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No timetable yet for pilot's release

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. pilot downed in North Korea stands a "decent chance" of being released by Christmas, a congressman who tried to negotiate his freedom said Friday.

But Rep. Bill Richardson, D-N.M., who spoke to reporters after briefing President Clinton on his meetings, said North Korean officials have made no

commitment on a timetable to release Chief Warrant Officer Bobby Hall.

South Korea's Yonhap News Agency reported Saturday that North Korea said it would release Hall on Christmas Day. But a senior Pentagon official said he believed the report is false.

"We have no confirmation of

that and we believe it to be wrong at this stage," said the official, speaking on the condition of anonymity. "There was supposed to be a meeting at Panmunjom, but it hasn't even started yet."

Richardson described earlier rounds of negotiations on releasing the 28-year old Army helicopter pilot and the body of

a second pilot as "very heated and very testy."

The U.S. military may hold the key to Hall's release and should be allowed to take the lead on current talks in Panmunjom in the Demilitarized Zone, Richardson said he advised Clinton.

He called for subdued rhetoric to allow the U.S. military to

make its case to its North Korean counterparts that the U.S. Army helicopter mistakenly strayed into North Korean air space.

Richardson said Clinton expressed keen interest in Hall's predicament.

"He was very concerned about Bobby Hall. He said, 'Jesus, I just wish we could have him by

Christmas, it's so important to the American people."

North Korean officials have said Hall is in good health and is being held while they investigate the helicopter incident. The United States has insisted that the chopper was unarmed and on a routine training mission.

Local man dies after being hit by car

A Big Spring man has died after being struck by a car Friday night.

Police reports say Frederico "Fred" Marquez Olivas, 61, was struck by a car in the 300 block of North Gregg around 6:30 p.m. He was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center and pronounced dead by Judge Jack Buchanan at 8:10 p.m.

No charges have been filed at this time and the investigation into the incident continues.

Counters find 91 species in Howard Co.

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Fourteen counters participated in Big Spring's 95th Christmas Bird Count last weekend. The Dec. 17 event covered a 15-mile radius of Howard County.

Organizers say the count was not quite as good as expected because of the dry season experienced in the area. There were 91 species counted and a total of 10,009 birds counted as well.

There were seven counters from Big Spring including Ray Berry, Craig Fischer, Jane Jones, Polly Mays, Beverly Taylor, Garry Spence, and Pat Simmons as well as seven counters from Midland.

Pat Simmons said, "We would have liked to have had more counters and perhaps as the birding club grows we can cover more territory. More than 4,300 volunteer counters are participating in this year's count."

Volunteer bird counters from all 50 states, every Canadian province, parts of Central and South America, the West Indies, and Pacific Islands are participating in counting every individual bird and bird species encountered during one calendar day. More than 1,650 individual Christmas Bird counts will take place from Dec. 17 through Jan. 2.

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Traditions flourish at Christmas time

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Christmas is by far the most popular of all holidays celebrated in America. For most Americans, it is inconceivable to think of a year without celebrating Christmas.

Perhaps the most central figure in this folk celebration is Santa Claus, who is comparable in importance to the Christ Child in the Nativity.

Merry Christmas

Santa Claus has evolved into more than a tradition; he is an American fixture, which has spread to other parts of the world as well.

Children hunger for a jolly old man named Kris Kringle and adults have satisfied this hunger for generation after generation.

Of course many people have challenged the belief of Santa Claus and have run into unsympathetic opposition along the way.

In a 1927 opinion entitled "Ex parte Santa Claus," Judge John H. Hatcher of the West Virginia Supreme Court attacked those who attempted to alter the accepted tradition of Santa Claus and those who wanted to abandon it.

In his defense of jolly old St. Nicholas, he said, "Let legislation outlaw the law of evolution, if they must; let the Constitution be amended till it looks like a patchwork quilt; but rob not childhood of its most intriguing mystery - Santa Claus. Let him be to succeeding generations as he has been to us - a joyous faith of childhood, a pleasant indulgence of parenthood and a happy memory of old age."

Santa Claus has long since become an annual part of Christmas, but people have also created their own traditions to go along with traditional activities.

The Christmas season generally begins the day after Thanksgiving and is widely regarded as the ultimate season of giving. Christmas is also a time when people find it a lot easier to give of themselves and share with others.

Several Big Spring residents were willing to share some of their special Christmas traditions and explain what Christmas means to them.



Associated Press photo
A lone spruce tree along U.S. 50 northwest of Delta, Co. is adorned every year by anonymous people who appreciate that the tree breaks up a lonely stretch of desert.

"I like Christmas because it's the birthday of Jesus Christ and that's what we should remember. I also enjoy baking and hearing Christmas music.

"Me and my family believe in opening presents on Christmas morning. Even when all of us were grown, married and had families, we used to spend Christmas Eve night at our parents house so we could get up together on Christmas morning.

"I have a lot of friends who live out of town so I enjoy sending out a lot of Christmas cards. I also get a lot of cards too. Christmas is a good time to get in touch with old friends.

"Christmas is a time to be with family!

"I can't think of a better way to spend Christmas than with

the people you love. I think too many people have forgotten the true meaning of Christmas. Our family still looks forward to trimming the tree together.

The true spirit of Christmas can be summed up by what Helen Keller said in 1906.

She said, "The only real blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart."

Christmas means many things to many people, but the singing of Christmas carols, watching all of the animated Christmas cartoons, stringing lights, the giving and receiving of presents, trimming the tree, shopping, sharing turkey and ham dinners, and watching reruns of "It's a Wonderful Life," and "Miracle on 34th Street" and taking the time to

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It's a berry tradition at Christmas

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

If this is not the Christmas story you enjoy, maybe it's hearing "Silent Night" or "Away in a Manger" or "Come All Ye Faithful," but one thing is certain, there's more than enough Christmas to go around.

What would Christmas be without certain amenities like holly and ivy, mistletoe, and a Yule log in the fireplace?

The true meaning of Christmas is regarded to be the birth of Christ and the second chapters of the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke tell the story, but what of the dozens of other examples of Christmas lore.

And as the Christmas tradition and celebration lasted through the years, it grew and so did Christmas lore.

Mistletoe! Readers of the literature of Virgil will remember mistletoe as the Golden Bough, which by plucking, Aeneas is empowered to descend into hell, and then safely return.

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe is considered an English custom with no authentic explanation of its origin, but old custom once said that the maiden who is not kissed under the mistletoe at Christmas will not be married that year.

Of course several explanations have surfaced as to what purpose kissing under the mistletoe serves, including being a relic of some primitive marriage rite.

Holly and ivy are generally thought of in the same breath, but they too have different various meanings.

Ivy was the badge of the wine-god, Bacchus; and therefore banished outside of the house.

Legend also has it that the ivy, by clinging to whatever foundation it needed to grow, served as a lively emblem of

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Schiessler, Mims up for military academies

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Congressman Charles Stenholm announced that 26 young men and women from the 17th Congressional District have been selected as nominees to the United States Service Academies.

Two local students were among the 26 students receiving nominations. Their names have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 1995.

Big Spring High School senior Jennifer Joy Schiessler was nominated to the Air Force and Naval academies, and Stanton High School senior Rawley Mack Mims was also nominated to both the Air Force and Naval academies.

Stenholm said, "I am always so impressed by the high caliber of candidates that apply to my office each year. It certainly makes a selection decision all the more difficult."

Competitive applicants are in the top 20 percent of their class and were required to have SAT scores above 500 in the verbal section and 550 in math, or ACT scores of 24 in English and 25 in math.

Involvement in extra-curricular activities, including school and community organizations and sports as well as full or part-time employment, weighed well in the applicants' favor.

Ten individuals per academy were nominated to compete for one appointment each at the Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., and the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y. Twenty individuals were nominated to compete for two appointment slots at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo., and 22 individuals were nominated to compete for three appointment slots at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Stenholm said the U.S. academies offer young people an excellent education, while also developing skills in leadership and self-discipline. It is also an opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree and earn a salary for doing so.

An education at a U.S. academy also guarantees a career upon graduation as an officer in the U.S. Armed Forces.



Who co-wrote the hit 'Best that You Can do'?

Christopher Cross

Who sang the title song to the 'Dukes of Hazzard'?

Waylon Jennings

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: The shooting at a pay phone might have been just another number in the city's murder count. See page 9A.

World: Moscow's warplanes struck the devastated capital of Chechnya on Saturday as Russians marked the 15th anniversary of another invasion that scarred and divided the nation — the war in Afghanistan. See page 10A.



STATE

Mixed effects

Merchants along the Mexican border are reporting mixed effects from the fall of the peso, while investors and business people say they remain confident the economy of Texas' neighbor will recover. See page 5A.

Program raises a stink

The vehicle emissions testing program set to begin in January has prompted a lot of criticism from some politicians and citizens who want the program either delayed, scrapped or modified. All that talk has worried the contractors and their employees who want to make a living doing the testing. See page 8A.



TODAY'S WEATHER

Today

59 ▲ Highs 31
Lows ▼

Cloudy

Today, partly cloudy, high near 60s; mostly cloudy night, low upper 30s.

Tonight

Cloudy

Permian Basin Forecast

Monday: Cloudy, chance of rain, high near 60; mostly cloudy night, low upper 30s.

Tuesday: Cloudy with a chance of rain, high lower 50s; mostly cloudy night, low upper 30s.

Wednesday: Decreasing clouds, high mid 50s.

1994: From Simpson to Smith, the shocks continued all year

By RICK HAMPSON
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What were the odds last New Year's Eve that O.J. Simpson would be the man of the coming year?

That one of the nation's two best female ice skaters would be kidnapped on behalf of the other one? That the daughter of one of the two biggest, strangest American pop idols would marry the other one?

That Thomas Foley and Mario Cuomo would be looking for a job? That Marion Barry would have his old one?

That a man with a rifle would fire 27 shots at the White House or that another one would try to fly a stolen plane into President Clinton's bedroom?

That by midsummer Michael Jordan would be playing professional baseball, and Barry Bonds, Ken Griffey Jr. and Roger Clemens would not?

The year began with an earthquake in California, and the shaking never stopped.

As it ended, Americans could argue over whether things had gotten better, but few would deny they were getting stranger. Not after 1994, whose salient events sounded like they came from Ripley's.

In a generation, these stories may be footnotes or less, but in 1994 they were what we talked about, around the kitchen table and on the Internet.

As of Jan. 1, America's most celebrated Simpson was Bart. Twelve months later, O.J. — Heisman winner, NFL MVP, Hertz pitchman — was the most famous murder defendant in U.S. history.

First, Simpson's ex-wife and a visitor were found slashed to death; then, O.J. was charged; and then, in a moment like none since the Kennedy assassination, O.J. tried to run away on national television.

As in 1963, you could mark the moment you saw Simpson's white Bronco moving hypnotically along the fabled freeways of Southern California, police cruisers following behind

in discrete formation, crowds gathering on the overpasses.

The Simpson case fit a year-long pattern: Amazing stories kept getting more amazing.

Susan Smith of Union, S.C., explained tearfully and repeatedly how a black man had stolen her car and driven off with her two little boys. Nine days later, she admitted she had rolled the car into a lake, her children strapped in their car seats.

She said she was despondent because the man she loved didn't love her: "I felt I couldn't be a good mom anymore, but I didn't want my children to grow up without a mom."

There was Aldrich Ames, a 31-year CIA counterintelligence expert. First, we learned he'd been working for the Russians, whom he supposedly was watching; then, that he'd exposed about 100 secret operations; then, that the agency repeatedly ignored signs of his treachery, such as Ames' cash payment for a \$540,000 house.

Michael Jackson married Lisa Marie Presley. They debuted on

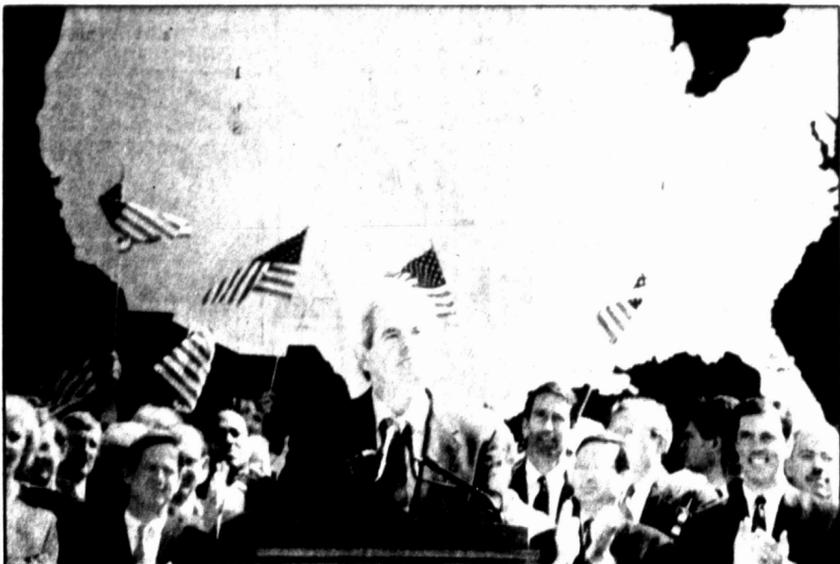
stage at the MTV Music Video Awards. They kissed long and hard. The audience cheered wildly. "Just think," said Michael, "nobody thought this would last."

Well ... by year's end there were rumors of a split. Almost forgotten, at any rate, was Jackson's multimillion-dollar settlement of a boy's sexual molestation charge.

The headlines kept escalating: NANCY KERRIGAN ATTACKED DURING PRACTICE; TONYA HARDING QUESTIONED IN ATTACK; SKATERS FACE OFF AT OLYMPICS; HARDING ADMITS TO COVER UP.

Sports are supposed to be unpredictable, but in 1994 they muscled themselves to the top of the nightly news.

Because of a baseball strike, the World Series was canceled for the first time since 1904. Newspapers printed old box scores, simulated real games by computer and waited for other diversions, such as the pro



House Minority Whip Newt Gingrich of Georgia addresses Republican Congressional candidates on Capitol Hill Sept. 27 during a rally where Republicans pledged their "Contract with America." The GOP won control of both houses of Congress in November, assuring that Gingrich would become House Speaker.

hockey season. Which was delayed by a labor dispute.

Michael Jordan, who retired from basketball after the 1992-93 season, became a minor league outfielder, albeit one with a bodyguard stationed near the foul line. He hit an anemic .202 for the Birmingham Barons, made \$10,000 and remained the nation's highest-paid athlete, thanks to \$30 million in endorsements.

At 45, George Foreman knocked out Michael Moorer and became boxing's oldest (and fattest) heavyweight champ.

In politics, the art of the possible, nothing seemed impossible.

A Republican-controlled Congress was elected for the first time in 40 years, and the victors talked of filling orphanages and emptying one whole congressional office building.

Losers included Foley, the first Speaker of the House since 1864 turned out by the voters back home; Dan Rostenkowski, chairman of the House's most powerful committee, who was charged with stealing nearly \$700,000 from the government; and Cuomo, governor of New

York for 12 years and presidential prospect for almost as long.

Given a Republican landslide in the congressional elections, what were the odds the Democratic survivors would include Ted Kennedy and Chuck Robb?

Immigration was a big issue. People sailed north from Cuba and Haiti, a small part of the biggest influx of immigrants in almost a century. Multiculturalists, coincidentally, declared the melting pot obsolete.

In California, which voted to restrict illegal immigrants' access to public services, both Senate candidates were accused of improperly employing immigrants.

It was a year when a few knew a little about GATT, the new world trade agreement, and many knew much about the caning of a young American in Singapore for graffiti.

But those who looked carefully saw history being made.

A nation founded and settled by the gun edged toward domestic arms control: a ban on some assault weapons and a waiting period for purchasing a handgun. After a rash of shootings provoked by realistic-looking

toy guns, many stores stopped selling them.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein of Jordan, enemies for six decades, shook hands at the White House. "Out of all the days of my life," the king said, "I don't believe there is one such as this."

There was the day Clinton lifted the 19-year-old trade embargo with Vietnam, and the one he gave an entry permit to Irish nationalist Gerry Adams, fostering a truce in northern Ireland.

Clinton deactivated the last U.S. troops in Berlin. Russian legislators studied at the Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. The Space Shuttle Discovery carried a Russian cosmonaut around the Earth. America and Russia agreed to reduce their nuclear stockpiles to fewer than 3,500 warheads apiece. The last nuclear missile was pulled out of South Dakota.

There were so many big surprises that small ones got lost in the shuffle.

Developers got final approval for 250 new houses at Love Canal, site of the notorious toxic dump. A woman who died

on Sept. 28 won the Nov. 8 election for clerk of Cherokee Township, Kan. The Cartoon Network, a new cable TV channel, drew an audience bigger than ESPN, CNN or Arts & Entertainment.

Heidi Fleiss, the Hollywood Madam, was convicted of pandering. Sydney Biddle Barrows, the erstwhile Mayflower Madam, wrote for The New York Times Book Review.

The pope had a best seller. So did Howard Stern, who entered and dropped out of the New York governor's race and talked a listener down from the George Washington Bridge.

Gary Larson, cartoonist of "The Far Side," announced his retirement, perhaps because it was increasingly difficult to out-weird the rest of the newspaper.

Amid the surprises, there was the usual ballast. The United States and Japan bickered over imports and exports, but stopped short of a trade war. The Buffalo Bills lost the Super Bowl.

Richard Nixon, the 37th president, died at 81, reviving controversy over a public life that spanned half the century.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, widow of the 35th president, died at 64. "She was an image of beauty and romance," said Lady Bird Johnson, who needed a cane to hobble up the church steps for the funeral. "She leaves an empty place in the world as I have known it."

Kurt Cobain was 27 when he shot himself to death, another rocker dead too soon. "He's gone and joined that stupid club," his mother said. "I told him not to join that stupid club."

John Wayne Gacy was executed for killing 33 men and boys, most of whom he buried beneath his house. Jeffrey Dahmer, a serial killer who ate some of his victims, was murdered by a fellow prison inmate.

Arkansas carried out the nation's first triple execution in 32 years and Congress passed a \$30 billion crime bill.

But no one felt much safer.

Rosa Parks, whose refusal to give up her seat in the front of a bus in 1955 helped touch off the civil rights movement, was robbed and beaten in her Detroit apartment.

After-Christmas
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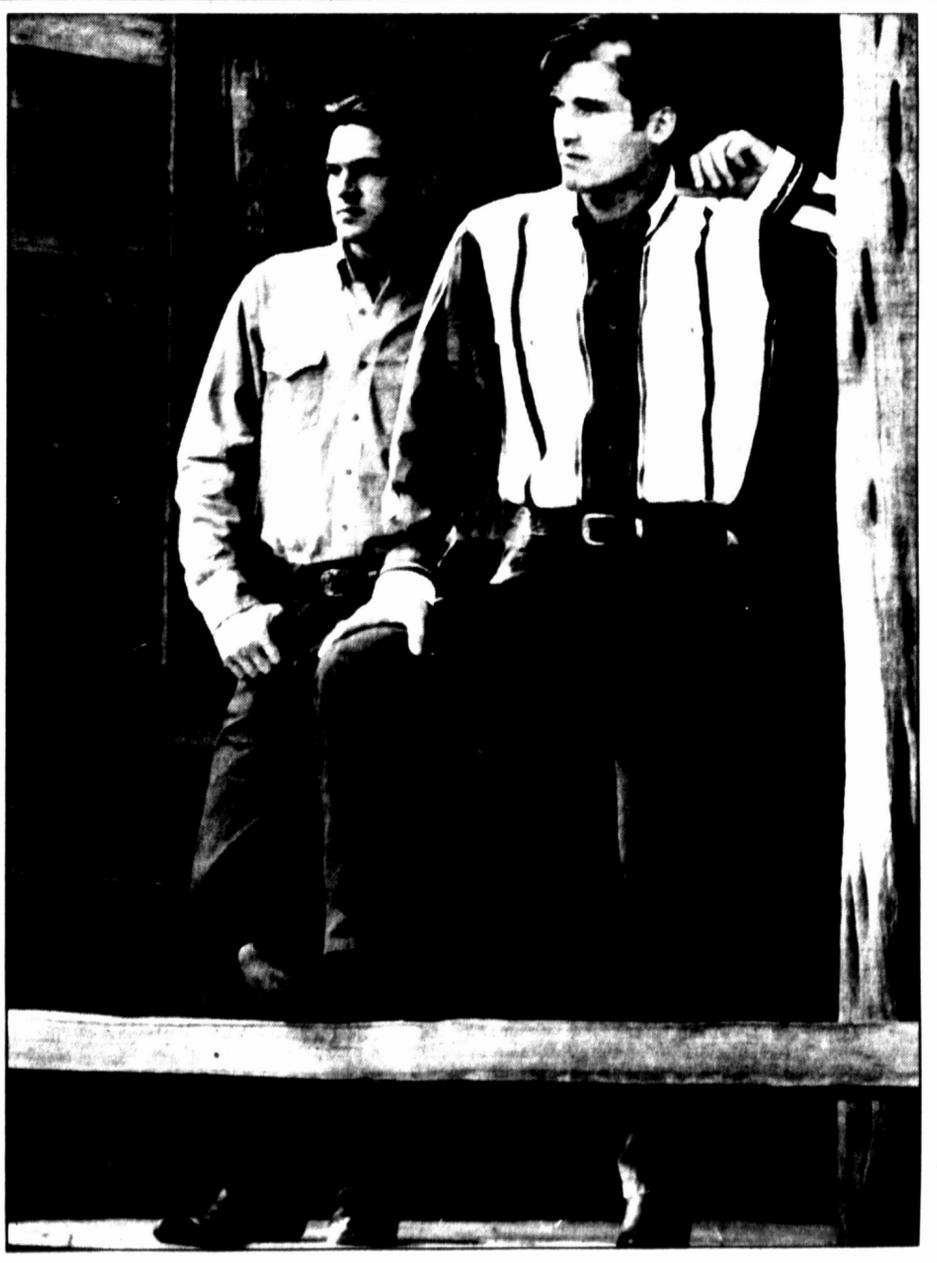
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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Censorship, like charity, should begin at home but, unlike charity, it should end there."

