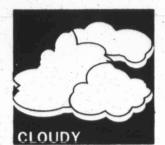
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HELPING OTHERS...

Each day through the holiday season, the Herald will publish locations where you might help others less fortunate, including Salvation Army kettles.



Salvation Army Kettles:

- . Big Spring Post Office
- Wal-Mart
- Big Spring Mall

Other efforts:

. H-E-B Food Stores Ring In A Miracle to benefit the Salvation Army. Tell your cashier what you want to give and either \$1or \$2 will be added to your grocery

 TCA Cable of Big Spring will waive the cost installation for new customers who donate 10 cans of food for its food drive.

. Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, is collecting coats for state hospital patients for Christmas. Also, a food drive is under way. Call 267-4124 to donate.

· Sacred Heart Catholic Church collects baby gifts to be given to Birthright. Bring your new or hand made gift to the church, 508 N. Aylesford.

 St. Vincent de Paul Society is collecting cans of food to be distributed to the area needy. Bring two or more cans to the Ritz, the Star or Cinema Four movie theaters and you will receive a free tub of popcorn. Donating the cans also qualifies you for a chance to win a prize.

. KBST, Mix 94.3 and the Herald are sponsoring a pet food drive for the Humane Society. Bring pet food to 608 Johnson or 710 Scurry.

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The eagle-eyed sentry scans the horizon for Santa's sleigh.



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Local stores are flooded with last-minute Christmas shoppers

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Features Editor

Local stores drew a crowd Saturday as shoppers took advantage of the last weekend before Christmas.

"We had to wait until we got some time," said Mary Ann Wallace, browsing at the Big Spring Mall with Brenda Davis. That's kind of the fun of Christmas," Davis added. "We like to shop."

"And we do everything at the last minute," Wallace said.



WALLACE

DAVIS Among the browsers and serious shoppers crowding the

thing else will, he added.

stores Saturday were those who are starting to feel the pressure of the season creeping up on

For Todd and Judy Crawford, the last-minute shopping was a

"We waited until the last payday before Christmas," said Todd. The only problem with having to wait is that not every-

"We've seen things we wanted, and when payday comes around, it's not there anymore." Planning ahead is definitely their plan for next year, said

Judy "This last-minute stuff is hard to do."

Scott and Esther Whitmore they had been finished a week normally have all their shopping done by now. But this year, they had a surprise.

"There were some friends I forgotten," explained. "And they sent us a gift, so we had to come out and get them something."

The Whitmores usually have all their shopping done by about the first of December, the couple agreed.

"She's good about getting it done early." Scott said.

Among those out this weekend, many agreed they wish or two earlier, so they could relax as the holiday drew clos-

Anita Ball, for example, has her shopping, present-wrapping and almost all of her decorating

"I'm done," she explained as she was hitting the stores this weekend. "I just need one specific decoration, and I'm going to keep looking until I find it."

Ball plans to cook and bake all week, making her final preparations for a wonderful Christmas with family.

Canned food drive response 'excellent' so far

By MARSHA STURDIVANT Staff Writer

The Salvation Army canned food drive continues through the end of the year, and already, area schools have gathered about 18,000 cans of food

for area needy. "The canned food drive has been going excellent. We've even had people bringing in food here," said Danelle Castillo, social services director for the corps.

Area schools helped with the drive, and a combined total netted more than 18,000 cans, she

"One school brought in 4,000 cans. Forsan brought in staples, like bags of flour and bags of sugar," Castillo said.

The H-E-B Food Store Ring In A Miracle program is continuing through the holiday season, and Major Roy Tolcher, commanding officer of the local corps, said totals should be available in January.

"The Ring In A Miracle project is simple to do. When a customer is in H-E-B buying groceries, they just have to decide is they want to donate \$1 or \$2 to the Salvation Army, then let their cashier know," said

Castillo. collect will be given to the Salvation Army, she said.

TCA Cable continues its canned food drive, offering to charges of new cable television and it is wonderful how this is



TCA Cable staff Susan Cevallos, left, Terri Born, and Peggy Crabtree arrange the cans donated for the Salvation Army food drive.

service or the labor charges for a service upgrade.

Castillo said TCA Cable's food drive always nets a large amount for the Salvation Army pantry, and she anticipates

another boom year. Peggy Crabtree, customer serthe register total, and all money vice representative with TCA CAble, said about 150 customers thus far have participat-

ed in the drive. "It's going great, really, really eliminate the installation well. We've had great response,

working," Crabtree said.

Those customers who have contributed have been new customers, as well as those upgrading their service, she said.

Castillo said the holiday food drive is important for restockthe lood pantry Salvation Army operates all

Food baskets will be sent to families as part of their Christmas program. These baskets contain turkey or hens, as well as the fixings for a traditional holiday meal, she said. In additional to the Angel

Tree program and food drive campaigns, the Salvation Army also provides written solicitations to local residents.

"For those not able to adopt an angel, or those who have not been able to send in their mail appeal, it is never too late to help at Christmas," Castillo

On Monday, volunteers final

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Local woman dies in accident on holiday trip

By JOHN H. WALKER

Managing Editor

A holiday ski trip turned into a tragedy in south central Colorado on Sunday for a Big Spring family when a one-vehi-

accident claimed the life of 41-yearold Thomas.

Thomas and her husband, Howard County attorney Mike Thomas and their three children,

THOMAS

Allison, Jason and Scott, were on a holiday ski trip when the accident occurred at 11:30 a.m. (MST) seven miles south of Saguache, Colo. on U.S. Highway 285.

Mrs. Thomas was pronounced dead at 5:15 p.m. at San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa, Colo.

According to Colorado State Trooper Darren Barnes, the accident occurred after the vehicle had run off the pavement and struck a delineator

"The father grabbed the steer

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Pet food drive continues

Herald Staff Report

Tots campaign.

Howard County residents have just a few more days to contribute to a food drive benefitting the Big Spring Humane Society.

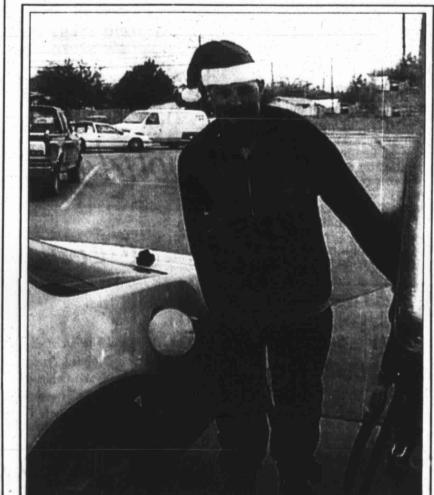
The project between KBST, Mix 94.3 and the Big Spring Herald continues through Thursday at the close of business. For the Herald, that's 1

To help with the pet food drive, bring dry or canned dog or cat food to KBST, 608 Johnson, or the Herald, 710

Scurry. Those taking food to the radio station will receive a free CD, said John Weeks, general manager. Dry, canned or food in foil

packets will all be accepted. Humane Society volunteers said the shelter goes through 15 to 20 50-pound bags a week currently, just for dogs.

Cats food is also needed. At the close of business that evening, the food will be delivered to the Humane Society.



Chris Knox of KBST radio helped out at the pu at H-E-B. The annual event helped raise money



HERALD photo/Linda Choate Pat Simmons, left, Michelle Werner, and Jane Jones count the birds of various species at Big

Frosty weather blankets area

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Officially, winter begins tonight. In reality, winter-like weather moved into the area this morning, pushing temperatures into a downward plunge that will reach the teens this evening.

Spring Country Club on Saturday afternoon.

"We're seeing that the cold front, the strongest cold air of the year, began pushing through Big Spring this morning," said Ray Fagen, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Midland. "The story is that it is pretty much just going to continue to be cold through Christmas Day."

Fagen said Howard County residents can expect a low into the teens tonight. Skies will be cloudy and there is a possibility of some snow or freezing rain.

"We may see a few flurries, but less than an inch accumulation. This is nothing like the front we had that dropped six or eight inches on us," Fagen said.

Tuesday night, then "warm up"

into the 20s, he said. Highs will

Lows will stay in the teens

be in the 30s and 40s. Temperatures will run around 15 degrees below normal. According to Fagen, normal highs for Big Spring this time of year are in the mid-50s, with lows in the mid-30s.

"Driving conditions will depend on what kind of precipitation we get," said Fagen.

Those planning on making holiday trips later this week are advised to use caution and

check road conditions. Wind chills will be in the subfreezing range tonight

five grandchildren; and numer-

Arrangements are under the

Service for Jasper Wright; 95,

Big Spring, is pending with

Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He died Monday, Dec. 21,

1998, at Comanche Trail

H.D. "Ace" Gillette

Graveside service for H.D.

"Ace" Gillette, 86, Big Spring,

will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22,

1998, at Trinity Memorial Park

with Rev. Monroe Teeters,

retired Baptist minister, offici-

Mr. Gillette died Sunday,

He was born on Jan. 10, 1912,

in Plaski, Tenn. He married

Dorothy Rimmer in 1943, and

she preceded him in death in

1974. He then married Ara Lee

Bailey on Dec. 21, 1979, in

Colorado City. He was raised in

Franklin, Tenn. Mr. Gillette

had lived in Big Spring since

1948, and worked as a heavy

equipment operator for Bettle-

Womack Construction for 29

years, retiring in 1974. He was

Survivors include: his wife,

Ara Lee "Dollie" Gillette of Big

Spring; two sons, Wayne

Gillette of Zion, Ill., and Pete

Gillette of Big Spring; four

daughters, Penny Timbs of

Golden, Miss., Alma Evans of

Jacksonville, Ark., Wanda Nelson and Sandra "Sandy"

Norwood, both of Weatherford;

16 grandchildren; and 19 great-

Arrangements under the

direction of Nalley-Pickle &

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than 700 angel tree children

On Wednesday, those families

who failed to meet the deadline

for the Angel Tree program

will begin calling Castillo seek-

ing Christmas for their chil-

Castillo said she began creat-

ing a waiting list, but as more

families came in, she decided to

ask them to call her back

"I've had to tell them we may

not be able to help, and I don't

want to give them false hope.

We've so many more needing

help this year than last year,"

ing wheel after the vehicle had

drifted off the road," Barnes

Barnes said Teri and 18-year-

old Allison were in the back

seat of the vehicle and that nei-

ther one was wearing a seatbelt.

