# Juvenile crime

# Lawmakers begin search for solution

By KELLIE JONES

Staff Writer

Texas lawmakers will be facing the first overhaul of the juvenile justice system in 20 years when they convene next month.

Juvenile crime and arrests are up significantly and legislators are searching for solutions to the problems.

Statistics show juvenile arrests rose from 83,700 in 1983 to more than 152,000 in 1993. One out of four children in Texas lives in poverty and the state ranks third for teenage pregnancy and seventh in the nation for high school dropouts, according to the associated

Among the solutions lawmakers will be looking at are building more detention facilities, locking up more young offenders longer and lowering the age for teenage suspects to be tried as adults.

Governor-elect George Bush made juvenile crime a camlower from 15 to 14 the age at ture. which offenders can be tried as adults. Bush would send those

# **PROPOSALS**

The Commission on Children early intervention programs. and Youth has made a list of in January to revamp the juvenile justice system:

•A long-term "wish list" for health and welfare program improvements, would cost more more than \$1 billion during the next two years.

•Specifically recommended \$141 million in additional state funding for the next two-year budget period including:

- \$50 million in matching grants for local prevention and

but would separate them from Ann Richards. adult inmates.

children is to prevent problems Martin counties, Margy Thompfrom occurring in the first place. We must recognize the inevitable link between the neglect of our state's young children and the increase costs we pay in the long run," the Commission on Children and Youth paign focus and is proposing to said in a report to the legisla-

The commission is an 18-member panel of private citizens and

\$25 million in matching proposals to give to lawmakers funds to make public schools safer by developing alternative education programs for expelled

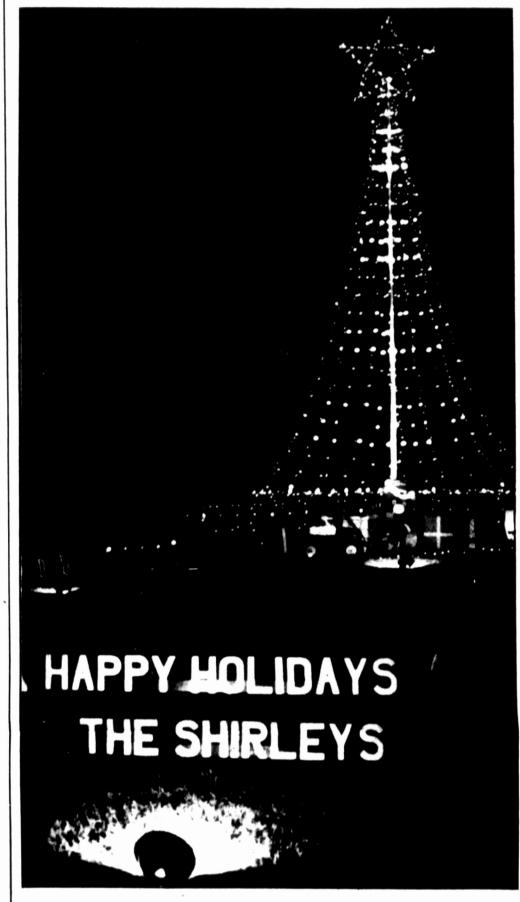
> - \$56 million for 576 additional Texas Youth Commission beds for violent and habitual juvenile offenders. This proposal would also expand the list of serious offenses for which juveniles could be sentenced to TYC and then transferred to adult prison if they can't be rehabilitated.

Chief Juvenile Probation Offi-"The best way to help most cer of Howard, Glasscock and son-Bradberry, says she would like to see parents held more accountable when their children get into trouble.

"If a child is put on probation and they violate that probation, both the juvenile and their parent should have to do some type of community service together.

"If the child is truant, both parent and juvenile should do found guilty to adult prisons, legislators appointed by Gov. Please see CRIME. page 2

#### STILL GOING IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT



The Tom Shirley home on the north servic**e** road of I-20 east of Big Spring was given one of the 12 awards in the original homemade division of the Christmas Decorating Contest.

# Trucker robbed while sleeping

By CARLTON JOHNSON

Staff Writer

A truck driver was robbed at gun point late Christmas night as he slept in his truck.

Howard County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a 911 call at about 8:44 p.m. Sunday in reference to an aggravated robbery at a rest area located at mile marker 191 1/2 just east of Coa-

Upon arrival Deputy Cliff males are believed to be in their McCartney met 46-year old early to mid 20's. James Taylor who advised him that two Hispanic males had robbed him at gunpoint.

Suspect number one is described as approximately 5 foot 8 inches tall, 140 pounds with black shoulder-length hair and was last seen wearing blue jeans and a dark colored jacket. The second suspect is only

Taylor, who was in the sleeper area of his truck, told

described as heavy set. Both

McCartney that the first suspect knocked on the driver's side door of his truck, while the second suspect waited by the passenger door.

Taylor said when he looked out her could see the first sus-Please see TRUCKER, page 2

# No progress made in getting pilot released

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — American officials were optimistic today about the release of American pilot Bobby Hall, held captive by North Korea for more than a week, despite a high-level meeting that yielded "no substantive progress."

United Nations officials discussed Hall's release with North Korean army generals at the truce village of Panmunjom, in the Demilitarized Zone that separates the two Koreas.

"No substantive progress was made, and the KPA would not set a date for Hall's release, maintaining that their investigation into the incident was still continuing," the United Nations Combined Forces Command said in a statement.

But Jim Coles, spokesman for U.S. and U.N. forces in South Korea, said "The meeting itself is a positive sign.

Hall has been held since his U.S. Army helicopter strayed into North Korea on Dec. 17 and

either was shot down or crashed. His co-pilot, Chief Warrant Officer David Hilemon. was killed. Hilemon's body was returned last Thursday.

The command said U.N. officials "continued to press for Hall's immediate return and stressed that the border crossing was inadvertent and a routine training flight.'

The officers agreed to meet again "in the near future." Coles said it was possible another session could be held today.

U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson, who helped worked out the repatriation of Hilemon's body, had said North Korea had agreed to free Hall "very soon."

Pyongyang has said Hall is in good health but has allowed no foreign contact with him.

The pilots said in their last radio contact that they were still in South Korea, when in fact they were 31/2 miles north of the border.

# **CHECKING OUT** THE ARTWORK



**Buddy Ryan looks at some** of the artwork done by local artist George DeLuna, who hosted a small exhibit and sale in the Big Spring Mall recently.

# Hope remains despite a year blotted with tragedy

By CHARLES J. HANLEY AP Special Correspondent

When he roared off toward the stars last Jan. 8, to spend 1994 in orbit, cosmonaut Valery

Polyakov had a simple wish for his return: "See you - in a better world.' The upbeat Russian may be let down when he catches up on

the year he missed: True, 1994 was a year for peace (Israel and Ireland). progress (the Channel Tunnel, democracy in South Africa) and prosperity (fatter bottom lines

from Auckland to Zurich). But it also was the year of Rwanda, lush, lethal Rwanda, where what happened in a few days and weeks of 1994 was enough to cast a shadow over Polyakov's planet for years to come, where man reminded YEAR OF 1994

himself that a better world is not, after all, at hand.

As 1994 began, Pope John Paul II told a New Year's audience that peace "must be born in the depths of minds and hearts." In the months that followed, some did reach deep.

The old East and the old West worked on their new friendship, NATO offering a "Partnership for Peace" to ex-adversaries of Eastern Europe, Russian troops pulling out of eastern Germany and the Baltics.

The uncovering of a Kremlin mole at the heart of the CIA barely chilled the atmosphere.

"I feel at home," Russia's Boris Yeltsin beamed to host Bill Clinton at a White House dinner.