Clare Boothe Luce, Journalist, 1965

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Charles C. Williams

DD Turner Managing Editor

The many reasons for the season

What is the meaning of Christmas? The meaning of Christmas is what you find in the Bible, the story of a traveling couple and a baby born in a manger. The meaning of Christmas is what you find in the stores and in houses, with children sitting on Santa's lap, trees being decorated and gifts being carefully wrapped. The meaning of Christmas is more than that, however, and in some ways, less. No one act has a monopoly on Christmas spirit. The meaning of Christmas can be found in a hundred little ways. It can be the patience of a holiday shopper when the person ahead is holding up the line writing a check. It can be the time taken to drive an inebriated friend home from a party, or allowing that friend to spend the night safe and away from the road. It can be stopping to chat with neighbors we don't get to talk to often. Or taking a couple of candy canes off the Christmas tree and giving them to the neighbors' kids. It can even be a smile, a wave, some small gesture. If it leaves the recipients feeling better than before we crossed their path, then that gesture has carried the meaning of Christmas, no matter what time of year it may be. Happy holidays.

Keep the Christmas spirit going and make 1995 a great year



DD Turner Managing Editor

You know what happens in Britain on Christmas Day? It has something to do with tea - believe it or not. We all know how the Brits are about tea time - something they can't miss, not matter if the world is crumbling around them. So, on Christmas day, the Queen gives her usual address to the people around 3 p.m. Immediately following the address, which most Brits seem to tune into whereas we seem to tune out our leaders, there is a mad dash for the kitchen. You guessed it - they are turning on the kettles to boil the water to make the national drink. But, what happens is everyone is doing it all at the same time creating a 300 megawatt power surge! All that for a cuppa tea. Imagine what would happen here in Texas if everyone of us in Texas decided to brew tea at the same time! Anyway, today is Christmas. Time for the unwrapping of the packages, for exclaiming over what Santa brought us, midnight masses and all the family traditions that come this time of year. Have you ever noticed how nice everyone is this time of

year? The Christmas spirit coming through for at least one month of the year. When you consider what Christmas means to many people in the country and around the world - the birth of Christ - it seems we would have learned by now to take that spirit with us throughout the year. Think how much nicer the world would be if, all year long, we carried the spirit of Christmas with us, in our hearts and in our actions. Christmas is a time of reflecting, for singing, for good will to all men and all that stuff. Too bad it can't carry over for the entire 365 days. Do you think, if we all thought like we do at Christmas all the time, might the murder rate go down, might there be fewer people in need, might there simply be more love in this world? It's a thought. After all, that's what Christ would want us to do - practice his teachings 365 days a year - not just when it suited us or at his birthday. So, when it comes time to make a resolution, remember the spirit of Christmas, it's meaning. Then make a resolution to carry it through for the rest of the year. I know that I will be making that very resolution. After all, the nicer you treat people, in actuality, the happier you are. So, Merry Christmas. Enjoy the eggnog, the presents and the family and friends. And, have the best of New Years by making it the best year you will ever have.

THADEUS & WEEZ

by Charles Pugsley Fincher



Saluting those who opened their hearts

WASHINGTON CALLING

WASHINGTON — Each year at this time we pause from the daily bustle to praise the men and women who — through kindness or courage, generosity or compassion — make this world a kinder place. Some you have met before, others will be strangers. But they have opened their hearts to someone else, and we salute them for that.

A garland of holly to Steven Johnston, of Germantown, Tenn., who worked frantically to free trapped and injured survivors after a tornado ripped through a home where 16 people were attending a family reunion. Johnston had moved six injured members of the Person family to his nearby home by the time rescue teams arrived on the scene. A happy homecoming to the U.S. troops in Haiti, who put up with tropical heat and primitive conditions to bring freedom and hope to millions of thankful Haitians, and who, often in their spare time, also renovated orphanages and schools, brought electricity and water to the worst slums, and took homeless street kids under their wings. Kudos, too, to the Haitians who resisted the pull of violent mercenaries and thugs who ruled by terror until the U.S. soldiers landed. A joyous family holiday to 14-year-old baby sitter supreme Angela Morris. The suburban

Pittsburgh girl rallied friends to care for her four charges, aged 2-10, when their parents stretched a planned three-day trip into more than two weeks. A special delivery of holiday joy to letter carrier Isaiah Beavers of Dallas, who risked his life to save a victim in a gas station shooting from bleeding to death. On his appointed rounds in June, the postal worker heard gunshots as he drove past the gas station and saw Adrian Gonzalez slump to the ground. While others stood by, Beavers stopped his truck and ran to help the woman. Beavers also helped the police with their investigation, which resulted in an arrest. Hang an ornament high on the tree for garbage truck driver Eric Messenger, of Erie, Pa., who guided 97-year-old Celia Miluszewski from her bedroom through a smoky hallway to safety after Messenger spotted a fire in the building in April. Wishes for a bountiful holiday for Sister Jennie Lechtenberg, whose Puente Learning Centers in East Los Angeles provide educational services to 1,400 young and adult students in the heavily Hispanic neighborhood. The centers get no direct money from the government, but raise \$600,000 for the annual operating budget from businesses, individuals and foundations.

Raise a holiday toast to Thornton, Colo., police officers Bradley Barkley, Michael Holm and John Haney, who risked their own lives to rescue scores of people from a deliberately set fire in an apartment building. After crawling through dense smoke to rescue second-floor residents, Haney and Barkley held on to Holm, who used his own body and a bench as a ladder to rescue a couple trapped on the third floor. May Coast Guard aviation rescuer second class Michael Thomas spend a warm holiday after doing his duty and then some in November by leaping from a helicopter into 30-foot Atlantic waves off Norfolk, Va., to rescue crewmen of a sinking sailboat. Thomas swam — and his crewmates hovered in 60-mph winds — for more than two hours to get the sailors to safety. Our wish for a bounty of gaily wrapped presents for 13-year-old Ben Kirkland, of Bartlett, Tenn., who saved the life of his 2-year-old cousin when he pulled the boy from a backyard swimming pool. Police say Ben spotted little Jacob Austin Cavallo motionless at the bottom of the pool, dove in and pulled him out. A Central Park sleigh ride to New Yorker Sandy Levine, who saw a drunken man stumble off a subway platform, then risked

his own life by jumping to the track to pull the man out of the way of a passing train. The former subway worker said he knew a one-foot deep edge under the platform would protect him from the train. It was so close, however, that one of Levine's shoes was pulled from his foot and dragged the length of the station. A tip of the holiday hat to the fifth grade boys at Lake Elementary School in Oceanside, Calif., who shaved their heads so a classmate undergoing chemotherapy wouldn't feel out of place. Ten-year-old Kyle Hanslik got the idea after classmate Ian O'Gorman, battling cancer, decided to shave his head before his hair fell out in clumps. Ditto to the family and friends of little Adam Gellenbeck of Fairfield, Ohio, who did the same thing after the 6-year-old was told he needed brain surgery. A holiday filled with peace and joy to Maryland corrections officer Ken Davis and San Antonio security consultant Harry Rokosky for tackling the Colorado gunman who shot up the facade of the White House. The two men simultaneously tackled Francisco Curan in the act of reloading his semi-automatic rifle. So there they are, a few of the people whose generosity and selflessness are an example to us all. We thank them. Happy holiday.

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As long as the candle of hope burns, there will be light in the darkness

"All the darkness in the world cannot put out the light of a single candle." — Portuguese proverb. Enough of that new-sweater fondling, unwrapped-fly rod admiring and spiked-eggnog slurping. This is your daily newspaper talking and we've got a little job for you. Examine the greeting cards balanced over the fireplace or taped to the woodwork. See any

thing odd? A colleague notes that more and more cards now proclaim general sentiments of goodwill like "Season's Greetings" and "Happy Holidays" — sensible acknowledgements that not all Americans celebrate the Yuletide. Meanwhile, fewer and fewer cards make the simple and specific wish "Merry Christmas." Does respecting American diversity mean saying "no" to

"Noel"? We think not. While the separation of church and state strikes us as a pretty smart idea, the separation of church and Hallmark is something else again. Americans who do celebrate Christmas should not lose their popular appreciation — in song, custom or 100 percent recyclable paper — for the particularity of the holiday. For its story — whether one

ascribes to it divine truth or not — is one of wondrous beauty and inspiration. Almost 2,000 years after the newborn King of Kings established his first throne in manger hay, men and women still cite his name to bathe lepers, visit nursing homes, teach troubled children and perform 1001 human kindnesses exotic and mundane. Was there ever such a heart-softener as this infant figure? Columnist Paul Greenberg tells of the elderly country woman in a tarpaper shanty who was asked what she would do if she won a lot of money. "I guess," she said, "I'd give it to poor folks." And let us not forget about hope amid what Martin Luther called "the flood of mortal ills prevailing." The hope of joy when sadness engulfs us. The hope of vindication when the

scorners cackle. The hope of forgiveness when we cannot forgive ourselves. When all the other candles burn out — here is the memory-worthy bulletin from Bethlehem — one shines against the darkness, bright and inextinguishable. So: Merry Christmas. Scripps Howard News Service

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Confidence remains that Mexico's peso will recover again

Merchants along the Mexican border are reporting mixed effects from the fall of the peso, while investors and business people say they remain confident the economy of Texas' neighbor will recover.

The peso lost almost one-third of its value against the dollar this week, closing at 4.625 to the dollar Friday. That was down 2.5 centavos from its 4.60 level Thursday, when the currency dived by 16 percent.

As a result, many Mexicans who typically cross the border to shop are apparently staying home.

Sonny Barbosa, manager of El Rio Department Store in the border town of Hidalgo, said his pre-Christmas business has dropped 17 percent from last year.

"There's a lot fewer customers and they're buying less," said Barbosa, whose store sits a block from the international bridge that connects Hidalgo to Reynosa, Mexico. "That's directly attributed to the peso. It's like taking money from your pocket."

Meanwhile, some retailers who cater to more affluent Mex-

icans say prearranged travel plans may have been a silver lining.

Lindsay Tall, marketing director for Bassett Center Mall in El Paso, which gets half its customers from Mexico — many on tour buses, said some stores have seen as much as a quadruple increase in sales over 1993.

"They travel a long way, they bring cash, and they're serious when they get over here. They're ready to go shopping," she said. "We haven't been affected at all."

An insurrection in the southern state of Chiapas was partly to blame for the peso's devaluation, but the sudden loss of value in Mexican assets was a sobering reminder that Mexico's economy still has underlying problems.

Questions linger about where the peso will stabilize.

Mike Haskell, auditor with the Valuta Corp. exchange house in El Paso, predicted that the peso exchange rate will remain chaotic during the next few days but that the volume of currency traded will fall

The Associated Press

TUBA TUNES



tuba musicians perform Christmas music in the middle of downtown Dallas Friday. One hundred and seventy tuba players, from ages 12 to 80, joined in the concert.

Elderly warned to be careful of telephone and mail scams

FORT WORTH (AP) — The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is urging people this holiday season to watch for signs that their elderly relatives may be victims of telephone or mail fraud.

"The elderly are more trusting," said Linda Kirksey, a postal inspector with the Fort Worth division. "They grew up in an era when a handshake was your word. Another reason is that many are on a fixed income, and they're looking for ways to increase their income."

Because of a process called "reloading," or refining lists to target specific groups, many shady operations can target just the elderly in a community.

Ms. Kirksey said there is never a shortage of complaints about the "fantastic deals" offered by con artists.

"I had a gentleman in my office the other day — he was about 75 — with a briefcase full of these guaranteed sweepstakes envelopes," Ms. Kirksey said. "He sent money in to a few of

them, and he had not lost a lot, but ..."

In many cases, Ms. Kirksey said, crooks can filch thousands of dollars in registration costs, auditors' fees, shipping charges and other illegitimate fees.

The easiest ways to identify legitimate sweepstakes is to examine the fine print. The key, Ms. Kirksey said, is whether anything must be bought. Legitimate sweepstakes do not require any purchase.

Investment schemes, health-

plan offers and charitable appeals also must be watched closely, she said.

What to look for

To avoid scams, postal inspectors offer these suggestions:

- Watch for stacks of sweepstakes mail proclaiming you "a guaranteed winner" or offering lottery tickets for sale.
- Volunteer to help senior citizens balance their checkbooks

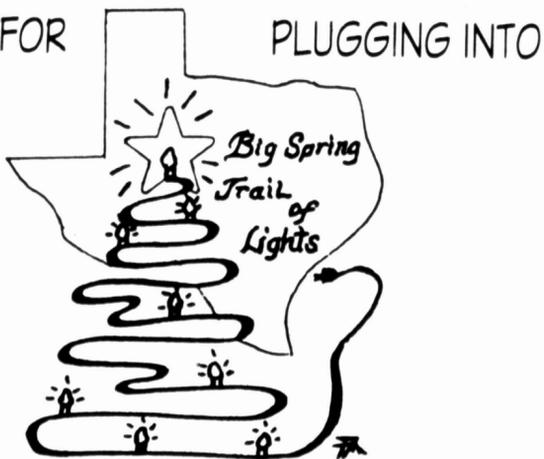
so you can be alerted to any questionable checks or sudden withdrawals. Offer to go over credit card statements as well.

— Watch for a steady stream of unsolicited telephone calls offering "fantastic" opportunities to claim prizes or make sure-fire investments.

— Remind senior citizens not to give out checking account or credit card information to unsolicited callers.

— Report schemes to the nearest postal inspector.

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Clothing stores feel holiday shopping pinch

Many of the nation's retailers are as happy as a kid with a set of Power Rangers toys: Their Christmas season was robust and profitable. But clothing stores are feeling like Santa left them off his list.

Apparel merchants had a lot of warm weather and relatively few takers for winter clothes, while anyone selling home furnishings, electronics, toys and jewelry had a great holiday season.

"It's really been a golden Christmas," said Clark Johnson, chairman of Pier 1 Imports Inc.

The day before Christmas was hectic, with consumers jamming stores and malls trying to get their last-minute shopping done. Clothing retailers were hoping the eleventh-hour crush would make the season for them.

The experience of Sears, Roebuck and Co. reflected trends across the industry.

The Associated Press

Emissions program raises stink

EPA relaxing regulations; postponement wanted

HOUSTON (AP) — The vehicle emissions testing program set to begin in January has prompted a lot of criticism from some politicians and citizens who want the program either delayed, scrapped or modified.

All that talk has worried the contractors and their employees who want to make a living doing the testing.

"It's made everybody a little bit nervous," said M.S. Safadi, operator of a Pasadena testing station. "Unfortunately, everything in this country, everything operates with politicians."

The trial testing under way already has caused of a rash of

complaints from citizens about delays, the \$23 test price and incompetent technicians.

And some elected officials are turning on the program, including Gov.-elect George W. Bush who this week called it "too onerous and will not work."

The Environmental Protection Agency is relaxing its regulations, and state and federal lawmakers are proposing the program be postponed or repealed.

Meanwhile, there's the contractors who made investments in good faith, believing the program is necessary and that it had the government's blessing.

Safadi said three of his 38

employees have jumped ship already.

"They said this job is not going to last. People look for stability on their job. As of last week, we don't have that security anymore," he said.

The regulatory waffling and protests from politicians strike some operators as unfair and careless.

"They're making comments that will affect the lives of a lot of people," said David Harris, who operates a Houston testing site.

Operator Pete Drake hired neighborhood residents, including some high school students who get credit towards their degrees through a job program.

"Everybody's concerned. A lot of people we've hired really depend on this," Drake said. "This is not high-dollar. A little bit better than minimum wage."

Drop in whooper population raises concerns about bird

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — The number of whooping cranes wintering at the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge is down this year, causing concern among wildlife officials who track the endangered birds.

At the refuge north of Rockport, 125 whooping cranes have been counted the past two Thursdays. That's 18 fewer than arrived for the winter last year, said Kenneth Schwindt, assistant manager of the refuge.

The average first arrival date for whooping cranes is Oct. 16. Normally, all of the cranes that are coming have arrived by early December, Schwindt said.

"We're still hoping to have more come in, but it doesn't look like there's more coming," Schwindt said. "I think it would represent a real loss in our

progress with whoopers in Aransas"

Refuge officials had expected to have slightly fewer whooping cranes this year because of a late spring in Canada. A late thaw sometimes prompts the cranes not to nest. Still, refuge officials had hoped 135 would show up this year.

Wildlife officials are not certain why the number apparently dropped even lower, but they know the birds face a variety of hazards each time they migrate.

"One of the biggest obstacles they encounter is power lines," Schwindt said. "If they don't see the power line, they hit it and die or are injured and die later."

Whooping cranes also sometimes fall prey to disease during migration.

No, the glow was not Rudolph's nose

ODESSA (AP) — A "big orange flame" in the sky got the attention of West Texans Friday night. They knew it was more than 24 hours too early for Rudolph and the rest of Santa Claus' reindeers.

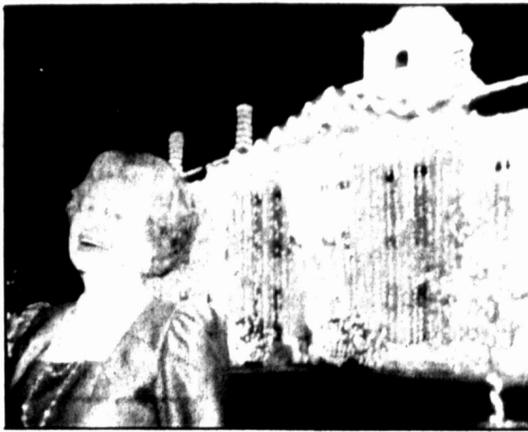
The light turned out to be the result of a refinery in Goldsmith 20 miles northwest of Odessa, burning off gas. The cloudy Friday night skies made the light look like a glowing vertical spike from some areas. In other areas, it was more dramatic.

"It was like a big orange flame," said Laurie Skipper, 20, of Odessa. She went outside at 7 p.m. after seeing a message on her TV screen about the light.

"I looked outside, and this big vertical light was in the sky," she said.

Carolyn Payne, a dispatch operator for the Odessa Police Department, said the police department had received about 15 calls about the strange light.

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First snow comes jist in 'nick' of time

Just in time for Christmas, the first snow of the winter was reported early Saturday on some of the higher peaks of the Guadalupe Mountains in far West Texas.

