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## Last-minute mail



Hereford Postmaster Charles Britten sorts through some of the last holiday fruitcakes and packages to move through the Hereford Post Office before Christmas. The post office will be closed Christmas Day, although special delivery mail will be handled on the holiday.

## Combined edition scheduled Thursday

The Hereford Brand will publish a combined edition for delivery Thursday. The combined edition will be the last issue until Dec. 29.

## U.S. Postal Service

The U.S. Post Office will be closed Christmas Day. There will be no residential or business mail deliveries. Special delivery mail, however, will be delivered.

## Banks

Hereford State Bank will close at 1 p.m. Christmas Eve and will reopen Dec. 28.

FirstBank Southwest will close at noon Christmas Eve and will reopen Dec. 28.

First American Bank will close at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve and will reopen Dec. 28.

## City, County

Hereford city employees will get a long, long holiday weekend, with the city offices shutting down Thursday and Friday for Christmas. City offices will resume normal operations Dec. 28.

Deaf Smith County workers will be off Christmas Day. The courthouse will reopen Dec. 28.

## Schools

School kids got an early jump on the Christmas holiday when schools dismissed early Dec. 18. School will not resume until Jan. 4.

## Christmas Eve church services

FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS: The service, called "Candles and Carols," will begin at 6:30 p.m. It will be gentle, quiet, pensive, worshipful and reflective. Participants will revisit the candles of Advent and welcome the Christ-candle.

"Silent Night" will be the concluding carol in this brief, but meaningful, service. The semi-darkness will become much brighter as individual worshipers share their candlelight with one another.

So that all may enjoy Christmas Eve worship, no nursery will be provided.

Fellowship of Believers Church is located at 245 North Kingwood (at Moreman), next door to the Hereford Care Center.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: A candlelight service will begin at 6 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Liturgies will be 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., preceded by music. The Christmas morning liturgy will be 10 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH: Candlelight service will begin at 7:30 p.m. Service on Christmas Day service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH: Candlelight communion service will begin at 6 p.m.

BARN CHURCH: Service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH - Special musical program will begin at 10:30 p.m., with Holy Eucharist to be celebrated at 11 p.m. The Rev. John Gichiga of Canyon will officiate.

SAN JOSE CATHOLIC: Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Christmas Day Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: Candlelight and communion will be observed at 7 p.m. Dec. 23 (in place of Christmas Eve service).

## Federal agency accusing former local businessman

## From staff reports

The Securities and Exchange Commission has filed a federal lawsuit against a former Hereford businessman, Gene Coulter, and four other Texans in an alleged scheme to bilk more than 100 investors out of \$14 million, according to published reports appearing in the *Dallas Morning News* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

The government, in an November suit filed in U.S. district court in Dallas, leveled accusations against several investment partnerships and individuals, including Quentin Hix, 50, of Dallas; Gene Coulter, 62, of Grapevine; Carolyn Don Hicks, 63, of Sulphur Springs; Carl L. Weaver, 46, of Blossom; and Robert Cord, 44, of Seabrook, according to the reports.

Four other individuals named in the suit are from out of state. The Securities and Exchange

Commission investigators said the defendants held seminars at hotels and promoted guaranteed returns of at least six percent per month on investment pools that would deposit money into international banks. Investigators said the banks, in turn, were to invest the money in Third World countries throughout the International Monetary Fund.

However, the investments were never made, according to the published reports, and were instead used to buy houses, swimming pools, vehicles, furniture, artwork and other personal expenses.

Coulter was formerly agency manager of Texas Farm Bureau in Hereford. He served in that capacity for about 10 years before leaving the firm in 1983 to begin a private insurance venture in the central Texas area.

"I don't think there's going to be any further easings. Unless the economy really slows down very quickly and very sharply, I think they're going to sit and see what happens."

Joe Prakkien,  
Macroeconomic Advisers

## Robust growth reported

WASHINGTON (AP) — The American economy is expanding at a robust pace despite trade problems linked to the world economic slump.

The gross domestic product — the sum of all goods and services produced within U.S. borders — grew at a 3.7 percent annual rate during the July-September quarter, the Commerce Department said today.

That wasn't quite as fast as the 3.9 percent estimated

by the department last month, but it was nevertheless quite brisk, especially considering that much of Asia, Russia and other developing countries are in recession.

The world slump has hurt American factories and farms but so far hasn't much harmed other sectors. And even manufacturing looked good in November. In a separate report, the department said orders to factories for big-ticket durable goods, items intended to last three or more years, jumped 1 percent to a seasonally adjusted \$190.7 billion, the fifth increase in six months.

A 9.9 percent surge in demand for primary metals such as steel, the most in four years, led the advance. Orders also increased for industrial machinery and transportation equipment.

Faced with fresh evidence of the economy's resilience, Federal Reserve policy-makers decided in their last meeting of the year on Tuesday to hold short-term interest rates

## Retailers reporting slow sales

NEW YORK (AP) — Many of the nation's retailers may be getting a lump of coal this Christmas.

Despite strong public optimism about the economy, retail analysts expect sales this holiday season to fall short of their predicted gain of 4 percent to 5 percent over last year.

Apparel sales are usually a mainstay for big department stores, but this year many people seem more interested sprucing up their homes than their wardrobes. And cheap computers and software are stealing kids away from toy stores.

"This was a ho-hum holiday for many retailers, and it will not be the strong year that many people anticipated just a few months ago," said William Ford, senior economic advisor at TeleCheck, a check approval service that tracks sales by people using checks.

Price, of course, is key to consumer decision making. Retailers were helped by lower wholesale prices from suppliers in economically troubled Asian nations.

Nonetheless, shoppers seem to be demanding bigger and bigger discounts.

"I used a lot of coupons this year," said Mary Bollig of Aurora, Colo. "Anything that came in the mail, we used up."

Recent warm weather has reinforced already cautious buying habits. Many shoppers now wait until they actually need a piece of clothing before buying it.

"People are thinking, 'I got this far without a new winter coat, so I guess I'll just live through this season with the one I already own.' That's a big concern for us," said Ed Carroll, executive vice president of marketing for Carson, Pirie Scott, a Midwest department store chain.

Now, another weather threat is looming. In the final days of the season, some regions have been hit with snow, forcing shoppers to stay home.

"It used to be we feared a big winter storm. This year, we worried if it would ever get cold," said Ken Volk, regional mall director at Simon Property Group, the nation's largest mall developer. "There might not be any way to win."

Retailers hoping for a last-minute buying frenzy may be disappointed.

A national survey of 1,001 people on Sunday night by America's Research Group in Charleston, S.C., found that 88 percent had the bulk of their shopping already done.