The United States reached across the Pacific, too, to rebuild on the ruins of old hate, lifting the U.S. trade embargo on Vietnam.

But peace's most dramatic gains in 1994 came in two places where the strife is rooted in dim, distant history

The Palestine Liberation Organization signed a detailed agreement with Israel and took over some Israeli-occupied territory, a big step in what the PLO's Yasser Arafat called the "march of peace" between Arab and Jew. Then, Israel and neighbor Jordan formally ended 46 years of war.

In Ireland, too, the weight of history eased in 1994, as the Irish Republican Please see YEAR, page 2

# **Texas Trivia**

Who formally found-ed Villa de Laredo on May 15, 1755? **Tomas Sanchez** 

Where was golfer Don January born?

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## WORLD/NATION

World: A suicide bomber who tried to blow up a bus filled with Israeli soldiers Sunday was a former Palestinian policeman who felt guilty about putting down riots in the Gaza Strip, Islamic militants said. See page 4.

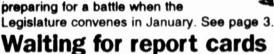
Nation: Officer

Timothy Torres was planning for the future, talking to police counselors about becoming a homicide detective father. See page 4.



# **Getting ready**

People on both sides of the legalized gambling issue already are working behind the scenes,



STATE

Third-grader Kimberly Smith and her father, Keenan, are both expecting report cards when school resumes in January. See page 3.

# Splitting more than usual

The "Twice as Nice" slogan for the bi-state city of Texarkana no longer seems to fit. See page 3.

# TODAY'S WEATHER

**Tonight** 



Cloudy

# Tuesday

toward morning, low mid 30s, east winds 10 to 20 mph. **Permian Basin Forecast** Tuesday: Cloudy, 80 percent

Tonight, cloudy, 60 percent

chance of rain, possible snow



chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow, high mid 40s; cloudy night, low upper 20s.

Wednesday: Cloudy, 80 percent chance of rain, possibly mixed with snow, high raid 40s.

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# ■ Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between noon Saturday and 8 a.m. Monday:

•RAY ALVARADO, 17, of 910 N. Runnels was arrested on LOCAL WARRANTS.

•GARY JOE FLORES, 28, of 3800 Calvin was arrested for ASSAULT.

•FRANK FIERRO JR., 46, of 1803 Hamilton was arrested for PUBLIC INTOXICATION and released after paying fine.

·CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 100 block of Runnels.

•ASSAULT in the 2500 block of Chanute.

·ASSAULT in the 200 block of Galveston.

·ASSAULT in the 2400 block of Scurry

•ASSAULT in the 1300 block of Mobile.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 2900 block of W. 80.

 BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 2800 block of W. Marcy.

•BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 500 block of Birdwell. BURGLAR/FIRE ALARM in the 2000 block of Gregg.

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hour for hour community ser-

vice. If the child skips an hour

of school, he or she and their

parent should each do an hour

of community service," com-

Currently, 64 juveniles are on

probation in the 118th district

and range in age from 10 to 17.

The majority of their crimes are

Thompson-Bradberry adds she

does not object to Bush's pro-

posal of lowering the age of

when a child can be tried as an

adult. If the state does approve

additional funding, she would

like to see the money used to

hire additional officers and give

the probation department more

"Punishing the child as soon

as they commit a crime is a key

to keeping them from being

repeat offenders. I don't have

faith in rehabilitating because

many don't want to change. But

now that we have an eight-bed

detention facility right here,

I've seen the numbers of repeat

the police officer when they are

arrested and then with the

judge. Once they are found

guilty, they can be put into the

detention facility and not wait

three months to be punished.

Children need structure and

their punishment must be expe-

dient to help curb the recidivism rate," Thompson-Bradber-

'The juvenile has to deal with

offenders go down.

mented Thompson-Bradberry.

Crime

burglary and theft

local control.

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DISTUR-BANCE in the 1600 of block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

## A HELPING CLUB



Members of the Strong Heart motorcycle club have donated nearly 100 toys which will be given to needy children through the Child Protective Service and the Big Spring Tabernacle Church. The group, which was also helped by a contribution from Wal-Mart, also donated toys to needy children in Colorado City.

# ■ Springboard

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

TODAY

·"Single-Minded," unmarried/singles group, 8 p.m., Elks Lodge, FM 700. Call 263-8868.

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6:30 p.m. Weigh-in, 6 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Call 263-1340 or 263-

·Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

open meeting, 615 Settles. TUESDAY

 Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. •Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. ·Spring City Senior Citizen

Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older

·Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th •Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

Local attorney Don Richard

also helps the juveniles by sub-

scribing to numerous maga-

zines for the offenders to read

pect holding a pistol, which

looked like a semi-automatic

The suspect ordered Taylor to

open the door and step back.

When he did, the suspect

entered the truck and demanded

Taylor's money. Taylor handed

the suspect his pants, which

were handing on a shelf in the

According to Taylor, the sus-

pect took the wallet and said

something to the other suspect

in Spanish and then demanded

he lay down and not move as

Taylor said he heard the sus-

pects leaving and slowly raised

his head to see a small dark col-

still investigating the robbery.

canceled at Kentwood

was heading east on I-20.

with a dark colored barrel.

while staying in the facility.

Trucker

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they left.

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announced a cease-fire in its bloody 25-year campaign to end British control of Northern Ireland.

Still, elsewhere, some hearts and minds turned to war.

Chiapas, Indian peasants rose up on New Year's Day in armed revolt over old grievances. On the Arabian Peninsula, Yemen's northern and southern halves fought a vicious two-month war.

Platoons of international mediators gained little ground in long-running civil wars in Afghanistan, Liberia and elsewhere. Even where they tried hardest, in the former Yugoslavia, the United Nations and NATO could not bring an

dozen wars bleeding the globe became mere sideshows to the awesome atrocities unreeled, before the eyes of a disbelieving world, in central

Rwanda's president was the spark setting a nation ablaze. Soldiers, militiamen and ordinary villagers of Rwanda's Hutu U.S. Army.

majority abruptly set about slaughtering the Tutsi minority. It was the latest replay of an ethnic blood feud, and the most

Entire towns were dispatched with machetes, bullets and clubs. "There are no devils left in hell," a Western missionary lamented. "They are all in Rwanda." In this holocaust beyond calculation, only estimates could be made: a half-million people were believed murdered.

by, wrung its hands. A hapless U.N. secretary-general had a word for the international paralysis — "a scandal." This question of where and

how to intervene in an unruly world vexed the major powers repeatedly in 1994.

In his own backyard, Clinton answered with old-style gunboat diplomacy, sending an invasion army toward Haiti, intimidating its military dictators at the eleventh hour to make way for an elected president, who was escorted back to power by the

Texas. She was a homemaker, a loving wife, mother and a very special person. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband: C.L. "Chuck" Richardson, Big Spring; one son: Craig Richardson, Big Spring, her mother: Lorene Thompson, Skellytown, Texas; and a granddaughter: Chelsea Richardson, Big Spring.

She was preceded in death by her father: Irvin Cooper and one sister: LaNell Cooper.

The family suggests memorials to: Hospice of the Southwest, P.O. Box 14710, Odessa, Texas 79768-4710.

James Pipkin

James (Jimmy) Pipkin, 33, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 1994. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral

#### Frederico Olivas

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Oliva, 61, of Big

Spring, died

Friday, Dec. 23,

1994, at a local

hospital.

Rosary was 7



night at Myers Chapel. Funeral

p.m.

mass will be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman and Rev. James Delaney officiating. Burial was to follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Fred was born March 27, 1933 in Big Spring and had been a resident of Big Spring his entire life. Fred worked as a roofer and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He married Elvira Alvarez on Nov. 20. 1952, in Big Spring.

