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## Veterans benefit checks delayed

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The most recent government shutdown has reached into the pockets of one of America's most honored resources - America's veterans.

While many veterans across the country are wondering what will happen to their benefit checks during this holiday season, locally the Veterans Administration Medical Center is operating with a business as usual attitude.

Assistant VA Medical Center Director Warren Longley said fortunately the hospital is in the health care end of Veterans Affairs and where veterans benefits checks are concerned, that will most likely effect the VA's benefits office in Waco.

"No patient should be experiencing a lack of care due to the lack of a federal budget," Longley said.

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Longley added, "We are maintaining our medical center operations as usual, but we do have people volunteering to go on furlough in the areas where we have the capacity to continue services."

Longley said the fact it is Christmas time has really helped the VA Hospital because so many people have put in for time off that administrators are not having to ask people to go on furlough because of the government shutdown.

He added, "Some veterans really rely on those checks for their daily bread. We're doing what we can here to see that our patients get the care they need."

The VA benefits office in Waco was on full furlough status this morning, but one representative did acknowledge disability payments, pension based

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## Congress not quick enough for mailing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Millions of veterans fell victim to the budget impasse Thursday as Congress failed to act quickly enough to get their benefit checks in the mail on time. Families on welfare also faced a New Year without a check coming.

"They're flat-out scared out there," said Dave Gorman of Disabled American Veterans. "They're being told their service to the country isn't really worth very much right now."

For the first time, Congress is finding that their battle over a seven-year budget, and the related shutdown of government offices, is threatening a valued and vocal constituency.

A Massachusetts veteran with a 100 percent service-related disability and three children told

the American Legion he would commit suicide if he couldn't get his check on time.

Another veteran in a similar situation told Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., that he might lose his home if the check is delayed.

"For veterans who rely on disability and pensions, this is not an inside-the-Beltway squabble," said American Legion spokesman Phil Budahn. "This is hitting them where they really feel it."

The reaction started out swift. President Clinton warned Wednesday that 3.3 million veterans wouldn't get their benefits and pension checks on time Jan. 1 if Congress didn't act by early Thursday morning. Late

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## Montford says no to running for Senate

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

District 28 State Sen. John T. Montford recently ended speculation about a possible bid for the U.S. Senate.

In what Montford described as not an easy decision, he said, "I will not be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the U.S. Senate in 1996."

Montford added he only arrived at his decision after a hard look at the facts and figures.

"I have had lengthy discussions with my family, friends, advisors, colleagues and constituents and have reached the conclusion that public service for me continues to be at the state level," Montford said.

He added it's obvious states, in the future, will have greater and greater responsibilities to solve our nation's problems and he welcomes the challenge.

"I look forward to continuing to work with Gov. George W. Bush, Lt. Governor Bob Bullock, House Speaker Pete Laney and my colleagues in the Texas Senate and House," Montford said.

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## GETTING READY



Herald Photo by Mary McAtear

Salvation Army volunteers add one more toy to a bag in preparation for the Christmas distribution Friday.

## Next of kin sought for dead man

Detectives with the Big Spring Police Department are trying to locate relatives of a man found dead in his home Wednesday afternoon.

Jack Thornton, 73, of 510 South Lancaster, died of natural causes Wednesday afternoon. Det. John Stowers is attempting to locate the next-of-kin but hasn't had any luck so far.

If you know Thornton or know where any of his relatives are, please contact Stowers at 264-2555.

## Government, banks close for holidays

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

City and county offices will be closed two days next week in observance of Christmas.

City Hall and the Howard County Courthouse will not be open.

Please see HOLIDAY, page 4A

## Holiday Deadlines

The Big Spring Herald will be closed Monday due to the Christmas holidays. There will be no paper published on Monday.

The Customer Service Department will be in the office from 7 to 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

## Dry conditions worsen fire chances

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

Dry conditions provide conditions for the quick spread of fire.

Although there has been a little rain the last couple of days, the grass and trees are extremely dry because of the lack of moisture this fall and winter.

Fire Marshal Burr Lea Settles said it is important for those living in the county to be careful when burning their trash.

He advises people who use barrels to burn the trash to make sure there are no holes and a wire mesh lid is used. Do not put aerosol cans in the fire because they can pop out and set the grass on fire.

"We prefer people in the city don't burn grass and other things to clean up their yard. Haul the materials off to the compost site at the airport instead," Settles said.

Do not burn your Christmas tree either. Take it to the land-

fill, compost site or if you have a shredder, use the materials for mulch. The acidity in the pine tree is good mulch material for tomato plants, Settles said.

Officials with the Texas Forest Service have issued a warning to those living in West Texas because the potential for wildfires has been upgraded to extreme.

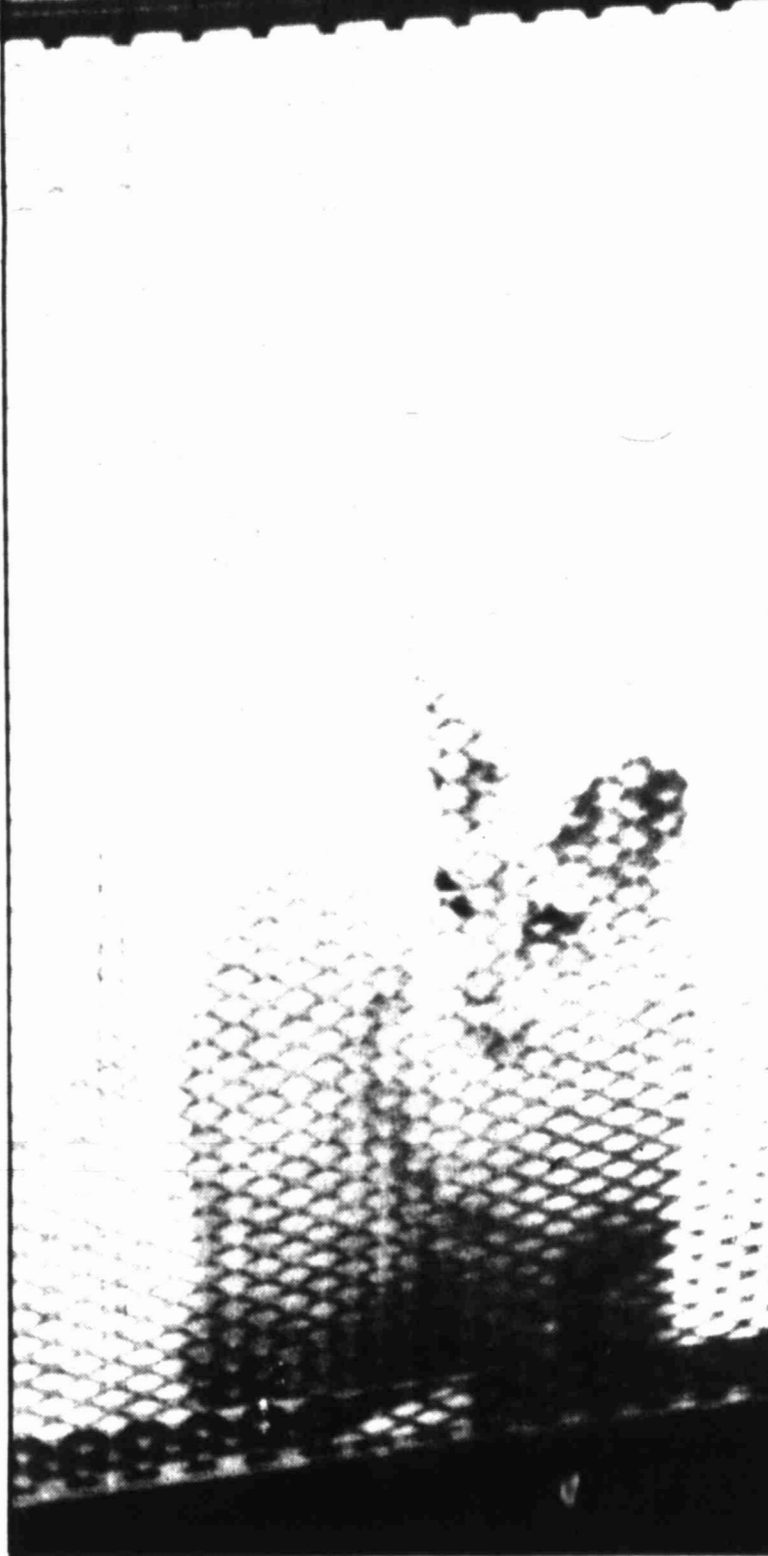
The threat spreads from the Panhandle to the Big Bend and includes areas near Amarillo,

Lubbock, El Paso, Midland and Odessa and the surrounding smaller cities as well.

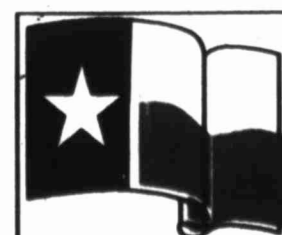
Make sure you don't discard a burning cigarette. If you are hunting, put your campfire out completely. Don't leave it smoldering.

If you are going to set off fireworks for New Year's, take some water with you to put out the small fires that could start by a firecracker landing on dry grass.

## EASY DUTY



Sniff, sniff, mewho's there? A "guard" cat sits behind a door and looks out through the screen at the Pet Connection recently.



### Texas Trivia

What early Texas portrait painter is best known for her rendering of Mrs. Sam Houston?

Penelope Thomas Crouch

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### WORLD/NATION



**World:** Gonzalo Duesan Monroy realized something terrible had happened when he felt the freezing cold in the darkness and the pain in his shoulder. See page 3A.

**Nation:** A young man who spent 15 months in prison for a break-in because of a lie told by two neighbor girls was pardoned by the governor Thursday. See page 7A.

### STATE



### Delayed

The Texas Lottery Commission is looking at what sort of machines the state will allow to dispense pull-tab bingo cards, as Gov. George W. Bush says he doesn't think they should look like casino slot machines. See page 6A.

### Miracle child

Paul White and Cynthia Stephens believe in miracles, and if you ask them why, both will point to 4-year-old Demondrick King and smile. See page 5A.

### TODAY'S WEATHER

#### Tonight



42 <sup>▲</sup> Highs <sup>▼</sup> 21  
Lows

#### Snow possible

Tonight, mostly cloudy, low near 20, light east winds.

#### Permian Basin Forecast

**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy, high lower 40s, light winds; mostly cloudy night, low near 20.

**Sunday:** Mostly cloudy, high lower 40s, light winds; mostly cloudy night, low near 20.

**Monday:** Mostly cloudy, high lower 40s, light winds; mostly cloudy night, low near 20.

#### Saturday



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OBITUARIES

Alma Hoelscher



Alma Pelzel Hoelscher, 84, of St. Lawrence, died on Thursday, Dec. 21, 1995, in a Midland hospital. Rosary will be 7 p.m. Friday, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Rev. Tom Barley, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at St. Lawrence Cemetery.

She was born on April 25, 1911, in Lott, Texas, and married Lawrence B. Hoelscher on Dec. 31, 1929, in Rowena, Texas. He preceded her in death on Feb. 26, 1973.

She was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and St. Lawrence Altar Society. Mrs. Hoelscher was also a member of the Catholic Daughters of America and had served as past grand regent at Olfen. She and her husband farmed in Rowena, Olfen and Wall prior to moving to St. Lawrence in 1956 where they also farmed.

Survivors include a son: Jerome F. Hoelscher, St. Lawrence; two daughters and sons-in-law: Betty Jean and Delbert Halfmann, St. Lawrence, and Alice and Tommy Ayers, Wall; seven grandchildren: Darrell Halfmann and his wife, Danielle, Scott Halfmann and his wife, Tana, Ricky Halfmann and Jennifer Halfmann, both of Lubbock, Jeff Ayers, San Angelo, and Julie Ayers, Wall; three great grandchildren: Laura, Shanna and Cody Halfmann, all of St. Lawrence; one sister: Elizabeth Pelzel, San Angelo; a brother-in-law: Reynold Hoelscher, Miles; and a sister-in-law: Mary Pelzel, San Angelo.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Frank, Louis, Andrew and Gerhard Pelzel and two sisters, Agnes Moeller and Emma Hoelscher.

Special thanks to Dolores Diaz, The Home Health Care of Big Spring and the 4th floor nursing staff at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center of Midland.

Pallbearers will be Darrell Halfmann, Scott Halfmann, Ricky Halfmann, Jeff Ayers, Ralph Hoelscher and Pat Pelzel. The family suggests memorials to: The American Cancer Society, c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2121 or the donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Sallie McNallen Services for Sallie McNallen, 87, Austin, formerly of Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Dec. 22, 1995, in an Austin nursing home.

Jack Thornton Services for Jack Thornton,

73, Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. He died Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1995, at his residence.

Lola Morrow

Funeral services for Lola Cockerham Morrow, 78, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Bill Ballard officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Ms. Morrow died Friday, Dec. 22, in a local hospital. She was born on Dec. 30, 1916, in Cullman, Ala. She married Eugene Cockerham on July 27, 1946. He preceded her in death on Jan. 14, 1975. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1959 and was a homemaker.

Survivors include a son: John D. Cockerham, Big Spring; one daughter Mrs. Rodney (Margaret) Cline, Big Spring; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Opal Tibbets

Funeral services for Opal Tibbets, 81, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Tibbets died Thursday, Dec. 21, in a local hospital following a long illness. She was born on Sept. 16, 1914, in Olive, Okla. She married Johnny Tibbets in Drumright, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1979. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1947 having owned and operated Johnny's Roundtop Cafe from 1947 until 1989.

She is survived by two sons: Jerry Tibbets, and Jackie Tibbets, both of Big Spring; one brother: Vernie Chandler, Drumright, Okla.; and one grandson.

She was also preceded in death by one son, Johnny Tibbets in 1963.

The family will receive friends at Myers & Smith Funeral Home from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. tonight.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Ethel Coleman Services for Ethel Coleman, 84, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. James Mantoosh, pastor of East 4th St. Baptist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Saturday at Mule Creek Cemetery in Tennyson.

Mrs. Coleman died Thursday, Dec. 21, in a local hospital.

She was born on July 24, 1911, in Mitchell County and married Oscar Coleman in 1931 in Forsan. He preceded her in death in 1962. She came to Big Spring in 1992 from San Angelo where she had lived most of her life. She had worked for Martin Dry Cleaners in San Angelo for a number of years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include five granddaughters; eight grandsons; several great grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by one daughter, one son, her parents and a brother.

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MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-8288

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Lola Cockerham Morrow, 78, died Friday. Services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel with interment at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

ON THE RUN

Walt Disney's POCAHONTAS



DID YOU WIN? PICK 3: 1, 7, 2

POLICE

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

-ARTHUR JOE UESLTON, 20, of Tennessee, was arrested for no insurance, no registration and no valid driver's license.

-GUADALUPE LEDEZMA, 44, of 1311 Mobile, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct by using abusive language.

-FRED ALLEN PERRY, 31, of 3701 Calvin, was arrested for public intoxication.

-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF in the 1600 block of Oriole, 400 block of East 24th and 300 block of Gregg.

-ASSAULT in the 1900 block of North Lamesa.

-INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY in the 1800 block of Wallace and 700 block of North Owens.

-UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE in the 100 block of State.

-THEFTS in the 1100 block of North Lamesa, 1700 block of Wasson and in the 1700 block of East Marcy.

-BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 3800 block of West Highway 80.

-LOUD PARTY in the 800 block of Nolan.

-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE in the 1900 block of Mittel and 3300 block of West Highway 80.

-HARASSING PHONE CALLS at a residence on Driver Road.

-SUSPICIOUS VEHICLES on Bryan Road and Centerpoint Road.

-MISSING VEHICLE on Bryan Road.

-MAILBOX DAMAGE at residence on north service road of Interstate 20.

-WHEELERS DRIVING TOO FAST in the eastbound lane of Interstate 20.

SHERIFF

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

-JENNIFER KILMAN, no address given, was arrested for simple assault. She was later released on a \$200 bond.

-WHEELERS DRIVING TOO FAST in the eastbound lane of Interstate 20.