Allison Thomas was treated and

released from San Luis Valley

He added that while it was

"very, very windy" at the time

of the accident, the roadway

Mrs. Thomas was a second

grade teacher at St. Mary's

had taught for seven years. She

is a former president of the

Dora Roberts Rehabilitation

Center board as well as the Big

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a member of the First United

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Funeral Home & Chapel.

Nursing Home.

Jasper Wright

Harriet R. Franklin

Service for Harriet R. Franklin, 79, Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998. Burial will be in Memorial Park, Amarillo.

Mrs. Franklin died Thursday, Dec. 17, in Amarillo.

She was born in Fond Du Lac, Wis. She married Elmer L. Franklin in 1950, in Las Cruces, N.M. She graduated with an associates degree in accounting at Howard College at the age of 59.

Survivors include: her husband, Harriet R. Franklin of Amarillo; one son, K.W. Franklin of Amarillo; three daughters, Bernadette Schmitz of Ripton, Wis., Mary Ellen McLean of Euless, and Prudie Childress of Florence, Miss.: three brothers, Harold Richter of Port Orange, Fla., Gerald Richter of Fond Du Lac, Wis., and William Richter of Granbury; one sister, Marian Richter of Falls Church, Md.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Schooler Gordon Funeral Home, Amarillo.

Lucille R. O'Brien Lucille R. O'Brien, 79,

Cleburne, formerly of Big Spring, on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1998, in a Cleburne hospital. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998.



at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Eldon Cook, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1919. in Ellis County, and married Roy Lee O'Brien on June 21, 1971, in Arkansas. He preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1991.

for 15 years at the Lamar Restaurant in Big Spring, before moving to Cleburne in

She was a member of First Baptist Church.

ters and sons-in-law, Edith and

She had worked as a waitress

Survivors include: two daugh-

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH **Funeral Home**



and Crematory 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331

Lucille R. O'Brien, 79, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

H.D. "Ace" Gillette, 86, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 4:00 PM Tuesday at Trinity Memorial

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Edith H. Henson, 81, died Friday. Services will be 11:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park. Kristine Dunham 49, died

Friday. Services will be 1:00 PM Monday at Myers and Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park. James B. (Red) Nixson, 68,

died Friday. Services will be 3:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Johnnie June Amos, 83, died Sunday. Services will be 11:00 AM Tuesday at Myers and Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Jasper Wright, 95, died Monday. Services are pending.

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James McKenzie of Cleburne, and Esther and Leland Owens of Stephenville; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sara Skelton of Taylor, and Jean and Ruben Steadmon of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Maxine Randell of Lake Isabel, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, David Stuteville, her parents, five brothers and three sisters.

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

Johnnie June Amos

Johnnie June Amos, 83, Big Spring, passed away Sunday,

Dec. 20, 1998, at her residence after a long illness. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1998, at Myers Smith Chapel. Ed Williamson,



pastor of First United Methodist Church, will be officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park. Mrs. Amos was born Nov. 9, 1915, in Garden City to John Chaney and Essie Cox Chaney. She moved to Big Spring at an early age. While working as a registered nurse at Indian Hospital in Whiteriver, Ariz., she met and married George Amos on May 17, 1941. She moved to Big Spring in 1946 with her family, where she lived the rest of her life. She taught for 26 years and retired in 1978 from Howard College, after setting up the LVN and RN programs.

She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist

Church. She is survived by: her husband, George Amos of Big Spring; one son, John Paul Amos (and his wife, Becky) of Big Spring; two daughters, June Russell of Big Spring, and Vicki Hyer (and her husband Tommy) of Keithville, La.; one brother, Jim Bob Chaney (and his wife, Anne) of Houston; one sister, Arlyne Johnston of Austin; nine grandchildren, Lisa Oxzendine (and her husband, Chris), Loryne Colette (and her husband, Lee), Jon William Amos, Jay Paul Amos, Dusti Amos, Hank Schauer. Holly Borel (and her husband Ray), Tim Hyer and Brett Hyer; great-grandchildren, Miranda and Michelle Price. Danielle Oxendine, Ryane and

Remy Colette, Zack and Briana Amos, Tammie Schaur, Adam and Sarah Borel, Christopher and Jonathan Hyer and Chase Johnson; several nieces and nephews.

she was preceded in death by one grandson, James Russell. and one son-in-law, Mickey Russell.

Pallbearers will be: Jon William Amos, Jay Paul Amos, Hank Schauer, Lee Colette, Jan Tom Whately, and Van Tom Whately. Honorary pallbearers will be Ray Borel and Chris

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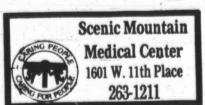
Kristine Dunham

Funeral service for Kristine Dunham, 49, Whitesettlement, was 1 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Danny Copeland, pastor of Glad Tidings Church in Plainview, officiating. Burial was in Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Dunham died Friday, Dec. 18, 1998, at her residence after a short illness.

She was born on July 13, 1949, in Big Spring. She married Lynval James Dunham on Nov. 19, 1973, in Gainsville. She was affiliated with the Glad Tidings Church. She was manager for several apartment com-

plexes for 30 years. Survivors include: her husband, Lynval James Dunham of Whitesettlement; two daughters, Penny Lynn Dunham of Whitesettlement, and Rose Marie Dunham of Plainview: two sons, Lynval James Dunham, II of Whitesettlement, and Roy Dean Kruszewski of Noble, Okla.; her mother, Mary



A BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN Ponder of Germany; two brothers, Ron Ponder of Tulsa, Okla., and Terry Ponder of Germany; on aunt, Joan Smiles of Tucson, Ariz., one uncle,

Tech University and earned her masters at the University of Robert McKinney of Lancaster; Houston. She married Mike Thomas on Dec. 22, 1978.

> The Thomas family was recognized in October 1996 by the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas as Big Spring's "Family of the Year."

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY •Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

 Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615

Settles, noon open meeting.
•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369. The Dec. 7 meeting will be at the Spanish Inn for dinner, and the Dec. 21 meeting will be a Christmas dinner. Bring a covered dish of salad, vegetables, desserts, etc. Also bring a gift not exceeding \$10 for a fun gift exchange.

 Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one.

·Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041. Association of Retarded

Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information. ·Family Education and

Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the last Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

 The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at Survivors of Suicide will

meet Monday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the pastoral care office of Midland Memorial Hospital. Dr. Alan Williams, chaplain of Memorial Hospital, will be speaking on "Surviving the Holidays when Grieving." TUESDAY

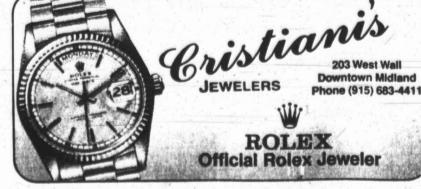
 Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invit-Episcopal School, where she ed. Call Leslie, 267-1069. ·Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

·Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

·Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in

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February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast

door. Call 267-2769. ·Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room

213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077. . "Most Excellent Way," an addiction support group, 3610 Dixon, call 264-9900.

·Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

·Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-

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Counseling ·Samaritan Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients in Midland. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144. ·Narcotics Anonymous, 6

p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 3 p.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today: THREATS were reported

at Wal-Mart. BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported at 311

· THEFT was reported in the lobby of 1209 11th Place.

 SETH NEWELL was arrested on local warrants.

JESSIE MARTIN was

arrested for disorderly conductlanguage · JOHN RUSK was arrested

on local warrants. CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported at 1600 Robin.

 AGGRAVATED ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of East 47th. BURGLARY OF A HABI-

TATION was reported at 1002 N. Main. THEFT was reported at 311 Gregg

 DOMINICA TRACKER was arrested for local warrants. ASSAULT BY THREAT was made in the 3300 block of West 80.

 BURGLARY OF A HABI-TATION was reported at 311 NE 8th • THEFT was reported at 2310

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Spring Department/EMS reports: FRIDAY 12:51 a.m. - 3200 block

Parkway, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:52 a.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.

7:04 a.m. - 1500 block Old Colorado City Highway, medical call, service refused.

9:59 a.m. - 500 block W. Seventh, medical call, patient transported to the VA Medical Center. 12:44 p.m. - 700 block N.

Scurry, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC. 1:49 p.m. - SMMC, medical

call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway. 2:17 p.m. - 1500 block Scurry, medical call, patient transport-

ed to the VA Medical Center. 4:19 p.m. - SMMC, medical call, patient transported to 3200 block Parkway.

SATURDAY 3:21 a.m. - 200 block E. Sixth. trauma call, service refused. 5:43 a.m. - 900 block Goliad,

medical call, patient transport-

ed to SMMC. 6:20 a.m. - 400 block W. Fifth. medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

11:45 a.m. - 600 block E. 13th, trauma call, service refused.

1:34 p.m. - 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 2:15 p.m. - 900 block W.

Fourth, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 4:06 p.m. - 2200 block Lynn, trauma call, patient transported

to SMMC. 7:14 p.m. - SMMC, trauma call, patient transported to

Midland Memorial. 5:25 p.m. - 900 block N. 87, res-

idence firs, gas leak 5:56 p.m. - 100 block E. 16th, residence fire, gas leak

Birdwell, haz mat IAAM SUNDAY Sillitin a. 5:51 a.m. - 1500 block Sycamore, medical call, patient

transported to SMMC. 6:52 a.m. - 400 block Gregg medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

12:33 p.m. - 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:57 p.m. - 1000 block N. Main, medical call, patient transported to SMMC. 6:49 p.m. - 500 block Westover.

automobile fire, extinguished.

RECORDS

Sunday's high 67 Sunday's low 38 Average high 56 Average low 28 Record high 78 in 1981 Record low 8 in 1973 Precip. Sunday 0.00 Month to date 0.54 Month's normal 0.48 Year to date 13.18 Normal for the year 18.03 **Statistics not available

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Woman gives birth to first known surviving octuplets

knew the baby girl born to Nkem Chukwu two weeks ago would soon have plenty of company. Even they couldn't guess just how much, though.

Mrs. Chukwu delivered her daughter's remaining five sisters and two brothers Sunday, all members of the first known surviving set of octuplets. They ranged from 11 ounces to nearly two pounds, and all were on ventilators and listed in critical condition after birth.

There was no sure way to tell how many babies Mrs. Chukwu was carrying until she natural- drugs usually are administered Mom could go home as soon ly gave birth to one on Dec. 8. Dr. Brian Kirshon had thought there were six or seven total until a post-delivery examination brought the startling news.

"It wasn't until after that baby was born that we knew we had eight," said Kirshon, an obstetrician who specializes in highrisk cases at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital.