Fred is survived by one son: Edward Oliva, Big Spring; three daughters: Irene Dominquez, Mary Helen Hernandez and Sylvia Dominquez, all of Big Spring; two sisters: Erlinda VAlencia, Big Spring, and Katie Gonzales, Pamona, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

61, died Friday. Funeral Mass will be 2:00 P.M., Monday. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, with burial at Mount Olive.

died Sunday. Services are pending.

#### Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel

Frank C. Perry, 74, died Thursday. Services will be 11:00 A.M. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Graveside services will be 3:30 P.M. Tuesday at City of Levelland

60, died Sunday. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, Graveside services will be 10:30 A.M. Wednesday at Fairview

Jean Louise Williamson, 87, died Saturday. Graveside services will be 11:00 A.M. Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

#### 1988, two sons: Juan Manuel Olivas and Fred Olivas, Jr., two sisters: Lucy Dominquez and Carmen Sanchez, and one brother: Raymond Olivas. Pallbearers will be Aristeo Gilbert

He was preceded in death by

his mother: Maria Marquez Oli-

vas on Aug. 28, 1981, his father:

Eulalio M. Olivas on Dec. 16,

Hernandez, Alfredo Hinojos, Daniel Marquez, Sanchez, Michael Dutchover and Ruben Gamboa, Jr. Paid obituary

# Myrtle Brown

Funeral services for Myrtle (Mrs. O.O.) Brown, 84, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1994, at Berea Baptist Church with Rev. Monroe Teeters, of Berea Baptist Church, officiating and assisted by Rev. Ralph Caffey. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brown died Saturday, Dec. 24, in Lakewood Nursing Home in Fort Worth.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1910, in Kent County (Jayton). She married O.O. Brown on June 8, 1929, in Jayton. He preceded her in death on Dec. 20, 1984. She had lived in Big Spring since May 30, 1941. She was a member of the Berea Baptist Church. Mrs. Brown was a homemaker, worked at Anthony's and had been an Avon Representative.

She is survived by two sons: Wayne Brown, Guthrie, Okla., and Jeff Brown, Arlington; two brothers: Marvin Bilberrry, Aspermont, and Frank Bilberry, Lovington, N.M.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Berea Baptist Church, The Gideons or The Texas Baptist Children's Home of Round

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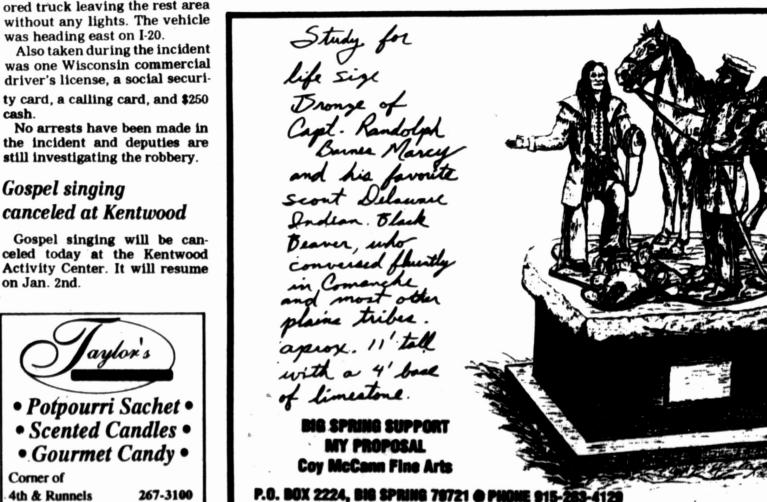
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The facility opened in March 1987 and holds juvenile offenders for a weekend or short period of time. Sometimes, the offender will be able to attend school during the week but have to stay in the facility over the weekend. Thompson-Bradberry says this helps because

the child stays in school but has their free time taken away. The more serious offenders would be taken to the Texas Youth Commission in Sweetwater or Fort Stockton, with only

five juveniles being sentenced to TYC this year. If a child or their family is involved in drugs or alcohol and on probation, the juvenile is

required to attend counseling sessions on Thursday evenings. The group session lasts about 90 minutes and licensed counselors from the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Drug and Alcohol Council con-

duct the meetings. The juvenile probation office also buys those on probation clothes, medicine, school supplies and even takes them to

doctor or dentist appointments. "Most of the juveniles on probation are poor or come from broken homes. They have a harder time making it so we have these incentives to help them out. They have a lack of parental guidance and correction in the home that we can provide," Thompson-Bradberry

added. She continued by saying she is thankful the Howard County Commissioners support the detention facility and provided the money to build it.

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Gospel singing will be canceled today at the Kentwood Activity Center. It will resume on Jan. 2nd.

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**Harrel Pitcock** 

■ OBITUARIES

Funeral services for Harrel "H.L." Pitcock will be 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1994, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bob Porterfield, of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Midland.

Mr. Pitcock died Sunday, Dec. 25, in Robert Lee.

He was born Jan. 22, 1933 in Lamar County. He worked for M.F. Machen Contracting, Inc. for 38 years. He worked at Amstaid Dam for three years. He was a member of Odd Fellows Lodge.

Survivors include his wife: Margie Willis Pitcock, Midland; three daughters: Brenda Pitcock Huffman, Merle Linda Pitcock, both of Midland, and Charlotte Pitcock Pointer, Arlington; one brother: Billy Pitcock, Big Spring; one sister: Nedelene Speegle, Cisco; seven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Jean Williamson

Jean L. Williamson, 81, Roswell, N.M., formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1994, at her daughter's residence in Port Lavaca. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

# Dorothy Richardson

Dorothy Louise Richardson, 60, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Dec. 25, 1994, at her residence. Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 1994, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with her nephew, Rev. Larry Richardson, of Amarillo, and her brother-in-law, Rev. Herbert Alcoholics Anonymous noon "Butch" Richardson, of San Angelo, officiating. Graveside services will be 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born on July 30, 1934, in Matador, Texas and married C.L. "Chuck" Richardson on May 10, 1952, in Clovis, N.M. Mrs, Richardson came to Big

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# **NEWS IN BRIEF**

Monday, December 26, 1994

#### Houston teacher tops in nation

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HOUSTON (AP) -The woman who recently named the nation's top bilingual education teacher said the secret to her success is no secret at all. Anyone with heart could do what she has done, she said.

"I feel very passionate about teaching. It is something I can't separate from my life, or by leaving it at school," said Irma Rohatgi, 42, who teaches at Fondren Elementary School in Houston.

"When I look at my students I look at them as inventors, doctors and the leaders of tomorrow. When I look at my children. I look at what they might be in the future," she said.

And she practices what she At home, her family is not

only bilingual, but trilingual speaking Spanish, English and Indian.

She's married to an Indian. Rakesh Rohatgi, who is a mechanical engineer. She has a "very multicultural family," she said.

#### Galveston's beach being reconstruction

710,000 cubic yards of sand to reconstruct Galveston's beaches, more than a year after residents voted to raise the sales tax to fund it.

"It's a great Christmas present to the city of Galveston," City Manager Doug Matthews of a project that's the first of its kind in Texas."

The sand is being pumped in from a dredge nearly two miles offshore. The work will continue 24 hours a day until the project is finished, in about seven

#### Paralyzed officer returns home

HOUSTON (AP) — It has been only four months since officer Merle Taylor's motorcycle collided with a Lincoln Continental in an accident that left him paralyzed permanently from the chest down.

But Taylor, 32, said he holds no grudges against the woman who reportedly ran a red light and hit him last Aug. 23. He's just happy to be alive. The Houston police officer spent his first night at home since the accident Christmas Eve.

"A lot of people get depressed at the holidays over what they don't have," said Taylor, a 13year veteran of the Houston Police Department. "When you get in my position, you think about what you do have, not what you don't have."