But for the state in general, a light rain was the closest thing to a suitable backdrop for any late-night trip by visitors from the North Pole.

The Associated Press

Childress man arrested on marijuana charges

HARLINGEN (AP) — A 43-year-old Childress man has been arrested on suspicion of driving a truck carrying a ton of marijuana north of the Willacy County line.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers pulled over Billy Wayne Sessions about 1 a.m. Thursday, a jail spokesman said.

About 2,000 pounds of marijuana was seized from the truck Sessions was driving, police said. Authorities didn't put a dollar value on the load.

Sessions was charged with aggravated possession of marijuana and remained in Willacy County Jail Friday night in lieu of \$250,000 bond.

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North Attleboro, Mass., Fire Chief Robert Coleman attempts to revive a young girl pulled from a house fire Saturday. The girl along with three other children and two adults perished in the blaze.

Fires claim 11 lives

Four children were killed Saturday in a Louisiana fire that apparently started when they played with paper towels on a wood-burning stove. A wind-driven Massachusetts fire killed seven people, including five children.

The Baldwin, La., fire ravaged a one-story house.

"It was too late to save anyone by the time the fire department got there," said St. Mary Parish sheriff's spokesman Jim Man-

ning. Two children escaped unharmed, but four, none older than 6, were killed.

Manning said the mother of

two of the children who died was babysitting all six, but had left the house to wash clothes, leaving the older children in charge. The children began playing with paper towels on the stove shortly after the woman left.

A fire in North Attleboro, Mass., killed two adults and five children, one of them apparently just visiting for the night. Neighbors tried to rescue them but were driven back by flames.

"The storm was stronger than we expected. In fact it was pretty close to a hurricane," said

New records for murder set

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The shooting at a pay phone might have been just another number in the city's murder count.

It had none of the pathos of the death of 9-year-old James Darby, killed in a drive-by shooting May 8, nine days after he wrote President Clinton a letter asking him to stop urban violence.

But the Nov. 28 slaying of a 37-year-old man left its own shameful mark: It was the city's 390th murder in 1994, a New Orleans record. This week the tally rose to 412. The previous record of 389 killings was set last year.

New Orleans is not alone. Cities such as Buffalo, N.Y., and Jackson, Miss., also set new annual murder records for 1994.

For now, the figures are bucking a national trend of lower murder rates. But criminologists warn another explosion could come in the next decade as the teen-age population increases.

In News Orleans, the reasons

for more murders are those

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Rev. Harold Mayberry

cited in many cities: drug deals gone sour, domestic fights, gangs and easy-to-get guns.

Getting the numbers down will take more than police work, New Orleans Police Superintendent Richard Pennington warned.

"We need to bring in ... the school system, the family, the church, the city government, to work on improving the quality of life," Pennington said.

Pennington plans to use more patrol officers in high-crime areas, such as the city's public housing projects, more homicide detectives and more community policing — a term for

getting cops out of patrol cars, walking a beat and meeting residents.

The Rev. Harold Mayberry, of All Congregations Together Now, a group of 60 churches that works on community issues, agreed that police are overmatched.

"When we know there are things happening in the community that are illegal, we have to be courageous enough to report them," he said. "It's not enough to say that it's a shame that it's happening."

In Buffalo, the city surpassed its record 81 murders — set in 1971 — with just under a month left in the year. Buffalo police Capt. Charles Pieramusca blamed more drug-related fights.

In Sacramento County, Calif., a record 67 murders — recorded by Dec. 9 — were due largely to gang fights. In Jackson, Miss., the record 88th homicide was registered with a month remaining in 1994.

Storm batters length of East Coast

A storm that blustered up the length of the East Coast left about 175,000 customers without power Saturday in New England and littered highways and railroad tracks with tree limbs on one of the year's busiest travel days.

High wind knocked over the 50-foot, 7,300-pound Christmas tree outside the Prudential Center in Boston. Crews waited for the wind to die down before trying to put it back up.

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Bob Plant, director of the Connecticut Office of Emergency Management.

Wind gusted above 80 mph during the night on Massachusetts' Nantucket Island, where some commuter flights were canceled. Wind up to 70 mph trashed trees in Connecticut. Rough seas washed a few small boats onto the beach, but there was little other damage.

On its northward trek along the coast, the storm wrecked several small boats off the Florida coast and flooded parts of South Carolina.

Ferry service between the mainland and North Carolina's Outer Banks resumed Saturday and the main highway along the island chain was reopened, though strong wind was expected to continue through Sunday.

Up to 44,000 customers of Massachusetts Electric Co. had lost power since Friday night, most of them in Rhode Island, said utility spokeswoman Karen Berardino.

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Now it's just on trip for Santa

TARAWA, Kiribati (AP) — Fed up with the inconvenience of having a country divided by the international dateline, Kiribati's government has decided that henceforth Christmas — and all other dates — will fall on the same day here.

Now Santa Claus will have to make only one annual visit to deliver toys to the good children of Kiribati, rather than return the next day for deliveries to the remote Line and Phoenix island groups across the dateline.

Radio Kiribati reported Thursday that President Teburoro Tito's new government has decided to ignore the international dateline that transects the chain of islands in the mid-Pacific, and observe the same date on all islands.

Fighting eases as cease-fire begins

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — A weeklong cease-fire was set to begin today, giving the Muslim-led government and Bosnia's Serbs time to work out details of a longer truce. Already, fighting across Bosnia seemed to have eased.

The U.N. chief for former Yugoslavia, Yasushi Akashi, announced the cease-fire on Friday, after shuttling between the government and rebel Serbs trying to iron out disagreements over a four-month truce.

Vows exchanged via satellite hook-up

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Renee Collingwood and her fiancé tied the knot, but they won't be exchanging kisses anytime soon. The U.S. Army officer in Haiti and the computer programmer in upstate New York exchanged vows via satellite hookup.

Standing in a room at the U.S. Army's main base here Friday night, and flanked by an Army chaplain and other soldiers, the 23-year-old lieutenant teamed into a video camera set above a TV screen displaying the groom.

In Fort Drum, N.Y., a grinning Benjamin Lee, 24, stood with Collingwood's mother, Lynne, the bride's 16-month-old son, Devon, and three family friends. Collingwood's 10th Mountain Division is based in Fort Drum.

Palestinians once again celebrate in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Bagpipes lustily played the national anthem and the Palestinian flag festooned Manger Square on Saturday in the first Christmas since the PLO took power in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

But autonomy is limited in Bethlehem, and heavy Israeli security kept Palestinians waiting hours outside the square in front of the Church of Nativity, where tradition holds Jesus was born. Tourists passed through a separate gate.

"I think it is a great thing to hear the Palestinian national songs being played by the scouts but I think there is still something missing," said George Abu Zulf, from the neighboring Beit Sahour.

You can feel a Palestinian atmosphere despite the presence of the soldiers.

Jamal Laham

Balmy weather and the developing Palestinian autonomy attracted about 10,000 people, including pilgrims and some 20 members of the Islamic militant group Hamas that opposes peace with Israel.

Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, the first Palestinian to head the Roman Catholic Church in the Holy Land, drove in from Jerusalem. He was escorted to Manger Square as drums and bagpipes played the Palestinian anthem, "Biladi, biladi," or "My homeland."

Most of the celebrations reflected nationalism more than religious fervor. Palestinian Muslims felt free to participate. Christians are a small minority of the 1.8 million Palestinians living the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"It is the first time we see Palestinian flags and pictures of (PLO chief) Yasser Arafat," said Jamal Laham, a Muslim from Jerusalem. "You can feel a Palestinian atmosphere despite the presence of the soldiers."

But Laham said the celebration was marred by Israeli troops.



Chechen men look at an unexploded Russian bomb near their house in Argun, nine miles east of Grozny, in the break-away republic of Chechnya, after the latest air-raid by Russian forces Saturday.

Afghan war a shadow over Russia's Chechnya actions

SLEPTSOVSKOYE, Russia (AP) — Moscow's warplanes struck the devastated capital of Chechnya on Saturday as Russians marked the 15th anniversary of another invasion that scarred and divided the nation — the war in Afghanistan.

"You can see the shadow of the Afghan war in Chechnya," Izvestia columnist Teimuraz Mamaladze wrote.

As Russian warplanes bombed Grozny, the capital of the break-away Chechen republic, for the fifth straight day, Russian ground forces appeared to be tightening their noose around the city.

Nine miles east of Grozny, Russian artillery pounded the town of Argun as terrified residents tried to salvage belongings from their devastated homes.

As his capital lay in ruins, Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev told Associated Press Television that "no army in the world, no military force, could carry out the Russian government's objective to break the spirit and freedom of the Chechen people."

"It is our genetic trait given by God," he said. "It is impossible."

Dudayev sat at a desk in a basement office in the presidential palace in Grozny illuminated by a single candle. Above were empty corridors, empty rooms and shattered glass. The palace was deserted except for guards outside.

The Russian government continued to insist it was hitting military targets. The media continued to defy its efforts at spin control.



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Orange County: What happened?

Christmas has now gone by and here it is almost New Year's. We are now saying goodbye to 1994. New Year's always brings new ideas, new opportunities and new thoughts. From an investment standpoint, the story of Orange County, California is a no-no



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for all of us to avoid. What are derivatives? These are sophisticated investments. In other words, the majority of the investors do not understand this kind of investment. Orange County was buying bonds on credit. This was worked out through repurchase agreements between the client and bond broker. The agreement, in effect, says that you may purchase the bond upon the occurrence of some type of event. The net worth of the Orange County fund was roughly \$7.9 billion. Their total bond portfolio was worth about \$20 billion. This means that the county owed the brokers about \$12.1 billion. They used the \$7.9 billion as collateral to finance the purchase of the additional bonds. The general idea of the maneuver was to make a small profit on the additional interest earned on \$20 billion versus \$7.9 billion. The profit consisting of the difference between interest income and interest expense. Trouble started when interest rates started going up. Remember, in the bond market the value of a bond goes down when interest rates goes up. When the value of the bonds started going down, the county did not have enough collateral to meet the margin require-

ments. The finance agreements, in effect, states that the client has two options. One, to buy the bond at the previously agreed price. Two, put up enough money to keep the collateral in the proper ratio with the financing agreement. (Gee, that's complicated yet simple.) Orange County DID NOT have any cash reserves. Therefore, they could not buy the bonds or put up additional cash. The other problem was some of the participants were in need of money to pay salaries and current operating expenses. The brokers that were financing the bonds could not afford to watch their collateral continue to go down. They were also losing money. Their only alternative was to sell the bonds at the current market price. This too is a big problem. Very few organizations are capable of buying billions of dollars worth of bonds. This causes a further decrease in the price of the bonds. No one wants to buy when they anticipate that interest will continue to go up. The only way to recover your investment in a bond is to hold it until maturity. The investor is not willing to receive 4 percent interest per annum when everybody else is getting 5 percent. The size of the Orange County portfolio caused a tremendous shock wave throughout the entire finance community. The domino effect sets in. The county cannot pay its bills, then the vendors cannot pay their distributors, then the manufacturers cannot pay their bills. This causes defaults on notes due brokers and banks and the story goes on and on. The moral of this short story is, DO NOT buy stocks, bonds or other investments on the margin. It can really be bad news if the prices of the securities move in the WRONG direction.

BEAR HUG



Toni Robidoux of Bridgewater, N.J. receives a hug from William Watson, dressed as a teddy bear, during a teddy bear tea for senior volunteers at the former Washington School in Raritan, N.J. Tuesday.

Associated Press photo

Don't be dissatisfied

The holidays will soon be over for 1994. What are your aspirations for 1995? Will you be making a New Year's resolution list? If so, why? Chances are they will soon be broken, even though they were made in all sincerity. It's an old tradition to make, on New Year's Day, a list of things one has resolved to do during the year. Some of you older readers may still follow that tradition, but it doesn't seem popular with the younger generation. This brings me to the topic of this article, "Dissatisfaction." Everyone has been dissatisfied at times about something. At first chance it would seem to be a fault or weakness. But, if one looks closer and examines it objectively it is truly a blessing in disguise. In the beginning, if mankind had not been dissatisfied with his life or things around him there would never have been any progress, inventions,



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advanced learning, or change of any kind. We would have remained in the dark ages, perhaps cave people still. There would never have been a walk on the moon, any of the great inventions we use daily and take for granted every day. There would be no airplanes in the air, fabulous medical discoveries, giant advancement in science and multitudes of other things that makes our lives easier and more satisfying. Human dissatisfaction and curiosity have turned the wheels of invention and learning. But getting back to a personal level: to use a popular term, what bugs you? Do you need to lose a few pounds, but hate diets? Or do you think your nose is too long, too short, too upturned? So, you don't like your job or government or the taxes you have to pay. Is your stature too short, too tall or hair the wrong color? Some things one can't do a lot about, but there's always something. Instead of resolutions, why not set some goals then work toward them through the coming year? Too heavy? A drastic diet will not work in the long term and will leave you feeling punished, better to take it slowly and easier until you reach

the desired results. If a facial feature bothers you and you can't or don't wish to invest in drastic cosmetic surgery, then play up one or more of your better features. You'll be surprised how easily the faulty ones can be ignored. If you are unhappy with your surroundings, a bit of planning, concentration, and effort can do wonders. Just do something! The key here is to keep an open mind and be ready to grasp an opportunity when it presents itself.

Think about why you are dissatisfied and instead of moping, ranting, or just giving up use it for the realistic blessing that it is. The greatest inventors, political leaders, investors, scientists, doctors, educators, and thousands of others were dissatisfied and did something about it. As a result we have our great civilization with changes taking place every day, and we all benefit from it! I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every reader and a special thanks to those who have encouraged me with their comments. You have truly been an inspiration. A very happy, healthy, prosperous new year to all.

Many larger companies expanding pension benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many of the nation's larger companies are expanding pension opportunities, but their employees often do not take advantage of the new retirement benefits, a study suggests. A survey by the accounting firm KPMG Peat Marwick found that 89 percent of 993 businesses with 200 or more employees offered at least one retirement plan in 1994, up from 78 percent a year earlier. More than 57 percent of the businesses offering pension benefits have two or three retirement plans, the survey showed. "Employers were twice as likely to have added a plan (29 percent) within the last five years as to have terminated a plan (11 percent)," it found. More significantly, the report added, even among those employers which did drop a plan, 53 percent merely substituted a different plan or merged separate plans. Roy Oliver, head of the consulting firm's compensation and benefits practice, contended that simply offering more plans is not enough. In spite of the growing awareness that retirement plans are becoming more and more essential in planning for the future, employees continue to underutilize these valuable services, he said. "Companies must educate employees about the opportunities which exist to help meet their retirement needs," Oliver said. The firm's second annual survey, "Retirement Benefits in the 1990s," was conducted earlier this year and released this fall. It included a wide range of employers, including those in manufacturing, construction and service industries. The margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points. The study found that 34 percent of employers with retirement benefits offered traditional "defined benefit" plans, down from 38 percent a year earlier. These plans were available to

70 percent of the employees covered in the survey, up from 68 percent a year earlier, although only 88 percent of those eligible took advantage of the benefits. The plan offered most often was a "defined contribution" 401 (k) plan, offered by 56 percent of the businesses who employed 57 percent of the workers covered in the survey. These plans were available at 58 percent of the companies in 1993, representing 65 percent of the employees. Only 61 percent of eligible employees actually participated in 401 (k) plans in 1994, the same number found in 1993. Sixteen percent of the surveyed businesses offer both defined benefit and 401 (k) plans. The survey also examined employer attitudes toward their employees' responsibility for retirement security. Only 1 percent believed that employees should expect a secure retirement income based solely on employer-provided retirement benefits. Eleven percent thought employees should be primarily responsible for their own retirement security and that employer-provided benefits should serve merely as a "supplement" to employee-provided savings. The survey also found only 3 percent believing employees could rely solely on employer benefits and Social Security as sources of retirement income, down from 6 percent in 1993. "The overwhelming majority of employers — 85 percent — subscribe to the traditional 'three-legged stool' philosophy for retirement security: employer-provided benefits, Social Security and personal savings," the survey revealed. CHIROPRACTOR Dr. Bill T. Crane 263-3182 1409 Lancaster

Yale developing elderly driving test

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Two years ago, Dorothy Stanton had just stepped out of her white 1970 Plymouth Duster and into her cottage when she blacked out. "It could have happened in the car, so I said no more driving. I came to my senses," said Stanton, 82. "I stopped before I killed myself and somebody else." Like Stanton, tens of thousands of senior citizens around the nation voluntarily stop driving each year because their health no longer permits it. Now a Yale research team is developing a standardized test that would enable doctors to identify senior citizens who are continuing to drive when they shouldn't.

The exam would effectively move some of the responsibility from state Department of Motor Vehicles offices into doctors' offices. The physician directing the project, Richard A. Marottoli, calls driving "a public health issue." He knows his findings could ignite a debate over civil rights and doctor accountability that will reach not only physicians and patients but attorneys and lawmakers, too. "What we need to do is carve out what the role for a doctor is on this," Marottoli said. "You have to balance personal and public safety on the one hand, with independence on the other." Attorney Dana M. Lucisano, who handles age discrimina-

tion cases, says testing only one segment of the population may be unconstitutional. Marottoli stresses that the test would not discriminate on the basis of age. He said it would allow a doctor to render an opinion based on evidence of a person's physical and mental condition. "Instead of just guessing, we're trying to break it down into the different elements that are important to driving," Marottoli said.

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You'll find an ole dance hall
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And go back to the basics
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—Bernice Reed Jones

Man endures pain of wife's Alzheimer's

By FAWN GERMER
Scripps Howard News Service
DENVER — George Sugerman had to let go. He couldn't take care of his wife any more. Alzheimer's Disease is unforgiving. So he drove her to the Bear Creek Nursing Center and left the job to others. The home where he had cared for her on those 24-hour days that require 36 hours of care was so empty. Pat Sugerman was diagnosed with the disease 12 years ago. Four years ago, Sugerman retired from his job as a store manager so he could care for her full-time. A year ago, it all got to be too much. They have been married more than 40 years. He wanted to be the one at her side. "I just couldn't physically give her the kind of care that she needed," he says. "I couldn't handle it at night anymore. At the home, they have supervised activity with a heavy emphasis on music. She's a trained musician, so she loves that. It works out well for her." Every time he leaves, he grieves all over again. "It's very painful," he says. "The drive home is extremely painful. I miss her. I love her. I am grieving my lost companion. I am grieving that she is not enjoying the fruits of our labor. Here we are, retired, and she's there. In a nursing home. It's tough." She is only 65 years old and in fine physical condition but when her husband visits her, there is no overt recognition. "She doesn't say 'Hello, George' when I walk in," he says. "But when I'm there, she knows that it is me. She hugs me. When you do reach her and get a hug or a kiss, it's very, very rewarding."

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Charlotte Buckley and her dog, Nat King Cole, take a stroll along Riverfront Park in Wilmington, N.C. Friday. The Great Dane was decked out in his holiday antlers for his daily walk. Associated Press photo

Happy, healthy resolutions

By WANDA DENSON
Prime Columnist

For many people, New Year's Day is viewed as the best time to turn over a new leaf in their personal lives. Consequently, resolutions are made to break bad habits, eat properly, exercise more and become a better person - all good intentions. Desiring to help people prepare for a better future motivated Doctor John Trent to write a book called "Life Mapping." Trent said he wrote the book after repeatedly seeing people in his counseling practice who were worn out with good intentions. His book contains a storyboarding technique, based on that of Walt Disney, who drew little sketches on paper to break his productions into manageable parts. Trent says his technique is especially valuable if you're getting older and have a lot of history to cover while looking back over your life. This method of looking at your past can give a great picture of who you are and who you can become says Trent. The gist of his technique is having people jot down key aspects of their lives such as their God-given strengths, traumatic events that have occurred, positive and negative

you have been, he recommends focusing on your strengths while planning a positive future. He says these memorial markers are reminders of who you are and who you can become with the Lord's help. Once you realize that even though there are some pages in your life that you regret, you can use God's spirit and power to rewrite a life story. While resolving to develop more healthful personal habits, we might also consider ways in which we could contribute to the health and happiness of others. According to a recent Gallup poll, a great number of Americans are doing just that. In more than one third of households, two or more family members are volunteers. In addition to benefiting others, volunteers are reaping health benefits for themselves, say researchers. Studies show that helping others can alleviate your own stress, depression, fatigue, headaches and chronic pain. Most of us - regardless of our age or circumstance - could help someone else, whether by example, encouragement or performing physical tasks. Let's make this a happier, healthier New Year for others events that shaped their lives and major transitions such as marriage, having children, etc. With this overview of where

as well as for ourselves by resolving to do one or more of the following on a regular basis:

1. Adopt a nursing home resident who has no family. Visit, telephone and send cards to that person. A phone call to the activity director can provide you with a name.
2. Visit someone who lives alone.
3. Telephone an older person.
4. Mail cards or notes of encouragement to someone.
5. Pray for persons who are going through difficult times.
6. Prepare a favorite dish to shut-ins.
7. Give someone a little gift to show that you are thinking of him or her.
8. Give grandchildren, young or someone else's the gift of unconditional love. Listen to them without being judgmental. You can share what you've learned through experience without implying that you have all the answers.
9. Provide a positive example of aging to younger generations. Speak of the positive aspects of life rather than the negative. Your example can help dispel their fear of aging.
10. Keep in mind that the best gift you can give another person is your time.