The babies were born from 13 to 15 weeks prematurely. Even so, doctors said Mrs. Chukwu required nine weeks of drug therapy to forestall labor. Those

for only three days to week, Kirshon said.

required surgery this morning to stop internal bleeding that were a side effect of the drugs, he said. He called the bleeding a 'generalized ooze" from her abdominal wall.

"It was something not anticipated," Kirshon said. He said her condition was "stabilizing."

"Mom is a remarkable woman," Kirshon said. "She would go to any lengths to prolong this pregnancy.

as a week, doctors said.

Mrs. Chukwu; a Nigerian As a result, Mrs. Chukwu native who now resides in Houston with her husband lyke, had been taking fertility drugs. She conceived triplets last year but lost them midway through her pregnancy earlier this year.

Mrs. Chukwu had been taking three drugs to postpone labor, although Kirshon said giving birth to the early baby probably bought the other seven valuable time to mature. However, the littlest of the seven Sunday deliveries might not have survived much longer in the womb, he said.

The survival rate for babies born so young is 85 percent, doctors said.

"We're very hopeful all of the babies will survive, but they're oritically ill newborns and we can't say for sure everything will be OK," said Dr. Patti Savrick, a pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital, the adjacent facility where the babies were whisked one by one by a team of about 30 doctors and nurses during the 45-minute Caesarian section.

She said the eldest infant has been removed from a ventilator but is getting supplemental oxygen. The others remain on ventilators. All are sedated, she said today.

Dr. Leonard Weisman, chief neonatal specialist at Texas Children's Hospital, said he'll watch for lung and heart problems over the next few days. After that, metabolic problems and infections are a danger, he added.

Doctors said the babies will likely remain hospitalized for

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - After a second autopsy confirmed earlier forensic findings that San Antonio Express-News correspondent Philip True was brutally murdered, his remains

Mexican investigators and a forensic pathologist contracted by the FBI, Emma Lew, went Sunday to the remote Madre

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Police

wielding pepper spray and bolt

cutters arrested 36 American

Indian and environmental

squatters who were protesting a

Protesters began their occupa-

tion of seven condemned homes.

Aug. 10, saying the new road

would cut through a Dakota

burial ground still used for

occasional ceremonies. State

officials have found no evidence

Utility workers shut off water,

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Nearly 600 police moved into

of burial grounds.

highway rerouting project.

Occidental mountains where True's body was found on Wednesday.

At that time, it was believed he had fallen to his death from

True's body underwent the

The complete autopsy report will not be available for about 4-5 days, according to Mexican Attorney General Jorge

dozer Sunday because they

feared illegal natural gas

hookups, said Bob McFarlin of

the Minnesota Department of

Gov. Arne Carlson, who paid

an early morning visit to the

scene, said the protesters

endangered themselves and oth-

"They're basically anarchists

who have illegally occupied

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that part of Minneapolis and

Transportation.

conduct ... studies. These take several days to do cultures,' Madrazo told reporters. "And we'll be able to study these together with criminal analysis from the field...

"At that time, personnel from the attorney general's office, with all the evidence and proof, will be in a position to say what could (have) happened in this sad loss of ... Mr. Philip True."

The body was returned to the family Saturday night and taken to a funeral home for cremation.

Dr. Mario Rivas concluded following the first autopsy in

strangled with either a cord or neckerchief.

The reporter's body was found in a shallow grave in a ravine deep in the Chapalagana Canyon on the border of Jalisco and Nayarit states.

An experienced solo hiker since his teens, True, 50, set out on Nov. 28 for a 100-mile trek through a remote region of the Sierra Madre where between 10,000 and 20,000 Huichol Indian live in scattered villages and ranches.

He intended to study and photograph the Huichol culture for the the Express-News, the news-

Opponents say it would harm

the area's natural and cultural

highlights, including a cold

Passenger train derails in Arlington; same train kills pedestrian earlier

ARLINGTON Tragedy and trouble stopped the journey of an Amtrak passenger train as it rolled through Dallas.

The train, bound from Chicago to Los Angeles, first struck and killed a deaf woman on its way into the city Sunday, and then derailed as it left Dallas through Arlington about four hours later.

Nancy Martinez, 33, was struck and killed while walking on the tracks around 3 p.m., said Dallas police Lt. B.J. Watkins.

The woman lived in the area, but it was unclear why she was walking on the tracks in her southeast Dallas neighborhood, he said.

Passengers said they were not told why the train was stopped.

"It just stopped and they didn't say anything to us except to say that something happened," passenger Wayne Newell of Deer Park, Ill., said.

After a three-hour wait while police investigated the accident, the train continued on its scheduled route through Dallas before it derailed shortly after 7 p.m.

At least 15 of the 199 passengers aboard the double-decker superliner, Amtrak's Texas Eagle, were treated for minor injuries, officials said.

Eight passenger cars and one baggage car of the westbound train left the tracks, Arlington fire Lt. Pat English said.

"It's generalized mostly as

ing, it appears, at this time. So we're really thankful it wasn't worse.

John Wolf, an Amtrak spokesman in Washington, would not say how fast the train was traveling, nor did they have any explanation for the derailment.

The posted speed limit in the area is 60 mph, but the train was probably traveling much slower at the time it left the tracks, English said. Several passengers estimated the train was going no faster than 40

"All the damage is just crinkling on the cars," he said.

Federal Railroad Administration and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating. The derailment occurred in

an industrial area just south of the Six Flags over Texas amusement park and The Ballpark in Arlington. Derailed cars were confined to a ditch that separates busy Division Street from the railroad tracks.

Union Pacific Railroad crews also were dispatched to help clear the tracks with heavy equipment. That could take as long as two days, English said, which would mean the closure of Division Street for that period of time.

There are several retail businesses along the two-block stretch of the road, who could lose business as a result of the closing.

More than two dozen emergency vehicles were at the derailment site.

Reporters remains cremated after second autopsy

were cremated.

A spokesperson with the press office of President Ernesto Zedillo told the San Antonio Express-News on Sunday that the second autopsy corroborated the first one, that the cause of True's death was strangula-

a 300-foot ridge.

second autopsy Saturday, just hours before a memorial service in the garden of his Mexico City home where he lived with his wife Martha and a boisterous parrot named Fidel.

"We took tissue samples to Jalisco that True had been paper said.

Police arrest 36 people protesting highway rerouting the neighborhood with a bullon that area for a considerable

length of time," Carlson said.

Three protesters were taken to juvenile court and 33 were booked on felony charges of obstruction of justice. The last protester arrested was perched atop a chimney dressed as Santa Claus. About 40 demonstrators were allowed to flee.

Two injuries were reported, neither serious. At least one protester also reportedly suffered ill effects from pepper ized a peaceful neighborhood in

The highway rerouting has have brought tremendous harm been planned for 40 years.

water spring and four 300-yearold oak trees that some Dakota consider a historic site for their religious practices Construction on the highway is slated to start next summer and be finished in 2000.

The operation to remove pro-

testers was so massive that Minneapolis police, state troopers, and sheriff's deputies were enlisted to secure a 3,600-foot perimeter around the seven

Pet program teaches trade to juvenile offenders MARIANNA, Fla. (AP) - Fred "At least I've got something to stealing things because he was being used?" Edwards said.

there weren't enough hours in the day to take care of a dog and

snake. It could survive in a small cage, didn't thrive on human attention, and was able to go days without food while he sold drugs on the streets of

Now at 16, Smith has plenty of spare time on his hands while he is confined to the Jackson Juvenile Offender Corrections Center in Marianna.

He will also finally get a chance to care for a dog in a pilot program in which juvenile offenders train canines for senior citizens while learning skills that may help them succeed when they are finally Florida.

Companions for Homes, aims to save canines from dog pounds and racetracks and make them companions for the elderly. To prepare the dogs for that role, the canines will be sent to centers for juvenile offenders, who will train them.

Charles Miner Jr., an appeals court judge, came up with the

idea for the program. "It occurred to me that a youngster who can get into your automobile without breaking a window and can get your stereo in 30 seconds can certainly be taught to train animals," Miner

Doug Price, 14, said he started

Smith discovered at age 8 that fall back on," he said of the new bored and needed a challenge. program, the first of its kind in FETCH appeals to Price because it will alleviate some of the FETCH, which stands for boredom he encounters while serving time for armed robbery

"It'll get me out of the pod," Price said. "Otherwise, you only get an hour outside every day. It'll give me a chance to help somebody instead of victimize them.'

The Jackson juvenile center resembles a maximum-security prison, with electronic doors at every turn and razor wire surrounding the fences. Its superintendent, Dale Edwards, is conducting a screening process to find juveniles who he believes are ready for the program but admits there really is no way to

tell whether their interest is

"How do I know this isn't just a ploy to get off the pod? And it may well be. But if you've complied in every other area of the facility, and you've shown a willingness to try things, I don't have a problem with someone saying, 'I don't know whether I'm going to like this, but I'd

like an opportunity. There are similar dog training programs in certain adult prisons across the United States. Florida's new 20-week program is expected to start in January with about five dogs, but that number could increase greatly if it is successful.

Upon completion of FETCH, the juveniles will be certified as pet nutritionists. That appeals to Smith, who says he wants to find a way to support his preg-

"How do I know we're not nant girlfriend. Virginia considers warranty on high school grads

Virginia is considering a voluntary program that would effectively warranty the competence of its high school graduates.

State-supported colleges and universities spend approximately \$25 million annually to bring freshman up to speed on reading, writing and arithmetic through remedial coursework. The idea under review by the

Education would shift the cost of the remedial studies to the high schools that failed to produce freshmen ready to tackle college-level work.

Advocates of the warranty plan say it would encourage public schools to do a better job. But the leader of Virginia's largest teachers' organization said colleges shouldn't be

State Council of Higher allowed to pass off costs incurred for students they never had to accept in the first place.

"I regard it as kind of a slap, because in the public school system we take any child sent to us," said Cheri James, president of the Virginia Education Association.

'Colleges are not required to take any person who applies,'

she said. "It's totally unfair for them to want to put everything back on the secondary schools for decisions (the colleges) are making.'

The proposal is modeled on a program in Hanover County's public schools.

