbridgeable and likely to threaten any truce. Dozens of

cease-fires have failed in Bosnia's 32-month war, which has left at least 200,000 people dead or missing.

Capt. Myriam Socachy, a U.N. spokeswoman, said today that Serbs continued to restrict U.N. convoys, allowing only 10 tons of diesel fuel to Sarajevo instead of the requested 55 tons.

U.S. waits for another pilot's release

PANMUNJOM, Korea (AP) — North Korea returned the body of an American pilot today, and a U.S. congressman said the communist nation will shortly free his detained colleague.

Rep. Bill Richardson, who helped negotiate the repatriation of Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon's body, predicted today that Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall will be home by Christmas.

He had no commitment, though, that would happen.

Richardson said he had reached an agreement with North Korea that calls for the release of Hall, who also was aboard the unarmed U.S. Army OH-58C helicopter that strayed into North Korean territory last Saturday.

"To make the agreement fully certifiable and successful, Bobby Hall must return," Richardson said at a news conference after leaving North Korea. "I think Bobby Hall will return ... very soon."

Earlier today, Richardson accompanied the rough reddish-brown casket carrying Hilemon's body as the North Koreans handed it over at the border crossing in the truce village of Panmunjom.

North Korea has said its

troops shot down the chopper. There was no way for U.S. officials to confirm that, however, without talking with Hall.

Richardson told reporters he was unable to see Hall, but was able to convey a message of love from Hall's wife. The North Koreans have said Hall is in good condition but won't be released until they complete their investigation into the incident.

"The meetings we held with North Korea were tough, were difficult," Richardson said. "The arrangement we had was the best we could get."

Richardson said talks were continuing in Panmunjom on details of Hall's release.

On a frosty day with beams of sunlight breaking through the clouds, Richardson crossed the border before the casket and shook hands with the 10 U.N. liaison officers waiting on the South Korean side.

They went as a group to the North Korean side to inspect the coffin. A North Korean honor guard in green overcoats carried the rectangular box to the demarcation line.

As U.N. officers saluted, the coffin was then carried about 100 yards by a seven-man U.N. honor guard in dress uniforms

of their individual countries.

The U.N. flag was draped over the coffin and tied down as a white plastic bag carrying Hilemon's possessions was carried over. After a minute of silence, a minister said a brief prayer.

The body taken to a military hospital at Yongsan U.S. military base near central Seoul. It was to be flown later to Travis Air Force Base near San Francisco for an autopsy.

The helicopter incident has

strained ties between the United States and reclusive North Korea just as they were beginning to ease.

"We certainly welcome this humanitarian move," White House Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said, adding that the United States will continue to demand Hall's release "in time for the Christmas holiday."

Defense Secretary William Perry said evidence indicates the helicopter crossed into North Korea by mistake.

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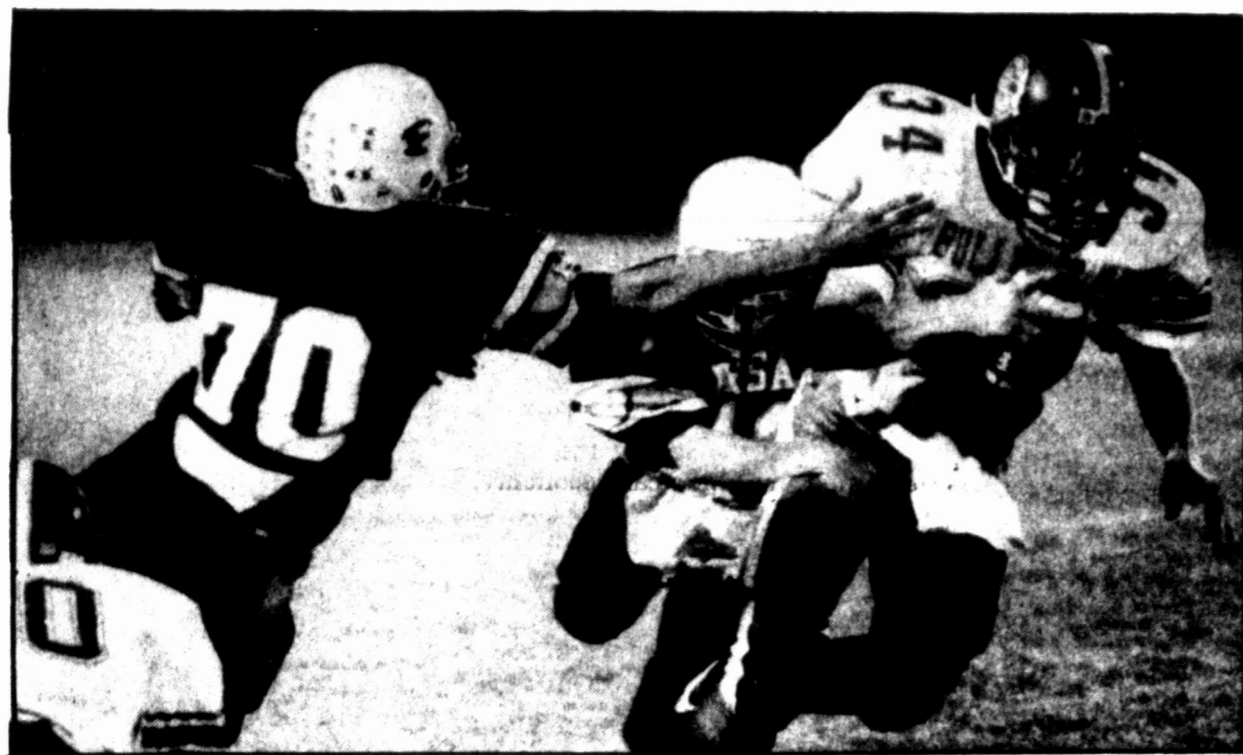
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Got an item?

Do you have an interesting story idea? Call Dave Hargrave, 263-7331, Ext 116.



Coahoma quarterback Brandon McGuire (34) runs for yardage against Forsan this season. McGuire is a starter in three sports for Coahoma.

McGuire does a lot, and does it well for Bulldogs

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

COAHOMA — See Brandon throw. See Brandon hit. See Brandon run. See Brandon shoot. See Brandon score.

Sports fans in Coahoma have gotten quite used to seeing Brandon McGuire display his athletic prowess the past few years — and from all indications, they like what they've seen.

It's not rare for small-town athletes to participate in more than one sport, but it is rare you see someone as good in so many high-school sports as McGuire.

He's the baseball team's pitching ace.

He's the football team's starting quarterback and middle linebacker.

He's a starter and the second-leading scorer for the basketball team.

And, for good measure, he maintains an A average in the classroom.

McGuire not only does a lot, but he does it well.

As the Bulldogs' staff ace dur-

ing baseball season, McGuire at one point had compiled a 7-2 record and struck out 100 batters in only 50 1/3 innings of work, and he led Coahoma to its first-ever playoff victory while earning all-district and other postseason honors.

On the basketball team, McGuire was second-team all-district as a junior and appears to be headed for more of the same this year.

Then there's football.

McGuire was good enough as the team's quarterback, completing 39 of 86 passes for 670 yards and six touchdowns. On defense, however, good became brilliant. He collected 114 tackles (25 of them for losses), a sack, two interceptions, five caused fumbles and one fumble recovery.

The Texas Sports Writers Association was suitably impressed to name McGuire to its Class 2A all-state first team defense.

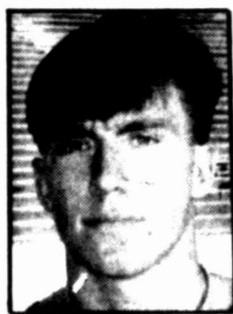
The cliché becomes truth: McGuire is a do-everything player, the go-to guy, Mr. Clutch ... well, you catch our drift.

That McGuire will play sports in college is a given. The question is: Which sport will he concentrate on?

His answer is not surprising.

"I'd like to play both (baseball and basketball)."

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MCGUIRE



Rodman, Spurs in groove

DENVER (AP) — His disruptive demeanor notwithstanding, Dennis Rodman makes the San Antonio Spurs — and particularly David Robinson — better.