As George Eliot said, "What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for others?"

Animals none too picky when it comes time to sit and eat

By MARY RANDLE
Prime Columnist

It was a lovely party, one of those during the holiday season where people get together who haven't seen each other in a while and really have time to visit. It all started when one of the group, who had moved away to Ruidoso, began to regale us with stories of all the deer she feeds, her raccoons and all the "wild" animals who come to her yard. It seems the raccoons love bird seed, and will climb out on a limb, take the top off the feeder, while another turns the seed out on the ground for a tasty raccoon treat. The raccoons will eat with the lone resident skunk when the lady of the house sets out a buffet. But on occasion, the skunk realizing his power over the group, will pull the dish over for himself, ignoring the raccoon chatter that "it's not fair." Of course I had to add a story about Annie the Springer spaniel and Billy Bob the senior black cat, cooperating to get a box of cat treats. The treats were on the counter, and the animals thought we were gone. They sat on the floor, side by side and surveyed the situation. Both noses were working, trying to determine the exact location. That being established, Annie

thought and she dashed off the counter, jumped and landed on the lid off, and she began to enjoy their feast. She probably would have been disappointed if it seemed that they had worked out a deal. A good dog story that had been cooking in the family and I had to add a meal on the table. He came in he didn't want to eat, she didn't want to eat. The place was clean. The dog and toast had been on the chair and she didn't even look. The stories continued. A pet rat named "The Rat" when the lady who had a pet rat named "The Rat" to help first for the rat. She claimed she had a rat in a house who had just had a stroke. She said, though, he was still alive. She was in the house with a rat. The next morning, Mr. Rat was in the house for a few days. He became ill and was taken to the vet. The vet said he would treat the rat but he was so old the medicine would not help him.

It was decided to put him to sleep. The vet was supposed to tell the child. He stood there gulping very hard, trying to tell the child as a few tears ran down his cheeks. The rat had a beautiful funeral in a marbled Kleenex box, padded nicely, his long tail curled around his body. Of all the stories though, we thought this was the best. It's true! One of our friends' neighbors was out of town, and another neighbor jogging by noticed a broken front window. Because he was sure there were burglars inside, he really didn't want to look, but he felt he must. He crept over, peered through and saw a large black bear sitting on a chair in the kitchen. He was using a claw to dig peanut butter from a container, sitting there savoring his find. The neighbor hurriedly called the police, they came and everybody held a meeting on what they could do to get the bear out of the house. While they were deciding, here came the bear through the window. He looked around and ambled off, happily full of peanut butter. I don't know what this proves, except maybe we worry too much about what to do, when what we really should ask ourselves is, "Do you know where your peanut butter is?"

SLIPPIN' AND SLIDIN'



Santa Claus could have definitely used a reindeer when his car got stuck on a patch of ice Sunday afternoon in Davenport, Iowa. Santa, played by Mike Peppers, was helping deliver packages for the Davenport Jaycees. Associated Press photo

Aging population faces tough issues

By JOHN A. CUTTER
St. Petersburg Times

SARASOTA, Fla. — Robert B. Blancato, executive director of the White House Conference on Aging, is roaming the country practicing what he calls a "trickle-up" theory. "We really want a grass-roots input," said Blancato. "We want to know what's on the minds of seniors, instead of having policymakers and others setting the agenda." Blancato's job is to coordinate next May's conference, the fourth such White House-sponsored gathering since 1961. It is much-anticipated, because past conferences have led to such reforms as Medicare, the Older Americans Act, more nutrition programs for the elderly and a

more-solvent Social Security system. During a weekend visit, Blancato discussed his expectations for the conference and the issues he sees emerging from interviews, focus groups and meetings across the country. "Health care, the need for long-term care and prescription-drug coverage, that seems to be a main issue we are hearing," said Blancato. Other concerns range from the need to assure adequate income in the face of longer life expectancy to the need to foster understanding between generations. Crime, elder abuse, grandparenting, raising children and even "loneliness and isolation that many older people are feeling" also are important topics, said Blancato, who

has worked on Capitol Hill since 1973. This is a critical time for aging issues, and the timing of the White House Conference on Aging should place it at the center of the debate about what government can and should do for the aged. Many older men and women are struggling to make ends meet as retirement income doesn't cover their bills, especially if they get sick and need long-term care. Older women and minorities face tough old ages, because often they have less retirement income. Clinton announced in February his plans for a 1995 meeting. It is now set for May 1-5 in Washington. —Distributed by Scripps Howard News Service

Story of a hamster named Elvis

Care of the hamster, gerbil or rabbit that enlivens the elementary classroom can be something of a problem during Christmas vacation. The teacher may seek the assistance of a responsible student whose parents are willing to house the pet. Miranda, the daughter of a friend of mine, was selected for this honor last Christmas. For two weeks she was to keep Elvis, a red hamster that was the pride of her fourth grade class.

After hamster, cage, and associated paraphernalia were installed in her room, she and her younger brother had great fun taking Elvis out of the cage and playing with him. One day their mother was startled to hear a loud shriek followed by a resounding thud from her daughter's room. Miranda had been holding Elvis when the hamster started to give birth. Unnerved by the process, the girl threw the hamster across the room.

Miranda had been holding Elvis when the hamster started to give birth. The mother and father, by now there were three hamsters in the cage. The kids were enthralled, watching them, and peace seemed to be restored. Miranda called all her classmates to tell them of the babies' arrival. The next morning, the new mother had escaped from the cage and ventured under the sink where she consumed the better part of a mouse poison cube. They found her there the next morning beside the night's report. A quick trip to the veterinarian followed. He gave the animal a shot of Vitamin K to stop internal bleeding. However, he was not optimistic about Elvis' chances for recovery. It was the day before Christmas. Faced with the doleful prospect of her children's grief over Elvis' demise and the sad knowledge that the babies would also likely succumb, my friend sought for a way to alleviate the coming tragedy. She drove to Lubbock and braved the Christmas traffic to

search through every pet store in the city for a look-alike substitute. Finding none, she purchased a silver pair, thinking she could give one to the class as a replacement for their pet and one to her own grieving children. Returning home, she found the mother hamster still alive. She deposited the new hamsters in a closet and set about to enjoy Christmas Eve with her family. On Christmas morning, Elvis seemed frisky and happy, apparently none the worse for her consumption of 'mouse poison. The hamsters in the closet were duly presented to Miranda and her brother, who were delighted with their new pets. The week that followed was an interesting one, with 13 hamsters in the house. Finally, the happy day arrived when school was again in session. My friend gave a sigh of relief as Elvis and her ten little ones were carefully loaded in the car and deposited at school. The teacher was much impressed with the excellent care given the class pet. She felt that a student who was so responsible deserved a reward. And so Miranda got to choose one of the baby hamsters for her very own!



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A-bowlin' we will go, a-bowlin' ...

Get your spoon - it's bowl time.

Better yet, get your remote control. The true college football bowl season starts today with the Aloha Bowl (no, the Las Vegas Bowl Dec. 15 didn't count). Need help picking the winners?

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ALOHA (Today, 2:30 p.m. CST)
Kansas State (9-2) lost to Colorado and Nebraska - two big fish - but it played both teams close. Boston College (6-4-1) doesn't have a prayer.
Kansas State 28, Boston College 7

BLUE-GRAY (Today, 11 a.m. CST)
If you waste valuable holiday time watching this game, either you have a relative playing or you are deranged.
Who cares?

FREEDOM (Tuesday, 8 p.m.)
Arizona (8-3) was a huge disappointment - Sports Illustrated picked the Wildcats to win the national title. Still, the 'Cats have a great defense, and Utah (9-2) has, well ... what do they have, besides a silly nickname?
Arizona 17, Utes 6

INDEPENDENCE (Wednesday, 7 p.m.)
Great - the annual Poulan Weed-Eater Independence extravaganza is back!
Yawn. Virginia (8-3) faces Texas Christian (7-4).
Virginia 26, TCU 18

COPPER (Thursday, 7 p.m.)
How bad is 6-5 Oklahoma? Not as bad as you think. OU will be pumped for coach Gary Gibbs' final game, and Brigham Young (9-3) is down this year. Any year BYU doesn't win the Western Athletic Conference is a down year.
Oklahoma 31, Brigham Young 30

HERITAGE (Friday, noon)
Take coach Eddie Robinson and the mystique of Grambling (9-2) over South Carolina State (9-2). The coin says so.
Grambling 48, S.C. State 33

GATOR (Friday, 6:30 p.m.)
When in doubt, pick the Southeastern Conference, especially in Gainesville, Fla. - SEC territory. Tennessee (7-4) rarely wins in Gainesville, but the Vols can handle Virginia Tech (8-3).
Tennessee 31, Virginia Tech 18

HOLIDAY (Friday, 8 p.m.)
Colorado State (10-1) is overrated, but so is Michigan (7-4). The Big Ten stunk this year, and Colorado State will prove it yet again.
Colorado St. 21, Michigan 17

SUN (Friday, 1:30 p.m.)
Both Texas (7-4) and North Carolina (8-3) are pretty north.
Please see BOWLS, page 15A

Sports Person of the Year for 1994

Drexell Owusu
Big Spring High School

Athletic Achievements

State Track and Field triple jump Champion
Regional triple jump record holder
District triple jump record holder
Second-team all-district football team - placekicker
Honorable mention all-district football team - 1993
Who's Who in Sports (two years)
KWES-TV Scholar-Athlete of the Week
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Academic Achievements

Grade Point Average: 4.0
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National Achievement Program semifinalist
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School/Community Involvement

Volunteer coach and referee - Big Spring Soccer Association
Howard County Executive Program Council
Big Spring Youth in Government - Mayor for a day
Junior Leadership Big Spring
Big Spring Developmental Council
Student Council President
Key Club - four years
French Club - four years
Drug-Free Youth in Texas - four years



Herald sports editor Dave Hargrave looks on as Herald publisher Charles W. Williams, center, presents the Sports Person of the Year award to Drexell Owusu, the gold-medal triple jumper from Big Spring High School.

Owusu's 1994 was absolutely golden

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Pressure is an intangible thing for most people, but athletes will swear it's something you can see and feel.

Pressure is what causes the fullback to fumble the ball on the potential game-winning drive. Pressure is what causes the point guard to miss the big free throw in the late stages of the game. Pressure is what causes the batter to strike out in the final inning with runners on base and your team down by one.

Pressure can take many forms, and for Drexell Owusu, it came in the form of a rain-slicked track in Austin last May at the State Track and Field Championships.

Owusu was the favorite in the Class 4A triple jump, but several rain delays and a nagging hip injury which had bothered him for weeks served no other purpose than to help the pressure grow.

Owusu felt the pressure, sensed it, could almost see it. And he welcomed it with open arms.

"I want to kick the 50-yard field goal with one second left," Owusu says. "I thrive on pressure. If I don't go out there under pressure, I'm not going to do my best."

Owusu's reaction to situations that might crack most of us is not surprising, because he has been well-armed against pressure and its attendant terror. From his earliest years, his

parents, Josh and Doris, have instilled in him a very simple credo: Do what you want, but whatever you do, be the best you can be.

"We never wanted him to do anything unless he really wanted to do it," Josh said. "My only stipulation was, if you do it, you're going to do it 100 percent."

That may explain why his parents didn't raise any major objections when Drexell, who had suffered a couple of concussions playing soccer, decided to give football a try.

"I think his mother had to calm me down," Josh said. "I think she was going to kill him at first, but after a while, she calmed down a lot. We thought, as long as he's kicking, that's all right. As long as he didn't please see OWUSU, page 15A."

Giants down Cowboys in regular-season finale



New York quarterback Dave Brown is sacked by Dallas defenders during the second quarter of their game in East Rutherford, N.J. Saturday. The Giants won, 15-10.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - The New York Giants turned around their season a week too late and won't be going to the NFL playoffs.

The Giants (9-7) capped a season-ending six-game winning streak by beating Dallas 15-10 Saturday as the Cowboys (12-4) rested injured Emmitt Smith and played quarterback Troy Aikman less than a half.

New York, left for dead after a seven-game losing streak in October and November, needed help to make the playoffs. It had to end Dallas' 14-game NFC East winning streak and hope Tampa Bay could upset Green Bay.

The Giants did their part, getting the winning points on a third-quarter safety caused by Jessie Armstead's sack. However, the Packers (9-7) earned their way to the postseason by ripping the Bucs 34-19, winning the tiebreaker with the Giants on a better conference record (8-4 to 6-6).

Ironically, Giants coach Dan Reeves' preseason prediction for the team was 9-7. Despite the late surge, it was not good enough in New York's first year without Lawrence Taylor and Phil Simms.

The two-time Super Bowl champion Cowboys, who have a first-round bye, did not look

good or particularly interested. Smith, who injured his hamstring Monday night, was inactive and Aikman started only after the team announced before the game he wouldn't. He played five series.

Armstead, one of the young linebackers stepping in for Taylor, sacked Aikman's backup, Rodney Peete, near the goal line. The ball rolled out of the end zone for a safety, putting New York ahead 12-10 late in the third quarter.

Brad Daluiso added a 30-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter to close out the scoring.

The Cowboys controlled the ball for almost 21 minutes in the first half, but they didn't score a touchdown until Blair Thomas, replacing Smith in the lineup, got in from the 1 early in the third quarter to tie the game at 10. Thomas finished with 63 yards on 18 carries.

The score was set up by a 52-yard punt return by Kevin Williams to the New York 11.

The Giants had taken the lead with two big plays in the second quarter. The first was a 49-yard scoring pass from Date Brown to Mike Sherrard in the second play of the period. Sherrard caught a 5-yard pass on a crossing pattern, beat linebacker Robert Jones around the corner and outran the defense to the end zone.

SHOT OF THE DAY	TEXAS SPORTS	NATION/WORLD	ON THE AIR
<p>Uh, what now? Eastern Kentucky quarterback John Sacca tunes up for the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic in Montgomery, Ala. Tuesday. The game will be televised at 11 a.m. today on cable channel 9.</p>	<p>Swindell may cross line HOUSTON (AP) - Houston Astros pitcher Greg Swindell is considering crossing possible picket lines by other major league players if baseball's labor impasse isn't resolved before spring training. "I have very few friends in baseball right now that I'm close and personal with anyway," Swindell told television station KRIV of Houston. "If the time comes and things happen, they can think what they want." Swindell said he had not made the decision to cross any picket lines yet but it's an economic consideration. "I've got house payments, I've got ex-wife payments, I've got a 5-year-old, a 3-year-old and a 7-week-old," Swindell said. "So it's got to be a tough decision. We'll make that when the time comes."</p>	<p>Webber out 4-6 weeks LANDOVER, Md. (AP) - Washington Bullets forward Chris Webber was placed on the injured list after dislocating his left shoulder Thursday against Golden State and is expected to miss 4-6 weeks.</p> <p>Rocky flight NORMAN, Okla. (AP) - A chartered plane carrying some members of the Oklahoma football team to Tucson, Ariz., had to make an unscheduled landing in Amarillo, Texas, after developing engine trouble. No one was injured and the team, coaches and other athletic department staff transferred to another plane and continued the trip, university spokesman Ryan Mayes said. The team was heading to Arizona for the Dec. 29 Copper Bowl game with Brigham Young.</p>	<p>Football College Blue-Gray Classic, 11 a.m., NBC (ch. 9). Aloha Bowl - Kansas State vs. Boston College, 2:30 p.m., ABC (ch. 2). NFL Detroit at Miami, 7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30). Basketball NBA Seattle at Denver, 3 p.m., NBC.</p>

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Packers make playoffs

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers took a direct route to the playoffs Saturday, dominating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 34-19 to earn at least a wild-card berth and keep their hopes alive for the NFC Central title.

Sterling Sharpe went over the 1,000-yard receiving mark for the fifth time in his career and caught three touchdown passes as the Packers outgained the Bucs 433-214 to make sure they didn't need help to get a post-season spot with a 9-7 record.

With Chicago losing to New England, the Packers can still earn the division title if Detroit (9-6) loses at Miami Sunday night and Minnesota (9-6) falls to San Francisco in the Monday night game.

The Bucs (6-10) saw an end to a four-game winning streak — the team's longest in 15 years — and extended their NFL-record streak of consecutive seasons with double-digit losses to 12.

Falcons 10 Cardinals 6

ATLANTA (AP) — Buddy Ryan's playoff guarantee ended even before his team fell inches short on the last play of Saturday's game.

Ronald Moore's diving try from the Atlanta 2 was stopped by linebacker Jessie Tuggle, preserving Atlanta's 10-6 victory Saturday. The loss dropped the Cardinals to 8-8 in Ryan's first season as coach, not good enough for a post-season berth he said was coming.

Hoping to stay in contention for their first playoff berth in a non-strike season since 1975, the Cardinals had to win at Atlanta and have the New York Giants lose to Dallas to stay alive. When the Giants won, the Cardinals were done.

The Falcons (7-9) led throughout after Jeff George connected with rookie Bert Emanuel on an 85-yard scoring play in the opening quarter. Emanuel got behind Terry Hoage to make the catch at the Atlanta 40, and easily outran Hoage to the end zone.

Bengals 33 Eagles 30

CINCINNATI (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles showed Saturday why they're out of the playoffs and probably out of a coach.

The Eagles blew a 17-point lead in the second half and let the Cincinnati Bengals kick two field goals in the final 3 seconds for a 33-30 victory in what may have been Rich Kotite's last game as Philadelphia's coach.

Doug Pelfrey tied it with a 22-yarder with 3 seconds left, and Brian O'Neal flubbed the squibbed kickoff to turn the ball over with 1 second left. Pelfrey hit a low, wobbly kick from 54 yards as time expired.

The Eagles (7-9) finished the season with a seven-game losing streak — their longest in 11 years — that knocked them out of playoff contention and set up

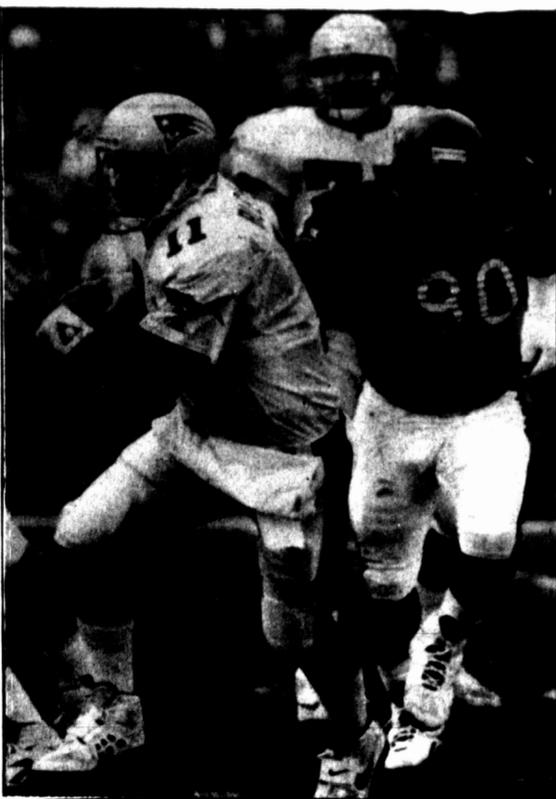
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attractive picks — when in doubt, pick against the Southwest Conference.