IN BRIEF

Thursday's temp. \*\* Rainfall Thursday \*\*

Thursday's low \*\* Month to date 0.00

Average high 57 Month's normal 0.49

Average low 28 Year to date 15.95

Record high 84 in 1981 Normal for the year 18.38

Record low 2 in 1983 \*\*Statistics not available

MARKETS

March cotton futures 81.30 cents a pound, down 99 points; Feb. crude oil 18.89, down 7 points; cash hog steady at 50 cents lower at 45 cents even; slaughter steers steady at 50 cents lower at 65 cents even; Feb. live hog futures 50.02, up 47 points; Feb. live cattle futures 67.55, up 27 points.

IN BRIEF

Scouts will pickup discarded trees

Boy Scout Troop 401 will pick up and haul off your Christmas tree if you live in Big Spring. A suggested \$5 donation will help the scouts raise money for their summer camps and in purchasing camping equipment.

The pick-up date is Jan. 6. Call 263-8860 for more information and to schedule a time for the scouts to pick up the tree.

Schizophrenia seminar offered

The Howard County Mental Health Center will sponsor a video presentation on "Understanding Relapse: Managing the Symptoms of Schizophrenia," 6 p.m. Dec. 28, at The Corral, Third and Benton streets. The Big Spring AMI meeting will be at 7 p.m.

Mammograms offered free

Planned Parenthood's Big Spring clinic has free mammograms for women over 50. To qualify, women must be income eligible. Licensed professional counselor Robbie Jones, M.A., is continuing counseling and HIV testing by appointment. She will be at the clinic from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 2, 16 and 30. For more information, call the clinic at 263-8351.

Spelling bee set for Feb. 27

The 1996 Howard County Spelling Bee is scheduled for Feb. 27 at the Howard College Auditorium.

Any individual wanting more information can call Kristie Carruthers at 263-7331.

Library closed for the holidays

The Howard County Library will be closed for the Christmas holidays Dec. 23 - 26.

Tall tales wanted

Wolf Brand Chili is conducting its second annual Texas Tall Tales contest.

Story tellers 18 and older are encouraged to pick up a September or November issue of Texas Monthly explaining complete contest rules. All entries must include the words, "100 years" and "Wolf Brand Chili," to commemorate 100 years of Texas' best chili, at least once. Mail entries to: "Wolf Brand Chili Texas Tall Tales Contest," 3131 Turtle Creek Blvd., Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75219, and make sure it's postmarked no later than Dec. 31.

Walking tours Hear tales of a long-ago railroad and cow town by walking the historic streets of downtown Big Spring every Saturday through the end of the year. Walking tours will begin at the Heritage Museum at 2 p.m.

Tour guides will recount the town's early history and legends including stories of the arrival of British Nobility, cattle barons, cowboys and the early railroad.

Groups and individuals are welcome. There is no charge for the walking tours. Call the Heritage Museum, 267-8255.

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IN BRIEF

Dominoes, 42, bridge and Chickentrack, 5-8 p.m. at 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

Spring City Senior Center, free fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

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Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. Big Book Study, 615 Settles.

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Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.

Alcoholics Anonymous 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles.

Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

Welcome Home Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

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

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Singles, single again have been changed to the Eagles Lodge. Contact Keith or Debbie Whiteside at 263-8868 for more information.

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High Adventure Explorers Post 519, 7 p.m., VA Medical Center room 212, ages 14-20.

Howard County Mental Health Center family education and support meeting, 6 p.m., The Corral. Call Lisa Brooks, 263-9746 or Shannon Nabors, 267-0027.

Big Spring Alliance for mentally ill, 7 p.m., The Corral.

Melissa Avila, of St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock, will do free health screenings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Sacred Heart Youth Center, 509 N. Aylford. Call 1-806-765-8475.

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# Survivors found in Colombia crash

BUGA, Colombia (AP) — Gonzalo Dussan Monroy realized something terrible had happened when he felt the freezing cold in the darkness and the pain in his shoulder.

He looked around. "When I woke up ... and saw everything scattered around me, I realized we were in an accident," Dussan said Thursday after rescuers found him among the wreckage of an American Airlines jetliner that crashed on an Andean peak in southwestern Colombia.

"But I really wasn't conscious of what was happening," said Dussan, a Colombian who lives in New Jersey.

Strapped to a stretcher but miraculously alive, he was one of at least seven people out of 164 on board who survived the Wednesday night crash, one of the worst aviation disasters in U.S. history.

Most of the passengers on Flight 965 apparently were from Dussan, Colombians headed home for the holidays in Cali.

Human remains and mangled machinery were strewn across the crash site on the forested crest near Buga, 60 miles and four minutes from the plane's destination in Cali.

Investigators from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board were looking into why the Boeing 757 was 13 miles off course when it crashed.

The jetliner lost radio contact about 9:45 p.m. EST. There was no word from the cockpit.

Rescuers reached the crash site Thursday, braving rocks, rain and the threat of guerrillas. Local farmers got there first pillaged bodies of the dead.

"The peasants are taking away the bags," said Juan Carlos Millan, an official with the Cali



Associated Press photo

Members of the civil defense search for possible survivors Thursday on San Jose Hill where an American Airlines plane crashed Wednesday near Buga. Human remains and wreckage were spread a mile across the crest of the mountain. Rescuers searched for survivors of the 164 people aboard.

The Cali police chief's office said it had found many bodies.

At least 100 people were rescued and the plane's main cabin, later found at a height of 2,000 meters, reported rescuers, people were rescued, but the plane later died.

Rescuers found Dussan, who said he was the only survivor from New Jersey. He was with two children. He was wearing a sign of trouble in the cabin, he said.

"I felt pain in my head and my chest and I fell all around me," he said.

Rescuers found his stretcher, his body and the sound of the plane's engines.

Rescuers found a 7-year-old girl, a 6-year-old boy and a 7-year-old girl. They were recovered

at a Cali hospital. His wife's fate was unknown.

Their hometown was not immediately available.

In Buga, dozens of anxious relatives waited at the edge of the landing field, straining against a line of military cadets whenever helicopters flew in survivors.

"I'll stay here as long as it takes," said Jaime Bonilla, whose sister was on the flight. "I'm going to wait to see the body for myself."

For a few, there was elation.

"After all I've cried, what incredible joy," said a weeping Andres Reyes when he learned his brother, Mauricio, 19, a Colombian business student at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, was alive. Mauricio was being treated at a Cali hospital.

When news that Reyes survived reached his Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, his friends turned what was meant as a memorial service into a celebration.

# Peace stays as war's trappings go

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Moving to discourage any resumption of fighting in Bosnia, NATO troops have started dismantling the roadblocks, command posts and other military facilities dotting the war-scarred landscape.

In Sarajevo, French troops on Thursday removed Sierra Four, a Serb checkpoint that blocked access to the airport.

The road between Sarajevo and Kiseljak, 20 miles to the west, also was cleared of the Muslim, Croat and Serb checkpoints. NATO control posts replaced them.

British forces moved deep into Bosnian Serb territory, demolishing Bosnian Croat and Serb checkpoints. And Maj. Gen. William Nash, commander of American forces in Bosnia, ventured into the Brcko corridor — the northeastern strip of land connecting Bosnian Serb holdings with Serbia proper that was fiercely contested during the war.

Nash said responsibility for maintaining the U.S.-brokered

peace treaty signed Dec. 14 in Paris would ultimately be up to the one-time enemies.

"The burden of peace is on the signers of the peace accord," Nash told reporters Thursday in Tuzla, the northern city that will be the hub of the American troop presence. "If they want peace there will be peace."

NATO on Wednesday formally assumed peacekeeping duties from the ill-fated U.N. mission that preceded it. The North Atlantic Alliance's operation, named "Joint Endeavor," will involve 60,000 troops — one-third of them U.S. soldiers.

"This is a good news story," exulted Adm. Leighton Smith, the overall commander of the NATO-led force that will police the peace. "I've been here 24 hours and I'm just tickled pink" that the soldiers have already moved into Serb-held areas and removed some of the most infamous checkpoints of the conflict, he said.

Unlike the U.N. forces, who were harassed, humiliated and even taken hostage, NATO sol-

diers have a clear mandate, heavy weapons and a peace plan designed to prevent a resumption of war that has left 200,000 dead and more than 2 million homeless.

NATO's mission aims to keep combatants separated by heavily patrolled zones while the country tries to rebuild.

In many cases, U.N. peacekeepers from NATO countries simply exchanged their U.N. insignia for NATO gear. Some 80 percent of the U.N. peacekeepers — about 15,000 troops — had been transferred to NATO by Thursday.

Smith was upbeat after meeting with Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic.

"I told the Prime Minister that I am extremely optimistic about the first hours of the presence of the implementation force," he told reporters.

In Tuzla, Nash was more cautious but also positive after reconnoitering the Sava River crossing point between Croatia and Bosnia and meeting with generals of all sides.

# Yellow fever vaccinations begin in Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Thousands of people jammed makeshift health centers across the capital today as an immunization campaign against yellow fever got under way.

The campaign, billed as the biggest one-time mass vaccination effort ever against the disease, is targeting more than 2 million people across Liberia, including more than a million in the capital.

Yellow fever, which has a fatality rate of 20 percent to 50 percent, is easily prevented by vaccines, but it remains a threat in impoverished countries like Liberia where health facilities are lacking.

Twenty-five vaccination centers were set up in Monrovia, and health workers used loudspeakers to control the crowds that thronged them. The aid agency Doctors Without Bor-

ders, Liberia's health ministry, and the U.N. World Health Organization are cooperating on the vaccination campaign, which was spurred by a yellow fever outbreak in the coastal city of Buchanan, 60 miles south of Monrovia.

That outbreak killed several people, but a vaccination program in Buchanan quickly immunized 95,000 residents before the disease could reach epidemic proportions. One yellow fever death has occurred in Monrovia, WHO said, warning that an outbreak of the contagious disease could devastate the overcrowded capital.

"It is a painful death, and people here are terrified," said Eric Thomas, the Doctors Without Borders coordinator in Monrovia. The agency said this vaccination campaign was the

biggest ever attempted against yellow fever.

Yellow Fever is transmitted by mosquitoes, and there is no known cure. Symptoms include high fever, headache, nausea, and yellowing of the eyes and skin.

The aid group said everyone over the age of four months needs to be vaccinated.

Health care remains one of the biggest challenges facing Liberia as it tries to rebuild after a six-year civil war. The war officially ended Sept. 1 with the seating of a new government, but the country does not have the money it needs to resurrect its health system and rebuild villages. Most Liberians live in crowded, unsanitary conditions in Monrovia and Buchanan, where diseases such as cholera and yellow fever are constant threats.

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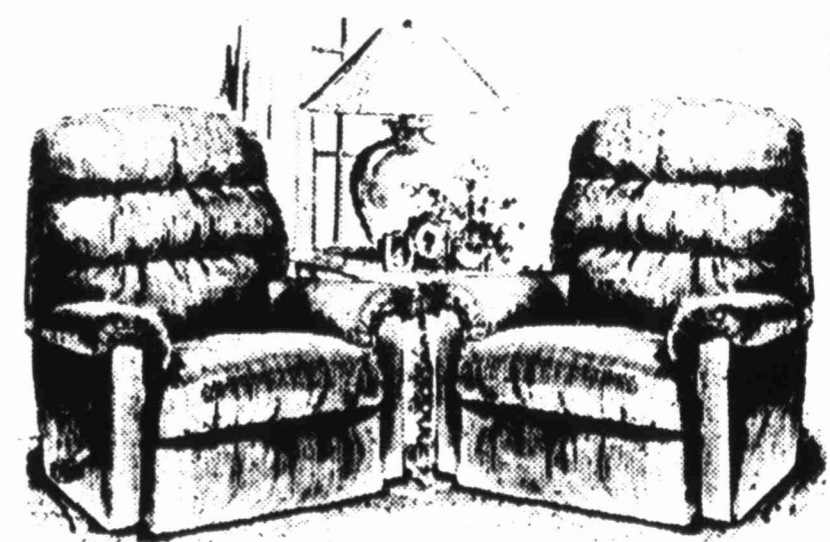


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EDITORIAL

**Quote of the Day**  
"Freedom is not a passive right. It is an active responsibility."  
Teresa Day, high school student, 1994

**Take a drive and enjoy the beauty of the season**

Big Spring has decked itself in twinkling lights all over the place. There are lights on businesses, there are lights on homes, there are lights on top of the Settles Hotel. The lights liven up the town, giving it an air of expectancy, as if something big were about to happen. Of course something is - it's Christmas and all the lights are bright, the smiles more luminous and the big hearts even more so. If you haven't done so already, take a drive around town at night. You might even want to drive out on Highway 87 and see how the VA Medical Center

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Charles C. Williams DD Turner  
Publisher Managing Editor

shines as you come back into town. It is a way to keep the children still for a few brief moments as you prepare for the big day. It is also a way to get into the holiday mood, if you haven't already. The lights are there to attract and illuminate the spirit of the season. Drive and around and enjoy - that's what the Big Spring lights are there for.

ELECTION

**VOTER CONCERNS**

Poll shows economy still no. 1 worry of Americans

By JOHN KING

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jobs and the economy are uppermost on the minds of voters as they look ahead to the 1996 elections, according to an Associated Press poll that shows most Americans expect the new year will bring little change to their personal finances.

Education and health care followed pocketbook concerns when voters were asked what issue mattered most in shaping their 1996 votes, and Democrats were viewed as the party best suited to address both.

Crime and taxes came next. Republicans enjoyed a slight advantage on crime and a big edge on taxes.

With the presidential campaign year about to begin, the AP poll showed Democrats with an narrow early edge, 42 percent to 35 percent, when respondents were asked which party they trusted to lead the country for the next four years.

Democrats had a similar advantage, 40 percent to 34 percent, when 1,013 randomly surveyed adults were asked which party would do a better job addressing the issue that mattered most to them.

The results show the partisan congressional battles of 1995 have sharply polarized the electorate heading into the presidential election year. Democrats and Republicans are loyal — by overwhelming margins — to their party when asked who is best suited to handle a particular issue, or who they trust to lead the country.

The poll findings also suggest a fierce competition in the coming year if major party candidates hope to win the support of independent voters: By a narrow 34 percent to 28 percent margin, independents said they trusted Democrats over Republicans to lead the country for the next four years.

**Poll methodology**

The Associated Press poll on politics was taken Dec. 15-19 among a random sample of 1,013 adult Americans in all states except Alaska and Hawaii.

Interviewing was done by telephone by ICR Survey Research Group of Media, Pa., part of AUS Consultants.

The results were weighted to represent the population by key demographic factors such as age, sex, region and education. There are other sources of potential error in polls, including the wording and order of questions. Here are some of the AP poll questions: (Because of rounding, sums may not total 100 percent.)

1. Looking ahead to the 1996 elections, I'm going to name some issues and ask which one

And when asked which party was best suited to address their top concern, 30 percent of independents picked Democrats, 28 percent Republicans. Twenty-nine percent said neither party, and 14 percent weren't sure — a clear reflection of the disenchantment that has many Americans intrigued with the prospect of new political parties.

That sense of malaise came through both in AP interviews with voters and in the poll taken separately by ICR Survey Research Group, a division of AUS Consultants.

"I just really don't trust anybody (in politics) anymore," said Martha Bombel, a 43-year-old auto broker in Flint, Mich. "You can trust them as far as you can throw them — which ain't far," said Ron Schott, a 33-year-old Pittsburgh cobbler. "Their promises aren't always kept."

In the poll, respondents gave mixed grades to Republicans for delivering on promises to balance the budget, cut taxes, reform welfare and dramatically shift power from Washington to the states. Thirty-nine percent said Republicans have not gone far enough in acting on those promises, 35 percent said Republicans have gone too far and 16 percent said they had struck the right balance.

The survey had a margin of error of 3 percentage points.

For all the GOP troubles in recent polling, the data suggest a possible silver lining: Since 4 in 10 Americans believe Republicans have not gone far enough, they could score big with voters by year's end if they deliver on their pledges to balance the budget and cut taxes.

"Getting the budget in order needs to be a top priority," said Sheri Kelly, a 27-year-old Colorado computer saleswoman and self-described independent voter.

As for their own financial out-

is most important to you in deciding how you vote. (List read in randomized order).

- jobs and the economy: 26 percent.
- education: 18 percent.
- health care: 16 percent.
- crime: 12 percent.
- taxes: 10 percent.
- morality and ethics: 7 percent.
- abortion: 6 percent.
- don't know-no answer: 5 percent.