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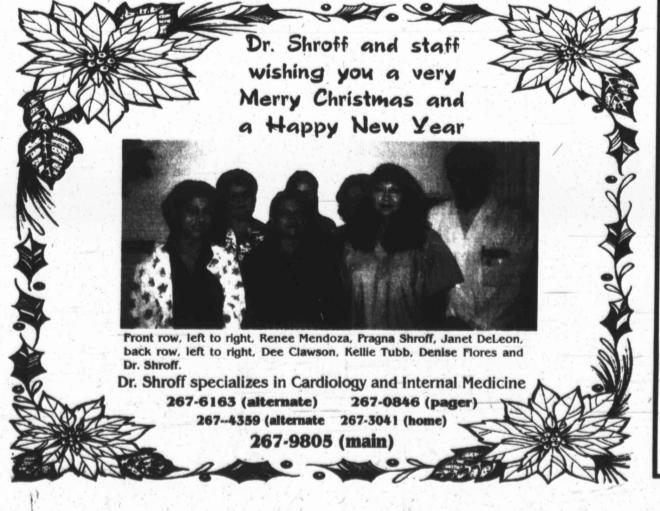
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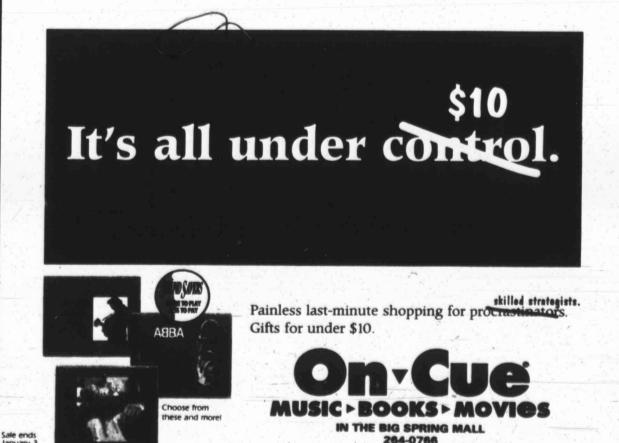
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OUR VIEWS

Four-legged pals need assistance this holiday, too

or so many of us, the holiday season is not just a time to buy gifts for our families, it's also a time help out the less fortunate. We do that in many ways -- giving to social service agencies, donating items to churches and participating in fund drives. Those efforts make Christmas merrier for a lot of the needy in our community.

This year, we want to add another worthy project to the list. We urge you to support the Big Spring Humane Society with a pet food drive conducted by the Big Spring Herald, KBST and Mix 94.3.

It's easy to forget about the residents of the humane society's shelter. That's largely because they are no longer wandering our streets, thanks to the work of volunteers and staff at the facility.

Those hard-working volunteers give their time, and many also give their money, to support the shelter's work with homeless animals. But they can't do it all. They need the community's support in many ways especially when it comes to feeding the large population of our abandoned pets.

Alen Mince, maintenance supervisor for the shelter, said they use 15 or 20 50-pound bags of dry food a week, just for the dogs. Imagine the food bills this nonprofit shelter faces when donations are running low.

Bring your dry or canned dog or cat food donation to the Herald office at 710 Scurry, or the radio station at 608 Johnson. The radio station is promising a free CD for anyone who leaves a donation there.

The drive will continue through Christmas Eve, when all donations will be delivered.

Take a few minutes when you're shopping this week and do something to help our four-legged friends.

While you're at it, consider giving a friend or family member a Humane Society gift certificate. Adopting a pet will bring joy into the life of your loved one, and will make the animal's life more pleasant, too.

OTHER VIEWS

The election of Hugo Chavez as president of Venezuela raises the question of the unraveling of the political system in all of Latin America and reveals the disillusionment some are feeling about worsening social conditions that have not improved under democratically-elected govern-

ments. Venezuela began its democracy forty years ago with an unusual pact between the two of the country's principal parties that guaranteed an instutional stability not known in the region at that

But, at the same time, the leaders of the country never diversified the country's economy instead choosing to rely heavily on its oil rev-

As a result, the Venezuelan economy is highly suceptible to the world market's price fluctations and has not diversified enough to create jobs and allow for funds for programs of social support to combat the rising unemployement and levels of poverty in the country.

Chavez's victory also reflects the growing discontent with Venezuela's traditional political system.

But it also demonstrates a phenomenon that is happening in other parts of the continent where leaders with an authoritarian bent are also gaining support.

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Located somewhere between liberty and order

n the record before the Supreme Court. we know only this about Jesus Morales: In 1995 he was arrested for violating Chicago's anti-loitering law. We aren't likely to learn much more

about Morales, but before the court's term ends in June we will know a great deal more about the law. The 1992

ordinance represents one more des-KILPATRICK

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court, the U.S. Conference of Mayors spelled out the prob-"These street gangs are not benign associations of disadvantaged youths, but sophisti-

cated criminal enterprises ...

long been part of the urban

Although criminal gangs have

landscape, they have taken a dramatic new direction in recent years, away from smallscale and localized activities to highly organized takeovers of entire neighborhoods based on the acquisition of lethal weaponry financed by the lucrative trade in crack cocaine.'

The states have struggled in various ways to deal with the situation. California launched a campaign to prevent street terrorism. Ohio took the same approach. Arkansas has made it a separate felony to participate in gang crime. Florida and Georgia have increased punishment for gang-related offenses. Kansas makes prison time mandatory for convicted gang members.

In the case immediately at hand, Morales and five other defendants were convicted of violating the 1992 ordinance. They were sentenced to jail terms of one to 27 days, but the Illinois Supreme Court found the ordinance unconstitutional. vacated the sentences and enjoined enforcement of the

My guess is that the high court will affirm, either 5-4 or 6-3. At oral argument on Dec. 9, Justice David Souter seemed especially critical of the ordinance. He was bothered by the discretion vested in police officers. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor appeared to agree. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer wondered

about alternative approaches.
This is the key section of the Chicago law:

"Whenever a police officer observes a person he reasonably believes to be a criminal street gang member loitering in any public place with one or more other persons, he shall order all such persons to disperse and remove themselves from the area. Any person who does not promptly obey such an order is in violation of this section.'

The ordinance defines "to loiter" as "to remain in any one place with no apparent purpose." The Illinois Supreme Court looked at that rubbery language and found the ordinance "impermisssibly vague on its face and an arbitrary restriction on personal liberties."

Several members of the court expressed concern about "no apparent purpose.

Justice Souter remarked that some people remain in one public place for a considerable time "just to watch the cars go

Justice O'Connor wondered at the possibility that gang members might congregate to discuss ending their criminal

Justice Antonin Scalia, injecting a light note, thought such a gathering might have a highly constitutional purpose: Gang members might be exercising their right to complain about the police.

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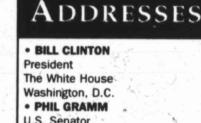
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Justice Kennedy, the court's swing man in 5-4 divisions, asked if Chicago police are specially trained to interpret "no apparent purpose." Counsel assured him that their discretion is indeed restrained. Because of the state court's injunction, the law has not been enforced for the past three years, but under departmental rules arrests are made only in designated areas of

gang activity. Counsel for the city repeatedly emphasized that no one is arrested sheerly for loitering. Morales and his companions were arrested for failing to obey an officer's lawful order to disperse. There is nothing at all vague about operation of the law. An officer's order to "move on" is incapable of misunderstanding. It means MOVE

The Morales case perfectly exemplifies the prodigious conflict that underlies a free society. Ideally we would live under a government of ordered liberty, but liberty and order are constantly in tension. Too much freedom breeds anarchy; too much order breeds tyranny. The depredations of street gangs are intolerable, but harassment of law-abiding citizens who hang around "for no apparent purpose" cannot be condoned.

The ordinance goes too far. A constitutional answer to street gangs must be found, but this well-intentioned act isn't it.



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Disputes impair U.S.-Russian relations signs that the Russian Duma. ful opposition to last week's

By GEORGE GEDDA **Associated Press**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Just a few years ago, many Americans dreamed that from the ashes of the Soviet Union would arise a reformist, democratic Russia determined to overcome the gravitational pull of communism and eager to join hands with its former

adversaries. For those who harbored those dreams, these are not good times. Lately, almost everything has gone wrong.

"That euphoria was misplaced," said Peter Rodman of the Nixon Center for Peace and Freedom, a private think tank. Russian foreign policy has shifted in a sharply nationalist direction in recent years, the hallmark of which is that American global dominance

must be opposed, he said. Some Russians openly concede that objective. Gen. Leonid Ivashov said in Moscow last Friday that "Russia may become the leader of a part of the world community that dis-

agrees with the (U.S.) dictate." Clinton administration officials take a somewhat middleof-the-road view on Russia's

future. "Gloom and doom are no more justified now than was euphoria a few short years ago," says Strobe Talbott, the State Department's No. 2 official and leading Russian affairs

expert. The most obvious sore point in the current array of disagreements is Moscow's force-

U.S.-British bombing campaign in Iraq. President Boris Yeltsin called the policy outrageous and, in response, withdrew his ambassadors from Washington and London. Another conflict, with poten-

tially longer-term consequences

for the relationship, is the U.S.

perception that Moscow has done little to halt the flow of nuclear technology to Iran. "We have discussed our concerns at the highest levels," the State Department said Wednesday in a rare public

rebuke of Moscow. "Russia has

cooperation with Iran.' The Nixon Center's Rodman said Russia's friendship with Iraq and Iran is part of a broader effort by Moscow to cultivate ties with radical Islamic regimes opposed to the

declined to halt all nuclear

United States. Talbott, the deputy secretary of state, finds peril, at least over the short term, in Russia's economic decline and its unhappiness with the results of Western ways of managing its economy.

As a result, he said, "we may be in for heightened tensions over security and diplomatic issues."

Indeed, everywhere one looks the U.S.-Russian relationship is in disarray. There are squabbles over distribution of American food aid. Washington is concerned over increasing anti-Semitism in Russia and the seeming official tolerance

As an outgrowth of the squabble over Iraq, there are or parliament, may delay ratification of the START II treaty. which would cut the U.S. and Russian strategic arms stockpiles by more than half.

On the latter point, Talbott believes Russia will eventually be guided by self-interest. He said in a speech last month that Russia needs to ratify START II because it cannot afford to maintain its arsenal at Cold War levels.

And despite policies that seem hostile to the West, Talbott noted, Russia has gone a long way toward joining the European mainstream, joining the Council of Europe and dispatching troops to the Balkans, where they work side-by-side with NATO peacekeeping forces.

At week's end, the Russians appeared to signal an interest in not allowing disagreements with the United States to degenerate into a new Cold War. Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright conferred by telephone on Friday with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov. Calling it a useful exchange, Albright's spokesman, James Rubin, summarized the message she received: "The Russians understand

the importance of maintaining a broad-based relationship with the United States. "They recognize the importance of having U.S.-Russian

relations be a stabilizing factor, not a destabilizing factor. And they are going to continue working with us on a wide variety of issues."

