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Twas the day after Christmas

...and dumpsters around town, with holiday wrappings were all loaded down. Local residents had to get to their dumpsters early Monday to find space for Christmas wrappings, boxes and bows. However, there was no snow or mud to block their paths as the holiday weather has been clear and cool.

Shoppers hit stores again as retailers clear out holiday goods

NEW YORK (AP) Shoppers who got fantastic bargains on Christmas presents are going back into the stores for even better prices today as retailers begin clearing out leftover holiday goods.

Many stores were opening at 8 a.m., with plenty of "50 percent off" signs posted on sweaters, gloves, crystal vases and other merchandise that never made it under the Christmas tree.

Handful of Texans still at jobs on Christmas

By TERRY WALLACE
Associated Press Writer

While most Texans spent Christmas Day with family or friends, a handful were still at their jobs, keeping essential services functioning.

Of course, police, fire and emergency crews remained at their posts Monday, but other Texans still had work to do.

It was work as usual for the three rig hands aboard an Oryx Energy offshore platform in the Gulf of Mexico, about 110 miles from Sabine Pass.

Joseph Robertson and two other crew members rolled out of their bunks about 5 a.m. to begin their day's chores.

"But we've still got the Christmas spirit," said Robertson, of Lafayette, La. "Everybody's called their families."

That Christmas spirit was enhanced by the holiday dinner prepared for the crew by the rig's cook and galley hand.

"Oh, I'm talking about a fine Christmas dinner!" Robertson said. "We've got good food, turkey and everything you can think of for Christmas dinner."

It was a typical day for the helicopter pilots who shuttle crews to the offshore platforms. Ten pilots were on duty Christmas morning at the Petroleum Helicopters Inc. base near Sabine Pass.

Thomas Blanchard was one of them, flying as far as 125 miles off the Gulf Coast, working his monthly 14-day stretch 760 miles from his El Paso home.

"We've had five flights already," Blanchard said around 9 a.m.

Like many workplaces, seniority - or a lack of it - determined which pilots had to work on Christmas. Senior pilots are able to opt out of more of the assignments, he said.

But working on Christmas is not unusual to Blanchard, a former Vietnam War Army combat chopper pilot.

Newspapers that published Christmas day were filled with store ads announcing more bargains.

Bloomington's ads promised "20 percent to 50 percent off all over." Filene's Basement said its sale is "like saving up to 80 percent off department store prices."

The markdowns come on top of near-desperation price reductions retailers took to bring customers into the stores during what was a

generally disappointing holiday season. For storeowners, the after-Christmas sales are a chance to perk up their anemic sales figures a bit.

The economy's slow growth, continuing corporate cutbacks and Americans' high debt levels made many consumers more cautious this season.

"The uncertainty in the economy isn't going to move stuff off the shelf," said Bob Unrecht, national director of the consumer products industry service at Ernst & Young, the accounting and consulting firm.

Shoppers put off purchases until late in the season, partly because there was a full weekend before Christmas day, but also expecting prices to come down. The heavy markdowns were likely to devastate some retailers' profits during the season they hope to make at least half their annual earnings.

"Prices are at or below where they were last year," said John Konarski, a vice president with the International Council of Shopping Centers, a trade group. "Retailers have cut each other with the pricing."

But, he added, "this is great for the consumer."

Big retailers including Dayton Hudson Corp. and J.C. Penney Co. Inc. indicated the season would turn out to be a disappointment. But Sears, Roebuck and Co. and higher-end stores like Saks Fifth Avenue did well.

Exactly how good or bad the season was will be known Jan. 4, when the big stores announce their sales figures for the month of December.

Retailers' fortunes aren't expected to improve much during the coming year. Consumers are unlikely to start spending freely, and retailers are also contending with a surplus of stores and malls - there are too many outlets competing for a finite number of shopper dollars.

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Analysts expect thousands of stores to close in the next few years, particularly in the women's apparel business, which has been in a slump for years, and the discount store business, where small regional operators like Bradlees and Caldor are being hurt by the expansion of Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Oklahoma City bombing, Bosnia top news of 1995

Simpson saga dominated stories early in year

NEW YORK (AP) It was all O.J. all the time when 1995 began, but two stories surpassed the Simpson saga over the next 12 months: The arrival of homegrown terrorism in Oklahoma City, and the dispatch of 20,000 U.S. soldiers to blood-stained Bosnia.

The April 19 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City was overwhelmingly cited as the top story of the year in the 59th annual Associated Press vote of newspaper and broadcast executives.

A solid second was the ongoing mess in the former Yugoslavia, where 60,000 NATO troops - one-third of them Americans - began arriving in December to replace ineffective United Nations peacekeeping forces. Years of war sparked by ethnic conflict in Bosnia have left at least 200,000 dead and 2 million homeless; a peace treaty offered shaky hope.

Last year, the Simpson case was the story of the year. In 1995, the Simpson acquittal was No. 3 on the list, finishing well ahead of the next two choices: the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the enormous earthquake that rocked Kobe, Japan.

The second half of the top 10, in descending order: Newt Gingrich, President Clinton and their fight for control of the government; a nerve gas attack in the Tokyo subway system; the rescue of Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady from Bosnia; the murderous heat wave that killed more than 700 people in Chicago; and the jury decision to spare Susan Smith from execution.

A short synopsis of the top 10:

1. OKLAHOMA BLAST. When it happened at the World Trade Center, the terrorists came from the Middle East. But when a powerful bomb detonated outside the federal building on April 19, authorities said, the search for the terrorists ended within U.S. borders.

Accused were two U.S. Army buddies, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, who face trial in 1996. The carnage was shocking: 169 dead, more than 500 injured. The images were unforgettable: a firefighter carrying the bloody body of a baby girl. A woman rescued from the building's wreckage - only after doctors amputated her right leg.

2. THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA. It was another year of ethnic violence and unrest in Yugoslavia, the continuation of a mind-numbing cycle of civil war that started near the turn of the decade. But at the end of 1995, the confrontation halfway

around the world became personal for Americans: U.S. troops were sent to the Balkans.

The NATO mission - Operation Joint Endeavor - is the largest Western military operation in Europe since World War II. But many questioned Clinton's decision to step in where the United Nations had failed.

3. O.J. WALKS. It was 10 a.m. Pacific time, Oct. 3, when the nation stood still and stared at its televisions.

Minutes later, a Los Angeles jury cleared O.J. Simpson of murdering his ex-wife and a waiter from a nearby restaurant. Many whites were shocked; many blacks applauded.

Months after his acquittal, public opinion remained divided - mostly along racial lines - on whether the former football hero slashed the throats of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The story just won't go away. Simpson is reportedly planning an infomercial declaring his innocence, and the Brown and Goldman families are pressing on with a civil suit against the Juice.

4. RABIN ASSASSINATION. On Nov. 5, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin delivered a message of conciliation to the crowd in Tel Aviv: "People really want peace." Rabin, a Nobel Peace Prize winner

for his efforts in the Middle East, then left the pro-peace rally and walked to his car.

Yigal Amir was waiting.

The 25-year-old Amir, taking advantage of lax security, fatally shot Rabin from point-blank range, authorities said. The alleged killer had ties to Israeli extremist fringe groups, and no remorse for the slaying.

"I'm satisfied," he said, when told of Rabin's death.

5. KOBE EARTHQUAKE. They lined the streets outside Kobe - people limping, wrapped in bandages, carrying what was left of their possessions. They were fleeing the worst earthquake in Japan since 1923, a disaster that turned a sleek, modern city of 1.4 million into a post-apocalyptic nightmare.

The 7.2-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 17 killed more than 6,000 people, injured more than 26,000, demolished more than 94,000 buildings and homes. Random fires raged. Electricity and water lines were knocked out. Food was at a premium. Nearly a year later, they're still trying to put Kobe back together again.

6. CONTRACT WITH AMERICA. In this pre-election year, with the arrival of Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the

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Illness cuts Pope's Yule message short

VATICAN CITY (AP) -A day after illness forced him to cut short his Christmas greetings, Pope John Paul II felt well enough today to greet crowds from his window and offer belated holiday wishes.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro said the pope's fever and digestive problems had "almost completely disappeared," and again characterized the illness as flulike. He said a wave of nausea forced the pope to cut short his address on Christmas shortly after finishing his annual message to the world.

The 75-year-old pope, appearing tired and drawn, waved today to the thousands of people gathered outside his window in St. Peter's Square for the feast day of St. Stephen. He made no direct mention of his health or his inability to finish the traditional Christmas greetings in different languages.

Today, he offered a shortened list:

High pressure system pumps cold air into Lone Star State

By The Associated Press

Skies throughout North Texas overnight varied from partly to mostly cloudy due to an upper level jet stream inducing high level cirrus clouds across the state, coming up from northern Mexico.

At the surface, a high pressure system extends from Texas, across the Rockies and into British Columbia.

This system is pumping cold air southward across the Great Plains and into the Lone Star State. Temperatures early today across North Texas were near the freezing mark, dipping into the low 20s along the Red River. Winds were light and variable.

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Forecast for North Texas partly cloudy skies tonight with temperatures in the mid 20s to mid 30s. Increasing cloudiness on Wednesday, becoming mostly cloudy and cooler in the west and central areas. Highs will be from the upper

six languages, including English, rather than the 54 planned for Christmas.

"Thank you for your presence yesterday and today," the pope said in Italian as he closed the 12-minute speech, in which his voice sometimes wavered. "Thank you very much." He said "Arrivederci," then left the window.

The crowd loudly applauded the pope, who wore a red cape over white robes.

Navarro said the pope celebrated a Mass in his private chapel before giving the address.

The pope is taking anti-flu medication and plans two full days of rest at the Vatican, said Navarro, who speculated that a demanding holiday schedule may have weakened the pontiff.

"I cannot continue," the pope said on Christmas from the window of his residence before quickly ducking back inside. The stunned crowd milled around the square until the pope returned about 15 minutes later to say he wasn't feeling well but was trying to regain his health. Navarro said the pope was overcome by a wave of nausea during his speech.

The pope also was unable to celebrate Christmas Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, something he had never missed since assuming the papacy in 1978.

The speech today was the pope's last scheduled public appearance until a Mass in Rome on New Year's Eve.