2. Who do you think could do a better job of dealing with the problem you just mentioned — the republicans or the Democrats? (Asked of those who have an issue that is most important to them). Republicans: 34 percent. Democrats: 40 percent. Neither: 18 percent. Don't know-No answer: 10 percent.

3. Who do you trust more to lead the country for the next four years — the Republicans or the Democrats? Republicans: 35

percent, a clear majority of Americans predict a status quo 1996; 55 percent said they expected their personal financial situation to be about the same next year. Thirty-five percent were more optimistic, predicting they would fare better financially, while 9 percent predicted they would do worse.

Twenty-six percent of respondents picked jobs and the economy when offered a list of seven issues and asked which one was most important in deciding how to vote. Men were more likely than women to cite this issue, and the data underscored anxiety felt by middle-aged Americans at a time of economic turmoil: 39 percent of those between the ages of 45 and 54 cited jobs and the economy as the most important issue.

Education was the No. 1 issue for 18 percent of respondents, like 30-year-old Nicholas Miller, a part-time tenant and shoeshine man in Portland, Ore., who said he thinks the Democrats would do more about it.

"The Republicans, I'm a little scared of. They seem to be big business oriented," he said.

Sixteen percent of respondents picked health care as their top concern.

The survey was taken Dec. 15-19, coinciding with the second partial government shutdown forced by the budget impasse between President Clinton and Republican congressional leaders.

Medicare spending has been a big issue in that debate, and the poll showed clear evidence of the political fallout: 39 percent of those 65 and over picked health care as the No. 1 issue, nearly twice the overall figure.

After health care came crime, cited by 12 percent as the top issue looking ahead to 1996. Taxes was next at 10 percent, followed by morality and ethics, 8 percent, and abortion cited by 6 percent.

percent. Democrats: 42 percent. Neither: 14 percent. Don't know: 10 percent.

4. When the Republicans took control of Congress in January, they pledged to cut taxes, balance the budget, reform welfare and shift power from Washington to the states. As you think about their actions on these issues, have the Republicans not gone far enough, struck the right balance or gone too far? Not gone far enough: 39 percent. Struck the right balance: 16 percent. Gone too far: 35 percent. Don't know-No answer: 10 percent.

5. Now a question about the finances in your household. During the next year, do you expect to be financially better off than today, worse off, or about the same? Better off: 35 percent. Worse off: 9 percent. About the same: 55 percent. Don't know-No answer: 1 percent.

LOCAL

**Tips help making holiday traveling easier**

By KELLIE JONES  
Staff Writer

Don't wrap those packages if you are flying somewhere for the Christmas holidays.

Airline officials warn customers if the x-ray machine can't tell what is inside, a security guard will have to unwrap and open the gift.

The best way to take presents along is to put all of them in a large box, tape it up and check it in with your regular luggage.

Southwest Airlines Operations Supervisor Bill Bredimus said the main problem with people bringing gifts on board is they usually forget them when deplaning.

"I would say most of the passengers forget their gifts and we spend months trying to find out who they go to. It is important to put name tags on the outside of the gifts not just 'to grandma from junior,'" said Bredimus.

"It is also a good idea to make sure you have identification tags on the outside of all the luggage you check in or bring on the plane. Also, put your name and destination on a piece of paper and place it inside the luggage. This helps out in case the name tag is ripped off and we have to open the luggage to see who it belongs to."

Each ticketed passenger can have two carry-ons and check in up to three bags for free. He

added any extra luggage costs \$20 each for the first two bags, \$30 for the third bag and \$40 for the fourth bag. If someone has six bags to check, it will cost a total of \$70.

Delays are part of the holiday travel time because of the increase in traffic, not always due to the weather. One flight can be delayed five minutes because it takes longer to board so by the time a plane makes several stops along the way, your flight could be 20 minutes late.

Bredimus also advises people to get to the airport early and check in 45 minutes to one hour before the flight is scheduled to leave.

**City writes off uncollectible accounts**

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring is writing off \$51,813 worth of uncollectible utility accounts as of Sept. 30.

The figure for Big Spring's 1994-95 uncollectible utility accounts is \$9,913 higher than the last time the city charged off the account.

Finance Director Tom Ferguson said the \$51,813 figure is the amount in the inactive accounts since uncollectible accounts were last charged off Sept. 30, 1994.

In 1993 the city charged off more than \$48,000 in uncollectible accounts and \$54,900 in 1992.

"This charge off will represent

one year of uncollectible accounts," Ferguson said.

According to Ferguson, an inactive account is generated when a customer requests termination of service and then receives a final bill, with credit given for any customer deposits held by the city. If the final bill is paid, the account is removed from the accounts receivable list.

If the bill is not paid, it becomes a part of the inactive accounts receivable. An inactive account is also created when a customer's service is turned off due to delinquency and the customer never pays to have service restored.

Ferguson told the Big Spring City Council Tuesday there are also some miscellaneous accounts receivable in the Gen-

eral Fund and Utility Airpark fund.

"These charges are for landfill, water line repairs and taps and airpark rental. The amount to be charged off in the General Fund is \$859.15. The amount to be charged off in the Utility Fund is \$3497.54; Utility Fund, 3497.54; and the uncollectible total in the Airpark Fund is \$6356.97," Ferguson said.

The city had made repeated efforts have been to collect these accounts, but with not much success.

"We will continue to pursue collections of these accounts even after they are charged off with whatever means available including turning these accounts over to the collection agency, the city is contracted," Ferguson said.

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open Christmas Day, Dec. 26 or New Year's Day. Emergency services will not be interrupted.

There will be no trash pick-up on Dec. 25-26 or Jan. 1 for residential customers but there will be a commercial pick-up on Dec. 26.

The landfill will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

Residents are asked to bring their Christmas trees to either the compost site at the airpark or to the landfill where a specific place has been set up.

A local Boy Scout troop is also picking up trees at residents home if they don't want to haul it off. Troop 401 will come by your house for a suggested donation of \$5 and pick up the tree.

It will be used to either provide an animal habitat, poles for scouting projects or for campfire wood. The scouts will pick up the trees on Jan. 6 and they are limited to just the city limits of Big Spring.

Donations will help the troop fund their way to summer camp, purchase camping equipment and tents. Call 263-8860 for more information and to schedule your pick-up time.

Here is a list of closing dates for the financial institutions:

- Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union - Dec. 25, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1
- Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union - Dec. 25 and Jan. 1
- Big Spring State Hospital

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•Bluebonnet Savings Bank - Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

•Citizens Federal Credit Union - Dec. 23, Dec. 25, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1

•Cosden Employees Credit Union - Dec. 25, Dec. 26 and Jan. 1

•Electric Utilities Credit Union - Dec. 22, Dec. 23, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

•First Bank of West Texas - Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

•Security State Bank - Dec. 23, Dec. 25, Dec. 30 and Jan. 1

•State National Bank - Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

•T & P Federal Credit Union - Dec. 25, Dec. 26, half a day Dec. 29 and all day Jan. 1

Benefits

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disability payments and educational benefits would be delayed because of the shutdown.

Had Congress been able to agree on a proposal before 8 a.m. yesterday, payments would have been mailed out on time.

More than three million veterans are now faced with not receiving their checks and when they will receive them is in the hands of Congress.

Late Wednesday night, the House passed, 411-1, a measure that would provide funding for

those veterans checks through 1996.

But by mid-afternoon Thursday, the Senate still hadn't brought similar legislation to a vote because of Republican and Democratic disagreement about Democrats trying to attach an amendment extending the stopgap spending measure to all government services.

The more than \$1.4 billion per month in veterans benefits checks are usually delivered by the first of each month according to the benefits office in Waco.

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But by mid-afternoon Thursday, the Senate still hadn't brought to the floor similar legislation sponsored by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. And, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., announced it wouldn't get there that day because Democrats are seeking to attach an amendment extending the stopgap spending measure to all government services. Mrs. Hutchison, who argues

that the administration already has the authority to issue the checks, expressed disappointment at the lack of Senate action.

"Last evening the House had a 411-to-1 vote in favor of this legislation," she said. "It's too bad we can't have a 99-to-nothing vote here in the Senate."

Mrs. Hutchison said she is continuing "to urge the president to exercise his constitutional authority to just get the checks out."

Veterans Affairs Department spokesman Jim Holley said the

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One of the major reasons Montford has elected to not seek the U.S. Senate seat include concentrating on a new state constitution; revision of the state's tax system to provide relief from exorbitant property taxes; continuing to bring state agencies to heel and holding them accountable for every tax dollar they spend; seeking solutions for crime problems for all citizens, especially juveniles; and reforming the system by which we select our judges.

veterans' checks were processed and ready to go but would be delayed a day for every day that Congress procrastinates.

Normally the checks, worth about \$1.4 billion a month, are in veterans' mailboxes by the first of the month, and even a few days delay "could be devastating" to the large number of veterans who are elderly, disabled or in lower income levels, Holley said. The VA has had minor delays in mailing checks in the past, but this was the first time that the entire benefits program could be halted.

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# Miracle in Abilene

Boy saved from probable death when dumpster lid fell on neck

By BRIAN BETHEL

Abilene Reporter-News  
ABILENE, Texas — Paul White and Cynthia Stephens believe in miracles, and if you ask them why, both will point to 4-year-old Demondrick King and smile.

The giggling boy watching Jurassic Park on a hospital television looks as normal as any other. Surrounded by favorite toys, he watches the film with intense interest as velociraptors roar and T-Rex parades across the screen.

By all rights, White and Stephens say, Demondrick — known as "Dee" to most of his family and friends — should be dead.

But he lives because of White, who maintains he was "an instrument used by God," rather than a hero, and because of a series of events Stephens says are in no way coincidental.

And therein lies a tale, both agree, perhaps as miraculous as any.

When the heavy lid of a metal dumpster fell on Dee Saturday, catching him just below the neck and pinning the hands of his brother, 5-year-old Gary King, some thought it was

White heard something, but he wasn't sure what. In fact, he almost walked back into his nearby shop but sensed "something was wrong." The sound was Gary crying.

"I looked over and could see Gary," he said. "I asked him if he was hurt and he said, 'Yes.'"

At first White didn't see Demondrick, concentrating instead on his brother. The dumpster lid had slammed shut, closing completely.

A woman frantically ran up to try to help with the other side of the dumpster. When the two managed to open it, she started screaming, "He's dead," White said.

White, confused, looked over and saw Dee King's face — pale, eyes fixed and without breath. The dumpster had caught him just below the neck.

The boy fell lifeless to the ground.

White began to administer CPR, though he had never had training.

"I searched my mind trying to remember what little I could remember," he said. "... Fortunately, it worked."

Dee's chest began to rise and fall after about five compressions,

"When you look at a piece of furniture, you don't praise the saw or the planes that were used to make it, you praise its creator," he said. "That's all I was in this situation — a tool in the hands of God."

The simple fact Dee survived a blow that could have severed his head is a miracle, Stephens and White agree.

The fact he survived with no permanent damage is nothing short of biblical, they said.

Stephens said she feared for the boys' lives at the time of the accident but now feels they were "cradled by the hands of God."

"God doesn't take half-steps," she said. "I should have known that. He was there and had things under control. He was there with them all along."

She said that with White's quick actions, plus the help of emergency workers, the boys lived. All were there at the right time, she said.

In a letter to the Reporter-News, Stephens offered special praise for White: "God truly sent an angel down to walk this earth, and he was Mr. Paul White. ... We thank God that



Demondrick King, left, smiles from his hospital bed Wednesday in Abilene. King survived with minor injuries after a metal dumpster lid slammed on his neck. His grandmother, Cynthia Stephens, and his rescuer Paul White, right, think he is a miracle kid.

Dee's body and soul were touched by an Angel." White, an elder at the 11th and Willis Church of Christ, maintains he's no angel, but was happy to help — and make a new little friend in the bargain. "I've never witnessed a miracle firsthand until that Saturday."

It really is a miracle. It has to be. God knew what he was doing even when I didn't know what to do. All I wanted was for them to come home and be safe.

Cynthia Stephens

already too late for the boy.

The two customarily have chores to do, and had been sent out to the dumpster, located on North 6th behind a shopping center, to empty some trash, said Stephens, the boys' legal guardian and grandmother.

In his zeal to do his part, Dee had climbed on the dumpster to see whether his trash had successfully hit its target.

Neighbors later described the sound of the lid falling as being like a car crash. And somehow, when Stephens heard frantic voices outside, she feared for "her boys."

"All I knew was that my two little ones were out there," she said. "It felt like I flew from the bedroom to the front to the outside in single steps. I knew it was them."

Stephens, who works with terminally ill patients through Hospice of Abilene, said she knows how to help others deal with the pain of loss. But the sudden torrent of emotion was unlike anything she'd ever known.

"I couldn't do anything but pray and call out to God," she said. "I've never felt a fear like that. I've never felt so incredibly helpless."

Paul White was one of the first on the scene. No one knows exactly how long the boys were held by the dumpster. In the rush of activity, that was the least of their worries.

Dee was not breathing and had no pulse when White, owner of White's Color Photography, saw an image he later said would have haunted him forever had the boy not recovered.

sions, but his eyes were still fixed and dilated.

White had a cellular phone handy and called 911, summoning help as Stephens continued to weep in the background.

"At the time, I really didn't know that he was going to make it," White said. "I just didn't know."

Stephens said the boy's doctors eventually admitted the amount of damage he suffered was phenomenally minimal. Dee, who ended up with little more than a scratch on the back of his neck, is not expected to suffer any long-term effects from the lack of oxygen or the blow.

His brother suffered even fewer injuries, going home that night.

"It really is a miracle," Stephens said. "It has to be. God knew what he was doing even when I didn't know what to do. All I wanted was for them to come home and be safe."

White said that with the force the dumpster must have come down, it could have easily snapped a heavy piece of wood.

Those who were at the scene said they'll never know why it didn't do the same to the boy's neck. White admitted he's had nightmares about what might have been.

The dumpster has since been removed.

White has visited Dee at the hospital almost every day since the accident, even giving him a stuffed Santa to help deal with the hospital stay.

He claims no heroic stature for his actions, simply saying he "did what anyone would try to do under the circumstances."

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**Commission to change speed limit on 1,400 miles of East Texas highways**

AUSTIN (AP) — The speed limit on about 1,400 miles of undivided, multilane Texas highways, primarily in East Texas, soon will rise to 70 mph following action by the Texas Transportation Commission.

The commission authorized a speed limit lower than 70 mph on 350 miles of rural undivided highway, meaning the remaining 1,400 miles considered Thursday will be subject to higher speeds.

Motorists should observe whatever speed is posted on highway signs, said Bill Burnett, executive director of the Texas Department of Transportation.

The agency is in the process of replacing the old speed limit signs with new ones.

"Until our review is completed and the speed limit signs are changed, motorists should follow the posted speed limit. As always, that is the safest thing to do," he said.

Since the federally mandated 55 mph limit expired, Texas law sets a maximum speed of 70 mph during the day and 65 mph at night for passenger vehicles.

For trucks, the limits are 60 mph during the day and 55 mph at night.

The law allows the Transportation Commission to set lower speeds based on engineering and traffic studies. The Transportation Department is reviewing the state highway system.

The commission in November took action on interstate and divided highways, setting the speed limit at lower than 70 mph on 350 miles of rural highway and allowing 6,500 miles to go up to the state maximum.

Thursday's action dealt with about half the state's undivided highways of four lanes or more. Reviews have not been completed on about 1,500 miles that are in phase two of the speed-limit review.

The first two phases of the state study have covered nearly 10,000 miles of highway, representing about 13 percent of the Texas highway system, but carrying about 65 percent of the traffic.

Burnett said two remaining phases will cover more than 60,000 miles of highway.

**Suspects in fatal robbery held on \$1.5 million bond**

TEXARKANA, Texas (AP) — Police said Thursday the death penalty will be sought for two men charged with capital murder in the slaying of a Hope, Ark., teen-ager killed during a robbery at his father's jewelry store.

Kirby L. Byington, 19, and Decarlos L. Faulks, 17, both of Texarkana, Texas, were being held on \$1.5 million bond after their arrest at a motel about 2:30 a.m. Thursday, police said.

The two appeared before a judge, who set bond. They were charged with capital murder, attempted capital murder and aggravated robbery, and were being held at the Bi-State Justice Building.

