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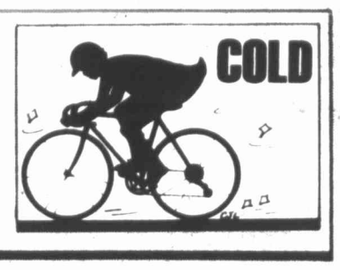
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Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Partly cloudy tonight with isolated snow showers. Lows in the mid 30s. Partly cloudy on Tuesday. Colder with highs in the mid 40s.



RV park: Easy access, quiet atmosphere

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

Easy access and a quiet atmosphere are two reasons customers tell Jerry Worthy they are proud to refer fellow recreation-vehicle owners to the new Crestwood RV Park on U.S. 87.

The park is a modernization of a mobile home park Worthy built on the site in the mid-1960s. He later sold the property to Gil Cuadra, a San Antonio investor who also holds title to the Hotel Settles.

"I had to repossess (the park property) from him for lack of payments," Worthy said early today. He replaced all the plumbing and repaired the streets in the park; cable television hookups and telephone underground lines are also uncommon features available at Crestwood, he noted.

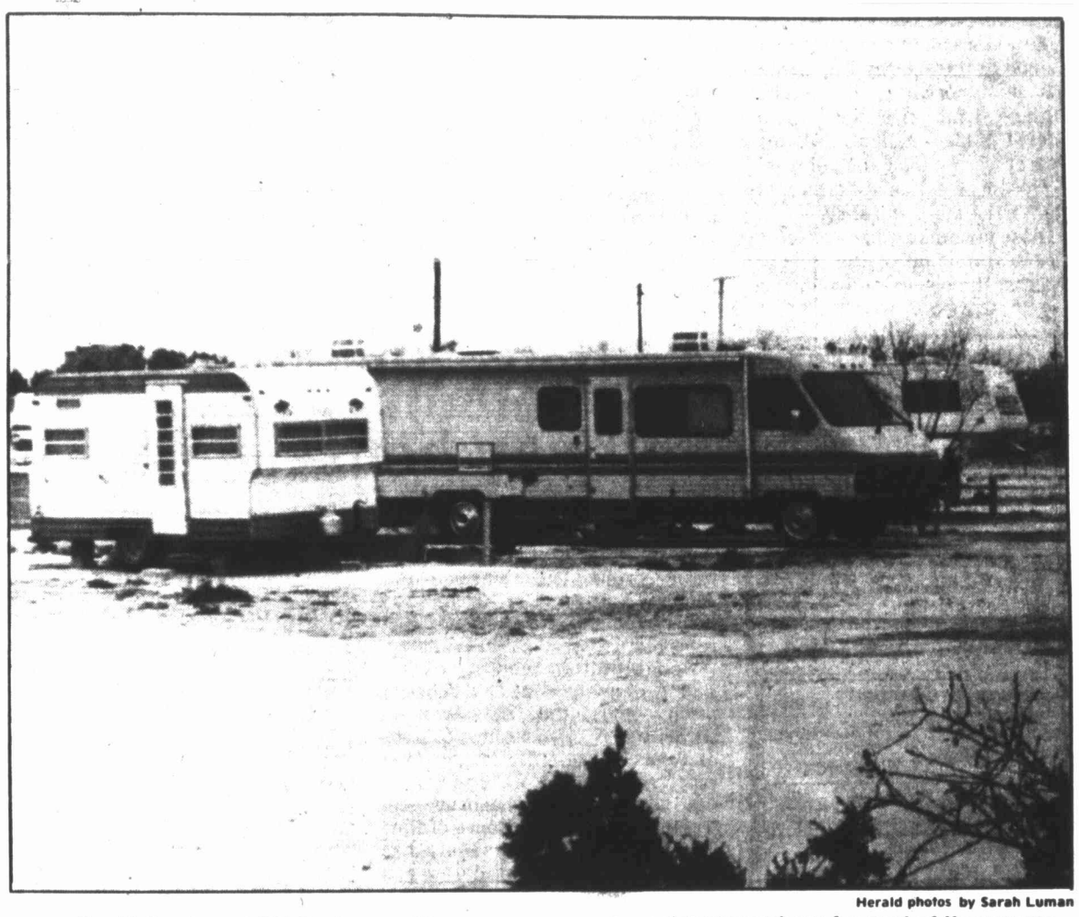
The park supplies a store carrying basic necessities — from laundry needs to recreational-vehicle equipment, foodstuffs and bottled water — as well as an enclosed, heated laundry, a patio and six-foot deep swimming pool complete with an electric alligator, and restroom facilities in its headquarters building.

Cleanliness is a hallmark of the facilities; Worthy plans to add a kitchen facility adjoining the pool/patio and south end of the store, to allow for RV rallies.

The park lies entirely within the city limits and therefore provides city water and sewer services; Big Spring Cable TV is the programming source, and Southwestern Bell controls the telephone lines.

People come to the park for a variety of reasons; a couple with two small boys pulled off the highway to spend Christmas in Big Spring, Worthy said, and another motor home arrived when the travelers spotted an ad for the park in the new edition of *Woodall's*, a guide published for RV-travelers that identifies and advertises parks.





Herald photos by Sarah Luman

Jerry Worthy, left, has seen his three-month-old Crestwood RV Park draw 17 customers to its 26 campsites for Christmas weekend. He credits easy access and a quiet atmosphere for part of its success.

Worthy said no size limits are imposed on the vehicles; he charges $10 per night, $50 per week or $165 per month, all utilities furnished. Those campers and travelers whose vehicles don't come equipped with showers will find facilities in the headquarters building to accommodate their needs.

He said he feels the city hasn't been doing enough to attract tourism. "We're pulling in visitors who come up to the office and say, 'What is there to see?'

"So we give them a guide from the chamber of commerce, and they visit the town. This way we're attracting fresh money," he said.

The park lies near the golf course as well as Comanche Trail Park and is within easy reach of a shopping center, the Veterans Administration Hospital, and greater Big Spring.

Relatives of patients at the VA medical center and relatives of residents of the Canterbury retirement community have stayed at Crestwood, Worthy said.

From his list of seven reasons for visitors to choose the park — including seeing its advertising signs on the highway as they pass through — three involved visiting relatives.

Some of his current tenants are here because of temporary work assignments for their firms.

He also said the quality of people attracted by the RV park is unusual. "Last night I had one (customer) looking for my address so he could send me his fee, because he couldn't find me down here.

"These people are just the nicest people ever," Worthy said, citing a couple who journeyed from Hondo to Big Spring to buy a fifth-wheel camper/trailer from Casey's Campers here.

Finding one they liked, they purchased it — and spent three days in his park as a "shakedown" period.

Sometimes he has customers who are full-time RV travelers, people who live in their vehicles and just travel, he noted.

His park can grow with the market, he said, and he plans to help it draw a larger share of that market by promoting local events and providing seasonal tours of the city.

Blazes damage abortion clinics

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents will meet with arson investigators today to determine whether three fires started at Dallas abortion clinics early Christmas morning are related to clinic attacks elsewhere.

"We've gathered some materials from the scenes and will fly them to our lab (in Maryland)," said Chris Nelson, assistant special agent in charge of the Dallas ATF office. "We'll start interviewing people Monday and look at motives and if there were any threats against any of the clinics."

The Dallas Fire Department received reports of blazes at North Dallas Women's Clinic, the Fairmount Center Clinic and A to Z Women's Health Services within an hour Sunday morning, Dallas Fire Capt. Mike Southerland said.

"They are definitely suspicious fires," Southerland told the Dallas Times Herald. "It's possible some flammable liquids were used, but I don't know what types at this time."

The fire at North Dallas Women's clinic was reported at 12:53 a.m., while reports of fires at the other two centers came about 1:30 a.m., Southerland said. All were controlled by 2 a.m. an no injuries were reported.

"We don't have any idea, but it could be more than just a local deal," Dallas Fire Capt. Levi Whitlow told the *Dallas Times Herald*. "We just want to make sure these three incidents are all we had."

He added that no suspects had been identified by late Sunday.

Clinic officials believe the attacks are the work of zealous anti-abortion groups, which have staged several protests and "baby rescues" at the clinics in the past year.

"I think all these fires were definitely connected," said Dena Jackson, director of operations at North Dallas Women's clinic. "When you look at the people that are anti-choice, they tend to be highly religious. And with Christmas Day being so significant, I think that definitely had something to do with it also.

"Christmas is a Christian holiday with religious significance," she said. "And politically, things are getting much hotter here and around the country."

"We feel like we know who it is," agreed Betty Pettigrew, director of A to Z Women's Health Services. "They're always threatening it, and we had heard that some clinic was

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In Leaday

Stacy effect on church a worry

LEADAY (AP) — While construction workers and engineers halted work on nearby Stacy Dam for the holiday, former residents of this tiny town gathered to celebrate what they feared might be their last Christmas at Leaday Baptist Church.

Once the Colorado River Municipal Water District finishes building the dam and the reservoir fills with water, Leaday will be a haven for fish.

Only one person still lives in the community, located in southwestern Coleman County about 40 miles east of San Angelo, but many will be sorry to see the patch of West Texas ground vanish beneath water.

"We really thought last year might be our last one," said Joan Jones, who helped organize the annual community gathering. "But, well, we're still here. But I feel this one may be our last."

Some hope to move the small church to higher ground, but the water district and Day Ranch already own most of the surrounding property.

Some former Leaday residents started rooting for the Concho water snake, whose existence in area rivers once was deemed threatened. Federal officials said the dam couldn't be constructed if the snake wasn't protected.

Biologists who were hired by the water district later found more Concho water snakes than were estimated to exist.

Viv Matthews, a former Leaday resident who now lives in nearby Coleman, said she was sorry biologists found so many of the supposedly rare snakes, sometimes in surprising places.

"They said they found some in Robert Lee Lake," Matthews, 85, said, "and I said, 'You must have put them there.' "

For the most part, however, Christmas was no time for grumbling about the Stacy Dam.

The mood was dampened a bit by the fact the church's longtime pastor, Jack Skelton, was hospitalized in San Angelo with a stroke. Skelton had not missed a "Christmas tree" ceremony in Leaday in four decades.

But the mood was upbeat when oldtimers recalled the Leaday Christmas ceremony almost 50 years ago, when teen-agers Howard Stephenson and Cotton and Willie Matthews put fireworks in Dan Loggins' car.

As Stephenson recalls it, Loggins thought his car was on fire and yelled for his aged parents to abandon the vehicle. "We used to have all kinds of fireworks and pranks at Christmas," said Stephenson, now 62.

Others recalled the story of how Leaday was named — by a landowner honoring her first husband, Col. W.H. Day, killed in a ranching accident in 1881, and her second husband, J.C. Lea.

At this year's Christmas gathering, gifts were placed beneath the church's tree, the Christmas story was read, and, at the end of the singing of "Silent Night," Santa Claus arrived.

"When the water gets up here," Stephenson said, "we may baptize whoever's here — and then just wade out."

'We could have skied all night'

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A couple said they survived a snowy night in subzero temperatures on the 9,425-foot Rabbit Ears Pass by cross-country skiing all night.

Mitchell Dion, 32, and his wife, Sydney, 25, of San Pedro, Calif., were found in good condition Saturday, nearly 24 hours after leaving on what was supposed to be a three-hour cross-country ski trip, authorities said.

"It was either ski or die. That was the choice," Dion said from Routt Memorial Hospital, where he and his wife were admitted for observation and released.

Dion said he suffered frostbite on a toe, but Mrs. Dion was unharmed.

Rescuers began looking for the couple after a relative reported them missing Friday evening, said Routt County Sheriff's Deputy Dana Taylor.

By morning, about 30 people and a helicopter were involved in the search, Taylor said. The helicopter crew spotted the couple on Rabbit Ears Pass.

Dion said he and his wife left on the ski trip shortly before noon Friday, carrying two baked potatoes and a quart of water.

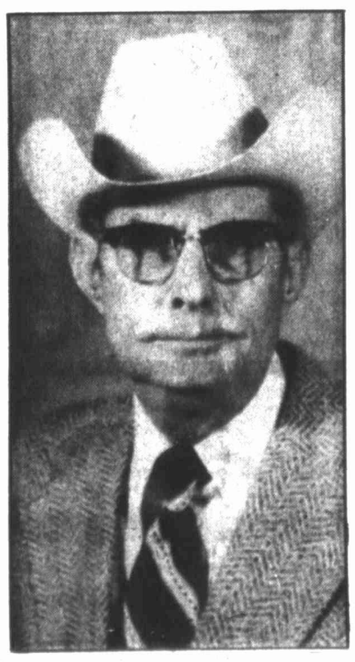
"We just wanted to get warmed up. But, then I got us completely lost," he said. "I didn't think that kind of thing could happen to me. We got so far away (from where we intended to be) that even the searchers couldn't find us.

"Once we realized that we just had to survive, our fatigue went away and we never got tired or hungry after that," he said.

He recognized a canyon that would lead them out, but the route was a difficult one, Dion said.

"It was very steep and with rocks and brambles. We didn't know how hard it was going to be," he said.

Kirby's seen many changes in 40-year career



MILTON KIRBY

By SARAH LUMAN
Staff Writer

County Judge Milton Kirby has seen his share of changes in his chosen profession since taking up the law some 40 years ago.

He began as an officer with the Big Spring police department, May 3, 1947. Kirby stayed until 1958, then left to try his hand at something different: running a filling station and three tractor-trailer rigs in his own trucking operation.

"It was different, all right," the judge remembered. "It was *work*."

Though not as big a problem then as now, drugs caused him to fire many drivers even then, Kirby said. "I wouldn't let them work for me, if I even suspected they were taking drugs." The trucking sideline was, he said, "almost an accident," begun when "a fellow sold me a truck — one of the grain trucks — at a bargain." Subsequently Kirby purchased two more and "hauled cotton and grain and first one thing then another."

He couldn't leave law enforcement alone, though, and returned as a Howard County deputy sheriff in 1969 — about seven months after purchasing his first, and only, coast-to-coast 18-wheeler.

Six years ago, Kirby found another way of "keeping a hand in" law enforcement: he became county judge. Since then he's presided over several decided changes in the county courthouse, including the current installation of handrails along the sidewalks at all four entrances.

Kirby's plans include painting the faces of the steps — where four persons fell during absentee voting in November — white and striping the tops in yellow for safety's sake.

The judge also presided over the courthouse annex renovation and relocation of the county tax assessor-collector's office from the courthouse basement to its new quarters — a project the county accomplished without tax increases or other revenue enhancers, the judge has noted.

A recent bout with pneumonia has necessitated keeping oxygen within reach, but Kirby refuses to be dispirited: halfway through his second term, he maintains, "I definitely plan to run again."

In response to a question about his most memorable cases, the judge recalled instantly a 1986 incident. Odessa police lieutenant Walter Tony Suttle defied a Big Spring police officer's advice to stay off his motorcycle in an inebriated state, and was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Then-county attorney Tim Yeats prosecuted the case, which was tried in Kirby's court and lasted "almost a whole day," the judge said.

He said witnesses for the defense testified Suttle had consumed approximately 12 ounces of alcohol in the six or seven hours before the incident. Found guilty, the Odessa officer was fined $300 and court costs, Kirby said.

"I didn't treat him any differently than I do any of 'em," the judge said quietly. Kirby's repertoire is extraordinary: within three-quarters of an hour recently, he provided guidance for a woman seeking redress in a civil matter, presided over the probate of a will and heard a guilty plea in a criminal case.

That day's court load had been light, Kirby said, noting the morning contained only "three or four" pretrial hearings. "Usually we'll have seven or eight in a day," the judge said.

Kirby also presides over county commissioners' court, as well as holding some probable cause and many commitment hearings to determine whether someone should be kept in the Big Spring State Hospital.

The hospital's territory covers 57 counties, the judge said; sometimes as many as 50 cases come before his bench in a single day.

In addition, he finds "everybody comes to the county judge for information.

"I don't mind that," he said, watching a woman leave for justice of the peace court after his painstak-

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Texan: Politics are making Illinois legislators ant-sy

AUSTIN (AP) — The Illinois congressional delegation's rising furor over Texas fire ants' possible harm to the superconducting super collider is more political than scientific, a Texas A&M University researcher says.

"A lot of the concerns are exaggerated," said Brad Vinson, a professor of entomoloy at Texas A&M and a specialist on the imported fire ant.

"We might have a few more ants here in Texas, but if that's a problem, then it would be a problem anywhere," Vinson told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Illinois lawmakers recently complained to the Energy Department that its ignoring of the possible damage from fire ants to the federal super collider research project was an indication of bias in the recent selection of Texas as the site for the atom smasher.

Those lawmakers have asked for a re-examination of the selection process. Illinois was a leading contender for the project.

It's true Illinois has no fire ants, Vinson said, and it isn't likely to be getting any because of its cold weather.

But he said most of the Illinois concern is unjustified.

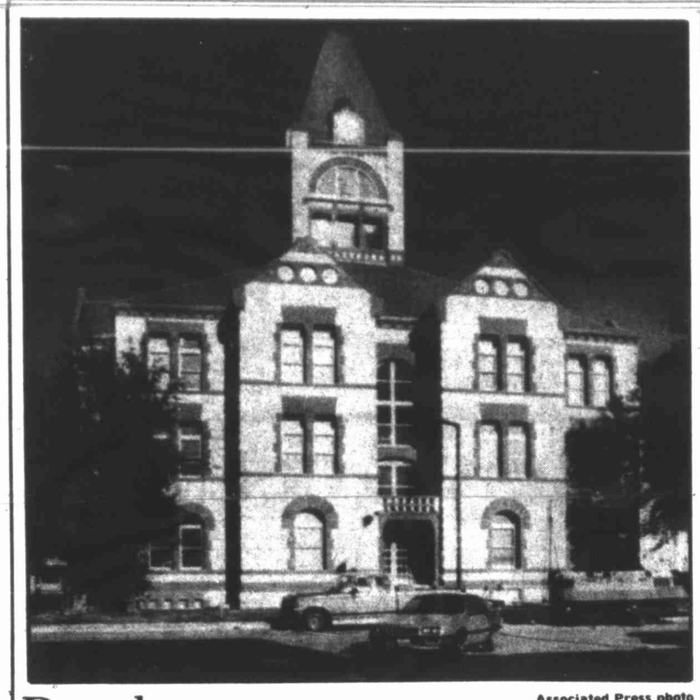
Although the imported fire ant has been known to eat through electrical cable, he said, the super collider's design calls for its power cable to be inside the 53 miles of underground concrete tunnel that will house the project.

"They don't tunnel through concrete that I'm aware of," Vinson said.

All ants seem to like electricity, Vinson added.

"Why, we don't know," he said. "It's not a unique problem to Texas."

Vinson said researchers are experimenting with natural parasites, creatures that thrive on fire ants, as a way of getting rid of them.



Associated Press photo

Proud once more

STEPHENVILLE — After a 14-month renovation, the Erath County courthouse stands proud once again in Staphenville. The seven-story limestone monument, first completed in 1892, is listed in the national and state historic registers.

Briefs

Texas logging outpaces pine growth

HOUSTON (AP) — For the first time since inventories began more than 50 years ago, timber companies are cutting down more pine trees than are growing in the East Texas forest, a trend that is causing increased concern among foresters.

"Pine trees are important to Texas' future, and I don't know how long we can continue harvesting more than we grow," said Tom Boggus, a Texas Forest Service researcher.