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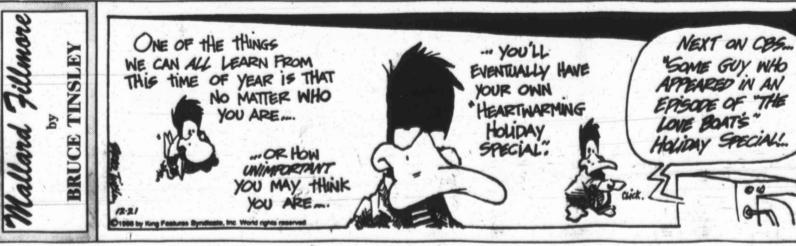
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Ford, Carter urge censure of Clinton, end of impeachment proceedings

Former Presidents Ford and Carter today proposed to end the impeachment proceedings against President Clinton with a bipartisan censure resolution stating that he lied under oath.

The linchpin would be language stating that Clinton accepted the findings in the resolution. But his admission that he did not tell the truth could not be used against him in a future trial.

"Somehow we must reach a that conclusion most Americans can embrace and that posterity will approve," Ford and Carter wrote in an op-

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ed column published in The dential race, later granted that the Senate work out a com- trying to cover up his affair Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah New York Times.

"Make no mistake, the judgment of history does matter. It matters profoundly. And impeachment by the full House has already brought profound disgrace to President Clinton. Whatever happens now will do little to affect history's judgment of him."

Both men said their suggestion rises out of the precedents they set while president. Ford, who assumed office after President Nixon resigned following the Watergate scandal, later pardoned Nixon. Carter, who beat Ford in the 1976 presi-

amnesty to those who had avoided the Vietnam draft.

"While our acts of pardon or clemency are not directly analogous to the decision pending in the Senate, how that body resolves the issue can have similar benefits of healing and finality," Ford and Carter

A fresh poll shows most Americans agree.

In interviews shortly after Clinton was impeached on Saturday, 31 percent said the Senate should go ahead with a trial on the charges, while 63 percent said they would prefer

promise to instead censure or fine the president.

The CBS-New York Times survey also showed Republicans with their worst popularity ratings in the 14 years the two news organizations had asked the question. Only 36 percent expressed a favorable view of the Republican Party, while 58 percent expressed an unfavorable one.

The poll carried a 4 percentage-point margin of error.

Members of both parties say they want a swift Senate resolution of the charges that Clinton lied and obstructed justice in with Monica Lewinsky.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., noted today that the Senate could dismiss the case at any time with a simple majority

vote of 51 senators. 'He said he favored a trial, a concept supposedly favored by the senior Democrat in the chamber, Sen. Robert Byrd, D-WVa. Byrd has written an oftquoted history of the Senate.

"I think we need to follow the Constitution. I've said I'm going to take my cues from Senator Byrd; I think he's the expert," McConnell said.

Senate Judiciary Committee

suggested the first step should be a quick poll of his colleagues to determine if there is anywhere near the 67 votes needed to oust Clinton from office.

If there are only 55 votes "then there has to be some consideration to what do you do that is the best under the circumstances to resolve this matter and in the best interests of

the country," Hatch said. While that should include the start of a trial, he said, there are other options "where everybody could vote on this and vote their conscience and it would be

Weariness, disgust and optimism in wake of Clinton impeachment

morning made bleak by both weather and politics, Jill Cavalero emerged from a diner and produced two disparate thoughts about the newly impeached leader of the land.

The first: "I still think he's doing a pretty good job as pres-The second, a moment later:

"I'm glad I'm not married to him, though." The high school librarian's

assessments, delivered under a light drizzle on the sidewalk of this hillside industrial town 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, were just two of millions across the country Sunday.

The events of an extraordinary weekend were beginning to sink in: President Clinton had been impeached. The House speaker-elect had quit. And, on top of it all, a bombing campaign against Iraq had just ended.

the months of recriminations day after the impeachment and

BUTLER, Pa. (AP) — On a and accusations, all the uncertainties about the nation's future were darting through American minds and ricocheting across tongues as people tried to make sense of the whole mess.

"Happy Holidays," quipped Barb Widenhofer, a drugstore manager a few blocks away. "You just want it to be over."

Like her, many want desperately to move on. But for all the talk of a cynical, jaded public, a tempered optimism often shone

"Our country seems to have a way of rising and overcoming obstacles," said Edward Wadding, an insurance and investment agent finishing the last crusts of his toast at the Olympic Diner on South Main Street. No fan of Clinton, he had favored censure nonethe-

Dozens of interviews by Associated Press reporters All the conflicted feelings, all across the nation Sunday, a

Speaker-elect Livingston's abrupt resignation, reflected this amalgam of distaste, disorientation and tempered optimism about the system, if not about its political stewards.

From south-central Los Angeles: "I think the impeachment will be good for the country," said Clayton White, 46 who favors Clinton's removal. "It shows that we care a lot about truth, honesty and basic principles in this country."

From Bismarck, N.D.: "We're a forgiving country," said Bev Clausnitzer, drinking coffee with her husband at a shopping mall. "Look at O.J. You don't

From Detroit: "He might have lied, but there isn't any body who has been in the White House who has been a prayerbook," said Gloria Chapman, 58, clutching a Bible after attending services at Little Rock Baptist Church.

Effects of bombing undetermined

Military officials say it could take several months to determine whether they achieved their goal of degrading Iraq's warmaking capability with last week's airstrikes.

President Clinton and his top national security aides say they did what they set out to do in a series of cruise missile and bombing attacks over four days. They back it up with photographs and videotape showing wrecked Iraqi military installa-

But Pentagon officials caution that the bomb-damage assessment could take months, that the pictures are often deceiving and that Iraq may have to be

attacked again. Although troop judgment, have been met. reinforcements were expected to be ordered back to their U.S. bases today, the "containment" force in the Persian Gulf region remains some 20,000 strong, with no plans for relaxing the guard over Iraq.

The administration, meanwhile, is shifting the direction of its policy on Iraq toward toppling Saddam Hussein from

"We've tried to be very accurate in our damage assessment, not to inflate it or overstate it,' Defense Secretary William Cohen said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We had very specific military objectives. Those objectives, in our

Appearing later on ABC's 'This Week," Cohen said that if Iraq, as expected, tries to restore its capability to produce chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction, "We're prepared to take it down

The Defense Department revamped its format for describing bomb damage. During the airstrikes, Pentagon figures indicated that only one target in five was destroyed or severely damaged. Now the statistics list simply "confirmed damage" that may include light to moderate damage. On that basis, 73 out of 96 targets sustained some damage.

Hussein: Iraq victorious against 'enemies of God' hear anything about him any expected from you." BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) ment sent to the Cairo office of "God will repay well and

Baghdad renewed its claim of victory today, and an extremist Muslim group threatened retaliation for the four days of U.S.-British airstrikes against Iraq.

U.N. officials said humanitarian workers would return to the Iraqi capital Tuesday to resume supervision of food aid. The workers were evacuated to Jordan last week amid the bombardment

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, in his first public comments since the attacks ended late Saturday, said Iraq was victorious against "enemies of

radio and television, Saddam said the Iraqi people and the army have proved to be "worthy of what your leadership Islamic Group, said in a state-

crown your heart with clear victory," he said. with his Saddam met Revolutionary Command Council and members of the

regional command of his ruling Baath Party, the official Iraqi News Agency said today. It did not say when the meeting was held or what was discussed. Secretary of State Madeleine

Albright said the United States might strike again if Saddam rebuilds such weapons.

Iraqi officials have not damage occurred, including presidential palaces and defense installations

Al-Hayat newspaper that the attacks were "a disgrace to the Islamic nation," the paper reported today. The group called for a "holy

war" against the United States and a boycott of American and British products, the paper said. It also called for putting Clinton on trial as a war criminal.

Anonymous calls to Al-Hayat also threatened attacks on Kuwaiti embassies and "American interests" in the Gulf.

In Iraq's state-run newspapers, the rhetoric today was as allowed reporters to inspect strident as before the assault areas where the most extensive and repeated the government's assertion that it was the win-

'Victorious, as the bad bid Al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, or the has failed," said the headline in

GOP leaders act fast to peg Hastert as speaker mer teacher from Middle Chaos roiled in the House

Drained from a tempestuous America who is as soft-spoken impeachment debate, and still as outgoing Speaker Newt smarting over election losses and the abrupt resignations of Within hours of Livingston's two GOP leaders House surprise decision Saturday to Republicans felt they had to act retire rather than face incessant immediately to replace Speaker- questions about his sexual his-

Dennis Hastert of Illinois, a for- dropped out.

Gingrich is outspoken.

tory, Hastert had been anointed So they rallied behind Rep. J. and his two potential rivals had

chamber after Livingston made his stunning announcement in the waning hours of a historic but rancorous impeachment debate. Several members immediately congregated around. In a brief speech Sunday on Hastert and urged him to run.

The Republican caucus meets Jan. 5 to confirm their choice

promotions over the weekend.

The biggest markdowns came

in apparel, with merchants des-

perate to unload some of the

clothes that have sat on shelves

afford it." remain nervous about how the

season will turn out. A number of merchants especially the department stores chains — have already put their profits in jeopardy by taking unplanned markdowns on winter merchandise to clear out their inventories.

"We are in a very aggressive mode (to boost sales), and many stores will be aggressive this week," said Michael Gould, chairman of Bloomingdale's. "There will be a lot of promotions that you might not have

With Christmas a heartbeat

from their after-Christmas promotions

Last year, the post-holiday

reporting disappointing results

Chicago cab driver Nadeem Ahmed will wait Christmas Eve.

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Nation's retailers are still nervous about sales despite reports of 'good crowds' still have much of their gift-buy- sales saved many retailers from NEW YORK (AP) tive vice president of marketing our retailers." Americans did lots of holiday for Carson Pirie Scott, a Knowing that the last week of Even with the heavy traffic ing left to do. And they also expect to see big sales gains gift-buying at the nation's Midwest department store the season is so crucial, almost over the weekend, retailers for the season. every retailer stepped up their

stores over the weekend, a signal that President Clinton's impeachment didn't stop shoppers from getting into the Christmas spirit.

While retailers relished the heavy traffic, many still worried if the burst of last-minute purchases will be enough to jolt holiday sales to levels they had anticipated.

"It was a very good weekend for all retailers," said Kurt Barnard, a retail consultant and president of Barnard's Retail Report in Upper Trend Montclair, N.J.