This Christmas, department stores like J.C. Penney and Sears lost a big chunk of business to specialty apparel chains like the Gap, which attracted shoppers with their well-known brand names. Also stealing business are discount stores like Wal-Mart.

In addition, the department stores fell victim to home decorating merchants like Pottery Barn and Crate & Barrel. Americans, it seemed, couldn't get enough silver-plated candelabras and wood picture frames.

As a result, the department store chains are offering deep discounts.

Toy stores, too, have suffered. Instead of frequenting Toys R Us and K-B Toys, many parents went to outlets that offer high-tech toys.

Some of those sales went to consumer electronics stores, which offered a wide range of software, video games and inexpensive computers.

"Anyone selling a cheap computer was hitting the home runs, the grand slams, this Christmas," said Britt Beemer, who runs America's Research Group. "The computer was the item to have this year, and it took business away from many other products."

Adding to the sales gap is that fewer people are buying things for themselves. The survey by America's Research Group showed that about 68 percent usually buy themselves a holiday present; this year, that number is about 40 percent.

Retailers still hope that a burst of sales after the holiday will save the season.

"A year ago, the sales after Christmas made an OK season into something better," said David Rush, who works at the retail consulting firm Kurt Salmon Associates.

## Economy

If the expansion, which began in March 1991, lasts past next year, it would become the longest in U.S. history, surpassing even the 1961-69 expansion, which was sustained in its last years by production for the Vietnam War.

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During the third quarter, consumer spending advanced at a rapid 4.1 percent annual rate and housing construction soared at a 9.9 percent annual rate.

That helped offset the deteriorating trade deficit and a drop in business investment in new equipment, at a 1 percent annual rate.

Commerce Department economists said a slightly worse trade performance than previously estimated was largely responsible for the modest downward revision in overall GDP growth.

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## Local roundup

## Mostly cloudy

Wednesday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow, highs around 22, northeast winds 5-15 mph. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy with flurries possible, lows 5 to 10.

## Extended forecast

Thursday, mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow, highs near 20.

Christmas Day, mostly cloudy with a chance of snow, lows around 10, highs 20 to 25.

Saturday, partly cloudy, lows around 10, highs 30 to 35.

## Tuesday recap

High, 14; low, 1; no precipitation.

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## News in brief

## Amtrak derailment blamed on rail flaw

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — An Amtrak train may have derailed Sunday because of poor communication concerning a kink in the track, according to federal officials.

The engineer of a Union Pacific freight train reported a rough patch in the rail to a dispatcher two hours before the Amtrak derailment, James Southworth, lead investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, said Tuesday.

"The engineer said it felt like a lateral motion," said James Dunn, a safety board senior investigator.

The dispatcher then warned eastbound Amtrak Texas Eagle 22 of the rough patch, causing the train's engineer to slow down to 33 mph. The engineer then noticed a kink in the rail and tried five or six times to report it by radio but was unable to reach the dispatcher, Dunn said.

The engineer said he became busy operating the train and forgot to try again to report it, officials said.

## Post office answers Santa letter

DALLAS (AP) — Sixth-grader Anthony McKinney wrote a desperate letter to Santa last year. He asked for some winter clothes, a couple of toys and maybe a way to cook dinner.

His letter also mentioned that he had never known his father and that his mother had died in a traffic accident years ago. On top of that, the boy had bronchitis and chronic asthma.

The letter arrived at the Dallas main post office too late for the annual charity project, so it went into a file with the other "Dear Santa" letters that didn't make the cut.

It was not until a few days ago that postal worker Kim Paulissen found the letter. It brought tears to her eyes so she decided to make Anthony's Christmas wishes come true.

Ms. Paulissen called the family to see if their fortunes had improved since last year. They hadn't. Anthony's grandfather had died in a car accident last summer, leaving his grandmother, Betty McKinney, alone to care for the boy and two younger half-siblings.

## Texans deal with freezing weather

Homeless shelters were packed to overflowing, sand trucks were mobilized to treat icy roads, and holiday shoppers bundled up as Texans braced Tuesday against the coldest blast of the season.

"We were at overflow (Monday) night and probably will be for the rest of the week, but we won't turn anyone away," said Gary Brown, director of the Star of Hope Men's Shelter in Houston.

Brown was also worried about running out of donated winter coats, stocking caps, gloves, heavy socks and sweaters to give to the homeless.

## Oil woes make good business opportunities

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) — While some lenders are pulling out of the Oil Patch, others think the plunge in oil prices is a business opportunity.

In the past six months, Bank One Corp. of Chicago and BankAmerica's NationsBank, of Charlotte, N.C., have abandoned their energy-lending operations in Midland. Lenders who remain expect demand for energy loans to drop next year.

But Brya -based First American Bank of Texas is bucking the trend by opening its first energy-lending division.

"You think we're crazy?" bank president William Atkinson asked the Texas Journal of the Wall Street Journal.

Atkinson's bank is the largest Texas-based lender in the area, with about \$400 million in deposits in the Midland-Odessa area, the newspaper reported. Atkinson said jumping into the energy-lending businesses is necessary to diversify from the bank's portfolio of real-estate loans.

## Uneventful day equals a little victory

HOUSTON (AP) — Just three days after most of them were born, the world's only living octuplets are settling into an uneventful existence after their dramatic entrance. Doctors only hope their lives stay mundane, though they're vigilant just in case.

"The good news is that there hasn't been any dramatic change in the babies' conditions," said Dr. Leonard Weisman, chief neonatologist at Texas Children's Hospital. "We don't look for significant changes. We're happy with small progressions."

The eldest of Nkem Chukwu's newborns, a girl delivered naturally on Dec. 8, was the only one of the octuplets not on a ventilator Tuesday night and the only one being fed baby formula. However, all are in critical condition and will remain so for quite a while, Weisman said.

The other five girls and two boys are responsive and moving around, doctors said. They are being fed intravenously a combination of proteins, fats, electrolytes, glucose, vitamins and minerals called "parenteral nutrition."

The most worrisome case is the girl dubbed Baby E. Born at just 10.3 ounces — her siblings ranged between 1 pound and almost 2 pounds — an echocardiogram Tuesday revealed a heart abnormality common in premature infants that will be treated with medication.

## Research suggests further gun controls

CHICAGO (AP) — Laws barring felons from buying guns should be expanded to ban prospective buyers who have committed misdemeanors, according to a study published today in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers found that handgun purchasers with a prior misdemeanor conviction were nearly five times as likely as gun buyers without a criminal record to be charged with new offenses involving firearms or violence.

A critic of the study said its methods were flawed and that its authors and underwriters are activists favoring gun bans regardless of science.

But Jim Brady, the former presidential press secretary who was wounded in an assassination attempt on Ronald Reagan, supported the study's conclusions in an editorial accompanying the findings.