"The general trend is alarming. People are already talking about a timber shortage by the mid-1990s."

The forest service says the decline began with a 5 percent deficit in 1986 and climbed to 14 percent last year with the same shortfall projected for this year.

The U.S. Forest Service uses aerial surveys and sample plots to count and measure East Texas trees every 10 years. Its latest report showed a 2 percent decrease from 1975 through 1986.

Report: Mars trip troubles Soviets

HOUSTON (AP) — The Soviet Union, with a history of planetary space missions that fizzled, is reportedly having serious mechanical problems with its Phobos II unmanned probe en route to Mars, U.S. sources say.

If true, that would be the end of a billion dollar experiment, the most ambitious of the Soviet Union's planetary science probes paving the way toward Mars exploration one day.

"There is enough smoke that I suspect there is a little fire," said Sam Keller, deputy associate administrator for space science and applications for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

"You can't tell how serious it is, but there is no question they are having problems," Keller told the Houston Chronicle. "In recent years they have had a history of (planetary) missions that did not work."

Word leaked four months ago that the Soviet Union lost Phobos I, the first of the twin, unmanned Mars probes, because of a computer problem.

Phobos I and Phobos II were launched in July.

28 killed in Texas road accidents

By the Associated Press

Accidents on Texas roadways have killed 28 people during the long holiday weekend, the Department of Public Safety said today.

DPS officials estimated 32 people might die on the state's roads during the three-day weekend, which started at 6 p.m. Friday and ends at midnight Monday night.

Leticia Wesley, 23, of Hawkins died when the car she was driving lost control on a curve near the East Texas town Sunday. Ms. Wesley was thrown from the car, said DPS spokesman Mark Riordan. A passenger in the car suffered minor injuries.

Three victims from a fiery Saturday accident in far southeast Houston had not been identified by Sunday. The driver apparently lost control while passing another vehicle and went into a ditch, exploding into flames.

Passersby found three Ben Wheeler residents dead Sunday morning in Van Zandt County. The victims' car had run off a road and slid sideways, striking a culvert and overturning into a creekbed containing 4½ feet of water.

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Addicts, alcoholics are halfway house security

HOUSTON (AP) — Drug addicts and alcoholics undergoing counseling at a rehabilitation center have been recruited to work as unarmed security officers at a halfway house for felons, a newspaper reported.

Rehabilitation center clients must complete a 21-day sobriety period before they may work in security and supervisory positions at Texas House, *The Houston Post* reported Sunday.

A 300-bed halfway house contracted by the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, Texas House has among its residents murderers and rapists recently released from prison.

Many of the ex-convicts are sent to the halfway house for three to six months as part of parole requirements, and others are sent because they have no place else to go, parole board officials said.

The men at Texas House have limited freedom and are allowed to leave to work or search for jobs. There are no state-certified security guards assigned to the sprawling, 10-acre compound.

At least 20 residents of a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center which, like Texas House, is operated by the non-profit Texas Alcoholism Foundation, work at the halfway house.

Many of the workers are responsible for "danger control" at Texas House, an official said, while others have clerical, maintenance and kitchen jobs.

Until contacted by the Post, top officials with the parole board said they did not know Texas House administrators use men who are beginning their fight against addictions to help patrol and monitor Texas House.

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Jim Poland, state director of the parole board's community services, calle the arrangement "unusual."

"I wasn't aware of it. Before I make any judgment, however, I want to get my own facts," Poland said.

One man at a guard post behind Texas House said he had been addicted to narcotics for 18 years, but had not taken drugs for two months.

"I'm security," said the man, a resident of the rehabilitation center. "I protect the surrounding neighborhoods. We try to keep the people just out of TDC from those people in the neighborhoods. It's kind of a courtesy."

Another man said he had been a resident and patient at the rehabilitation center less than a month and had worked at the halfway house for several days, monitoring people coming in and out of the compound.

Bush hunt could help Texas town

BEEVILLE (AP) — This farm town of 15,000 is unaccustomed to being in the national spotlight, but all that could change because a 10,000-acre spread outside of town is a favorite hunting spot of President-elect George Bush.

Today is the first day of a four-day visit by Bush to Houston millionaire Will Farish's Lazy F Ranch, a 10,000-acre spread where Bush has hunted for the past 20 years.

Every year, Bush has retreated to his old friend's ranch to tote a shotgun through the South Texas mesquite in search of quail and other game birds.

Nobody paid much attention until the vice president became the president-elect. Now, this farm town of 15,000 is hoping Bush will bring the national spotlight along with his hunting gear.

"It would bring a lot of tourists to town," said Janice Porter, manager of the Beeville Chamber of Commerce. "It would do a lot for Beeville."

Located 65 miles northwest of Corpus Christi, Beeville last saw a president when William Howard Taft stopped by to make a whistlestop speech in the early 1900s.

Bush aides said the vice president would arrive and depart on Air Force Two at the nearby Chase Field Naval Air Station, Bee County's largest employer, with 551 civilian employees and 1,286 military personnel.

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You can get a lot of information about Social Security. But, it isn't all correct. If you have a question about Social Security in general or need specific information that affects you, go straight to the source. Contact your Social Security office. Someone there will be glad to answer your questions or provide you with the facts you need. You can also get free pamphlets that explain different aspects of the Social Security program.

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A. According to the Associated Press, the coldest week across the U.S. is usually the last week of January.

Calendar

Gospel

TODAY

- The gospel singing that was scheduled at the Kentwood Older Adult Center is cancelled.

WEDNESDAY

- The city will be flushing fire hydrants in the Greenbelt Area from 1 to 5 p.m. Residents may experience low water pressure.

Crimestoppers

Crime Stoppers is seeking information concerning at least 30 reported cases of criminal mischief that occurred between 2 p.m. on Dec. 18 and 8 a.m. on Dec. 19.

Unknown persons — apparently using a pellet gun — shattered windshields on vehicles parked in the southern and eastern sections of Big Spring.

Anyone with information regarding this or any felony crime is urged to contact the Crime Stoppers line 24 hours a day at 263-1151.

Crime Stoppers is authorized to pay up to $1,000 cash for information leading to the arrest, indictment or conviction of anyone involved in criminal activity. Information provided to Crime Stoppers is confidential and callers remain anonymous.

Judge Kirby

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ing explanation that a stop-payment check on a mechanic's lien is a civil, not a criminal, matter. "I enjoy helping people."

He surely appears to enjoy his work.

"I've seen quite a bit of changes," he allowed. "The law changes considerably every two years — every time the legislature meets. They almost completely redo the Family Code every time they meet.

"Criminal law changes, too," Kirby noted. "And though it doesn't affect me as much as it does the justices of the peace, the traffic laws change at an overwhelming rate."

Some traffic cases end up in Kirby's court on appeal. He sees a wide variety of people before the bench, including juvenile offenders.

"They have a different set of rights than your adult criminals," the judge noted. "The first thing you should do with a juvenile, even before you get his parents, is to appoint, or be sure he's represented by, a lawyer."

Called a guardian ad litem, that attorney serves literally as a watchdog over the juvenile's interest — a principle Kirby said also applies in state hospital commitment cases.

He can remember what it was like to be a peace officer before the Miranda ruling. In those days, he said, he worked with some fine officers — men like Bill Mabry, a Lubbock police dispatcher who joined the FBI when World War II erupted.

At the end of the war, Mabry departed, having finished his agreement to stay for the duration, Kirby remembered. Mabry was recalled by the FBI and appointed head of the Abilene district office, where he remained until his retirement.

"There aren't many like him around any more," Kirby said softly. "I was looking back at my class when we finished the police academy in 1947, and there's only four others still alive."

Like Kirby, all have stayed in law enforcement, despite the difficulties of such a career, he said.

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Feds move slowly to comply with 1987 homeless law

Gasch has given the government until Wednesday to review half its 335 surplus and excess properties to determine suitability for the homeless, and until Jan. 12 to assess the other half. If it doesn't finish on time, Gasch could find the government in contempt.

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Square 571" is the name given by the government to a 43,000-square-foot federal building that sits vacant in the middle of the District of Columbia, footsteps away from a homeless shelter which lately has been turning away 50 to 75 people a night.

A law passed in mid-1987 directed the federal government to make its "underutilized" property available to the homeless, but Square 571 was beyond the grasp of homeless advocates.

The reason: The federal government interpreted "underutilized" to mean partially occupied, not vacant.

Under that reading of the law, only 12 of the U.S. government's properties — Uncle Sam owns 429,959 buildings and 727 million acres of land — were deemed suitable for the homeless.

Of those, two — a post office in Lynn, Mass., and an office building in Bell, Calif. — have actually been devoted to that purpose since passage of the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act in July 1987.

These facts outrage homeless advocates, who have sued the government to force it to make more of its underused and unused properties available.

On Sept. 30, U.S. District Judge Oliver Gasch ruled in the advocates' favor, noting "it's unreasonable to suggest that Congress chose to lease to the homeless half-empty properties and properties which are used part of the time, but no properties which are wholly unoccupied."

"Pitifully few of the numerous unused federal properties are being evaluated for their suitability to assist the homeless," Gasch wrote in the decision. "Those that are found to be suitable are not being made available to homeless providers."

Gasch forbade the federal government from selling or transferring any of its excess or surplus properties until it has complied with the law.

Currently, the government has 335 excess or surplus properties ranging from a three-story federal office building in downtown Providence, R.I., to a vacant school in Phoenix.

Excess property is defined as that which isn't needed by the government agency which controls it, while surplus property isn't needed by any federal agency at all, according to Earl Jones, commissioner of the General Services Administration's property resources service. Normally, when a piece of federal property is declared excess, it is turned in to the GSA, which can offer it to other federal agencies or state or local governments, or sell it on the open market, Jones said.

Two months after Gasch's ruling, no more federal properties had been leased to the homeless and the parties to the lawsuit went back to court. The National Coalition for the Homeless asked for a timetable for the government to comply, charging that the Department of Housing and Urban Development was trying to stall.

Gasch has given the government until Wednesday to review half its 335 surplus and excess properties to determine suitability for the homeless, and until Jan. 12 to assess the other half. If it doesn't finish on time, Gasch could find the government in contempt.

Asked what the government had been doing in the two months since the judge's initial ruling, James Stimson, the assistant on homeless policy to the secretary of HUD, said officials were "reviewing the list" and revising the criteria for deciding which properties would be suitable for the homeless.

"There've been no major changes," he said. "Some additional factors were added recently."

Those factors were to allow for exclusions of properties in flood plains or near hazardous or toxic waste sites or near explosive materials, he said.

"I find that an example of exercise in the absurd, spending two months to make that change," said Maria Foscarinis, attorney for the National Coalition for the Homeless. "They wasted over two months, as far as I can tell."

Foscarinis said she believed the government was looking for ways to exclude more of the properties on the list and was only prevented from coming up with more loopholes because "they were subjected to very close scrutiny by a congressional committee and by us."

Stimson denied the allegation.

Stimson said HUD had identified three properties on the list of 335 suitable for the homeless and two unsuitable. GSA had recommended that HUD look at those particular properties because they might fit the bill, Stimson admitted.



Christmas Eve twister

Associated Press photo

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Emergency workers walk past the damaged cars and demolished buildings left by a tornado early Saturday morning in the Nashville suburb of Brentwood. At least one person was killed and 15 injured, officials said.

Church's chicken fights management, pilfering

Business

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Church's Fried Chicken Inc., once named one of the five best-managed companies in Texas, is embroiled in allegations of mismanagement while competitor Popeyes Famous Fried Chicken and Biscuits is attempting a hostile takeover.

Big Spring's Church's is an apparent victim of the battle, having been closed recently, windows and doors boarded and signs removed from the recently painted facility on Gregg Street.

Almost 800 cash registers were not operating properly at Church's restaurants in 1987, allowing thousands of dollars to be pilfered by dishonest employees, said a former chief operating officer for the company, C.H. "Buzz" Roman.

And Church's new president found 100 Church's stores lacked air conditioning and ice makers. Store managers were having to buy sacks of ice daily, and it was more than 100 degrees in one store the company president visited.

New cash registers, air conditioners and ice makers are now in place.

But Church's had bigger problems that knocked the 36-year-old company from its successful perch.

A variety of fast-food restaurants, such as McDonald's, began selling chicken and cutting into the company's sales, particularly in inner-city markets Church's once dominated. Church's allowed its restaurant buildings to deteriorate and inadequately trained employees. Church's had about 400 of its 1,500 stores in Texas, where the economic recession hit hard.

These problems, and others, helped to steadily erode Church's earnings from $42.6 million on revenues of $545.3 million in 1984 to $9.5 million in profits on sales of $400 million last year. As 1988 comes to an end, Church's is facing a loss — a far cry from 1980, when Texas Business magazine named Church's one of the five best-managed companies in Texas.

Analysts told the *Houston Chronicle* some of the blame belongs to Church's co-founder and chairman, J. David Bamberger, who was at the helm during Church's deterioration in the mid-1980s.

Earlier this year, Bamberger took a salary cut to $100,000 per year.

Sheriff's log

Howard County Sheriff's Department officers reported the following incidents as of 9 a.m. today:

- Willie Ray Myles, 28, 708 E. 17th St., was arrested on a charge of failure to identify. He was released after posting $500 bond.
- Gary Don Schofield, 29, 2514 Larry Drive, was arrested on charges of assault and public intoxication.
- A Coahoma man reported a hunting knife with sheath and an electronic watch, each valued at $50, taken from a company pickup. The pickup was left unlocked, with keys in the ignition, and taken from the man's residence for a joyride, according to sheriff's records. The 1988 Chevrolet pickup was recovered a short distance from the residence and returned to the complainant.
- A Sand Springs woman reported someone unknown kicked in the front door of her neighbor's mobile home.
- A Sherman Road woman reported someone unknown threw a cinder block through the window of her 1984 Chevrolet Monte Carlo. Damage was estimated at $100.
- A Coahoma man reported someone broke into his 1984 Pontiac Firebird and stole clothing, a jacket, a laundry basket, a cassette case and tapes, and a walkman-type stereo.
- A man reported windows broken out of a 1967 Dodge dump truck and a 1969 Ford pickup at his residence in Sand Springs.
- A shattered front door glass was reported at WesTex Auto Parts on the Snyder Highway.
- A Gail Road woman reported someone unknown assaulted her Sunday night in the Brass Nail club.

Police beat

Big Spring police reported investigating the following incidents:

- An unidentified Hispanic male was grazed on the head when an unknown person allegedly fired a handgun at him about 1:15 a.m. Sunday at the Northcrest Apartments, 1002 N. Main St., Acting Sgt. Tom Hain said.

The man was not seriously injured and refused to file charges, Hain said.

"When someone refuses to file charges there is nothing we (police) can do," he said.

Oscar Ramirez Lopez, 35, Odonnell, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain single lane and failure to maintain financial resposnibility. He was released after posting $1,000 bond.

- Mary Ledesma Vela, 31, 1210 Harding St., was arrested on charges of DWI and driving without headlights when required.
- Anthony Swindoll, 22, HC61 Box 287, and Craig Allen Cooper, age unavailable, 1103 E. Fourth St., were arrested on charges of criminal mischief over $200/under $750. Both men were released after posting $500 bond.
- A man who resides in the 1200 block of Harding Street reported two men he knows struck him in the mouth and threatened him with a gun and knife.
- An employee of the 7/Eleven Food Store, 1701 Marcy Drive, reported an unknown man took four cartons of Kool cigarettes valued at $57.60.
- An employee of Saunders Co. Inc., 3200 E. Interstate-20, reported unknown persons shattered a plate glass window valued at $500.
- A woman who resides in the 1500 block of Scurry Street reported unknown persons shattered a passenger-side window on her car valued at $150.
- Wayne Basden reported unknown persons removed six oak trees, valued at $160, from in front of his law office, 700 Gregg St.

Blazes

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going to be hit — not necessarily in Dallas."

Operation Rescue protested the A to Z clinic Dec. 17, when 20 of 200 demonstrators were arrested, including rescue movement leader Joan Elizabeth Andrews of Maryland.

But Bill Price, president of the Greater Dallas Right to Life, said it is unclear who may have been responsible for the fires.

"Until somebody is apprehended, it is premature to say it definitely was a Right-to-Life person," Price told the Dallas Morning News. "It's possible, even likely, that it was done in our name.

"But our organization has made a commitment to stop abortion by working through the system," Price said. The use of violence "will definitely hurt our cause. It is not helpful to us, and we condemn it."

"We don't advocate violence in any shape or form because violence is what goes on inside the clinics," agreed Kelly Stellitano, a member of the Dallas chapter of Operation Rescue. "We don't even want people yelling at the staff or shouting at the police because we don't want to come across as an aggressive group."

At North Dallas Women's clinic, burglar and fire alarms went off at the same time. Officials believe a flammable liquid was dumped on a carpet and ignited. No structural damage was caused by the blaze, although there is smoke damage throughout the clinic, Ms. Jackson said.

Firefighters found a 5-gallon plastic jug containing fuel at the A to Z Women's Health Services.

At the Fairmount Center, the fire damaged a small administrative building connected to the main office. An employee, who declined to be named, said most of the records are intact, but several pieces of office equipment were damaged.

Sutherland more-intensive investigations would begin Tuesday and would yield more answers.

Deaths

Harp infant

The infant daughter of Joy and Jerry Harp, Big Spring, died at 1:06 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 25, 1988 at Medical Center Hospital in Midland.

Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Elmo Gabriel

Elmo B. Gabriel, 64, Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1988 in a Big Spring hospital.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. today at Hamlin East Cemetery with the Rev. Howard Jones officiating. Myers & Smith Funeral Home handled Big Spring arrangements.

He was a native of Hamlin and a resident of Big Spring since 1975. A veteran of World War II serving in the Army Air Corps, he was a retired farmer and a baptist.

Survivors include two sons, Tom, Odessa; and Ralph, Stamford; two daughters, Sherri Lynn Gabriel, Big Spring; and Terresa Matthews, Abilene; two brothers, Billy Wayne, Lubbock; and Eddie, San Francisco, Calif.; three sisters: Pauline Jenkins, Hamlin; Mozelle Owens, and Dell Grabriel, both of Lubbock; and six granchildren.

Roy Smith

Roy Smith, 80, Big Spring died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1988 in a San Angelo hospital.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Royce Clay, 14th and Main Church if Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born July 22, 1908 in Delta County and married Peggy Louise Reese May 20, 1946 in Big Spring. He was a member of Charles Street Church of Christ and Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and Engineers and belonged to the Permian Bird Dog and Sportsmans Club. He came to Big Spring in 1938 and worked for Cosden Oil & Chemical for four years. He then went to work in 1942 for the Texas and Pacific Railroad, retiring in 1975 as an engineer.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy, Big Spring; one son Roy D., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; one brother, Lawrence, Whitehouse; one grandaughter and one sister-in-law.

Pallbearers will be Dr. Bob Smith, Roger W. Smith, Don Smith, James Smith, Rickey Smith and Bobby Moore.

All railroad employees are considered honorary pallbearers.

Bethel Ashburn

Bethel Ashburn, 77, Crane, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1988 in Methodist Hospital, Lubbock.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church, Crane with the Rev. Wayne Norvell officiating. Graveside services will be at 3:30 p.m. in Sunset Memorial Gardens, Odessa, under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home, Crane.