The general audience, held each Wednesday, was not planned for this week because the pope normally takes several days vacation after Christmas, Vatican officials said.

Perrin services set Thursday



CARL STERLING PERRIN

Carl Sterling Perrin, pioneer Deaf Smith County rancher, died Saturday in Hereford Care Center at the age of 107. He had been a county and city resident for about 70 years.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in First United Methodist Church with Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in West Park Cemetery under direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Perrin was born in Decatur on June 9, 1888. He moved to Deaf Smith County from Decatur in the 1920s. He married Katherine Kirby in Hereford in 1944. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine, of 209 N. Texas Ave.

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Local Roundup

Cloudy and cooler

Hereford recorded a high of 49 degrees on Christmas Day and the low this morning was 23, according to KPAN Weather Station. Tonight the forecast is for partly cloudy skies with a low near 20. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy and cooler. High in the mid 40s. North to northeast winds 10-20 mph.

News Digest

State

UNDATED--While most Texans spent Christmas Day with family or friends, a handful were still at their jobs, keeping essential services functioning. Of course, police, fire and emergency crews remained at their posts Monday, but other Texans still had work to do.

HOUSTON--A holster isn't the only accessory Texans might want to consider as they prepare for the state's right-to-carry law to kick in next month. Gun stores across the state are selling two books on Texas' weapons laws that have been updated in time for the concealed handgun statute to start Jan. 1.

DALLAS--Police are warning the elderly that criminals who try to cheat them out of their life savings don't always operate as telephone solicitors or door-to-door salespeople. Take the case of Samuel and Lillie Mae Schmidts, a south Dallas couple, who police say needed only to regularly check their bank statements for unexplained debits to find out they were being swindled.

SAN ANTONIO--In a school district replete with low academic scores, high dropout rates and little school pride, there is one area in which San Antonio schools excel: mariachi. It only makes sense. The San Antonio school district is about 80 percent Mexican-American. Mariachi may even be challenging football's popularity: Last year a 300-pound lineman quit the team to devote his time to the guitarra, mariachi's bass guitar.

HOUSTON--No market analysts follow the Golden Eagle Group. Experts and the freight forwarding and customs brokerage's own executives say it receives little institutional investment because the firm is too small. Golden Eagle is one of about a dozen publicly traded transportation services firms nationwide, one of two in Houston, that are part of the growing transportation and logistics industry.

NAHA, Okinawa--A U.S. Marine charged with abducting and raping a 12-year-old schoolgirl accused a Navy sailor today of bullying him into taking part in the attack. A second Marine, meanwhile, offered an emotional apology and a plea for forgiveness from the witness stand of a Japanese court.

World/Nation

NEW YORK--Shoppers who got fantastic bargains on Christmas presents are going back into the stores today for even better prices as retailers begin clearing out leftover holiday goods.

WASHINGTON--Take your pick. Americans are being buried under a mountain of debt; or clever consumers are using credit cards at a record-setting pace only for the convenience and the special bonuses. After an apparently disappointing Christmas shopping season, analysts are weighing the seriousness of a possible credit crunch and its likely impact on the economy.

WARNER, N.H.--Derek Pershouse is the portrait of an increasingly disenchanted voter. Like many Americans looking to next year's elections, he senses the nation is at a crossroads and a mere election won't cure its problems.

WASHINGTON--To date, there are no defenders of dinosaurs to take offense at the reproduced skeletons in the Museum of Natural History. These days, they'd probably be able to get the displays taken down, bone by bone. Exhibits that stir controversy and criticism aren't doing well in this time of the politically correct.

SEATTLE--With Hollywood focusing renewed attention on the presidency of Richard Nixon, the anniversary of a truly surreal White House meeting has passed almost unnoticed. Twenty-five years ago, on Dec. 21, 1970, Nixon sat down in the Oval Office for a little heart-to-heart--with Elvis.

Obituaries

FELICITAS LEYJA

Dec. 23, 1995

Felicitas Leyja, 81, of Dimmitt, died Saturday in Dimmitt.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dimmitt with Deacon Joe Ortega officiating. Burial was in Castro Memorial Gardens under direction of Foskey-Lilley-McGill Funeral Homes.

Mrs. Leyja was born March 4, 1914, in Corpus Christi. She married Selso Leyja Dec. 30, 1936 in Corpus Christi. She lived in Hart prior to moving to Dimmitt 25 years ago. She was a homemaker and member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, two daughters, two sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include four sons, Jesus Leyja of Frederick, Okla., Gilberto Leyja of Odessa, David Leyja of Cisco and Selso Leyja of Dimmitt; five daughters, Dominga Bautista of Dallas; Guadalupe Luna and Francisca Luna of Dimmitt; Juana Valdez of Adair, Iowa and Elva Gonzales of Dallas; two brothers, Dionicio Castillo of Robstown and Juan Castillo of Corpus Christi; five sisters, Lucinda Rodriguez and Seferina Borrego of Corpus Christi, Eloisa Perez of Robstown, Elvira Ramirez of Hart and Maria Sandoval of Avendale, Ariz.; 32 grandchildren and 58 great-grandchildren.

LOU ELLA PATTERSON

Dec. 25, 1995

Lou Ella Patterson, 91, of Canyon, sister of Carlos Patterson of Hereford, died Monday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Richard Bales, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Dreamland Cemetery under direction of Brooks Funeral Directors.

Miss Patterson was born in Goldthwaite. She graduated from Goldthwaite High School and received a bachelor's degree from Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos. She taught in the Goldthwaite schools while earning her degree.

She joined the Texas A&M Extension Service in 1939 and retired in 1966. She served as a home demonstration agent in Randall, Gray and Ochiltree counties. She retired to Canyon in 1966 and built a home.

She was honored with a distinguished service award by the National Home Demonstration Award Association in 1949. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Murray Bible Class, Sue Hite Study Club, Canyon Senior Citizens and the Esther McCrary Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. She also was a 63-year member of Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include a sister, Grace Ivy of Canyon; and two brothers, Carlos Patterson of Hereford and Ben Patterson of Goldthwaite.

TOP TEN

House, the battle lines were drawn early. Who knew they would end up leaving 260,000 federal employees temporarily out of work?

With Republicans in control of both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years, they took on President Clinton on every front. Gingrich & Co. waged war with the White House and their Democratic counterparts in Congress over everything and anything. The end result: a partial government shutdown while haggling continued over the federal budget.

7. JAPANESE SUBWAY GASSED. Japan had its own problems with local terrorists. Aum Shinri Kyo, a Japanese cult, was accused of spreading deadly nerve gas through the Tokyo subway system on March 20. A dozen people were killed; more than 5,500 others were left gasping for air.

Authorities arrested cult leader Shoko Asahara, charging the cult planted the gas as part of its plan to prepare for a coming world war.

8. AMERICAN HERO. In an era short on heroes and role models, Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady proved to

Loans available to businesses hurt by farming

LUBBOCK -- Businesses depending on farmers and ranchers in some Texas counties -- including Deaf Smith County -- can now apply for low interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due to the effects of a disaster.

Excessive rain, flood, hail and high winds which occurred June 2 caused many farmers to experience reduced incomes which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending on these producers.

Farmers and ranchers are not eligible for this loan program.

For more information call SBA at 1-800-366-6303. The deadline for filing is July 9, 1996.

be both--and a best-selling author, too.

O'Grady's F-16 was shot down over Bosnia on June 2, and he narrowly escaped Serb forces after fleeing his crippled plane. For the next six days, he survived on insects and grass, washed down with rainwater. Finally, the Marines swooped in and brought O'Grady home. His book on the ordeal, "Return With Honor," sold more than 200,000 copies.

His all-American image was solidified in a conversation with President Clinton. "The United States is the greatest country in the world," he said. "God bless America."

9. KILLER HEAT. For scores of elderly Chicagoans this summer, their homes became their coffins. A mid-July heat wave, with temperatures topping out at 106 degrees, caused more than 700 deaths--a higher death toll than in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Most of the victims were elderly people who lived alone. The sad story was even sadder for some--41 bodies were never claimed by relatives, and Chicago officials buried them in simple plywood caskets in a single mass grave.

10. SUSAN SMITH SPARED. The first decision was simple: Susan Smith had, by her own admission, strapped her two little boys in their car seats and rolled them down a boat ramp to their deaths in a South Carolina lake. A jury convicted her of murder on July 22.

The second decision was more vexing: Should she receive the death penalty? A poll indicated most Americans agreed that the murders of 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex were enough to cost their mother her life. But the jury disagreed; Susan Smith instead received life in prison.

PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL

Infant boy Almaguer, Nancy Almaguer, Gladys Craig, Infant girl Garza, Elisa Garza, Howard E. Hershey, Infant boy Ortiz, Maria Isabel Ortiz, Mary Ramirez, Grace K. Sanders, Johnnie L. Sanders, Jim Scott, Emmett J. Ziechi and Donald Foerster.

court they were afraid Gill would hurt them if they did not go along with his plan. Ledet said Gill had already threatened to kill him once in the past.

"Gill said to tape the girl's hands up, and I said no, and he said 'Tape the girl's hands up!'" he testified, his voice rising sharply.

Harp acknowledged striking the girl as she struggled to escape her abductors.

"I did hit her," he said in a low voice. "It was mean of me to hit her."

He also acknowledged getting into the back seat of the car after Gill had raped her, but he said he couldn't rape her.

"Not when I saw the way the girl was lying there," he said.

Lebet, testifying afterward, said he was sorry for his part in the attack.

"I wish I were never there," he said in a trembling voice. "I'm very sorry and would like to apologize to the little girl, her family and the people of Japan."

"I can understand how the victim and her family feel ... but the Bible also tells about forgiveness," he added.

Chief Judge Shinci Nagamine displayed some impatience with long explanatory replies by Harp and Lebet. At one point, he cut off Lebet's comments, telling him: "Please stop now."

In later testimony today, Gill said the other two men had painted an unfair picture of him, and that in detailed testimony scheduled for Wednesday, he would give a fuller account of their involvement.

"The other two left out the parts

that made them look bad," he said.

All three men are charged with rape causing injury, which carries a penalty of three years to life in prison. The three-judge panel is expected to issue the verdict and sentence in late January.