Taylor gets around in a wheelchair. He can breathe and eat by himself and has gained coordinated use of his arms, better than many of his hospitalmates at the Institute for Rehabilitation and Research in the Texas Medical Center.

But Saturday, he got the Christmas present he'd been hoping for: a quiet time at home in Friendswood, happily warding off the Christmas Eve pleas of his two children to open the presents a day early.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

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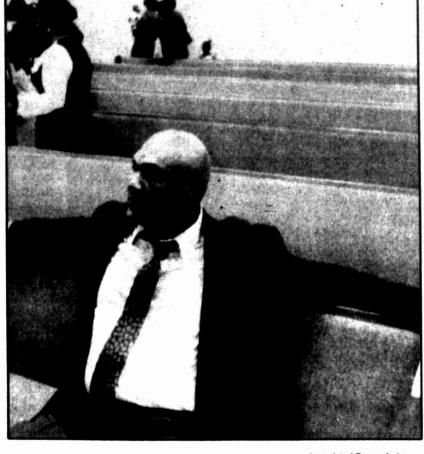
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# RELAXING



Heavyweight boxing champion George Foreman relaxes after giving his Christmas Day sermon at the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ Sunday in Houston. Foreman is a minister at the church, of which is a founder. About 70 people attended the service.

# Parents waiting their GALVESTON (AP) — Work began this weekend on the \$5 million project to bring in they help their children

DALLAS (AP) — Third-grader Kimberly Smith and her father, Keenan, are both expecting said. "It's great to stand in front report cards when school resumes in January.

The Frederick Douglass Elementary School pupil will be graded for her competence in reading, writing and arithmetic. Her father, however, will be graded for praising his daughter, furnishing her with a school uniform and attending school meetings, among other things.

Kimberly, who knows him best, grades him every six weeks for his school involvement and support as part of a program to encourage parents to be more supportive of their grade-school kids.

He didn't fare well on his last report card. He received several A's but got some C's for not buying a school uniform and not volunteering at the school.

It hasn't been easy for Smith, a 26-year-old hotel doorman. who is separated from his wife

and raising three children. "I couldn't argue with her," Smith admitted. "It touched me. If you can imagine getting a bad report card from your child, it can get to you more than getting a call from a teacher."

Smith said he hopes to receive higher marks this time. After the last report card, he bought his daughter that uniform and attended this month's PTA meeting.

Everyone seems to think the report cards work.

Students who unorthodox method have noticed improvements in their parents' support at home and involvement at school.

Jane Million, spokeswoman for the National Association of Elementary School Principals, said she thinks it's a great idea. "Involving parents in the edu-

cation of their children is probably the thing that will help our

schools more than anything else." Ms. Million said.

The card was designed by a committee of teachers, parents and administrators at the southeast Dallas school who felt it would encourage parental support and involvement.

# Sides ready for casino battle

bling issue already are working behind the scenes, preparing for a battle when the Legislature convenes in January.

Groups such as organized labor and racetrack investors are joining forces to support gambling. An equally diverse group is forming in opposition to casinos, including horse breeders, the 6,200-member and the San Antonio City Coun-

A casino amendment would require a two-thirds vote in the state House and Senate and approval by Texas voters.

Jeff Hooper, executive director of the 3,300-strong Texas Thoroughbred Breeders Association, said the organization opposes casinos. In particular, Hooper said, the breeders distrust the proposed revenue-sharing plans under discussion for combined casino and horsetrack operations.

'We can row our own boat," he said.

Texans Against Gambling, a

DALLAS (AP) — People on citizens' group formerly known both sides of the legalized gam- as Texans Who Care, is organizing opposition to all legalized gambling in Texas.

But to labor unions, casinos mean jobs, said Gale Van Hoy of the 75,000-member Texas Building and Construction Trades Council.

"We're 100 percent for them." Van Hoy said. "Most casinos are 100 percent union-built." Jerry Carroll, a part-owner of Texas Restaurant Association still-unopened Retama Race-

track in San Antonio, said his support for casinos is purely pragmatic. "If Texas is going to have

them, then we absolutely must have them at the track, too,' said Carroll, who's also the chairman of Turfway Park in Covington, Ky. Retama coowner Joe Straus Jr. opposes casinos for Texas.

In Corpus Christi, where owners of the money-losing local dog track hope to boost attendance by offering additional gambling as soon as possible, the Chamber of Commerce cited potential for "dramatic econom-

ic impact" in a decision to back casino legalization.

Meanwhile, seven of the nation's largest gaming companies have banded together to lobby for casino-style gambling, despite opposition from Gov. elect George W. Bush.

But the head of the new group, the Texas Association for Casi no Development, said he wants to meet with Bush and try to sell him on the economic benefits of casino gambling.

Last week, the big gaming companies each pledged \$100,000 to the pro-casino lobby ing effort, an official with one of the companies said.

Floyd said the companies in the association are: Dallas-based Hollywood Casino Corp., the Promus Cos. Inc., Boyd Gaming Corp., Station Casinos, Bally Gaming International, Caesar and Seven Circles Resorts.

In San Antonio, Mayor Nelson W. Wolff and the City Council voted in early November to oppose casinos.

# Texarkana divided more than usual

The "Twice as Nice" slogan for the bi-state city of Texarkana no longer seems

Texarkana, Ark., has left the chamber of commerce that once represented it and Texarkana on the Texas side, and city officials express concern about the loss of retail businesses and jobs to their Texas counterparts.

"Everybody's always saying that it doesn't matter on which side the cash register rings, it helps the whole community," said Londell Williams, the mayor of Texarkana, Ark. "Well then, it won't hurt to have them ringing on our side, will it?" But they haven't been, at

least not to Williams' liking. Williams said it would help if a three-state highway project now under consideration comes through Arkansas near Texarkana.

He and the city's Economic Development Commission are concentrating on getting proposed Interstate 49 to come to Arkansas instead of

"If it doesn't come our way, you might as well ask the person leaving Texarkana, Ark., to flip out the lights," Williams said.

Retailers are locating on the Texas side because lending laws are more favorable in Texas for businesses

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# **UTMB** supply contract creates controversy

HOUSTON (AP) - The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston has a special reason for doing business with QualitiCare, a Baltimore-based distributor of medical and surgical supplies.

The medical school is seeking to comply with a Texas law that requires state agencies to make a good-faith effort to award at least 30 percent of their total value of contracts to historically underutilized businesses, or

For a business to be certified as a HUB, a minority or a woman must own at least 51 percent and actively participate in its operation.

QualitiCare is a new, minori-

ty-owned company in a business dominated by three national firms. But UTMB officials believe QualitiCare has "the technology, resources and track record to compete against the national giants," said Jeff Bonnardel, UTMB director of purchasing.

The long-distance relationship is only temporary. Construction workers are finishing a 44,000square-foot space for a new QualitiCare warehouse in Houston.

By about Jan. 1, QualitiCare executives expect the warehouse to operating for the Houstial staff of 12 to 15 people.

ton-Galveston area, with an ini-In 1995, UTMB expects to do at

\$40 million medical and surgical supply budget, said Richard McFee, UTMB assistant vice president for operations.

UTMB did about \$19.6 million in business with HUBs in fiscal 1994 of its total purchasing budget of \$195.4 million, McFee

The QualitiCare deal is not without controversy. Texas already has a number of minority-owned businesses in the medical supply industry that were passed over in favor of the Baltimore firm, said Bernice J. Washington, a Dallas civic volunteer and member of the Produce Commercialization Board least \$5 million worth of busi- with the Texas Department of ness with QualitiCare out of its Commerce.