Robinson scored 34 points, including 16 in the third quarter, and the Spurs pulled away from the Denver Nuggets 111-97 Wednesday night for their fifth straight victory — all by double-figure margins.

Without Rodman, who served two suspensions and took a leave of absence earlier this season, the Spurs are 8-9. With him, they are 4-0.

Rodman had 14 rebounds against the Nuggets, leading Spurs coach Bob Hill to say, "Dennis makes a difference. When the ball hits the rim, there's a pretty good chance he is going to get it."

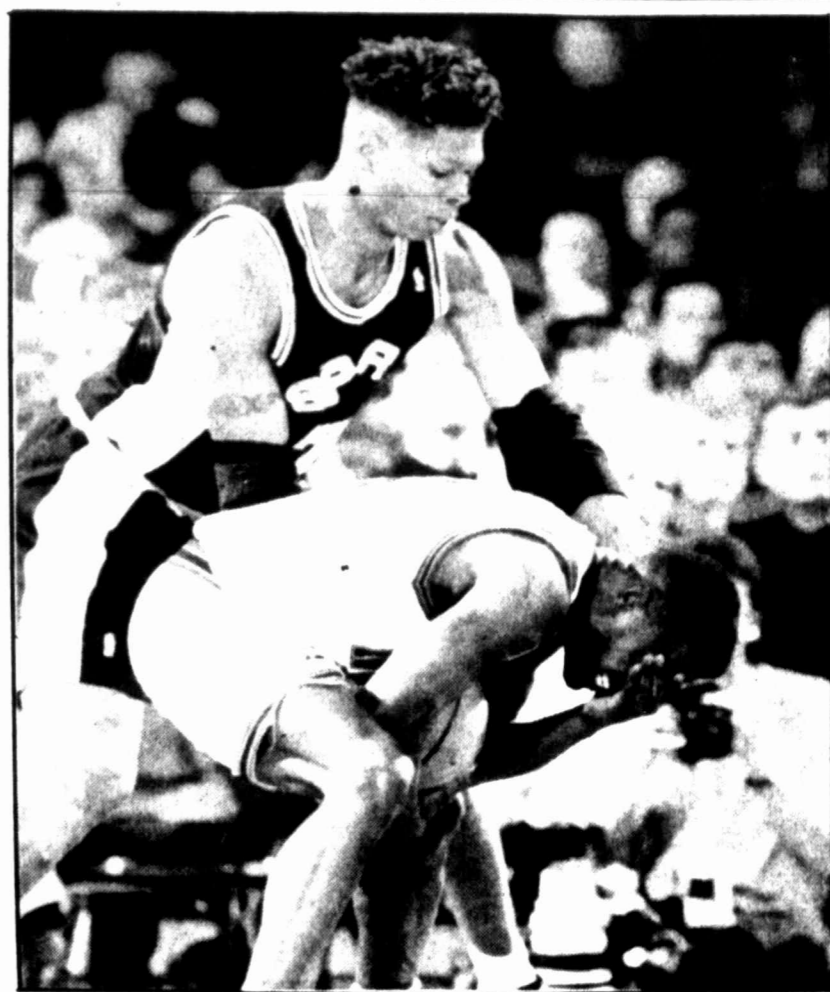
Robinson said the Spurs prevailed because "our interior defense was really good. People don't realize how strong Dennis is. With Dennis in the game, I can focus on other parts of the defense and not worry as much about rebounding."

When Robinson wasn't hitting baskets inside, he was being fouled. He hit 16 of 18 free throws as the Spurs made 33 of 36 (92 percent) from the line.

In his last three games, Robinson has scored 32, 32 and 34 points.

"We tried to get him the ball where he could do some damage," Spurs guard Avery Johnson said, "but he is just a tremendous player anyway. Even if he was playing with a bunch of elves, he would be terrific."

"We are carrying some momentum from that Houston



San Antonio forward J.R. Reid reaches for the ball as Denver guard Robert Pack reacts to getting his eye poked during the Spurs' 111-97 victory in Denver Wednesday.

game when Dennis didn't play, and Dennis gives us a lot more depth."

San Antonio had a pair of 7-0 runs and an 8-0 spurt to take a 91-85 lead after three quarters. Early in the final period, the Spurs scored nine straight points to go up 102-91. Robinson's two free throws started that flurry and two more finished it with 7:32 left.

Denver scored only 12 points in the final period, getting one basket in the final 6:16.

Vinny Del Negro added 20 points for the Spurs, and Johnson had 19 points and 12 assists.

Reserve Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf had 21 points to lead Denver.

"We ran better the second half," Hill said. "We ran off

blocks, steals and rebounds. We got some easy baskets, we spread the floor and we got to the free-throw line. That's what wins games for us."

Denver coach Dan Issel said his team, which was outscored 59-41 in the second half, "came out in the second half with a lack of effort and no emotion."

"Rodman and Robinson hurt us on the boards, but the most embarrassing thing was in the fourth quarter when I thought we quit. That is not the Denver Nuggets. We've got to forget about upsetting Seattle and taking Utah to the seventh game in last year's playoffs. We've got to start working hard so this doesn't happen again."

The Spurs shot 49 percent and were 6-for-10 from 3-point range.

FISHING

White bass fishing is picking up at Lake O.H. Ivie, and a few more walleyes were reported. Otherwise, results were somewhat spotty.

Some of the white bass were weighing up to 2lbs., and were caught in the main body of the lake and off points and in channels. Slabs were best lure in 20-30 ft. of water.

Most of the walleyes were

caught by bass and crappie fishermen, but with surface temperature dipping to 54.5 degrees (only .7 of a degree above the bottom reading), more of these catches are expected.

Also on the upgrade in crappie fishing in 5-10 ft. of water along brushy areas or in river creek and draw channels. Minnows and jigs were preferred baits.

Black bass fishing was fair to good, but spotted. Many were being taken in 5-15 ft. of water along shorelines and in the mouths of streams. Occasionally nice-sized small-mouth bass were being caught in 15-25 of water, particularly along rock ridges.

Channel catfishing was slow, but results were a bit better on trotlines with live bait.

Playoff possibilities: Keep your slide rule handy

The final week. It's the best time of the National Football League season. Kind of like baseball's pennant races.

It's also the worst time. It's hard on the brain.

Example — Here's what has to happen for the Minnesota Vikings to make the playoffs:



Dave Hargrave
Sports Editor

Can clinch a playoff berth with a win or tie against San

Francisco or a Chicago loss to New England or a Detroit loss at Miami or a Green Bay loss or tie at Tampa Bay or an Arizona loss or tie at Atlanta or a New York Giants win over Dallas.

Come up for air! Did you catch all that?

Ugh! Surfing through that mess is like negotiating mall traffic this time of year.

Let's make this week a bit easier for all football fans and put playoff contenders into the following categories:

- Livin' Right
- Great/Could Be Better
- Just Win, Baby
- Win and Pray
- Pipe Dream

There. Isn't that better than

drifting through ifs, ands, buts, wherefores, whereases and where-for-art-thou-Romeos?

Here we go:
Livin' Right

Dallas, San Francisco and Pittsburgh. These three teams could forfeit their final game and be no worse off. San Francisco and Pittsburgh have clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs, and the Cowboys have clinched a first-round bye.

Great/Could Be Better

Miami, Cleveland, San Diego. San Diego has won the AFC West but still has a chance to earn a first-round bye. Miami and Cleveland are in the playoffs; still, the Dolphins could earn a first-round bye, and the

Browns can grab home-field advantage in a wildcard playoff game.

Just Win, Baby

New England, Los Angeles Raiders, Kansas City, Minnesota, Detroit, Chicago, Green Bay. These teams are all in the playoffs if they win. Actually, this could be called the Win or Fray category, but since the Raiders are involved, we'll call it "Just Win, Baby," in honor of Raider czar Al Davis. This category has a catch — Los Angeles and Kansas City play each other, as do Chicago and New England.

Win and Pray

Arizona, New York Giants. Unlike the teams above, the Please see HARGRAVE, page 8A

Bass Club honors its best at end-of-the-year banquet

Usually when the Big Spring Bass Club gets together on a Saturday this time of year the members can count on a cold wet and windy day. This was not the case however when the club met this past Saturday under warm, dry and calm conditions and sat down to a good meal of barbecue and trimmings.