She was born June 28, 1911 in Howard County and married George Ashburn Sept. 14, 1934 in Crane. He died Dec. 21, 1984. She served as the county and district clerk in Crane form 1959 to 1976. She was the daughter of the late Stonewall Jackson Harding and Bessie Green Harding, and was a member of the First Baptist Church of Crane and Eastern Star of Crane No. 816.

Survivors include a son and a daugther, Ronald and Donna Ashburn, Crane; and one granddaughter.

Louise Fontaine Eitzen

Louise Fontaine Eitzen, 79, Big Spring, died Saturday, Dec. 24, 1988 at Four Seasons Nursing Center, Austin.

Graveside services will be today in Highland Cemetery, Durant, Okla. She will be buried in the Fontaine family plot where her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Fontaine, are buried.

She was born Jan. 3, 1909 in Shawnee, Okla. She and her husband, Arthur G. Eitzen, were longtime residents of Big Spring. She was a member of the Desk and Derrick Club, Business and Professional Women's Club, worthy matron of the Eastern Star and a member of First Methodist Church of Big Spring. She taught in the Canadian Academy in Japan while her sister, Blanche Hilburn and her husband, Sam, were missionaries there.

Survivors are one sister, Helen Youmans, Beaumont; a niece, and a nephew.

The family suggests memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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BIG SPRING

Jasper Evans, 79, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 27, at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Interment will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

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Opinion

"I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." — Voltaire

Opinions from across the U.S.

Who doesn't understand?

It's said, by those urging federal pay increases, that the current congressional salary of $89,500 may sound like a lot to the average citizen, but the average citizen doesn't understand the problem. . .

A member of Congress, for instance, often has to support two households on a salary that has lost purchasing power over the years; that, and the high cost of D.C. living, is cited by the advisory commission urging a raise in Senate and House salaries to $135,000.

Then again, average citizens may have trouble getting into one home. . .And the average family — $30,200 a year — sustains its purchasing power by relying on two incomes.

All of which is to say that if it's sympathy the members of Congress are looking for, they aren't going to get it. Except from their own, of course. . .

A case can be made that, considering their responsibilities, that (salaries) can go up a turn or two, perhaps to the $100,000 level, as long as it is tied to a ban on outside honoraria. But most members of Congress still won't think they're getting what they deserve. Few people do.

The Press-Enterprise, Riverside, Calif.

Gas tax could be answer

Bringing the government's annual deficits under control remains our biggest domestic challenge. One of the easiest ways of raising money for deficit reduction would be to increase the gasoline tax. . .

The advantages of a boost in the present 9-cent-a-gallon federal tax are numerous. Analysts estimate that each penny increase would generate $1 billion a year in additional revenue. . .

A couple of arguments make it difficult. First, . . . the United States is virtually without any mass transportation for much of the public. . .

Second, a gasoline tax increase would fall more heavily upon lower-income groups than on the weathly. And the regressive nature of the gasoline tax would be magnified since many of the nation's poorer families operate older, less fuel-efficient cars.

Nevertheless, America confronts the coming New Year one year older and deeper in debt. The federal deficits simply have to be reduced significantly. An increase in the gasoline tax offers a partial solution. No one should reject it out of hand.

Portland (Maine) Press Herald

Open meetings to public

The National Economic Commission, established by Congress last February under a mandate to come up with a way to shrink the huge federal deficit, displayed an unsettling arrogance the other day when it canceled a meeting rather than comply with a court order to open its discussions to the public.

In response to a court suit filed by three news organizations and Ralph Nader's group, Public Citizen, federal Judge Joyce Hens Green told the commission that government "sunshine" laws require that its meetings be open to the public.

Rather than comply, the commission canceled its next scheduled meeting, and its general counsel reportedly is looking for ways to get around the judge's ruling.

What are members afraid of? If the commission wants public support for whatever it recommends, it stands a better chance of getting it if the people who pay the bills are let in on the decision-making process.

The Albuquerque (N.M.) Tribune

Has Tower changed?

John Tower may have been the best friend the Pentagon ever had during his days as chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, but the diminutive Texan is going to have to trade his sword for a scissors as George Bush's secretary of defense.

His old committee, now chaired by Democrat Sam Nunn of Georgia, should make certain in confirmation hearings that Tower's conversion from screeching hawk to eagle-eyed overseer is genuine. . .

The Senate, which tends to handle alumni such as Tower with excessive courtesy during confirmation hearings, should put aside the kid gloves in its inquiry into Tower's fitness to head the Defense Department.

Only the most vigorous personal and philosophical investigation of Tower's credentials is in order when the position is so important and the candidate is so controversial.

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Tales of a survivor

By SARAH LUMAN
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Write from the heart

'''Tis the season to get shell-shocked, fa la la la . . .''

Took the advice of a columnist. Attacked my Christmas shopping Saturday afternoon, after the fashion of a commando on a mission from God.

It worked, too. This year it only took me five hours to find all the stuff I could afford for all the people I could remember.

And this year my parents only almost called the cops. The last time I went Christmas shopping, they canvassed hospitals in three towns. Well, two towns and a suburb, actually, and it was really my in-laws who called; but the last time I went Christmas shopping was in 1985, on Christmas Eve morning. In Lubbock. With a list of 27 people, four dogs, three cats, two infants — and one $20 bill to pay for it all, because I'd been married for five days and payday fell on New Year's Eve, and the party started at lunchtime. I fled the house in an unmarked pickup at 10 a.m. that day.

Sometimes, looking back on the things I've survived in this life, I wonder what God has in mind for me; there has to be something, or I'd've died a dozen times before I was 20.

That year, I bought oranges, apples, mixed nuts, Karo syrup, chocolate chips, broken pecans, powdered sugar, a box of catnip, wo stuffed rabbits, one oxtail and a dozen 4-for$1 plastic colanders.

And I made fruit baskets at home, cat treats and dog bones, and fudge — not all in the same pan.

Last year, I assaulted the office staff with a pizza pan full of homemade candy. This year I caved in — to candy canes (let me tell you, folks, seven pounds of fudge in one night is no easy thing to make).

No, this year I turned my back on tradition — even the ones I cherish best, like tucking candy canes into Christmas cards. (Stamps cost more and they're actually weighing Christmas cards at some post offices this year. Appalling.) And I sallied forth on my shopping like Chuck Norris spin-kicking through a barful of bad guys.

Well, maybe not exactly.

Anyway, five hours, four stores, three shopping bags and two very sore feet later, I pushed my way into my truck cab (driving a pickup is wonderful. Leaving your Christmas goodies in the open bed for prospective thieves is not.) and drove home, feeling, as Huck Finn once put it, "free and satisfied."

All those other poor schnooks out there fighting last-minute crowds frantically trying to find the perfect gift for Great Uncle Mortimer and super-rich Cousin Aloise and getting abused by surly fellowshoppers, incredibly long lines, high-interest credit cards and overworked salesclerks.

Saturday night, I had risen above all that, to the ultimate achievement of Christmas joys: mission accomplished, minimal casualties.

Sunday was Christmas. Now Christmas is a wonderful day. You can reflect on the meaning of the season, the birth of Jesus and the joys of children presented; you can stuff yourself with way too much good food; you can watch pro football to your heart's content and dream languidly of all the things you can do this year with the gadgets you got under the tree; heck, you can even eat at Denny's (if you live in Big Spring) and spend your afternoon with a good book if you want.

You can have the family together and take pictures that will embarrass your children a decade from now (like your parents and elder siblings did when you were too small to defend yourself, remember?) and you can even go to church.

And you can look back and remember all the good things that have happened at all the other Christmases in your life.

Enjoy it while you can, folks. Today, the stores will be open and you'll have to beat the rush to get in your returns.

Quotes

"If this visit would lead to solving the problem, and if it would lead to establishing a just peace, then I am ready." — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, in an interview with Kuwait newspaper Al-Anbaa, expressing his willingness to become the first Arab leader to visit Israel since his predecessor Anwar Sadat in 1977.

"The way I shoot it, it's very humane." — President-elect Bush responding to a question on whether he considers quail hunting humane shortly before his annual holiday hunting trip in Texas.

"It was either ski or die. That was the choice." Mitchell Dion explaining how he and his wife, Sydney, survived nearly 24 hours in subzero temperatures after getting lost while cross-counrty skiing

"I discovered much to my dismay that not everybody loves me," — John Tower when asked about the lengthy review, fueled in part by accusations made by his ex-wife, prior to being named as defense secretary.

Mailbag

Good will all year long

To the editor:

I've lost track of the times people have made comments about their fear of the north side — especially at night. As though they have entered a war zone, they consider themselves lucky survivors if they live to talk about it the next day.

Residents on the north side do not have a monopoly on crime. I can tell you first hand that it also is not a training camp for would be perpatrators of crime. Maybe houses are not all uniform in size or all in neat little rows but if you take time to really know the majority of these households you would find the hospitality and warmth many of you have only read about. I do not fear for my life when I've walked those streets at night. I've walked many streets (politicking) and the north side is not where I was threatened. I have been asked by many if I'm experiencing car trouble or if I need a lift but never threatened. As a whole, traditions and values include protection and respect of women and hospitality to visitors. It bothers me, especially when through conversations I've learned the fears are unfounded, fueled only by hearsay and perpetuated generation through generation. Foundless fears.

In this season of remembrance of the birth of Christ let us live the words, "Peace on earth good will to all men," by all of us starting each day with an open mind about each other. Accept others as our Lord made us — not one better than the other. Let us think before we speak, keeping in mind never to hurt one another with cutting remarks. Look for the good in each other, as there surely is. Let us not be blinded by hate.

In closing, I wish us all peace on earth and good will to all men not just on Christmas but each and every day of the year.

PAT DEANDA
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Big Spring can grow

To the editor:

Big Spring grows.

How?

Simple. Be nice to the customer. Sell the customer what he wants. If you do not have it, know where in Big Spring that he can find it.

Big Spring is in the perfect spot to develop a regional marketing center. Look at the map. We are located in the very center of Lubbock, San Angelo and Abilene, and within forty miles of Midland. We can develop this marketing center if we are willing to work and to train our personnel.

Let's start a training program for the business person and employees to make customers feel welcome when they enter the business establishment. If customers feel welcome and feel that their business is appreciated, they will return if they also receive good service at a fair price.

We can grow and become a vibrant and aggressive business community with a well diversified economy.

Let's all join together and make it happen.

MAXWELL D. GREEN
P.O. Box 949

Church thanks community

To the editor:

The First Church of the Nazarene warmly extends our appreciation to everyone who waited patiently to view this year's live drive-through Nativity and for all donations we received.

We would also like to thank the local merchants and the farmers and ranchers who helped make this event possible.

Much hard work went into making the Nativity come to life. Our prayers have been that hearts and lives were touched by the true meaning of Christmas. We hope to see you again next year.

Gary F. Smith, Pastor, and members of the Church of the Nazarene

Local model asks support

To the editor:

Hello, my name is Aretha Isaiah. I am 17 years old and a senior at Big Spring High School. On Nov. 19 I participated in the Permian Basin Modeling and Talent pageant, and placed first in the petite division. Now I will be traveling to New York City to compete in the World Modeling Association Convention in April.

As I will be representing Big Spring, I would like to ask for your help and support in raising the fee I need to participate. I would appreciate any donations you could make. This competition gives me a great honor and opportunity to meet some of the most talented and beautiful girls in the world. Thank you very much for your support. Donations may be sent to Thelma R. Isaiah, 4100 Dixon.

ARETHA ISAIAH

Scurry block an eyesore

To the editor:

This is an open letter to the mayor of Big Spring and the committee to create the Railroad Pavillion in the 100 Block of Main Street. I think the idea you have is a good one, and it will draw many people to the area to see this, but has anyone taken a good look at the 100 Block of Scurry — the old Wyoming Hotel in particular? Whoever started to raze the structure quit in mid-stream, and the left-over trash and lumber, etc., is all over the sidewalk, and gradually drifting into the street.

If the 100 block of Main Street is spruced up, the same block of Scurry needs some kind of clean-up. The people who come to look at the Railroad Car Pavilion most likely will be making the block, and the Wyoming Hotel is really an eyesore. (I will volunteer to help, should a clean-up crew be formed)

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NYC sets new homicide record

NEW YORK (AP) — Killings during Christmas weekend pushed the city's 1988 homicide total to a grisly record of 1,848, a trend that authorities said has been fueled by crack and other drugs.

With a week to go before year's end, seven homicides on Saturday raised the total for 1988 to 1,842, one more than the record set in 1981, said a police spokesman, Sgt. Raymond O'Donnell.

Christmas Day brought six more homicides, said another police spokesman, Sgt. Maurice Howard.

On an average day in New York City, five people are slain. Elected and police officials blame drugs, particularly crack.

In all of 1945, the Police Department reported 291 homicides; in August 1988 alone, there were 201. Since the crack explosion in 1985, homicides have steadily increased.

As of last month, Assistant Police Chief Raymond Kelly said, about 42 percent of this year's slayings were drug-related.

Wyoming to reconsider age limit

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Earlier this year, Wyoming indignantly became the last state in the nation to raise its legal drinking age to 21. Next month the Legislature will be asked to display its rage by lowering it back to 19.

The request comes barely six months after the higher age limit took effect and is seen by its sponsors as a way to defend the U.S. Constitution and to rise up against federal blackmail.

It also comes in the wake of a study showing that the single-vehicle nighttime crash fatality rate among drivers ages 19 and 20 declined 38 percent in Tennessee in the 28 months after that state raised its drinking age from 19 to 21.

Wyoming raised its drinking age when faced with a federal mandate that threatened loss of millions of dollars in highway funds.

State Highway Department officials say it could cost Wyoming $12.3 million in federal funding in fiscal 1990 if the Legislature lowers the age limit.

Seven die on way to family party

KNOX, Ind. (AP) — A family was opening Christmas presents when a somber police officer showed up at the door with shocking news: six relatives and a fiancee had been killed in a traffic accident while on their way to the home.

Six members of the Davis family and the fiancee of one of them were killed Saturday when their westbound car veered into the path of an eastbound dump truck two miles southwest of this northern Indiana town, authorities said.

Driver Floyd Davis, 25, of Knox, had tried to avoid a car that had slowed down to make a turn, police said.

The victims were pronounced dead at the scene, which was littered with Christmas presents. The driver of the truck was not seriously hurt.

Weather was not believed to be a factor in the crash, authorities said.

The family was on their way to celebrate Christmas Eve at a relative's home near North Judson, said Starke County Coroner Douglas E. O'Donnell.

Amtrak train derails in storm

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Crews early today worked to rescue more than 300 holiday passengers stranded after their 17-car Amtrak train derailed in a rugged canyon during a snowstorm, authorities said.

No injuries were reported among the 294 passengers and approximately 15 crew members Christmas night when the California Zephyr went off the tracks in Glenwood Canyon, about 10 miles east of here, authorities said.

"The passengers are comfortable," said a Garfield County sheriff's deputy who refused to give his name.

A work train pulling seven cabooses headed to the scene about 150 miles west of Denver to transport the passengers and crew to Glenwood Springs, where they were to be housed in hotels, said John Jacobsen, Amtrak's director of public affairs.

The 15 cars and two locomotives on the Amtrak train landed upright next to the tracks in the canyon, which rises above the Colorado River, Jacobsen said from his Washington, D.C., home early today. Passengers remained on the train, which briefly lost its heat and light, said Glenwood Springs Police Sgt. Terry Gallant.

Rescue and medical personnel were aboard to assist.

Jacobsen said the cause of the derailment of the Chicago-to-Los Angeles train was under investigation, but there were no reports of injuries.



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VATICAN CITY Pope John Paul II blesses the faithful from the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City, during his "Urbi et Orbi" (To the City and the World) Christmas Day.

Pope's Christmas wish: Cure for AIDS

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II made his most extensive comment yet about AIDS in his annual holiday message, saying his Christmas wish is that "science and love" will find a cure for the deadly disease.

The white-robed pontiff, speaking from the balcony over the main entrance to St. Peter's Basilica, appealed for help for AIDS sufferers and for help for survivors of the devastating earthquake in Soviet Armenia.

"Let forces be joined and efforts be increased to help those in need, with whom Christ himself wished to identify himself," said the leader of the world's 850 million Roman Catholics.

The pope, wearing a glittering gold miter and carrying a staff topped by a cross, said Sunday that the beauty of Christmas lies in the fact God sent his son as a poor person.

"The poor under every label, old and new, have a place in the mystery of Christmas: those suffering and dying of hunger, the rejected, the disinherited, refugees, the victims of hatred, of wars, of natural disasters," he said in Italian.

John Paul II devoted several minutes of his address to those suffering from illnesses, including aquired immune deficiency syndrome.

"I think of them all, and to all of them I say: do not lose hope," the Polish-born pope said. "These words are addressed above all to the victims of AIDS, called to face the challenge not only of the sickness but also the mistrust of a fearful society that instinctively turns away from them.

"I invite everyone to take up the tragic burden of these brethren of ours, and, as I assure them of my deep affection, I exhort scientists and researchers to increase their efforts to find an effective treatment for this mysterious illness," he said.

"May the concerted efforts of science and love soon find the hoped-for remedy: this is the hope that I lay at the crib of the newborn savior."

About 70,000 people who packed St. Peter's Square under sunny skies listened quietly to the traditional message. Different groups burst into applause when the pope, in his conclusion, offered Christmas greetings in 44 languages.

The address was broadcast directly to 15 countries, including the Soviet Union for the first time.

World

U.S. aid arrives in Nicaragua

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A Baptist minister from New Jersey who came under Contra rebel fire this year has defied U.S. government policy and brought about 70 tons of food, medicine and supplies to the Nicaraguan people for Christmas.

The Rev. Lucius Walker arrived in Nicaragua on Christmas Eve with a caravan of 18 vehicles carrying the goods for the victims of the seven-year civil war.

"This feels like a great sense of triumph, because the terrorism (here) is supported by the government of the United States and we are representatives of the goodwill of the people of the United States," the Baptist minister said.

Walker, of Demarest, N.J., is the executive director of the New York-based Interreligious Foundation For Community Organization, which sponsored the relief effort, called Pastors For Peace.

The Reagan administration in 1985 ordered an economic boycott of leftist Nicaragua, but the ban excludes humanitarian aid.

Two Palestinians die, 16 wounded

JERUSALEM (AP) — Christian pilgrims celebrated a subdued Christmas in Bethlehem under heavy guard, and one Palestinian was killed and 16 were reported wounded in clashes with troops elsewhere in the occupied lands.

In the hilltop town where Jesus was born, most shops were closed in solidarity with the yearlong Palestinian uprising and only a few colored lights hung from the municipality's Christmas tree.

As pilgrims chanted mass in the Church of the Nativity off Manger Square, about 50 soldiers chased a group of stone-throwing youths outside. The protesters shouted "with blood and soul we will redeem the martyrs," Arab news reports said.

Also Sunday, a Palestinian died of a head wound sustained Dec. 16 during a clash with Israeli soldiers in the West Bank city of Nablus, according to Israel radio and an official at Muqassed Hospital in Arab east Jerusalem.

The new Palestinian fatalities raised to 336 the number of Arabs killed in the uprising. Fourteen Israelis have also died.

Inmates in custody before death

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Five inmates arrested in the assault that quelled a prison riot have been listed among 23 people killed in the uprising, but state officials said they do not know how the prisoners died.

The five inmates were videotaped while in custody by an NBC television crew and were only later reported as fatalities, raising the possibility they were killed in custody.