Deric Coleman, 15, was shot Tuesday at Eric's Designer Jewelry in Texarkana. The store is owned by his father, Eric Coleman, 36, who also was shot in the head during the robbery.

At a news conference, Police Chief Gary Adams praised the quick work of his officers.

"I would say that our big break was the recovery of the stolen property taken from the robbery," Adams said. "The culmination of the arrest and the time in which it was concluded indicates that we have a very well-trained, professional criminal investigation (division) and competent patrol officers."

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**Crash leaves father, son missing**

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A father and son from La Feria, Texas, are believed to have perished in the accident late Saturday night.

John Gregory, 69, and his son Kenneth Gregory, 39, were apparently on board the Cessna 150 plane, according to paperwork retrieved by divers Saturday, said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Due to strong undercurrents and swells of up to 10 feet, the plane has not yet been brought to the surface.

On Saturday, at approximately 11:55 p.m., a fisherman heard an explosion near the jetties, rocky piers that extend from the southern end of the island.

Coast Guard officials reported finding two wheels and a piece of the tail flap.

**Action delayed on bingo rules**

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission is looking at what sort of machines the state will allow to dispense pull-tab bingo cards, as Gov. George W. Bush says he doesn't think they should look like casino slot machines.

A proposed rule for the machines was among several bingo proposals before the commission Thursday. But a vote isn't planned until later, said Harriet Miers, head of the commission.

"We have been asked to proceed slowly ... on these rules because they are important to the operation of bingo halls," Ms. Miers said.

She said state senators looking into bingo "have asked us to proceed with caution in how these rules are implemented, and that's what we intend to do."

The Texas Legislature this year decided to allow charity bingo operators to offer pull-tab bingo cards through dispensing machines. The bingo cards are similar to instant-win lottery tickets.

Machines that dispense such tickets might look like anything from postage stamp dispensing machines to fancy casino-type machines. But Bush said Wednesday the latter type doesn't sit well with him.

"Evidently bingo is being redefined to mean three lemons equals bingo. That's not my understanding of bingo. My bingo is five dots in a row," he said.

"If people want to have gambling and gambling machines in Texas, let's be aboveboard about it and let's debate it for what it is," he said.

A proposed rule before the commission would ban machines that simulate rolling or spinning reels, such as are on casino machines. Separate commission approval would be required before any particular type of machine could be used in Texas.

**Neighbor's trip ends 12-year kidnapping ordeal**

AUSTIN (AP) — A neighbor's tip led to the reunion of a Louisiana boy with his mother after 12 years and the father's arrest on a kidnapping charge, the FBI said.

Vaughn Arceneaux, 45, was held at Travis County Jail Thursday in lieu of bond pending extradition to Louisiana, said FBI agent Mike Appleby in San Antonio.

He said Beau Dylan Arceneaux was returned to his mother,

Rebecca Comeaux, who has remarried since her estranged husband fled from Lafayette, La., in 1983.

"The boy's mother flew to Austin and was reunited with him" after 12 years last night," said Appleby. "Beau met his sisters for the first time and they were very emotional."

Arceneaux was arrested without incident Wednesday by FBI agents at a restaurant where he worked on U.S. 290 in Austin.

He had faced a federal charge of unauthorized flight to avoid prosecution after he fled the jurisdiction of Lafayette authorities in violation of a custodial order on Nov. 22, 1983.

However, a federal magistrate in Austin dismissed that charge on Thursday.

Beau Arceneaux, who had been living with his father in Austin, had not seen his mother since he was about 17 months old, said Appleby.

**Swerving to miss deer leaves 4 injured, one dead**

LAMESA (AP) — A Lamesa athlete was killed and four others were injured when the vehicle overturned as the driver swerved to avoid hitting a deer on a rural road, authorities said.

The group was returning late Wednesday night from a Christmas shopping trip in Midland.

Department of Public Safety trooper Don Williams said Kevin Mosely, 17, starting point guard for the Lamesa High School basketball team, was dead at the scene on Texas 349, about 30 miles southwest of Lamesa.

Courtney Edwards, 16, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was reported in satisfactory condition Thursday night after surgery. The other three, Kevin Larry, 17; Demont Edwards, 17; and Julius Hill, 14, were treated and released. All but Hill were on the basketball team.

Edwards, the driver, was the only one of the five wearing a seat belt, Williams said.

The teen-agers were returning from a shopping trip and a visit with friends in Midland when the accident occurred.

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# Stories recanted, teen set free

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A young man who spent 15 months in prison for a break-in because of a lie told by two neighbor girls was pardoned by the governor Thursday and released into the arms of his parents.

"I'm going home to do my Christmas shopping," 19-year-old Christopher Prince said before leaving the Staunton Correctional Center.

Prince, whose IQ of 75 is considered borderline retarded by many doctors, was sentenced to six years in prison after pleading no contest, on the advice of his lawyer, to breaking and entering with intent to commit a felony.

A 13-year-old girl had picked Prince out of a lineup and said he entered her bedroom and told her he intended to have sex with her. Her 12-year-old friend also said she saw Prince in the house that night in 1994.

In October, both girls admitted that they had lied. They have not said why.

Gov. George Allen said the results of a lie detector test administered by the state police indicated the 12-year-old girl falsely accused Prince. The older girl did not take a lie detector test.

"As far as I'm concerned, it's clear Christopher Prince is innocent," Allen said in announcing the pardon.



Christopher Prince, 19, of Culpeper, Va., is greeted by his mother Mary shortly after being released Thursday from Staunton Correctional Center after serving 15 months of a 12-year sentence with six months suspended. Prince was released two months after two young girls recanted testimony that landed him in prison.

Prince's parents hired a private investigator after he insisted he was innocent. The girls' story crumbled when the former FBI agent began questioning them. They admitted they lied only after the Princes agreed not to sue them.

Close said a break-in did occur: A man raised the window and sneaked into the house that night, but did no damage and took nothing. The prosecutor said he did not know whether the intruder went into the girl's bedroom.

Prince's father said the family could now look forward to celebrating Christmas with their son.

He said he also may charge the younger girl, even though she has moved to Florida.

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# Final vote on welfare overhaul planned

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate marched toward a final vote on a historic Republican welfare overhaul plan that would end the federal guarantee of aid to the poor. President Clinton, saying the bill would hurt children, promised a veto.

The sweeping rewrite of the nation's 60-year-old federal welfare system would replace federal guarantees to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program with block grants that could be used by the states to fashion their own welfare plans. And it would cap the total amount of federal funding over the next seven years.

"These two provisions are the key to everything else," Sen. William Roth, R-Del., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said during floor debate Thursday. He said they would push the states to deal aggressively with getting welfare recipients into jobs.

The Senate was to vote today on the GOP plan, which won

House approval Thursday, 245-178, well short of the two-thirds needed to override a veto.

Some Senate Republicans also expressed concerns about the bill, clouding prospects for its passage.

Clinton's promised veto assures this version of a welfare overhaul will not become law any time soon. The president, who campaigned on a pledge to end "welfare as we know it," accused the GOP-controlled Congress of using the vote to push an approach to welfare he already rejected during budget negotiations.

He said the bill includes deep cuts that are "tough on children" and at odds with his goal of "moving people from welfare to work."

The bill, which was a centerpiece of the House GOP's "Contract With America," is estimated to save the federal government \$58 billion over seven years. Programs that would be cut include food stamps as well

as aid to immigrants, disabled children, drug addicts and alcoholics.

It includes an experimental change in the federal school lunch program that would allow seven states to try other ways to provide nutrition to school children.

Republicans see the bill as restoring the work ethic and binding families closer together. Democrats who also support those values say the measure takes away too much at the expense of children, who they called "welfare victims."

"This bill eliminates every safety net and protection measure for the safety and well-being of children," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., a former social worker who was instrumental in shaping the Senate bill so Democrats would support it.

The bill is a blending of the House and Senate versions passed earlier this year.

# Clinton, Dole, Gingrich plan meeting on budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — Talks on a budget-balancing agreement lurched along a rocky road as President Clinton and GOP congressional leaders renewed efforts today to end a partial government shutdown before Christmas — or at least by New Year's Day.

The shutdown that has idled 260,000 federal employees entered its seventh day today, surpassing a six-day closure last month that kept 800,000 workers

from their government jobs.

Meeting into the evening Thursday, White House chief of staff Leon Panetta and his congressional budget counterparts indicated they had reached tentative accords on some secondary issues.

One participant, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the agreements came on cuts in civil service benefits, banking, veterans, energy and transportation programs.

The major items in dispute — how much to spend on Medicare, Medicaid, welfare and tax cuts — remained for a noon meeting today among Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, on how to balance the federal budget by 2002.

Congressional Republicans appeared divided on whether to leave the government partly shuttered while the long-term budget deal is worked out.

# Holiday windfall vanishes in bankruptcy

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six dozen Thai immigrants who worked long hours stitching pricey clothes behind barbed wire were expecting to split more than \$1 million in back wages in time for the holidays. But they may never see their yuletide windfall. Garment makers have forced the illegal sweatshops that employed them into bankruptcy, which could tie up their money in litigation for years.

"They've been through so much," said Julie Su, a lawyer with the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, which represents many of the immigrants. "There's only so much they can react to."

Their story was revealed in

August, after state and federal authorities raided the razor wire-ringed shops in suburban El Monte, Calif.

What they found were 72 Thai nationals, mostly women, who had been smuggled into the United States and forced to work as many as 22 hours a day. Their wages were pitiful, sometimes less than \$2 an hour, and the conditions were deplorable.

Authorities later found more than \$750,000 in cash, gold jewelry and gold bars in a safe at the apartment complex where the immigrants were holed up.

The chance of any of those liquidated assets going to the workers in the near future, however, is unlikely, said Jose Millan, California's acting labor

commissioner. Manufacturers contracted the sweatshops to produce clothes that would be sold at many of the nation's largest retail stores, from Mervyn's to Macy's and Neiman Marcus.

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## Red Raiders suspend two

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Two players charged with felonies and suspended from the Texas Tech football team will not be making the trip today to Tucson for the Copper Bowl.

Defensive back Corey Turner, 20, and wide receiver Ronnie Burns, 20, were charged Thursday with assault on a police officer.

The charges — third-degree felonies punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine — stem from a party that ended with eight Red Raider players jailed for rioting.

Coach Spike Dykes said he reprimanded the four players charged Thursday with misdemeanors stemming from the party Dec. 3.

Turner, a freshman from DeSoto, and Burns, a sophomore from Dallas Carter, were charged with two counts each of assault on a police officer. Neither played much this season.

Dykes said he reprimanded sophomore split end Sheldon Bass, freshman tailback Phillip Hayes, junior cornerback Kenny Haywood and sopho-

more flanker Stacy Mitchell. Their misdemeanor charges:

—Hayes, 19, hindering apprehension and resisting arrest.

—Haywood, 22, criminal trespass and disorderly conduct for loud and profane language.

—Mitchell, 20, hindering apprehension.

—Bass, 20, criminal trespass.

Also arrested in the disturbance were two other players and former All-American Lloyd Hill. But they were not charged Thursday.

Athletic Director Bob Bockrath said the situation is not necessarily a black eye for the Red Raiders (8-3), who play Air Force (8-4) on Wednesday.

"It's not something we're proud of, but certainly we have a bunch of players we are proud of in terms of their community involvement and conduct on and off the field," Bockrath said. "We hope this is a minor blip on the screen."

He said he supports the discipline Dykes meted out.

Two other men and two women also were charged Thursday with misdemeanors

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Texas Tech coach Spike Dykes watches a recent team practice in Lubbock. Two Tech players were charged with felony assault and suspended from the team.

## Franks earns HM status on all-state team

DALLAS (AP) — Teams don't reach three straight Class 4A championships without an amazing depth of talent. Witness the La Marque Cougars.

La Marque placed five players on The Associated Press Sports Editors' all-state team released Thursday, including one at each defensive layer.

Four of those guys — offensive lineman Greg Robinson, kicker Russell Bynum, linebacker James Burnett and defensive back Jamarcus Powers — started for La Marque last season yet were bypassed for all-state honors as other Cougars were in the spotlight.

Further proof of the Cougars' power comes in this fact: the lone non-returning starter among La Marque's five all-state choices, defensive lineman Roylin Bradley, was voted defensive player of the year. And he's only a junior.

Big Spring had one representative on the all-state team. Tight end Daniel Franks, a 6-foot-5, 220-pound senior who 28 passes for 502 yards and six touchdowns, received honorable mention recognition.

La Marque (15-0), which lost to Stephenville in the last two title games, tries to cap its season in style Saturday when it faces Denison (15-0) in the last consolidated 4A championship game. The class will split its postseason into a 5A-like Division I and II format in 1996.

Denison, by the way, landed five players on the second team. La Marque had one second-teamer in running back Derrick Foster.

Three other schools joined La Marque in hogging spots on the first team.

Corsicana provided offensive lineman Reagan Franks, running back Ketric Sanford and defensive back Malik

Ledbetter. Sanford and Ledbetter also were first-teamers last year.

Sulphur Springs was represented by linebacker Kwaesi Palmer and defensive lineman Damione Lewis, who also was a returning first-teamer.

Corpus Christi Calallen landed first-

teamers in offensive lineman Gabe Garza and running back Wes Danaher, yet another returning first-teamer.

Danaher, 4A's all-time leading rusher and the second-most productive runner in Texas history, was a runaway choice for offensive player of the year.

Danaher led 4A with a record 3,572 yards and 46 touchdowns this season. He ended his career with 8,837 yards, another 4A best and second only to Kenneth Hall on Texas' all-time list.

According to the 1995 edition of the National High School Record Book, Danaher is the country's third-best all-time runner. He passed Dallas Cowboys star Emmitt Smith, who had 8,804 yards while at Pensacola Escambia in Florida.

But Danaher couldn't get Calallen past La Marque — again. La Marque beat Calallen last weekend in the semifinals, making it three straight years that the Cougars have ended Calallen's season a week short of the championship.

The APSE All-State team is based on regular-season performance. Nominations for the sixth annual team were made during the season and votes were cast before the playoffs.

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## Report: Aikman, Switzer at odds

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Philosophical differences between quarterback Troy Aikman and head coach Barry Switzer could mean major changes in the Dallas Cowboys organization before next season, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported today.

The newspaper reported that the differences are not resolved, one of them may leave the team.

"I can't predict what's going to happen this off-season," Aikman said. "But what I've

always believed is that we all need to be committed to reaching our potential, and if we're ever doing less than that, I don't want to be a part of it."

Aikman, Switzer and Cowboys owner Jerry Jones discussed concerns over the gap that exists between second-year coach Switzer and the team's star quarterback.

Switzer, who says he will remain with the Cowboys next year, downplayed the disagreement and says "outsiders" have long tried to poison his rela-

tionship with Aikman.

"Troy is a very bright guy, and a professional, and I don't see this being anything worth hurting the program over," Switzer said.

"I don't see anything worth hurting the program over," Switzer said. "Troy is a very bright guy, and a professional, and I don't see this being anything worth hurting the program over."

People who pretend to be his friend are trying to create a separation.

"Troy's got to filter through that and understand we're on the same team here."

Switzer says he has talked over some issues with Aikman.

Jones says he plans to confer with Aikman after the season.

"All Troy wants to do is win," Jones said. "His concerns have to do with the direction we're heading more than with personalities."

"The bottom line is, Troy and I walk in the same shoes here. He has as much at stake in the Dallas Cowboys as I do."

Aikman, who says he likes the area, the fans and the lifestyle, says he has no desire

to leave.

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## Cold snap greets Wolverines as they arrive for Alamo Bowl

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Michigan coach Lloyd Carr had expected a warmer week in South Central Texas for his football team's preparations against the Aggies.

A cold snap pushed temperatures down to the mid-40s through most of Texas as the 14th-ranked Wolverines (9-3) began practice for the Alamo Bowl with No. 18 Texas A&M (8-3) next Thursday.

The cold temperatures were expected to remain through the weekend.

"It's a little bit nippy, but that's great football weather," Carr told reporters just after the team's first Texas practice got started on Thursday at Trinity University.

Michigan planned a nearly three-hour workout, but closed most of the practice to the media.

The team arrived in San Antonio on Wednesday. Carr was confident the cold weather won't make a difference inside

the Alamodome.