The club held its 1994 awards banquet at the Elks Lodge to honor the club's outstanding anglers of the year.

Angler of the year honors went to Todd Tubb who caught 45.22 lbs. of bass this year and earned 634 points. Mike Shults landed the second

place finish with Marty Whetsel in third.

Female angler honors went to Linda Mills with a points total of 237. James Darling took youth angler of the year for the second consecutive year with 180 points.

Jim Wilson caught an impressive 9.21 pound bass in February at Lake Nasworthy to earn big bass of the year. Wilson's bass was just ounces shy of the club record.

Big bass of the year in the female division went to Katy McKinney for a 5.59 fish landed at Lake Sweetwater in August.

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SHOT OF THE DAY	TEXAS SPORTS	NATION/WORLD	ON THE AIR
<p>Find the hidden coach</p> <p>Auburn coach Terry Bowden is surrounded by autograph seekers prior to Blue-Gray practice in Montgomery, Ala. Wednesday. The annual Blue-Gray game will be held Christmas Day.</p>	<p>Emmitt won't go</p> <p>EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Emmitt Smith and coach Barry Switzer have decided that a token performance to help Smith keep a personal streak intact would not help the team.</p> <p>Smith, who pulled his left hamstring Monday night against New Orleans, wants to extend his 82-game streak of not missing a game because of injury.</p> <p>"You've got to do what's best for the team," Smith said Wednesday. "Personal goals, you've got to put them aside."</p> <p>Smith, who also enters Saturday's game against the New York Giants two touchdowns shy of John Riggins' NFL single-season record of 24, didn't practice Wednesday. He said he wanted to play, but added "It's not important enough to go out there and do something stupid."</p>	<p>Padres sold</p> <p>SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tom Werner's reign as San Diego Padres majority owner ended when the sale of the team to John Moores was completed.</p> <p>Moores purchased 80 percent of the team and eventually will acquire the remainder for a total of \$80 million, with a small share being held by Larry Lucchino.</p> <p>Sanders honored</p> <p>NEW YORK (AP) — Detroit's Barry Sanders, who rushed for 110 yards in the Lions' 41-19 victory over Minnesota to move within 169 yards of 2,000 for the season, was selected the NFC offensive player of the week.</p>	<p>Basketball</p> <p>College</p> <p>Arizona vs. Syracuse, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).</p> <p>Oklahoma State vs. Tulane, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.</p> <p>North Carolina vs. Hawaii, 11 p.m., ESPN.</p> <p>NBA</p> <p>Phoenix at Houston, 7 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).</p> <p>Washington at Golden State, 9:30 p.m., WTBS.</p>

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Indianapolis	7	8	0	.467
N.Y. Jets	6	9	0	.400
Central	12	3	0	.800
Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
East	W	L	T	Pct.
Dallas	12	3	0	.800
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533
Arizona	8	7	0	.533
Philadelphia	7	8	0	.467
Washington	2	13	0	.133
Central	9	6	0	.600
Minnesota	9	6	0	.600
Detroit	9	6	0	.600

Chicago	9	6	0	.600
Green Bay	8	7	0	.533
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	.400
West	13	2	0	.867
San Fran	13	2	0	.867
New Orleans	6	9	0	.400
Atlanta	6	9	0	.400
LA Rams	4	11	0	.267

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Wide receivers — Chris George, Glenville State, 6-0, 185, senior, Clarkburg, W. Va.; Brad Bailey, West Texas A&M, 6-0, 175, senior, Plano, Texas.
Tight end — Ryan Davis, St. Thomas, 6-3, 215, junior, Richfield, Minn.
Linemen — Jon Thompson, North Alabama, 6-1, 252, junior, Muscle Shoals, Ala.; Jeff Helle, Central College, 6-4, 256, senior, Hopkinton, Iowa; Adam Timmerman, South Dakota State, 6-3, 290, senior, Charlotte, Iowa; Matt Allison, Allegheny, 6-2, 270, senior, Eastlake, Ohio; Steve Hynes, East Stroudsburg, 6-4, 290, senior, Northampton, Pa.

All-purpose — Dave Ludy, Winona State, 6-0, 195, senior, Turtle Lake, Wis.
Placemaker — Chris Kondik, Baldwin-Wallace, 6-2, 190, freshman, Uniontown, Ohio, Defense
Linebacker — Ricky Casar, Northeastern State, 6-3, 250, senior, Houston; Hugh Douglas, Central State, 6-3, 258, junior, Mansfield, Ohio; Jeff Turnage, Indiana (Pa.), 6-1, 258, junior, Fort Rucker, Ala.; Matt Szalayinski, Washington & Jefferson, 5-11, 222, senior, Pittsburgh.
Linebacker — Ronald McKinnon, North Alabama, 6-1, 230, junior, Elbe, Ala.; Andy Sweet, Pittsburg State, 6-2, 230, senior, Oklahoma City; Paul Simmons, Harding, 6-2, 230, senior, Ashdown, Ark.

Backs — Elton Rhoades, Central Oklahoma, 6-2, 195, senior, Guthrie, Okla.; Tyrone Poole, Fort Valley State, 5-10, 190, senior, LaGrange, Ga.; Paul Reed, Langston, 6-2, 190, senior, Tucson, Ariz.; Doug Seidenstricker, Shippensburg, 6-1, 205, senior, Brodbeck, Pa.
Punter — Pat Hoguin, Colorado School of Mines, 5-9, 184, senior, Billings, Mont. SECOND TEAM
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Quarterback — Paul Bell, Allegheny.
Running backs — Roger Graham, New Haven, Jo Jo Jones, Lambuth.
Wide receivers — Steve Wilkerson, Catholic; Greg Hopkins, Slippery Rock.

McGuire

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and football) in college, if I get the opportunity," he said. "I'm pretty sure I'll play baseball, but if football comes around, I'll be all for it."

Before you snicker at McGuire's chances of joining the short list of two-sport stars, wait.

"Brandon can be whatever he wants to be, he can do whatever he wants to do," Coahoma football coach Eddie McHugh said. "I think he's got the capability to play two sports. I know he can play. He's the type of kid coaches dream about. If you had eight or nine players of his capabilities, you'd win a state championship."

McGuire admits his first love is baseball, with football a close second. While he discounts playing basketball in college, his coach thinks he could even do that.

"I think he could play small-college basketball as a power forward," Coahoma basketball coach Kim Nichols said. "But if I had to single one thing out, I'd say his future is in baseball."

"I think if somebody was interested in him as a package deal, where he could play both football and baseball, he could do both," Nichols added. "Brandon is a competitor. His first love is baseball, but he just loves to compete."

For his part, McGuire seems a bit overwhelmed by all the praise directed at him recently. Being named to the all-state football team was, in particular, a pleasant shock.

"I was flattered," McGuire said. "But it feels good to be recognized. I set a goal as a freshman that, when I made the varsity, to do something like this. So this feels good."

Club

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The big bass award in the youth division went to John Eldridge III for his 5.80 bass also caught at Lake Nasworthy in February.

The club will hold its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m. at the Elks Lodge. Anyone interested in local bass fishing is invited to attend the meeting.

Hargrave

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Cardinals and Giants not only need wins, they also need help. Let's dip into the legalese for a moment.

Arizona clinches a playoff berth with a win at Atlanta and a New York Giants loss or tie with Dallas and either a Minnesota loss to San Francisco and either Detroit or Chicago or Green Bay win or a Green Bay loss or tie at Tampa Bay.

New York clinches a playoff berth with a win over Dallas and a Green Bay loss or tie at Tampa Bay.

Don't feel bad. No one understands the Cardinals' situation, just like no one understands Buddyball.

Pipe Dream

New Orleans. Technically, New Orleans fit into the Win and Pray category, but it would have been time to wake up the U.S. Miracle Investigation Crew had the Saints marched past the final week. The Saints were still alive Monday morning - they needed wins over Dallas and Denver, then losses by Arizona, New York and Green Bay.