The editorial, co-written by Brady's wife, Sarah, and by Dr. Thomas Cole of JAMA's editorial staff, said California has successfully stopped would-be gun buyers if they have convictions for violent misdemeanor crimes.

"The findings (of the study) strongly suggests there are compelling reasons to do so," the editorial said.

The study was led by Dr. Garen Wintemute of the University of California, Davis, and underwritten in part by

the California Wellness Foundation.

The researchers did a 15-year study of 5,923 randomly chosen people in California who legally purchased handguns in 1977, based on state records. The researchers were able to track 5,177 for the full study period, while the others could not be verified as continued residents of California.

Of the 2,735 subjects convicted before their gun purchases of at least one misdemeanor, 1,379 (50.4 percent) were subsequently charged with new crimes. Only 239 purchasers out of 2,442 who had no prior criminal history were subsequently charged (9.8 percent).

Counting only the worst

crimes — murder and non-negligent manslaughter, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault — 421 people with previous convictions (15.4 percent) were subsequently charged compared with 60 of people with no criminal history (2.5 percent), researchers said.

But Dr. Edgar Suter, chairman of Doctors for Integrity in Policy Research, a nonprofit group that has countered medical research vilifying guns, said the study was politically skewed.

"The individuals involved with this want to make guns look as bad as they can," Suter said Tuesday from San Ramon, Calif., where he is a family practitioner. He said the study failed to fully examine the population of gun buyers because many with clean criminal records had been pared from state files of gun purchasers.

The authors said including such buyers would not have changed the results substantially. They said the public has the misperception that laws requiring background checks of prospective gun buyers "prohibit gun purchase by all but the law-abiding."

"In fact, many thousands of persons with a history of criminal activity legally purchase firearms every year," they added, citing previous research.

## Hidden eyes catch Texas beach dumpers

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — If you're dumping trash illegally, surprise — you might be caught on one of Corpus Christi's hidden cameras.

Over the next six months, the city's solid waste department plans to place cameras in trees, bushes or atop buildings to catch dumpers in the act.

"I'm hoping that people will think twice about dumping stuff from now on," the city's solid waste compliance officer, Joe New, told the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. "We're just trying to clean up this city."

Solid waste officials say some people believe the plan is reminiscent of "Big Brother" in George Orwell's "1984."

"Obviously, we know that this is sensitive and that people are maybe scared of this, but the sole purpose of this is to look at illegal dumping," said Andy Leal, director of Solid Waste Services.



Keeping lines up -- Don Parr, an Southwestern Public Service lineman, checked and replaced some electrical line in the 100 block of Kibbe, Tuesday. Service repairmen have kept busy maintaining lines and doing all they can to guarantee the needed power is available during the cold winter days and even colder nights.

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## Obituaries

## R. E. JACKSON

Dec. 22, 1998

Funeral services for R. E. Jackson, 81, of Hereford will be 10 a.m. Thursday at First Assembly of God Church in Hereford with Rev. David Morris, First Assembly of God Church officiating. Graveside services and burial will be 2 p.m. in the Muleshoe Cemetery with Rev. Mike Sullivan, pastor First Assembly of God Officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Jackson died Tuesday at St. Anthony's Hospice of Amarillo.

He was born March 30, 1917, in Vernon to Houston Jackson and Hattie Bell Holt Jackson. He married Georgia Wilemon on Sept. 6, 1937. She died in 1981. He married Quessie Hill on Dec. 25, 1982, in Hereford.

Mr. Jackson was retired from Barrett & Crowfoot Feeders. He was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include his wife, Quessie Jackson, of Hereford; one son, Ray Jackson of Liberal, Kansas; three daughters, Linda Chandler, of Hereford, Velma Dearing of Plano, Vi Carson of Rose Bud, Ark.; three sisters, Juanita Scarborough, of Muleshoe,

Fannie Hughes, of Clovis, N.M. Nina Mae Hendrix, of Amarillo; 12 grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren; three step-daughters; one step-son.

The family suggests memorials be made to St. Anthony's Hospice.

## TRINIDAD GOMEZ, SR.

Dec. 22, 1998

Funeral services for Trinidad Gomez, Sr., 80, of Hereford will be 1 p.m. Thursday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church with Msgr. Orville Blum officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Gililand-Watson Funeral Home.

Mr. Gomez was born Sept. 19, 1918 in San Angelo. He married Betty Perez on Aug. 22, 1942, in Ballinger. He moved to Hereford in 1954. He worked in the furniture business and was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife Betty; three sons, Trinidad Gomez, Jr., Harvey Gomez and Johnny Gomez; three daughters, Adela Tijerina, Delma Gomez, and Emily Gomez; five sisters, Margaret Pena, Julie Mata, Florencia Montelongo, Olivia Menjores, and Elvira Fuentes; 13 grandchildren; and 18 grandchildren.

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## Emergency Services

Activities reported by emergency services personnel for Dec. 22, 1998, include the following:

## POLICE DEPARTMENT Incidents

— Prowlers were reported in the 500 block of Avenue H.

— A 33-year-old woman attempted suicide by cutting her wrist in the 200 block of Harahh Street.

— Theft of a green chain hoist, valued at more than \$450 was reported in the 600 block of West First Street.

— A two car accident was reported in 500 block of N. 25 Mile Avenue.

— A male suspect threw a beer bottle at a passing car in the 400 block of Avenue G. No damage was reported.

— A child custody dispute was reported in the 300 block of West Seventh.

— Theft of gasoline was reported at a convenience store in the 100 block of S. 25 Mile Avenue.

— A prowler was reported in the 900 block of Irving.

— A disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of Irving.

— Theft of gasoline was reported at a convenience store in the 100 block of S. 25 Mile Avenue.

— Police were unable to locate a reported intoxicated driver in the area of 385 and 60.

— A child custody dispute was reported in the 800 block of S. 25 Mile Avenue.

— A two car accident was reported in the 100 block of N. Avenue K.

## SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT Arrests

— A 26-year-old woman was arrested and charged with theft by check, over \$20 and under \$500.

— An 18-year-old man was arrested and charged with violation of probation on a criminal mischief warrant.

— A 29-year-old man was arrested on a bench warrant.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

— 2:31 p.m. Firefighters responded to a trailer fire on FM 2943 at Bartlett Feeders. Fire was a result a malfunctioning hot water heater.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Texas lottery

## Pick 3

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-1

## Cash 5

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Tuesday by the Texas Lottery: 9-11-19-20-38

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# LIFESTYLES

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Junior Girl Scout Troop 428 celebrated Christmas a little early with a party in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church. They "pooled" all the presents and then drew names to choose gifts. After opening presents, they "munched on" a variety of refreshments.

## Girl Scouts to provide babysitting

Cadette Girl Scout Troop 283 is offering to babysit for children up to age 12 on New Years Eve.