North Carolina 38, Texas 27
Washington St. 31, Baylor 21

LIBERTY (Saturday, noon)
Illinois (6-5) takes on East Carolina (7-4) in a game that will tingle the spine of any fan — provided you stay awake through it all. Illinois is all defense, no offense.
Illinois 14, East Carolina 10

PEACH (Jan. 1, 7 p.m.)
You must be kidding! The pitty Peach Bowl is running alongside the mighty Orange Bowl? Unless you graduated from North Carolina State (8-3) or Mississippi State (8-3), why on earth would you watch?
It's like playing the JV at the same time as the varsity.



New England quarterback Drew Bledsoe scrambles during the second quarter of the Patriots' game with Chicago Saturday. New England won, 13-3.

major changes for the offseason.

The stunning finish let the Bengals (3-13) avoid the worst record in franchise history, but that was little consolation. They've finished 3-13 three times in the last four years, but are expected to retain coach Dave Shula.

Colts 10 Bills 9

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — For the fifth straight year, the Buffalo Bills ended the season with a loss — only this time it wasn't in the Super Bowl.

After being beaten in the last four Super Bowl games, the struggling Bills wound up 7-9, losing to the Indianapolis Colts 10-9 Saturday, their third successive setback.

Jim Harbaugh, entering the game after Browning Nagle's audition lasted just over one half, rallied the Colts (8-8) to their second straight victory for the first time this season.

Harbaugh, who came in with Indianapolis trailing 6-0, passed 13 yards to Floyd Turner for a third-quarter touchdown.

Buffalo had a chance to win on the final play of the game, but a 46-yard field goal attempt by Steve Christie bounced off the right upright.

Nagle, who had not played a down all season, was given his first start in two years but set up the first two of Christie's three field goals with an interception and a fumble.

Browns 35 Seahawks 9

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Cleveland Browns needed it, wanted it, and played like it.

With home-field advantage for next week's AFC wild-card game at stake, the Browns dominated the Seattle Seahawks 35-

Mississippi St. 21, North Carolina St. 19

ORANGE (Jan. 1, 7 p.m.)
This is the big one, folks, and it's about time the Nebraska Cornhuskers (12-0) win a national championship. Miami (10-1) is playing in its own backyard, and Nebraska always chokes in bowls, but there's a first time for everything.
Nebraska 23, Miami 7

HALL OF FAME (Jan. 2, 10 a.m.)
Wisconsin (6-4-1) somehow gets to play in a New Year's bowl against Duke (8-3). Remember what we said about the Big Ten?
Duke 34, Wisconsin 29

CITRUS BOWL (Jan. 2, noon)
Ohio State (9-3) takes on Alabama (11-1). Big Ten vs. SEC. Do you have to ask?
Alabama 24, Ohio State 3

FIESTA (Jan. 2, 3:30 p.m.)
Notre Dame (6-4-1) appears in another New Year's bowl game because of its television contract with NBC. Colorado (10-1)

will eat some Irish stew. Colorado 44, Notre Dame 7

CARQUEST (Jan. 2, 12:30 p.m.)
Remember all the empty seats at this bowl game last season? Miami isn't big enough for both the Orange and Carquest bowls, but no town is dumb enough to take the Carquest. It's a dumb name anyway. Oh yeah — South Carolina (6-5) has West Virginia (7-5). For once, pick against the SEC.
West Virginia 24, South Carolina 13

COTTON (Jan. 2, noon)
Southern Cal (7-3-1) could be a tough test for Texas Tech (6-5), but the Red Raiders have the edge because of their defense. Besides, they'll be pumped — who knows when they'll see Cotton again?
Texas Tech 27, Southern Cal 16

Owusu

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get hurt." Drexell did well in football, well enough to win second-team all-district honors for the Big Spring Steers this season. But it was in track that he really shined.

Track and field excellence has been sort of a family tradition for the Owus. Josh was a long jumper for Ghana in the 1972, and Drexell's grandfather was a sprinter in the 1952 Olympics.

When Drexell decided to give track a try, he found he had an excellent coach at home.

"Dad's really been my first coach," he said. "Ever since I started in the sprints, he was my coach. Now that I'm in high school, I've got coaches, but he's still kind of my coach."

"It's more of a mental thing," Josh counters. "Drexell has excellent coaches."

After a few years of running sprints, Drexell moved to the triple jump in high school and started producing gold medals almost immediately. As a sophomore in 1993, he finished first at the district track meet, but lost out on a chance at state when he finished third at the regional meet.

That setback gave Drexell an incentive to even better in 1994.

"My goal was, I didn't want to be third again," Drexell said. His goal this year was to break 48 feet in the triple jump, but didn't come close to that mark until the regional meet. Again, he had incentive to do well at that event.

"The (San Angelo) Lake View jumper kept saying, 'We're going to break the district record,' and I thought, 'OK, we'll see if we break a record,'" Drexell said. "I guess you could say I was motivated — I jumped three feet over my personal best (for the year)."

His 48-foot, 9-inch effort at regional was the best in the state among 4A triple jumpers, and made Drexell the favorite going into the state meet. However, there was a problem: A hip injury suffered at district threatened to wash away all the hard work.

Drexell had suffered a hip avulsion, a partial tear of the hip muscle at the point it's connected to the bone. After con-

Patriots 13 Bears 3

CHICAGO (AP) — It was playoff berths all around for the victorious Patriots and the vanquished Bears.

New England finished the regular season with a 13-3 victory over Chicago on Saturday to earn its first post-season spot in eight years. Despite the loss, the Bears backed into the playoffs thanks to the New York Giants' victory over the Dallas Cowboys.

Drew Bledsoe passed for 277 yards and a touchdown and set an NFL record for most attempts in a season for the Patriots (10-6), whose seventh consecutive victory clinched a wild-card berth. New England would win the AFC East if Miami loses to Detroit on Sunday night.

The Bears (9-7), who lost three of their last four games, can no longer win the NFC Central but will travel to face an undetermined opponent next weekend in a wild-card game.



Drexell Owusu, 1994's Sports Person of the Year

sulting with doctors and coaches, it was decided that Drexell could continue jumping at meets, but had to stay off the hip as much as possible the rest of the time.

No practice. No jumping. With the regional and state meets coming up.

Obviously, the injury didn't effect Drexell that much at the regional meet, but it was still a concern as he prepared for the state meet.

"At district, the pain was bad," he said. "For three days after that, I was on crutches. After that, I thought that if I just kept jumping, I could block off the pain. Of course, when you're winning, you don't feel the pain that much."

Josh said: "We went into the state meet like: 'We're going to do one jump and that's it. If you don't get (the gold medal), you're in trouble because the pain might come back.'"

Few things cooperated with the Owus' plan at the state meet. For one thing, Drexell had to wait through two rain delays before his event began. While he was waiting, BSHS coaches Randy Britton and Ricky Long helped him keep his concentration level up with frequent talks.

Once the competition began, the "one-jump-and-out" strategy also took a hike. After one round, Charles Myers of El Campo was in first place with a jump of 47-8. Drexell was third with a jump of 46-7.

"I knew I was capable of going 48 feet," Drexell said. "It was more a matter of wondering why I didn't produce. I knew that if I did produce a good jump, it would be a matter of them trying to catch me."

As he had all year, Drexell responded to the pressure, jumping 48-8 1/4 on his second jump to take over first place.

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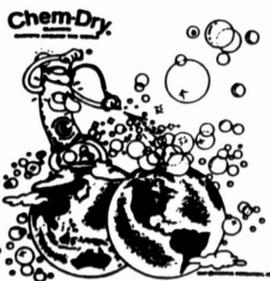
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Teams waste little time dumping players, salaries

NEW YORK (AP) — It didn't take major league teams long to start adjusting to the salary cap era.

Just hours after owners imposed the cap, teams let go of 36 players Friday by refusing to offer them 1995 contracts. At the same time, congressional critics promised a renewed attempt to strip the sport of its antitrust exemption.

New York Yankees pitcher Jim Abbott, Colorado Rockies third baseman Charlie Hayes and New York Mets pitcher Pete Harnisch were among the top players let go.

"We just thought the money that we would have to spend for them was over their market value, and we couldn't attend to that," said New York Yankees general manager Gene Michael, who also let go infielder Randy Velarde. "We just didn't think the value was there for that kind of money. Both of them

are free to negotiate now with anyone, and that includes us."

The moves came 19 years to the day after pitchers Andy Messersmith and Dave McNally won free agency for players in the case that ended the owners' century-old reserve clause.

Friday's implementation signals a change that might be just as dramatic.

The 21 teams over the cap must reduce their payrolls by a total of \$56.2 million next season. And it's possible the season won't even begin with the usual major leaguers.

"There are owners out there who want to break the union," Jay Bell of the Pittsburgh Pirates said. "I think they think they can squeeze it and get us to cross. That won't happen."

Owners, having gone through with their threat to implement the salary cap, said they were ready to start spring training

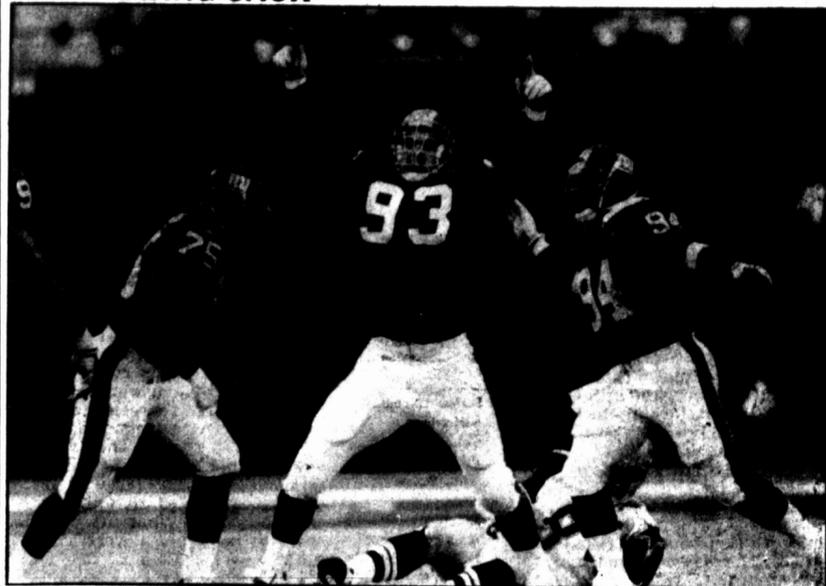
with replacement players if the strike continues.

"The Oakland A's had hoped that implementation of a new compensation system could be avoided and that we could look forward to a 1995 season with the labor issue resolved," team president Sandy Alderson said. "Unfortunately, this is not the case. However, we intend to play baseball."

Union officials said they will file an unfair labor practice complaint next Tuesday with the National Labor Relations Board and ask the agency to seek a preliminary injunction against the cap in U.S. District Court. If the NLRB issues a complaint, a hearing is likely in February.

Congress also could attempt to intervene by stripping owners of their antitrust exemption. Two senators said Friday they would start the process when Congress reconvenes early next month.

CELEBRATING SACK



New York defensive lineman Mike Fox, center, celebrates a first quarter sack of Dallas quarterback Troy Aikman during their game Saturday. Teammates Keith Hamilton (75) and Michael Brook (94) are in on the play.

Welcome to the new baseball - replacement everything

ANALYSIS

NEW YORK — Fans may be able to get all the autographs they want if they travel to spring training. They just might not want them.

Replacement autographs? Replacement baseball cards?

Why not? It's no more far fetched than using replacement players.

"The owners are a powerful group, but this could snap back on them," agent Tom Reich

said Saturday, a day after owners imposed the salary cap. "There is going to be some ugly mood in the public. There is going to be some big-time irreparable damage."

The most recent major case between players and owners led to management losing three grievances and settling in late 1990 for \$280 million. That came to \$10,769,230 per team.

"This is going to be 10 times the case that collusion was," Reich said.

While the sides are fighting,

will fans care? Baseball seems to recede from the minds of sports fans more each month.

NFL teams played only three games each with replacement players in 1987. Baseball owners are prepared to use them starting in mid-February for 6 weeks of spring training, then six or seven times a week during the season.

Fans say they'll go, according to public opinion surveys. Players aren't so sure.

"The poll asked the wrong question," union lawyer

Eugene Orza said last week. "It shouldn't have been: 'Will you go to a replacement game?' but rather 'Will you go to three games?'"

Owners are convinced that fans will attend replacement games, although they think attendance probably will be about 50 percent of what it was. Some teams also are planning to cut prices.

Team officials say they are sure a significant percentage of players will break ranks, especially toward the end of spring

training. "They are wrong," Orza said. "They will have to see."

The most ominous comment union head Donald Fehr made Friday referred not to the union's response, but to the state of the battle.

"Not only is it not over," he said, "it may not even be half-time yet."

Acting commissioner Bud Selig often avoids direct answers to questions. While he said owners haven't even addressed about using replace-

ment players, the Oakland Athletics on Friday issued a statement saying their plans for replacements were underway.

The Toronto Blue Jays, prohibited by Ontario law from using replacements at home, said they won't play. Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos said his team also won't use replacements, partly because he's spent many years as a lawyer for trade unions and partly because he wants to protect Cal Ripken Jr.'s consecutive games played streak.

A '90s plague: The athlete as target

EDITOR'S NOTE — Athletes always have attracted attention. But in recent years, the hordes that gather around the superstars of sports have included an alarming number of people more intent on doing harm than collecting autographs. In this first part of an eight-part series, *Security in Sports* examines the plague of the '90s — the athlete as target.

Has anyone seen Monica Seles lately?

Tall kid. Legs that never stopped moving. Two-handed forehand and backhand. Two-syllable grunts. Best woman tennis player in the world.

When last spotted on a tennis court, Seles was wincing in pain and grabbing the spot on her upper back where a crazed fan had just plunged a kitchen knife. That was nearly two years ago and, while the physical wound has healed, a debilitating fear has kept Seles on the sidelines.

Seles is the most prominent symbol of what has become the plague of sports during the 1990s — the superstar athlete who winds up at the center of a bullseye.

As drugs did a decade ago, the threat of physical harm to athletes from those in the crowd has enveloped sports. It could be a madman or a hitman, or just the mood that one sports executive likened to "hysteria normal to rock stars."

While security concerns can be traced back to at least 1972, when terrorists invaded the Olympic Village at Munich and killed 11 Israeli athletes and coaches, and sports such as soccer have dealt with rioting fans for decades, the fear now is the one-on-one encounter, the quick flash when the knife blade or the knuckles make contact and an athlete's life instantly changes.

It could be Seles on court, or Nancy Kerrigan coming off the practice ice, or Charles Barkley sipping a postgame beer. If

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you're a recognizable athlete, it seems, there's always someone in your face.

"It wouldn't be fair to make a blanket indictment," said Kentucky football coach Bill Curry, who has been subjected to threats from fans, as has his wife. "There are a lot of won-

derful fans. It only takes a few to make it all seem very ugly."

The attack on Seles in April 1993 was the single most disturbing incident because "it set a precedent for all sports, not only tennis, in that it marked the first time an athlete had been violently attacked in his or her chosen field of play," said Anne Person Worcester, head of the Women's Tennis Association. "While tournaments on the WTA tour have always been responsible and attentive to security matters, there is no doubt the incident generated greater security awareness and preparedness."

So fans at events such as Wimbledon, the Masters and the Super Bowl are searched before entering the arenas. Playing fields are surrounded by fences and moats (soccer), policemen on horseback (the 1980 World Series) or legions of security guards (this year's Stanley Cup finals).

For years, college football coaches have been escorted from the sidelines to the locker room by state troopers. But

now those troopers — and many more — provide escorts for the whole team from hotel to stadium and back.

Athletes certainly are better educated about security. The NFL, NHL, NBA and major league baseball teams brief their players before each season on the importance of protection. Many of the biggest stars — Michael Jordan, Frank Thomas, Wayne Gretzky — have personal bodyguards.

The NHL started educational programs about security for its players. After Seles was attacked, many baseball teams beefed up security in the stands, particularly in the outfield.

It will never be airtight.

Kerrigan appeared at an LPGA pro-am and felt threatened when a crowd surged for her autograph.

"Some people came up behind her on the side where she was hit," said her agent, Jerry Solomon. "She reacted when someone put something in front of her to autograph. It was only natural that she jumped.

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Story of the year

Baseball's music-makers hit the wrong notes in '94

Baseball has always been like a symphony, with a defined beginning on opening day in April, a recognizable middle at the All-Star game in July, the crescendo of the pennant races in September and the climax of the World Series in October.

In 1994, the music stopped. For the first time in 90 years, baseball's summer ended abruptly. The players went on strike Aug. 12 to protest a salary cap proposed by management to control costs. On Sept. 14, after 34 days of limited negotiations, acting commissioner Bud Selig canceled the remainder of the season, including the playoffs and the World Series.

Friday, as the strike stretched one day longer than the 131-day season had, last-ditch talks broke off and the owners imposed the salary cap, a move certain to carry the dispute well into 1995.

In a tumultuous sports year full of twists and turns — almost as many off the field as there were on it — the sudden and dramatic end to a baseball tradition was voted Story of the Year by The Associated Press.

Member newspapers and broadcast stations were asked to vote for the top 10 stories, with a first place vote worth 10 points, a second place worth nine, etc.

The baseball strike and World Series cancellation received 765 points, followed by the Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan figure skating soap opera, which was second with 531. The arrest and trial of O.J. Simpson on two counts of murder finished third with 483 points, ahead of George Foreman winning the IBF and WBA heavyweight championships (429) and the New York Rangers winning the Stanley Cup after 54 years (324).

Completing the top 10 stories were the NHL lockout (268), Jimmy Johnson quitting as coach of the Dallas Cowboys (263), Dan Jansen's Olympic gold medal (240), Michael Jordan's move into baseball

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Results of nationwide voting by sports writers and broadcasters.

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Harding-Kerrigan	531
O.J. Simpson	483
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Cowboys win Super Bowl	189
U.S. Soccer team	163
Bonnie Blair Olympics	156
Gratky scores 500th goal	106
Colombia's Escobar murdered	99
Narfatlova farewell	99
Florida St. national champs	63
Agassi wins U.S. Open	41
Capriati troubles	41
Price wins two golf majors	38
Balut wins Olympic gold	38
Tiger Woods wins U.S. Amateur	31
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Ayrton Senna dies in crash	28
NASCAR at Indianapolis	27
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Princeton lacrosse champs	7
Cuba volleyball champs	7
Webster (top) trials	7
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Chicago system upgrading	6
Brazil World Cup soccer title	6
Ryan takes over Phoenix	3
Lillehammer Olympic Games	3
Rice all-time TD record	3
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(226), and the Dallas Cowboys winning a second straight Super Bowl (189).

Baseball's troubles began to develop last January. With their collective-bargaining agreement expired, the owners agreed to a new revenue-shar-

ing arrangement that would be contingent upon players accepting a cap on salaries.

The formal salary cap proposal came June 14 with management offering a 50-50 split on revenue, down from the 58 percent owners claimed the players were getting. In exchange, the owners guaranteed that each team would maintain a payroll between 84 and 110 percent of the industry average.

In addition, the owners wanted to eliminate salary arbitration in exchange for reducing free-agent eligibility from six years to four, with the provision that a player's former club could match any offer until the sixth year.

On July 18, the players rejected the salary cap proposal and asked owners to lower the threshold for arbitration from three years to two, as well as eliminating the restriction on repeat free agency within five years. They also asked for a raise in the minimum salary from the current \$109,000 to between \$175,000 and \$200,000.

On Aug. 1, the owners turned up the heat, failing to make a scheduled \$7.8 million contribution to the players' pension and benefit plan. That nearly touched off an immediate strike by the angry players and later was found to be illegal by the NLRB, which issued a formal complaint against the owners. Union leadership talked the players into continuing to play until the deadline. On Aug. 12, however, the strike hit and baseball experienced its eighth work stoppage since 1972.

The strike canceled the final 52 days and 669 games of the season and cut about \$600 million in revenue from the teams. The players lost about \$250 million.

Just over a month after the players walked out, following only intermittent talks, Selig called off the remainder of the season including the World Series, ending a tradition that had survived world wars, economic depression and even an earthquake.