"Shoppers weren't distracted at all by the impeachment," he said Sunday. "But can this weekend and the next few days make up for lost time and sales from the past few weeks? That is doubtful."

Many expected this to be one of the best holiday seasons in recent history, thanks to strong consumer confidence, low unemployment and inflation levels, and sharp gains on Wall

But it has turned out to be a tough Christmas for many merchants. Most troubling has been the warmer-than-normal weather, which severely dampened sales of winter merchandise, like coats and sweaters

The warm weather has been death," said Ed Carroll, execu-

chain.

Many retailers were thankful that the American public didn't stop their buying to watch the Clinton impeachment hearings, which ran live on television Friday and most of Saturday.

'We didn't see any kind of blip because of the impeachment," said Sally Hertz, marketing director of the South Shore Plaza mall outside of Boston.

"People are finally realizing that yes, Christmas is coming this year and it's soon," she said, "In fact, Saturday was the busiest day in the mall's 36-year history.

Several merchants were pleased to see business pick up over the weekend.

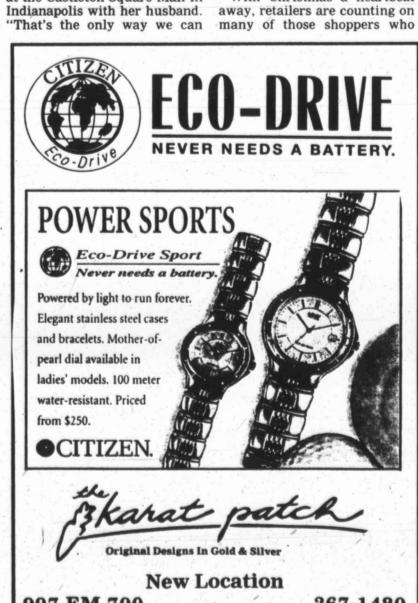
Whether this season is a success or not depends largely on spending volume in the last days before Christmas.

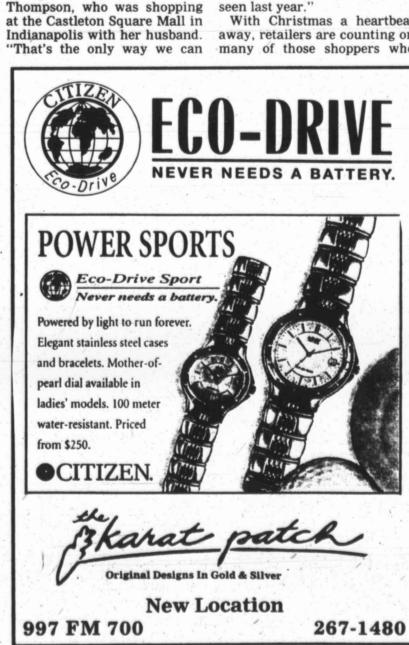
Last year, the three biggest shopping days of the year in terms of sales were Dec. 20, Dec. 22 and Dec. 23, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New Yorkbased trade group.

"Finally, we are seeing an increase in traffic and sales," said Lisa Bennett, marketing manager at the Irving Mall in Irving, Texas, where cooler temperatures finally arrived last week. "We are finally hearing some big sales gains at many of

for weeks during the warm The cheaper prices encouraged Toni Miller, a mother of two from the Seattle area, to get some buying done. In Chicago, Karen Welsh was shocked by the low prices she found at the Water Tower mall. "I go for sales," said Ruth

seen last year.'





The family of Gilberto O. Gonzales wishes to express their deepest appreciation for the prayers, love, kindness and support given to us during our time of sorrow, of our beloved Husband, Father, and Grandfather. A special thanks to Scenic Mountain Emergency Room and Staff, Dr. Stevens, Myers & Smith Funeral Home, and Immaculate Heart of Mary. **Affectionately** The Gonzales Family

IN BRIEF

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 courses throughout the state for a \$35

Both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course are participating in the program, as well as 82 others in the Panhandle and West Texas.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both Big Spring courses, as well as by contacting the American Cancer Society by calling 1-800-ACS-2345.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

Umpires will be calling high school softball games in Alpine, Andrews, Big Spring, Brady, Coahoma, Colorado City, Eldorado, Fort Stockton. Greenwood, Hermleigh, Kermit, Lamesa, Midland, Monahans, Odessa, Pecos, San Angelo, Snyder, Sonora and

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961

Dallas Stars get most from Turek's play in goal

KANATA, Ontario (AP) -Roman Turek is taking full advantage of his limited chances in goal for the Dallas

Turek, 4-0-2 with a 1.94 goals-against average the ight games, made 27 saves as Dallas beat the Ottawa Senators 3-2 on Sunday.

"I had a lot of shots. It was a good game for me," said Turek, who helped the Stars extend their unbeaten streak to eight games at 6-0-2. "It's good for my confidence.'

Turek was especially sharp in the second period, stopping Shawn McEachern's closerange attempt and Magnus Arvedson's slap shot.

"This is the way he's played every game," Stars coach Ken Hitchcock said. "He's been very sound. This wasn't anything special. We knew how difficult the game was going to be. We wanted to give him a quality start.

Tony Hrkac scored the winning goal on a power play late in the second period when his pass attempt was deflected by Ottawa defenseman Jason York past goalie Ron Tugnutt.

Joe Nieuwendyk and Mike Keane also scored for the Stars, who raised their NHLleading points total to 43. Dallas (19-5-5) also improved to 7-1-2 in its last 10 road games.

Alexei Yashin'and Andreas Johansson scored for the Senators.

Nieuwendyk opened the scoring at 1:21 of the first period, and Johansson tied it with a power-play goal with three minutes left on the period.

Keane gave Dallas a 2-1 lead with 4:46 left in the second, but Yashin countered with a power-play goal with 3:50 remaining. Hrkac completed the scoring with 1:23 left in the period.

TODAY

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

- Coahoma at Lubbock
- Trinity Christian (girls)
- Crane at Big Spring (girls) 6:30 p.m.
- Forsan at Water Valley
- (boys and girls)

7 p.m. — Denver Broncos at Miami Dolphins, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

SPRING HERALD

Charity game brings back NBA players, but what about owners?

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Tim 119 victory over some of the league's City Convention Center. Some paid \$500 Players were happy to be playing in Hardaway was doing his famous crossover dribble. Karl Malone was stroking his post-up jumper. Alonzo Mourning was playing his usual tenacious defense.

NBA fans watched on television. A boisterous live crowd cheered — and clamored for autographs. And the game. went right down to the wire.

For one night, all was right - almost in the NBA world.

At least for a handful of players and fans. Whether the charity game does anything to break the stalemate between owners and players remains to be seen.

Hardaway scored 33 points Saturday to rally a group of NBA veterans to a 125-

younger stars. The hastily arranged event, which raised an estimated \$500,000 for charity, got players and their representatives calling anew for an end to the lockout.

"It's time to take off the suits and put the uniforms on and get back on the court," said organizer David Falk. "And it's time the owners stopped trying to turn the clock back 30 years.

Nearly half the season has been canceled due to the lockout, which centers on the two sides' inability to agree on how to share \$2 billion in revenues.

'The Game on Showtime," which was announced Dec. 7, managed to draw 9.512 people to the 12.500-seat Atlantic 22 from Glen Rice.

per seat to watch the out-of-work, out-ofshape superstars dust off their jump shots.

What they saw was a noticeably heavy Shawn Kemp, a cold-shooting (3-of-13) Patrick Ewing and an aggressive Hardaway in an all-star pickup game that featured more defense than anyone expected and an exciting finish to boot.

"It's great, they're just out of shape a bit," said fan Stanley Brown, 20, of Wildwood.

Malone added 20, Kemp 16 and former NBA star Dominique Wilkins 14 as the red team rallied to beat the white team, which got 25 points from Mourning and

Players were happy to be playing in public again.

"We want people to understand, we love the game," said Tom Gugliotta of the Minnesota Timberwolves. "If we weren't in the NBA, we'd be playing at lunchtime on our jobs.'

Fans were enthusiastic, but they made it clear they want the games back for good. "Start the Season, All Will Be Forgiven," read one fan's signs. "Impeach Stern," said another.

"The players are wrong," said Mark Elfont, 53, who came from Brooklyn. N.Y., and paid \$50 apiece for two seats. "They're making enough money. If I'm making that much money, I'm not complaining," he said.

Dallas snaps December skid with 13-9 win

IRVING (AP) - Chan Gailey wasn't part of the Dallas Cowboys last December when the team basically quit, losing its last five games in a mad dash to end a season they'd rather forget.

Although the attitude had turned around in Gailey's first season in charge, the late-season results hadn't. Dallas was having another disastrous December, losing three straight with two to play.

The Cowboys snapped the skid Sunday by beating the Philadelphia Eagles 13-9. Even though it wasn't an impressive performance, it was enough to win the division — the greatest sign of the difference Gailey has made.

"Chan deserves a lot of credit for the way this ballclub has turned around from 6-10 to where we are now," running back Emmitt Smith said. "A lot of folks never thought we could do it. But here we are. ..

"I think his leadership is what we were missing last year. Not only that, but the offensive system he brought in gave us a fresh opportunity to

get out there and do different things.

Richard Cooper and one for too many men in the huddle on their final drive.

Worst of all Philadelphia porters.

"He's the one who has got it gave the Cowboys a 7-3 lead turned around," Aikman said. "I think he's got everybody focused in on what we're trying to accomplish. He's given the team some real direction."

The Eagles are in a similar situation to the one the Cowboys were in this time last year: heading downhill fast and unable to pull out of it. Against Dallas, Philadelphia failed to score a touchdown for the sixth time this year and didn't win on the road for the 17th straight time dating to 1996

But at least the Eagles are trying. Their coach is, too, even though Ray Rhodes said recently he doesn't expect to be back

'We were really motivated to win this game for Ray," said offensive tackle Steve Martin.

Mental lapses crushed Philadelphia. Passes were dropped often, especially on third downs. Many of them wouldn't have been first downs anyway because the routes were too short.

The Eagles also had nine penalties, including consecutive false starts by right tackle

coach Barry Switzer's lack of may have had just 10 players on one of Gailey's most vocal sup- only touchdown on a fake field play last year, but went 7-0-1.

they wouldn't relinquish.

"I think that we did not have enough players on the field and that left a big hole on one side of the defensive line," Rhodes

The Cowboys, meanwhile, didn't look so great either.