The five had been reported killed in the shootout that ended the two-day revolt, but a hostage told The Associated Press that they had surrendered.

Prison officials said the death toll during the uprising was 23, including the warden and a police commander. Nineteen deaths were described as occurring Friday night during what the officials said were two assaults by police.

The NBC videotape reviewed by the AP shows at least 13 prisoners outside the prison being questioned by police. Five can be heard giving their names; those names are on a list of dead later given to the AP by officials.

The uprising at the prison in the Nayarit state capital of Tepic, 500 miles northwest of Mexico City, began Thursday with a mutiny by prisoners angry that they had been denied Christmas pardons. The prison warden was killed then, officials said.

Robin is rare bird in Scotland

LONDON (AP) — A North American robin believed to have flown across the Atlantic Ocean and Scotland was drawing hundreds of birdwatchers to the Scottish east coast on Monday.

The rare visitor, which is not known to breed in Europe, was spotted hopping around in seafront gardens at Inverbervie, 36 miles northeast of Dundee, and was reported on Christmas Day on "Birdline," a telephone information service about birds.

British birdwatchers, known as twitchers, are celebrated for dashing anywhere in the country to see, record and photograph rare birds.

The little olive-brown robin with a red breast, familiar in Britain and the rest of Europe, is a favorite image on Christmas cards.

The North American robin is almost twice the size of its European cousin and has gray-brown upperparts and a brick-red breast and upper belly.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds said the visitor may have been blown across the Atlantic by a fierce westerly gale in recent days.

Bush's son gives toys to victims

YEREVAN, U.S.S.R. (AP) — Calling it "the greatest Christmas gift that I could give," President-elect Bush's son John passed out candy and toys to children injured in Armenia's devastating earthquake.

John E. Bush and his 12-year-old son George flew into the Armenian capital of Yerevan aboard a DC-8 cargo plane carrying relief supplies, toured the disaster zone in a bus and stopped in the village of Spitak, which was flattened by the Dec. 7 quake.

They returned to Yerevan later Sunday and visited rooms on three floors of Children's Hospital No. 3, where more than 600 youngsters hurt in the quake have been treated.

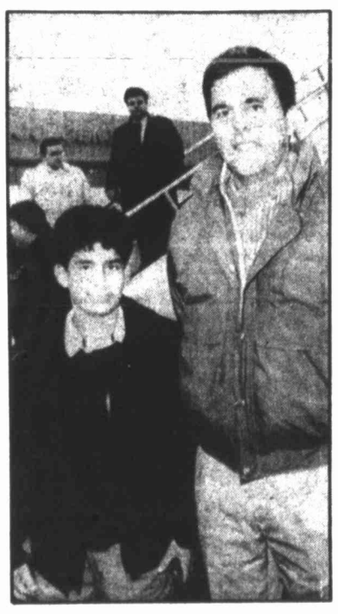
Bush and his son handed out candy bars, teddy bears, games of tick-tack-toe and other donated toys flown in by the Americares charity.

"This is probably the greatest Christmas gift that I could give myself or my son," said the lanky 35-year-old Miami real estate developer, who is nicknamed Jeb.

Armenians themselves were not celebrating Christmas. An ancient people who embraced Christianty as a state religion more than 1,600 years ago, Armenians have canceled Christmas festivities on Jan. 6, the date they and the other Eastern rites usually celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Bush's eyes welled with tears as white-coated Armenian doctors and nurses, speaking through interpreters, told him of the ordeals and injuries of the children, many of whom gazed blankly and silently at the visitors from their hospital beds.

Paulik Khaladvhan, 12, was crushed as his Spitak home collapsed and lay unconscious for seven days under the ruins. Mona Kasparyan, 3½, was pinned motionless under a broken concrete panel for four days.



JOHN (JEB) BUSH and son, GEORGE

Kayani Petrosyan, 5, was buried alive with her mother for nine days and survived only because the woman cut her fingers and fed her blood.

"Happy Christmas to you. You're a brave little girl," Bush told Kayani, who was cradled in her grandmothers' arms.

Oganis Tomasyan bent over to kiss the 12-year-old Bush when the boy gave candy and toys to Tomasyan's granddaughter, Mona. The girl's mother died Saturday in a Moscow hospital after her legs were amputated.

"I saw children who suffered and I looked at the horrible scenes of the buildings," George said of his trip to the disaster area.

He said his Christmas visit to Armenia is "better than just sitting at home and opening presents."

Alarmed that the Bushes might pass them by, injured children in fifth-floor wards and their parents descended stairs and pathetically pleaded with hospital staff and Soviet officials to have the president-elect's son visit them, too.

"They won't let him come because our floor hasn't been repaired for his visit," said a sobbing Artyun Grigoryan, 12, as he stood on crutches in the stairwell, an ugly gash visible on his head. "Tell him, please tell him that on the fifth floor there are suffering children, too."

The hospital's chief doctor, Ophelia Nazaryan, said Bush was not invited to other wards because of the risk of infection. Marguerite Squire, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman from Moscow accompanying Bush, said Bush had brought enough toys for all 350 children now at the hospital and that they would be distributed.

Bush said there was nothing political about his one-day visit.

"This is no question of politics or ideology," he said. "It's a question of people helping people." An estimated 55,000 people were killed in the quake and a half million rendered homeless.

Bush and his son were to fly home via New York later Sunday, but their plane was grounded by heavy snow in Yerevan, according to Susan Hanson, a spokeswoman for Americares, a private relief organization based in New Canaan, Conn.

In the disaster area, workers continued to clear rubble and evacuate residents. The labor newspaper Trud said Sunday that 99,000 people had been taken out of the area — more than 60,000 of them to places outside the Armenian republic.

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WASHINGTON — President-elect Bush introduces former Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole at a news briefing Saturday. Bush announced that Dole will be his choice for labor secretary.

Secretary of Labor named Christmas Eve

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Saturday President-elect Bush appointed former Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole to be his secretary of labor. She is the first woman named to the incoming Cabinet with just one post — energy secretary — yet to be filled.

Bush revealed his choice at a news conference with Mrs. Dole by his side. He stressed that as a woman she would be in touch with the dramatic changes in the work force, and he said she brought to the job "experience, stature and ability."

Mrs. Dole, 52, is the wife of Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, a bitter and unsuccessful Bush opponent during the presidential primaries. She left her post as transportation secretary to work on her husband's campaign.

"It looks like TV dinners for me again, but I'll still probably vote for her confirmation," said the other half of Washington's premier power couple.

Bush said he would have no more appointments to announce before next Friday, following his return from a post-Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Dole, a Harvard-educated native of North Carolina, is a veteran of public service, appointed as White House public liaison under President Reagan before moving over to transportation. She previously served on the Federal Trade Commission.

Mrs. Dole said although unemployment was at a 14-year low, there still were people out of work and she hoped to help them "build better lives for themselves and their children."

Mrs. Dole said her experience as a White House liaison had given her contacts in the labor community, and "the main thing is there has to be communication." She said she would try to meet regularly with union leaders.

The current labor secretary is Ann Dore McLaughlin.

Bush said Mrs. Dole will be involved in retraining workers and assuring "a safe and healthy work place." On minimum wage, Bush said he would consult with advisers before deciding whether to press for an increase.

Mrs. Dole has long been rumored for a spot in the Bush administration and was on Bush's short list of vice presidential running mates. She is a popular Republican speaker and fund-raiser and provides an important link for Bush to the acerbic Senate Republican leader with whom Bush has had a long and not always comfortable relationship.

Bush said the fact that Mrs. Dole is married to the minority leader played no role in his decision. "This appointment stands on its merits," he said. He joked that he would love to see some side benefits of the appointment, adding, "Bob and I are on good footing."

Prior to today, the top-ranking woman appointed by Bush was Carla Hills as the U.S. trade representative. Bush said Mrs. Hills would hold Cabinet rank.

Sen. Dole issued a statement that said, "The president-elect knows all about her extraordinary dedication, having worked with her in the Reagan Cabinet, and he knows she'll give 110 percent to make a difference for America."

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, chairman of the Labor and Human Resources Committee that must vote to confirm Mrs. Dole, said, "President-elect Bush saved one of his best appointments until near the end. Elizabeth Dole is an excellent choice for the Labor Department. She is a woman of great ability with many friends in both parties on Capitol Hill. Ilook forward to working closely with her to meet the broad range of challenges facing American workers and to guarantee the vigorous enforcement of the nation's labor laws."

The appointment, announced at the vice president's mansion at the U.S. Naval Observatory grounds, left just one Cabinet position open, that of energy secretary. The job of heading the nation's anti-drug effort is also unfilled.

William Raab, head of the U.S. Customs Service, was known to be interested in the drug czar job.

Recent speculation for the energy job centered on Peter Johnson, a former administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration; former U.S. Rep. Henson Moore of Louisiana and Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson, head of the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization at the Pentagon.

Mrs. Dole was rarely mentioned for the labor job, but observers had speculated the job would go to a woman. On the rumor mill to the end were Constance Horner, head of the Office of Personnel Management, and Patricia Diaz Dennis, a member of the Federal Communications Commission.

'Planet of the Year' is departure from custom

NEW YORK (AP) — The Earth influenced world events in 1988 more than any man or woman, Time magazine said it naming it story of the year.

"This year the Earth spoke, like God warning Noah of the deluge," the weekly newsmagazine said in departing from its annual Man of the Year designation.

"No single individual, no event, no movement captured imaginations or dominated headlines more than the clump of rock and soil and water and air that is our common home," it said, citing natural and human-caused disasters like earthquakes, drought, overpopulation, pollution of the world's beaches.

Since 1927, Time annually has selected the person, group or object that in its editors' views most significantly influenced world events that year. It selected an inanimate object once before — the computer, in 1982.

In the cover article of its Jan. 2 issue, released Saturday, Time warned of a series of impending environmental catastrophes.

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Crash victims still unidentified

LOCKERBIE, Scotland (AP) — The search for victims of the Pan Am Flight 103 disaster and clues as to its cause has spread over a broad area, and police today probed reports that looters also were scouring the hilly, wooded region.

The violence of the disaster in southwest Scotland was such that five days after Britain's worst-ever aviation wreck, it has not yet been possible to identify even one of the 239 bodies recovered.

Searchers still have to find an estimated 30 more bodies.

"We still have areas which are almost impregnable," deputy Chief Constable Paul Newall said Sunday. "Some of the forestation is very, very hard to get into — very difficult to see into from the air, even from the best helicopters."

And, he added, "lots of our people are getting fairly tired." Some of the sniffer dogs which help search for bodies were so weary they were given Christmas Day off, he said.

Police said today that they had arrested a local 28-year-old man on suspicion of looting. The announcement followed reports in *The Sun*, Britain's largest-circulation newspaper, that looters were scouring wreckage from the plane under cover of night in search of rings, jewlery and cash.

Police said the suspect might be taken before the sheriff's court in Dumfries when it reopens on Wednesday.

Police spokesman Angus Kennedy said steady rain today might hamper a helicopter survey of the search corridor, which now extends about 15 miles east of Lockerbie, where most of the Boeing 747 rained to the ground in large pieces.

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No more bodies were found on Sunday. Pan Am said 258 were aboard the night flight to New York, and 11 townspeople are listed as missing.

A bomb or structural failure are considered the most likely causes of the disaster.

A police statement Sunday said Mick Charles, who heads the British Department of Transport team probing the crash, "is now engaged in intensive investigations of the examination of fragments over a large area . . . and further comment at this stage would be premature."

But one expert on air disasters was quoted today as saying he thought structural failure to the rear of the cockpit was the cause.

William Tench, Britain's former chief inspector of air accidents and now a consultant on aircraft accidents to the Defense Ministry and the European Economic Community, told *The Times* of London there was no evidence so far of a bomb.

Tench said the jet's left wing, which has not been found, could have fallen into the sea — ripped off as the nose tore away. The wind could then have blown the wing into the sea, which is just 10 miles south of Lockerbie.

"If the wing had broken off at the root, the disruption of the electrical system would have been substantial, possibly precluding the sending of a mayday (distress) call," Tench was quoted as saying.

"If the wing is missing, this raises the question of whether there was a structural failure resulting from over-stressing in extreme weather conditions, which were in the area at the time," *The Times* quoted Tench as saying.

The search area was initially concentrated between the west side of Lockerbie, where the exploding wreckage destroyed four houses and damaged 20 more, and Tundergart Mains, three miles to the east, where the cockpit fell near a country church.

Newall said Sunday that the search now goes as far as 15 miles east of Lockerbie.

Kennedy said bodies would be released for burial as they are identified.

PLO insists on Israeli corridor

HAMBURG, West Germany (AP) — The PLO will insist that an independent Palestine have a corridor through Israel to connect the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, PLO chief Yasser Arafat is quoted by a West Germany magazine as saying.

In an interview in this week's Der Spiegel magazine, Arafat also was quoted as saying the Palestine Liberation Organization will continue to demand that Jerusalem be capital of that independent state.

He was asked if, in the negotiations he hopes for with Israel, he would insist on sticking to U.N. Resolution 181, which deliniates borders for Israel and a Palestinian state. Under those borders, some areas that the Israelis have held for 40 years would be part of a Palestinian state.

However, Arafat was quoted as saying: "Let's get the talks started first, then each can put their conditions on the table."

"But in all cases we will insist on establishing a corridor between West (Bank of the River) Jordan and the Gaza Strip. It is not acceptable for us to establish a state split into two parts."

The Palestine National Council declared an independent state Nov. 15 at a meeting in Algiers.

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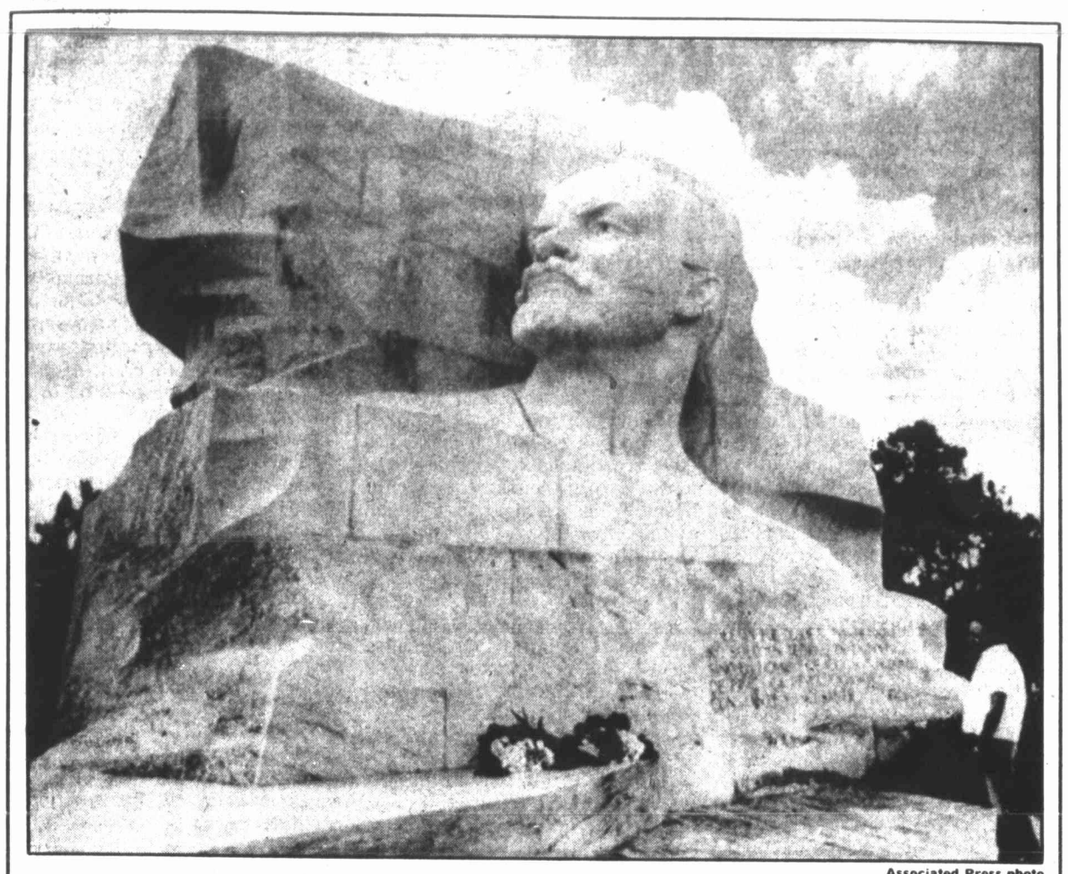
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HAVANA, Cuba — A monument to Soviet communist Vladimir Lenin, engraved with words from Fidel Castro, stands tall in a Havana park. The communist revolution in Cuba is approaching its 30th anniversary.

After three decades, Castro stills pursues socialist purity

By GEORGE GEDDA
Associated Press Writer

HAVANA, Cuba (AP) — As his revolution approaches its 30th birthday, President Fidel Castro has become something of an ideological renegade in the communist world, waging a lonely struggle in defense of socialist purity while others experiment with capitalist reforms.

His recent speeches underscore his resistance to change. He has adhered to a strict constructionist viewpoint with only minor variations since that New Year's day three decades ago when he toppled a discredited dictator and proceeded to turn Cuba upside down.

While the Soviet Union and other communist countries try to overcome economic stagnation by borrowing some capitalist practices, Castro remains a no-apologies defender of centralized planning and state domination of the economy.

Some analysts even foresee the possibility of the first serious Soviet-Cuban rift since the two countries became devoted allies in 1968.

The Soviets are clearly displeased with what they regard as Cuban misuse of economic aid, which has averaged about $5 billion annually in recent years.

In a recent article, the Soviet newspaper Pravda blamed Cuba for "serious imperfections" at Soviet-backed industrial projects in Cuba.

Castro, meanwhile, makes no attempt to conceal his disdain for Soviet reforms. Cuba, he has said, "must watch over the ideological purity of the revolution. . .That is why we cannot use any methods that reek of capitalism."

He acknowledged recently that his country's future is somewhat more uncertain as a result of the Kremlin's philosophical shift.

"We can expect difficulties that may come from the enemy camp (the United States) and difficulties that may come from the camp of our own friends," he said.

In 1986, at about the time Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev began moving toward capitalist-style reforms, Castro shut down a six-year experiment involving the sale by farmers of their produce at market rates. He was afraid that a spreading capitalist mentality and a high-income elite might take hold.

Most experts say Cuba is too valuable an ally for Moscow to cut adrift simply because of differing economic policies. Cuba provides important political support for Moscow and is widely admired throughout much of Africa and Latin America.

Cuba also serves as an indispensable base for Soviet monitoring of U.S. military and space activities. At one facility alone, 2,100 Soviet technicians engage in intercepts of U.S. communications, according to American officials.

Despite the apparent durability of Soviet-Cuban relations, Castro's unorthodox views have left him somewhat out of the Marxist mainstream.

While other countries look on material incentives for workers as a fact of life that must be accepted as the price for increased production, Castro believes — perhaps more firmly than before — that people should work not for personal gain but out of a sense of patriotic duty.

To the extent that Cuba is undergoing difficult economic times, Castro says the fault lies not with the system but with human frailty, the lack of revolutionary zeal. Whatever the reason, the Cuban economy has been stagnant for more than two years.

Castro, of course, never has been one to follow the crowd. He has spent a lifetime overcoming long odds.

In a recent speech, he recalled the time in December 1956 when, at the start of his guerrilla struggle, serious setbacks reduced his forces to no more than a few devoted followers. Defeat seemed imminent.