By the Associated Press

SANTA TIMES FOUR



A group of Chicago Bears fans dressed as Santa Claus cheer on their team during the first quarter against the New England Patriots Saturday afternoon in Chicago.

Richardson ignites offense as Oilers end season with win

HOUSTON (AP) — Just when they got it right, the season ended for the Houston Oilers.

Reserve quarterback Bucky Richardson, who hadn't played in the last two games, ran for one touchdown and ignited the dismal Oilers offense to a 24-10 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday, ending an 11-game losing streak.

The Oilers (2-14) had only four touchdowns in their last five games to rank 28th in NFL scoring. But Richardson gave Houston its best offensive out-pout of the season with 382 yards.

It was a happy moment for coach Jeff Fisher, who replaced Jack Pardee on Nov. 14. Fisher got his first victory and received a icy dousing as the final seconds ticked off the clock.

It was Houston's first victory since it defeated Cincinnati 20-13 on Sept. 25. The Jets lost their fifth straight after being in position to take over first place in the AFC East on Nov. 27.

The Oilers' victory didn't even jeopardize their No. 3 spot in the draft. With victories by both Washington and Cincinnati, the Oilers still had the worst record in the league, and will pick behind expansion teams Charlotte and Jacksonville.

The smallest crowd at Houston this season, 31,176, viewed the game, breaking the previous season low of 31,453 that watched the Oilers lose to Seattle on Dec. 11.

But the faithful few got a treat.

Richardson completed 17 of 30 passes for 220 yards and rushed six times for 46 yards before leaving with 13:42 to play with a sprained knee. He was most effective in the first half, but helped turn one of his two interceptions into an Oilers touchdown in the third quarter.

Defensive end Marvin Washington leaped in the air to picked off Richardson's pass,

returned it 7 yards and was tackled by Richardson. He fumbled at the Jets' 20, where Lorenzo White recovered for the Oilers.

Richardson scrambled 10 yards to the 11 and passed 8 yards to Roderick Lewis prior to White's 3-yard touchdown run.

Richardson had not played since a disastrous three series against Arizona on Dec. 4. He looked much sharper this time in leading the Oilers to a 13-7 first-half lead.

Richardson hit five of six passes in directing the Oilers' first quarter touchdown and scored from the 1.

After Boomer Esiason hit a fourth-down pass of 19 yards to Richie Anderson to set up Johnny Johnson's 1-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, Richardson went back to work, setting up two field goals before the half.

Mavs hit snag on road to respectability

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are trying to establish themselves as a legitimate playoff team after being one of the league's worst for three years.

On Friday night, the Portland Trail Blazers showed the Mavericks an ugly side to life in the NBA — the dreaded back-to-back game.

Portland sprinted to a 15-point lead in the first quarter and kept sprinting to the 118-92 win over the weary Mavericks, whose coach said afterward the players brought broken hearts with them from Seattle.

"It took me about three minutes to figure out that we were goners here," said Dallas coach Dick Motta, whose team lost 103-101 to Seattle on Thursday night.

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I guess you could say our disappointment last night might have spilled over. But Portland played so well, it may not have made any difference.

Jason Kidd

might have spilled over," Dallas guard Jason Kidd said of the last-second loss. "But Portland played so well, it may not have made any difference."

Clifford Robinson led the Portland onslaught with a season-high 31 points in three quarters, hitting 12 of 18 shots, including four of seven 3-pointers.

Clyde Drexler added 18 points for the Trail Blazers. Point guard Rod Strickland, who was injured for Portland's first game against Dallas, a 101-91 road loss, had 13 points, 10

assists, seven rebounds and four steals in 30 minutes.

Portland took 99 shots, making 45. Its fast-break was working well. One-time starter Jerome Kersey came off the bench for 12 points and Harvey Grant had nine, all in the second quarter.

"I'm buying Harvey dinner for running the floor so well," Strickland said.

On defense, the Blazers contained Dallas' high-scoring tandem of Jimmy Jackson and Jamal Mashburn. Jackson, the league's second leading scorer

at 28.8 points, was 5-for-14 from the field for 10 points. Mashburn, averaging 26.8 points, was 4-for-14 and had 14 points.

"With the big lead like we got in the first quarter, the game could get sloppy," Portland guard Steve Henson said. "We were able to control it."

Doug Smith led the Mavericks with 18 points, Roy Tarpley had 17 and Jamal Mashburn 14.

Portland led 57-40 at halftime, and Dallas made a 10-4 run to open the third period, with Jackson's 8-footer closing the lead to 61-50 at 7:48.

"When we cut it to 11 in the second half, I started to think maybe we could make a real run, but then they stripped the ball away and started a run of their own," Motta said.

Ex-Mojo QB to show his stuff at Blue-Gray

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Just about every time Stoney Case has stepped onto a football field the last few years, he's made a great impression.

The New Mexico quarterback who played his high school ball at Odessa-Permian, gets another chance to stand out for pro scouts Sunday in the Blue-Gray game, a showcase for the country's top college football players.

Some 200 professional scouts have been in Montgomery, Ala. this week.

Case, who led Odessa Permian to the Class 5A Texas high school state championship in 1989, is on track to earn his bachelor's degree in May with a double major in biology and communications. He said he's put thoughts of medical school on hold as he tries to earn a spot on a pro team.

"I have a chance to play in the NFL and that's what I've been working toward," Case said. "If I don't make it, then I can go back to school."

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At Orlando, Fla. Ohio State (9-3) vs. Alabama (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz. Colorado (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (6-4-1), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Carquest Bowl
At Miami South Carolina (6-5) vs. West Virginia (7-5), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas Texas Tech (6-5) vs. Southern California (7-3-1), 1 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif. Penn State (11-0) vs. Oregon (9-3), 4:50 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans Florida (10-1-1) vs. Florida State (9-1-1), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 14
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif. East vs. West, 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Jan. 21
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala. North vs. South, 2 p.m. (ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 22
At Honolulu Hula Bowl East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

MISCELLANEOUS

Transactions
BASEBALL
American League
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Player's death probable accident

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — An Arkansas State football player found dead in his car apparently shot himself in a hunting accident, Cass County, Texas, authorities said.

Dedrick Greenleaf, 20, was found dead in his car last Tuesday on a road near his hometown of Kildare, Texas.

"From our evidence, we've decided it was an accident," Sgt. Dale Gentry of the Cass County Sheriff's Department said Friday. "We feel like Dedrick saw a deer, got out of his car and shot it, and it was still moving, he used the gun as a club and accidentally shot himself."

Gentry said Greenleaf bled to death after the blast from the 20 gauge shotgun penetrated his left leg hitting an artery.

Greenleaf left his girlfriend's house at 1:30 a.m. Tuesday. His car, parked halfway off Farm Road 125, was spotted by a passing motorist.

On Wednesday, Gentry found a 20 gauge shotgun with a broken stock about six or seven feet off the side of the road. Near the gun was the carcass of a deer.

A veterinarian confirmed that the deer was killed by a shotgun blast.

Gentry said the evidence didn't suggest anything other than an accident.

"Dedrick Greenleaf was a large, tall, stout, muscular player," Gentry said. "If he had got into an altercation with somebody that night, they wouldn't have been able to take him down. Two men would have had to take him down to the ground."

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Got an item?

Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 112

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Big Spring Herald

Sunday, December 25, 1994



Trinity Memorial Park - South Highway 87



The Dora Roberts Community Center - 100 Whipkey Dr.



The lights of the season

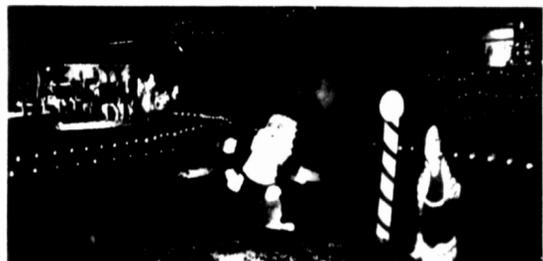


Randy and Paulette Mason - 3200 Duke Ave.

As the Christmas season approaches, more and more lights and decorations can be seen adorning local houses and businesses.

Each year, a Christmas Decorating Contest is conducted to honor the hard work of those who make the world a brighter place.

There were 35 winners in four categories of the Christmas Decorating Contest this year. However, six of these were also given the title "Best of the Best."



Glen Hughes - 1710 Harvard Way



Jimmy and Charley Morehead - 704 Highland Dr.



Gary and Evalyn Fox - 11 Chapman Road

Christmas ponderings on Mary's pregnancy

Wow, this is a tough assignment - writing a column for Christmas Day.

I want this one to be special, to really touch someone. After all, a message that runs on Christmas should be special - something heart-stopping or touching the very depths of one's emotional soul.

But, the problem is, that just isn't me. All I know is my life... and what I've heard of one other.

Now, my life is nothing any more spectacular or different

than anyone else's except maybe I have more kids and therefore more experiences to write about. So, maybe I should reflect on that other single solitary man who came to the earth in the form of a baby boy.

I cannot do him justice. I often wonder what His mother thought. Did she think she'd never be thin again? And, like me, did she wonder if her toes were still there in the final months? After all, it had been a while since she'd seen them.

Did she have morning sickness? Did she cry when her clothing didn't fit? Did she crave fried "camel-fingers" in the middle of the night?

You're right. My ignorance is showing.

No, I'm sure her pregnancy wasn't much of anything like mine. Why, she didn't even know what it meant to carry

and nurture a child; didn't understand the pain and discomfort associated with the whole experience of giving birth - probably didn't care.

I, on the other hand, loved it sooooo much I went back for repeat performances. My husband can tell you how brave I was. He has the scars.

But, then again, maybe that's the catch.

Maybe it isn't the process that's important, but the entire experience itself. And, how much greater her experience truly was.

What was she told ahead of time? Did she know the meaning of the significance of His life... and his death? And, could she give birth with joy knowing all of that?

Gosh, I hate it when my TOES get cold at night. I have a

neat habit of waiting until my sweet hubby settles himself into his catatonic snore mode and then, quietly and without warning, I shove my cold, icicle appendages right up under his shirt warming them against his previously toasty back. I won't repeat his words.

Did she get cold on the trip to Bethlehem? Where did she warm her toes?

I'm sure she rejoiced in her son's birth, but, I wonder, was there silent despair as well?

One thing for sure, she didn't have the anticipation of Christmas morning that we do today.

While I grumble around at 3 a.m. when my youngest child decides she can no longer wait to see what Santa brought, I can honestly say that even though the hour belongs only to the owls, I am happy to have

the moment at all.

There are many families today who will not share the joy that I have in watching my husband, children and extended family gather together to share presents and experience happiness, laughter and love.

There are mothers out there today who have only memories of past Christmases and lost children. There are fathers sharing in the same grief.

There are lost children and lost teenagers. There are lost and homeless adults. There are those who have lost themselves and there are those who don't know how to find others.

There are those so angry with each other, they won't pick up a telephone to call and say "Merry Christmas." They choose to let the moment pass.

I have friends facing unexpected disease and tragedy this

Christmas who didn't know what was coming and wish they could have just a single one of those gone by, just one more time, in order to truly appreciate what they had before they lost it.

I think of the Wulfjens, the Tubbs and the Kingstons. I honor the Salmons and the Manns. For these families, and thousands of others across the nation today, Christmas has a different meaning, a different existence.

We all have a choice today, just as she made her choice those many years ago. We can share in the joy of the moment, to indeed appreciate what it is we have, or let the moment pass us by.

It's all up to us. It's Christmas.

May we enter into it as she did.

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THE PRESTONS

Arnett C. and Docia Terrell Preston are celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary in Odessa with their family during Christmas. Daughter and son-in-law Melba and Hap Sykes are hosting the celebration.

He was born Jan. 4, 1901, in Randolph County, Ala., and she was born as Docia Terrell May 25, 1904, in Big Spring. The couple met at business college and were married Dec. 24, 1924.

They raised four children: Margie Weller, Denver, Colo.; Melba Sykes, Odessa; Quepha Lewis, Springfield, Mo.; and Carl Preston, Abilene.

The couple also has 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

which include a set of triplets. They have lived in Lamesa and in Big Spring during their marriage.

Arnett is retired from the Post Office and from real estate. The Prestons are affiliated with First Baptist Church in Big Spring. During their earlier years, the couple enjoyed checker tournaments, and Docia enjoyed gardening and reading.

Melba Sykes said about her parents' marriage, "They gave us a wonderful, loving Christian heritage of family values that have been the greatest gift children could have received from parents."

GETTING ENGAGED



Tonda Fulcher and Carey Don Jones, both of Lubbock, will unite in marriage on Jan. 28, 1995, at Vandella Church of Christ in Lubbock.

She is the daughter of Pete and Tommie Fulcher, Farwell. He is the son of Jeff and Sissy Jones, Big Spring.

NEW IN TOWN

Fernando and Alvena Benavidez, Andrews. He is employed by Forsan Oil Well Service.

Randell and Sandy Compton, daughters Brandi and Stacy and son Chris, Houston. He works for Quality Plumbing.

Roel Salins, Lubbock. He works for HEB.

Tessie Harmon and sons Jonathan and Jordan and a daughter, Corpus Christi. She babysits.

Rhett and Keell Rollins, Amarillo. He is a C.N.A. for Mt. View Nursing Center.

Shawna Weber, Brownwood. She is the manager for Walmart Vision Center.

Leslieann Love, Brownwood. She is employed by the Walmart Vision Center.

Steve and Christie Merrick and son Anthony, Odessa. He is employed by Ponderosa Apts.

Courtesy of Joy Fortenberry, Newcomer Greeting Service

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Capt. Austin L. Petway, son of Malcolm L. Petway MD, Big Spring, was recently promoted to his present rank while serving with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, Japan.

Army Pvt. Jerry P. Jones has completed basic training at Fort Leonard E. Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

Jones is the son of Jerry C. and Roetta E. Jones, Big Spring, and is a 1994 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Euro-English strange but fun

By LANCE GAY
Scripps Howard News Service

AMSTERDAM — In the scramble to modernize, East Europeans are brushing up on their English, with some perverse results.

Take, for example, the Czech travel agency that urges visitors: "Take one of our horse-drawn city tours — we guarantee no miscarriages."

Or the eastern German campground that's trying to maintain family values with the stern warning: "It is strictly forbidden that people of different sex, for instance men and women, to live together in one tent unless they are married for the purpose."

But it's not just eastern Europeans who are stumbling and fumbling over English.

A reputable Paris hotel advises "Please leave your values at the front desk." An Amsterdam

language service advertises "Taylor-made courses" for those wanting to learn Dutch.

The European Union's translation service in Brussels put together a sampling of its own. Among them:

— A restaurant menu in Bucharest offers its customers a choice of "Chicken soup with droppings" and "Chicken roasted in spit."

— "Any day or night our chef will throw up his favorite pasta dish for you," says a hotel menu in an Italian inn.

— "Ladies, leave your clothes here and spend the afternoon having a good time," suggests a Rome laundry.

— In the lobby of a Swedish hotel, a sign proclaims: "If this is your first visit to our hotel, you're welcome to it."

— "Our wines leave you nothing to hope for," advises a Swiss restaurant.

— The luggage stand at Copenhagen's airport proudly

announces, "We take your bags and send them in all directions."

— "Visitors are expected to complain at the office between the hours of 9 and 11 a.m. daily," says an Athens hotel.

— A Parisian fashion salon advertises "Dresses for street walking."

— "If you wish for breakfast in your bedroom, just lift your telephone and speak to the receptionist. This will be enough to bring your food up," says a sign in a German hotel room.

— A Rome physician proclaims he's a "Specialist in women and other diseases."

But the all-time winner is undoubtedly the Polish restaurant offering:

"Salad a firm's own make; limpid red beet soup with cheesy dumplings in the form of a finger; roasted duck let loose; beef rashers beaten up in the country people's fashion."

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER LUNCH
MONDAY - Closed.
TUESDAY - Hamburger, tomato, lettuce, cheese, onion rings, fruit, milk, bun, pudding.
WEDNESDAY - Grilled chicken, mashed potatoes, carrots, vegetable salad, milk, rolls, cobbler.
THURSDAY - Catfish, baked potatoes, cole slaw, okra, tomatoes, milk, rolls, applesauce.
FRIDAY - Smothered steak, broccoli, carrots, tossed salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

WHO'S WHO

Jaime K. Bain, a 15-year-old sophomore at Big Spring High School, was named to "Who's Who in American High School Students" for 1994.

Jaime's activities include marching band, color guard, class treasurer, student council, French Club, S.T.A.G.E., drama, D-FY-IT, community work with United Methodist Church Youth, acolyte with St. Mary's Episcopal Church and dance.



BAIN

SWAN LAKE



A lone swan appears to swim in the sky as clouds are reflected in a pond in Summit Township, Pa.

Investments make good holiday gifts

CAROLINE VALETKEVICH
Thomson News Service

Cash gifts under the Christmas tree are less exciting than big, shiny packages, but they can be decidedly more practical.

For starters, pay off some of the credit card bills wracked up buying expensive presents for others. That's especially important because many card rates will rise next month thanks to hikes in interest rates by the Federal Reserve.

"Now is a good time to clear up your credit card debt," said financial planner Carolyn Frzop of Janney Montgomery Scott's office in Fairfield, Conn. If you have other payments to make, such as a car loan, try to

whittle down those debts with cash gifts too, she said.

And don't forget that 15- or 30-year mortgage, or even home equity loan and lines of credit. Even a modest additional payment toward the principal can significantly lower your overall costs.

— Buy \$100 of U.S. silver coins, which could double in value, said Edward Kovacs, an independent broker at Nutmeg Securities in Westport, Conn. Silver prices have recently dropped dramatically.

— Invest in knowledge. "Buy \$100 worth of books on a subject you're very interested in," he said.

"It wouldn't be cost-effective to invest \$100 in two or three stocks," Sherman said.

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Rhyming Christmas wishes from the VA



Pat Atkins
VA Medical Center

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old, familiar carols play
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

SANTA PAWS SPECIAL! Through Dec. 30, all dogs/puppies are \$30 and cats/kittens are \$20. This includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, testing and rabies shot. "Lady Di" is a small blonde terrier who would love a new home.

"Apollo" Smaller Chihuahua mix. Tan short-haired coat with black muzzle. Petite features and gentle. Spayed female.

"Rosie" Black, brown and white beagle. Great personality, smaller spayed female.

"Andy" Beautiful white Spitz. Long-haired coat with curly tail and ears up. Female.

"Bootsey" Black and white border collie. Long-haired coat. Tall spayed female.

"Stickers" Black Chow mix. Long-haired black coat. Beautiful neutered male.

"Cinderella" Solid white short-haired cat with gray spot on head. Bright blue eyes. Spayed female.

"Buck" Long-haired black cat with green/gold eyes. Gorgeous adolescent male.

"B.B." Striking Maine Coon type cat. Long, thick fur with short, chubby body. Black and pale cream striped coat. Spayed female.

"Andrea" Long-haired Russian Blue cat. Steel gray coat with big eyes. Large spayed female.

These, plus many more dogs and cats, are awaiting adoption. Cats are just a \$35 adoption fee, dogs are just \$45. This includes SPAYING OR NEUTERING, their vaccinations, wormings and their rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

Shelter hours are Monday-Friday, 4-6 p.m., and Sunday, 3-5 p.m. 267-7832.

At other homes:
Free. Dachshund mix, 1-year-old male. Shepherd mix pup, female. Purebred basset hound, male. 264-9619 or 557-6660.

Free. Red and black Chow mix, male. Small gray terrier, older female. Brown tabby kitten, female. 267-5646.

"Twas the night before Christmas at the Big Spring V.A.

The work was all done, no more patients that day.

The charts were all hung on the units with care

In hopes that a discharge soon would be there.

The patients were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of "going home" danced in their heads.

RN's in white and residents in green
Were softly recalling old Christmas scenes.

When out on Gregg Street there arose such a clatter,
Security was called to see what was the matter.

When what to their wondering eyes should appear
But two tiny elves shouting,
"Help! Over here!"

It was a little old driver, who looked sort of sick.
His passengers said, "His name is St. Nick."

A small chubby man was dressed all in red
With a makeshift bandage attached to his head.

They could see in a moment that all was not well.
"O.K. Mr. St. Nick, what happened, you fell?"