Hours for the service will be 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

Supper, snacks, videos and activities will be provided.

The cost for one child with supper is \$15 or without supper is \$12. Special rates will be offered for additional children in the same family.

To make a reservation, call 364-6772, 364-1857 or 364-2248. Drop-ins will be accepted for an additional charge.

## Temple Shalom leader experiences ceremony

DALLAS — The cantor introduced him as "the big bar mitzvah."

And big he was. Six feet 4 he stood, towering over the pulpit. His voice boomed through the sanctuary.

Nobody had ever seen anything like it or ever thought they would. The rabbi was being bar mitzvaed.

On a Saturday night at Temple Shalom, it was standing room only. The women wore velvet and spangles. The men had their suits freshly pressed.

His age, he says, is 59 1/2. He has preached and taught and lived the Torah for more than three decades.

But Rabbi Kenneth D. Roseman never went through the

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## Ann Landers



**Dear Ann Landers:** I am sending along a column of yours that appeared in The Dothan (Ala.) Eagle in December 1972. I have saved it for 26 years, but my copy is getting worn, and I can barely read it. I hope you will print it again, not just for me but for those who may have missed it the first time. — Slocumb, Ala.

**Dear Slocumb:** Any column that has been kept for 26 years and still sounds good has stood the test of time and deserves to be printed again. Here it is:

**Dear Ann Landers:** I teach the fourth grade. My pupils are 8 and 9 years old. The other day, I suggested a game. I asked my pupils to pretend they were Ann Landers giving advice to parents on how to raise children. I was amazed at their precocious wisdom. Here are some of the best suggestions for whatever use you wish to make of them — Teacher in Wellesley, Mass.

**Dear Teacher:** From the mouths of babes can come

pearls of wisdom. Thanks for a splendid example. Isn't the honesty of children refreshing? Here are the suggestions for successful child-rearing provided by your young students:

1. Don't give me everything I ask for. Sometimes, I am just testing you to see how much I can get.

2. Don't always be giving orders. If you suggest something instead of giving a command, I will do it faster.

3. Don't keep changing your mind about what you want me to do. Make up your mind, and stick to it.

4. Keep promises, both good and bad. If you promise a reward, make sure you give it to me. If you promise a punishment, make sure I get that, too.

5. Don't compare me with anybody else, especially if the comparison will hurt somebody's feelings. I don't want to be considered smarter than somebody else because it will hurt that person's feelings. If you make me out to be dumber than somebody else, then it will hurt MY feelings.

6. Let me do as much for myself as I can. That's how I

learn. If you do everything for me, I will never be able to do anything for myself.

7. Don't correct my mistakes in front of other people. Tell me how to improve when nobody is around.

8. Don't scream at me. It makes me scream back, and I don't want to be a screamer. Screamers sound awful.

9. Don't tell lies in front of me or ask me to tell lies to help you out. It makes me think less of you and less of myself, even if I am supposed to be doing you a favor.

10. When I do something wrong, don't try to get me to tell you WHY I did it. Sometimes, I don't know why myself.

11. Don't pay too much attention to me when I say I have a stomach ache. Playing sick can be a good way to get out of doing things I don't want to do or going places I don't want to go. Make sure it's real.

12. When you are wrong about something, admit it. It won't hurt my opinion of you. It will make it easier for me to admit it when I am wrong.

13. Treat me like you would treat a friend. Then, I will be YOUR friend, and you will be

mine. Just because people are related does not mean they can't be polite and nice to each other.

**Dear Readers:** I recently printed some amusing anecdotes about problems marketers encountered when trying to create ad campaigns in other countries. I just learned this material came from the book "How the Cadillac Got Its Fins and Other Tales From the Annals of Business and Marketing" by Jack Mingo.

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**Quilt presented**—Alva Lee Peeler, who retired recently as executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, was honored with an appreciation dinner and was presented with this quilt which was made by Margaret Torres, right, a member of BBBS board. The quilt is made of blocks with handprints of the "little" brothers and sisters in the program. Also pictured is Roger Eades, president of BBBS board.

## Looking Back

## Today in History

## By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 23, the 357th day of 1998. There are eight days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Dec. 23, 1823, the poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore ("Twas the night before Christmas...") was published in the "Troy (New York) Sentinel."

**On this date:**

In 1783, George Washington resigned as commander-in-chief of the Army and retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va.

In 1788, Maryland voted to cede a 100-square-mile area for the seat of the national government; about two-thirds of the area became the District of Columbia.

In 1893, the Engelbert Humperdinck opera "Hänsel und Gretel" was first performed, in Weimar, Germany.

In 1928, the National Broadcasting Co. set up a permanent, coast-to-coast network.

In 1941, during World War II, American forces on Wake Island surrendered to the Japanese.

In 1948, former Japanese premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese war leaders were executed in Tokyo.

In 1968, 82 crew members of the U.S. intelligence ship Pueblo were released by North Korea, 11 months after they

had been captured.

In 1980, a state funeral was held in Moscow for former Premier Alexei N. Kosygin, who had died Dec. 18 at age 76.

In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, round-the-world flight without refueling as it landed safely at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

In 1995, a fire in Dabwali, India, killed 540 people, including 170 children, during a year-end party being held near the children's school.

**Ten years ago:** Pope John Paul II met with Yasser Arafat at the Vatican. The pontiff told the PLO leader he believed Palestinians and Jews had "an identical fundamental right" to their own countries.

**Five years ago:** President Clinton, under intense political pressure, instructed his attorney to give the Justice Department all records of his investment in an Arkansas real estate partnership linked to a failed savings and loan company.

**One year ago:** A jury in Denver convicted Terry Nichols of involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy for his role in the Oklahoma City bombing, declining to find him guilty of murder. Woody Allen married Soon-Yi Previn in a small ceremony in Venice, Italy.

**Today's Birthdays:** Photographer Yousuf Karsh is 90.

Actor James Gregory is 87.

Actor Gerald S. O'Loughlin is 77. Emperor Akihito of Japan is 65. Actor Frederic Forrest is 62. Actor James Stacy is 62. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eugene Record (The Chi-Lites) is 58. Actor-comedian Harry Shearer is 55. Actress Susan Lucci is 49. Rock musician Dave Murray (Iron Maiden) is 40. Actor Corey Haim is 27. Rock musician Jamie Murphy (Space) is 23.

**Thought for Today:** "Roseness is not a worse windowpane than gloomy gray when viewing the world." — Grace Paley, American writer.

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most important ceremony of a Jewish child's adolescence. Because he lived in Greece when he was 13 and his family was on the left edge of Judaism and didn't put much stock in such ceremonies, he never officially became a bar mitzvah, which means son of the commandment.