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# We have to try to find solution to juvenile crime

awmakers are getting ready to overhaul the juvenile justice system for the first time in 20 years. Among the items they will be considering are lowering the age a juvenile can be tried as an adult, and locking the kids up for a longer period of time.

They will also be considering several funding measures that are aimed at curbing juvenile crime including "wish list" for health and welfare program improvements that would cost more than \$1 billion; \$50 million in matching grants for local prevention and early intervention program; \$25 million to make schools safer; and \$56 million for 576 additional juvenile prison beds.

What we are going to have to remember is there will be no easy answer to this pressing problem.

Will locking kids up longer teach them the error of their ways? Will rehabilitation work if there is nothing for them to go to once they are rehabilitated? Will welfare reform really answer the question of why kids commit crime?

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This suggests that the battle

other Earth life has been going

of wits between microbes and

popular interest in dinosaurs.

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Charles C. Williams

Managing Editor

Right now, we don't know. Intervention programs have worked in the past for some kids, not all.

What we have to do is give children a reason not to commit crimes, and that starts at the home.

One program that might work is holding parents responsible for their children's actions. If the parent has to pay, the child may finally learn from that example.

Maybe. Or maybe not.

We have to try something, even with no absolute guarantees it will work, because juvenile crime is robbing the children not only of their future, but our future as well.

# Microbes or man - who will win?

against this planet's largest brains — ours. If we win, we flood the world with humans who are predoomed to starve. If we lose, we are dinosaurs. tants said. I'm less anxious about the

latter than about the former that we, through our unique intellects, might manage to "cure ourselves to death." Is this the way an overpopulated planet will depopulate itself?

AIDS is spreading fast through the billion people who make up the population of

In Africa's most heavily populated nation, Nigeria, 650,000 people are infected with AIDS, and more than 1,450 cases are full-blown — and the numbers are compounding.

The World Health Organization reports a worldwide 60 percent increase in this selfinflicted disease in the past

Anyway, the race is on winner take all!

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# NATION/WORLD



An Israeli police officer prepares to move the body of a suicide bomber who killed himself and wounded 12 others when he detonated explosives strapped to his waist at a busy bus stop near the main entrance to Jerusalem Sunday. An American tourist was among the injured.

# **Suicide bomber wounds 12**

working day for the city's main-

ly Jewish and Muslim popula-

The bus driver had just

picked up about 35 soldiers and

air force personnel at 6:20 a.m.,

shut the back door and moved

The bomber apparently stood

the bus forward a few yards.

JERUSALEM (AP) — A suicide bomber who tried to blow up a bus filled with Israeli soldiers Sunday was a former Palestinian policeman who felt guilty about putting down riots in the Gaza Strip, Islamic mili-

The 25-year-old bomber died and 12 people were wounded, including one American woman cut by flying glass.

The blast outside the Binyenei Ha'ouma convention center scattered glass and metal across the main western road into Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, forcing it shut during rush bility and identified the bomber ing "to go to heaven" as part of

**NEWS IN** 

at a phone booth next to the bus stop, said police spokesman Eric Bar Chen. There were conflicting reports whether the bomb was strapped to his body

or in a suitcase. The Islamic fundamentalist Hamas group claimed responsi-

NEW YORK (AP) — Officer

Timothy Torres was planning

for the future, talking to police

counselors about becoming a

homicide detective like his

Then, just before dawn Christ-

mas morning, he took a break

from walking his beat, stopped

into a Times Square restaurant

for a bite to eat — and shot him-

self in front of two stunned col-

Torres, 26, was the 12th New

"When 12 guys kill them-

selves, something's not work-

ing," said Frank Tuscano, a

police union board member and

founder of Cop Care Inc., a vol-

untary, nonprofit support group

for troubled officers. "These

guys are afraid of saying, 'I

need help,' because then you're

Some officers said Torres's

death underscored the need for

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with job pressures and domestic

York City officer to commit sui-

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role in squelching riots in Gaza City last month. Fifteen people died in the unrest, all worshipers at a mosque in a Hamas stronghold. Hamas has claimed responsi-

policeman uneasy about his

bility for most of the attacks that have killed 94 Israelis since Israel and the PLO made peace in September 1993, including the October bus bombing in Tel Aviv. The militants maintain the agreement betrays Palestinian demands for statebood

Radi left a note at home saying that he planned the bomb hour. Christmas was a regular as Ayman Radi, a former PLO a holy war against Israel.

# Officer 12th in New York to commit suicide in 1994

# **BRIEF** Yeltsin offers to

# withdraw troops

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin today offered to withdraw his troops from the outskirts of the Chechen capital and said it was time to end Moscow's military campaign in the breakaway Russian repub-

Yeltsin appeared to be indicating that he was prepared to resume peace talks with Chechen leaders who have so far rejected his demands that they disarm their supporters and abandon their drive for independence.

Yeltsin's comments to his hawkish Security Council were reported by the Interfax news agency. The council has been a major force behind the military operation.

His offer, made two weeks after he sent up to 40,000 soldiers into Chechnya, came amid sharp disagreements within the military, the parliament and the Kremlin itself over his decision to use military force.

Yeltsin said that the army could be withdrawn to temporary points on the borders of the Chechen republic.

## Changes for disabled slow in coming about

BOSTON (AP) - Almost five years after Congress passed a sweeping law to open government's doors to the disabled, many public buildings still don't have elevators, modified bathroom stalls or doorways wide enough for wheelchairs.

And most cities won't have the mandated improvements in place by next month's deadline.

"There's no city or town on the face of this Earth that's going to be 100 percent fully in says Lowell compliance," Haynes, a planner for Newton, Mass., which has a schedule of projects going into 1997.

abilities Act has been hailed as the most significant civil rights legislation since the 1964 law prohibiting racial discrimina-

Torres was spending his first Christmas since divorcing his wife six months ago and had "emotionally upset" recently, said spokesman Sgt. James Coleman.

But Lt. James Robert, who met with Torres on Thursday to discuss the officer's career plans, said he saw nothing then that seemed reason for concern. "He was fine," Robert said.

"He was going to take some col-

lege courses. He was planning it all out. ... He wanted to follow in his father's footsteps.' The last assignment Torres had before killing himself was

to talk an emotionally disturbed man into going to a hospital to get help. Afterward, he took a break,

joined by officers Tyler Ward and Michael Sciabba.

With Sciabba standing nearby, Torres finished his meal, went back to a rear booth to talk to Ward, sat down, and then shot himself," Coleman said.

# Hijacker offers hostages in exchange for news conference

Islamic radicals who hijacked Algiers and killed three passengers proposed today to release conference, a local official said.

a series of changing demands, Deputy Gov. Jean Ballandras

The five gunmen had been demanding the plane be refueled and flown on to Paris from Marseille, where it landed early today after a 40-hour standoff in

The hijackers "seem determined" but "endlessly change their demands," Ballandras

It was not clear whether the

captives aboard the plane in exchange for the media expo-

Direct talks were established between the hijackers and French officials in the control tower, including regional Gov. Hubert Blanc and the Marseille police chief, Alain Gehin, Ballandras said. "The line is

The pilot of the Airbus A-300 had been serving as intermedi-

The French news agency, Agence France-Presse, had reported earlier that the five gunmen threatened to execute more passengers if the plane was not refueled. The agency, which did not identify its sources, later said the ultimatum had been withdrawn.

# have been pitting themselves Demos to try unity in effort to regain majority

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A population of dinosaurs,

immense and powerful, ruled

By DIANE DUSTON **Associated Press Writer** 

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Democrats claim, with a straight face, that they are energized by their new minority role and will win back majority status in two years. Republicans say their 230-seat majority will grow even larger in the 1996 elections.

No one knows who's right, but Americans can count on battles for party dominance like none witnessed in decades.