"Now we are millions," he said, using the analogy to underscore his view that seemingly insurmountable obstacles can be overcome through patience and political will.

But as Castro himself has admitted, no challenge for him has been more difficult than bringing about economic wellbeing for his countrymen.

Food and clothing are strictly rationed and there is an acute shortage of adequate housing. For transportation, Cubans must rely on buses that too often are overcrowded or make their rounds too infrequently. Cubans also complain about bureaucratic lethargy and poor service generally, in restaurants and elsewhere.

The quality of life for the average Cuban, compared with developed countries, is dreary although there appear to be few destitute Cubans. Many workers finds their jobs unfulfilling. Youths complain about a lack of recreational opportunities.

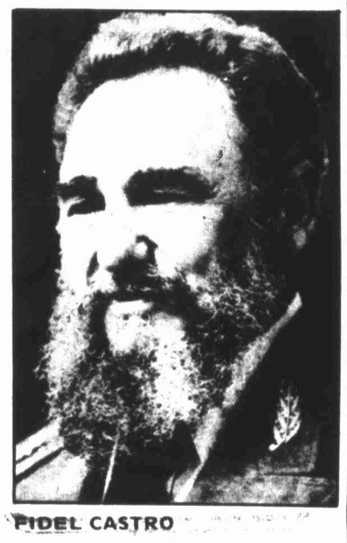
There is no overt persecution of Cubans who practice their religion but such people have little hope of rising to positions of authority. Christmas was officially abolished years ago because the celebration interfered with the sugar harvest but there are signs of a more flexible government attitude nowadays toward that occasion.

Some families say they are discreetly doing this year what was unthinkable in previous years: putting up a Christmas tree.

While there is more tolerance for outspokenness than before, Cubans who make known their disdain for the system do so at their own risk. Worker absenteeism has been a problem for all 30 Castro years, a phenomenon that is not surprising in a country that claims to guarantee a job for everybody.

Theft at state enterprises has been a major headache for the regime. On a secret tape that was smuggled out of Cuba, Defense Minister Raul Castro said "1 million police" couldn't solve the problem without stricter accounting controls.

In many professions, requirements of the state leave little room for creativity. A Cuban judge knows the judiciary is subservient to the state. A journalist is aware that he must report within the narrow boundaries imposed by party dogma.



FIDEL CASTRO

Cuba also is viewed by the Reagan administration as a threat to U.S. interests because of its generous support for Nicaragua's leftist government and aid to guerrilla groups elsewhere.

A related issue is the militarization of Cuban society. Cuba spends a higher percentage of its national budget on the military than all but a few countries worldwide.

Among nations that have embraced communism, Cuba appears to be one of the more successful. Several of the more recent converts to Marxism are wracked by civil war and poverty. In Cuba, there is less absolute poverty than in any country in Latin America, where unemployment and underemployment rates run as high as 50 percent.

For millions of Cubans, Castro remains an inspirational figure. His oratorical skills are undiminished. He impresses visitors with the breadth of his interests, ranging from medicine to nuclear power.

He can claim partial credit for the agreement under which South Africa will grant Namibia, Africa's last colony, independence and black majority rule. That was Castro's price for agreeing to withdraw Cuba's forces from Angola.

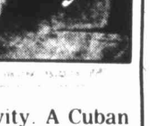
Above all, he sees himself as the broker for the dispossessed. He constantly expresses outrage about the injustice of a world in which some countries enjoy boundless abundance while others starve.

Castro is proud that the infant mortality rate in Cuba is comparable to that in some of the most developed countries. One reason Cuba has had difficulty developing economically is that so much of the country's resources go toward meeting basic human needs — housing, schools and hospitals.

While more than a million Cubans have fled the island since 1959, the revolution has rescued countless others, mostly peasants and workers, from the social and economic oblivion they endured under the previous system.

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Recycled plastic may turn to gold

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Used plastic containers, long regarded as the unwanted and eternal dregs of a throwaway society, are being profitably resurrected as carpets, corrugated pipe, blankets and park benches.

An estimated 15 billion to 20 billion pounds of plastics land in the country's waste stream each year. Less than 1 percent is recycled.

Manufacturers have routinely recycled plastic scraps, but only recently have companies and communities — faced with littered landscapes and bulging landfills — taken seriously the recycling of used plastic containers.

There's new hope for many formerly unsalvageable containers such as detergent and ketchup bottles, made of various plastics. New processes blend formerly incompatible plastics into everything from fence posts to automobile barriers. Like wood, the blended plastic can be nailed, screwed, cut and planed.

"We're doing research now to see if we can make these commingled plastics load-bearing," says Darrell Morrow, director of the Center for Plastics Recycling Research at Rutgers University. "Being impervious to weather and insects, the material would make wonderful railroad ties. Who knows, houses of the future might even be made of plastic."

The two plastics favored by recyclers, polyethylene terephthalate (PET) and high-density polyethylene (HDPE), come from bottles and other containers. Most soft-drink bottles are made primarily from PET; milk and juice jugs, from HDPE.

The largest U.S. PET recycler, Wellman Inc. of Clark, N.J., needed about 800 million bottles to produce 100 million pounds of recycled plastic last year. Much of it went into industrial resins used as fibers in carpets, blankets, furniture, wearing apparel and a thick fabric that helps stabilize railroad beds.

Absence of an assured source of used plastics has been a major drawback for recyclers. Only nine U.S. states and three Canadian provinces now have deposit laws that encourage the return of empties for recycling. Only five states, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Florida and Rhode Island, have statewide compulsory curbside collection of recyclables such as glass, aluminum, paper and plastics. Other states are expected to follow as they run out of landfill space.

But most municipalities, concerned with lowering the weight of trash in their landfills, haven't mandated plastics in their curbside collections.

This is an oversight, says Luke B. Schmidt, president of the National Association for Plastic Container Recovery. "Plastics may account for only 4 to 7 percent of the total waste stream, but because of the size of containers, they account for more than 15 percent of the volume of trash at landfills."

Plastics are made almost entirely from petroleum and natural gas. Potential overseas buyers of recycled plastics are large petroleum importers.



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Washington leads troops

WASHINGTON CROSSING, Pa. — Jim Gallagher as George Washington, center, holds on to his hat as a gust of wind blows across the Washington Crossing Bridge where he is leading his troops to land. This was the 36th annual reenactment of the historic 1776 Christmas night crossing of the Delaware River.

'Just say thanks' says grandma

DEAR ABBY: I am a mother who did not teach her children to write thank-you notes. Why? Because my mother didn't teach me to write thank-you notes. I asked her why, and she said because most people didn't have money for stationery and postage during the Depression. A verbal thank-you was considered sufficient.

Where do the snobbish etiquette people get the idea that a written thank-you is better than a spoken one?

I disagree strongly with the grandmother who refused to give her grandchildren any more presents because they didn't write thank-you notes. If she wants to know if they received her present, she should phone them up and ask them. Then, if they didn't say thank you, she would have a legitimate complaint.

Jesus was not thanked by nine of the 10 lepers he healed. Did he stop healing lepers? No!

I give presents because I love people. I neither expect nor desire thanks. A written thank-you is a waste of time and money. — **MIDWESTERN GRANDMOTHER**

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: The number of readers who agree with you surprised and dismayed me! As for the story about Jesus and the lepers, according to "Good-News for Modern Man" (the New Testament in today's English) published by the American Bible Society: When Jesus healed 10 lepers and only one thanked him, he said, "There were 10 men made clean — where are the (other) nine?" So obviously Jesus kept track of those who thanked him and those who did not. Should a Midwestern grandmother do less?

Dear Abby



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DEAR ABBY: Concerning the use of live animals for medical research, I would like to offer the following information:

Today's advanced technologies have brought viable alternatives to using animals for research. Science has shown that much animal experimentation is not only duplicative and unproductive (two-thirds of biomedical experimentation is unpublished and therefore useless), but is also old-fashioned and should be phased out because up-to-date, sophisticated methods of biomedical research are available for use right now.

Computer, mathematical and mechanical models can be used to simulate many physiological systems. In-vitro research utilizes cell tissue and organ cultures, bacteria and other micro-organisms. Chemical and physical systems such as enzymes, artificial membranes and robots serve as alternatives. Even plants make useful and inexpensive research tools.

These are the procedures that will give the most benefits to both people and animals because they are more accurate and reliable than animal experimentation, and eliminate needless cruelty. They also can save the taxpayers a bundle. — **CARES FOR BOTH ANIMALS AND PEOPLE**

DEAR CARES: Well said. Thank you.

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DEAR ABBY: I want to give you and your readers the benefit of my own experience, which is worth a lot. My first husband, "Larry," appreciated unusual gifts, so for our first anniversary I had his name tattooed on my left breast, above my heart. Larry loved it. After 14 years of marriage, he died in an automobile accident.

Two years later I married "Mark," who never really liked seeing "Larry" over my heart, so I found a tattoo parlor and had "Larry" covered with a fancy floral design. It took a lot of doing, but it was well worth it.

Please, Abby, tell your readers never to have anybody's name tattooed on their bodies where it will show. One never knows what tomorrow will bring. — **MARK'S WIFE**

DEAR WIFE: Thanks for the wise counsel. It will be appreciated by tattoo fanciers who are not eager to hold still for additional needling.

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Washington St. wins Aloha Bowl thriller

HONOLULU (AP) — Washington State's defense picked the perfect time to play its best game of the season.

No. 18 Washington State, ranked third in the nation in total offense, stalled in the second half, but the defense held off a rally by No. 14 Houston for a 24-22 victory in Sunday's Aloha Bowl.

"That's the best they've been," Coach Dennis Erickson said of WSU's defense, which was ranked last in the Pacific-10 against the pass. "It wasn't our best day of the season offensively, but it was our best day defensively."

Timm Rosenbach, the nation's most efficient passer, threw for 306 yards and one touchdown and ran for another score, but the biggest play belonged to middle linebacker Tuineau Alipate.

Alipate hit wide receiver James Dixon and caused a fumble that stopped a long Houston drive at the Washington State 5 line with less than three minutes left.

"That's the best Christmas present I ever got," Alipate said. "I was trying to bury him (Dixon). I got my helmet on his number and the ball came loose."

Houston drove 75 yards game before Alipate hit Dixon. The fumble was recovered by safety Artie Holmes with just 2:44 left.

"I must have crawled 10 yards," said Holmes.

"It wasn't a big hit, just the way I had the ball tucked," said Dixon, who had caught a 26-yard pass from Dacus before the fumble. "I saw the first tackler and shook him off, but I didn't see the other guy coming from the blind side."

Washington State limited quarterback Andre Ware to eight completions in 28 attempts for 44 yards and intercepted him twice in the first half. Ware was replaced in the third quarter by David Dacus, who threw two touchdown passes to rally Houston from a 24-9 halftime deficit.

Houston's passing offense was rated second in the nation, averaging 377 yards a game.

Dacus completed eight of 11 passes for 153 yards and stayed in the game despite a possible broken jaw sustained on a hit by Mark Ledbetter with 4:40 left in the game.

Washington State scored all of its points in the second quarter.

The win was Washington State's first bowl victory since 1916. It was only WSU's fourth bowl appearance in the school's 93-year football history.

Washington State running back Steve Broussard rushed for 139 yards and wide receiver Victor Wood, named WSU's most valuable player, caught a touchdown pass and ran in a fumble for another score.

Dacus, named Houston's most valuable player, brought his team back with a 53-yard scoring pass to Kevin Mason with 4:25 left in the third quarter and a 2-yard shovel pass for a score to Chuck Weatherspoon with 13:16 remaining in the game. Houston failed on a two-point conversion pass following Mason's touchdown.

A fight broke out after the game among several players and both benches cleared. The altercation drew boos from those remaining from the announced crowd of 35,132.

With Washington State trailing 3-0 in the second quarter, Broussard was hit at the 5-yard line. The ball was knocked loose and picked up by Wood, who dashed in with 13:39 left as Washington State took the lead for good.

Five minutes later, Rosenbach hit Wood on a 15-yard touchdown pass, and WSU led 14-3.



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HOUOLULU — Washington State's Shawn Landrum (18) brings down Houston's Chuck Weatherspoon (28) in the second half of Sunday's Aloha Bowl game. Washington State defeated Houston 24-22.



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MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Blue squad running back Aaron Jenkins (22) of Washington avoids the South's Mitchell Benson of Texas Christian University (77) during action Sunday afternoon. Jenkins was named the MVP in the Blue's 22-21 win over the South.

Bowl Roundup

Sun Bowl

EL PASO (AP) — Army football coach Jim Young doesn't want to talk about next year until next year.

Asked after Saturday's 29-28 Sun Bowl loss to Alabama whether he thinks he'll have a Top 10 team next season, Young shrugged and refused to make a prediction.

But it's a valid question, because the Cadets almost upset 18th-ranked Alabama by running right through the Crimson Tide defense. And all of Army's potent backfield brigade will be back.

Ben Barnett, the only junior in Army's starting wishbone backfield, rushed for 177 yards in 14 attempts. Quarterback Bryan McWilliams and running backs Mike Mayweather and Calvin Cass — all sophomores — ran for 75, 80 and 34 yards, respectively.

But their efforts were overshadowed by those of Alabama's David Smith, who completed 33 of 52 passes for 412 yards, two touchdowns and one interception.

Alabama's defense tightened up midway through the fourth quarter and snuffed out three Army scoring drives. Alabama's Derrick Thomas kept the game close in the first half by blocking two field goal attempts.

Army's promising start — a quick touchdown on its first possession, good defense against Alabama's run and a 14-13 halftime lead — startled the Crimson Tide and set up the Cadets for disappointment.

"We didn't expect to have to pass this much, but we had to when they stopped the run," Smith said. "I didn't mind. I had a great time throwing all those passes."

One pass Smith didn't have a great time throwing was an interception late in the third quarter that O'Neal Miller returned 57 yards for a touchdown. The score put Army ahead, 28-20.

"I was thinking it would be a letdown for them and get us up a little," Miller said.

But Alabama responded halfway through the fourth quarter with a 32-yard field goal by Philip Doyle. David Casteal added a 2-yard touchdown run with 4:01 remaining; a two-point conversion attempt failed.

Meantime, Army failed to convert on three consecutive third downs. McWilliams threw his third interception of the year on a third-and-16, and Alabama ran out the clock on the ensuing possession.

"We just came apart on a few third downs," Barnett said. "We had momentum in the first half, but we came out in the second half and lost our momentum."

Alabama coach Bill Curry said Army did what the Crimson Tide expected, "but it was the first time we had faced the wishbone in several years so it took us a whole first half to get used to it. We didn't make any adjustments at halftime ... we just started tackling."

The Cadets were 14-point underdogs going into the game, but Young said he doesn't believe in moral victories.

Independence Bowl

SHREVEPORT, La. (AP) — The fate of the Independence Bowl is now in the hands of the bowl committee following the second worst turnout in its history.

Former bowl committee chairman Mike McCarthy said committee members will meet in January and decide whether to hold the game again next year.

"We're going to talk about it in January, but we're not going to go into it with the idea of failing," McCarthy said Friday night. "We're going to go into it with the idea of succeeding and if the numbers aren't there we'll shut it down."

Organizers said 20,242 tickets were sold for Friday's game in which Southern Mississippi defeated Texas-El Paso 38-18. James Henry scored on punt returns of 65 and 45 yards to lead Southern Mississippi. Shelton Gandy had two more touchdowns for the Golden Eagles, 10-2. Texas-El Paso fell to 10-3.

Poor ticket sales led to speculation last week that the bowl is on its last legs.

Mike Collier, who retired as chairman following the game, wrote a letter to the bowl committee last week in which he said the bowl was doomed unless several recommendations could be accomplished. Collier said the bowl must attract corporate sponsorship and increase television revenue and local support to continue.

Oilers get monkey off their back

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Houston Oilers had read it so often, they were beginning to believe it: They couldn't beat a good team on the road.

"That was the big monkey we had on our back," Warren Moon said. "We felt if we could get by this one, it would give us confidence and we could win on the road in the playoffs. And we came in here and did it."

With their 24-23 victory over the Cleveland Browns in the AFC wildcard game Saturday, the Oilers earned the right to play at Buffalo in a divisional playoff game next weekend.

Allen Pinkett scored two touchdowns just 15 seconds apart in the second quarter and Lorenzo White ran one yard for the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, helping the Oilers overcome 13 penalties.

Cleveland, which had defeated Houston 28-23 six days earlier to earn a playoff berth, lost quarterback Don Strock to a sprained wrist early in the second quarter. When Mike Pagel trotted on the field to replace Strock, it marked the fifth time the Browns changed quarterbacks in mid-game this year.

That will all be forgotten, Browns coach Marty Schottenheimer said, when people look back on the season.

"The name of this game is find a way to win," said Schottenheimer, whose team was eliminated from the playoffs for the fourth straight season. "When it's all said and done and everybody looks back on it, nobody cares if you had people hurt, and that's as it should be. It is still a team sport."

Houston had won on the road against a winning team only once since 1979. But the Oilers had another statistic working in their favor Saturday: They had not lost twice in a row since November 1987.

"I guess they can finally quit writing that we can't win on the road, we can't win in bad weather, can't win in Cleveland, can't do this, can't do that," Coach Jerry Glanville said. "All of that will come to an end now."

The turning point came early. Houston led 7-3 after Moon hit Pinkett with a 14-yard touchdown pass seven seconds into the second quarter. Strock, starting because Bernie Kosar had a sprained knee, then fumbled the snap on the Browns' next play from scrimmage, and Richard Byrd recovered for the Oilers.

One play later, Pinkett ran 16 yards around the left side for his second touchdown in 15 seconds.

Strock sprained his wrist on the fumble and was replaced by Pagel, back from a separated shoulder.

Pagel brought the Browns back, driving them to two more Matt Bahr field goals in the first half, then completing a 14-yard touchdown pass to Webster Slaughter late in the third quarter for a 16-14 lead.

Cowboys could be up for sale

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are considering a $130 million offer from Dallas Mavericks owner Donald Carter to buy the football team.

Carter put up a $10 million deposit and submitted a written letter expressing his interest in the team Friday.

H.R. "Bum" Bright, principal owner of the Cowboys, is seeking about $180 million. Carter and Bright had previously met to discuss a $130 million offer, but Bright rejected the bid. The two are expected to discuss the offer again on Thursday.

Doug Adkins, vice president and counsel for the Mavericks, said Carter made his offer in response "to people accusing him of not being a serious player."

"He's showing everyone that he's not only willing but also is capable of putting his money where his mouth is," Adkins told the Dallas Times-Herald. "I haven't seen the letter, but knowing Don as I do, this isn't something he'd leave hanging. I know he'd have a time fuse on it."

"It is an offer for 100 percent of the team and 100 percent of the stadium assets," said Bill Hendrix, vice president for finance of Carter's HI Service Enterprises Inc., the parent company of the Mavericks. "We offered $120 million for the team and stadium assets, $10 million in liabilities. We're not willing to assume any more debt."

Bright, who owns 40 percent of the team, is asking $100 million for the Cowboys, $60 million for the lease at Texas Stadium, $9.4 million for debt on Valley Ranch property, $4.4 million for deferred player compensation, and $1.1 million in contingency funds tied to Los Angeles Raiders owner Al Davis' lawsuit against the National Football League.