The sorry Saints didn't get past that first week. The Saints lost. Dallas beat New Orleans Monday.

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By KELLIE JON
Staff Writer

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Reading means good eats for Elbow kids

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Reading can open up new worlds for children and when they see their parents picking up a book, it encourages them to continue the habit through adulthood.

Elbow Elementary fourth and fifth graders recently challenged their parents and grandparents to a reading contest. The kids in Charles Clarke and Connie Eggleston's classes wanted to see who can earn the most points in the school's accelerated reading program.

The program is set up on computers and tests the reader's comprehension of a book they just completed. So many points are given to the reader if they pass the 10-question test.

The parents were given books in the fourth to seventh grade readability levels. The teachers say the contest helped to encourage parental involvement and establish role models.

What was the incentive for participating in the contest? If the parents scored the most points, their children and grandchildren had to prepare a candlelight dinner for them at the school. If the students won, the parents had to spring for lunch at the Golden Corral.

There were 38 students and 31 parents and grandparents involved in the contest. The competition was extremely close throughout the three weeks.

Clark says entering the final day of the contest, the adults held a slight 10-point lead. But



Thirty-eight students from Forsan's Elbow Elementary School stormed Big Spring's Golden Corral Family Steakhouse Monday afternoon after proving they can read more books than parents. The students challenged their parents to a reading contest. The students read the most books and parents paid off by treating the kids to a special meal.

when the bell sounded on Dec. 15 signaling the end of the contest, the scoreboard read students - 500.9 points and parents - 454.6 points.

On Monday, parents, grandparents, students and teachers converged on the Golden Corral to eat at a buffet especially prepared for the group.

Golden Corral was generous enough to pick up the tabs for

the seven students who did not have sponsors and the others received their meals at a reduced rate.

Awards for the students and sponsors who scored the most points were handed out Monday as well.

Hampton Hollingshead was the top reader in the fourth grade and passed all 12 of the

tests he took. His mother, Kathy, was the highest scorer of the fourth grade sponsors and passed all nine of her tests.

Haley Burks was the top reader in the fifth grade and passed 12 of the 13 tests she took. Darlene Houghton, a grandmother, came in first out of the fifth grade sponsors and passed all 14 of her tests.



Appreciation awards went to, back row: Jimmy Hopper, Ed Luhmann, Clay Harris, Penny Kothmann, Kaddo Kothmann. Middle row: Shannon Davis, Clinton Harrison, Rena Harris, Sandra Price, Bob Price. Front row: Canzada Schoonover, Diane Hofacket.

Howard County Youth Horsemen receive awards

Special to the Herald

Howard County Youth Horsemen presented 1994 awards to participating children and adults. Saddle winners were Jarrod Price and Diedra Harris. Second place winners were Jack Curry and Whitney Price, who won horse blankets.

Third through seventh place winners were Cody Kinard, Calvin Kerby, Donna Seymour, Christina Harris, Ky Hofacket, Brittney Hill, Kim Kinard, Casey Reed, Dylan Powell and Meagan Crouch.

Winners with 100 points or more were Jerrett Hopper, Cole Davis, Kristy Kindard, Kelly Morris, Meagan Phernatton, Ashley Hill, Erin Stovall, Toni Joiner, Kara Jeffcoat, Valencia Curry, Ashley Dean, Meagan

Knight, Heather Harris, Billy Joe Dean and Seth Stovall.

The High Point Award for Head Stalls went to Donna Seymour, Calvin Kerby, Paula Perry, Ed Luhmann, Kristy Kinard, Brittney Hill, Justin Schoonover, Jarrod Price, Casey Reid and Kim Rich.

The club gave certificates of appreciation to Harris Lumber, West Texas Fire Extinguisher, Clay and Rena Harris, Penny and Kaddo Kothmann, Klassic Kleeners, Bob and Sandra Price, Robert and Shannon Davis, Joy and Clinton Harrison, Buffalo Fina South 87, Pete and Diane Hofacket, Steve Fryar, Steve and Jean Ann Wolf, Carter's Furniture, Wheat Furniture, Joy's Hallmark, Highland Texaco, Western Hills Animal Clinic, Ezell Kay, Howard County Feed.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa collection

Museum has ho-ho-whole lot of St. Nick

By BRUCE TOMASO
The Dallas Morning News

COLUMBUS, Texas — Once you've got three of something, Mary Elizabeth Hopkins used to say, you've got a collection.

This, Virginia, is a collection. At the Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum here, there are Santas big and small, Santas on the wall, Santas of clay and Santas crocheted. There are Santas from Wal-Mart and Santas from Neiman's, Santas from Hallmark and Santas from Sweden. Santas by Nast, and ... you get the idea.

In all, the museum is home to more than 2,000 Saints Nick collected by Mrs. Hopkins before her death in 1990.

"There's even one or two in there, if you want to step in and see," said her husband, James Hopkins, motioning to the museum's bathroom, which is adorned — year-round — with Santa towels, seat cover, toilet paper holder and soap dispenser.

The nonprofit museum was started by Hopkins in memory of his wife. Since it opened in December 1990, tens of thousands of visitors have flocked to Columbus, on Interstate 10 between Houston and San Antonio, to admire the collection.

"In our first year, we had visitors from 161 Texas towns, 19 states and seven foreign countries," Hopkins said. "Now, people come from everywhere."

Mrs. Hopkins' collection had its beginnings with a papier-mache Santa that her parents gave her for her first Christmas, in 1918. That doll, carefully displayed under glass at the museum, was joined over the years by a dizzying array of Kringles.

"I'm still finding some in the house," joked Hopkins, 83, a retired rice broker. "Many she got when we traveled. And many she'd have friends and family bring her. If she knew someone was going on a trip, especially if they were going



Christopher Clegg, 4, of Santa Fe, Texas, gets a look at some of the Santa books at the Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum in Columbus, Texas. The museum is home to more than 2,000 Santa collected by Mrs. Hopkins before her death in 1990.

I have a small collection myself. I had gotten so many Santas that I thought I should stop collecting them. But then I saw this. THIS is really a Santa collection.

Eva Schultze

overseas, she'd give them money and tell them, 'Bring me a Santa Claus.'"

The Hopkinses' holiday ritual was to pull the Santas out of storage on Dec. 1 and display them in their home until Feb. 1. But in the last two years of Mrs. Hopkins' life, when she was ill, the merry Clauses stayed up year-round.

"We had Santas on the piano, on the mantles, on tables, everywhere," Hopkins said. "We'd put all our other things away." (Mrs. Hopkins didn't just collect Santas. She collected thimbles, antique bottles, pressed glass, cut glass, cran-

berry glass, flatirons, iron toys, mechanical banks, English china, rare books and Victorian furniture. Among other things.)

After his wife died, Hopkins figured he'd have to do something with the Santas, if only to see his other possessions again. That's when the idea for the museum was born.

The collection was donated to the Magnolia Homes Tour Inc., a local preservationist group. Admission proceeds — it's \$2 to get in, \$1 for children — go to support the group, which annually sponsors a tour of historical homes in Columbus, the oldest continuously occupied Anglo settlement in Texas.

The museum's largest Santa is a life-size model from the now-defunct Priesmeyer's Department Store in nearby Garwood. The smallest adorn two pierced earrings barely bigger than BBs.

There's an African Santa, a Santa made from the splayed, dyed pages of a Reader's Digest and two in porcelain from Japan clad, inexplicably, in baby blue.

Then there's Black Peter, sort of the Antisanta. In Dutch lore, Peter was said to punish bad children with a switch, while the infinitely more engaging "Sinterklaas" doled out treats to the good.

The collection's most valuable piece — not that any are for sale — is probably a ceramic figure made by Duncan Royale. "She paid 90-something dollars for it in 1983," said Hopkins. "It's worth \$5,000 now."

The figure is based on a drawing by Thomas Nast, the 19th-century cartoonist who popularized the Democratic donkey and Republican elephant symbols. Nast, an illustrator for Harper's Weekly, also came up with the present-day image of Santa as a jolly, white-bearded gent in red. Earlier artists had depicted the gift-bearing character, based on St. Nicholas, a fourth-century bishop in Asia Minor, as tall, thin and stately, or as a woodsman in buckskins or a mitered clergyman astride a white steed.