While Republicans have captured center stage, touting changes they plan for the 104th Congress, Democrats have been quietly planning their own strategies. "We've been under assault

from a minority, so we understand (what works)," said Democratic Rep. George Miller.

Miller, a northern Californian with strong environmentalist views, was known for his hard ball tactics against prodevelopment Republicans on the Natural Resources Committee he chaired.

An 11-term House veteran whose victory margins have never dipped below 63 percent since his first re-election in 1976, Miller is securely positioned to lead an assault against the GOP as the new vice chairman of policy for

House Democrats. Strategies are different from the minority side, said Miller.

Clearly, Democrats were shocked by their losses Nov. 8. They had scoffed at the GOP's nationally directed "Contract With America" campaign. Congressional elections are won on local issues, they'd said.

When the vote count proved them wrong, they went

# **■ Washington Today**

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"It was like righteous indignation," said Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat. A civil rights leader whose

political activism dates to the desegregation marches of the 1960s, Lewis says Democrats "are not going to roll over and play dead." The Democrats' majority sta-

tus for 40 years gave the party the security to engage in infighting. They're a much more diverse group by sex and ethnic background than the Republicans, which led to differences that regularly played out publicly.

That's changed, the Democrats now say.

"Coming off defeat, we have had to come together," said Rep. Vic Fazio of California, Democratic caucus chairman. "We are energized about taking back majority control in two years."

If they hold all the seats they have now, Democrats need only to unseat 14 Republicans to get back on top.

"We've got to get a message out there," said Rep. Joe Moakley of Massachusetts. The GOP takeover cost him one of the most powerful jobs in the House — chairman of the Rules Committee, the panel that controls which legislation gets to the floor.

"We're hoping it's a two-year aberration," Moakley said of the GOP majority. "They kicked us in PR (public relations). ... We have to show the tightness. We have to change our way of communicating. We have to get working Americans

believing Democrats are their

friends. It's not going to be easy, more than one Democrat acknowledged.

"There's something else wrong we don't understand," said Louise Slaughter of New York. "There has to be some great connection, that only Democratic incumbents lost from one end of the country to the other."

Slaughter, entering her fifth term, got 57 percent of the vote in her Rochester-area district. which is about evenly divided Democrat-Republican. Since her earliest days in Congress, she's been a player among

House leaders and will serve on a new leadership advisory group created by incoming Minority Leader Richard Gephardt of Missouri

Voters may not yet realize how extreme a change they created, says Rep. Bruce Vento of Minnesota.

"This underlines the importance of Congress," said Vento, entering his 10th term and losing his national parks and public lands subcommittee chairmanship in the GOP sweep. For four decades, while the

presidency and the Senate flipped back and forth between parties, the voters took for granted the Democratic reliability of the House, said Vento.

"There has been a strong and steady Congress, stability for 40 years," he said. But now, "the situation is very fluid."

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MARSEILLE, France (AP) an Air France jetliner from hostages in exchange for a news

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# **Kathy Smith: Two-sport wonder**

**By DAVE HARGRAVE** 

Sports Editor

When you mention Big Spring Lady Steer athletics, who comes to mind first?

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1994

If you said Kathy Smith, you're not alone.

1994 has been unforgettable for Smith, a BSHS senior. She's not the most active Big Spring athlete · her only sports are volleyball and track - but when she does something, she does it right. Oh, yeah - for the nonsports fans in Big Spring, Smith made her name known when she was crowned the school's Homecoming Queen.

"Homecoming Queen, well, that was a thrill and all, but it didn't have anything to do with anything I did," Smith said.

Sports were different - she's reached the top through nothing but hard work.

First, Smith reached the UIL state track meet in the long jump. She surprised many, including herself, by winning the San Angelo Regional April 30 with a career-best jump of 17 feet, 9 3-4 inches.

The circumstances surrounding the jump added to the story. preliminaries, Smith scratched on her first two jumps. With only one jump remaining, Smith soared 17-4 to qualify, then topped that in the finals despite competing in a cold rain.

Smith finished seventh in the state finals.

"I was very surprised to make state. I'd long jumped in the regionals since I was a freshman, but I never considered myself that good. I didn't even consider going to state," Smith

Smith led a young Lady Steer track team last spring, competing in the long jump, triple jump, the 400- and 800-meter relays and the 100-meter dash.

I'd rather long jump all day than do any other event," Smith was once quoted as saying. Still, her first love is volleyball.

Though Big Spring has taken



a beating in the won-loss department the past two years, Smith has always given Lady Steer volleyball a legitimate star. For the past two seasons, she made the all-district team - in '94 she was a unanimous selection.

Smith is easy to spot on the court, mostly because of her talent but also because she's lefthanded - you don't see left-handed hitters at too many matches. An interesting sidenote - Smith serves right-handed.

"In track, I like jumping, but as far as running, I'm not too crazy about that," she said. "But I like volleyball a lot."

Smith's volleyball career is finished at Big Spring, but she has another chance to jump toward the state meet. After that, she plans to study psychology in college.

"As far as college goes, I'm not sure yet, but I think I'll go



Kathy Smith, above, worked her way to the UIL state finals in the long jump in 1994. Oh yeah - she was an all-district volleyball player for Big Spring High School as well.

to Howard College for two years, and then to Texas Tech," she said. "I want to play volleyball. I'd love to get a volleyball scholarship. If someone offered a track scholarship, well, I'd have to think about that."

It's simple - Smith achieved the dream of jumping at the state meet; now her sights are set on going to college, becoming a psychiatrist and reaching the state meet a second time.

In an age when many high school students - and even adults - don't know what they want. Smith seems to be winning at just about anything she wants to.

# SPORTS IN **BRIEF**

Lady Vols stay No. 1

Tennessee, which beat Montana 66-61 in its only game last week to improve to 9-0, received all 31 first-place votes today in The Associated Press women's poll.

Connecticut (6-0) is second, followed by Louisiana Tech (8-1), North Carolina (10-0), Penn State (8-1), Alabama (8-0), Stanford (6-1), Vanderbilt (11-2), Colorado (7-2) and Texas Tech (11-2).

#### Dolphins close season with win

MIAMI (AP) — The prospect of playing in cold Cleveland next weekend provided considerable motivation for the Miami Dolphins.

And that proved detrimental to the Detroit Lions, victimized Sunday when Dan Marino threw for 285 yards, and Bernie Parmalee scored three touchdowns Miami's 27-20 victory.

Winning made the Dolphins the AFC East champions for the second time in three years, and it keeps them at home against Kansas City next week in the first round of the playoffs. Losing to the Lions would have sent the Dolphins on the on the brink road to play the Browns.

"It way beats going to Cleveland," tight end Keith Jackson said. "During the holiday season, nobody wants to go to Cleveland."

Defensive end Jeff Cross concurred, "After what Cleveland has been doing, who wants to go to Cleveland?'

#### Blue wins offensive blowout

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) So much for Johnny Majors' theory that college all-star required, that means the lockgames are custom-made for defense.

SPORTS EXTRA

The 57th annual Blue-Gray game was like Arena Football. up and down the field, orchestrated by offenses which looked as if they had been together all season rather than just a week. Maybe someone

forgot to tell the defenses what

time to show up on Christmas

'That's about the most! points I've ever given up,'' said Mississippi linebacker Abdul Jackson, looking exhausted and obviously disgusted after the Blue's 38-27 victory. "It still hurts, even if it was just an all-

star game." The 65 points was a Blue-Gray record, eclipsing the Gray's 40-20 victory in 1953.