Court sessions in Japanese trials are commonly separated by weeks or even months; the previous session was held Dec. 14.

The trial has been an emotional one. The first session included the reading of an angry statement by the father of the victim saying he wished he could kill her attackers.

But with a final verdict still weeks away, some of the furor surrounding the proceedings has died down. All spectators who asked for seats at today's session got one, in contrast to the overflow crowds at earlier sessions.

The mothers of Harp and Lebet were in court today. As Harp testified, his mother, Daisey Harp, held her head in her hands.

Outside the courtroom, Mrs. Harp said the families of the three servicemen have each come up with compensation payments for the victim.

"I don't mind paying the \$5,000," she said. "He was involved, but he was forced to sign a piece of paper saying he did it. I don't believe he'd rape a little girl like that."

Harp has repeatedly claimed that U.S. military officials coerced him into signing a confession to rape.

Apologies and compensation before the verdict are an important strategy in defense Japan, where courts have no juries, and more than 99 percent of defendants are convicted.

Police, Emergency Reports

Weekend emergency services reports, which are typically gathered on a 24-hour basis from 7 a.m. to 7 a.m. contained the following information.

HEREFORD POLICE

Tuesday

A 55-year-old male was arrested for DWI.

A 46-year-old male was arrested for Assault.

A 35-year-old male was arrested for resisting arrest.

Criminal attempts was reported in the 900 block of N. Miles. A door damaged by someone prying it open.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 300 block of Blevins. A radio, VCR, telephone and watch were taken.

A person driving while intoxicated was reported in the 800 block of 13th St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H. in reference to someone going into an apartment.

Monday

A 27-year-old male arrested for assault and domestic disturbance.

A 29-year-old male arrested for DWI.

A 19-year-old male was arrested and charged with robbery. The suspect threw a six pack of coke at the store clerk while trying to steal beer.

A 32-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.

A 18-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.

A 35-year-old male was arrested for public intoxication.

A report of minor in possession of alcohol at 15th and Avenue C.

A report of theft of a dog was reported in the 700 block of S. Main.

Theft of beer was reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of N. Miles. A vehicle was scratched causing damage.

Lottery

AUSTIN (AP)--The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

7-5-5
(seven, five, five)

AUSTIN (AP)--The winning Lotto Texas numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery:

35-40-41-44-45-46
(thirty-five, forty, forty-one, forty-four, forty-five, forty-six)

Estimated Lotto Texas jackpot: \$25 million

AUSTIN (AP)--The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-9-7
(six, nine, seven)

EMS Weekend

Ambulances ran on four trauma runs, seven medical runs, one transfer to Amarillo and three no-transports.

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Lifestyles



Helping foster children

Employees of the Hereford Post Office contributed to the Deaf Smith County Child Welfare Board to help make Christmas complete for foster children in Deaf Smith County. Presenting the check on behalf of the postal employees are, from left, Louis Marquez, city carrier, and Shannon Hagar, clerk, while Judy Baker and Judge Tom Simons accept on behalf of the Child Welfare Board.

To Your Good Health

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: This might be a life-or-death situation. My sister, in her 40s, has been very depressed. Were it not for her beliefs, she says, she would commit suicide. So she is starving herself. She only drinks a glass of water a day. Do I have to worry? What will happen if she continues? Can she actually starve herself to death? — Concerned Sister.

ANSWER: You have reason for concern. The body survives but a few months deprived of nourishment. Horrendous things happen internally. The heart loses muscle. It develops erratic rhythms that can lead to death.

Fluid is a more immediate concern, since we survive only a few days without it. A glass of water daily will not suffice for long. When dehydration kicks in, blood pressure plummets and kidneys give out.

Your sister needs professional counseling, without delay. Many people suffer from depression, although not to your sister's degree. Your sister can be helped. In fact, depression almost always can be treated successfully.

Waste no time in getting your sister assistance.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I have read about something called tarsal tunnel syndrome. Am I confusing it with carpal tunnel syndrome? My foot pains me continuously. My doctor says it is bursitis. Please explain tarsal tunnel syndrome, and let me know if you think that is what I have. The pain is in the cushion area of the heel. — P.O.

ANSWER: Heel pain points to plantar fasciitis, inflammation of the long band of tissue along the length of foot. The tissue supports bones and ligaments there. Pain is worse when awakening and also when you walk any distance. Rest, cushioning, and anti-inflammation drugs almost always take care of plantar fasciitis.

Tarsal tunnel syndrome is another possibility. With that, the foot nerve becomes trapped and compressed in tissue. The heel is a favored target. The pain might worsen at night. You would need to free the nerve.

Yes, tarsal tunnel syndrome is the foot's version of the carpal tunnel problem, which occurs in the wrist.

You also should consider a heel bone fracture or thinning of the heel's fat pad.

You don't seem to be getting better, so you should return to the doc-

tor to have some new evaluation and treatment. Your pain has gone on too long.

For more information on feet, see my report on the subject. You can order a copy by writing Dr. Donohue — No. 11, Box 5539, Riverton, NJ 08077-5539. Enclose \$3 and a self-addressed, stamped (55 cents) No. 10 envelope.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I enjoy your column, but I missed one I am told appeared during my vacation time, on benign essential tremor. I need information on it. Can you help? — M.L.

ANSWER: How about a bare-bones repeat?

Benign essential tremor runs in families, hence its other name: familial tremor. It comes on when you use your hands while holding a cup of coffee.

The important fact is that it differs from Parkinson's tremor, which occurs with the hands resting on the lap.

It is important to know which type of tremor is present, for there are medicines to control each. For essential tremor, doctors prescribe propranolol or primidone.

Orientation for Weigh Down scheduled for Thursday night

There will be an orientation meeting for the Weigh Down Workshop in the Antonian Room in St. Anthony's Catholic School Thursday at 7 p.m.

The Biblically-based program teaches participants to focus their attention on God instead of food. This program takes the participants away from dieting and teaches them how to have control from within. There are no special foods.

The workshop includes video tapes, audio tapes, group discussion and a workbook. The 12-week program costs \$103.

The first session of Weigh Down Workshop began at St. Anthony's in mid-June of this year. Since that time over 600 pounds have been lost by the 41 participants reporting.

The first class of the new session will be Jan. 11. For more information contact Karla Vasek at 364-6254.

New Years DANCE

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Ann Landers

Former wife batterer convinced abusers can get professional help

DEAR ANN LANDERS: Having been guilty of domestic violence for 28 of my 31 years of marriage, I am perplexed by those who believe that being a wife batterer does not make one a potential wife murderer. TV commentators and legal experts who express this opinion have no idea what domestic violence can lead to.

Control is the center of a wife batterer's existence. When the control of my spouse became threatened, I developed an inner rage that was overwhelming.

On one occasion when we were separated, I put a loaded gun in my pocket with the intention of killing my wife and myself. Only the arrival of military police at my home prevented me from going through with it. I thank God for that. My children were home, and I can imagine the devastating effect that would have had on their lives.

Three years ago, I entered a court-ordered spouse-abuse program. The counseling was intense and effective. I became aware of my controlling personality and how it was destroying my family. I learned that control is not love. It is an obsession that destroys relationships.

Today, I recognize all my old methods of control. When they begin to surface, I rid myself of them instantly. I've grown a lot since treatment and have found an inner peace. A crumbling marriage has become wonderful. Although my conversion came late in my life, perhaps my letter will help other wife batterers.

My message is "GET HELP." It's out there and available. You may feel the love you have for your spouse will make up for the pain you have

caused her, but without proper therapy and counseling, you will never make it. — J.M.B., Orlando, Fla.

DEAR ORLANDO: It took courage to write as you did, and I thank you. Your message to wife beaters to get counseling is excellent.

And now, my advice to women who are in physically abusive relationships: GET OUT, and call the police. Press charges, and flatly refuse to let him back in the house until he has begun to get professional help.

Most wife beaters are also substance abusers. They need Alcoholics or Narcotics Anonymous. Insist they join up as a condition of reuniting.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: A dear friend of long standing, I will call her "Nola," has lunch with me about once a week. I enjoy her company a great deal, and I don't want to lose her friendship, but something is bothering me.

Nola has a habit of putting her fork in my food an saying, "I just want a little taste." She never asks if I mind. She just goes ahead and helps herself.

If she likes it, she says, "Gee, that certainly is delicious. I think I'll have a second taste." And then she reaches over again. While she's at it, she speaks an olive, a pickle or a forkful of lettuce. I find this disgusting.

Last week, I invited a male friend to join us for lunch, and Nola ate off his plate, too. Although he didn't say anything, it was obvious to me that he resented it. It took a lot of self-control on my part to keep my mouth shut. I wanted to smack her one.

How can I get Nola to stop this revolting habit? I want to deliver the message diplomatically because she's

a very dear friend. — Marietta in Mass.

DEAR MARIETTA: Forget about diplomacy. Tell Nola flat out to stop putting her fork in your food because it's crude and unhygienic and it spoils your appetite.

Do you have questions about sex, but no one to talk to? Ann Landers' booklet, "Sex and the Teen-Ager," is frank and to the point. Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

Couples opt for unusual wedding

Incorporating Norwegian touches and their favorite dance music in their wedding celebration places Carolyn Pytte and Jim Castonguay of South Salem, N.Y., among a growing number of couples who are opting for one-of-a-kind weddings.

There are many ways of personalizing a wedding, says Millie Bratten, executive editor of Bride's magazine. They range from adding ethnic customs and special music to creating a theme wedding.

"Theme weddings are fun and memorable," says Bratten, "and they give guests something to talk about."

One of the most unusual themes, says Bratten, was a wedding for a couple who were planning to raise cattle. The bride wore cowboy boots in black with white spots. The groom's cummerbund and the couple's guest book were covered with the same material.

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Sports

Herd cagers return for Canyon tourney

The Hereford boys' basketball team returns from the Christmas Break by playing in the Canyon Rotary Classic Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The tournament, set at Canyon High School, starts with pool play on Wednesday. Hereford (8-7) meets Tulia at 3 p.m. and Palo Duro at 5. Tulia and PD play at 7. Pool play games include four-minute quarters.

The other pool in the six-team tournament includes Canyon, Dumas and Clarendon.