Although it's open all year, this is naturally the museum's peak season. On one sunny weekday not long ago, the stream of visitors was steady, as was the chorus of cheery commentary: "Oh, isn't that darling?" "Oh, that's cute." "Oh, Gladys, look at this one."

Merle and Audrey Rother drove down from McDade, 70 miles away, after reading an account of the museum in Texas Highways magazine.

"It was well worth the trip," said Ms. Rother. "It was impressive. She's got everything in there."

Richard and Eva Schulze came even farther, from Leander, north of Austin.

"I have a small collection myself," said Ms. Schulze. "I had gotten so many Santas that I thought I should stop collecting them. But then I saw this. THIS is really a Santa collection."

Yes, Virginia. It is.

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Winners with 100 points or more were, back row: Jerrett Hopper, Cole Davis. Middle: Kristy Kindard. Front row: Kelly Morris, Meagan Phernatton, Ashley Hill.

Not only Scrooge gets sick at Christmas

By HEIDE PIERCEY
Thomson News Service

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland — Heaping mounds of Christmas turkey and dressing can make your mouth water, but your stomach sick.

The key to avoiding indigestion during the festive season is to eat in moderation, says Kelli Mulley, a dietitian at the Health Sciences Center here.

Too much of any kind of food may send you to the drugstore looking for a roll of antacid tablets.

Acid indigestion is caused by a backflow of stomach acid into the esophagus — a long tube that connects the throat and the stomach. When your stomach is really full, it can cause this valve to remain partially open and allow the acid to

creep up and burn. To avoid heartburn you also need to limit fatty foods — but that doesn't mean you have to pass on sometimes-greasy foods like gravy. Mulley said it's easy to cut down on fat here.

Clothes a little snug? That doesn't help either. Tight belts and restrictive clothing can press on the stomach and force acid upwards.

Watch out when you bend down to tie up your shoelaces. The esophagus is still partially open after a large meal and when you bend over some of the food that has already been mixed with stomach acid may make its way up.

We've all heard the advise to drink a large glass of milk to relieve the burning sensation. Ignore it. Mulley said milk can actually stimulate acid production.

READ ALL ABOUT IT

This column is based on an AP story that was for use on Dec. 1.

Frozen in Time

Test your reading comprehension by reading the story below and answering the questions that follow.

5,000-Year-Old 'Ice Man' Had Arthritis, Broken Ribs
CHICAGO (AP) — X-rays of the "Ice Man," who roamed the Alps in Italy 5,000 years ago, show he had arthritis, broken ribs and maybe a touch of frostbite.

His body was found in snow and ice by hikers in 1991. The mummy was nicknamed "Otzi" because he was found in the Otzval Valley of northern Italy. The mummy was taken to the University of Innsbruck in Austria. There researchers used X-ray techniques to study the mummy's body without causing any damage to it.

The discovery of Otzi will be a great help to anthropologists, who study the society of early humans. Otzi is the best preserved European known from an age 4,000 to 6,000 years ago when humans were just starting to use copper for tools and weapons.

The man was believed to be 25 to 40 years old when he died.

Despite Ice Man's relatively young age, the X-rays revealed he had arthritis in his neck, his lower back and in one hip joint. He also had arthritis in one toe, suggesting he had suffered frostbite sometime before his death.

There were about eight healed fractures in various places in his ribs. The researchers said it was impossible to tell if the fractures were simultaneous or suffered at different times.

Analysis of materials with the corpse has led scientists to believe Otzi died 5,100 to 5,300 years ago, then was buried and preserved in accumulating snow and ice.

The body is being stored in a freezer at the University of Innsbruck. Researchers work on it only 20 or 30 minutes at a time to prevent it from deteriorating.

Use information from the story to answer the following questions:

1. Arthritis causes stiffness and pain in the joints of the body. How do researchers know that the "Ice Man" had this disease?
2. What parts of the mummy's body had arthritis?
3. How old was the man when he died?
4. Why did doctors decide to name the mummy "Otzi"?
5. Why is the use of X-rays a good way to study this frozen European man?

Answer Key: (Wording may vary)

1. The researchers know that the "Ice Man" had arthritis because they studied x-rays of the mummy.
2. The mummy's neck, lower back, hip joint and toe were affected by arthritis.
3. The man was believed to have been between 25 and 40 years old when he died.
4. The mummy was named "Otzi" because he was found in the Otzval Valley in northern Italy.
5. Using x-rays to study the ice man allows doctors to see inside his body without causing damage.

PART TWO

About 5,000 years ago, humans were just starting to use copper for tools and weapons. Now metal is used to make many interesting and useful items. Look through your local newspaper for pictures of things made out of metal. Cut out the pictures. Can you guess which metal was used to make each of the objects?

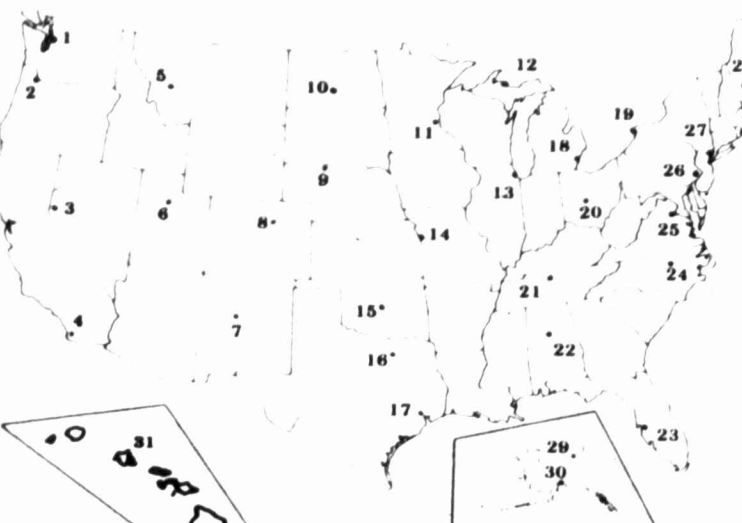
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Especially for kids and their families
The Mini Page

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Know Your Snow!



WRITE THE AVERAGE SNOWFALL NEXT TO THE DOT REPRESENTING THAT CITY.

Snow is a sign of winter in some parts of the United States. These are the average snowfalls from cities throughout the country.

To find the city, match the number on the map to the number next to the city.

- | City | (inches) |
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| 1 Seattle, Wash. | 12.0 |
| 2 Portland, Ore. | 6.5 |
| 3 Reno, Nev. | 24.4 |
| 4 San Diego, Calif. | T (trace) |
| 5 Helena, Mont. | 47.5 |
| 6 Salt Lake City, Utah | 57.5 |
| 7 Albuquerque, N.M. | 11.2 |
| 8 Denver, Colo. | 60.3 |
| 9 Valentine, Neb. | 32.4 |
| 10 Bismarck, N.D. | 41.4 |
| 11 Minneapolis, Minn. | 49.9 |
| 12 Marquette, Mich. | 128.6 |
| 13 Chicago, Ill. | 38.0 |
| 14 Kansas City, Mo. | 19.9 |
| 15 Oklahoma City, Okla. | 9.2 |
| 16 Dallas, Texas | 2.8 |
| 17 Houston, Texas | 0.4 |
| 18 Detroit, Mich. | 41.0 |
| 19 Buffalo, N.Y. | 90.9 |
| 20 Columbus, Ohio | 27.5 |
| 21 Nashville, Tenn. | 10.3 |
| 22 Birmingham, Ala. | 1.4 |
| 23 Tampa, Fla. | T (trace) |
| 24 Raleigh, N.C. | 7.2 |
| 25 Washington, D.C. | 16.6 |
| 26 Philadelphia, Pa. | 20.8 |
| 27 New York, N.Y. | 22.6 |
| 28 Portland, Maine | 69.4 |
| 29 Fairbanks, Alaska | 69.6 |
| 30 Anchorage, Alaska | 69.5 |
| 31 Honolulu, Hawaii | 0 |

Weather forecasters' symbols:
 ☁ Snow shower ❄ Freezing rain
 ☔ Rain shower ⚡ Sleet
 ⚡ Light snow ⚡ Heavy snow
 ☂ Light rain ⚡ Heavy rain

A snow recipe

Old Man Winter arrives in our part of the world around Dec. 21. In some parts of the country, he mixes up snow in different size batches, from showers to blizzards. To make snow, he needs:

1. **Cold air** ... to bring in below-freezing temperatures both in the clouds and near the ground.
2. **Moisture** ... to form clouds that might make snow, sleet or rain. The wetness might come from an ocean or large lake. For example, cold air from Canada blows across the Great Lakes, picking up a lot of moisture that turns into snow.
3. **A lift** ... to raise the moist air. When warm air bumps into cold air, the warm air is forced over it. Mountains also force the air to rise. Notice the snowfalls in cities near the Rocky Mountains.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe
Cold Weather Cocoa

You'll need:
 • 7 cups powdered milk
 • 1 cup sugar
 • 1 1/2 cups cocoa
 • 1/4 teaspoon salt
 • 1 6-ounce jar non-dairy creamer

What to do:
 1. Combine all ingredients in a large jar with a lid. Stir until well-mixed.
 2. To make cocoa, stir 1/3 cup mixture into 1 cup boiling water. Makes about 30 servings.