He said the team would have to practice hard and be ready for a fast A&M team.

"There is no way in this practice situation that we can simulate A&M's speed," said Carr. "And we certainly don't have a back who can simulate (Leeland) McElroy's speed."

McElroy, who led the Aggies with an average of 171 all-purpose yards this season, was listed as questionable for the bowl game after a teammate rolled over his sore left ankle Monday during a workout.

Carr said he expects the junior running back to play and will prepare his team to take on McElroy.

"I think all great defenses begin with being good against the run," said Carr, who took over the head coaching job after Gary Moeller resigned earlier this year under fire. "If you're good against the run,

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Alison Barker gets an autograph from University of Michigan player Steve King as he leaves a movie theater in San Antonio. Michigan plays Texas A&M in the Alamo Bowl Dec. 28.

## Rogers rejects Rangers' offer

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Free-agent pitcher Kenny Rogers has rejected a "final" offer from the Texas Rangers, club president Tom Schieffer says.

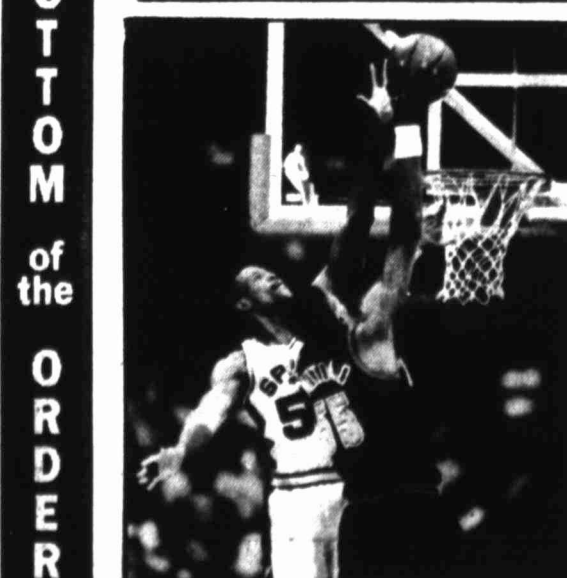
That means unless Scott Boras, Rogers' agent, reverses his decision, Rogers will be pitching elsewhere next season.

Sources told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Thursday that the Rangers offered close to \$4.5 million per season for four years. Boras said that it is less than market value for his client. He conveyed the same message to the Rangers.

Schieffer said the team will not increase the offer.

"There's not anything else to throw in the pot," Schieffer said. "We made our best offer when we went to the fourth year. We've never signed a pitcher to a four-year contract, because of the risk of injury to a pitcher."

## SHOT OF THE DAY TEXAS NATION/WORLD ON THE AIR



Oh, no you don't San Antonio center David Robinson, left, blocks the shot of Denver's Kikembe Mutombo Thursday in San Antonio. The Spurs defeated Denver 114-96.

### Lamesa basketball player killed

LAMESA (AP) — A Lamesa athlete was killed and four others were injured when the vehicle overturned as the driver swerved to avoid hitting a deer on a rural road, authorities said.

The group was returning late Wednesday night from a Christmas shopping trip in Midland. Department of Public Safety trooper Don Williams said Kevin Mosely, 17, starting point guard for the Lamesa High School basketball team, was dead at the scene on Texas 349, about 30 miles southwest of Lamesa.

Three of the four others in the car were also members of the basketball team.

Courtney Edwards, 16, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was reported in satisfactory condition Thursday night after surgery. The other three were treated and released.

### Baseball OKs buyout terms

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Baseball has approved the final terms of Kevin McClatchy's \$85 million buyout of the Pittsburgh Pirates, clearing the way for formal approval next month by major league owners.

Baseball's ownership committee approved the sale last month, contingent upon McClatchy reaching baseball's debt-to-equity ratio.

### NCAA declines to appeal

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The NCAA has decided not to appeal a state district judge's decision allowing New Mexico freshman Kenny Thomas to play.

### Basketball

College

Kansas vs. Temple, 6 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Georgia Tech vs. UMass, 8:30 p.m., ESPN.

George Mason at Long Beach, 11 p.m., ESPN.

NBA

N.Y. Knicks at Orlando, 7 p.m., TNT (ch. 28).

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT.

**Big Spring Friday, Dec**

**FOOTBALL**

**4A All-state**

DALLAS (AP) — State high school football released Thursday. The Associated Press based on regular-season performance.

**FIRST TEAM OFFENSE LINEMEN**

J.J. BARTON, Sr., 245, Sr. — mobile, field blocker; 2-year

ELLIS COTTON, 300, Sr. — blocker averaged 40 ppg and 200, Sr. — top blocker

REAGAN FRANK, 280, Sr. — top blocker

Sanford; team averaged 40 ppg

GABE GARZA, Calallen, 5-10, 290, man for team that averaged 41.1 points per game

GREG ROBINSON, 6-2, 290, Sr. — led line averaged 41.1 points per game

**QUARTERBACK**

STERLIN GILBERT, Late View, 5-10, 171, 1,763, 18 TDs, 5 INTs

second straight district champion

team is 18-2-1 with after going 19-61 in seasons

**RUNNING BACKS**

SHAUN CARR, 175, Sr. — 255-2,000

2 TDs receiving; first rushing

WES DANAHER, Calallen, 6-0, 205, 5, 4A's all-time rusher

Texas history with 22,000 yards; third consecutive season; scored 10, 190, Sr. — 2,333 TDs; No. 2 all-time

**ENDS**

RICKY BOEHLER, Canyon, 6-3, 170, 5 TDs

DEWAL WILSON, 180, Sr. — 50-1,000

**PLACE KICKER**

RUSSELL BYNUM, 11, 175, Sr. — 44, 80 points; set all-time with 32 career FGs

120 PATs

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** — Wes Danaher, Calallen.

**DEFENSE**

**LINEMEN**

ROYLIN BRADY, 2, 215, Jr. — Had sacks, 8 forced fumbles, 1 INT

pass knockdowns had 8 shutouts all season and 95

ELLIS COTTON, 300, Sr. — part of at 144.8 ppg allow sacks, 4 tackles to

DAMIONE LEWIS, Springs, 6-4, 265, per game; district's year and all-star

T.J. LIGHT, Lur Sr. — 45 solo tackles and 30 sacks, 5 caused fumbles, 4 pass blocked kicks and returned for a TD

**LINEBACKERS**

GRADY BROOK, 6-2, 220, Sr. — led team to playoff

JAMES BURRIN, Sr., 5-11, 225 — 1 and 7 hurries on defense

regular-season shut 16 points all season

KWAESI PALM, Springs, 6-3, 235 starter, second-year, 10 tackles per game

**DEFENSIVE BACKS**

DERRICK DOUGLAS, 175, Jr. — 8 INTs

120 total tackles

MALIK LEDBETTER, 5-11, 175, Sr. — 18 career INTs; first last year

JAMARCUS POWERS, Marquette, 5-10, 165 opponents, led defense

regular-season shut 16 points all season

Team went 32-2 in a starter.

DESHAUN RICHARDS, Clear Brook, 6-0, 146 return yards, behind the line and knocked down 5 punts, 1 fumble

**PUNTER**

WADE SPECK, 3, 190, Sr. — 22, 100

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR** — Roland Merque.

**SECOND TEAM**

**ATHLETIC SUPPLY**



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FOOTBALL

4A All-state

DALLAS (AP) — The Class 4A All-State high school football team...

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE LINEMEN

J.J. BARTON, Stephenville, 6-4, 245, Sr. — mobile, quick, good...

QUARTERBACK

STERLIN GILBERT, San Angelo Lake View, 5-10, 170, Jr. — 99-204...

RUNNING BACKS

SHAUN CARR, Sweetwater, 5-9, 175, Sr. — 255-2,021, 23 TDs, 2-98...

WES DANAHER, Corpus Christi Calallen, 6-0, 205, Sr. — became 4A...

ENDS

RICKY BOEHLE, New Braunfels Canyon, 6-3, 170, Sr. — 49-964, 13 TDs...

DEWAL WILSON, Lampasas, 5-9, 160, Sr. — 59-1,001

PLACE KICKER

RUSSELL BYNUM, La Marque, 5-11, 175, Sr. — 44 PATs, 12 FGs for 80 points...

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Wes Danaher, Corpus Christi Calallen.

DEFENSE

ROYLIN BRADLEY, La Marque, 6-2, 215, Jr. — Had 116 tackles, 8 sacks, 6 forced fumbles...

ELLIS COTTON, Sherman, 6-3, 295, Sr. — part of area's top defense at 144.8 ypg allowed...

DAMIANE LEWIS, Sulphur Springs, 6-4, 265, Sr. — 10 tackles per game; district's defensive player of year...

T.J. LIGHT, Lumberton, 6-2, 248, Sr. — 45 solo tackles, 66 assisted tackles...

LINEBACKERS

GRADY BROOKS, Dallas Lincoln, 6-2, 220, Sr. — national recruit who led team to playoffs...

JAMES BURNETT, La Marque, Sr., 5-11, 225 — 122 tackles, 6 sacks and 7 hurries on defense...

KWAEISI PALMER, Sulphur Springs, 6-3, 235 Sr. — 4-year starter, second-team all-state last year, 10 tackles per game.

DEFENSIVE BACK

DERRICK DORRIS, Azle, 6-3, 175, Jr. — 8 INTs, 60 solo tackles, 120 total tackles...

MALIK LEDBETTER, Corsicana, 5-11, 175, Sr. — 7 INTs, 114 tackles, 18 career INTs...

JAMARCUS POWERS, La Marque, 5-10, 165, Sr. — avoided by opponents, led defense that had 8 regular-season shutouts...

DESHAUN RICHARD, League City Clear Brook, 6-0, 170, Sr. — 10 INTs, 146 return yards, 76.5 tackles...

PUNTER

WADE SPECKLES, El Campo, 6-3, 190, Sr. — 24-41.3 avg

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Roland Bradley, La Marque.

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

OL WYATT PADGETT, Sweetwater, 6-2, 225, Sr.

OL SIMON VANDERGRIF, Sherman, 6-3, 295, Sr.

OL NATHAN WOODY, Waco Midway, 6-5, 275, Sr.

OL JASON PETTIT, Denison, 6-1, 226, Sr.

OL T.J. LOCKS, West Orange-Stark, 5-9, 265, Sr.

OL JASON PETTIT, Denison, 6-1, 226, Sr.

OL DENARD WHITFIELD, Denison, 6-4, 212, Jr.

OL DEBY FOREMAN, West Orange-Stark, 5-10, 175, Sr.

OL AHMAD MCKINNEY, Mineral Wells, 5-9, 170, Jr.

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Monday, Dec. 25

Blue-Gray Classic At Montgomery, Ala.

Blue vs. Gray, noon (ABC)

Aloha Bowl At Honolulu

Kansas (9-2) vs. UCLA (7-4), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Copper Bowl At Tucson, Ariz.

Air Force (8-4) vs. Texas Tech (6-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 28

Alamo Bowl At San Antonio

Texas A&M (8-3) vs. Michigan (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29

Alamo Bowl At San Antonio

Florida A&M (9-2) vs. Southern University (10-1), 1 p.m. (ESPN)

Sun Bowl At El Paso, Texas

Washington (7-3-1) vs. Iowa (7-4), 2:30 p.m. (CBS)

Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La.

Michigan State (6-4-1) vs. LSU (4-1), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl At San Diego

Colorado State (8-3) vs. Kansas State (9-2), 9 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 30

Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn.

East Carolina (8-3) vs. Stanford (7-3-1), noon (ESPN)

Carquest Bowl At Miami

North Carolina (6-5) vs. Arkansas (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (TBS)

Peach Bowl At Atlanta

Virginia (8-4) vs. Georgia (6-5), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31

Sage Bowl At New Orleans

Texas (10-1-1) vs. Virginia Tech (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Monday, Jan. 1

Outback Bowl At Tampa, Fla.

Penn State (8-3) vs. Auburn (8-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Citrus Bowl At Orlando, Fla.

Tennessee (10-1) vs. Ohio State (11-1), 1 p.m. (ABC)

Gator Bowl At Jacksonville, Fla.

Clemson (8-3) vs. Syracuse (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (NBC)

Cotton Bowl At Dallas

Colorado (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)

Rose Bowl At Pasadena, Calif.

Northwestern (10-1) vs. Southern California (8-2-1), 5 p.m. (ABC)

Orange Bowl At Miami

Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Florida State (9-2), 8 p.m. (CBS)

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz.

Nebraska (11-0) vs. Florida (12-0), 8:30 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday, Jan. 13

East-West Shrine Classic At Stanford, Calif.

West vs. East, 5 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 20

Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala.

South vs. North, 2:30 p.m. (TBS)

Sunday, Jan. 21

Hula Bowl At Honolulu

East vs. West, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

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New Orleans 6 9 0 400 307 348

x-clinched division title; y-clinched playoff berth.

Saturday's Games

Pittsburgh 41, New England 27

Green Bay 34, New Orleans 23

Sunday's Games

Detroit 44, Jacksonville 0

Buffalo 23, Miami 20

Cleveland 26, Cincinnati 10

Houston 23, New York Jets 6

Carolina 21, Atlanta 17

Philadelphia 21, Arizona 20

Chicago 31, Tampa Bay 10

Washington 35, St. Louis 23

Kansas City 20, Denver 17

San Diego 27, Indianapolis 24

Dallas 21, New York Giants 20

Seattle 44, Oakland 10

Monday's Game

San Francisco 37, Minnesota 30

Saturday, Dec. 23

San Diego at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.

Detroit at Tampa Bay, 4 p.m.

New England at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 24

Pittsburgh at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

Houston at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Seattle at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

San Francisco at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Philadelphia at Chicago, 1 p.m.

New Orleans at New York Jets, 1 p.m.

Minnesota at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Washington, 4 p.m.

Denver at Oakland, 4 p.m.

Miami at St. Louis, 4 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25

San Diego at Arizona, 9 p.m.

End Regular Season

College scores

EAST

Boston U. 72, Harvard 60

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Holy Cross 101, New Hampshire 79

Lehigh 76, Muhlenberg 58

Monmouth, N.J. 73, Loyola, Md. 59

St. Joseph's 84, UC Santa Barbara 66

Youngstown St. 66, Robert Morris 59

SOUTH

Alabama 60, Tulane 79

Appalachian St. 78, Loyola, Ill. 70

Charleston Southern 89, Furman 81

Davidson 93, Williams 87, OT

Georgia 95, Mercer 68

Illinois St. 69, N.C.-Wilmington 57

Memphis 74, Sam Houston St. 51

South Carolina 112, Citadel 61

Southern Miss. 74, Tn.-Chattanooga 57

VMI 91, E. Tennessee 62

Virginia 80, Va. Commonwealth 65

Wake Forest 60, Utah 55

MIDWEST

Dayton 85, E. Illinois 65

E. Michigan 88, Manhattan 76

Michigan St. 65, E. Tennessee St. 57

N. Iowa 76, Cent. Florida 71

Purdue 74, Valparaiso 53

WEST

Arkansas 73, Southern Meth. 46

Mississippi 76, Houston 67

Oklahoma 87, Oral Roberts 53

Rice 62, Dartmouth 54

Tennessee Tech 89, Arkansas St. 87, OT

Texas 92, Providence 83

FAIR WEST

San Diego 81, UC Irvine 78

TOURNAMENTS

ISU Holiday Classic

First Round

Iowa St. 50, Princeton 47

Samford 69, Nicholls St. 53

UAB Second Round

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# Win over Bears could give Eagles East title

The Philadelphia Eagles couldn't pick a better time for themselves — and a worse time for the Bears — to get their first victory in Chicago.

Through the decades, the Eagles have been a washout in the Windy City. They are 0-13 at the Bears' home, where they play Sunday.

These Eagles, however, are 10-5, winners of nine of their last 11 games and in position to win the NFC East. A victory over the Bears (8-7) and a loss Monday night by Dallas at Arizona, would boost Philadelphia to the top of the division.

And even if that doesn't happen, the Eagles will be at home for a wild-card round game on Dec. 30 or Dec. 31.

"We're in good shape for the playoffs, but we'd love to have that division," Eagles quarterback Rodney Peete said. "It doesn't matter what our record is there, it matters what this team can do there."