Hereford will play at 3:30 or 7:30 p.m. - possibly both - Thursday, depending on the team's performance in pool play.

The championship game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Hereford girls' basketball team (12-2) will play in a tournament in Littlefield Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Details were not available.

Packers' Favre, White lead NFL All-Pro team

By BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - The Green Bay Packers, once the powerhouse of the NFL, won their first division title in 23 years this season. Two players, Brett Favre and Reggie White, led the way.

So it's no surprise to find Favre and White on the 1995 Associated Press All-Pro Team that was announced Monday.

Favre nearly was a unanimous pick at quarterback, collecting 86 of 88 votes from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. White got 72 votes to join Bruce Smith of Buffalo at defensive end.

Favre supposedly was going to struggle this season after the retirement of star receiver Sterling Sharpe. And White was going to have a tougher time with linebacker Bryce Paup gone to the Bills as a free agent.

Instead, Favre threw for 38 touchdowns and a league-best 4,413 yards.

"With Sterling gone, I took it upon me as a challenge," Favre said, "even though to most people it did look kind of gloomy. The players took it up as a challenge - 'Hey, no one's giving us a chance.'

"We lost Sterling, we lost Bryce Paup. This offense, according to everyone, is not going to be near as good. We've proven people wrong. It's not a surprise to me. I never looked at it as anything negative, just something to prove, nothing to lose, everything to gain."

White said his miraculous comeback from a torn hamstring made this season special. He said it's impossible to separate himself as a minister and player:

"This is what drives me, because people's lives have been affected by what's happened to me, what God has done to me. That doesn't make no more special than anybody else."

Paup, who led the league in sacks with 17 1/2, also wound up with a winner. He inspired the Bills defense as the team won the AFC East.

"My philosophy is that it's easier to get them to stay there," Paup says. "Once you get there, everybody recognizes it and is out to get you. It's going to make next year that much tougher."

San Francisco had the most All-Pros with four: receiver Jerry Rice for the ninth time; linebacker Ken Norton; cornerback Eric Davis; and safety Merton Hanks.

Joining Favre and Rice on offense were Detroit receiver Herman Moore, tackle Lomas Brown and running

back Barry Sanders; Dallas running back Emmitt Smith and guard Nate Newton; Pittsburgh center Dermontti Dawson; guard Randall McDaniel of Minnesota; and tackle William Roaf of New Orleans.

Along with White, Paup, Smith, Norton, Hanks and Davis on defense were tackles Chester McGlockton of Oakland and John Randle of Minnesota; linebacker Greg Lloyd of Pittsburgh; safety Darren Woodson of Dallas; and cornerback Aeneas Williams of Arizona.

The placekicker is Morten Andersen of Atlanta, who set an NFL record with eight field goals from 50 yards or more. San Diego's Darren Bennett, a former Australian Rules Football player in his first NFL season, was the punter. Brian Mitchell of Washington was the kick returner.

The NFC placed 18 players on the team to seven for the AFC. Repeaters from last year are Rice, Sanders, Emmitt Smith, Newton, Dawson, Coates, Roaf and McDaniel on offense; Bruce Smith, Randle, Lloyd and Woodson on defense. Joining Moore and Favre as first-time All-Pros are Davis, Brown, Norton, Williams, Mitchell, McGlockton, Paup and Bennett.

The second team features two quarterbacks, Dan Marino of Miami and Steve Young of San Francisco, each with one vote, which shows just how dominant Favre was. Also on the second team offense are receivers Cris Carter of Minnesota and Carl Pickens of Cincinnati; tight end Shannon Sharpe of Denver; tackles Richmon Webb of Miami and Gary Zimmerman of Denver; guards Larry Allen of Dallas and Steve Wisniewski of Oakland; center Kevin Glover of Detroit; and running backs Chris Warren of Seattle and Marshall Faulk of Indianapolis.

Defensively, the second team has a tie as well, with ends William Fuller of Philadelphia and Pat Swilling of Oakland joining Neil Smith of Kansas City on the squad. The tackles are Dana Stubblefield, San Francisco, and Andy Harmon, Philadelphia. At linebacker are Ken Harvey, Washington, and William Thomas, Philadelphia, on the outside, with Junior Seau, San Diego, in the middle. In the secondary, it's Dale Carter of Kansas City and Terry McDaniels, Oakland, at cornerback; and Carnell Lake, Pittsburgh, and Tim McDonald, San Francisco, at safety.

The second-team specialists are placekicker Jason Elam and kick returner Glyn Milburn, both of Denver, and Kansas City punter Louie Aguirre.

Former Maryland QB Milanovich shines in Blue-Gray all-star game

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) - Scott Milanovich threw for 175 yards and two touchdowns Monday, leading Blue to a 26-7 victory over Gray in the Blue-Gray all-star game.

Milanovich, the Maryland quarterback who was suspended for four games this season for betting on college sports, found West Virginia tight end Lovett Purnell for a 43-yard touchdown in the second quarter, then connected for 36 yards to West Virginia's Kanyon Barber to give Blue a 19-7 lead in the third.

Purnell also caught a 5-yard TD pass from Nevada's Mike Maxwell in the first quarter for Blue's first touchdown. Purnell caught four

passes for 90 yards.

Steve Taneyhill of South Carolina was 9-of-19 for 103 yards.

Milanovich, who would have left school had his initial eight-game suspension not been reduced to four, showed poise in the pocket and good zip on his passes as NFL scouts watched from the stands. He completed 9-of-20 passes.

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Emmitt breaks touchdown record

Smith eclipses Riggins late in Cowboys' win over Cards

By MEL REISNER
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) - With the clock winding down in a lopsided game, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys was getting impatient.

"You have a tendency to think that it's never going to happen," Smith said after setting an NFL record for touchdowns in a season with 25 when he scored standing up with 5:49 left in a 37-13 Dallas victory on Monday night.

Earlier, Troy Aikman threw for 350 yards, with scoring strikes of 25 and 48 yards to Kevin Williams, and Brock Marion scored on a 32-yard interception return. The two touchdowns by Williams were his first two of the season, and he finished the year with a flourish, catching 19 passes in his last three games, compared with 19 in his first 13 games.

"I'm glad all the guys scored, and I didn't recommend to anyone to go out of bounds at the 1-yard line on my account," Smith said. But he acknowledged that he wanted badly to pass the record of 24 touchdowns that John Riggins scored for Washington in 1983.

"The only thing I could see was the goal line - the stripes on the ground - and I knew I wasn't over it," said Smith, who broke a tackle at the 2-yard line before scoring.

Smith, who had the rushing title wrapped up before the game, has 100 TDs for his career, tied for ninth on the NFL list. His 96 rushing TDs, including all 25 this season, have him fifth in that category, 10 behind career leader Jim Brown.

Witt re-signs with Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Bobby Witt considers his new deal with the Texas Rangers an "outstanding situation," but not because of the money.

Witt could have earned more than the \$1.3 million he'll make in 1996 at Milwaukee, Toronto or San Francisco, but he says he's happy to remain a Ranger.

"We decided that where you live and make your home makes a big difference," Witt said. "I really wanted to stay here. As far as my family's concerned, it's an outstanding situation."

The Cowboys (12-4) earned home-field rights throughout the NFC playoffs after thinking they blew it by losing to Washington and Philadelphia in back-to-back games earlier this month. They regained control of their destiny when Atlanta upset San Francisco on Sunday.

"It's been what? Thirty hours?" Dallas owner Jerry Jones said. "So we've had the most dramatic change conceivable - from not even winning the division and having to go into the playoffs as a wild card to winning the whole thing."

Jones has defended coach Barry Switzer since an ill-fated decision to run Smith on fourth-and-a-foot two weeks ago against the Eagles. In the interim, there have been calls for Switzer's ouster, and Aikman has said he might consider retirement after the season.

Aikman was much more encouraged after leading the Cowboys to their fourth straight season of 12 or more wins.

"We got a little bit of help yesterday, and we were able to take advantage of it. Now is what we've

been playing for all year long, and now the real season begins for us," Aikman said.

Williams closed his third year in the league with a career day - nine catches for 203 yards.

They were his first scoring catches since his 1993 rookie year, when he had two. Last season, Williams watched and returned kicks while Alvin Harper took advantage of the attention paid to Michael Irvin and led the NFL by averaging nearly 25 yards per catch.

"It's been a long season for me," Williams said. "Trying to replace him, and with all the criticism I've been taking - I wasn't big enough, I was too short, and all the different things people have been saying. You go out tomorrow and ask them how big my heart is."

Aikman gave the Cowboys a 14-0 lead in the first four minutes of play when he picked off a pass by Dave Krieg and returned it for the score. Chris Boniol added field goals for Dallas of 39, 23 and 24 yards.

Larry Centers and Aeneas Williams, two of Arizona's four Pro Bowl selectees, provided what little

relief there was for the Cardinals (4-12).

Centers caught 12 passes to set the NFL season record for receptions by a running back. He finished the game with 101, surpassing Roger Craig's 10-year-old standard of 92.

And Williams got the only Arizona touchdown with a 48-yard interception return.

Centers set up Greg Davis' 21-yard field goal in the second quarter with a 29-yard catch of a pass from Dave Krieg. Davis' 23-yard field goal in the third period followed Centers' highlight-reel vault over Dallas' Larry Brown, turning a short halfback pass from Garrison Hearst into a 16-yard gain to the Dallas 11.

"It really hasn't hit me yet, due to the distractions of a disappointing year," Centers said. "It's really kind of taken the flair out of the whole thing. It's been bittersweet season."

Davis' second kick tightened the score to 24-13 as the Cardinals took advantage of two Dallas turnovers in the first 6:13 of the third quarter.

But the Cowboys defense choked off the rally and took the fight out of the Cardinals.

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Magic edges Rockets on Hardaway's rim-rattler

By FRED GOODALL
AP Sports Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) - The Orlando Magic are still drawing on a lesson learned in the NBA Finals.

Regular-season success against the Houston Rockets is nice, but it doesn't guarantee anything against the two-time defending champions when the games count most.

Orlando won both regular-season meetings between the teams last winter, only to lose four straight to the Rockets in the final round of the playoffs. So coach Brian Hill and his players talked about "perspective" instead of "revenge" when the teams

met again Monday night.