Jack Veatch with the Dallas office of Salomon Bros. said he expects to receive other letters of intent with higher offers than Carter's. But he said Carter is in the running.

"I think everyone's going to come in higher than that," Veatch said. "But that's not the issue. The issue is Don Carter wanted to let everyone know he's in earnest. He has all intentions of communicating with Bum until they can reach an agreement."

Ed A. Smith Jr., who already owns 27 percent of the team, is part of a group that has offered $147 million.

Jerry Jones, an Arkansas multimillionaire was in Dallas this week looking over the Cowboys' finances.

Sports Briefs

FSU cornerback arrested

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Florida State All-American cornerback Deion Sanders was arrested Saturday afternoon on charges of battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct after a shopping mall dispute over the purchase of earrings.

Sanders, a Fort Myers native, allegedly struck auxiliary police officer Tony Cail after he became embroiled in an altercation with a female store clerk at the Edison Mall.

Sanders was released from the Lee County jail late Saturday night after posting $2,600 bond.

Pitcher busted with drugs

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Cocaine possession and use charges will be filed later this week against pitcher Rod Scurry, Nevada prosecutors said.

Police said Scurry, 32, was arrested Thursday after allegedly buying two "rocks" of crack cocaine at a crack house here. He was released from Washoe County Jail after posting $6,000 bond.

The arrest came one day after Scurry became a free agent when the Seattle Mariners released him.

Scurry has been plagued with drug and alcohol problems during his career, which also has included stints with the Pittsburgh Pirates, New York Yankees and San Francisco Giants.

Two Porkers booted from team

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — A pair of senior players were suspended from the University of Arkansas' Cotton Bowl-bound football team because they failed drug tests, a television station reported Sunday night.

All-American defensive tackle Wayne Martin and All-Southwest Conference offensive guard Freddie Childress were suspended Friday by Razorback coach Ken Hatfield for breaking an unspecified team rule.

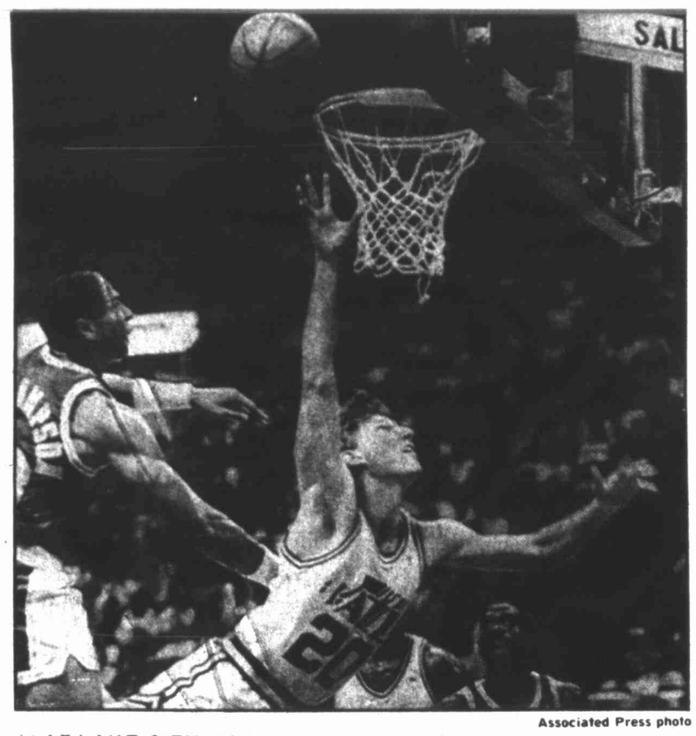
Little Rock television station KTHV attributed its report to reliable sources. The report did not specify what drugs were allegedly found.

UA trainer Dean Weber, who is in charge of the team's drug testing, declined comment about the report Sunday night.

"We do conduct drug tests on both a scheduled and a random basis, announced and unannounced, in addition to the NCAA and Southwest Conference testing programs," Weber said from Dallas, where he was preparing for the team's arrival on Monday.

Billy Rogers, the UA's assistant sports information director, said Hatfield would stand by a statement he issued Friday.

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Utah Jazz guard Bobby Hansen puts up a shot and is fouled by Los Angeles Lakers center Mychal Thompson (35) during Sunday afternoon's basketball action. The Jazz defeated the Lakers 101-87.

NBA Today

NBA Today
Tuesday, Dec. 27
By The Associated Press
SCOREBOARD

Cleveland at Chicago (8:30 p.m. EST). Cleveland has a five-game winning streak and the NBA's best record at 18-5. Chicago, 13-11, is fifth in the Central Division 5½ games behind the first place Cavaliers.

SHOOTING THREES

Philadelphia set a club record with eight 3-point goals in Sunday's 125-110 victory over Washington. Gerald Henderson made three of five, Scott Brooks was 2-for-2, Charles Barkley was 2-for-3 and Hersey Hawkins made one of two.

"My teammates figure if I can hit one, anyone can," Barkley said.

SIXTH MAN

Utah's Thurl Bailey is the NBA's leading scorer off the bench with a 21.2 average.

STARTING TO WORRY

The Los Angeles Lakers have lost five of their last six games. All five losses were on the road.

STARS
Sunday

Charles Barkley scored 25 points, all in the first half, and grabbed 12 rebounds in Philadelphia's 125-110 victory over Washington. Barkley made nine of 11 field goals, including two of 3 three-point goals. His 21 first-quarter points tied the franchise record set by Julius Erving in 1979 against Chicago.

Philadelphia's, Mike Gminski scored 24 points and had 10 rebounds. He was 10 of 15 from the field.

Carl Malone scored 31 points and had 12 rebounds in Utah's 101-87 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

SPEAKING

"Teams are definitely improving in the league, but that's just an excuse. We just have to start coming out ready to play." — Magic Johnson after the Lakers' 101-87 loss at Utah.

N. Carolina coach nixes Georgia job

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — North Carolina State football coach Dick Sheridan today turned down an offer to become coach at the University of Georgia, leaving the Bulldogs still searching for a replacement for Vince Dooley.

"This morning, Dick Sheridan has declined an offer to become head football coach at the University of Georgia," school president Charles Knapp said in a statement today. "Coach Sheridan cited his strong commitment to North Carolina State University, and to the players he has recruited in the three years he has been there, as the primary reason for his decision."

Knapp said he was "of course, disappointed" by Sheridan's decision, and has asked Georgia's search committee to "accelerate the ongoing process" to find a new football coach.

Sheridan is the second coach to take himself out of the running for the Georgia job. Georgia Southern coach Erk Russell, a former assistant to Dooley, bowed out earlier this week, saying he had been offered the job but could not make a long-term commitment at age 62.

Sheridan is in his third year as N.C. State's football coach.

N.C. State associate athletic director Frank Weedon said Sheridan and Wolfpack athletic director Jim Valvano met Friday in Valvano's office.

"I saw coach Sheridan when he came in and when he came out," Weedon said. "When I saw him, I said, 'There's the man in the news. I hope the news you have for us is good news.' He just said, 'Thank you. I appreciate that.'"

Weedon said Valvano took Sheridan into the "Room of Dreams," a theater of sorts that Valvano uses as a motivational tool in recruiting. In a film presentation, recruits are reminded of N.C. State's two national championships in basketball (1974 and 1983) and urged to dream of future titles.

"What they did in there, I don't know," Weedon said. "I guess they watched the film."

Following the Wolfpack's basketball game with Coppin State Thursday night, Valvano said he was pulling out all stops to keep Sheridan and to fight the perception that it is easier to win a national title in football at Georgia than at N.C. State.

"I've asked him to dream along with us," Valvano said. "I know about the Georgia program. But I'm not willing to take a back seat. I know that Clemson won a (national football) championship in the ACC, and that's what we want to do."

Valvano said all week that he does not want the N.C. State football job to be viewed as a stepping stone and that a big step in that direction would be made if Sheridan remains with the Wolfpack.

"We've talked about the problem being perception," Valvano said earlier this week of his talks with Sheridan. "The perception has been that you come to the ACC, build a (football) program and you're gone. But, if Dick stays, it will re-emphasize that is changing. If he goes, that perception would still be there."

Sheridan had said Thursday night that he was "on a fence" and "in between" deciding to stay or go. He said he was waiting for a "gut feeling" to help him decide.

Sheridan said if he decided to remain with the Wolfpack, he would make the announcement immediately. But first official word came from the Georgia president this morning.

Sheridan and his players will arrive in the state of Georgia on Monday — in Atlanta, to begin preparations for next Saturday's Peach Bowl game against Iowa.

Valvano had said he was "battling my brains out" to keep the man who has led N.C. State to the Peach Bowl twice in the last three years. Before Sheridan arrived, N.C. State was 3-8 for three straight years.

"Anybody who thinks we're sitting around waiting for a decision to happen is crazy," Valvano said. "What Dick Sheridan has brought to N.C. State is so much more than being a football coach. He's class and dignity."

No. 4 Iowa tumbles to unknown

HONOLULU (AP) — Christmas Day in Hawaii is turning out to be somewhat of a quagmire for fourth-ranked teams.

Four years ago Chaminade of the NAIA upset then-No. 4 Southern Methodist, 70-71, in the Chaminade Christmas Classic.

Cal-Riverside upended No. 4 Iowa, 110-92, on Sunday to claim the championship of this year's tournament, and the Div. II Highlanders weren't even supposed to play in the tourney. Riverside replaced New Mexico State, which decided to skip the trip for financial reasons.

"We were originally scheduled to play Hawaii Loa and Hawaii Pacific (both NAIA schools)," said Riverside coach John Masi. "So it (the invitiation to come to Hawaii) turned out to be a blessing in disguise." The Highlanders had to cancel the two games in order to play in the tournament.

"It's our biggest game," said Masi, who has coached Riverside for 10 years. "We've never played a ranked team before. With the stature of Iowa's program and Coach Tom Davis, sure it's our biggest win."

"When you have a game like this, everything seems to go your way, and that's exactly what happened," Masi said. "This was a picture perfect game. We don't play this well all the time."

"We just got hot at the right time. And that's what sports is all about," Masi said.

The Highlanders, 10-1, made 21 of 36 3-point attemps to set an NCAA record. Iowa dropped to 9-1.

"Iowa's big," Masi said. "They've got 6-8, 6-9 people. We can't go inside. That's common sense."

"The 3-pointers were definately the story, but they handled our pressure defense well," Davis said.

Rebounding also was part of Masi's game plan for the Highlanders, who grabbed 31 rebounds to the Hawkeyes' 38.

"We put that (rebounding) as our No. 1 emphasis going into the game," Masi said. "If we didn't rebound, we'd be dead. We had to pack it inside and just hope."

Davis said he wasn't suprised by Riverside's 3-point showing.

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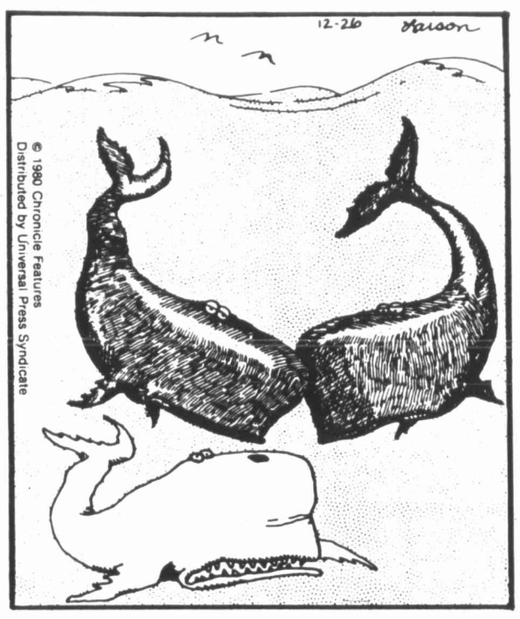
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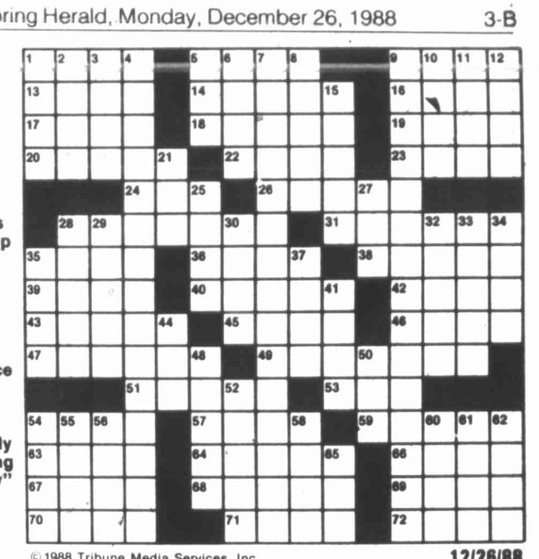
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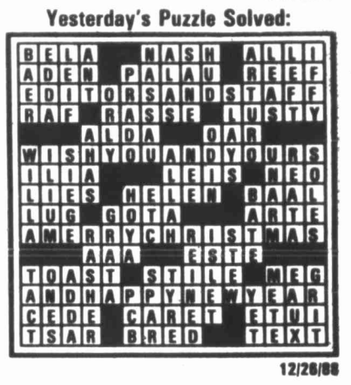


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SCOREBOARD

NFL Playoffs

All Times Eastern
Saturday, Dec. 24
AFC Wild Card
Houston 24, Cleveland 23
Monday, Dec. 26
NFC Wild Card
Los Angeles Rams at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.

If Minnesota wins NFC Wild Card
Saturday, Dec. 31
Philadelphia at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Seattle at Cincinnati, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 1
Houston at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m.
Minnesota at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

If Los Angeles wins NFC Wild Card
Saturday, Dec. 31
Houston at Buffalo, 12:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 1
Los Angeles Rams at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Seattle at Cincinnati, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8
AFC championship, TBA
NFC championship, TBA
Sunday, Jan. 22
At Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami
23rd Super Bowl, 5 p.m.

Bowl Games

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Saturday, Dec. 10
California Bowl
At Fresno, Calif.
Fresno St. 35, Western Michigan 30
Friday, Dec. 23
Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Southern Mississippi 38, Texas-El Paso 18
Saturday, Dec. 24
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Alabama 29, Army 28
Sunday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray All-Star Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue 22, Gray 21
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Washington St. 24, Houston 22
Wednesday, Dec. 28
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Indiana (7-3-1) vs. South Carolina (8-3-0), 8 p.m. (Raycom)
Thursday, Dec. 29
All American Bowl
At Birmingham, Ala.
Florida (6-5-0) vs. Illinois (6-4-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Freedom Bowl
At Anaheim, Calif.
Brigham Young (8-4-0) vs. Colorado (8-3-0), 9 p.m. (Mizlou)
Friday, Dec. 30
Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Wyoming (11-1-0) vs. Oklahoma State (9-2-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 31
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Iowa (6-3-3) vs. North Carolina State (7-3-1), 1 p.m. (Mizlou)
Sunday, Jan. 1
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Georgia (8-3-0) vs. Michigan State (6-4-1), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 2
Hall of Fame Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Louisiana State (8-3-0) vs. Syracuse (9-2-0), 1 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Clemson (9-2-0) vs. Oklahoma (9-2-0), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Cotton Bowl
At Dallas
Arkansas (10-1-0) vs. UCLA (9-2-0), 1:30 p.m. (CBS)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Notre Dame (11-0-0) vs. West Virginia (11-0-0), 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Michigan (8-2-1) vs. Southern Cal (10-1-0), 5 p.m. (ABC)
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Florida St. (10-1-0) vs. Auburn (10-1-0), 8:30 p.m. (ABC)
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Nebraska (11-1-0) vs. Miami, Fla. (10-1-0), 8 p.m. (NBC)
Saturday, Jan. 7
Hula Bowl
At Honolulu
4 p.m. (NBC)
Saturday, Jan. 14
Japan Bowl
At Yokohama, Japan
TBA (ESPN)
Sunday, Jan. 15
East-West Shrine Classic
At Stanford, Calif.
2:40 p.m. (ABC)
Saturday, Jan. 21
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
11 a.m. (Mizlou)

Bowl Stats

Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu

Washington St.	0	24	0	0—24
Houston	3	0	6	7—22

Hou—FG Anderson 27
WSU—Wood 5 fumble return (Hanson kick)
WSU—Wood 15 pass from Rosenbach (Hanson kick)
WSU—FG Hanson 33
Hou—Weatherspoon 1 run (kick failed)
WSU—Rosenbach 1 run (Hanson kick)
Hou—Mason 53 pass from Dacus (pass failed)
Hou—Weatherspoon 2 pass from Dacus (Anderson kick)
A—35,132.

	WSU	Hou
First downs	23	13
Rushes-yards	56-154	21-68
Passing	306	241
Return Yards	79	98
Comp-Att-Int	19-36-1	17-40-2
Punts	6-46	8-45
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-Yards	11-95	9-58
Time of Possession	37:43	22:17

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Washington St., Broussard 33-139, Swinton 9-38, Wood 0-5, Rosebach 14-(minus 28). Houston, Weatherspoon 14-80, Anders 2-3, Ware 3-(minus 1), Dacus 2-(minus 14).
PASSING—Washington St., Rosenbach 19-36-1-306. Houston, Ware 8-28-2-44, Dacus 8-11-0-153, Phillips 1-1-0-44.
RECEIVING—Washington St., Stallworth 8-120, Wood 4-43, Pellum 2-48, Wimberly 2-24, Wellsandt 1-40, Olson 1-20, Broussard 1-11. Houston, Dixon 4-52, Anders 3-11, Mason 2-83, Williams 2-24, Phillips 2-14, Cooper 2-11, P.Smith 1-44, Weatherspoon 1-2.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

Blue-Gray All-Star Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.

Blue	0	0	7	15—22
Gray	7	7	0	7—21

Gray—Tillman 2 run (Plocki kick)
Gray—Harris 8 pass from Francis (Plocki kick)
Blue—Jenkins 7 run (Porter kick)
Blue—Jenkins 1 run (Porter kick)
Gray—Tillman 4 run (Plocki kick)
Blue—Smith 24 pass from Wilhelm (Jenkins run)
A—20,000.

	Blue	Gray
First downs	15	21
Rushes-yards	32-132	46-71
Passing	121	269
Return Yards	0	30
Comp-Att-Int	13-24-1	21-33-0
Punts	7-40	4-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	3-1
Penalties-Yards	4-40	7-40
Time of Possession	26:13	33:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Blue, McNair (Temple) 10-50, Jenkins (Washington) 8-46, Henderson (Iowa St.) 2-35, Snyder (Utah St.) 4-7, Harry (Utah) 1-1, Wilhelm (Oregon St.) 7-(minus 7). Gray, Tillman (Jackson St.) 25-86, Hunter (Kentucky) 5-20, Baxter (Alabama St.) 3-13, Dixon (Troy St.) 1-4, Belser (Ga. Southern) 1-0, Becker (Texas Christian) 1-(minus 9), Francis (Tennessee) 8-(minus 21), Gruden (Louisville) 2-(minus 22).
PASSING—Blue, Wilhelm (Oregon St.) 11-17-0-119, Snyder (Utah St.) 2-7-1-2. Gray, Francis (Tennessee) 9-12-0-104, Gruden (Louisville) 12-21-0-165.
RECEIVING—Blue, McNair (Temple) 3-16, Smith (Utah St.) 2-43, Harry (Utah) 2-22, Thomas (Oregon St.) 2-22, Henderson (Iowa St.) 2-(minus 10), Vaughn (Kansas) 1-17, Ingram (California) 1-11. Gray, Harris (Texas A&M) 6-102, Tillman (Jackson St.) 5-29, McNeal (Tn.-Chattanooga) 3-1[illegible] Dixon (Troy St.) 2-42, Baxter (A[illegible]

Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas

Alabama	3	10	7	9—29
Army	7	7	14	0—28

Army—Mayweather 1 run (Walker kick)
Ala—FG Doyle 37
Army—McWilliams 30 run (Walker kick)
Ala—FG Doyle 22
Ala—Battle 7 pass from Smith (Doyle kick)
Ala—Payne 23 pass from Smith (Doyle kick)
Army—Mayweather 3 run (Walker kick)
Army—Miller 57 interception return (Walker kick)
Ala—FG Doyle 32
Ala—Casteal 2 run (run failed)
A—48,719.