What the Eagles can do is ruin Chicago's playoff hopes. The Bears must win and have defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco defeat or tie

Five NFC postseason berths have been claimed. The 49ers won the West and will get home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs by beating the Falcons. Dallas and Philadelphia already are in, along with Green Bay and Detroit.

The Packers are home to Pittsburgh, the AFC Central winner, on Sunday. Detroit, which needs a victory and a loss by the Packers to claim the NFC Central title, visits Tampa Bay on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, San Diego is at the New York Giants and Indianapolis is at home for New England. If the Chargers and Colts win, they make the playoffs in the AFC.

On Sunday, Denver is at Oakland, with both teams in the wild-card chase; Seattle, which also can get a wild-card spot, is at Kansas City, which takes the AFC home-field edge with a victory; Minnesota goes to Cincinnati needing a win and some help to get into the playoffs; and Miami is at St. Louis, with the Dolphins still alive in the AFC.

the AFC is Buffalo, which is at home to the Oilers, who probably are playing their last game representing Houston. In games with no playoff implications, Cleveland visits Jacksonville, New Orleans is at the New York Jets and Carolina is at Washington.

The Steelers (11-4) could get home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs Sunday with their league-leading ninth straight victory, combined with a loss by Kansas City to Seattle.

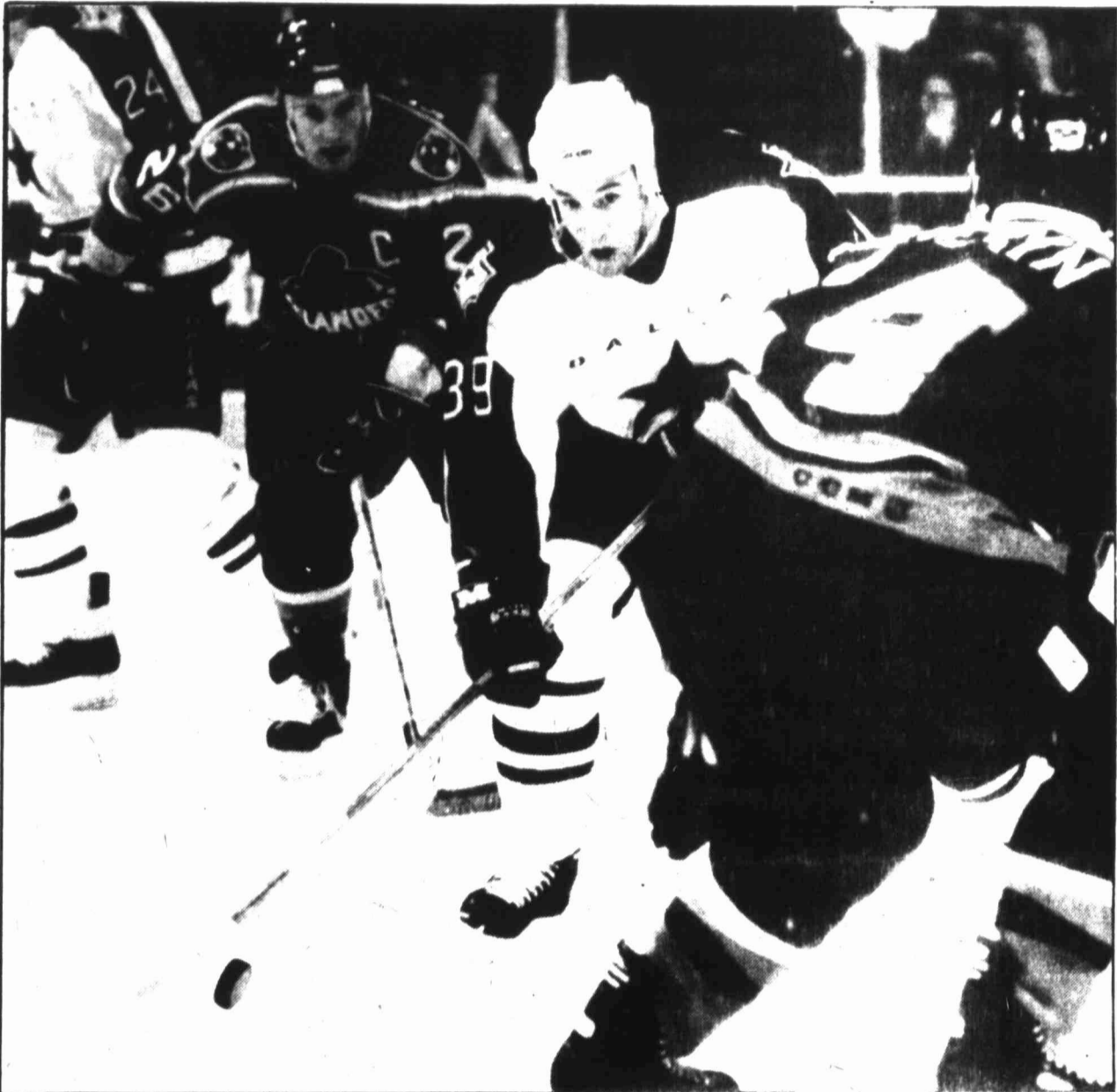
"I don't think we'll rest any of our players. We have home-field advantage at stake," coach Bill Cowher said.

Still, the stakes are higher for the Packers, who seek their first division title since 1972.

The Packers haven't won 11 games since Vince Lombardi went 12-2 in 1966.

"I'm glad both teams are fighting for something at the end," Packers coach Mike Holmgren said. "It makes for a very difficult game. These are two real good football teams. I know how Cowher coaches and he knows how I approach things."

## WORKING THROUGH TRAFFIC



Dallas Stars' Guy Kennedy works the puck between New York Islanders defenders during the third period of their game in Dallas Thursday. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

# SuperSonics usurp Kings as best of the West

There's a new first-place team in the NBA's Western Division.

The Seattle SuperSonics took over the top spot by beating the Vancouver Grizzlies 92-68, while the Sacramento Kings were getting upset 103-96 by the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday night.

"We knocked them out of first place? That's all right. If you looked at their forlorn faces after the game, just magnify that by 16 times what we've looked like over the course of the season," Brian Williams of the Clippers said.

The loss ended a season-long run at the top of the standings for the Kings, a perennial Western Division doormat that has managed to turn its fortunes around this season.

In other NBA games, Utah edged Cleveland 89-87, Houston topped Portland 91-86, San Antonio defeated Denver 114-96 and Charlotte downed Boston 107-97.

A victory would have allowed Sacramento to match the franchise's 44-year-old record for its best start after 23 games. The 1951-52 Rochester Royals, an earlier incarnation of the Kings, won 16 of their first 23 and finished with a league-high 41 wins with 25 losses.

"I don't know if we talked about challenging for first place, but I think we're going to be competitive for a playoff spot. I never set it as a goal to win first place. It's about tak-

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ing care of business, and by and large we've done a good job. I think this is our first loss against a team under .500," coach Gary St. Jean said.

The Clippers put this one away with a run early in the fourth quarter. Loy Vaught's four field goals in the first four minutes of the final period helped Los Angeles open an 86-82 lead, then a dunk and a 3-pointer by Lamond Murray and a jumper by Pooh Richardson made it 95-85 with 2:27 remaining. The Kings got no closer than five points the rest of the way.

"In the fourth quarter, we responded," said Richardson, who scored five of his 21 points on free throws in the final minute. "We didn't turn the ball over, we converted on our opportunities, we made our free throws."

Vaught had 22 points, 15 rebounds and four assists.

Mitch Richmond had 23 points before fouling out with 5:08 left, and Sarunas Marciulionis scored 16 for Sacramento, which plays the Los Angeles Lakers tonight.

**SuperSonics 92, Grizzlies 68**  
Seattle held the Grizzlies to the lowest point total ever recorded by a Sonics opponent.

With 7-foot, 292-pound rookie Bryant Reeves out with back

spasms, Vancouver didn't have much of an inside game for the Sonics to worry about, and Seattle was able to pressure the Grizzlies' outside shooters.

Vancouver shot just 40 percent from the field and committed a season-high 32 turnovers. Winters, asked if he thought any of the visiting Grizzlies played a decent game, paused for a minute and replied, "Anthony Avent was our bright spot (16 points). Other than that, there weren't any others."

Gary Payton scored 22 points and Shawn Kemp had 15 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Sonics, who lost in Vancouver 94-93 Tuesday night in a game in which Reeves hurt his back.

**Jazz 89, Cavaliers 87**  
At Cleveland, Utah almost let one slip away in the final half-minute, but John Stockton won it with a 3-pointer at the final buzzer.

Utah led 85-79 when Adam Keefe tipped in a basket with 24 seconds to go. In the closing seconds, however, Stockton missed one of two foul shots, and Jeff Hornacek missed a pair. A 3-pointer and a put-back by Chris Mills got the Cavs to 86-84, and Dan Majerle sank a go-ahead 3-pointer with 3.6 seconds to go.

After a timeout, Stockton caught David Benoit's inbounds pass, dribbled to the top of the 3-point arc and made the winning shot. Stockton got a good look at the basket because

Terrell Brandon, who was guarding him, slipped as the inbounds play from midcourt began to develop.

"I recovered, and then Karl Malone got me (with a pick). Michael Cage and I both jumped at Stockton. He kind of hit an off-balance shot. It was kind of sideways," Brandon said.

**Rockets 91, Trail Blazers 86**

At Houston, Clyde Drexler wasn't around to face his former teammates.

Houston's All-Star shooting guard missed his first full game since suffering a severely bruised leg against Phoenix on Tuesday. He is expected to be out at least two weeks.

The difference in this game came at the free throw stripe as the Blazers, who average a league low 62.8 percent from the line, converted just 16 of 31. Houston was 22 of 27.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 30 points and 15 rebounds. Rod Strickland scored 30 for Portland.

**Spurs 114, Nuggets 96**

At San Antonio, David Robinson had 25 points, 14 in the first half, and Vinny Del Negro added 21 as the Spurs eased to the victory.

Dale Ellis led Denver with 21 points, and Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf added 18.

"That 51-41 rebound advantage was definitely a plus," Spurs coach Bob Hill said.

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Theresa Cypert demonstrates back massage on her husband, Richard. "This probably looks painful, but it's really not," she jokes. Her training at Austin School of Massage Therapy has taught her the firm, yet gentle, therapist's touch.

## RELAX!

### Trained therapists can massage away holiday stress

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Herald Correspondent

If the hustle and bustle of the holiday season has you gritting your teeth, some local residents have a suggestion: Relax.

Six Big Spring students are learning the "healing art" of massage from the Austin School of Massage Therapy. After completing the 15-week program, they will become registered massage therapists.

Currently all six meet with others from the area two times a month in Midland for 20 hours of studying and practice. They study such complex subjects as anatomy, bone and muscle placement and the benefits of massage for many common ailments.

"It's very challenging," said Mary Ann R. Fitzgibbons, who is taking the course because she wanted to learn "something different."

Theresa Cypert said she chose the school because it focused on the physical benefits of massage.

"It loosens the muscles, gets circulation going, lowers blood pressure and improves digestion," Cypert said. The class is Please see RELAX, page 2B



Mary Ann Fitzgibbons, left, helps Theresa practice on Richard. A lot of hard work goes into relaxing massages; students such as Mary Ann and Theresa study anatomy, muscle and bone placement as well as massage techniques.

## Brother's return from Vietnam proved to be best gift ever

By BILLIE SUE BARNES  
Contributing Writer

I have been fortunate to have enjoyed some great Christmases. I can remember at least one terrific gift that always stands out in my memory from each Christmas since I was about 3 years old. I can't recall any duds that I received, although there probably were one or two over the years.

It has taken me about 30 years to figure out my greatest gift of all, though, and that's the one I would like to share with you.

My parents were "blessed" with me when they were in their late 30s, which means that

I have siblings several years older than I am. My sister, Novella, and her husband Jack, already had a daughter when I came along, so I am closer in age to some of my folks' grandkids than I am to my sister and brothers.

Mama and Daddy have always had a knack for keeping us together as a family unit, and Christmas when I was a kid was only short of spectacular! My brother, Homer, who is closest to my age (but still seven years older) left our home in Sweetwater for Vietnam in December of 1966. I was barely 12 years old when he left, and Christmas seemed to change after that. It was still special, but the years that we

could all be together became few and far between.

Homer didn't get to come home for over two years - a lifetime to a kid! He arrived on our door step on Dec. 18, 1968, just in time for Christmas. That Christmas is the one that still stands out in my memory. We had lights strung outside and the most beautiful tree I had ever seen! It was one of those silver trees and it was decorated all in blue - even blue icicles, and it sparkled like no tree I had seen before or since.

My parents, my sister and her family, my oldest brother, Melvin and his wife, Barkie (who has been in my life since I was 3 years old), their kids and Homer were all home! In



my mind that lives on as a Currier & Ives kind of Christmas. To me, it was perfect in every way except it didn't snow (it doesn't snow much in Sweetwater either).

I don't remember many of the presents I received that year. What I do remember is the warmth and love that seemed to fill every room of our house,

and I remember thinking that I must be a very lucky girl to be a part of something like that.

I've enjoyed many great Christmases since 1968 - some times it was just my parents and me and eventually, we added my husband, Carl Wayne, to our family but time has a way of moving on and we all grew up and went our separate ways. New family members have been added in addition to my husband, Homer married Marie, his high school sweetheart and has two sons. As with most families the entire family doesn't get to be together as much as I would like.

This year we are going to try to recapture some of the "old"

magic of the season. As my brothers are coming to our parents home for the holidays along with their families, Carl Wayne and I will be the ones. Unfortunately, we haven't seen each other for several years ago, and it's hard to know what to expect.

The lights were strung outside and the family ties that bind us together no matter what. That's the true gift of Christmas, and the best gift I have ever received.

## Radio show marks 45th anniversary

By DEBRA HALE  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — On this cold, windy day, Pacific Garden Mission is home to more than the homeless.

Tourists and radio buffs join them to pack an auditorium along a part of South State Street known as "Tramp's Trail" to hear program No. 2357 of "Unshackled," billed as the longest continuously-running radio drama still on the air.

The program was first broadcast Sept. 23, 1950, with the story of the life and conversion of evangelist Billy Sunday. Forty-five years later, it still reenacts true-life stories of people who through Christianity have overcome hardships from alcoholism to promiscuity.

Standing before a microphone and a huge sign declaring, "He (Christ) made peace through

the blood of his cross. Col. 1:20," the radio announcer reads from his script.

"The scene is the same all over the world, whether in small town or big city, young people and some not so young drawn to the local hangout," announcer Bob O'Donnell says. "They drink and joke and go home empty-hearted, each one looking for something, someone, some answer to their loneliness. This is what Sheila Harris found and how she was 'Unshackled!'"

The 30-minute program is recorded before a live audience every Saturday at Pacific Garden Mission, a homeless shelter. More than 1,000 stations broadcast it to listeners in six continents.

A committee verifies facts of stories offered by listeners by contacting references such as preachers and relatives.

The production is a scene

from the past. A sound-effects man re-creates the sounds of a bar with clinking glasses, of children catching tadpoles by splashing water in a bucket. An organist provides scene transitions, sometimes with a soft melody, sometimes a crescendo of ominous chords.

The program originally focused on alcoholism and drugs, but problems like child and spousal abuse and meaningless lives are now common. "We're not restricted to Skid Row stories," says O'Donnell, wearing a gold unshackled handcuff pin on his lapel.

This program, to be broadcast in February, focuses on a woman whose life was marred by booze, beatings and the wrong man until she met the right man who led her to Christ. The story tells how this woman, portrayed by Judith Easton, searched for love "in all the wrong places."



As members of the night's "Unshackled" cast await their turn, Ron M... finding Christ for another edition of the longest continuously running radio show at Pacific Gardens Mission in Chicago.

### SLICE of life!

#### PICTURE THIS

**I hate wind**  
Carrie Haltér braves the cold wind Tuesday while working as a school crossing guard at St. Mary's School in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Merry Christmas, Sands style**  
Students at Sands Elementary have been busy helping others this Christmas season. Each lower elementary class worked with an upper elementary class to make placemats. The placemats will be taken to patients at Lamesa Hospital, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the VA Medical Center on Christmas.  
On Dec. 19, the school divided into groups and went Christmas caroling. Each group stopped and sang at five houses. After singing "Jingle Bells," Rudolph, the Red-Nose Reindeer and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," a basket of fruit was given to an Ackerly senior citizen.  
The children enjoyed the looks of delight on the faces of their audiences. "No one has ever stopped at my house to carol," said one woman.