On Dec. 5, the rabbi did what any 13-year-old would do. He made a speech and chanted a passage from Scripture in Hebrew. The Hebrew was not a problem. But the chanting was something else.

As he does for every boy or girl, Cantor Don Alan Croll made a cassette tape of himself singing the appropriate passage. The rabbi studied hard.

## At the Center

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# SPORTS

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## ABL calls it quits, cites lack of money, exposure

PALO ALTO, Calif. (AP) — The American Basketball League just couldn't beat the WNBA — even when the pioneer women's league was practically the only pro game in town.

The nine-team ABL folded Tuesday midway through its third season, unable to compete with its rival, which was backed by the money and marketing power of the NBA.

As the league filed for bankruptcy protection, ABL franchises canceled their games and began drawing up plans for paying players and employees, and refunding ticketholders' money.

*"At this point, the league is out of money. This is a sad day for our fans, employees, players and coaches, and for women's basketball in general."*

**- Gary Cavalli, ABL CEO**

coaches, and for women's basketball in general.

He said the ABL was unable to get the necessary TV exposure and sponsorship support.

The ABL was launched in 1996, riding the enthusiasm of the gold-medal-winning U.S. women's team in the Atlanta Olympics and the boom in women's college basketball. When the WNBA began play the following year, however, many began to wonder if two women's leagues could survive.

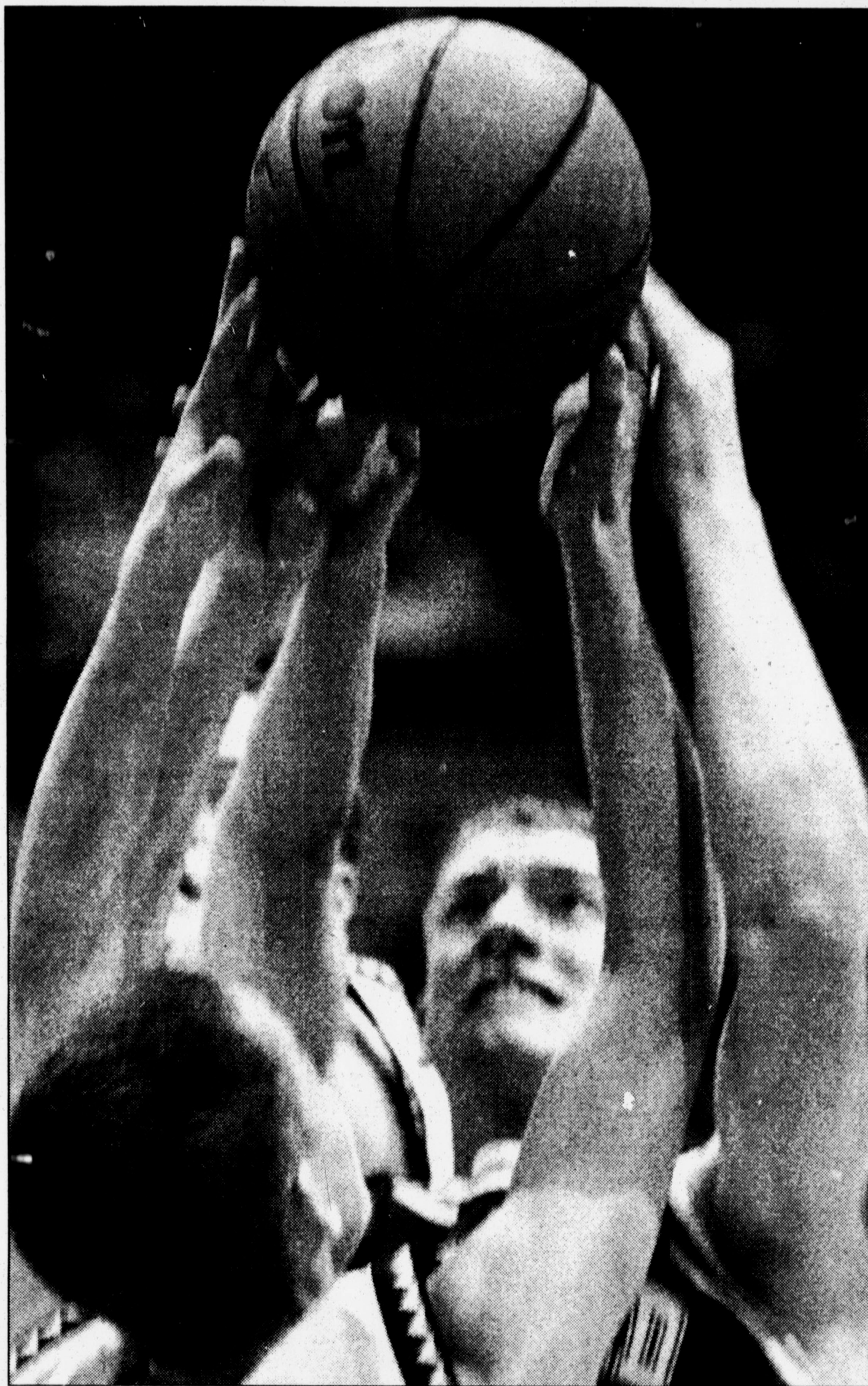
This year, the ABL had hoped to take advantage of the NBA lockout, which has forced cancellation of at least half the season.

"I'm a little surprised about the timing of it," said forward Katie Smith of the Columbus Quest, which won the league's two championships. She plans to play with a national team this summer and then look into joining the WNBA.

Players, some of whom chose

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## UP FOR GRABS



Julius Bodner/Brand

Chayse Rives of Hereford (facing) and Matt Lair of Canyon have their eyes on the ball as it momentarily suspends in air during a nondistrict game Friday in Canyon. The Eagles won 49-47, ending a 10-game Hereford win streak. The Whitefaces are idle until Dec. 28 when they meet El Paso Jefferson in the first round of the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock. The tournament will be conducted at various sites in the Lubbock area and will conclude Dec. 30.

## Mitchell to head inquiry

Former senate majority leader will dig into scandal over Salt Lake City Winter Olympics bid

By Larry Siddons

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — George Mitchell has another entry on his roll call of tough jobs — trying to get to the bottom of the biggest corruption scandal in Olympic history.

Mitchell, the former Senate majority leader who helped broker peace in Northern Ireland and is expected to play a key role in President Clinton's impeachment defense, was selected Tuesday to lead the latest investigation into possible bribery surrounding the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

He and four others, including former White House chief of staff Ken Duberstein and baseball union chief Donald Fehr, will start their work for the U.S. Olympic Committee next week and hope to have a report by the end of February.

The goal, Mitchell said during a conference call, is to ensure that future Olympics in the United States are as clean as fans and sponsors expect them to be.