Aikman was sacked a seasonhigh three times and was lucky it wasn't more considering how poorly the line handled the blitz. Dallas had two turnovers a batted-ball interception by Aikman and a fumble by Smith that both resulted in

Philadelphia field goals. The Eagles racked up 356 yards, but the Cowboys defense came up big in the end, stopping two drives in the final minutes to seal the sixth division title in seven years and the 19th in franchise history.

"The defense has played their rear off all year, but never did they play in the clutch any more than they did today,' Gailey said. "Yeah, it was ugly" at times and I know that. But we get a chance to work on it in the playoffs and there are other teams that don't get to do that.'

Notes: If Dallas beats the Redskins Sunday, the Cowboys will be the first team to have a perfect run through the NFC East. The New York Giants leadership. He's also become the field when Dallas scored its were undefeated in division goal. Eric Bjornson's 7-yard run Rhodes heads into what is prob-

ably his last game as Philadelphia's coach with a 30-35-1 overall record. ... Emmitt Smith had 110 yards rushing and nine more receiving, giving him 15,107 combined career yards and making him only the 12th player to reach that mile-

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Comp-Att-Int	24-43-1	10-23-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-00	3-25
Punts	6-33.5	7-38.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	9-60	7-64
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Jeffers 2-23, E.Smith 2-9. Clay 1-27, Warren

K-State rolls, A&M loses at home in Big 12 hoops

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) -They aren't winning many games, but the Missouri-Kansas City Kangaroos know the way

to an opponent's heart. Before their game at Kansas State Saturday, the underdogs from Kansas City donned blue T-shirts that said in gold letters on the front, "Congratulations K-State Football 11-1.

On the back, the shirts said, "No BCS." They wore the shirts during pregame warmups, then tossed them to the Bramlage Coliseum fans before tipoff.

The Wildcats, though ranked third in the BCS (Bowl Championship Series) rankings, were consigned to the fourthplace Alamo Bowl after being snubbed by all the major bowls.

"(Coach Bill) Snyder's group has done a great job," explained UMKC basketball coach Bob Sundvold. "It's a tribute to what they've done in football. We just thought we'd have a little fun with it."

During the game, however, all the fun was had by Kansas State. Dominating inside, the Wildcats held UMKC to 17.9 percent shooting in the first half en

With no games last week,

Connecticut had no problem

staying No. 1 in The Associated

Connecticut (8-0) maintained

a commanding lead over

Tennessee today in the voting

by a national media panel and

led the poll for the fifth straight

week. The Huskies, averaging

101.3 points a game, received 37

of a possible 40 first-place votes

Tennessee (8-1), which posted

Arkansas and Stanford, got the

three other first-place votes and

Connecticut, in the midst of a

two-week break, hasn't played

since beating St. John's 91-51 on

Dec. 13. The Huskies will return

victories

and had 997 total points.

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had 962 points.

Press women's basketball poll.

By CHUCK SCHOFFNER

AP Sports Writer

All in all, however, it was a lousy Saturday for the Big 12. No. 13 Kansas beat Illinois 65-55, and everybody else lost.

No. 25 Iowa, the team that stopped Kansas' 62-game home winning streak, beat Missouri 82-68; No. 17 Minnesota bested Nebraska 55-51; Marquette upended Baylor 74-64; No. 8 Arizona pounded Iowa State 75-61; Louisiana State edged Texas 63-61, and Arizona State handed Texas A&M just its second loss of the season with a triple-over-

Creighton on Sunday. In Kemper Arena in Kansas City, the Jayhawks did not play a game they'd want to be remembered for. Leading scorer Kenny Gregory had just three points. Freshman point guard Jeff Boschee missed eight of nine shots and committed four

"My guess is the basketball Hall of Fame will not ask for

Quinnipiac and will be without

freshman point guard Sue Bird,

who will be sidelined the rest of

the season by a torn anterior

cruciate ligament in her left

knee, an injury suffered a week

after becoming the first team

since 1991-92 to beat both

Tennessee and Louisiana Tech

in the regular season. The

Tennessee's 46-game winning

Louisiana Tech (8-2) slipped

from fourth to fifth and Georgia

(10-0) climbed one spot to fourth

after winning by margins of 46

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Purdue (7-1) remained third

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streak on Nov. 15.

Williams.

Big 12 schools have seen all they want of Iowa. In successive games, the Hawkeyes have beaten Kansas, Iowa State and Missouri. Iowa withstood a 12-4 Missouri run opening the second half that gave the Tigers a 49-45 lead with 14:31 left. Then Iowa answered with 15 straight points and took over the game.

"I'm frustrated. I'm upset," said Missouri's John Woods. "That game could easily have been won."

At Milwaukee, Greg Clausen scored 14 points and grabbed rebounds to lead Marquette past Baylor. Tevis Stukes' 19 points led Baylor, which got outrebounded 52-34 in the first meeting ever between

Texas A&M suffered its first loss at home under new head coach Melvin Watson after Eddie House hit several key baskets and four free throws down the stretch for Arizona

"I thought our guys gave a heckuva effort, but mental lapses at the beginning of the sec-

that tape," said coach Roy ond half didn't help us any," said Watkins. With 28 seconds left in regula

tion, A&M clung to a 60-57 lead, but House hit a three-pointer from deep in the corner with 12 seconds left for Arizona State. Texas fell to 2-7 despite 20 points from Kris Clack. Chris Mihm added 12 points and a

game-high 14 rebounds and Gabe Muoneke scored 11 points. "We had many, many chances. They gave us plenty of chances to win the game even as badly as we played on the offensive end," said Texas

coach Rick Barnes. At Lincoln, Nebraska made just 25 percent of its shots but still pulled to 51-48 with 2:35 to play against Minnesota. Venson Hamilton had 15 rebounds for Nebraska, but was 0-for-9 from the field.

"I aged another five years tonight," said Minnesota coach Clem Haskins.

A.J. Bramlett scored 18 points and had 11 rebounds as Arizona beat Iowa State at the Las Vegas Shoot Out. Maurice Fizer and Michael Nurse each scored 13 for the Cyclones.

"I believe in miracles," defenat all. The others were Texas sive end Mike Strahan of the Tech, Penn State,

fourth in five games. Chicago 24, Baltimore 3; Louisiana Tech to Purdue, Carolina 20, St. Louis 13; Seattle Alabama to North Carolina and

> New Orleans 17. Denver is at Miami tonight. PATRIOTS 24, 49ERS 21

At Foxboro, Mass., Vinatieri's field goal with three seconds left gave Zolak the biggest win of his career. Zolak, making his first start in three years, had two TD passes and led two scoring drives in the final eight minutes after the Pats trailed

"We didn't move the ball in

See NFL, Page 7

With week still to go, playoffs nearly set

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

It wasn't so hard to figure out the NFL playoffs after all.

With a week to go in the NFL's regular season, 10 teams are in the playoffs, five are competing for the final two spots and Minnesota and Denver still look like prohibitive favorites to get to the Super

New England, Buffalo and Jacksonville joined Denver (13-1) and the New York Jets (11-4) in the AFC playoffs Sunday.

The Patriots (9-6), with Scott Zolak at quarterback for the injured Drew Bledsoe, made it with a dramatic 24-21 win over San Francisco on Adam Vinatieri's 35-yard field goal.

"He did a great job," Patriots coach Pete Carroll said of Zolak, who was making only his sixth start in eight seasons. Just running the ball in com mand, handling the clock at the end of the game. He did it like

The Bills (9-6) are in despite Saturday's 17-10 loss to the Jets because Tennessee lost 30-22 at Green Bay. That second loss allowed Jacksonville to clinch its first AFC Central title before they lost 50-10 to Minnesota on Sunday night.

If Miami (9-5) wins at home against Denver or at Atlanta next week, the Dolphins will be the sixth playoff team. If they lose both and Tennessee (8-7) beats Minnesota at home next Saturday, the Oilers will make

In the NFC, Atlanta (13-2) clinched the West with a 24-17 win Detroit while Dallas (9-6) finally clinched the NFC East by holding off Philadelphia 13-9. Minnesota (14-1) has home field throughout with San Francisco (11-4) and Green Bay (10-5) in as wild-cards. They will meet each other in a first-round game.

The last wild-card spot will be decided among Arizona (8-7), Tampa Bay (7-8) and the New York Giants (7-8). If Arizona beats San Diego at home or if the Giants lose at Philadelphia, the Cards are in. Tampa Bay qualifies with a win in Cincinnati, an Arizona loss and a Giants win.

New York, which started the season 3-7, makes the playoffs with a win, and losses by Arizona and Tampa Bay.

Giants said after à 28-7 win over Kansas City that represented their third straight victory and In other Sunday games, it was Cincinnati 25, Pittsburgh 24;

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Peach Bowl

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UConn still No. 1 after light week in women's play

WOMEN'S TOP 25

to action Dec. 27 against and 40 points at Boise State's tournament North Carolina advanced one place to sixth and was followed by Notre Dame,

UCLA, Colorado State and

Texas Tech. Clemson led the second 10 and Penn State was 12th. Then it was Old Dominion, Alabama, Rutgers, Duke, Virginia Tech, Iowa State, Nebraska and Florida.

Washington, Kansas, Virginia, Memphis and Santa Clara. There were no newcomers after a light week in which members of the Top 25 played

The final five were George

just 24 games. Connecticut was one of eight ranked teams that did not play

Dominion, Rutgers, Virginia Tech, George Washington and Virginia. Ranked teams lost four times last week, and three of the losses were to Top 25 opponents:

an unranked foe was Florida, a 97-77 loser at Illinois. Florida fell from 13th to 20th for the biggest drop in the poll. Clemson (10-0) made the biggest jump, going from 14th to 11th after winning three games, including a 60-58 victory over

Santa Clara to Colorado State.

The only Top 25 team falling to

in Myrtle Beach, S.C. North Carolina gave the ACC a sweep in that event with its 90-75 victory over Alabama, which fell from 11th to 14th.

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the second half. We got into a run, run, pass pattern. On the road, you have to extend the lead," said Steve Young, who had two TD passes for San Francisco, including a 75yarder to Jerry Rice.

Packers 30, Oilers 22 **Brett Favre and Antonio**

Freeman connected on three _ long touchdown plays on a snowy day in Green Bay. It was the first time in more than two months that the Packers had won two straight

The Packers clinched their sixth straight playoff berth Saturday when Washington beat Tampa Bay.

Freeman caught TD passes of 57, 68 and 32 yards in the first half and finished with seven catches for 186 yards.

Bengals 25, Steelers 24

At Pittsburgh, Cincinnati blew a 13-point lead, but rallied to break a nine-game losing streak and eliminate the Steelers (7-8) from playoff contention behind Jeff Blake's 367 yards passing.