#### **Boston College** wins Aloha Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Justice Smith slammed over from 2 yards out, David Gordon kicked a -- yard field goal and the Bos. . College defense registered a safety on Sunday to give the Eagles a 12-7 victory over 11th-ranked Kansas State in the Aloha Bowl.

Both teams struggled in a game that featured a record 19 punts. The Eagles got only 13 first downs and Kansas State seven, the first coming with only 1:27 left in the first half.

# NHL season

NEW YORK (AP) - The fate of the 1994-95 NHL season could be decided this week.

No firm date for cancelling the season has been set, although NHL commissioner Gary Bettman has the authority to shut it down if it becomes impossible to play a 50-game schedule with a full four rounds of playoffs by July 1.

That would seem to indicate the necessity of the season starting before Jan. 15! Because the owners have said a two-week training camp is out would have to end this

# My vote for sports story of the year proudly cast for ice queens

of the many triumphs and tragedies in the world of sports this year.

Hopefully

we have all

spective.

Perhaps



Johnson Staff Writer

learned something from the world of sports that will allow us to put it all into Carlton proper per-

the most incredible sports story of 1994 is the Tonya Harding/Nancy Kerrigan story.

It's hard to believe that Jan. 6 will be one year to the day that Nancy Kerrigan was wacked on the knee in Detroit, Mich., in an attempt to keep her put of the Skating **Figure** Championships.

It's amazing how one event

can impact so many lives. First there's Kerrigan and Harding. Then there is 14-year old Michelle Kwan (who proba-

As 1994 closes, I'm reminded bly should have skated in the Olympics in Lillihamer, Norway last February).

The Tonya/Nancy story is just one more example of how the system seems to protect the criminal as opposed to the vic-

Afraid of being sued, figure skating's governing body, the U.S. Figure Skating Association would not strip Harding of her U.S. National Title nor would the U.S. Olympic Committee ban her from the Olympic team.

Instead, it was decided that Kerrigan would recover in time and she was given an automatic spot on the team. Kwan, who had finished second at the national championships, was bumped.

I don't know if you would call it justice or injustice that Harding was allowed to skate in Lillihamer. On one hand, it was an injustice that Kwan was not allowed on the team. However, it was justice that Harding sprained an ankle, her skate broke and she had to start over after she was well into her rou-

Harding finished eighth at the Olympics, but another story that I don't think got the attention it deserved was the come

back of Kerrigan. The good coverage she did receive was overshadowed by open microphones on the floor during the medal ceremony and during a ride on a float.

It's amazing how people who say they are working in the best interest of the people (reporters, journalists, etc.) turn around and try to smear anyone who comes anywhere near being a national hero.

Kerrigan was a little irritated that 16-year old Oksana Baiul of the Ukraine was so emotional after scoring a very close, some what partisan and controversial victory following the women's long program. She said something like, "Why are they redoing her makeup, she's only going to start crying again.'

That's all the media needed to try to deflate the Nancy Kerrigan balloon, despite her finishing with the silver medal in the closest gold medal battle

## **FOOTBALL**

# NFL standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE W L T Pct. PF PA

y-New England	10	6	0	.625	351	312
Indianapolis	8	8	0	.500	307	320
Buttalo	7	9	0	438	340	356
N.Y. Jets	6	10	0	375	264	320
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	12	4	0	.750	316	234
y-Cleveland	11	5	0	688	340	204
Cincinnati	3	13	0	188	276	406
Houston	2	14	0	.125	226	352
West						
x-San Diego	11	5	0	.688	381	306
y-Kansas City	9	7	0	.563	319	298
LA Raiders	9	7	0	.563	303	327
Denver	7	9	0	.438	347	396
Seattle	6	10	0	.375	287	323

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x-Dallas	12	4	0	.750	414	246
N.Y. Giants	9	7	0	.563	279	305
Arizona	8	8	0	.500	235	267
Philadelphia	7	9	0	.438	308	306
Washington	3	13	30	.188	320	412
Central						
y-Minnesota	9	6	0	.600	335	300
y-Green Bay	9	7	0	.563	382	287
y-Detroit	9	7	0	.563	357	342
y-Chicago	9	7	0	.563	271	307
Tampa Bay	6	10	00	.375	251	35
West						
x-San Fran	13	2	0	.867	491	27

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Saturday's Games Atlanta 10 Arizona 6

Indianapolis 10, Buffalo 9 New York Giants 15, Dallas 10 Green Bay 34, Tampa Bay 19 New England 13, Chicago 3 Cincinnati 33, Philadelphia 30 Cleveland 35, Seattle 9 Kansas City 19, Los Angeles Raiders 9

New Orleans 30, Denver 28 Houston 24. New York Jets 10 San Diego 37, Pittsburgh 34 Washington 24, Los Angeles Rams 21

Sunday's Game Miami 27, Detroit 20 Monday's Game

San Francisco at Minnesota 9

**Playoffs** Saturday, Dec. 31 or Sunday, Jan

New England at Cleveland, TBA Kansas City at Miami, TBA Chicago at Green Bay or Minnesota, TBA

Detroit at Green Bay or Minnesota, Saturday, Jan. 7 AFC and NFC Divisional Sunday, Jan. 8

AFC and NFC Divisional Sunday, Jan. 15 AFC and NFC Championship Sunday, Jan. 29 Super Bowl at Miami

Pro Bowl at Honolulu

## Bowl schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 27

All Times EST

Arizona (8-3) vs. Utah (9-2), 9

Wednesday, Dec. 26 Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. Texas Christian (7-4) vs. Virgini (8-3), 8 p m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 29 Copper Bowl At Tucson, Ariz. Oklahoma (6-5) vs Brigham Young (9-3), 8 p m. (ESPN)

# **BASKETBALL**

**NBA** standings All Times EST

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Friday's Games

Philadelphia 85, Boston 77 Cleveland 80, New Jersey 75 Orlando 123, Milwaukee 91 Miami 116. Charlotte 93 Atlanta 97, Detroit 77 Chicago 116, Indiana 92 San Antonio 98, Houston 96 Phoenix 126, Denver 110 Portland 118, Dallas 92 Washington 105, L.A. Clippers 102 L.A. Lakers 100, Sacramento 87

Saturday's Games Sunday's Games Denver 105. Seattle 96 Chicago 107, New York 104, OT

Monday's Games Boston at Cleveland, 1 p.m. Orlando at Washington, 7 30 p.m. L A Clippers at Minnesota, 8 p.m. New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8.30

Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m Philadelphia at Portland, 10 p m Sacramento at Seattle, 10 p.m. Tuesday's Games

Miami at Orlando, 7:30 p.m. Milwaukee at Detroit, 7 30 p.m. L.A. Clippers at Chicago, 8.30 Phoenix at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Houston, 8:30 p.m Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30

L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 10:3 Portland at Sacramento, 10.30

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## SHOT OF THE DAY



# A sermon with a punch

Heavyweight boxchampion George Foreman gestures while giving his Christmas Day sermon at the Church of the Lord Christ Jesus Sunday Houston.

## TEXAS SPORTS

# **Tarheels confident**

game, but still exhibiting a touch of bravado, the North Carolina Tar Heels arrived Christmas Day to begin preparing for their Sun Bowl showdown with

The first contingent of North Carolina players strode off a plane to a mariachi serenade, then gathered briefly around the Sun Bowl trophy. Why don't we just take it now and go home. We

Don Meredith told his fellow players. Meredith wasn't as brash when asked what he believes will happen Friday when North Carolina (8-

don't have to go through all this," Tar Heels center

EL PASO (AP) - Anticipating a hard-fought

3) is actually facing Texas (7-4) on the field. "Lexpect this to be a very tough, physical, hard-

fought game that won't be decided until the final

minutes of the fourth quarter," said Meredith.