"I believe the Olympic movement holds a special place in the hearts and minds of Americans and people around the world," Mitchell said. "We intend to investigate what happened in the past and make recommendations to assure that the selection of U.S. candidate cities for future Olympics is fair and above reproach."

The Mitchell inquiry is the third regarding accusations the Salt Lake City bidders violated International Olympic Committee rules in the early 1990s by providing \$400,000 in scholarships to families of IOC members.

The Utah capital also gave away skis, custom shotguns and other lavish gifts, and even provided free medical care, according to interviews by The Associated Press and other news outlets.

The IOC and the Salt Lake Organizing Committee earlier began investigations, with senior IOC member Marc Hodler saying the bribery and blackmail goes far beyond the 2002 Games.

Mitchell, who helped broker the Northern Ireland peace accord and probably will play a key roll of contacting senators on Clinton's behalf as he faces trial, said he found the Olympic accusations "disturbing" but not stunning.

"I spent 30 years in politics and the last three in Northern Ireland, and not much shocks me anymore," he said.

While his panel lacks subpoena power, Mitchell said it would cooperate with the other investigations in hopes of weeding out corruption. He said he would turn over any evidence of criminal wrongdoing to prosecutors.

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## NFL FOOTBALL

### Denver fading into playoffs ...

By John Mossman

AP Sports Writer

DENVER — Through 11 games, they were the class of the NFL, knocking off opponents with ease. Through 13 games, despite sudden breakdowns, they remained undefeated.

Now, the Denver Broncos have lost two straight games. Fans calling sports talk shows are panicking, and Broncos players are beginning to doubt themselves.

Not to worry, coach Mike Shanahan insisted on Tuesday, less than 24 hours after the Broncos' 31-21 loss to the Miami Dolphins.

The unflappable Shanahan said his team, which on Dec. 6 clinched homefield advantage throughout the playoffs, has momentarily lost its edge as it closes out the regular season with some meaningless games.

Monday night's game in Miami would have had huge implications if the Broncos had taken an unbeaten record into Pro Player Stadium. The Broncos would have had to get by the Dolphins in order to maintain their

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### While Vikings continue to pillage road to Super Bowl

By Ron Lesko

AP Sports Writer

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — In the ever-changing NFL season, the Minnesota Vikings have become something of a security blanket, as reliable as an old dog.

They win, and they win by scoring a ton of points.

And they often win even though at least one key player gets hurt in the process.

In Sunday night's 50-10 laughter against the AFC Central-champion Jacksonville Jaguars, both quarterback Randall Cunningham and center Jeff Christy broke bones in their left hands in the first quarter.

But the consequences were only dire for Jacksonville.

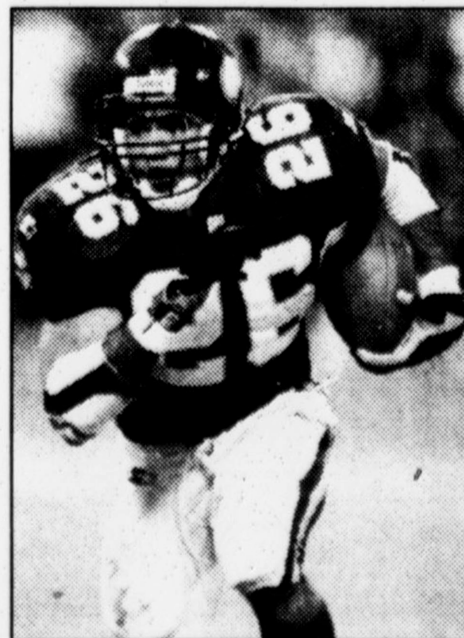
Cunningham threw three touchdown passes before leaving, Christy played the entire game and the

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Julius Bodner/Brand

Valerie Guzman of Hereford (14) and Canyon's Jolee Ayers both reach for a loose ball during a recent nondistrict game in Canyon. Canyon won, 56-24. The Lady Whitefaces are idle until the Caprock Holiday Tournament in Lubbock Dec. 28-30. Hereford will face Class 2A Electra in the first round.



The Associated Press

Minnesota running back Robert Smith turns upfield during a recent game in Minneapolis.



## Vikings

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Vikings went on to their highest point total in 24 years. Coupled with Denver's loss at Miami on Monday night, the Vikings (14-1) now have the NFL's best record.

"At this point in the season everybody realizes what we have within our grasp," Christy said Monday, his damaged left thumb protected by a small, temporary cast. "I think everyone knows that we need everybody in this room to get to the next level and to get that Super Bowl championship, and I think everyone's willing to do what it takes to get there."

Sunday night's scoring avalanche allowed the Vikings to become the first dome team ever to earn home-field advantage for the playoffs. It moved them within 12 points of setting a new NFL scoring record, and also added a handful of new names to the injury list.

But nothing fazes the Vikings anymore, and it seems nothing can stop them.

"If you stop and go, 'Wow!', you're going to get your butt beat," running back Leroy Hoard said. "Hey, we just keep going, keep playing hard and just keep doing the things we've been doing and wait till it's all over with to say 'Wow!'"

Neither Cunningham nor Christy are expected to miss Saturday's regular-season finale at Tennessee, when the Vikings will have a chance to become just the third team in NFL history to win 15 games, joining the 1985 Chicago Bears and 1984 San Francisco 49ers.

For Cunningham, it's the second time this season a potentially serious injury turned into a minor ailment. He hurt his knee early in the win over New Orleans on Nov. 8, but was able to return the following Sunday after having two bone chips removed from the knee.

He broke a bone on the top of

his hand on Minnesota's first drive Sunday night, then led the Vikings to a 26-3 lead before Brad Johnson came in late in the third quarter. Cunningham was back with the first team in practice Monday and showed no signs that the hand was bothering him.

"I'm willing to do whatever it takes," Cunningham said. "I'll go the distance. I don't mind. I have no problem with that."

Already the second-highest scoring team in NFL history with 530 points, the Vikings are a virtual lock to surpass the 541 points scored by the 1983 Washington Redskins.

After all, they are averaging 35 points on the season and nearly 46 in the last four games. And the recent tear has come, at one time or another, without offensive starters Robert Smith, Jake Reed, Cris Carter and Corey Stringer.

Stringer, the right tackle, and backup tight end Greg DeLong missed Sunday with injuries. Randy Moss, left tackle Todd Steussie, linebacker Dixon Edwards and his backup, Kailee Wong, also sustained injuries during the game.

"At this point, we've got basically walking wounded," Christy said.

Dennis Green only ruled out only Wong for the Tennessee game, although Stringer and Edwards are questionable and Reed won't be back before the playoffs.

Green did say he would "try to be smart" when deciding how much he will use his key players Saturday in a game that will have significance only for the historical milestones Minnesota can achieve.