He sadly conveyed, "I tripped over my sleigh,
But I really can't stop, I must be on my way."

They brought him inside for the resident to see
The resident patient in examining Room B.

"Call a consult stat - we must check his head.
Then call up Admitting and get him a bed."

Lab stats were ordered, a

blood test or two;
Respiratory was called to bring the O-2.

The Chaplain stopped by to comfort the elves,
And Social Work offered transportation themselves.

The patient kept saying, "Don't worry 'bout me,
I have deliveries to make and it is almost three."

"My gifts and my sleigh and my team of reindeer
Are waiting atop the building out there."

One by one the staff was heard to exclaim
"My gosh, it's true! He is who he claims!"

"In time for the holiday out he must be,
In time for Christmas and lighting the tree."

"We'd like to go with you, but we must remain.
We send our good wishes to all just the same."

The order was final, agreed one and all!
"Discharge, discharge, discharge them all!"

Ad laying a finger aside of his nose,
Leaving his Blue Cross number, off the gurney he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a shout,
"Quick, let's go! I almost didn't get out!"

Then we heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight,
Healthy Christmas to all and to all a good night!"

With apologies to Clement C. Moore, Author of the original "The Night Before Christmas."

Did you know the very first Christmas card was created in London in 1843, when businessman Henry Cole didn't have enough time to write personal Christmas greetings, as was the custom of the day. Cole asked artist John Calcott Horsley to design a card to send to his friends and business acquaintances. His message, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You," is still the most popular greeting, and is the wish from the entire staff of the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

Pat Atkins is the Public Affairs Officer and Patient Representative at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. She can be contacted at 915-264-4839.

SANTA, PLEASE BRING ME...



After the Coahoma Christmas Parade ended, Santa had time to sit in front of the Lil Sooper Market and listen to the requests of children that stopped by. Santa waits as Lisa Edmondson thinks about what she would like.

STORK CLUB

Dominique Briana Martinez, Nov. 29, 1994, 3:23 p.m.; parents are Raymond and Diana Martinez.

Grandparents are Mrs. Paula Martinez and Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio Rodriguez, Big Spring.

Ryan Lane King, Dec. 14, 1994, 6:36 p.m.; parents are John David and Michelle King.

Grandparents are Lee and Janet George, Big Spring; Wayne King, San Angelo; and Whatheta King, Flatwoods, Ky.

Jason Lance Guevara, Nov. 15, 1994, 7:56 p.m.; mother is Mary Ann Guevara.

Grandparents are Juan and Elisa Guevara, Big Spring.

Crystal Elena Juarez, Dec. 17, 1994, parents are Julie Rogers and Roman Juarez.

Grandparents are Ramon Mendoza, Odessa, Janie and Javier Rodriguez, Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Juarez, San Luis, Mexico.

Ricky James Shubert, Dec. 17, 1994, 4:15; parents are Chrissy Servantes and Billy Shubert.

Grandparents are Rosa Berry and Adelina and Domingo Luna, Big Spring.

David William Clemons, Dec. 14, 1994, 6:06 p.m.; parents are D'Avide Clemons and Susan Coker.

Grandparents are Mac and Delores Henderson, Snyder, and Kathleen Ratliff, Indiana.

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Dogs brighten day for nursing home residents

By JANET O' NEILL

Scripps Howard News Service
Fifty-two weeks a year Cindi DiFalco hauls hundreds of pounds of Christmas spirit around in the back of a black limousine.

"It's better to give than receive," DiFalco says, and she means it.

She's known to many as The Dog Lady, or simply Cindi, and her gift is love — of the canine variety. The recipients, among others, are residents of Canyonwood Nursing Center in Redding, Calif.

Since DiFalco began her weekly visits there three years ago, people at Canyonwood set

their clocks by Tuesday, when she's accompanied by up to three of her six St. Bernards.

It all started when a neighbor, Frances Reddaway, fell and broke her hip and went to Canyonwood to recuperate. Mrs. Reddaway had been a familiar fixture in DiFalco's rural neighborhood, walking a mile a day and exchanging greetings with the dogs as she passed their fence.

She went to visit her friend, who told her, "Cindi, I miss my babies," DiFalco recalled. Unaware subterfuge was unnecessary, she plotted to sneak one of her pets into the nursing home. No such luck.

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Ailene Mallicote cuts Isidro Gonzales' hair as part of a program between Genesis Hair Salon and Salvation Army to provide free haircuts to children. About 40 children received haircuts Dec. 20.

More ghosts of Christmas past



Angie Way
Heritage Museum

It is Christmas and I promised to write a little more about Christmas past in Big Spring. A trip through the city's newspapers is filled with discoveries of local activities which are often familiar but with special twists. One of Big Springs' (yes, with an "s") earliest newspapers was the Enterprise. It often featured updates for the farmer on weather and local church services. Upon reading the Enterprise on Dec. 22, 1911, you would know that near Coahoma, "T. F. Nabors, who lives three miles east of town, slaughtered a pig last week that weighed 408 pounds after being dressed. Some hog country this."

At the same time in Big Spring, the Sunday services at the Christian Church were scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. with singing that evening that included: "A Christmas Dream," "First Christmas," and "Hark! Hark! My Soul." This was all accompanied by the sermon, "A Christmas Gift."

In 1924 business was booming for the merchants who advertised that their stores would remain open until 8 p.m. While parents would shop, some children had the option of joining the Pioneer Club at the Y.M.C.A.

After their regular weekly Bible lesson "the club enjoyed an old-fashioned taffy pulling. The boys all think this is a joyed way to enjoy themselves." The 1924 Big Spring Herald also featured an admonition with a happy ending reading: "Try making this Christmas just a little happier for someone who may not be as fortunate as you. The poor and unfortunate are the ones who deserve a little cheer at Christmas time. W. R. Marlin, E. L. Deason and Marvin Davis returned accounts they did not have much luck in landing the deer."

On Dec. 13, 1933, the Big Spring, Texas Daily Herald was filled with Christmas stories and announcements. "One of the prettiest Christmas parties ever given" describes the F.E.L. Class party at the First Baptist Church. "The windows (were) covered with red and green papers, artificial snow on the windows and president's table added a wintry touch. ropes of red and green and small stars swung across the ceiling."

The lights were dimmed as a pageant and reading were conducted. Afterward, "an unusually lovely refreshment plate was passed...on it were sandwiches tied in the green tinsel ribbon, Christmas candles in red, white and green, coffee, and a miniature Santa Claus as favors."

Party foods in 1933 were almost exactly what would be enjoyed today. The Intermediate League served popcorn balls and candy at their party. The Ski-High Bridge Club at Mrs. P. W. Malone's home ate fruitcake with their coffee.

If you were a member of the Pre-School Club, you and your children would have enjoyed Jell-O rings, wreath cookies, and again, fruitcake. The economic seriousness of the time seemed to encourage extreme frivolity in social activities, or maybe this particular group was unique in their meeting entertainment.

The 1933 Lions Club had a visit from Santa Claus, who paraded around the room as the members were singing "Jingle Bells" and tapping their water glasses in time.

Santa carried a bulging bag and handed out gifts amongst the noise. "To the 'Good Little Boys' he gave presents. Dr. C. E. Richardson received a business aid in a teething ring."

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Food gifts you don't have to cook

By TERESA S. JOHNSON

Waco Tribune-Herald
Food is always a welcome holiday gift, so don't let the fact that you are culinarily impaired keep you from giving edible presents.

Just because you don't know how to bake up batches of cookies or whip up pounds of fudge (or because you don't have the time or inclination to do so), doesn't mean you can't dole out the delicacies with everyone else.

You just have to use a little more imagination.

Now those who lack imagination can always fall back on purchased baskets of food stuffs, from fruit to candy to cheeses to meats, available from delis and specialty shops.

But if you want to do it your self, you need not go much farther than your local supermarket. And the beauty of this is you can bundle your gifts in useful packaging rather than a traditional basket, which, while pretty, often ends up gathering dust on some shelf after the contents are removed.

Following are some ideas that came to me as I strolled the aisles of a local grocery store.

Give someone the gift of a quick supper during this busy holiday season. Place a jar of spaghetti sauce, a package of spaghetti noodles and a container of grated parmesan cheese in a colander. Depending on the size of the colander, this would cost you \$7 to \$10.

Create a gift that's just cheesy, by filling a cheese grater with different types of cheeses. A nice grater will run you \$4 or \$5. Be adventuresome in your choice of cheeses to give the receiver a taste treat.

There are many great coffee mugs out there these days that you can fill with ground gourmet coffee or other types of beverage mixes. Choose a mug with a holiday theme or one that delivers a funny or special message.

As for what to put in the mug, many stores offer trial-size packages of gourmet coffee that fit nicely into a mug. Or you might want to try a coffee beverage mix, such as cappuccino or Irish creme. For tea lovers, there are many types of tea bags, from gourmet blends to spiced or herbal teas.

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Carolyn McMunn prepares a meal in her mother's house in San Angelo, where she learned to cook as a child. McMunn recently began her own business offering personal chef service where she prepares food based on her clients' special needs.

Busy folks make food ahead

By LESLY RASCOE

San Angelo Standard-Times

SAN ANGELO Buying groceries and preparing and freezing meals to serve during the next two weeks to a month is more economical and saves time, says Carolyn McMunn, who has the practice down to a science.

McMunn, who raised her family in the military, said receiving one monthly pay check taught her to purchase the month's food all at once. She planned her menus so that she never served the same dish twice within one month.

McMunn said it's easier to spend one day preparing several meals for the freezer than spending time cooking each day. It also means cleaning up just one mess in the kitchen, she said.

"Freezing ahead is definitely the way to go for so many of these busy women," McMunn

said. She suggests always planning menus ahead and choosing recipes that freeze and reheat well.

Working efficiently in the kitchen is her secret, McMunn said. Some of her techniques include:

Now is the time to make your cornbread for your Christmas dressing, she said.

Next time you're cutting vegetables, chop extra celery and onion and freeze it, she suggested. Freeze onions briefly on a cookie sheet before transferring to a plastic bag.

She believes eating healthful, low fat foods is cost effective in the long run.

Her experience in weight management programs taught her to replace fats with healthful alternatives, she said.

To enjoy a low-calorie, low-fat sweet snack, McMunn suggests slicing a slightly ripe banana into circles and freezing it on a cookie sheet. Store the frozen banana circles in plastic bags. As needed, place 1 cup frozen

banana circles in the blender. Add 1/2 teaspoon sugar or sugar substitute and 1/2 teaspoon vanilla or almond extract. Blend until slushy and eat like ice cream.

McMunn said many foods should cool slightly before freezing to prevent condensation from building up and turning to ice crystals.

"Unless you have a sub-zero freezer, it's never a good idea to put food in the freezer while it's hot," McMunn said.

She said she freezes her foods in plastic containers and sometimes places the container in a plastic bag for added protection against freezer burn.

Most frozen foods should be used within a month, but some foods may keep well for three to six months in the freezer. "After that you lose your nutrients, quality and taste," McMunn said.

Following a set route within your favorite grocery store is also important, McMunn said.

Purchase your foods at their freshest for the best results, she said.

McMunn has learned that many families do not have time to cook each day and preparing food ahead is helpful.

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Painted pumps brighten Luling fields

The major industry in Luling was cotton until 1922. In August of that year, an oil well blew in, opening an oil field twelve miles long and two miles wide.



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

Luling became a boom town. Thousands of oil field workers descended on the little community, filled every available room and built a tent city along the railroad tracks. By 1924, the field was producing eleven million barrels of oil a year.

Oil is still big in Luling. The city has almost two hundred operating pump jacks within the city limits. They are in people's yards, church parking lots and parks.

The pump jacks are unsightly, so the Chamber of Commerce commissioned local artist and sign painter Speedy Thomas to create movable art, sometimes called Pumpjack Picassos.

One of the pump jacks has become an eagle, reflecting the school mascot. Another has become a friendly dinosaur. The Chamber of Commerce gives away maps showing locations of oil wells like you've never seen before.

Susan Ward of the Luling Chamber says eighteen of the working pump jacks are decorated. They include a killer

whale, a camel, a grasshopper, a sleeping cat, a little pig lady riding a bicycle, a flamingo driving a convertible, a bronco rider, a monarch butterfly, a calf roper, Uncle Sam, Tony the Tiger, Spuds McKenzie on a surfboard, a beagle dog and of course during December one is decorated as Santa riding Rudolph the red nosed reindeer.

This is not something new in Luling. The program has been going on for nearly twenty years. The chamber finances the design and construction of the pump jack art with funds from the hotel-motel tax.

Luling has another seasonal decoration that dates back sixty-six years. A giant Santa Clause was erected in downtown Luling in 1928. It was built by a Luling resident,

Herman Howertz. It was later sold to the City of Dallas and replaced in 1946 with the Santa now in use.

The current Santa is the responsibility of the Kiwanis Club of Luling. The big Santa is installed in downtown Luling prior to the Christmas season every year. Nearby is a mailbox for children to mail letters to Santa.

The Luling Santa stands twenty feet tall and is refurbished and/or repainted yearly as needed. He is in an area along a street that is lined with palm trees.

Photos made when the statue was first erected show the top of the trees not quite reaching Santa's knees. In today's photo, the trees are taller than Santa.

A 'good' night? Not on your life

"Twas the night before Christmas...." We are all familiar with the old poem that describes Santa, Christmas eve, reindeer and other goodies.



Michael Kelsey
Extension Agent

The original poem had been altered slightly by such greats as Dr. Seuss to make the dreams of children (and adults) even more delightful. Even songs have been penned with parts of this holiday verse contained in them.

One thing has always bothered me though. Not so much now, as when I was a kid, however. You see, the poem ends, "...and to all a good night." Now everyone who has either been a kid (some folks never have) or who currently is raising children knows that Christmas Eve is not a good night!

Let's get serious here. The thought of new toys ranging from remote controlled cars to computer games to talking babies to miniature cooking stoves is enough to drive any kid bonkers. Add to that stockings full of candy and little knife-knacks could make even the strongest of kids weary.

In my house back in Oklahoma (yes, Santa knows where Oklahoma is), Santa somehow avoided every trap and catch that I set for him. Now mind you, the cookies and milk were always gone, but not one of my traps (ranging from hidden strings to cameras with trip switches) was sprung.

Santa must have been a secret agent before he became, well, Santa. He never seemed to make any sound whatsoever. I don't know about you, but the thought of a guy with a belly like jelly coming down a chimney screams of lots of noise to me.

Oh well, the days of childhood may be gone, but Christmas Eve still holds special meaning to me. Families and food with lots of friends and even some football (lots of f's, eh?) make up for a great day before the big day. Some snow sure would be nice, but we live in West Texas (I have to remind myself occasionally).

Speaking for all the staff at the Extension office, we hope you have a very Merry Christmas and that your Christmas Eve was a good night! (Plenty of time to slip in a nap if it was a little long.)

A WALK IN THE PARK



Ray Peck and his dogs Roxie, left, and Rosa don't allow the crisp weather to interfere with their daily walk at Westmoreland Park in Portland, Ore. Tuesday.

If you want a holiday feast just a little different, dish up tamales

SAN ANTONIO — In South Texas, tamales say Christmas to Hispanics and non-Hispanics alike the way turkey and pumpkin pie say Thanksgiving.

Making the corn shuck-wrapped bundles of joy, however, is a lengthy process that can take up a day, and even spill over into the next. In a world obsessed with doing things fast, this is a food you must slow down for. Or buy ready made. Many opt for the latter, but sisters Julie Schwarz and Sarah Gilbert are helping some folks discover and others rediscover the pleasure of making their own.

In the recreation room and ample kitchen of Casa Helotes Senior Citizen Center, Schwarz and Gilbert have been teaching a popular tamale-making class in November for the past three years under the watchful eye of their mom and veteran tamale maker, Margie Walz.

"We made tamales as young girls with my mother and grandmother so it's something I've always known how to do," Ms. Schwarz said.

Shortly after Ms. Schwarz began teaching community education classes, her mother suggested she teach tamale making. So far, the class has been a hit.

"We get everybody. They like coming out here and socializing and doing it here and not messing up their kitchen," Ms. Schwarz said. "We get a lot of people whose families made tamales all their lives, but they never learned to do it within their families. We get senior citizens. We get young women. We get husbands and wives. We get boyfriends and girlfriends and just girlfriends."

Ms. Schwarz and Ms. Gilbert walk their students through all the basics of making tamales, mixing the masa, cleaning and softening the corn shucks, smoothing the masa onto the shucks, preparing the fillings, rolling the tamales up and cooking them.

The idea behind the class is to give participants the building blocks they need so they can improvise.

"You may think, 'Well, my grandmother didn't do it that way,'" Ms. Schwarz warned one recent class. "(Making) tamales is something that is developed through the years and everybody does it a little bit differ-

ent. There's no right way or particularly wrong way. It's whatever fits you."

In other words, if it tastes good, do it.

Grinding your own corn for masa would be ideal. But there's authenticity and then there's insanity.

"That's just a little bit too much work for me," Ms. Schwarz joked. "I will make tamales, but I won't grind the corn. My husband can't understand it. He says I have so much time on my hands, why don't I grind the corn?"

Though dry mixes are available, Ms. Schwarz recommends using fresh masa from tamale factories such as Alamo Masa Company and Adelita Tamales and Tortilla Factory. To moisten and flavor the crumbly, pasty corn mixture, Ms. Schwarz adds salt, lard, and broth.

"In my family, the men are hunters. They bring home all these things like deer and elk and all this lovely stuff, so that's what I use," she said. "I boil it, I grind it up and I season it however I want."

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Phone firms OK upgrades

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Texas' local telephone companies recently unveiled a comprehensive \$1.5 billion plan to upgrade their equipment and provide financial assistance to schools and hospitals that contract to use the system.

Officials representing the Texas Telephone Association and Southwestern Bell announced the proposal, and added that Southwestern Bell is market testing the new phone technology providing two-way video communications at several pilot project sites around the state.

Approval of a proposal to reform the state's telecommunications regulations in the 1995 session of the legislature would enable the Texas local telephone industry to significantly upgrade its telephone systems with new technology and to create a special fund to help schools gain access to the advanced systems.

The proposal includes service improvements and equipment upgrades that would allow schools and hospitals, upon

request, to set up interactive video facilities to implement long-distance or telemedicine projects.

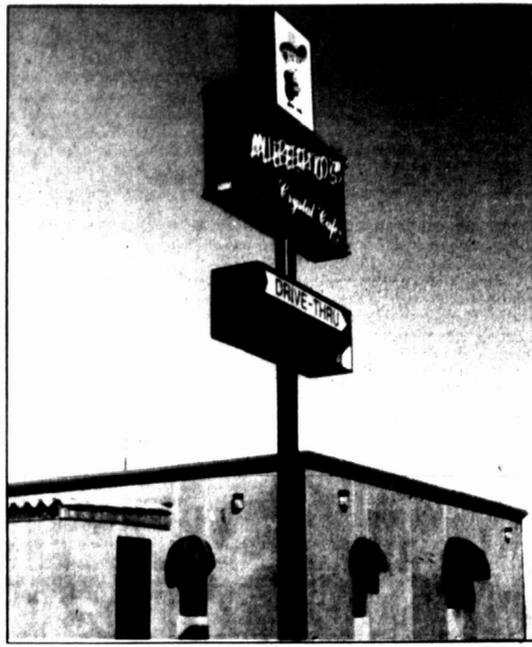
The proposal also features a \$60 million grant fund to be established by the legislature and paid for by all telecommunications companies in the state. Proceeds from the fund would be used to assist educational institutions in setting up distance learning projects.

TTA Spokesman Tim Raven said: "We are delighted to announce this network modernization proposal. This is the beginning of a process that will put Texas on the cutting edge of economic and academic progress in our highly competitive economy, and we, your local phone companies, are proud to be partners in this process."

Up to \$1.1 billion of new investments would be made by Southwestern Bell, and as much as \$400 million in improvements would come from other local phone companies. The telephone systems' investments would be made possible by approval of a new

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NEW ALBERTO'S



Herald photo by Tim Appel

What was once part of Highland Mall is now the new Alberto's No. 2, located at 300 N. Gregg St. The restaurant is expected to open in January. The business, built to alleviate to-go orders from the downtown location, offers a window pickup for called-in to-go orders, along with a dining area for up to 44 people.