"It was just another basketball game to me," Hill said after Anfernee Hardaway's clutch jumper with 3.1 seconds remaining gave the Magic a 92-90 victory.

"I'm being honest with you," the coach added. "It's nice to represent the league on Christmas Day on national TV and all that, but it's just one of 82 games."

Hill's players expressed the same sentiment.

"One game is not going to make or break our season," forward Dennis Scott said. "And it's not revenge.

because the bottom line is they've still got the (championship) rings on their fingers."

In Monday's only other NBA game, San Antonio won 105-100 at Phoenix.

Hardaway and Shaquille O'Neal each had 22 points for Orlando, which blew a 13-point lead and fell behind by eight in the fourth quarter before overtaking the Rockets.

"We'll take a win any way it comes, but I was a little disappointed," Hardaway said. "We had them down and they came back. It seemed like déjà vu from the Finals."

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets

with 30 points, but his basket in the opening minute of the final quarter was his last of the night. Scott rebounded the All-Star center's airball with 24 seconds left, setting the stage for Hardaway.

The All-Star point guard let the shot clock run down to six seconds before starting from the top of the key and moving toward the right side of the basket to rise above Houston's Mario Elie.

The ball hit the rim, banged off the glass, rolled around and fell in.

"It was a gift. It was a tough shot

by a tough player," Houston's Sam Cassell said. "It rolled around the rim and went in. You don't see many of those. That's why I call it a gift. It couldn't have come at a better time."

Robert Horry's 3-point attempt at the buzzer bounced off the rim for Houston, which led 80-72 before O'Neal, who played the last 4:37 with five fouls, and Scott brought Orlando back.

The victory extended the NBA's longest regular-season home winning streak to 22 games, including 15 straight this season. The Magic lost twice to Houston at home during the

third quarter to take a 74-70 lead into the fourth quarter. Olajuwon made his first shot of the final period, then missed his last three.

The loss was the second straight for the Rockets, who also stressed that it would be a mistake to draw any conclusions from the first meeting of the season between the teams.

"It was a big game. They won and you have to give them credit," Olajuwon said. "But you can't compare it to a championship. That's a different level."

Spurs 105, Suns 100

Sean Elliott scored 10 of his 28 points in the fourth period and David Robinson finished with 25 points and 10 rebounds as visiting San Antonio overcame a 12-point, second-half deficit to run its winning streak to six.

"We never counted ourselves out," said Elliott, who has teamed with Robinson this season to average nearly 50 points and 18 rebounds a game. "We were never down and out. Even if we're down by 10 points with five minutes left, we still feel like we can get it done."

Charles Barkley had 29 points and 15 rebounds for Phoenix, which was outscored 14-3 in the final 3:40 and lost for the fifth time in eight games.

The Suns played without Kevin Johnson (strained groin) and John "Hot Rod" Williams (strained knee).

Elliott Perry's free throw tied the score at 98 for Phoenix with 1:28 left. Perry's layup with four seconds left accounted for the final points for the Suns.

San Antonio was without Greg Anderson, who returned home to Houston after his father died Sunday.

Kansas routs UCLA in Aloha Bowl

Mason shocks players by announcing he'll stay at KU

By GORDON SAKAMOTO

Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) - Four words were enough to get Kansas in the right frame of mind for its Aloha Bowl game against UCLA.

Glen Mason, who accepted the coaching job at Georgia only a few days earlier, assembled his players Monday morning for what they thought would be for his final pregame talk.

Instead, Mason said, "I'm staying at Kansas."

Jolted by the sudden turn of events, Kansas, an underdog despite its national ranking and better record, presented Mason with a Christmas present - a 51-30 rout of UCLA.

"When he told us before we left the hotel this morning, we were in shock," said Mark Williams, who

threw for three touchdowns and ran for another.

In an inspired mood, the Jayhawks took control early, racing to a 17-0 lead at the half and building the bulge to 30 points before the Bruins staged a comeback.

After the game, Mason was apologetic for his two sudden changes of heart within a span of a few days.

"I apologize to the University of Georgia and especially to (athletic director Vince) Dooley," he said. "I don't like to put anyone in an embarrassing position and I'm not normally a guy who waffles on a decision."

"But in the week that I took the (Georgia) job, I thought it over - what was in the best interest of my family and me personally."

In addition to Williams' work, June Henley scored on runs of 49 and two yards, and Eric Vann scored on a 67-yard run. Jeff McCord had a 27-yard field goal.

Williams' scoring passes were for nine yards to Jim Moore, 77 to Isaac Byrd and 27 to Andre Carter.

Donahue was one of the new believers in Williams.

"If I had to say what the difference was, I thought Williams at quarterback was absolutely outstanding," Donahue said. "He made too many good plays. We just couldn't match up with him as an athlete."

UCLA (7-5) got two touchdown passes from Cade McNown to Brad Melsby and one from McNown to Kevin Jordan. Karim Abdul-Jabbar, who rushed for 152 yards, added the fourth UCLA score on a 5-yard run.

Georgia quickly filled the vacancy by hiring Jim Donnan of Marshall.

The Aloha Bowl was billed as featuring lame duck coaches, since UCLA's Terry Donahue earlier announced he accepted a television job. Donahue, who stuck to his plans, ended his 20-year career with a 151-74-8 record, including a 7-5 mark this year.

"I didn't think I'd feel as bad as I do," he said. "But life goes on and I'm going to go on and take it from here."

Mason, meanwhile, tried to deflect his decision as the reason for the victory that gave Kansas its first 10-win season in the modern era.

"I like being the underdog and, in fact, I get nervous when people are saying good things about us."

Longhorns aim for return to top

By MARY FOSTER

AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Texas Longhorns, playing in the Sugar Bowl for the first time since 1957 and looking to return to college football's elite, are ready for a week of practice before a New Year's eve meeting with Virginia Tech.

"We're ready for a good week and a great game," Texas coach John Mackovic said Monday. The Hokies were scheduled to arrive today.

Texas (10-1-1), ranked No. 9, is playing in bowl games in consecutive years for the first time since 1984 and in only its third postseason game since 1984. The Longhorns beat North Carolina 35-31 in last year's Sun Bowl.

"We started to rebuild this program four years ago, and this is another step up for us," Mackovic said. "We would like to play for the national title someday. That's our

goal."

The Sugar Bowl is the third straight postseason appearance for Virginia Tech (9-2). The Hokies lost 45-23 to Tennessee last season in the Gator Bowl. They beat Indiana 45-20 in the Independence Bowl the year before.

"Our goal was to get two teams that would sell tickets," Sugar Bowl executive director Troy Mathieu said. "Both schools sold their allotment. I think we'll see plenty of fans for both in town."

Between 2,000 and 3,000 tickets are still available for the game, Mathieu said.

The Sugar Bowl has about a \$100 million economic impact on the New Orleans area each year.

"We feel certain these two teams will maintain that figure," Mathieu said. "They both have very large, excited followings."

He said his own excitement was

diminished a bit when he heard that a tourist from Virginia was shot to death in New Orleans the day before Christmas.

Connie Reaser, 33, of Dryden, Va., was shot when she ran after two men who snatched her purse while she and her mother took photographs. They were at a historic cemetery about seven blocks away from the French Quarter.

No arrests have been made.

"When I saw that on the news it gave me a bad feeling," Mathieu said. "I don't think it will cause Virginia Tech fans not to come, though."

Texas players will have curfew while in New Orleans, but Mackovic said his first rule for his team was to have fun.

"I want them to have fun, win the

game and not miss curfew. I think we can accomplish all three of them," Mackovic said. "You shouldn't be here if you can't have fun, but we don't want to ever overlook the game."

Texas this year claimed its first outright Southwest Conference title since 1990, and the Longhorns went undefeated in the conference.

The break since the final-game victory against Texas A&M has allowed Texas to shake off some of its injuries, Mackovic said.

"Our injury situation has improved a good bit," Mackovic said. "Our quarterback has practiced. He's still not 100 percent, but he's close to being able to play the full game."

Quarterback James Brown, 13-1 as a starter for Texas, was the SWC's most efficient passer.

Aggies, Michigan bring tradition to Alamo Bowl

By KELLEY SHANNON

Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum doesn't intend to let unfamiliar circumstances rattle his players when the 19th-ranked Aggies face No. 14 Michigan on Thursday.

A&M is coming off a loss to Texas, which the Aggies hadn't done since 1990, and they were an underdog only against Colorado this season. The Wolverines are a four-point favorite in the Alamo Bowl.

"Our team has practiced well," Slocum said. "They are excited to have another opportunity to play."

The Aggies and Wolverines have been in San Antonio since late last week preparing for an Alamodome game that promises to be the best matchup in the Alamo Bowl's three-year history.

"You will have two teams playing as hard as they can," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr said. "Both will put out a great effort. We both represent institutions which have great traditions."