It's the first time in Bill coach that Pittsburgh hasn't

The Bengals (3-12) have two of their three victories this season over Pittsburgh, including a 25-20 win on Oct. 11 that was their last until Sunday.

touchdown and ran for another as New York continued its late-season turnaround.

one his two interceptions 43 yards for a score on the game's third play from scrimmage. The Giants had four interceptions and four sacks and are 4-1 since Graham replaced Danny Kanell at

quarterback.

Vikings 50, Jaguars 10 Randall Cunningham threw three touchdown passes and Randy Moss tied an NFL record with his 10th TD of at least 40 yards as Minnesota clinched home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs.

The win gave the Vikings (14-1) their first unbeaten record at home since 1989 and just their second since 1976, the last time they went to the Super Bowl. The 50 points against Jacksonville (10-5) gives the Vikings 530 on the season, 11 short of the record set by the 1983 Redskins.

Falcons 24, Lions 17

Jamal Anderson rushed for 147 yards and scored two touchdowns as Atlanta clinched its first NFC West title in 18 years and a firstround bye.

It was just the second division title in team history for the Falcons (13-2), who set a club record for victories in a

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Coach Dan Reeves, who was released from an Atlanta hospital Friday after quadruple heart bypass surgery, missed the game in Detroit. The Falcons, with defensive coordinator Rich Brooks acting as coach, fought back from a 17-10 third-quarter deficit with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter against the Lions (5-

Cowboys 13, Eagles 9 Holder Eric Bjornson scored

a touchdown on a fake field goal and safety George Teague made a saving fourth-down tackle late in the game.

The Eagles (3-12) lost 34-0 to the Cowboys in November, but they gave Dallas heated competition until the final minute on the road. Emmitt Smith rushed for 110 yards on 25 carries for Dallas.

Cardinals 19, Saints 17 Jake Plummer led host Arizona on another lastminute desperation drive, set-

ting up Chris Jacke's 36-yard field goal on the final play.

The Cardinals (8-7), who last made the playoffs in the 1982 strike season while playing in St. Louis, can claim the final NFC wild-card berth with a home victory over San Diego next Sunday.

The loss eliminated the Saints (6-9).

Seahawks 27, Colts 23

Seattle, eliminated from playoff contention earlier in the day, rallied at home in the fourth quarter on touchdowns from Ricky Watters and Shawn Springs.

Watters, who set a career high with 178 yards on 32 carries, scored on a 33-yard run with 9:19 to go to close Seattle to 23-17. Then Phillip Daniels forced Marshall Faulk to fumble, and Springs picked up the bouncing ball and ran 14 yards to the end zone.

Raiders 17, Chargers 10 At San Diego, Wade Wilson, making just his third start

since 1996, threw touchdown passes to James Jett and Tim Brown on consecutive possessions in the second quarter, as the Raiders (8-7) snapped a four-game losing streak.

The Chargers (5-10) lost their fourth straight game, and quarterback Craig Whelihan threw two interceptions, giving him 13 in three

Panthers 20, Rams 13 Steve Beuerlein's 68-yard touchdown pass to backup tight end Luther Broughton with 2:44 left gave Carolina (3-12) the victory. Visiting St. Louis (4-11) is 0-7 against NFC

Bears 24, Ravens 3

At Chicago, third string tailback James Allen, making his first NFL start, got 135 of his 163 yards in the first half with bursts of 57 and 54 yards as the Bears (4-11) ended a six-game losing streak by beating Baltimore (5-10).

West opponents this season.

BOWL SCHEDULE

(All times CST) Saturday, Dec. 19 Las Vegas Bowl At Las Vegas

North Carolina 20, San Diego State

Wednesday, Dec. 23 **Motor City Bowl**

At Pontiac, Mich Marshall (11-1) vs. Louisville (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Friday, Dec. 25 **Blue-Gray Classic** At Montgomery, Ala.

Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC) Aloha Bowl At Honolulu

Colorado (7-4) vs. Oregon (8-3), 2:30 p.m. (ABC) Oahu Classic At Honolulu

Air Force (11-1) vs. Washington (6-5), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 26 **Heritage Bowl** At Atlanta

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Alamo Bowl At San Antonio Kansas State (11-1) vs. Purdue (8-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Wednesday, Dec. 30 **Humanitarian Bowl** At Boise, Idaho

Idaho (8-3) vs. Southern Miss (7-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN2) Holiday Bowl

At San Diego Nebraska (9-3) vs. Arizona (11-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Thursday, Dec. 31 At Memphis, Tenn.

Brigham Young (9-4) vs. Tulane (11-0), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)

At El Paso, Texas Southern Cal (8-4) vs. Texas Christian (6-5), noon. (CBS) **Peach Bowl**

At Atlanta Virginia (9-2) vs. Georgia (8-3), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Independence Bowl At Shreveport, La. Ole Miss (6-5) vs. Texas Tech (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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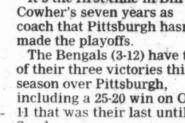
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Allow others to be themselves. Trying to change them is close to impossible. A misunderstanding happens, perhaps because someone sees your caring as more than it is. Be very clear with others. You don't need uproar. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Finish as much work as you can. Pressure intensifies this time of year. You could overspend. Listen carefully to feedback, and try to understand what someone wants. A loved one has expectations of spending more time with you. Don't

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Tonight: Meet obligations.*** LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Your need to control comes out now. Unfortunately, you could be quite frustrated by what goes on. Loosen up some. If you are angry, avoid an explosion. Sit down and have a needed discussion. You won't want to ruin the holidays. Tonight: Head on home.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. Expect the unexpected and you will be pleasantly surprised. Don't let money or

someone's expectation ruin a near-perfect holiday. Friendship builds when you exchange ideas. Make plans with friends as well as family. Tonight: My, you are popu-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

Be indulgent and understanding with someone, even if he throws a temper tantrum. Your easy, caring manner helps him be more objective about what is going on. Emphasize responsibility and how others see you. Be careful just how far you go with last-minute expenditures. Tonight: Tie up loose ends.*****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Everything happens as it should, but you could throw a monkey wrench into someone's plans. Recognize limits. Don't suppress anger; discuss what is bothering you. Someone needs to understand. You are sensitive and upset others with your unpredictability. Tonight:

Make the call.**** PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Listen to feedback from a friend, even if you're offended by what you hear. Recognize that there are many different. paths to a goal. Open up to pos-

for what you want. Don't hold back. Tonight: Slow down.*** **BORN TODAY** Actor Hector Elizondo (1936),

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Mom wants to point the way for boyfriend without direction

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is a 19-year-old college sophomore who is studying to become a Her longtime teacher. boyfriend, "Arnie," is a 21-yearold part-time student who works and goes to college. He has not chosen a major yet.

Abby, Arnie is a fine young man who loves my daughter, but doesn't he have much direction and hasn't given m u c h thought /to the future. He has received little



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guidance from his parents, who don't seem to care if he graduates from college or not. His siblings went to work straight out of high school.

This concerns me because my husband is a successful businessman, and our family has a very nice lifestyle. We drive new cars, go on nice vacations and are putting our three children through college. I know if my daughter marries Arnie, they probably will never be able to afford the lifestyle she

Should I express my concerns to my daughter, and try to give Arnie some advice, or mind my own business? -- A LOVING

is accustomed to.

DEAR MOM: By all means express your concerns to your SYNDICATE

daughter, if you can do so without alienating her and Arnie. Do not, however, speak to the young man about his perceived shortcomings; your daughter should do that if she feels his lack of ambition is a problem.

It's fine to offer advice to your daughter if you leave it up to her to follow or discount it. But if you alienate Arnie, it might unite them in the face of

DEAR ABBY: I have a great marriage and a group of close friends. We spend a lot of time together, as couples and indi-

vidually, and have a great time. One of the friends in my group is a single male. He is unhappy about the situation, but he's too shy to seek out a relationship, too proud to let his friends introduce him to a woman, and too private to discuss his feelings in depth. However, I know that he feels self-conscious as the only "unattached" member of the group. How can I help my friend? -- CONCERNED FRIEND

IN BERKELEY DEAR CONCERNED: Bless you for wanting to help. In an active college community like Berkeley, there are many single women available. Be subtle about it, but include a few "singles" along with your friend in some of your group activities and let nature take its course. If something develops -- you'll get an "A" in chemistry.

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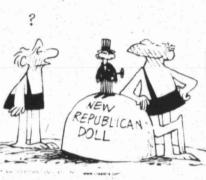
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Today is Monday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 1998. There are 10 days left in the year. Winter arrives at 7:56 pm CST.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Dec. 21, 1898, scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered the radioactive element radium.

On this date: In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the

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New York "World." In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany,

of injuries from a car accident. In 1948, the state of Eire (formerly the Irish Free State) declared its independence.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle was elected to a seven-year term as the first president of the Fifth Republic of France. In 1968, Apollo Eight was

launched on a mission to orbit the moon. In 1971, the U.N. Security

Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U Thant as Secretary-General. In 1978, police in Des Plaines,

Ill., arrested John W. Gacy Jr. and began unearthing the remains of 33 men and boys that Gacy was later convicted of murdering.

In 1991, 11 of the 12 former Soviet republics proclaimed the birth of the Commonwealth of Independent States:

In 1995, the city of Bethlehem passed from Israeli to Palestinian control.

Ten years ago: 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Five years ago: First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, in an interview with The Associated Press, said her husband, President Clinton, had solicited her advice on major issues; but, she added, her powers were limited.

One year ago: President Clinton, accompanied by his wife and daughter, left for Bosnia to spread holiday cheer - and to carry the news that he wanted U.S. troops to remain there indefinitely as the region recovered from its devastating war.

Today's Birthdays: Former Austrian president and former U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is 80. Ventriloquist Paul Winchell is 76. Country singer Freddie Hart is 72. Actor Ed Nelson is 70. Talk show host Phil Donahue is 63. Actress Jane Fonda is 61. Singer Carla Thomas is 56. Musician Albert Lee is 55. Conductor Michael Tilson Thomas is 54. Singer Betty Wright is 45. Tennis star Chris Evert is 44. Country singer Lee Roy Parnell is 42. Entertainer Jim Rose is 42. Actor-comedian Ray Romano ("Everybody Loves Raymond") is 41. Country singer Christy Forester (The Forester Sisters) is 36. Actor-comedian Andy Dick ("NewsRadio") is 33. Rock musician Gabrielle Glaser (Luscious Jackson) is 33. Actor Kiefer Sutherland is 32.

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