**Presentation to discuss mental illness**  
The Howard County Mental Health Center will sponsor a video presentation on "Understanding Relapse: Managing the Symptoms of Schizophrenia," 6 p.m. Dec. 28, at The Corral, Third and Benton streets. The Big Spring AMI meeting will be at 7 p.m.

**Women's services available**  
Planned Parenthood's Big Spring clinic has free mammograms for women over 50. To qualify, women must be income eligible. Licensed professional counselor Robbie Jones, M.A., is continuing counseling and HIV testing by appointment. She will be at the clinic from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 2, 16 and 30. For more information, call the clinic at 263-8351.

### THE LAST WORD

The strength of this country is that it can stand a lot of strong words as long as we allow a lot of different views.

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# Centuries-long debate continues about Jesus' virgin birth

By J. MICHAEL PARKER  
San Antonio Express-News

**SAN ANTONIO** — Two Gospels and Christianity's primary creeds say Jesus Christ was "conceived of the Holy Spirit" and "born of a virgin."

But does that mean he was conceived and born literally without the participation of Mary's spouse, Joseph? If so, must Christians believe this to be saved?

If it's not meant literally, does that detract from the power and beauty of the Christmas story?

Many Roman Catholic and mainline Protestant scholars say there is unequivocal evidence setting the first ques-

tion, but they believe the specific manner — Jesus' conception is less important than the purpose and meaning of his incarnation.

More controversy about the birth of Jesus is the teaching in the Bible and that cannot be denied.

The Virgin Birth was included in the Nicene Creed adopted by the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325 and still recited each Sunday in every Roman Catholic church and in most mainline Protestant churches.

Catholicism also teaches Jesus' mother herself was without sin from the moment of her conception through the unique grace and privilege of God in anticipation of her becoming the mother of the Son of God.

humanity.

This privilege is known as the Immaculate Conception. It was defined as an official dogma of the Catholic Church Dec. 8, 1854, and its celebration on the anniversary of that date is a holy day of obligation for U.S. Catholics.

Protestant and Orthodox Christians do not believe in the Immaculate Conception, but the virginal conception of Jesus is a core belief even for Baptists, who don't subscribe to any creed.

But some feminists have suggested the teaching originated as a cover for an illegitimate birth.

Episcopal Bishop John S. Spong of Newark, N.J., caused

a storm of controversy several years ago with his book "Born of A Woman: A Bishop Rethinks the Birth of Jesus," which suggested that Mary had been sexually violated and that Jesus' birth was laden with scandal.

Peter French, a philosophy professor at the University of South Florida, said those theories "are stretching pretty hard," but said many Christians seem to have relegated the Virgin Birth narrative to the status of mythology surrounding the more central point of Jesus' incarnation.

"Jesus could have come to earth in any of a number of ways. What difference would it make? If the Gospel had said

Joseph was Jesus' biological father, I don't think it would have mattered," French said.

Marcus Borg, a member of the controversial Jesus Seminar and author of a current best-seller, "Meeting Jesus Again For the First Time," said Jesus wasn't literally conceived virginally, but added:

"The stories of it are powerfully true. They have the truth of metaphor. They use some of the most ancient religious symbols to talk about the significance of Jesus," Borg said.

Borg said Mark's and John's gospels and Paul's letters omit Jesus' birth, and even Matthew and Luke disagree in several details about it.

Ramesh Richard, professor of

preaching, spiritual life and apologetics at Dallas Theological Seminary, said babies "are born only one way, unless you believe in a God with whom nothing is impossible and who is interested, involved and intervenes in human history."

"If Jesus' legal father protected Mary's virginity and his mother queried (the archangel Gabriel) about how these things could be, you may safely conclude that the Bible claims that Jesus was born of a virgin," Richard said.

He said the critical questions are how God can become completely and genuinely human and how man can be complete-

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## It's not easy to be Santa

By JIM BARLOW  
Houston Chronicle

**HOUSTON** — Santa has already come to town. You'll find him at the mall.

While Santa used to live at the department store — when he wasn't at the North Pole — he can now be found mostly at the mall. Sure, a few department stores — Marshall Field's and Macy's come to mind — might still have Santa at select

department stores. But the vast majority of the people who are shopping at all the malls are in the mall.

Some department stores have even told me, with all the hysteria about child molestation these days, the stores regard close physical proximity between their employees and your children as a potential lawsuit.

Some shopping Mall Santas now have to be in with the times. They've been outsourced to companies such as Cherry Hill Photo Enterprises in Cherry Hill, N.J., or Western Staff Services of Walnut Creek, Calif., provide the Santas.

And they too worry about Santa and lawsuits. That's why they spend so much money on background checks and training, says Sandra Graubner, a spokeswoman for Western. It's also why all of Western's 1,000 or so Santas in the United States, Australia and New Zealand always wear white gloves so there is no flesh to be seen next to the children.

And it's one of the reasons children don't sit on the lap of Western's Santas. They sit on Santa's knee.

The other reason is concern for Santa's back. Western teaches him a nifty way to use his leg to boost a child up to a handy talking and photo level. That means fewer workers' compensation claims.

You must remember that Santa is a profit center these days. About 90 percent of the parents who watch their children on Santa's knee also buy a picture of the event — paying anywhere from \$6 to \$9 for a single photo and more for a package of shots.

The malls and the Santa company split that. The split varies with volume and negotiating clout, but usually the mall winds up with the short end of cash. The outside contractor provides the Santa — with suit — along with assorted elves, managers and the camera. Electronic cameras using computers instead of film to make instant pictures are popular these days.

The money isn't all that big for Santa. The usual shift is four hours a day, for around \$7 to \$9 an hour. Santas with real beards get more, as do those with great personalities who can really relate to kids.

So why do they do this tough job for little money? And it is tough. You have problems with the costume. There are the children who are frightened of that strange man in the stranger suit and scream "no ho-ho" in your face.

When asked, the Santas who come back year after year will tell you what keeps them returning is the same thing that attracts the children. It's magic.

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Sandy Motz holds Guanny the iguana so he can show off his Santa suit to a third-grade class at Sunset Park Elementary School in Rock Hill, S.C. Motz tailor-made Guanny's suit for him.

## Giving pets as gifts not such a good idea

By NOAH BARTOLOUCCI  
Houston Chronicle

Not long ago, pet stores enticed shoppers with clever ads featuring adorable puppies and kittens playing under a Christmas tree. It was enough to make some people rush out and buy pets as gifts. The only problem was that the ads were fairy tales.

"Giving pets as gifts is never a good idea," said veterinarian Philo McHugh. "Puppies and kittens are financial commitments. If the gift recipient doesn't feel the same way you do, then the pet becomes the victim. It could wind up in a shelter."

Animal shelters across the country receive scores of pets

about four months after Christmas. Animals at that age are no longer cuddly balls of fur. They need plenty of exercise, which their owners can't always provide.

Even if you know a person wants a pet, Christmas is the wrong time to give it. Kittens and puppies need time to get accustomed to their new owners and surroundings. People bent on getting a pet as a gift opt for a low cost, low maintenance critter, such as a hamster or some fish.

"A puppy or a kitten is not a sweater," said animal shelter director Amanda Graham. "It is important that it fit into the family."

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## Widow hopes for pets in heaven

**DEAR DR. GRAHAM:** Are there animals in Heaven, according to the Bible?

I hope so because I am a widow living alone, and my pets mean so much to me that I would hate to think about going someplace where animals might not be included. — Mrs. L.H.



**Billy Graham**  
Columnist

### Relax

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focusing on Swedish massage now, but will learn hydrotherapy and other techniques as well.

Career opportunities for massage therapists include working in a chiropractic office, rehabilitation center, nursing home or in private practice.

"Some people have a false idea of what massage therapy is," said Fitzgibbons. "It's a professional field. It can really help people."

Heather Anderson saw such potential in the career field that she is taking the course while still in high school.

"I'm planning to go to college next year, to major in business," she said. "But taking this is going to give me a head start. It's something I can do part time while I'm in college."

All of the students have busy lives, and say the part-time nature of the course fits into their schedule. Other students include Sonya Lott, Wade Nelson and Kyle Wade.

For those whose shoulders get tense just thinking about the holiday season — gifts to buy, food to prepare, relatives to greet — some of the students have a special offer.

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Bible tells us, will be a place of supreme happiness — and if eternity will be happier for us with animals, then you can be sure God will supply them for us.

The Bible does not say explicitly that there will be animals in Heaven — nor does it say clearly that they will not be there.

However, many Bible scholars have pointed out that some passages use animals to illustrate the peace of Christ's Kingdom, and infer from this that animals will be part of

Heaven.

Take, for example, this magnificent description of the peace of God's Kingdom: "The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them." (Isaiah 11:6,9).

Take comfort in the fact that God loves us, and our greatest joy will be to be in His presence forever.

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# Tips for a picture-perfect Christmas

By ROGER WINSTEAD  
The News & Observer

From selecting incorrect film speeds to improper taping techniques, lots of bad things can happen to good people taking pictures or making home videos during the holidays. Here are a few tips to help you create better images:

— Let it be: Real, that is. Either shoot an event, such as opening presents, as it's happening or forget it. Don't think your subject has to be looking at the camera and grinning as if there's no tomorrow. A true, candid moment can be ruined by constant prodding to "look over here." If you think you need your subject to move, move yourself. Posed family portraits or group pictures are different animals altogether and are fair game for posing.

— Get the red out: Your prints are back from the half-hour joint and to what do your wondering eyes appear? Bright, evil-looking blood-red eyes staring right back at you. Vampires? Nope, just another case of the dreaded red-eye.

This happens when your camera's flash fires directly into the back of the retinas of your subject, causing eyes to glow from the blood vessels in the eyeball. To avoid red-eye, keep your subjects from staring directly at the lens (see previous tip).

— Steady as she goes: To keep videos from giving viewers motion sickness, practice a few tips from the pros: Use two hands. Even with tiny "palm-controllers," brace a hand under your shooting elbow (the elbow of the arm that's holding the camera) to give the camera a steadier ride. This will also keep you from getting so tired as it takes Junior three hours to open his booty from St. Nick. You can also use that free hand to steady the camera from below, just as a hunter steadies a rifle.

Another trick of the trade is to shoot with a wide-angle lens, instead of the zoom or telephoto feature, as much as possible. Ever wonder how that cameraman on the nightly news gets right up into someone's face? He uses a wide-angle lens and gets up close; a wide-angle lens minimizes motion, while a telephoto lens makes motion much more noticeable. The same is true for still photography when shooting with slow shutter speeds.

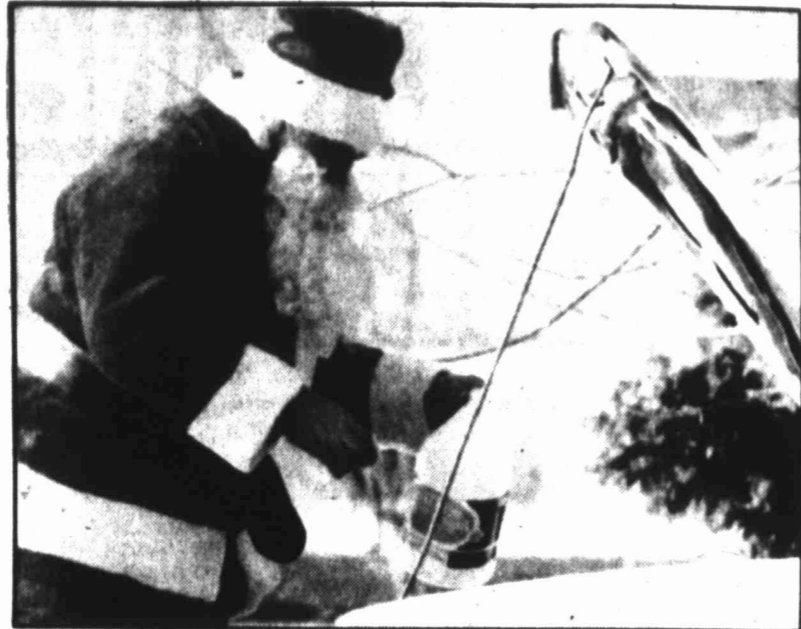
— Faster, photographer, faster: Get to know what's available in the variety of film speeds and when they work best. The higher the number, the "faster" the film, meaning it works in lower light situations. So if you're going to be outdoors, use ISO 100 speed film. If you'll be indoors, use ISO 400 and a flash. When flash is a big no-no, use ISO 1000 or even professional ISO 1600. The quality of grain in negatives has improved so dramatically over the years that ISO 400 speeds are most suitable for either indoors or out.

— Lights, camera ...: Keep in mind when photographing or videotaping that your main light source needs to be ON your subject, and not behind it. Light sources such as lamps, windows and the sun will throw off your camera's light meter enough to ruin the picture. So when you're outside, the subjects need to be looking into the sun; it should be behind you, the photographer.

— Fill 'er up: Don't stand so far away from your subject. Move in, concentrating on filling the camera's viewfinder. You'll appreciate that picture of old Aunt Gert more if she's closer and recognizable from old Uncle Gabe. Unless you're attempting to show an entire scene, just stick to photographing your central subject.

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## WHERE'S RUDOLPH?



En route to work, Santa adds windshield washer fluid to his car in Bensalem, Pa. Melting snow from a two-day storm has kept roads wet and windshields dirty. Chuck Oczkowski said he suits up to greet customers at his sister's store.

## Gifts for home repair freaks

By AL SICHERMAN  
Minneapolis-St. Paul Star-Tribune

Is there Someone In Your Life who spends most of his/her time with a screwdriver in one hand and a paintbrush in the other, or whose feet spend most weekends sticking out from under a favorite (or cursed) vehicle? You could try to discourage such behavior so you could see your loved one a bit more often. But then the doorbell and the transmission would never get fixed.

So here are some ideas that will encourage warm thoughts of you from under the sink or wherever. Most of these items are available at hardware, discount and auto- or builders'-supply stores. Prices vary widely among stores.

— SnakeLight, Black & Decker; list price \$39.99, widely discounted. A powerful flashlight that can stay where you put it — wherever you put it. It's a flashlight on the end of a fat piece of stiff but flexible coil. Wrap it around a pipe or bend it into a stand to shine at any angle. No more dark at the top of the stairs.

— Cordless power tools with removable batteries, Skil and Black & Decker. Cordless tools are great, but when their built-in batteries run down, the tools are out of service while they recharge. Several tools now available operate with removable rechargeable batteries so you can always keep a set fresh in the charger — and the same batteries fit the whole line of tools, so if the drill's batteries are still charged you can pop 'em in the sander.

In the Black & Decker line, the charger with two batteries costs \$24 and is sold separately from the tools (example: one of the several drill/screwdrivers is \$34.99); some Skil items include battery and charger (example drill/screwdriver \$37.99).

— Electronic measurer, about \$25 at builders' supply stores. Measures distances from 2 feet to 45 feet by just pointing at the distant wall or whatever (no moving furniture to stretch a tape measure), and retains the measurements to calculate area and volume if you like. Great for painting, carpentry and carpeting. A must-have for the gadget freak.

— Battery charger, \$35 to \$150. If there's always a comatose car or two in your garage or driveway, and someone's often bringing in a car battery on subzero nights, a battery charger can make both of you lots happier. Chargers range from the trickle-charge type, 10/2 amp, for overnight charge, all the way up to commercial-type 60/40/2 amp, with 250-amp engine-starting mode, that comes on a wheeled cart. The big one's for somebody who wants to take care of the whole neighborhood's cars.

— 500-watt quartz-halogen work light on stand, \$30. Nothing speeds an evening's work in the garage like a bright light in the right place. One of these gadgets might mean you'll see your friend before Letterman comes on.

— Electrical multitester (volt, ohm, milliammeter), \$20 and up at hardware stores. There's almost no saying how handy something like this can be to somebody who has copper wire in the blood. House wiring, car wiring, home appliances and electronic gadgets yield up at least some of their secrets to the person armed with a couple of test leads.