Make a snowflake

You'll need:
 • a circle of paper
 • scissors

What to do:
 1. Fold paper in half and then in thirds.
 2. Cut notches in the sides and top to form a design.
 3. Unfold your snowflake.

SNOW TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of snow are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find SNOW, ICE, COLD, FROZEN, WINTER, FLAKE, ICICLE, DRIFT, WEATHER, SLIDE, PLOW, SHOVEL, SLED, SNOWMAN, FROST, FREEZE, SCARF, COAT.

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are having fun skiing. See if you can find:

- canoe
- pencil
- bird
- frog
- candy cane
- bat
- fish
- arrow
- lima bean
- snake
- letter A
- shark

Meet Kaitlin and Jon from North Dakota.

North Dakota is one of our states with very cold winters. Put a check if you do some of the winter things Kaitlin and Jon do.

- Enjoy ice skating, ice fishing, ice hockey, sledding.
- See snow on the ground from mid-November to early April.
- Help your parents plug in the car heater each night. This keeps the radiator water from freezing and the oil from getting too cold to flow through the engine.
- Consider mittens, boots, heavy coats and scarves a part of everyday life.

Wind chill

When the temperature and the wind together make you feel colder than the thermometer shows, we call it the **wind-chill factor**. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at a faster rate. This drives the body temperature down. Animals are also affected.

For example, if the temperature is 0 degrees and the wind speed is 20 miles per hour, the wind chill makes it feel like minus 40 degrees.

Cold facts for the U.S.

Look for the weather forecast in your local paper.

What is the expected high?
 What is the expected low?

Compare these figures with these facts below:

- Lowest temperature ever recorded in the U.S. minus 80 degrees Fahrenheit - Prospect Creek Camp in northern Alaska on Jan. 23, 1971.
- Lowest temperature ever recorded in the lower 48 states minus 70 degrees Fahrenheit - Rogers Pass, Mont. on Jan. 20, 1954.
- The greatest U.S. snowfall in a 24-hour period: 76 inches at Silver Lake, Colo., on April 14-15, 1921.
- The most snow in one season: 93.5 feet (1,122 inches) of snow fell at the Ramier Paradise Ranger Station in Washington state in the winter of 1971-72.

The Mini Page Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school. For use with issue: Know Your Snow!

Main idea: The weather about winter weather. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty. Ask the children to do the following:

1. Draw a picture of your self playing in the snow.
2. Design a winter city poster. Be sure to include tips on staying warm.
3. Pretend you are a weather forecaster. Write a forecast for the next several days.
4. Discuss the following: Have you ever been in a snowstorm? What was it like? What do you think it would be like to live in a place that gets lots of snow? What do you like best about winter in your area?
5. Look in the weather section of your paper to see which part of the country are expecting snow.
6. Pretend your family is getting ready for a hard winter. Look through the ad in your newspaper for supplies you might need.
7. What is the difference between the temperature in your area yesterday and the coldest ever recorded in the United States?

The Mini Page Book of Presidents features a black and white picture of each president along with such information as dates of birth and death, dates served as president, political party, signature and important achievements. It also features stories about the president's about, political terms, and a visit to the White House. To order, send \$4.95 plus \$1 each for postage and handling. Send only check or money order payable to Andrews and McNeil, P.O. Box 419242, Kansas City, Mo. 64141.

Hurrurray! Snow is ...

- pretty and fun. It helps resort areas make money. Kids usually love it.
- a farmer's helper. Sometimes it acts as a blanket and keeps crops from freezing.
- an air cleaner. Lake rain, snow helps clean the atmosphere.
- an important source of water for plants and people. Some parts of the western United States depend on water from melted snow high in the mountains to fill their reservoirs.
- important to transportation in the middle part of the United States. Melting snow helps fill rivers.

Booooo! Snow is ...

- a people stopper. It keeps them indoors.
- a traffic stopper. It snarls traffic and strands cars and people.
- wet. Dripping mittens, socks and coats are signs of winter in some parts of the country.
- a cause of accidents in the air and on the ground.
- very costly. We spend millions on salt to melt snow and on plows to take it away. The salt used to melt the snow sometimes causes rust on cars. We also spend a lot of money on snow fences, which slow the wind and help to keep the snow away from highways.

The Mini Page thanks Gloria Washington of the National Weather Service, Public Affairs Office.

Next week, read about the Kids of '94!

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YOU CAN DO IT!

Dear Beakman, Can you help me make a pretty bow for the presents I'm wrapping?

Jane Bay
San Anselmo, California

Beakman & Jane

Dear Jane, I'm just guessing that you already know the basic secret to wrapping a present - you have to add your own special ingredient - one that only you have. Of course, that's the care and creativity you give people with your gifts. It shows how much thought you're giving, and as we've been told forever and ever: *It's the thought that counts.*

In just about all cultures the presentation of gifts involves a kind of ceremony. An important part of that is the art of wrapping the gift. Here's an art secret for tying a beautiful bow that will wow any one sick of those dreary stick-on bows!

Beakman Place

1. Wrap a long piece of ribbon up into a roll on your fingers. Try different lengths, but start with about 3 feet of ribbon.
2. Flatten the roll and use scissors to cut 2 notches in the middle on both edges of the ribbon.
3. Use a skinny piece of ribbon or string to tie tightly around the notches.
4. Reach your finger into the roll and pull out a loop of ribbon. As you pull it out, give the loop a half twist to help it stand up. Do both the top and bottom of the roll. Tie this beautiful bow onto the gift you're giving to make it a more special gift.

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CLEAN UP YOUR ROOM!



Liz Fernandez, a sophomore at the University of California at Berkeley, sits in her "pigsty" dorm room on the campus in Berkeley. Fernandez was awarded first place in the contest "Pass the Pigs," for the messiest room in California. The contest was sponsored by Milton Bradley.

Video football has great announcer, so-so games

BRITT and BRIAN WARNER
Thomson News Service

GAME: College Football National Championships
COMPANY: Sega of America
SYSTEM: Sega Genesis
DIFFICULTY: adjustable
AUDIENCE RATING: GA (General Audiences)
In College Football National Championships your skills and strategies decide who the final victor will be.
STRUCTURE: College Football National Championships has a lot more options than the common football game.
It features 32 of the best college football teams in the country with their real colors and uniforms (but not their real statistics).
Two teams can battle it out under any weather conditions and on natural grass, turf, or even domed fields.
Penalties, referees, music, and the play-by-play announcer can all be toggled on or off during any point in the game.
Each player's view of the game can also be rotated between six different angles.
This game gives the player the option either to challenge the computer or a friend, or to play as teammates with a second player (up to four players with the adapter).