Chamber officials meet new manager

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors were introduced to Big Spring's new Fina Oil & Chemical Refinery Plant Manager Phil Carruthers and his wife Christy by Jeff Morris, who presided over his last meeting as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Wednesday afternoon.

Morris is also leaving the Big Spring Fina plant as plant manager to become General Manager of Fina's Southwestern Business Unit.

Carruthers joined Fina in 1979 after receiving a Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Oklahoma.

He currently manages Fina's CosMar Styrene Monomer plant in Carville, La. The Carville plant is a 50/50 joint venture with GE plastics and produces styrene monomer which Fina uses a feedstock for its adjacent polystyrene plant.

Carruthers and his wife were in town looking for a home in Big Spring. He said, "We moved two years ago at Christmas time so we're a little late to it."

A major discussion in

Wednesday's meeting was endorsement of the Settles Hotel project by the Chamber board.

Morris said, "I believe the chamber needs to take a position on this issue. Personally, I feel comfortable in at least supporting the study (referring to the feasibility of the project)."

Board member Dave Wrinkle said, "I think the chamber should be careful in taking a position on this issue. This is a hot topic and there are several people in Big Spring who think we should tear the Settles down."

In September Sally Loveland of the New York-based National Development Council evaluated the redevelopment potential of the Settles Hotel and toured the building in August with a construction engineer, an environmental engineer, and with Tony Eeds, an architect with the Dallas firm of Good, Fulton & Farrell and concluded that the building appears to be in good shape.

The only problems, according to Loveland, are asbestos and the dozens of broken windows in the building, but based on tours and available information she is recommended that the

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Roberta Baird goes downtown with decorating business

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Interiors by Roberta opened in downtown Big Spring Dec. 19 and is an extension of Roberta Baird's interior design business she has been running out of her home for the past several years.

"I decided to open a store to offer better buying power for my clients and I've had requests by my clients for more accessories."

"It has also been one of my goals to open a store and I've also outgrown my house," explained Baird.

She chose the downtown location, 115 E. Third St., for the convenience of her customers, easy parking and the ability to set her own hours.

Baird says most of her clients are professional people who can take some time during their lunch hour to "run in and pick up a gift for someone or look at samples or whatever if I am decorating their home. I talked to my clients before I picked this location to see what would be the best for them."

Baird got her start in interior design back in 1980. She worked for her husband Ronnie for five years in his construction business.

She worked for a decorating business for several years before branching out on her own in 1990.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Roberta Baird and daughter Andrea Baird pose in the new Interiors by Roberta shop located at 115 E. Third St. The store, dealing with gifts and home accessories, along with custom designing, opened for business Dec. 19.

Currently, the store offers items such as tapestry bell pulls, leaded glass, tapestry pillows, clocks, fabric gift bags, custom floral accessories, jewelry boxes, ladies and men's accessories and exclusive music.

She plans to offer free demonstration classes in the spring. Anyone can sign up for the classes and pay for just their materials. Baird plans to teach others how to wallpaper, do technique painting with faux

finishes and floral arrangements.

Baird is also making plans to have carpet, ceramic tile and wallpaper samples so customers can pick what they want and she will order it. Once the materials come in, Baird will install the supplies or show you how to do it yourself.

Another class Baird wants to teach in the near future is to show her clients how to measure for carpet and tile. "This way, the client will know how

to decide and measure for the right amount of carpet or tile when they are redecorating," Baird said.

Interiors by Roberta will also have custom bedskirts, wrought iron and copper furniture, blinds, shower curtains, window treatments or any other custom fabric accessory.

Samples of the furniture, starting at \$25, will soon be in the store and customers can order what they want from a catalog. Baird says they will be

individual pieces and not a line of furniture.

"We also have 150 samples of handwoven throws. These can be ordered as well. I've learned that just because something is top dollar in price, it doesn't always mean it is top quality. I'm able to provide my clients with quality merchandise. I'm not going to sell anything I'm not familiar with," Baird continued.

Baird also has a computer program to help clients redesign their kitchen, bathroom or any other part of the house.

"This is in three-dimensional so you can see what you are doing. You can also put the furniture in the program to see it visually."

"We also offer contracting services for additions or new construction for both residential and commercial clients," Baird added.

John Wesley's Pick Pocket Billiards, Coiffures Salon, La Vair's d'Elegance, Inc., two rooms at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, First Christian Church and Abilene State School-Big Spring Center are among Baird's credits for interior design. She has also done numerous residential homes as well.

Interiors by Roberta is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The telephone number is 264-6514.

Mexican government backs off plan to prop up peso

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The peso tumbled nearly 20 percent Thursday and the stock market seesawed in frenetic trading after the government scrapped its policy of defending the currency's value against the dollar.

The move by President Ernesto Zedillo was aimed at calming the country's battered financial markets and overcom-

ing a growing economic crisis incited partly by renewed political unrest in the southern state of Chiapas.

But the immediate impact of Zedillo's decision was more financial turmoil, the specter of inflation and heavy losses by American investors who had up to this point considered Mexico the darling of overseas opportunities. Mexican stocks

plunged in the United States trading.

Zedillo's decision followed the peso's 13 percent decline against the dollar on Tuesday, which came after the government lowered the currency's official trading floor. Officials said today that move was proving insufficient to contain enormous selling pressure against the peso in foreign exchange

trading.

Concerned by the growing crisis in Mexico, the Clinton administration and the U.S. Federal Reserve today announced that they had put into operation a \$6 billion fund to support the Mexican currency.

The Mexican stock market rallied at first in response to the Mexican government's lat-

est move, but by midday had reversed course. The main market index was down nearly 51 points to the 2,152.90 level, down 2.3 percent, by noontime.

Traders at Mexican banks, stunned by the latest twist of events, were quoting pesos at 4.70 to the dollar by late morning. That's down nearly a fifth from the 3.982 peso-to-the-dollar exchange rate late Wednesday.

Greyhound stockholders agree to plan

NEW YORK (AP) — Greyhound Lines Inc. say bondholders have agreed to exchange their securities for stock as part of a plan that will allow the bus company to avert a second bankruptcy.

The company announced early today that at least 90 percent of its bondholders have agreed to exchange bonds for stock. Each \$1,000 bond will be converted into approximately 256 shares of the company's common stock, officials said.

Greyhound officials also said that they will extend the deadline for bondholders to agree to the exchange until 5 p.m. next Wednesday because the Christmas holiday mail crush has caused a delay in the delivery of materials to shareholders.

The bondholders' consent was a significant obstacle to Greyhound's plan to lower its interest costs and other debts to help it grapple with lower ridership and big losses.

Greyhound chief executive Craig Lentzsch said, "We are pleased by the overwhelming support from our bondholders and shareholders, their tremendous vote of confidence in the company, and the fact that we will now be able to close the restructuring this year."

Officials had been concerned about completing the restructuring by Dec. 31 to avoid \$15 million in extra taxes.

The bondholders, some of whom tried to force Greyhound into bankruptcy in October, would get a 45 percent stake in the company in return for wiping out the debt.

FAST TRACK

NATIONAL

Big block

A Jeep six-cylinder engine passes along the assembly line at Chrysler's Kenosha, Wisc. plant recently. The facility, which hasn't produced automobiles for six years, recently reopened as an engine line plant.



BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Cable firm buys in

SEATTLE (AP) — Tele-Communications Inc., the nation's largest cable company, has bought a 20 percent stake in Microsoft Corp.'s on-line service in a \$125 million stock transaction.

The deal with TCI's Technology Ventures unit, announced Wednesday, provides The Microsoft Network with technical expertise for developing services that can run over a cable TV wire.

Tylenol study out

BOSTON (AP) — A study concludes heavy use of Tylenol and other brands of acetaminophen may cause about 5,000 cases of kidney failure each year. Researchers also recently reported that moderate overdoses can damage the liver.

Prudential pays fine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Prudential Securities Inc. has agreed to pay a record civil penalty for improperly soliciting political contributions from employees.

The Federal Election Commission said Wednesday that Prudential will pay \$550,000 for what the commission called "knowing and willful" violations of the law that prohibits corporate contributions to candidates for federal office and the soliciting of political donations from workers.

MCI wants to go local

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long-distance carrier MCI has widened its bid to get into the local telephone business, seeking to provide service to Connecticut, Ohio and Oregon.

The filings with regulators in those states follow similar requests in Illinois and Pennsylvania.

'Dilbert' survey

DUBLIN, Calif. (AP) — You say your manager is a dolt and your team members are twerps? You're not alone.

Working with — and especially for — dummies were the two most irritating workplace trends of 1994, according to a survey of readers of "Dilbert," the comic strip that skewers corporate foibles.

The syndicated strip features the adventures of Dilbert, a much put-upon worker, and his cynical pet, Dogbert.

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Extension handbook looks at ag community issues

Merry Christmas to each of you! I hope this holiday finds you with family and friends and all are well and happy. This day is such a special day. Not only is it held in the religious significance of it all but it affords us all the opportunity to take a few moments and just show our appreciation to those that mean so much to us.



Don Richardson
Ag Agent

Gift giving has often been criticized as ruining this special holiday due to the commercialism attached to it. Bah, to that!!! It is what is felt in each of our hearts as we select those special gifts for those special people.

The spirit of Christmas should be with us all through the year and not just at this time of the year as we give not only the material things but those even more important things such as our time, our talents and our energies in serving mankind.

Our staff just recently completed the 1995-99 Long-Range Extension Program Handbook, which is the instrument that will direct the educational programs efforts from the staff for the next period of four years in approaching the issues identified in this handbook as critical by that large number of persons involved in developing this effort.

The people involved with this project came from all walks of life with different personal goals and objectives that they

felt needed to be addressed through Extension educational programs. This caring for others and their community is an example of that kink of giving spirit that I feel is associated as the Christmas spirit throughout the year.

This group felt that a key issue facing our community was a lack of knowledge among our citizenship concerning available health care services. Our county has a large number of such services available but it was felt that many people in need of such care were unaware of these services and we need a community educational approach to help these people.

With environmental concerns so great today, this group also felt educational programs for both rural and urban residents was needed to insure the safe and proper use of pesticides and fertilizers.

Another key issue that surfaced was the feeling that there is a great need to protect the environment and natural resources, but without infringing on the private property rights. A concern was felt that there was a growing lack of local input and control of local issues affecting uses of private lands.

Landowners feel they are conscientious protectors of the land and that there is a growing resentment toward any government control programs on private lands. There is a great need for awareness for the protection of the environment from all citizens.

Water use is increasing due to population and rising per capita water consumption. Ground water, which supplies half of the 15 million acre-feet of water used in Texas annually, is being depleted. Improving water use efficiency and water

quality protection are top priorities for all citizens.

Improving agricultural competitiveness and efficiency was felt important. The dry-land cotton production in Howard County has relied on government subsidy programs to the point that many producers have grown to depend upon this method of operation. Local crops are marketed on the demand basis and little input from local producers occur to affect prices received.

Very little "value-added," that is, a higher price received for a better product, marketing has occurred, thereby discouraging any real incentive to produce a better product. The issue is to increase the concept/use of Value-Added marketing of ag products as federal agricultural policies shift from a government subsidy dependent to a free market emphasis.

Changing demographics and the economic base as well as the fast pace of today's life has had a negative impact on many communities. Changing of traditional American family values is influencing organizations and communities. Individuals no longer develop the skills to think independently, adjust to change, communicate effectively or resolve conflicts.

Incidences of unemployment, divorce, bankruptcy and individual physical and mental abuse are prevalent in today's society. Along with a change in the fundamental values, cultural differences are intermixing with an unpredictable outcome.

Expansion of educational programs for youth was felt needed. AIDS awareness, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol abuse, improvement in self-esteem and self-defense are concerns that need to be addressed in local programming for youth.

Chamber

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City of Big Spring proceed with the redevelopment of the Settles Hotel.

Loveland described her firm as one that works for cities in the areas of economic development and low-income (affordable) housing projects.

Several members of the Chamber's board of directors are in favor of supporting a feasibility study of the Settles project, but that has been done. The part of the study that remains is, as described by City Manager Lanny Lambert, is the room by room breakdown of what it would cost to turn the building into a low-

income elderly apartment complex.

According to Lambert, Loveland told him that there was too much competition for HUD funding (grant money) to realistically go for the December filing deadline. The NDC and Big Spring will now wait until the second quarter of

1995 to attempt to seek HUD money for the project.

The NDC will be in Big Spring in about six weeks to conduct a market study of the Settles project and to gauge community support for the project.

Phone

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telecommunications reform plan to be considered by Texas lawmakers.

According to officials, the reform plan would protect consumers by capping basic local phone rates and would allow the phone companies more flexibility in their operations and earnings. The additional earnings would be used to fund service enhancements like the distance learning pilot projects, and companies would be able to improve their systems in less time than is currently possible under the present regulatory system.

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The addresses listed are the last known addresses. If any problems, please contact China Long's office at 264 2276. Due to the holidays, this list was unavailable.

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Anita Gonzales vs. Wilfredo Gonzales.
Larry Joel Baldock vs. Tonya Denise Baldock
Family:
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Denise D. Christian Shepard vs. Tommy Gene Christian
Robin Arrotta vs. Clinton Sparks.
Emma Lara vs. Ruben Gonzales.

Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:
Jose and Clara Renteria vs. Osier Doyle Dolan.
Injuries & damages:
Christina Hilario vs. Lee Paul Fry, M.D., Methodist Malone and Hogan Clinic.
Accounts, notes and contracts:
Cosden Employees FCU vs. Anna M. and Jay Briscoe.
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FOR SUNDAY DEC 25, 1994
ARIES (March 21-April 19):
Pressure is intense when dealing with others. Deter to another rather than getting into a power play. The clearer you are, the happier you will be. Make a long distance call early in the day and spread goodwill. Others appreciate your sensitivity. Tonight: Be with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):
You might have ground to cover. Be nurturing in your behavior. May positive in your communications. It will get you to know that a partner is there to support you no matter what. Tonight: Hip in and do what the clean up work.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):
Activity is high, and you feel good in the presence of another. A partner surprises you with good news. Get past a problem and look at what you are doing. Finding ways to change patterns is important. Pressure is high. Tonight: Be more like a kid.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):
Stay home and entertain others. Others appreciate your nurturing ways, and you enjoy the slow, easy pace. Be optimistic. Pressure from a family member may be intense. Let the person work out his mood. Tonight: Veg in your kitchen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):
Reach for others. Be positive about what's coming and you will feel good. Listen to others. Understand what opportunities really are. Don't try to sell yourself or push a point. Family members are out to you. Tonight: Out about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
You might overdo it. Slow down, and go for an easier pace. Listen to your intuition, and follow through. In handling a situation, studying the details opens you up to change. Stay positive, and be diligent. Tonight: Help another through a bad mood.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
Today is close to perfect. Another does on you. You do well just being you. Another's coming is unusually meaningful to you. This person's values may not be yours, but you feel a camaraderie anyway. Tonight: Get on the phone and share the good news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
The grudging holiday pace may be getting to you today. Slow down and be easy on yourself. Do what you need to do for others, but also take care of yourself. Feel free to find time for an nap. Don't feel as if you must accept an invitation. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):
Zero in on what makes you happy. A friendship means more than you know. Use your instincts when dealing with others and you will come out OK. You have opportunities to grow. Popularity is high. Be careful with your checkbook. Tonight: You are the party.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):
Take the lead and be sure of what you ask. Your creativity is unusually high when dealing with another who needs to share with you. You gain a perspective that is unique. Be willing to take responsibility and bring others together. Tonight: Make calls to relatives.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
One-to-one relating is highlighted. You do very well with matters involving those at a distance. Tune into your spiritual side when dealing with a friend. Friendship opens you to change and you will feel better. Examine what you want. Tonight: Try something different.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):
Togetherness counts. You enjoy the presence of another. Opportunities to go in new directions make a big difference. Understanding others will help your dealings. Pressure from a friend could put you in a sour mood. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

FOR DEC. 25, 1994 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
This year you accept unusual work responsibilities. You are starting a new cycle late in 1995, so be honest with yourself about what doesn't work. You will get ahead because of your diligence and caring. If you are single: You meet people through your work; a positive attitude will allow you many options. If attached: Share your work and hectic pace with partner or he could feel left out; touch base frequently; a loving approach will get you far; you come out on top. LIBRA brings out your leadership.

DEAR ABBY: I was desperately in need of new eyeglasses, and couldn't afford to buy any.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

A friend had read the column you ran last January about free glasses, and gave me the 800-number. Through that number, I was put in touch with the nicest gentleman who determined that I qualified for the free eye examination, so he set up an appointment for me with a local doctor.

Well, I had the exam — and now I have new glasses! I want to thank you for running such important information in your column, and also thank whoever is behind the program. I am more grateful than I can express. Abby, please convey my appreciation to those responsible. — LOIS MOIR, NORTH VERNON, IND.

DEAR LOIS: It's VISION USA, sponsored by the American Optometric Association. They offer free eye care to qualifying low-income working Americans. I recently received this letter from their president, Larry DeCook, O.D.:

DEAR ABBY: This January, the American Optometric Association (AOA) will begin the fifth year of our VISION USA program to provide free eye care to low-income, uninsured working people and their families.

Last year, "Linda L." read about the program in your column. She had been laid off her job and couldn't get another one because, at the age of 49, her vision was too blurred to read a job application and do the detailed computer data entry work for which she was qualified. Although her daughter, who lives with her, was working, there wasn't any money for an eye exam and glasses.

Through VISION USA, Linda received the eye care she needed. Three weeks after getting her new glasses, she found a job. She was one of approximately 32,000 people served last year by nearly 8,000 optometrists who donated their services through this program.

Nine out of 10 of these people had eye health or vision problems. These included such conditions as a detached retina, glaucoma, cataracts and many common vision problems that make it difficult for adults to work and for children to learn in school.

From Jan. 3 to 31, 1995, low-income working people can be screened for eligibility for the 1995 VISION USA program by calling (800) 766-4466. (Phone lines will be open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Standard Time.)

People can also apply by mail. Application forms are available from VISION USA, 243 N. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63141. COMPLETED FORMS MUST BE POST-MARKED BY JAN. 25, 1995. Because the phone lines are sometimes very busy, it may be easier to apply by mail.

Last year, almost 8,000 callers to our toll-free number said they heard about the program from Dear Abby.

Will you please alert your readers to the VISION USA program again this year? — LARRY DE COOK, O.D., AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

DEAR DR. DE COOK: Yes! Readers: To qualify for the free eye care, you must have a job or live in a household where there is one working member; have no health insurance of any kind; have income below an established level based on household size; and have had no eye examination within the last two years. Eligibility requirements may vary in some states.

The comprehensive eye exams will be given in optometrists' private offices in March, coinciding with the celebration of Save Your Vision Week — March 5-11.

THE Daily Crossword by Betty Jorgensen

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

12/24/94

Friday's Puzzle solved: Grid with words like SHALICE, FADS, BRIM, OAHOLE, ILET, AHOY, LISZT, PRICE, CENT, ORT, ELSA, REHASH, STEAMY, PROMOTED, LEVY, IDLE, AFIRE, ARID, TRUED, FAWN, CRANE, OTTO, IRIS, KANGAROO, ARCANIE, OVAL, ABIE, OUTSET, GULF, WOE, BLUE, HANDEL, BARS, INRE, ETUI, ELVES, TANK, REST, STYLE.

- ACROSS: 1 Hit hard, 5 Basketball team, 10 Dash, 14 Wild blue yonder letters, 15 Keep — to the ground, 16 Pudding starch, 17 Season's greetings, 20 Course norm, 21 Tusked pig, 22 Hoist, 23 Papal name, 24 Took the lead, 26 Bug, 29 Shirt fasteners, 30 QED word, 31 Pool member, 32 Charlemagne's domain abbr, 35 More season's greetings, 39 Gatos, CA, 40 Posts, 41 Descended, 42 Balm, 43 Bounce on one's knee, 45 Resolves, 48 Vaccine name, 49 Poetry Muse, 50 Flying prefix, 51 Tiny bit, 54 Seasonal song words, 58 Smell, 59 Angry, 60 A Fountain, 61 Elvers, 62 Alpine region, 63 Flinders river.

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