— 3-ton hydraulic floor jack with two jackstands, \$60. Give that person under the car in the driveway a little breathing room. A floor jack is what real garage guys use to get a car's front end into the air easily and quickly. (Be sure to include the jack stands, so it stays up there safely.)

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## CLUBS IN BRIEF

Deadline for club news items is noon Wednesday.

### Child Study Club

Child Study Club members celebrated the Christmas season by holding a luncheon in the home of Sherri Key. Co-hostesses were Kathy Kremsky and Marty Johnson. After enjoying a holiday buffet, members exchanged gifts.

### Coahoma FHA

Coahoma FHA Chapter of Region 1, Future Homemakers of America has been recognized by the Texas Association as a Champions Chapter. To become a Champions Chapter the local organization must increase membership, affiliate 100 percent of the students in a home economics class, affiliate 100 or more new members, affiliate as a new chapter, or assist in starting a chapter in another school or program.

The Coahoma Chapter became a Champions Chapter by affiliating more than 100 members. The president of Coahoma Chapter is Tabatha McIntosh and the advisor is Barbara Justiss.

### Cosden 25-Year Club

The Cosden 25 Year Club held their annual dinner/dance Dec. 8 at the Big Spring Country Club. Following a social hour and dinner, President Larry Nix presided over the business meeting.

Deceased members during 1995 were remembered and guests were recognized: Roy Hughes, Bob West, Aline Vaughn and Becky Jenkins from corporate headquarters in Dallas, along with Randy

Hillman and wife Cindy.

Eleven new members were presented their 25-year rings and "gold" membership cards along with congratulations:

David Henry, Malcolm Wayne Roberts, Salvador Flores, Verna Davis, Sam Watts, Lonnie Self, Robert Dale Walker, Brice Willborn, Thomas C. Stockwell, Clarence Hartfield, Jr., and Gary Phillips.

In the absence of Phil Carruthers, Refinery Manager, Randy Hillman read a letter to the group stating some of the improvements to be accomplished at the Refinery during 1996.

The new slate of officers for 1996 were elected:

Lon Baucum, President; Carl Frazier, Vice President; Vi Ballou, Secretary/Treasurer.

Following the business meeting, West Texas Express provided music for a dance.

### DAR

Leo Welch, winner of the Texas State DAR Award for outstanding Veteran Patient/Volunteer, was guest speaker recently at the Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of DAR.

He spoke about his experiences in World War II and displayed pictures of his military career. Ms. Eunice Woods was a guest.

Mrs. Nadine Hodnett presented her new certificate as being in "The First Families of Texas" Association.

### Beta Sigma Phi

Xi Pi Epsilon Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi provided a Thanksgiving basket for a family of six. Cookies were made for Community Service Volunteers to distribute to patients over the holiday season.

Plans were developed to provide clothes and Christmas presents for a Salvation Army "Christmas angel" in the Big Spring area. The chapter again

participated in the Fall Arts and Crafts Show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, making Indian bread for the 20th year. Members recently had a girls' day out in Midland sharing shopping and lunch at the Olive Garden. Members will celebrate Christmas with a gift exchange and dinner at the KC Steak House.

Plans for the new year are progressing and one new member has been pledged this Fall. Rhonda Taylor.

### Mary Jane Club

The imaginatively decorated country home of Nan McKinney was the scene of the Mary Jane Club's Christmas meeting and gift exchange. Bonnie Hale and Marie Ethridge served as co-hostesses for the annual event which highlights and handworks talents of club members.

Following the business meeting led by president Bobbie Nix the group was served a salad luncheon in the sunroom. Tables and individual places were marked with miniature Christmas trees trimmed with colorful antique lanterns.

### 1948 Hyperion Club

The 1948 Hyperion Club held its Christmas meeting at the Fannie Eaker Park. First United Methodist Church with Jan Forester and Bill Forester as co-hostesses. A gift exchange and a donation of dollars was given to the Dora Robert Community Center.

Following a brief business meeting, Randy Nix, Minister of Music at First Methodist presented a program of Christmas Carol on the pipe organ. The next meeting will be at the Dora Robert Community Center with Mary Ann Bugh and Mary Miller as co-hostesses.

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CHURCH IN BRIEF

Deadline for church news items is noon Wednesday.

First Church of the Nazarene

The First Church of the Nazarene will observe the Fifth Sunday of Advent in the morning worship service this week. The evening service will be a come-and-go Christmas Eve Communion from 6-7 p.m. Thanks to all who contributed or helped in the ninth annual Drive-Thru Nativity. The support of the community was wonderful. More than 5,000 attended.

First United Methodist Church

Big Spring Cable TV will air the video of First United Methodist Church's 17th annual presentation of the Living Christmas Tree at 6:30 p.m. on cable channel 10. KBST will play the soundtrack of this year's presentation on Christmas Eve, 7 p.m. on 95.9. Candlelight Communion Service will be 6 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Tom Fuller family will light the final candle on the Advent wreath before the serving of the Sacrament of Holy Communion, followed by Joyce Bradley singing "O Holy Night." This service offers an opportunity for families home for the holidays to worship together.

Evangel Temple

Evangel Temple Assembly of God will have Christmas Eve services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church

St. Mary's Episcopal Church will once more have a traditional candlelight Christmas Eve service. The service, which will begin with a special time of Lessons and Carols, and will include the Holy Communion, will begin at 10:30 p.m. Dec. 24. On Christmas Day Holy Communion will begin at 10:30 a.m. The Church is located at 1001 Gollad. All are welcome.

Friends of Unity

The 6 a.m. prayer gathering at the Friends of Unity Box Car Dec. 31 is to provide a place for people to gather for the 10th annual hour of concerted prayer for inner and outer peace. All are welcome.

Debate

Continued from page 2B. ly and genuinely God. "Both are answered by the virgin birth," he said. Skeptics, Richard said, may deny or reinterpret the biblical account but "it's as clear as a dinner bell." He said believing in the Virgin Birth isn't necessary to become a Christian but "it's necessary to be a consistent Christian." The Rev. Richard McBrien, professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame, said Catholics believe in the Virgin Birth, too, but it's not a central belief. "What's central is who Jesus was and what he accomplished in the redemption of humanity from sin." "The Nicene Creed was written to counter the Gnostics, who denied the bodily existence of Jesus. There were also a lot of negative attitudes toward human flesh at that time, too," McBrien said. He pointed out Paul said Jesus was born of a "woman," not a "virgin." "Nothing says Jesus couldn't have been born of two human parents. God can do anything," he said. In his 1981 book "Catholicism," McBrien said evidence in the New Testament is strong on both sides. He said the early Christian creeds seem to have been concerned with preserving unity between the divine and human natures of Jesus, not affirming the historicity of his virginal conception. But the Rev. Buckner Fanning, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, said the Virgin Birth story is an integral part of the story of Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Distributed by The Associated Press

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**FORECAST FOR DEC. 23**  
**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
There is much energy in bringing others together to celebrate and enjoy this holiday. You take center stage, and others flock to your side. Be indulgent with a parent or an older relative who needs your time. You might need to make a "must" appearance. Tonight: Drop in on a party.\*\*\*\*

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
Reach out to people at a distance. Your caring means a lot to someone. You actually may be taking off yourself for a celebration or get-together. A last-minute invitation piques your interest. Don't reject an offer. Go for adventure. Tonight: Go to a concert.\*\*\*\*\*

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
Follow your instincts as you deal with a special partner. You might have some surprises coming your way. Unexpected sharings create potential and possibilities. Excitement filters into old relationships. There is a feeling of newness with special people. Tonight: Be out and about.\*\*\*\*\*

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
Defer to others and listen carefully to what is happening. You might be pleasantly surprised by what comes up. There is an openness among friends, new acquaintances and old pals. Make time to visit and do the Santa rounds. You feel good just being with others. Tonight: Go visiting.\*\*\*\*\*

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
You might have a lot to do at the last minute, whether it is bringing the party together or buying last-minute Santa gifts. Make choices that please you and allow you to flow in your natural carefree way. Others respond to your energy big time. Tonight: Finish errands, then mistletoe time.\*\*\*

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
It could be one of the more fun, exciting days of the year. You are into the cheer and merriment of the moment. Warm caring and flirtation mark the next few days, if you are open and available. If you are single, you could meet someone unexpectedly. Tonight: Play, but call it an early night.\*\*\*\*\*

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Family is all-important presently. You might have a lot to do at the last minute. Listen to a good idea from someone. You might need to motivate yourself and get going. Get errands done. You have a lot to get done quickly. Tonight: Make time for some fun!\*\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Communications are active, and you have a lot of ground to cover in a little time. You need to pace yourself to cover suffi-

cient ground. You might decide to buy an extra gift or visit with a special friend. Make time to visit and share good tidings with friends. Tonight: Share some eggnog!\*\*\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Your possessive side emerges dealing with others and the holiday traditions. Pull back if you can and choose not to react. Your self-confidence increases as you go through the day. The music and traditions of the holidays take over. Tonight: Treat someone.\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
You are on top of it all. Feel your oats and start expressing your joy; feel the spontaneity of the moment. Spread joy and help others enjoy the next few days. New beginnings are possible because of your caring. You are inspired. Tonight: Be out and about.\*\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Don't make judgments yet. The holiday season is not nearly over. Remain optimistic, but be aware of your intuition, perception and decisions. Be smart and plan a day with a special friend or loved one. You might have a last-minute errand or two to do. Tonight: Be mysterious.\*\*\*\*

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Focus on friends and make the most of this day. Celebration marks the next few days. Make time for the sharing of eggnog and good tidings. A friend surprises you with a gift or special thought. Take time to deal with an older relative. Tonight: It's party time.\*\*\*\*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, DEC. 23, 1995:**  
This is a special year when ideas spin off you. You are popular, and opportunities knock on your door. Be sensitive to others because you will be so self-oriented that you might not be as sensitive or as caring as you have been in the past. You are in a banner year when you are beginning a new luck cycle. January is significant. If you are single, the problem isn't meeting someone. If attached, this is an exciting and wonderful period. Make plenty of time for this person. CAPRICORN adores you.

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**Stay-at-home mom's hands filled with doing 'nothing'**

**DEAR ABBY:** Can you stand another letter from a stay-at-home mom? I hope so. I'm a single mother of four children (13, 9, 7 and 4) and primarily a stay-at-home mom. I have a part-time job, but I don't consider it a "break" from my children.

I know that the "suffocated, over-worked" mom who wrote to you is working hard because I have the same job — and I'm a little ridiculed for "doing nothing" all day.

Everyone wants to know when I am going to get a "real" job. Hello?

I DO have a real job, yet society feels that I do nothing because I don't receive a paycheck. My children are my No. 1 priority. The media are always preaching to "put your children first" — but if you do (as I have), people think there must be something wrong with you.

I have even been told that I must have low self-esteem to allow myself to be the primary caretaker of my children.

Oh, well, I give up. Thanks for listening. Excuse me, I have to go do "nothing" — laundry, dishes, drive to swimming lessons, flute lessons, the dentist, CPR class, shop for groceries, make dinner, help with homework, etc. — SAN FRANCISCO MOM

who fill their days doing the same kind of "nothing" you described will greatly appreciate your letter, which reminds me of the following: "Never ask someone who stays home with children if they work." (Author unknown)

**DEAR ABBY:** I read the letter in your column about stripping and had to write. We have a monthly birthday party at our senior center. This year we combined October's party with Halloween. About a month before, I decided to do a striptease number, but I kept it a secret in case I chickened out at the last minute.

About 60 people were present. After we finished eating lunch, I announced, "Let me entertain you." (My granddaughter was a stripper in Las Vegas; she's now married to a rancher.)

Well, to the tune of "If You Knew Susie Like I Knew Susie" (my real name is Susan), I put on a dance. I'm not a professional dancer, but I have seen strippers perform, and I know all the "moves."

I wore a long housecoat with a zipper down the front. Under that I wore a striped knit, footed pajama with a front zipper — and underneath that a pretty bathing suit. (Not a bikini.)

Everyone loved it — they hooted and hollered, "Take it off, take it off!"

By the way, I am 81. — SUSIE FROM BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

**DEAR SUSIE:** Your letter is a first. Hooray for you!

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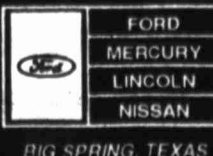
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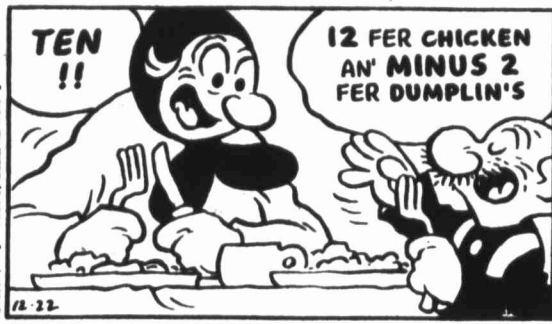
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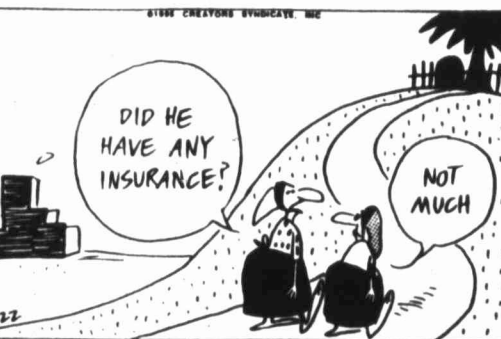
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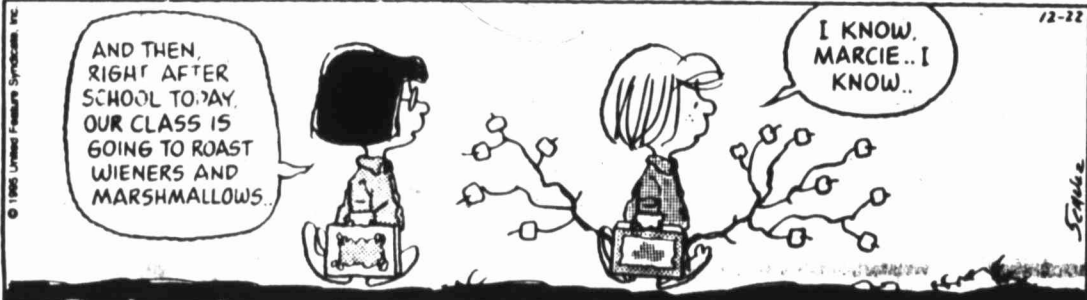
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, Dec. 22, the 356th day of 1995. There are nine days left in the year. Winter arrives at 3:17 a.m. EST. Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 22, 1944, during the World War II Battle of the Bulge, the Germans demanded the surrender of encircled American troops at Bastogne, Belgium. Brigadier General Anthony C. McAuliffe reportedly replied: "Nuts!" Additional U.S. forces ended the siege four days later.

On this date: In 1775, a Continental naval fleet was organized in the rebellious American colonies under the command of Ezekiel Hopkins.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln from Georgia, saying, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

In 1894, French army officer Alfred Dreyfus was convicted of treason in a court-martial that triggered worldwide charges of anti-Semitism. Dreyfus was eventually vindicated.

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill arrived in Washington for a wartime conference with President Roosevelt.

In 1963, an official 30-day mourning period following the assassination of President Kennedy came to an end.

In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly voted to ratify the election of Kurt Waldheim to be Secretary-General.

In 1989, Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu, the last of Eastern Europe's hard-line Communist rulers, was toppled from power in a popular uprising.

In 1989, playwright Samuel Beckett died in Paris at age 83. Ten years ago: Eighteen miners were killed in a gas explosion that tore through a coal mine in southwestern Poland.

Five years ago: Twenty-one sailors returning from shore leave to the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga drowned when the Israeli ferry they were traveling on capsized. Lech Walesa took the oath of office as Poland's first popularly elected president.

One year ago: North Korea handed over the body of American pilot David Hilemon, killed when his helicopter was shot down over the communist country three days earlier. House Democrats chastised Speaker-to-be Newt Gingrich for accepting a \$4.5 million-dollar book advance from Rupert Murdoch's media empire.

Today's Birthdays: Lady Bird Johnson is 83. TV personality Gene Rayburn is 78. Former House Speaker Jim Wright is 73. Actress Barbara Billingsley is 73. Actor Hector Elizondo is 59. Retired baseball player Steve Carlton is 51.

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