## NATION/WORLD

**Another mark for Shula** 

#### MIAMI (AP) - Miami's Don Shula broke a tie with the late George Halas for first place on the NFL's

regular-season victory list Sunday night. Shula, still wearing a cast following Achilles tendon surgery, presided over the Dolphins' 27-20 victory over Detroit from a motorized scooter. He is

319-149-6 in 32 seasons with Miami and Baltimore.

## Vermiel to Eagles?

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Eagles owner Jeffrey Lurie has talked to former coach Dick Vermeil about returning to the team, and Vermeil says he's interested. The Philadelphia Inquirer

Vermeil, 58, said he became interested during a three-hour meeting with Lurie on Friday.

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FOR TUESDAY, DEC. 27, 1994 ARIES (March 21-April 19): Money negotiations rove sucessful. Unexpected news from In authority figure may have you thinking through problems. Ease up and look at a sitdation more creatively. Be aware of bottom lines. One-toone relating is highlighted. Tonight: Get in close. \*\*\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Defer to partner. Be willing to tero in on what your priorities dre. Creativity is high, as is understanding, and you'll come out on top if you just follow your intuition. Say yes to another. Opportunities to get together are important. Tonight: Out to dinner. \*\*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Get into the groove, but pace yourself. There is a lot to do that perhaps you hadn't considred. Be clear about your choices and expectations. Creativity As high at work. Stay centered. A lot of good news comes your way. Tonight: Work late. \*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Let into the spirit of the day. Worry less about a partner's Hlaky behavior. Be creative. Hocus on communications and sbetter understanding. Brainstorming results in surprising new solutions. Tonight:

Be more childlike. \*\*\*\*\* LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Settle Fin, and be sure about what you want. Awareness of home matters will be critical. You might need to spend money on the house to resolve a problem. Security is important to you and other family members. Balance work with personal life. Tonight: Veg at home. \*\*\*\*

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be careful about how much you say. A loved one may react in an unpredictable way. Good communications are your forte right now, and your creativity , surges. Be aware of just how flirtatious you get. Another may misread you. Tonight: Have a chat over dinner. \*\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Balance your budget with care. Your awareness of your choices to gain new insight. Your intuations about money are impor- about your partner's expectatake. Center and be more buddy. Socused on family matters Tonight: Order in. \*\*\*\*

and a misunderstanding may Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

DEAR ABBY: On the topic of

ranks right up there at the top!

Abigail

Columnist

Van Buren

seat yelling, "I'll fix it!" The

wedding then ground to a halt

while she tried unsuccessfully again and again to reattach it. I

finally proceeded down the

aisle with one hand behind me

gripping my ripped train, and while ascending the steps lead-

By then I was so distracted that when the rabbi reached

mony, I couldn't follow what he

, was saying. The rabbi then

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'so I will begin again — this

When I was handed the goblet

of wine, I drank it all, leaving

At the conclusion of the cere-

mony, as we walked back up

the aisle, the rabbi called out,

"You forgot your bridal bou-

quet!" Then I turned around

chef rolled out the cart bearing

our gorgeous "wedding" cake. It was decorated with "Happy

Birthday," and someone else's

name on it. - A.L., FORT

P.S. My marriage turned out just like my wedding — a total

stumbling block with my moth-

DEAR ABBY: I am writing , this letter because I have hit a

-- none for the groom. Once more,

7.t. the ceremony was stopped so

more wine could be poured. I

was so embarrassed.

and retrieved it.

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disaster!

er-in-law.

· exclaimed, "I'm stopping the

bride is repeating is gibberish,

time in English!"

the Hebrew portion of the cere-

ing to the altar - I fell!

force you to take a stand. Claim your power, abut mix in some personality. Be more aware of what others are asking. Touch base with another and you'll like the result: Tonight: Out and about. \*\*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Kick back, and gain understanding. You'll feel good if you rely on your intuition. Money is your Achilles heel right now; exercise care. Unexpected events bring good news. Be ready for change. Communicate what you desire. Tonight: Take a night off from the grind. \*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be positive about what's happening, and listen to your instincts. Zero in on your desires and success will be yours. News from a distance helps you center on priorities. Focus on what's important and you'll get what you want. Tonight: Be happy. \*\*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Responsibilities are important. You get ahead because of your positive nature and your approach. Accept the limelight. A partner supports you in getting what you want. Be sure about what you're seeking, and be aware of bottom lines. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): News from a distance is exciting and permits you to see events in a new light. Be positive about what life offers and you'll gain. You'll get unusual answers to questions. Listen to a partner or a friend. Tonight: Focus on what you'd really like and go for it. \*\*\*\*\*

IF DEC. 27 IS YOUR BIRTH-DAY: Events may shake you up this unusual year, but growth is possible. In fact, by next fall you will feel very good. Matters from a distance and communications are significant. In the long run, you will get what you want; however, you might need to work hard to get there. If you are single, you meet people easily, and a foreigner may play a significant role. If attached; A long-distance trip is important and will allow you with a loved one is right up your alley; be understanding tant, but you could make a mistions. SCORPIO is a real

THE ASTERISKS (\*) SHOW SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL You are personality-plus today, HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

We have two daughters, but

"Susie," the older daughter.

She always buys Susie more expensive presents than

"Becky." She tried to justify it

should Becky get a raw deal

I have talked to my mother-

Becky's feelings are constant-

ly being hurt, and she's getting

old enough to realize what's

going on. The favoritism is so

obvious that I'm arraid Becky

will grow to resent her grand-

mother — and her older sister,

equally, as we do, even though they are two very different chil-

DEAR NO TOWN: If it will

make you feel any better, this

problem exists in many other

families. The first grandchild

in most families usually gets

more attention than those who

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her to please work harder at

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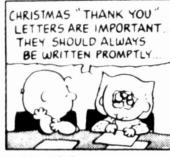




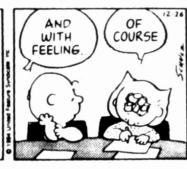


















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# This date in history

Today is Monday, Dec. 26, the 360th day of 1994. There are five days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on Dec. 26, 1944, in the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the embattled U.S. 101st Airborne Division, surrounded by German forces in Belgium, was relieved by units of the Fourth Armored Division.

On this date: In 1776, the British suffered a major defeat in the Battle of during Trenton

Revolutionary War. In 1799, the late George

Washington was eulogized by Col. Henry Lee as "first in war, first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

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TWO YEARS AGO!!

In 1862, 38 Santee Sioux Indians were hanged in Mankato, Minn., for their roles in an uprising that had claimed the lives of hundreds of white settlers.

In 1893, Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung was born in Hunan province.

In 1931, the Pulitzer Prizewinning musical play, "Of Thee I Sing" opened on Broadway.

In 1941, Winston Churchill became the first British prime minister to address a joint meeting of the U.S. Congress.

In 1944, 50 years ago, Tennessee Williams' play "The formed publicly, at the Civic Theatre in Chicago.

In 1972, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S. Truman, died in Kansas City, In 1975, the Soviet Union

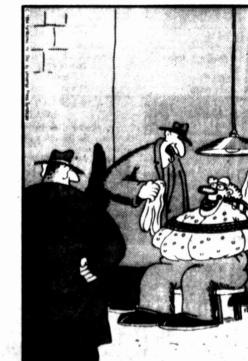
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In 1980, Iranian television footage was broadcast in the United States, showing a dozen

Glass Menagerie" was first per- of the American hostages sending messages of encouragement to their families.

> Ten years ago: Friends and families of the 27 miners killed in the Wilberg Mine fire a week earlier gathered for a memorial service in Castle Dale, Utah.

Thought for Today: "Time is the longest distance between two places." - From "The Glass Menagerie' by Tennessee Williams (1911-1983).



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