In order to make this game more fun and realistic, a referee appears on-screen to call each play and the announcer follows every single move of the game (he sounds and acts just like a real announcer).
BRIAN'S COMMENTS: This game is nothing to alert the media about. There isn't anything wrong with it, but it just isn't much different from any other football game.
The graphics and almost everything else are decent.
I was surprised to find that the announcer's voice is very realistic. Every once in awhile it would sound a little unusual, but for the most part it sounded like a real person.
The biggest mistakes in this game are the impossible weather combinations.
For example, I was playing in Florida, it was 78 degrees out, and was snowing. How does that happen?
BRITT'S COMMENTS: I enjoyed playing College Football National Championships. Both the wide variety of options and the fluid motions of the players add to the enjoyment of the game.
Like Brian, I was impressed with the quality of the announcer's voice.
However, I found the game to be either very easy or insanely difficult.

Don't try assembly without these tips

By MIA B. MOODY
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO — It's 11:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, the kids are asleep and now it's time for you to play Santa's helper. If you're like most parents, it's not a pretty sight.
Where to begin....
There's a bicycle, doll house and tricycle to assemble. They are all equally difficult. You're not sure which instructions go with each toy and your carpet is covered with more screws and stickers than you have seen in your life.
If you're like most parents, you have had a disaster or two while putting together toys the night before Christmas. For Mike and Mary Wentworth, disaster struck a few Christmases ago when they bought a basic red wagon.
Their best friend, who had already put together three different wagons, warned them to make sure they didn't put the wheels on backward because they are impossible to remove once they close around the axle.
However, this particular friend didn't follow his own advice. In the end, the only wheel that was placed on backward was the one he put on.
"It took three adults, a hammer, two screwdrivers and

some adult tears to get it off," said Mrs. Wentworth.
Today, the Wentworths, who have two children ages 9 and 3, buy toys that are already assembled or pay to have them assembled at the toy store.
If you're not fortunate (or unfortunate as the case may be) enough to have a friend to help you put together Christmas toys, you may benefit from a strategy.
Different people have different techniques for putting together toys. Some prefer to look at the picture on the box for guidance. This usually involves some trials and errors, but it can work, if you know your toys.
Others take a more professional approach — they organize the screws, nuts and bolts in an orderly fashion and put the instructions nearby and begin with step one. This may take a little longer, but these parents always get the satisfaction of knowing they can follow directions.
If you're like the Wentworths, check with toy departments to find out if they assemble toys for customers. If they do, they will probably base their rates on the size and complexity of the toy.

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FOR FRIDAY, DEC. 23, 1994
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be indulgent with others who don't always see eye-to-eye with you. Loosen up; you'll like the result. A positive approach allows you new options. Others need your time and attention. Know when to quit sending. Tonight: Get last-minute errands done. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Go with creativity. You are concerned with the holiday and making others happy. Focus on a special friendship. Listen to your instincts, and follow through. Know what is possible. Don't let a loved one's tantrum get to you. Tonight: Express your loving feelings. ****
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): One-to-one relating is highlighted. You enjoy being home with those you care about. Good communications follow you. You are more on target and follow your instincts. You gain a perspective. Tune in to another's energy. Tonight: Settle down. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have many last-minute errands. Partners want to pitch in and help. Long-distance communications are important. You see events in a more positive light and are willing to resolve a problem. Tonight: Catch up on holiday news with friends. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Last-minute errands may have you boggled. A positive attitude serves you well and allows you to gain new understanding. Be optimistic.

Create more of what you want. Be careful with spending; you could go overboard. Tonight: Pace yourself. You're tired. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You feel empowered despite a partner's tantrum. Make the necessary gestures to keep the peace. You are considering options. Good communications surround you, and you feel better. Listen and follow through. Know what works. Tonight: Be happy-go-lucky. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Remain secure. Events surrounding you are very important. Get past the immediate problem. Soul-searching produces answers. Fatigue is an issue, but you can renew. Be centered and direct when dealing with family. Tonight: Vanish with your best friend. **

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Zero in on what's important. Don't settle for less. Ask for the support you need to make your life work. A positive attitude opens a new door. Listening to your instincts will help you resolve a problem. Be upbeat. Tonight: Go for what you want. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have to make an appearance, and you might not like what occurs. A positive approach works for you. Instincts are right with family and finances. Communications are on a high level. Knowing your goals and desires helps with choices. Tonight: Out and about. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You gain insight because of how you deal with a situation. Being clear about what you want will help you. You reach out for another and ask for what you desire. Follow-through counts. Venture out, experiment and be upbeat. Tonight: Break new ground. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): One-to-one relating is highlighted. You are getting past a money problem. An initial crisis may feel overwhelming, but there is an answer. Listen carefully. Know what you need to do. Be more optimistic about your potential. Tonight: Be with the one you love. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Loosen up, be positive and go for the bottom line. As you try things in a new way, you feel more upbeat. A fun approach refreshes you. You're personally plus, you feel good and you put that extra pizzazz into your work. Tonight: Say yes to a partner. ****

IF DEC. 23, 1994 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This is an unusual year in which you have better communications. You detach yourself and gain information. You could opt for more education. The more you understand, the better. Follow-through is important. A foreigner plays a significant role. If you are single, someone you meet could be very good for you, though perhaps not in the long term. If attached; This is a year to plan that special trip and move to a new level; a positive approach helps you understand each other. VIRGO helps you think in new ways.
THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

Dispatchers give 911 reporting tips

DEAR ABBY: I am an emergency (911) dispatcher in a town of 60,000 people. Our dispatcher center serves the city police department, the sheriff, the city and county fire departments, and the local ambulance service. This means we dispatch fire, police and medical.

My co-workers and I have some suggestions for those who may need our help in the future:

1. It's our job to sift through details and get basic information. We are not being nosy when we ask if drugs or alcohol were involved in the emergency. The paramedic may need to know in order to better treat this person.
2. Please do not scream into the phone that we "know" where you are — we have to confirm that information with what our computer gives us in case you have moved or are using a neighbor's phone. And don't scream and curse us, demanding that we get emergency personnel there NOW — we can't airlift them. They have to use the same streets everyone else uses, and have to contend with the same traffic.
3. If you are reporting a fight or domestic problem, we don't need to know what you think of someone's character or lifestyle — just give us the address, and if there are any weapons. We appreciate all the information that's pertinent, and we may ask for other information — but let us ask you instead of you telling us how many boyfriends the lady next door has, or how she supports herself.

Don't get us wrong, Abby. Without the help of concerned neighbors, some people would

be robbed, beaten or even murdered. But please emphasize to your readers that cooperation is the key and that they should allow us to do our job — which is helping them.

Thanks for letting us blow off some steam. — E-911 DISPATCHERS WHO CARE

DEAR DISPATCHERS: I'm glad to help, and I'm sure many will read your suggestions with interest. A final thought I'd like to add to your short list: The 911 emergency reporting system is not equipped to answer questions or give directions. Do not call 911 unless you need immediate emergency assistance.

DEAR ABBY: Last year I married a man who had gone through a very bitter divorce seven years ago. When his divorce was final, he had gained so much weight that a jeweler had to cut off his wedding ring.

Imagine my surprise when I learned a few weeks ago that he had that wedding ring repaired, and he's wearing it on his key-chain. I asked him to please put it away. He refused, saying that ring is a reminder of how bad his first marriage was.

We see his "ex" regularly because there are children involved — so it's not as though he needs another reminder.

Abby, am I overreacting, or is there something strange going on here? — LONE STAR STATE

DEAR L.S.S.: You are not overreacting. It is, indeed, strange that your husband is literally wearing a battered trophy from his failed marriage. However, if this gives him some kind of perverse pleasure, leave him alone. He reminds me of the man who kept hitting his head with a hammer because it felt so good when he stopped.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements 036

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Help Wanted 085

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COLLEGE STUDENTS will sing at your Christmas programs, parties, etc. Have #1 ratings in contest singing! They are available for engagements now. For more information, call 263-3830 or 263-5233 and leave your name and phone number.

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Loans 095

CASH LOANS \$500-\$5,000. Private Lender. Bad credit okay. 1-800-330-8063, ext. 398.

FARMER'S COLUMN

Farm Equipment 150

FOR SALE: Case 580B Backhoe \$5250. Also 340 Farmall Tractor w/equipment \$2500. Call 394-4369 anytime.