"Whoever plays we expect them to play well," Green said. "We've had some starters miss one game or two games, and the guys who have filled in for them have continued to play well, and we still take that approach."

## Mitchell

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The Justice Department is conducting a preliminary review of the case.

"We would welcome any information that would help us determine how best to proceed," Justice Department spokesman Myron Marlin said.

In Salt Lake, SLOC senior vice president of public communications Shelley Thomas said organizers would cooperate with the USOC investigation, as they have pledged to do with the other inquiries.

Gordon Hall, chairman of the SLOC's ethics board, said he expected the organizing committee's investigation to be finished by Feb. 11.

USOC president Bill Hybl said Salt Lake, in turn, had promised to cooperate in the latest investigation. He would not rule out penalties against organizers but said the USOC had no intention of taking over Salt Lake's Olympic preparations.

"These games will go on," he said. "They will be one of the most successful, if not the most successful, Winter Games ever."

Tuesday's developments came as Olympic officials tried to calm sponsors, who pay an increasing percentage of the multimillion dollar sports budget and are attracted by an image of quality and high ethical standards.

US West, a major sponsor of the 2002 Olympics, wrote to SLOC president Frank Joklik to protest the "unsavory allegations." Other sponsors have voiced similar concerns.

All corporate sponsors, partners and suppliers in the USOC's marketing programs had been contacted about the case and the Mitchell panel's investigation, Hybl said.

"Based on what we know, we have told the sponsors that they can count on full oversight so

that it won't happen in the future," Hybl said.

The USOC president also said that American cities bidding for future Olympics and Pan American Games must abide by a 25-page set of ethics guidelines "that say what you can and cannot do."

No such USOC rules were in effect when Salt Lake won the Winter Games in 1995, Hybl said, although IOC rules limited gifts to members to \$150 each.

Other members of the Mitchell panel are Roberta Cooper Ramo, past president of the American Bar Association, and Jeff Benz, a lawyer and member of the USOC's athletes council.

Hodler said that vote-buying affected the elections that chose Olympic cities for 1996, 1998 and 2000. He said four people — including one IOC member — bragged they could provide blocs of votes for payoffs up to \$5 million, and that 5 percent to 7 percent of the IOC's 115 members were open to bribes.

The only agent he identified was Mahmoud El Farnawani, a former Olympic volleyball coach who worked as a marketing consultant for the Salt Lake bid from 1984-95. Farnawani told The Toronto Star on Tuesday that he was not under investigation by the IOC and declined further comment until speaking with his lawyer.

In a copyright story of the Deseret News, El Farnawani said that as a marketing consultant he simply provided access to IOC members by setting up meetings between them and Salt Lake bid leaders.

The IOC is considering changes in the vote process and last weekend president Juan Antonio Samaranch said members could no longer visit bidding cities. One candidate for the 2006 Winter Games, the Polish resort of Zakopane, called Samaranch's move a "strange solution" to the bribery scandal.

## Anaheim blanks Avs, 1-0

DENVER (AP) — Dominic Roussel stopped 45 shots for his first victory in more than two years and Jeff Nielsen scored his first goal of the season as the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim beat the Colorado Avalanche 1-0 Tuesday night.

Roussel, who last won on March 22, 1996 in a 4-1 victory

over Winnipeg, outduelled Colorado goalie Patrick Roy, who made 20 saves but had a hand in Nielsen's goal.

Roy sent a blind cross-ice clearing pass right onto Nielsen's stick at the upper right circle. Nielsen sent a wrist shot into the net at 5:10 of the second period before Roy got back into position.

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## Denver

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hopes for an undefeated season, duplicating a feat accomplished only by the 1972 Dolphins. Both present and former Dolphins didn't want that to happen.

But the Broncos stumbled the week before, suffering their first loss, 20-16 to the Giants.

That took much of the drama out of the game with Miami, although the game was important to Miami's playoff hopes and pitted future Hall of Fame quarterbacks Dan Marino and John Elway.

Marino was marvelous, throwing for 355 yards and four touchdowns. But Elway and running back Terrell Davis, the NFL's leading rusher, both flopped. Elway completed only 13 of 36 passes for 151 yards and two interceptions, while Davis managed just 29 yards rushing on 16 carries.

Shanahan said Elway developed a strained hip flexor muscle during the game that limited his mobility, and Davis was slowed by bruised ribs — neither of which should bother either player next week.

But he made it clear that injuries weren't the cause of his team's latest loss.

"Dan made some great throws, and their receivers made some big plays in man coverage," Shanahan said. "Defensively, there were a number of times when we weren't in the right spot. Offensively, we had some

opportunities we didn't take advantage of."

It marked the fourth straight sub-par performance for a Broncos team that heretofore had appeared invincible.

"You lose your edge a little bit when you have homefield advantage and when you have the division sewed up," Shanahan said. "When you lose that edge, all of a sudden you can get embarrassed."

Shanahan could take comfort in the fact that last year the Broncos also lost in the 14th and 15th weeks of the season, then regrouped to win the Super Bowl.

On the other hand, the Broncos stumbled toward the end of 1996, too, and despite having homefield advantage bowed to Jacksonville in their first playoff game.

Asked if he saw a decline in confidence among his players over the last two weeks, Shanahan said, "No. I see a sense of urgency. I really feel good about our team and the type of character we have. Sometimes you lose, but you've got to keep your focus. There's only one thing that matters: You've got to play well once you get to the playoffs. I've got confidence we will."

His players seemed less certain.

"How much work do we have to do before the playoffs?" safety Tyrone Braxton said. "A hell of a lot."

## ABL

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the ABL because it offered higher salaries than the WNBA, were informed of the shutdown when they called the league office.

"We have closed our entire operation," said a recorded message. "The league is currently working on a plan to ensure that you'll be paid as much of your salary as possible for the month of December. This plan is subject to court approval."

Seattle's Kate Starbird, whose signing two years ago was a major coup for the fledgling league in its battle against the WNBA, had practical concerns. "I talked to my sister at work," Starbird said. "She's got 20 tickets that I think I have to reimburse her for the next game."

League spokesman Dean Jutilla said ABL employees were instructed by lawyers not to make any comment about the shutdown.

The league's board of directors decided late Monday night to suspend the rest of the 1998-99 season that began in early November and file a Chapter 11 bankruptcy petition, leading to the league's liquidation.



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## INSIDE

# Clinton turning public attention to plight of nation's homeless



WASHINGTON (AP) — In a last burst of public policy-making before Christmas, President Clinton is examining programs for the homeless.

The president was traveling today to a Boys and Girls Club in the Baltimore community of Pleasant View to highlight programs there that help homeless people find a place to live and rebuild their lives.