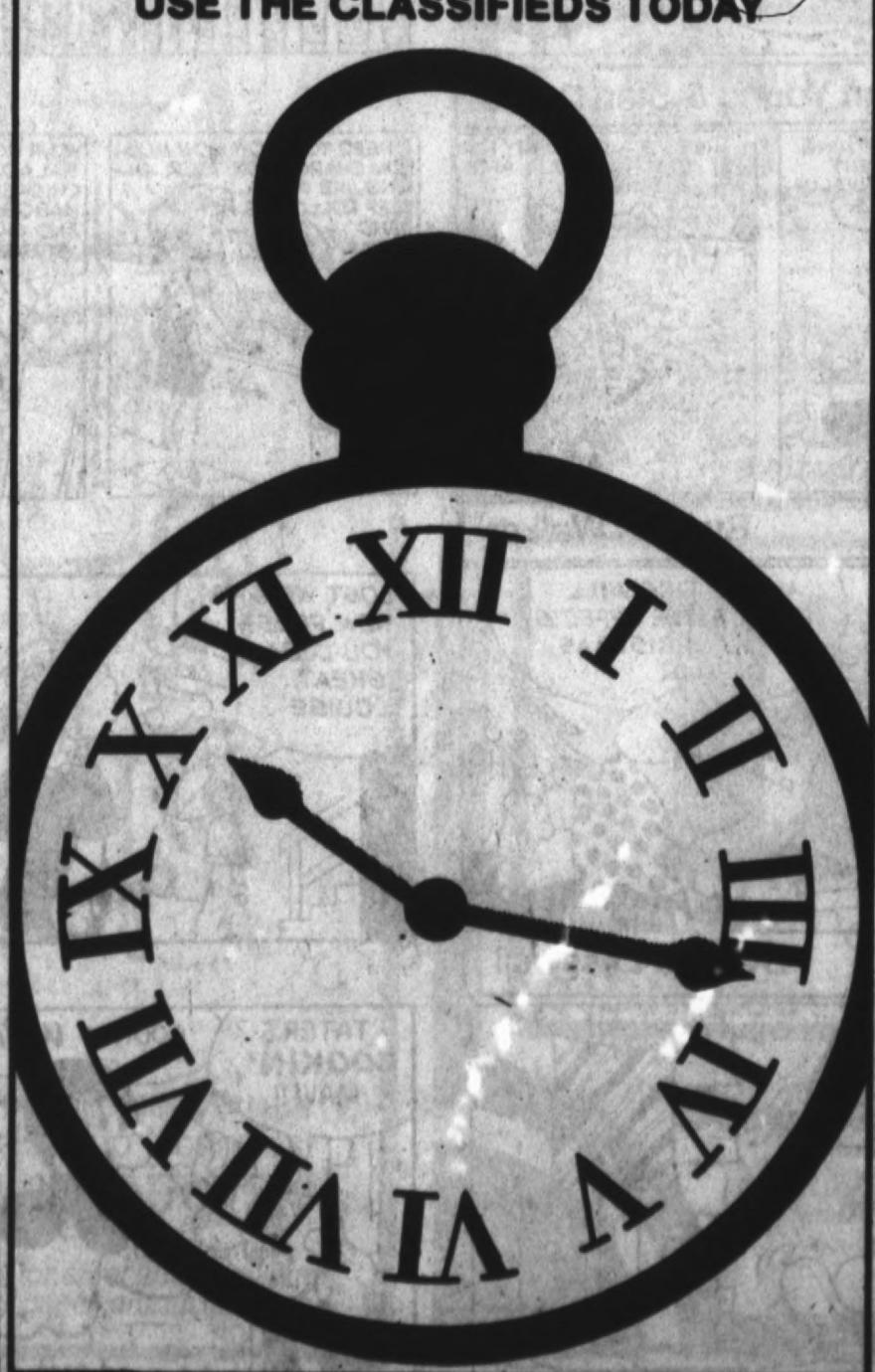
This marks the third time the two

teams have met. Michigan (9-3) won the contests in 1970 and 1977, both in Ann Arbor.

Texas A&M suffered a disheartening 16-6 loss to the Longhorns in the last game of the regular season. The loss dropped the Aggies to 8-3, ended their 31-game home winning streak and gave Texas the final Southwest Conference title.

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5 Videos Videos	(65) China: The Wild East		(65) Movie: The Last Emperor (1987) John Lone, Peter O'Toole. ***								
6 News Wk. Fortune	Rosanne	Hudson St.	Home Imp.	TBA	NYFD Blue		News	Seinfeld	Nightline		
7 News Home Imp.	Newhart	Movie: Vital Signs (1990) Adrian Pasdar, Diane Lane. **	News				Night Court	Simon & Simon			
8 News	The Client	Movie: Deadly Whispers (1995) Tony Danza.	News				(35) Late Show				
9 Rosanne Simpsons	Movie: Houseitter (1992) Steve Martin. **½	Star Trek: Next Gen.	M'A'S'H	Cops	Wanted						
10 Sportscenter	NHL Hockey	Buffalo Sabres at Pittsburgh Penguins	HoytAndy	Sportscenter	Holiday						
11 Waltons	Highway to Heaven	Rescue 911	700 Club	Movies: The Pink Panther Strikes Again							
12 Movie: <i>The Goodbye Bird</i>	Movie: Four Weddings and a Funeral Hugh Grant. 'R'	Movie: Speechless Michael Keaton. **½	(40) Movie: Only You PG								
13 (5:15) Movie: <i>Richie Rich</i>	Movie: Little Women Winona Ryder. **½ PG	Real Sports	Movie: Interview With the Vampire 'R'								
14 (5:30) Movie: <i>Nadine PG</i>	Movie: Point of No Return Bridget Fonda. **½ 'R'	Movie: Night of the Running Man 'R'	(35) Movie: Flashpoint 'R'								
15 Movie: <i>Kind Lady</i> (1935) ***	Movie: Broadway Hostess (1935) Ronald Colman. ***½	Movie: A Tale of Two Cities (1935) Ronald Colman. ***½									
16 Club Dance	News	Pike's Picks	Music City Tonight	Club Dance	News	Pike's Picks					
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18 Ancient Mysteries	Biography	Touch of Frost			Law & Order	Biography					
19 Commish	Unsolved Mysteries	Movie: The River Rat (1984) Tommy Lee Jones. **½		Unsolved Mysteries	Mysteries						
20 NBA Action	Fame	Sportstalk	NBA Basketball Vancouver Grizzlies at Houston Rockets	Press Box	Press Box	All-North II					
21 In the Heat of the Night	NBA Basketball	Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers		Six Days to Sunday	Movie:						
22 Doug	Clarissa	Nicktoons	Classic TV Countdown		Kotter	Van Dyke	Newhart				
23 Wings	Wings	Murder, She Wrote	Movie: Shoot to Kill (1988) Sidney Poiter. **½	Wings	Wings	Quantum					
24 Lazos de Amor	Acapulco Cuerpo y Alma	El Premio Mayor	Primer Impacto Noc.	Noticiero	P. Impacto	Película					
25 Jonny Q.	Scooby Doo	Garfield	Flintstones Jetsons	(10) Bugs & Daffy Tonight	Scooby Doo	Scooby Doo	Toon Heads				
26 Inside Stuff	Hockey	World Junior Championship -- Canada vs. United States	Billiards	Yachting	NHL 2night	Sports Babe					

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 27

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM
2 Pooh	Care Bears	Gummi B.	Pooh Cmr.	Dumbo	Umbrella	Fraggle	Ducktales	Chip 'n Dale	Tale Spin	Movie:	
4 Today				Gerald	Leesa	Gordon Elliott		Our Lives			
5 Inn Cooking	Inn Cooking	Sesame Street	Lamb Chop	Storytime	Mr Rogers	ShellyTurtle	Barney	Puzzle Place	VanCookes		
6 Gilligan Bewitched	Bewitched	Boss?	Griffith	Little House on the Prairie	(65) Matlock	(65) Perry Mason	Little House on the Prairie	News			
7 Good Morning America				Live - Regis & Kathie Lee	Montel Williams	Gerardo					
8 News	Menace	Menace	Griffith	Court TV	Perry Mason	Gerardo					
10 (6:00) This Morning	George & Alana	Carrie		Price Is Right	Young and the Restless						
11 Bobby	Aladdin	Mighty Max	Cubhouse	700 Club	K. Copeland	Christian	Gabrielle	Danny!			
12 Sportscenter	Bodyshape	Getting Fit	Sportscenter		Sportscenter	Sportscenter	Golf				
13 Xuxa	Heathcliff	Mak's Deal	Name-Tune	700 Club	FIT TV	Rescue 911	Waltons				
14 Busy World	Busy World	Movie: The Lotus Eaters **½ PG-13'	(45) Movie: Seems Like Old Times Goldie Hawn. PG	Movie: Speechless (1994)							
15 Smoggs! White Fang	White Fang	Movie: Leap of Faith (1992) Steve Martin, Debra Winger.	Movie: Flight of the Intruder Danny Glover. **½ PG-13' Rebels								
16 Movie: The One and Only	Movie: Airborne Shane McDermott. PG	Movie: A Man Called Peter Richard Todd. ***	Movie: Brainstorm (1983)								
17 (6:30) Movie: Lord Jeff	Movie: The Bishop Misbehaves (1935)	Movie: A Yank at Eton (1942) **	Movie: The Mask of Dimitrios (1944)								
18 (Off Air)	Ralph Emery	Videotaping		Crafts	Crafts	Ralph E.					
19 Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Ocean Planet	Home	Start	Housemart	Graham K.	Cuisine	Great Chefs			
20 Lou Grant	McMillian and Wife	Bodies	Get Fit	NHL Hockey	Dallas Stars at Chicago Blackhawks	Bansck	Police Story	Ancient			
21 Baby Knows Your Baby	Sisters	Our Home	Biggers and Summers	Living	Our Home	Handmad	Horse Mag.				
22 Press Box	Bodies	Paid Prog.	Get Fit	NHL Hockey	Dallas Stars at Chicago Blackhawks	Bansck	Police Story	Ancient			
23 Scooby Doo	Dog	Flintstones	Bugs Bunny, Bugs Bunny	Knots Landing	Starsky and Hutch	Angels					
24 Looney Tunes	Rugrats	Busy World	Muppets	Muppets	Allegra	Rupert	Busy World	Eureka			
25 Fighter	Dragon	Movie: Private School (1983) Phoebe Cates. *	Movie: Adventures in Babysitting (1987) **½ People Ct.								
26 Plaza Sosa	El Chavo	Chespirito	Papa Solid.	Dr Perez	Entre la Vida y la Muerte	George Ol	2-Dogs	Garfield			
27 Tom-Jerry	Scooby Doo	Richie Rich	Fant. Max	Carrot Top's A.M. Mayhem							
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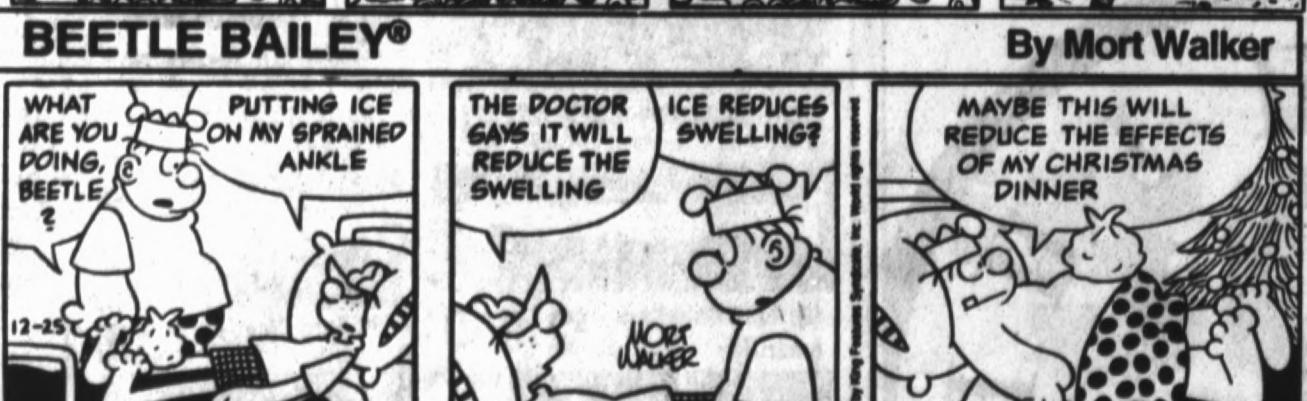
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Singer, comic Dean Martin dies at 78

By BOB THOMAS
Associated Press Writer
LOS ANGELES (AP)--For more than 45 years, Dean Martin remained one of the most visible and admired of star performers. Yet no one, not even his wife and children, seems to have known him.