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8 COUNTY HAY SHOW Blue Ribbon winning Coastal Bermuda horse quality square bale. \$4.50 each. Delivered/Stacked. \$500. minimum. 512-461-3266.

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MISCELLANEOUS 290

ALAMO ANTIQUES & GENERAL STORE 114 E. 2nd 264-9334 Buy-Sell-Trade

Drexel bedroom set, Twin bedroom painted white, Oak kitchen cabinet, Oak table & 6 chairs, Oak ice box, Old books, Glassware, Collectibles.

Antiques 290

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Auctions 325

SPRING CITY AUCTION-Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

SPRING CITY AUCTION 2000 W. 4th 7:00pm Thursday, December 22nd

Glassware, coins, pictures, Indian blankets, new hand tools, old tins, Miller beer light, old sausage grinders, soft drink bottles, pole lamp, port-a-crib, baby swings, baby walkers, aluminum cot, wooden apple boxes, rattan glass top dining table with 4 chairs, color TVs, VCRs, microwaves, washers, electric range, 2 kerosene heaters, sewing machine, office chair, bedding, desks, old push plow, boat motor with gas tank, go-karts, Kawasaki 250 3-wheeler, lawnmowers, edgers, weed-eaters, small air compressor, pipe wrenches, Victor cutting torch with gauges, Simplex house jack, high lift jack, 2 side tool boxes, tires and wheels, central heating unit, stainless steel sink, one 77 caliber pellet rifle, pellet pistol, Remington model 1100 12 gauge shotgun, Smith & Wesson model 10 38 caliber hand gun.

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Computer 370

MACINTOSH PERFORMA 475 w/deck. 1-year old. STYLEWRITER II printer. Quicken/Claris Software. \$1500. Mike Williams 263-1428.

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375

1/2 BLUE HEELER, 1/2 Border Collie puppies. \$25.00. 399-4515.

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IN TIME for Christmas: 3 month old full blooded Pomeranian, no papers. Sacrifice for \$225. 263-8269.

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Dogs, Pets, Etc 375

REGISTERED PEDIGREE Pointer, 6 week old male. Great disposition. 264-7601 or 267-2563.

SACRIFICE, MUST SELL Beautiful AKC young male & female Red Poodles. Excellent Christmas Gift! 267-1888.

Found Pets 381

FOUND: Older female golden Cocker Spaniel. Found on E. 25th St. in Kentwood. 263-4308 to identify.

Furniture 390

20% ALL FURNITURE IIII 1995. Cash & carry. Branham Furniture, 2004 W. 4th. 263-1469.

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Miscellaneous 395

2 COMMERCIAL COOLER Boxes; Deep fryer, electric grill, Shuttle board table \$1750 firm, chip warmer, heat lamp. 915-728-2746.

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Miscellaneous 395

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SPAS 431

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FOR SALE: PJK 9mm. Semi-auto pistol. Call 263-5915.

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Business Property 508

BUSINESS PROPERTY for sale or lease. Good location. 907 E. 4th St. For more information call 263-6319.

COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE 511 G KELL BUILDING for sale in Colorado City. 97% occupancy. Will owner finance. Call EHA 267-8266, ask for Janet.

NICE 60 X80 SHOP: Built new in 1981 with 4 acres, yard fenced in with 7ft chain-link fence with an additional 6 acres. Price- \$65,000. Call 267-3126, 8:00-5:00.

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3 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, garage, fenced yard. 4 bedroom, 2 bath. 2 bedroom and 1 bedroom. Call 264-0510.

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Mobile Homes 517

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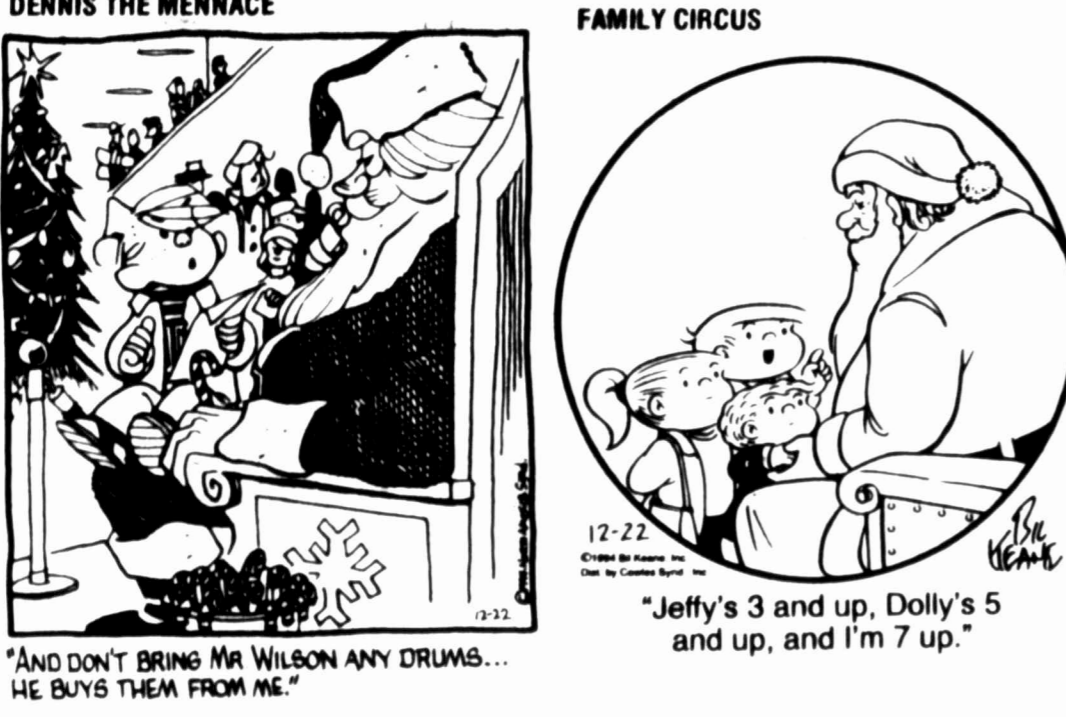
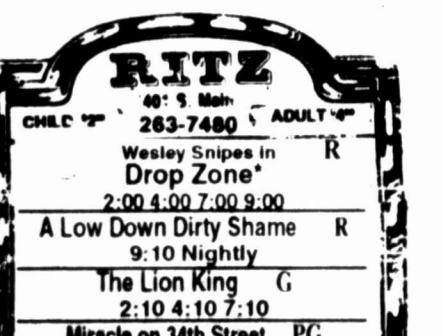
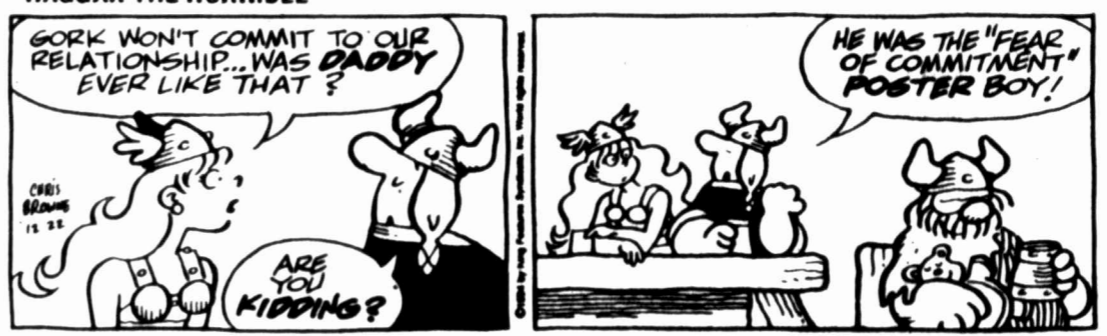
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THURSDAY

DEC. 22

Table with 24 columns representing different TV channels (KMID, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and rows representing different time slots (6:30, 7:30, etc.) listing various programs.



RITZ 401 S. Main 263-7480 listing showtimes and prices for movies like 'The Lion King'.

CINEMARK THEATRES MOVIES 4 listing movies like 'DUMB AND DUMBER' and 'THE SANTA CLAUSE'.

THE Daily Crossword by Raymond Hamel. Includes crossword puzzle grid, clues, and a list of words.

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