	Ala	Army
First downs	29	19
Rushes-yards	36-95	61-350
Passing	412	0
Return Yards	48	71
Comp-Att-Int	33-52-1	0-6-1
Punts	4-46	5-39
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-70	4-32
Time of Possession	31:53	28:07

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Alabama, Hill 12-57, Shaw 7-38, Casteal 7-14, Turner 2-9, Stewart 2-6, Goode 1-1, Smith 5-(minus 30). Army, Barnett 14-177, Mayweather 19-80, McWilliams 19-62, Cass 8-34, Jordan 1-(minus 3).
PASSING—Alabama, Smith 33-52-1-412. Army, McWilliams 0-5-1-0, Cass 0-0-0-0.
RECEIVING—Alabama, Payne 9-107, Battle 9-99, Wimbley 3-50, Russell 3-41, Richardson 2-37, Turner 2-18, Shaw 2-17, Hill 1-19, Casteal 1-13, Cross 1-11. Army, None.

College Hoops

TOURNAMENTS
Chaminade Christmas Classic
Championship
Cal-Riverside 110, Iowa 92
Third Place
St. Louis 84, E.Washington 71
Fifth Place
Miami, Fla. 77, Old Dominion 76
Seventh Place
E. Illinois 74, Chaminade 52

Top 20

By The Associated Press
How The Associated Press Top Twenty college basketball teams fared Sunday:
1. Duke (7-0) did not play.
2. Michigan (11-0) did not play.
3. Syracuse (11-0) did not play.
4. Iowa (10-1) lost to California-Riverside 110-92.
5. Illinois (9-0) did not play.
6. Georgetown (7-0) did not play.
7. Oklahoma (8-1) did not play.
8. North Carolina (10-1) did not play.
9. Arizona (6-1) did not play.
10. Missouri (10-3) did not play.
11. Florida State (7-0) did not play.
12. Ohio State (7-2) did not play.
13. Nevada-Las Vegas (5-2) did not play.
14. Louisville (6-2) did not play.
15. Seton Hall (10-0) did not play.
16. Georgia Tech (5-1) did not play.
17. North Carolina State (4-1) did not play.
18. South Carolina (6-0) did not play.
19. Tennessee (6-1) did not play.
20. Kansas (8-1) did not play.

Top 20

By The Associated Press
How the Associated Press Top Twenty Women's college basketball teams fared this week:
1. Tennessee (7-0) beat UCLA 82-50.
2. Louisiana Tech (9-1) did not play.
3. Auburn (9-0) did not play.
4. Georgia (8-1) beat Detroit 98-54.
5. Mississippi (9-0) beat New Orleans 67-59.
6. Stanford (6-2) beat Duke 91-76; lost to N. Carolina St. 80-72.
7. Iowa (7-2) beat Oregon St. 90-45.
8. Long Beach St. (5-2) beat S. Illinois 61-53; beat Washington 81-77.
9. Maryland (5-1) did not play.
10. Rutgers (5-1) beat Boston College 71-53.
11. Louisiana St. (4-1) did not play.
12. Purdue (7-1) beat Cent. Michigan 88-49; beat Penn St. 85-61.
13. Texas (3-3) did not play.
14. Virginia (5-2) beat Richmond 65-63.
15. San Diego St. (8-0) beat Arizona St. 87-69.
16. Stephen F. Austin (8-0) beat Texas-San Antonio 66-59.
17. South Carolina (6-0) did not play.
18. W. Kentucky (5-2) did not play.
19. Duke (8-1) lost to No. 6 Stanford 91-76.
20. St. Joseph's (4-1) beat Northwestern 95-78.

NBA Standings

All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlantic Division				
New York	18	7	.720	—
Philadelphia	15	11	.577	3½
Boston	12	12	.500	5½
New Jersey	11	15	.423	7½
Charlotte	7	17	.292	10½
Washington	6	17	.261	11
Central Division				
Cleveland	18	5	.783	—
Detroit	18	7	.720	1
Atlanta	17	9	.654	2½
Milwaukee	14	10	.583	4½
Chicago	13	11	.542	5½
Indiana	5	19	.208	13½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	16	9	.640	—
Dallas	15	9	.625	½
Denver	15	11	.577	1½
Utah	15	12	.556	2
San Antonio	7	17	.292	8½
Miami	2	21	.087	13
Pacific Division				
L.A. Lakers	17	9	.654	—
Portland	16	10	.615	1
Phoenix	14	10	.583	2
Seattle	13	11	.542	3
Golden State	10	14	.417	6
L.A. Clippers	9	17	.346	8
Sacramento	5	18	.217	10½

Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Games
Utah 101, L.A. Lakers 87
Philadelphia 125, Washington 110
Monday's Games
Washington at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Indiana at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

NBA Boxes

At Salt Lake City

L.A. LAKERS (87)
Worthy 9-17 0-0 18, Green 3-6 0-0 6, Abdul-Jabbar 2-7 1-2 5, Scott 7-18 3-3 17, Johnson 4-13 9-9 18, Thompson 4-6 3-4 11, Woolridge 1-3 1-2 3, Cooper 1-6 2-2 5, Rivers 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 33-78 19-22 87.

UTAH (101)
Malone 12-17 7-8 31, Iavaroni 2-2 0-0 4, Eaton 4-5 1-1 9, Stockton 8-13 4-5 21, Griffith 2-10 1-2 6, Bailey 9-17 4-4 22, Les 0-1 0-0 0, Hansen 3-5 2-4 8, Leckner 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 40-72 19-24 101.

L.A. Lakers	26	23	18	20—87
Utah	32	28	19	22—101

3-Point goals—Johnson, Cooper, Stockton, Griffith. Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Los Angeles 37 (Thompson 9), Utah 48 (Eaton, Malone 12). Assists—Los Angeles 19 (Johnson 10), Utah 26 (Stockton 8). Total fouls—Los Angeles 21, Utah 22. Technicals—Abdul-Jabbar, Malone, Los Angeles illegal defense. A—12,444.

At Philadelphia

WASHINGTON (110)
King 6-12 7-8 19, Catledge 1-3 4-4 6, Feitl 5-8 0-0 10, Walker 2-5 0-0 4, Malone 8-15 5-7 21, Williams 6-11 2-4 14, Grant 3-14 0-0 6, C.A.Jones 3-4 3-5 9, Eackles 5-15 4-4 14, Colter 2-6 1-2 5, Alarie 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 42-97 26-34 110.

PHILADELPHIA (125)
Barkley 9-11 5-8 25, Coleman 2-7 0-0 4, Gminski 10-15 4-4 24, Cheeks 4-10 1-2 9, Hawkins 3-12 2-4 9, Anderson 8-17 3-4 19, Welp 1-4 1-4 3, Henderson 5-8 7-7 20, Brooks 3-4 0-0 8, Thornton 1-1 0-0 2, Wingate 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 47-91 23-33 125.

Washington	29	26	22	33—110
Philadelphia	41	30	22	32—125

3-Point goals—Henderson 3, Barkley 2, Brooks 2, Hawkins. Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Washington 53 (Feitl 8), Philadelphia 54 (Barkley 12). Assists—Washington 29 (Malone 6), Philadelphia 23 (Cheeks 10). Total fouls—Washington 24, Philadelphia 30. Technicals—Catledge, Walker, Wingate. A—10,263.

NHL Standings

All Times EST

WALES CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Patrick Division						
Pittsburgh	21	11	3	45	165	141
Philadelphia	19	17	2	40	151	130
NY Rangers	17	14	5	39	137	133
Washington	17	14	5	39	122	121
New Jersey	13	15	7	33	121	138
NY Islanders	8	24	2	18	101	146
Adams Division						
Montreal	23	10	6	52	153	120
Boston	14	14	9	37	117	111
Buffalo	14	17	4	32	124	143
Quebec	13	21	3	29	132	167
Hartford	13	19	2	28	120	120

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Norris Division						
Detroit	18	12	5	41	145	137
St. Louis	13	15	6	32	113	116
Toronto	12	22	2	26	111	160
Minnesota	10	18	6	26	106	131
Chicago	9	22	4	22	138	167
Smythe Division						
Calgary	23	7	5	51	147	97
Los Angeles	24	12	1	49	198	148
Edmonton	20	13	4	44	171	142
Vancouver	14	18	5	33	121	121
Winnipeg	13	13	6	32	135	140

Friday's Games
Philadelphia 5, Hartford 4
Buffalo 5, Toronto 2
Pittsburgh 2, New Jersey 2, tie
New York Rangers 2, Washington 2, tie
Quebec 5, Winnipeg 4
Chicago 7, Detroit 2
Edmonton 4, Calgary 1
Los Angeles 5, Vancouver 2
Saturday's Games
No games scheduled
Sunday's Games
No games scheduled
Monday's Games
New Jersey at New York Rangers, 1:35 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Hartford, 7:35 p.m.
New York Islanders at Toronto, 7:35 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 8:35 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8:35 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10:05 p.m.
Tuesday's Games
Philadelphia at Washington, 7:35 p.m.
New York Rangers at New Jersey, 7:45 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 10:35 p.m.

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with Mike Flanagan, pitcher, on a two-year contract.
HOCKEY
East Coast Hockey League
CAROLINA THUNDERBIRDS—Fired Brian Carroll, head coach.

Colorado Ski

DENVER (AP) — Colorado Ski Country USA reports the following conditions at major Colorado ski areas on Friday, Dec. 23.
Arapahoe Basin — 2 new, 39 depth, powder, packed powder.
Aspen Highlands — 1 new, 29 depth, powder, packed powder.
Aspen Mountain — 2 new, 26 depth, powder, packed powder.
Buttermilk — T new, 25 depth, powder, packed powder.
Snowmass — 2 new, 23 depth, powder, packed powder.
Beaver Creek — 1½ new, 27 depth, powder, packed powder.
Breckenridge — 1½ new, 28 depth, powder, packed powder.
Ski Broadmoor — 0 new, 18 depth, hard packed.
Ski Cooper — 1 new, 30 depth, powder, packed powder.
Copper Mountain — T new, 29 depth, packed powder.
Crested Butte — 3 new, 35 depth, powder, packed powder.
Cuchara Valley — T new, 29 depth, packed powder.
Eldora — T new, 31 depth, packed powder.
Ski Estes Park — 0 new, 30 depth, packed powder, hard packed.
Keystone — 1 new, 27 depth, powder, packed powder.
Loveland Basin — T new, 34 depth, powder, packed powder.
Monarch — 4 new, 44 depth, powder, packed powder.
Powderhorn — 4 new, 33 depth, powder, packed powder.
Purgatory — 7 new, 43 depth, powder, packed powder.
Silver Creek — T new, 23 depth, powder, packed powder.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

City of Coahoma
P.O. Box L
Coahoma, Texas 79511
(915) 394-4287

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about January 13, 1989, the above-named City will request the Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the following project activities:

	TCDP Funds	City Funds
Waterworks Improvements	$147,650.00	$80,226.00
General Administration	$ 10,000.00	
Engineering Services	$ 29,700.00	$ 2,000.00

The above-referenced project activities will be carried out as part of a 1987 Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) project. The project will be carried out in a designated project area in the southern portion of the City of Coahoma. A map showing the location of the proposed waterworks improvements is available for inspection in the City Hall, 122 N. First Street, Coahoma, Texas.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

WATERWORKS IMPROVEMENTS: Undersized, deteriorated, unlooped water lines need to be replaced with adequately-sized, looped water lines which can provide dependable domestic water servie and fire protection to project area residents now lacking such service and protection. New fire hydrants need to be installed on adequately-sized, looped water lines to provide fire protection in accordance with State standards. Limited grading and clearing will be involved in project construction activities, but no major changes in topographic features are anticipated. No major changes in land use, population density or demand for community facilities are expected over the course of this project or as a result of project use. Existing support systems and infrastructure will not be negatively affected by the project. During the construction phase of the project, some minimal increases in air and noise levels will return to current levels once construction is completed. The project will not affect any properties of known historic, archeological or architectural significance and the aesthetic environment of the project area should be enhanced by the proposed project as residents have access to an adequate supply of water for residential landscaping.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES: Administrative and engineering costs are categorically exempt from the environmental review requirements under 24 CFR 58.34.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named City which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request in the City Secretary's office between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FINDING

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the City Secretary's office. Written comments should be received at the above address on or before January 12, 1989. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Coahoma will undertake the project described above with Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) funds from the Texas Department of Commerce (TDOC) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. The City of Coahoma is certifying to TDOC that the City and Eleanor Garrett in her official capacity as Mayor consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental assessments, decisionmaking and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the City may use the TCDP funds and TDOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and 24 CFR Part 58.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDOC will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer of other officer of applicant approved by TDOC; or (b) that the contractor's Environmental Review Record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental assessment. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58.75) and may be addressed to TDOC at:

Texas Department of Commerce
P.O. Box 12728, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by TDOC. No objection received after January 31, 1989, will be considered by TDOC.

Eleanor Garrett
Mayor, City of Coahoma
P.O. Box L
Coahoma, Texas 79511

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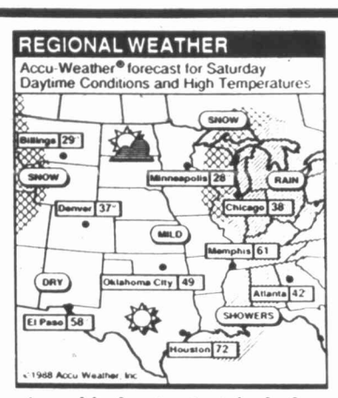
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11	PM	ET	NFL Moments	Fresh Fields	Paper Chase	Hunter	Nightline	Alegres Vacaciones			Hawaii Five-0	Nashville Now	Mk Room	MacGruder and Loud	Dragnet		Movie Remote Control		Monty Python
	:30	Nightline		EastEnders			Movie Captain Scarlett			Letterman			Mr. Ed		Edge Night	Fred Astaire		(:40) Mona Lisa	Classics
12	AM	News	NFL Moment	Mystery!	Varied Programs	Movie Terror of Frankenstein			(:05) Explorer		Mannix		P Duke	Investment	Search Tom'w				Hear This!
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Weather

Thunderstorms continued to develop this morning along the upper Texas Coast, as a cold front continued to move offshore.

The National Weather Service reported most of the thunderstorms were right along the coast, from just southwest of Galveston to Louisiana. The lower half of the Texas Coast was not spared from adverse weather conditions either. Dense fog covered the area from the Coastal Bend to Brownsville.

Visibilities were down to a quarter mile at some locations. Meanwhile, the rest of the state had fair skies and cool temperatures.



A cold front stretched from Southern Louisiana across the Central Coast of Texas, where it became stationary from around Corpus Christi to the middle Rio Grande Plains. A trough of low pressure was forming in the Southern Rockies and was making its presence known in West Texas, where winds were becoming southerly again.

Temperatures around the state were in the 20s and 30s North and West this morning, and in the 40s and 50s Central and Southeast, and in the 60s in the Deep South. Extremes at 4 a.m. ranged from 71 degrees at Brownsville to 28 degrees at Marfa.

The 5 a. m. temperatures at selected Texas cities include: Fort Worth, 38; Dallas, 43; Amarillo, 31.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1988

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Work alone and your productivity will rise. Listen to an old friend. Capitalize on this person's experience. Apply yourself to building new social contacts; they can change your life!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make firm plans for your financial future. Rely on experts' advice only, even if friends claim to be well-informed. Only you can define priorities for yourself and your loved ones. Be realistic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Consolidate debts and work out a reasonable payment schedule. You will accomplish more now if you operate from a background position. Show gratitude to a friend who recently helped you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A change in diet could help you feel better, perhaps even solving a health problem. Check information received from a questionable source to avoid embarrassment. Romance is lively. Watch your step.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Complete current assignments before starting new ones. A stock market tip bears investigation prior to making an investment. Allow the artist in you to speak. Domestic tensions ease if you are diplomatic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Those who shop today should find some great bargains. Conclude secret deals that promise higher profits soon. Be careful around machinery and electrical appliances. Guard against inattention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do not go behind the back of an influential person when doing business. You could wind up in the losers' corner! Discard outmoded ideas or techniques. Avoid getting involved in a secret romance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Distant contacts will have tremendous impact on the decisions you make today. Keep appointments on time. Consult mate or business partner to gain agreement. This is no time to act all alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Do not expect too much from influential people today. Be prompt for appointments. Conquering foolish prejudices and childish fears will mean quicker progress. Move with the times. Try new methods.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep business dealings aboveboard. Differences of opinion could develop with co-workers or relatives. Stay well within speed limit when driving. A telephone call is puzzling. Find out more.

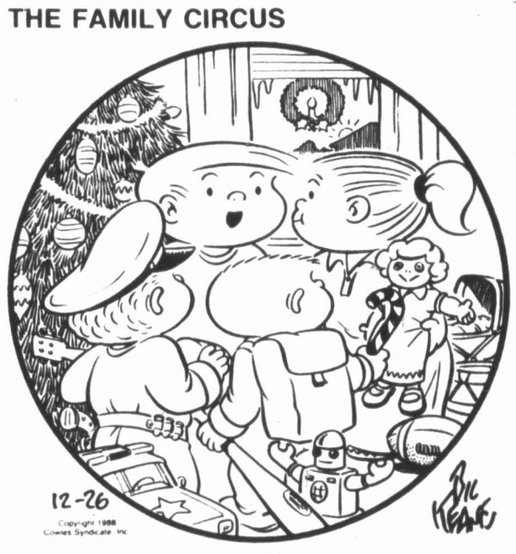
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Influential people would rather not be bothered with extra questions today. Avoid making secret deals. Get in touch with former contacts who could help you generate new business. Be candid.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your recent actions could come under criticism from an older person today. Try to keep your temper. Negative comments probably stem from jealousy or insecurity. Romance is stunningly happy!

DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



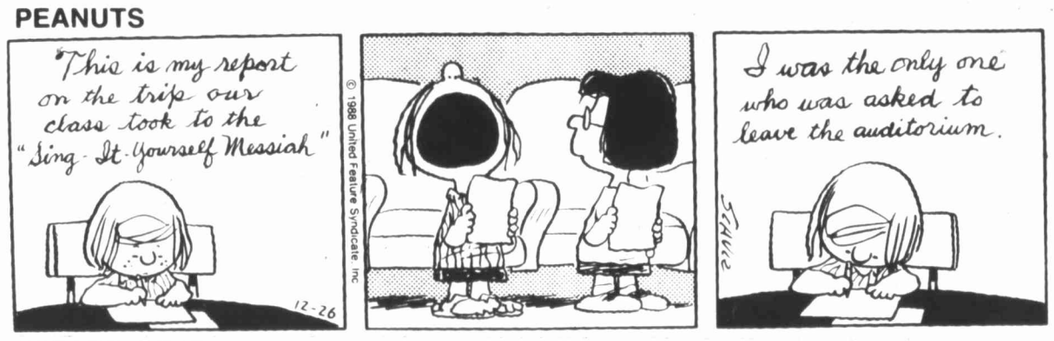
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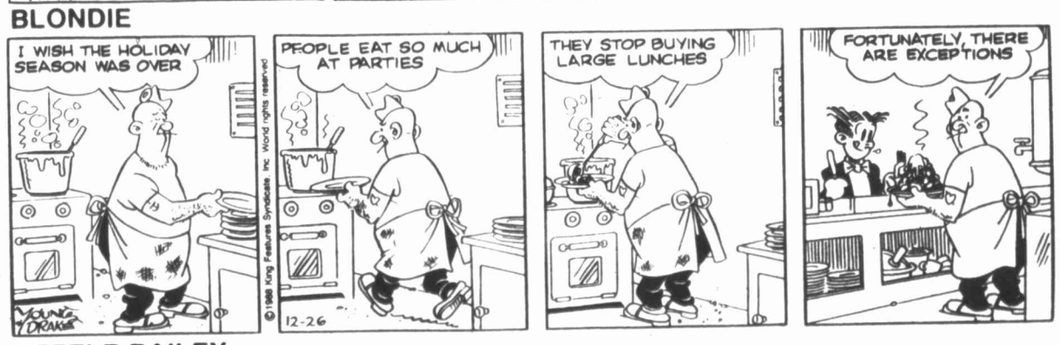
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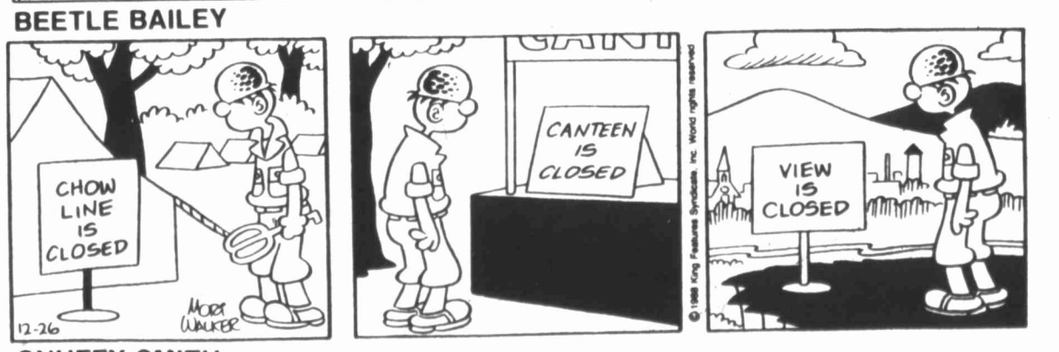
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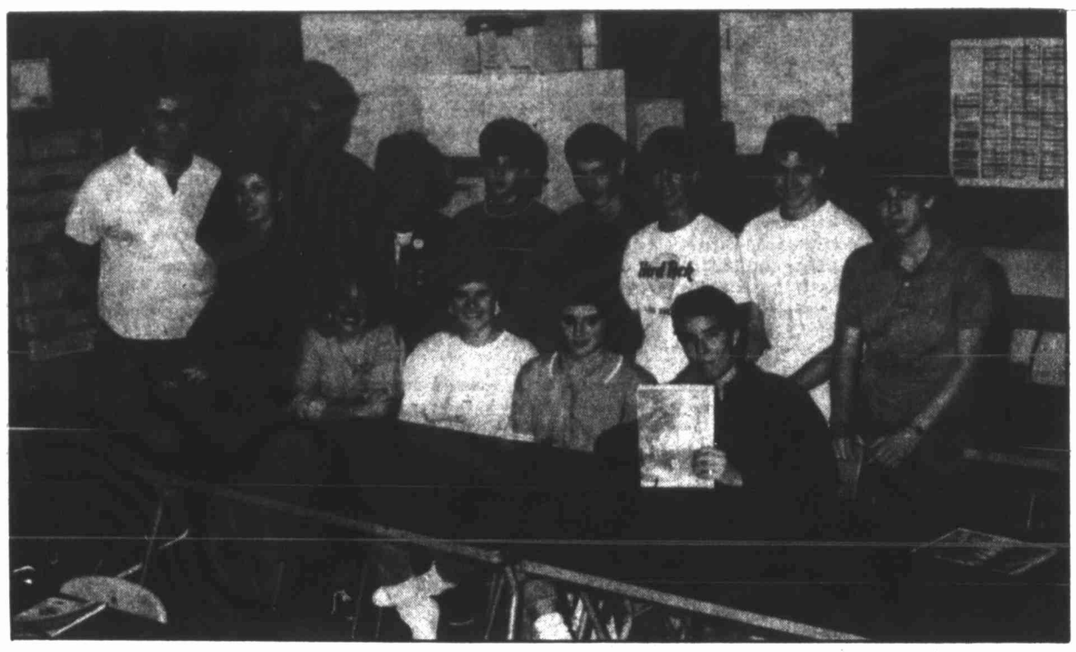
The next generation

January, February: Promise busy times for students

By JEAN WARREN
Herald Correspondent



The *El Rodeo* yearbook staff at Big Spring High School are, from left, front row: Lisa Porras and Karri Tindol. Back row from left are: Brian Nalls, Kristine DelBosque, Kristy Geanopulos, editor; Angela Chamberlain, Anna Martinez.



Members of this year's Big Spring High School *Corral* newspaper staff are, from left, front row: Andrea Chamberlain, Pam Ferguson, Amber Stroup, Marilyn Corwin and Marc Schwarz, editor. Back row from left are: Mike Roberts, Lee Baker, Diedra Avery, Lana Dower, Toby Hain, Michael Powell, John Webb and Josh Hamby.

January and February will be busy months for yearbook staffs as they race to meet deadlines. Kristy Geanopulos, editor of the Big Spring High School annual, El Rodeo, believes that the demanding work on the annual staff can be a valuable experience. "It has taught me how to manage my time efficiently in order to meet deadlines. It has helped me improve my skills on the computer. The responsibility is a good experience."

The cover for '89 El Rodeo was designed by co-editor Kristine DelBosque. Kristy and Kristine decided upon the theme for this year's book when they attended a workshop at the University of Arlington last summer. The high school juniors also studied at a workshop with Taylor Publishing Company in Dallas.

Of her work on the annual staff, Kristine DelBosque says, "I enjoy it. I joined the staff because I felt I could contribute something to my school in this way. The experience will help me in my chosen field of commercial art."

Both girls have had previous experience working on yearbooks. Both were members of the Maverick staff at Goliad Middle School. Geanopulos worked on the Yearlings at Runnels, and DelBosque was an El Rodeo staffer last year.

Other members of El Rodeo staff include Anna Martinez, Lisa Porras, Angela Chamberlain, Brian Nalls, and Karri Tindol. Steve Poitevint is sponsor.

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Of her work as sponsor of the Yearling, the yearbook of Runnels Junior High, Vicki Denton says, "It is a new challenge each year to work with a new set of students and situations to make a better book than the year before. It's fun and I love it."

Staff members include Adam Bacon, Rachel Harland, Corey Laughner, Deedra Reed, Melissa Yanez, and Zeke Valdez.

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According to Blaine Buchenau and Ted Harris, sponsors of the annual at Coahoma High School, Bulldog yearbook staff members are working diligently to get ahead on deadlines. At this date, half the yearbook has been designed and final copies have been submitted to the school's printing company.

Staff members include Terrie Allen, Terri Ball, Kriste Franke, Martina Gutierrez, Travis Jobe, Jon Waters, Keith Joiner, Wyvett Denton, and Krista Thomas.

Also serving on the Bulldog staff are Cristi Dorsey, Jason Woods, Mary Jo Gomez, Tammy Harmon, Kathy Hernandez, and Brenda Kelley.

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Have you seen a copy of the Big Spring High School newspaper Corral lately? You will be impressed with its appearance and contents. The young people responsible for this publication and their sponsor Steve Poitevint should be commended.

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Sixth grade SIGNAL class at Goliad recently entertained the social studies classes of Ms. Seay and Ms. Newsom with a "Reader's Theatre of Greek Mythology." All the students took several roles in telling the stories of Persephone and Hades, Daedalus and Icarus, and Pandora. Since a Reader's theatre does not use props, scenery, costumes, or make-up, students had to be very expressive in their reading. Purpose of the project was to provide greater understanding of the class' study of ancient Greece.

Students have also compiled a dictionary of words in common usage today that originated from Greek mythology. Each student wrote a word, its phonetic spelling, its part of speech, its definition, and its etymology on a sheet of paper. Class members learned many new words and were able to relate our language today to the past. SIGNAL classes are taught by Carol Gauer.

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A SMILE — Junior high school students can be so much fun to be around. In 26 years of teaching seventh grade English in Big Spring, I often found a student's sense of humor delightful; mischievous sometimes, but still delightful.

Once when I was teaching at Runnels, the class was invited to the cafeteria for a birthday treat. I gave the usual admonitions about being quiet in the hall to avoid disturbing other classes. I ended the warning saying, "We won't be able to go if anyone says a word."

From the back of the room came a whisper: "A word."

Program pays teens not to get pregnant

DENVER (AP) — A controversial Denver program that pays teen-age girls $1 a day not to get pregnant is proving one of the most successful methods of curbing the teen pregnancy rate, supporters say.

The program was introduced at La Mariposa Health Station three years ago, and prompted criticism even from many supporters of family planning, who saw it as paternal and coercive.

Supporters of the program don't claim to have found the ultimate solution to the teen-age pregnancy problem, but they say on a small scale it works and costs less in the long run.

Between 30 percent and 50 percent of teen-agers who become pregnant once are likely to become pregnant again before they're 18. But of 18 original participants in the Denver program, only 17 percent had a repeat pregnancy.

Gov. Roy Romer's Initiative on Teen Pregnancy reported that Colorado spends more than $200 million annually in Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps, Medicaid and other public assistance for families headed by women who began their childbearing as teens.

To earn their money, all the teenagers have to do is show up once a week at the west side clinic for a group session. La Mariposa counselor Diane Medina presides over a stack of dollar bills and a smorgasbord of snacks. She just listens to the conversation and makes no demands.

About a dozen teen-agers are regulars; others come occasionally or drop by to pick up their $7 and leave.

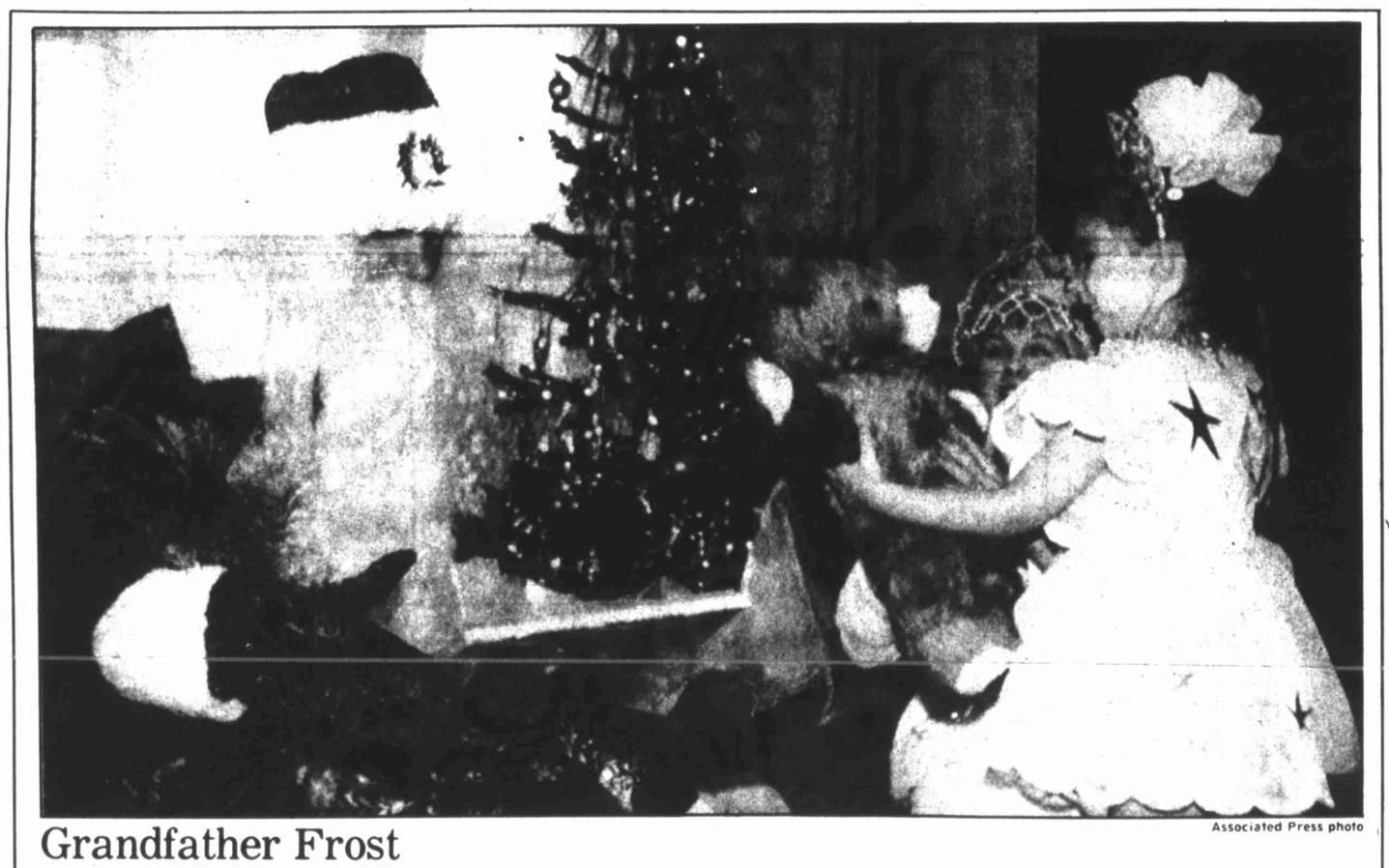
"There are no hard and fast rules," said medical director Dr. Peggy LaTourrette. "They can talk about anything they want to. This is the only group, the one place . . . they can come in and nobody's telling them what to do, nobody's giving them rules and regulations."

Officials at Rocky Mountain Planned Parenthood have had their hands slapped by their national headquarters for funding the program, but they hope to continue it for another year. The program lacks funding for 1989.

Supporters say anyone with $1 a day to contribute to the project can "sponsor" a teen-ager, significantly decreasing the odds that she will give birth to a child before she's 18.

Desiree Ramos, 16, has earned $462 through the program which, for her, is spending money. She had an abortion at 13, and still wants children "but I want to wait until I'm 20, maybe 21."

"I want to have enough to buy him what he wants."



Associated Press photo

Grandfather Frost

MOSCOW — To a Westerner he looks like Santa, but in the Soviet Union, the man with the hat who delivered presents to five-year-old Olga in a Moscow apartment Saturday was Ded Moroz — Grandfather Frost — otherwise known as Vladimir Krylov, 37.

'My, doesn't Sean seem very quiet?'

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — A couple left their 6-year-old son at a gas station and failed to notice he wasn't in their car until they got home 150 miles away, authorities said.

Sean McCarty of Riverside was found by other holiday travelers who called authorities, police spokeswoman Sheryl Hone said Sunday. The boy's grandmother picked him up at a police station, the spokeswoman said.

The youngster knew enough of his address so that police could locate his home in Riverside, where county sheriff's deputies were waiting when the boy's parents got home late Saturday, she said.

The child's mother told police Sean had been very quiet during the first part of the trip home and must have slipped out of the car at the gas station without the parents noticing.

First dance may be last

By DONNA BRYSON
Associated Press Writer

PURDY, Mo. — The first dance in this 100-year-old Ozark town's high school is just a memory, but the students who thought it was "a blast" may not get an encore.

The school board is appealing a court ruling that its policy against school dances is unconstitional. A federal appeals court allowed a recent night's dance while the matter is considered.

Officials restricted the dance to Purdy High School's 161 students, saying they wanted to avoid any chance of trouble. Among those barred were reporters and photographers, and even an alumnus who was the lead plaintiff in the federal lawsuit that brought dancing to Purdy High.

Jonathan Clayton, a 1987 graduate, got only as close as the basketball game that preceded the homecoming dance.

"It's OK, though — I won," Clayton said as he watched the game and greeted old friends. "It's still worth it. The idea was to allow Purdy students to have a dance, and we did that."

Clayton, a business school student, and 20 other Purdy students and parents sued in 1986 to overturn the school board's written policy banning dancing.

Longtime residents in this town of 900 say Purdy has never been without a ban on social dancing in the schools. Some have said they associate dancing with drinking, drugs and illicit sex.

But U.S. District Judge Russell Clark ruled this summer that the school board's ban promoted the values of those who oppose dancing for religious reasons.

The board appealed Clark's order that they stop enforcing the ban, but the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is not expected to rule in the case before next year.

The dance ban evoked comparisons to the hit movie "Footloose" about a similar ban in a fictional town.

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Although barred from dancing at school, Purdy students have held dances at the community center or in neighboring towns. But they said that was inconvenient and unfair.

Sheldon Buxton, superintendent of the Purdy school system, said about 85 students attended the recent dance. He said it went smoothly, but he refused to comment on whether other dances could be expected.

Student council president Nancy Fox said board members attended the dance. But the board members, who sat on the sidelines during the dance talking among themselves, apparently did not cramp students' style.

"It was a blast, we had a great time," Miss Fox said.

"It was really fun, everybody's dancing," said Shannon Francisco, a senior who left the dance early.

But Miss Francisco, 17, added that the dance had caused controversy and bitterness in the southwestern Missouri town.

"I don't think it was worth all that," she said.

Miss Fox, appearing tired but happy after a day that included a college entrance exam and the history-making dance, said early the next day that she wasn't ready to plan another dance.

They're from Wisconsin not a state of confusion

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The University of Wisconsin presented nearly 4,000 diplomas to graduates in May, but it took six months for anyone to notice that the name of the state was misspelled.

"It's amazing that something like this could happen," said Rosa Johnson, supervisor of degree summary and verification at the registrar's office on the university's Madison campus.

The error is in the lower right-hand corner of the diploma under the signature of UW-Madison Chancellor Donna Shalala.

It reads: "Chancellor, University of Wisconson-Madison."

"A student noticed it in mid-November," Johnson said, the *Green Bay Press-Gazette* reported Saturday. "We do proofread the diplomas, but we concentrate on the name and the degree. We usually consider that the standard information is correct. It just didn't occur to us that this could happen."

Josten Diploma Service in Red Wing, Minn., where the diplomas were produced, will pay for new replacement diplomas, Johnson said.

A spokesman at Josten's said the person who had information about how the error was made was not available for comment immediately.

Johnson said she had been told an incorrect plate was made but does not know how many were printed incorrectly.

"We awarded 3,133 undergraduate degrees and 764 master's diplomas in May," Johnson said. "But we don't know how many were incorrect because they used several plates. So we ordered a complete new set and will have them if anyone discovers the mistake and wants it corrected.

"But this is not being done at the expense of the state of Wisconsin. It will cost the company a pretty penny."

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