Martin, 78, died at 3:30 a.m. Christmas Day at his Beverly Hills home of an acute respiratory failure, said his longtime manager, Mort Viner.

Martin first achieved fame in the late 1940s, when he paired up with a zany comic, Jerry Lewis. When the team broke up after their last film in 1956, Martin emerged as an actor in such movies as "The Young Lions," "Some Came Running," "Rio Bravo," "Bells are Ringing," "Toys in the Attic" and "Airport."

Martin was also starred in his own television shows from 1965 to 1974

and made bestselling records such as "That's Amore," "Volare" and "Everybody Loves Somebody," which topped the charts in 1964.

Despite his immense fame, Dean Martin, born Dino Paul Crocetti in Steubenville, Ohio, remained an enigma even to those closest to him.

Jeanne Martin, his first wife, said of him in a 1978 interview: "When I met Dean Martin, it was love at first sight. I married him knowing nothing about him. I divorced him 23 years later, and I still know nothing about him."

Dean Paul "Dino" Martin, the son who was later killed in a 1987 Air National Guard fighter plane crash, added: "There is no way he is going to sit down and open up. He doesn't do that to his closest friends. He never really tells you what he feels, what he's really thinking. I don't know him very well."

During his heyday, Martin listed

among his friends Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Vic Damone and other Italian-Americans with whom he had easy, macho relationships.

"Dean was my brother--not through blood but through choice," Sinatra commented on learning of Martin's death. "Good times and bad, we were there together."

They toured together in the late 1980s, along with fellow Hollywood "Rat Pack" member the late Sammy Davis Jr., until Martin was forced to quit in 1988 because of a kidney condition. But Sinatra and Martin had little contact in their later lives.

Martin spent his final years dining out alone every night. His manager Viner explained: "Dean loves to go out to restaurants. What he doesn't like is to be with a lot of people or attend parties."

This reclusiveness may have started early. Born on June 17, 1917, his first five years were spent speaking only Italian, the language of his immigrant father. He was ridiculed in school because of his accent, which he finally lost.

In a rare, revealing interview with Oriana Fallaci in 1967, Martin disclosed: "When Jerry Lewis and I were big, we used to go to parties, and everybody thought I was bigheaded and stuck up, and I wasn't. It was because I didn't know how to speak good English, so I used to keep my mouth shut."

He added: "Well, see, I'm shy. Always been. See, if I walk into a party, I sort of go in a corner, 'cause I don't know what to say to people."

For a man who never had singing, acting or dancing lessons and couldn't read music, Dean Martin reached amazing heights in show business. He was modest about his achievements.

"I'm no singer," he claimed. "I can carry a tune, and I have an easy style. But we crooners get by because we're fairly painless."

Martin got by with a minimum of effort. Like Sinatra, he detested rehearsals, preferring to rely on the freshness of his performance. His television show epitomized his style.

"When Dean walks through the studio door on the morning of the show," his longtime producer Greg Garrison said in 1978, "he doesn't know what he is going to sing, what he is going to say, who the guest stars are going to be. I make it a point never to call him during the week for any reason."

Martin practiced his songs, walked through one rehearsal of the show and retired to his dressing room until show time. His work time on the show was calculated at three hours. After eight years, the raggedness of the show began to tell, and his television career drifted to a close.

He remained a top performer in the Nevada and New Jersey casinos, but even there his unchanging act started to wear thin. Audiences became too acquainted with his drunk gags, such as asking his pianist at the opening of the show, "How long have I been on?" Or remarking: "I don't drink anymore...of course I don't drink any less."

Martin married three times. In 1940 he married Betty McDonald; they divorced after nine years and four children. His second marriage, to Jeanne Rieger, lasted 23 years. Among their three children was Dean Paul "Dino" Martin, member of a '60s teen pop group, Dino, Desi and Billy, and later an actor ("Players," 1979).

In 1973, Martin, then 55, married former model Catherine Mac Hawn, 25. They divorced in 1976. His instructions for the champagne reception at the wedding: "I gave orders that no glass should ever get lower than half-empty."

After his illness on the Sinatra-Martin-Davis tour in 1988, the singer stopped performing. He had had it all, and he seemed content to spend his last years alone.

A private funeral is planned for the performer, who is survived by six children.

American Heart Association Help Your Heart Recipes

This recipe is intended to be part of an overall healthful eating plan. Total fat intake should be less than 30 percent of your total calories for a day—not for each food or recipe.

Roast Chicken

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup white wine	$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon basil or tarragon
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup low-sodium chicken broth	1 tablespoon acceptable vegetable oil
1 4-pound roasting chicken	
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper, or to taste	

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In a small bowl, combine wine and broth. Set aside.

Remove giblets and neck from chicken and save for other use, or discard. Rinse chicken and pat dry. Rub inside and out with pepper and basil or tarragon. Rub oil over skin and truss chicken. Place on a rack in a roasting pan, breast side up. Roast about 20 minutes per pound, or until done. Chicken is done when juices run clear when a thigh is pierced with a sharp skewer or when a meat thermometer inserted in a thigh registers 180°F.

Baste chicken frequently with wine and broth mixture and turn bird twice during cooking time. Remove from oven and carve.

Remove skin before serving. Serves 6

Nutrient Analysis per Serving

218 kcal	Calories	89 mg	Cholesterol	2 gm	Saturated Fat
31 gm	Protein	90 mg	Sodium	3 gm	Polyunsaturated Fat
1 gm	Carbohydrate	9 gm	Total Fat	3 gm	Monounsaturated Fat

*skin removed before eating

This Help Your Heart Recipe is from the American Heart Association Cookbook, Fifth Edition, American Heart Association. Published by Times Books, a Division of Random House, Inc. 1973, 1975, 1979, 1984, 1991.

Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: This thank-you is long overdue, but I want to let you know what a wonderful thing you did for us.

My husband was a Marine during the Vietnam War and earned a Purple Heart. Somehow during his move after his divorce, he misplaced the Purple Heart and he was just sick about it (that was over 15 years ago).

I read in your column how to apply for another medal through the government and, as a surprise, I ordered one for him.

I only wish you could have seen his face when he opened the box. Watching a 200-pound man cry is very heartwarming!

Thank you so much for your column of advice and helpful tips. We all read it faithfully.—Peggy Dever-Stanley, Bedford, Texas

It's letters like yours that make this column what it is. Tell your husband to give you a hug for getting him the replacement Purple Heart.

For other readers who may have missed the information, here it is:

The Military Order of the Purple Heart in Washington, D.C., suggests contacting the local Veterans Administration in your area to request a standard form 180 be sent to you. The form is a request pertaining to military records. Be sure to fill in as much information as possible and in the "request" section, you should

write that you would like a replacement Purple Heart medal.

Keep in mind that it can take 18 to 24 months to receive the medal. I'd love to hear from others who have benefited by this information.—Heloise

SPOILED FOOD?

Dear Heloise: Here is a great hint for those going on vacation and afraid that frozen food will thaw and freeze.

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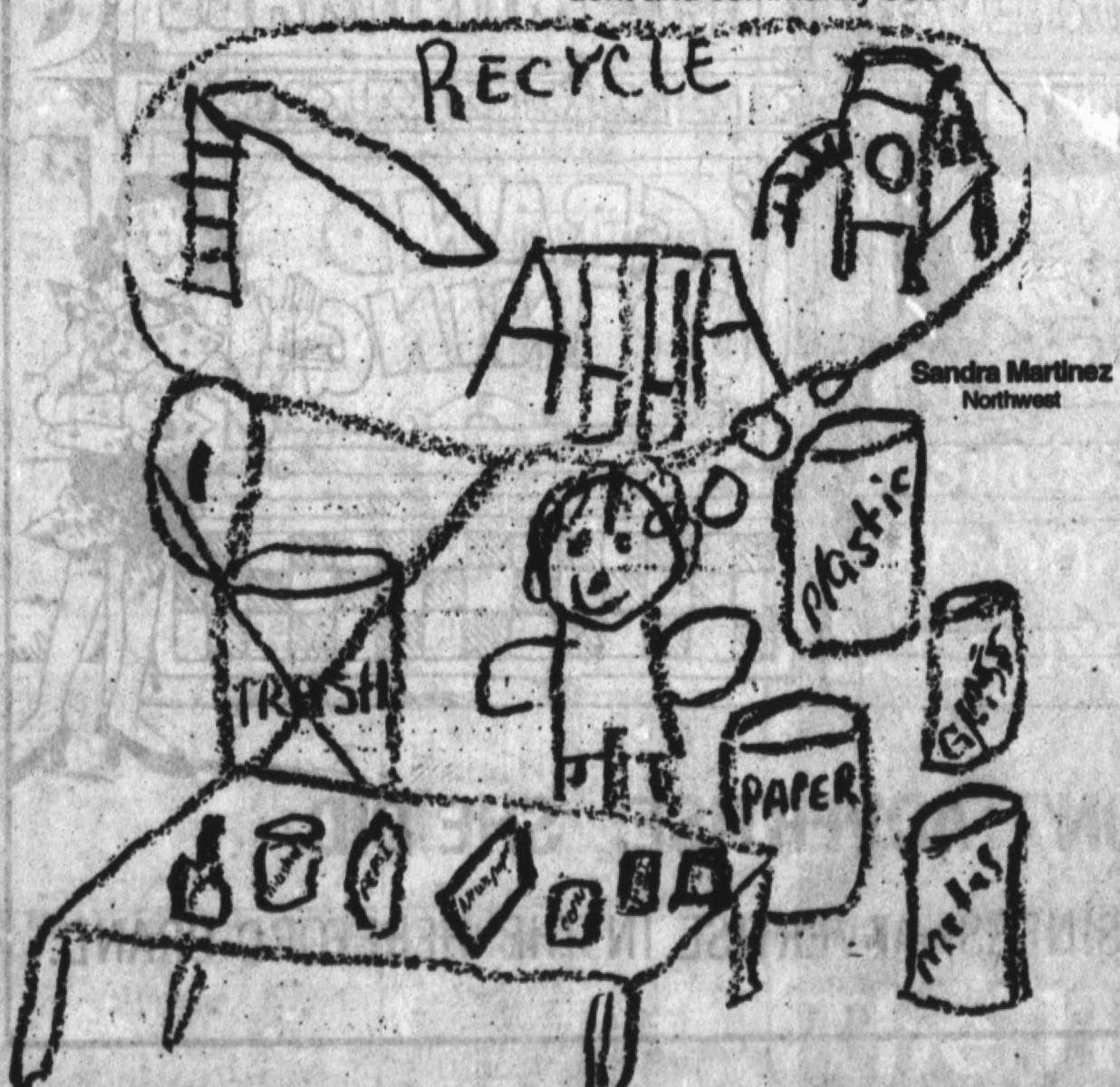


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Also, lenders are showering the public with special incentives to encourage credit-card use, including frequent flyer miles, rebates and

Analysts weigh impact of credit card use after Christmas shopping season

WASHINGTON (AP)--Take your pick. Americans are being buried under a mountain of debt; or clever consumers are using credit cards at a record-setting pace only for the convenience and the special bonuses.

After an apparently disappointing Christmas shopping season, analysts are weighing the seriousness of a possible credit crunch and its likely impact on the economy.

Some said worries of a debt crisis were exaggerated. While credit-card use has surged, they said delinquency rates were only up slightly and consumers generally were on time with monthly payments.

Economist Elliott Platt of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. in New York said the significance of the growing debt was not clear-cut.

"We find the data regarding consumer indebtedness too mixed to incorporate in our economic forecast," he said, adding he was not worried that consumers were in over their heads.

He and others emphasize the changing nature of credit card use. Plastic is welcome now at places like dentists' offices and grocery stores where cash or checks used to be the norm.

Also, lenders are showering the public with special incentives to encourage credit-card use, including frequent flyer miles, rebates and

credit toward a car.

Some analysts argue the only real danger is to low-income families who easily can become overextended. Their debts can become unmanageable but pose little threat to national prosperity, analysts said.

"A debt crisis is not going to cause a major crisis--except for low-income people," said David Hale, chief economist for Kemper Financial Services Inc. in Chicago. "Credit cards have been too freely available. If you're going to give money away, someone is going to take it."

He noted that the bottom fifth of the population in terms of earnings accounts for just 4 percent of total income.

Harriet Cooper might take exception. A 49-year-old computer software trainer at the World Bank, she earns more than \$50,000 a year, which easily puts her in the middle class.

But before she got counseling and ripped up a dozen credit cards, her debts nearly immobilized her.

"I was to the point where the stress was so severe I was forgetting to make payments and didn't even open my mail," she said.

Before getting help, the Vienna, Va., woman said she owed about \$20,000 on her credit cards and also faced mounting medical bills for herself and her 84-year-old mother.

"I charged everything and I didn't have a savings account for emergencies," Cooper said. "I guess I wasn't mature enough to handle credit cards. If I had not gotten help, I would have had to file for bankruptcy."

Americans are quick to charge and loathe to save, the figures show.

Consumer credit--excluding mortgages and home equity loans--has risen every month for about 2 1/2 years and is up well over 30 percent since 1993.

In October, it surpassed \$1 trillion for the first time. Outstanding consumer credit, relative to disposable income, is at an all-time high and the amount of overdue payments on monthly credit card bills rose in the third quarter to the highest level in

four years.

But analysts said the numbers were not as ominous as they seemed.

The share of disposable household income dedicated to paying off all debt each month was nearly 17 percent. While up more than a percentage point from early 1994, it was below the nearly 18.5 percent level during the last recession six years ago.

Still, analysts said the trend was not positive. Incomes have been growing sluggishly and projected weak Christmas sales underscored that consumers may be close to maxing out their credit. Some analysts predicted that holiday retail sales barely rose over a year ago.

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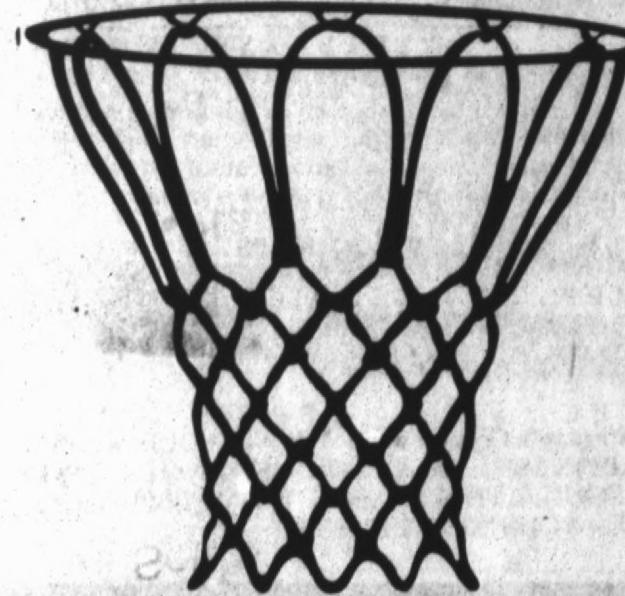
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Front Left - Right: Brian Torres, Todd Dudley, Michael High, C.J. Kubacak, Bryant McNutt, Back Left-Right Coach Randy Dean, Cory Schumacher, Nicholas Tarr, Isaac Walker, Johnathan Keenan, Ronald Torres

Hereford Whitefaces

Senior	4	Brian Torres
Junior	10	Johnathan Keenan
Senior	14	Ronald Torres
Junior	22	Cory Schumacher
Junior	24	Isaac Walker
Senior	32	Nicholas Tarr
Senior	34	Michael High
Senior	40	Todd Dudley
Sophomore	42	Bryant McNutt
Junior	44	C.J. Kubacak

Head Coach: Randy Dean
Asst. Key Harrison, Rodney Allen

1995 Basketball Schedules

Boys

Opponent/ Tournament	Site	Vars.	JV
Day Date		Time	Time
Tue. Dec. 5	Dimmitt	8	5
Dec. 7-9	Abernathy Tournament (V)	TBA	
Borger Tournament (JV)		TBA	
Coronado	Hereford	6	no JV
Fri. Dec. 15	Hereford Tournament (JV)	TBA	
Mon. Dec. 18	Muleshoe	6:30	5
Thur. Dec. 21	Friona	Hereford	8
Dec. 27-29		5	
Tue. Jan. 2	"Canyon	TBA	
Fri. Jan. 5	Dumas	7:30	6
Tue. Jan. 9	Borger	7:30	6
Fri. Jan. 12	"Caprock	7:30	6
Fri. Jan. 19	Pampa	7:30	6
Tue. Jan. 23	Randall	7:30	6
Fri. Jan. 26	"Canyon	7:30	6
Tue. Jan. 30	Dumas	7:30	6
Fri. Feb. 2	Borger	7:30	6
Tue. Feb. 6	"Caprock	7:30	6
Tue. Feb. 13	Pampa	7:30	6
Fri. Feb. 16	Randall	7:30	6

Girls

Opponent/ Tournament	Site	Vars.	JV
Day Date		Time	Time
Tue. Dec. 5	Dimmitt	6:30	
Dec. 7-9	Abernathy Tournament (V)	TBA	
Mon. Dec. 11	"Pampa	Pampa	7:30
Fri. Dec. 15	"Randall	Hereford	7:30
Mon. Dec. 18	Muleshoe	Muleshoe	6:30
Thur. Dec. 21	Friona	Hereford	TBA
Dec. 28-30	Littlefield Tournament (V)	TBA	
Tue. Jan. 2	"Canyon	Canyon	6
Fri. Jan. 5	Dumas	Hereford	6
Tue. Jan. 9	Borger	6	7:30
Fri. Jan. 12	"Caprock	Hereford	6
Tue. Jan. 16	TBA		
Fri. Jan. 19	"Pampa	Hereford	6
Tue. Jan. 23	Randall	6	7:30
Fri. Jan. 26	"Canyon	Hereford	6
Tue. Jan. 30	Dumas	6	7:30
Fri. Feb. 2	Borger	6	7:30
Tue. Feb. 6	"Caprock	Amarillo	6
Fri. Feb. 9	Pampa	6	7:30
Tue. Feb. 13	Randall	6	7:30
Fri. Feb. 16	Hereford	6	7:30

*Denotes District 1-4A Games



Front Left - Right: Julie Rampley, Heather Hodges, Julie Cole, Tarabeth Holmes, Mindi Davis, Back Left-Right Coach Eddie Fortenberry, Kari Barrett, Brittney Binder, Catie Betzen, Misti Davis, Crystal Mercer.

Lady Whitefaces

Senior	22	Brittney Binder
Sophomore	32	Misti Davis
Senior	42	Mindi Davis
Senior	34	Heather Hodges
Senior	50	Tarabeth Holmes
Senior	52	Julie Cole
Junior	10	Kari Barrett
Senior	20	Crystal Mercer
Sophomore	30	Julie Rampley
Sophomore	24	Catie Betzen

Head Coach: Eddie Fortenberry
Asst. Loy Triana, Ray Baca

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