White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said the trip with Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo is meant to preview the housing aspects of the federal budget "as we move forward next year into the budget season."

After returning from Baltimore, the president will settle in for a quiet Christmas holiday at the White House with his family, Lockhart said. He is expected to remain at the White House until Dec. 30, when he and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton depart for the annual Renaissance Weekend retreat in Hilton Head, S.C.

Clinton began putting himself in the Christmas mood on Tuesday, reading "A Visit from St. Nicholas" — more popularly known by its opening line, "Twas the night before Christmas," — to about 50 children who chimed in with many of the words and gave him hugs.

"If you don't know the words, that's OK," Clinton said as he and the first lady settled on a long red bench in the White House East Room with Nanna Chen, 8, sandwiched between them.

The children came through with the better-known stanzas of Clement C. Moore's 1822 poem about a father's Christmas Eve encounter with Santa Claus.

When Clinton finished, most of the children raced off for cookies and other treats. A few lined up and hugged the president. Andrew Smith, 6, whispered in Clinton's ear, and Tyron Dingell, 8, gave him a Christmas tree made of green construction paper.

Clinton fit the reading in before a regular meeting with aides about Social Security and a pair of holiday receptions in the White House residence for about 500 people.

Wearing a tie featuring Christmas trees, Clinton paused during the reading to show the children his favorite illustrations from the book, saying, "It has great pictures."

Fortney Stark, the 3-year-old son of Rep. Pete Stark, D-Calif., scooted close to Clinton's feet, plopping his worn Winnie the Pooh bear on the floor beside him.

The Clintons did not sing Christmas carols this year, leaving that job to Santa Claus, Frosty the Snowman, a chorale dressed in turn-of-the-century garb and a tall Rudolph the reindeer, whose red nose flashed in time with the singing.

They did pose for a photograph, with the president coordinating the shot to make sure every child's face could be seen.

Mrs. Clinton showed the children a copy of "Dear Socks, Dear Buddy," her book of children's letters to the presidential pets. Pointing to a picture of Clinton and his dog on the golf course, she said, "He's a great golfer, Buddy is," and surveyed the children about their pets.

"Who has a cat and a dog?" she asked.

A third of the children raised their hands. So did the president.

**President Clinton** was scheduled to travel today to a Boys and Girls Club in the Baltimore community of Pleasant View to highlight programs there that help homeless people find a place to live and rebuild their lives.

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Names in the news

### Milano wins suit over nude pictures

LOS ANGELES — Alyssa Milano won a \$230,000 default judgment in her lawsuit claiming that an Internet site posted nude photos of her.

Tuesday's judgment also bars John Lindgren, 21, from posting nude pictures of Ms. Milano and ordered him to pay \$8,200 in legal fees.

Ms. Milano's name wasn't found late Tuesday on the Web site, which boasts of having 1,000 nude photos of actresses such as Alicia Silverstone and Yasmine Bleeth.

The default judgment means Lindgren didn't respond to the lawsuit filed in April. Lindgren could not be reached for comment, and there was no telephone listing for him in Minnesota, which the lawsuit listed as his home state.

Ms. Milano starred on "Who's the Boss?" opposite Tony Danza for eight seasons and left "Melrose Place" last season to star in the WB network series "Charmed."

### Williams gets his star in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES — Robin Williams has made a lasting impression in Hollywood.

The comic actor, whose movie "Patch Adams" is to open nationwide on Christmas, stuck his hands and feet in wet cement in the courtyard of Mann's Chinese Theatre on Tuesday.

Hundreds of fans crowding Hollywood Boulevard cheered wildly as Williams donned the red nose he wears in the movie and placed his hands in the cement, joining many others in the ground-level gallery of prints.

Williams plays the title character in the film, which is based on the life of a doctor who believes in the healing power of humor.

### Heston apologizes to TV newsmen

LOS ANGELES — Charlton Heston apologized to Mike Wallace for "unloading" on "60 Minutes."

"It's an accurate segment, just as you told me, although my 7-year-old grandson burst into tears at one point, exclaiming, 'Did Ba do something bad?' I'm afraid I did, Mike. I'm sorry," Heston wrote Wallace after seeing Sunday's "60 Minutes" segment profiling the actor.

In a *Guns & Ammo* magazine essay, Heston accused the CBS news show of "SWAT-team journalism" and of joining the pattern of "character assassination" that he says he has faced since he became president of the National Rifle Association.

At the time he wrote the essay, Heston hadn't seen the "60 Minutes" piece.

"It seems ironic that at this stage of my life I have to be reminded that it's wiser to critique a work after you've seen it. I'm sorry," Heston wrote Wallace.

The apology "was a classy thing to do," Wallace said Tuesday.

### Paralyzed gymnast to help ring in 1999

NEW YORK (AP) — Sang Lan, the 17-year-old Chinese gymnast paralyzed in a fall at the Goodwill Games, will help Mayor Rudolph Giuliani ring in the new year at Times Square.

Lan will help drop the ceremonial lighted ball, an annual tradition watched by approximately 250 million television viewers. Thousands of people pack Times Square to watch the ball descend a 77-foot flagpole for one minute, until it reaches the bottom at midnight.

"This is a special honor, not only to me but also to the Chinese people," Lan said.

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## Russian prime minister: All debts will be repaid

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's prime minister said today that his country will repay all its debts, but would need to restructure them because of the country's economic crisis.

"Russia will not declare default, we have no intention of declaring default," Yevgeny Primakov said while visiting Kazakhstan's capital, Astana. "Russia will pay all debts, both internal and external."

Russia faces \$17.5 billion in foreign debts that fall due next year, but the government has only earmarked \$9.5 billion for foreign debt servicing and wants to reschedule the remainder with creditors.

After the latest economic crisis hit in August, the government stopped making payments on \$40 billion worth of treasury bills. Creditors regarded this as a default, and restructuring negotiations are still under way.

"Russia is interested in debt restructuring," Primakov said.

The government badly needs new loans from the International Monetary Fund and other lenders to pay off its debts. It has included \$7.5 billion in foreign loans in next year's proposed budget, although there's no guarantee they will materialize.

The World Bank on Tuesday promised to release a \$400 million loan for repairs and construction on Russia's vast road system, but said that it wouldn't release \$950 million in promised loans for economic restructuring, social security and the coal industry until at least March.

The IMF and other lenders say a sound federal budget is a key condition for granting new loans.

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 4-KAMR-Amarillo-NBC 11-C-Span 1 12-C-Span 2 19-Cosmo Bulletin Bld. 26-Arte & Entertainment 33-Universal 39-Animal Planet 47-ESPN2  
 5-The Disney Channel 13-KJTT-Amarillo-FOX 20-HBO 27-Lifetime 34-CMT 40-Animal Planet 48-MTV  
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## THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

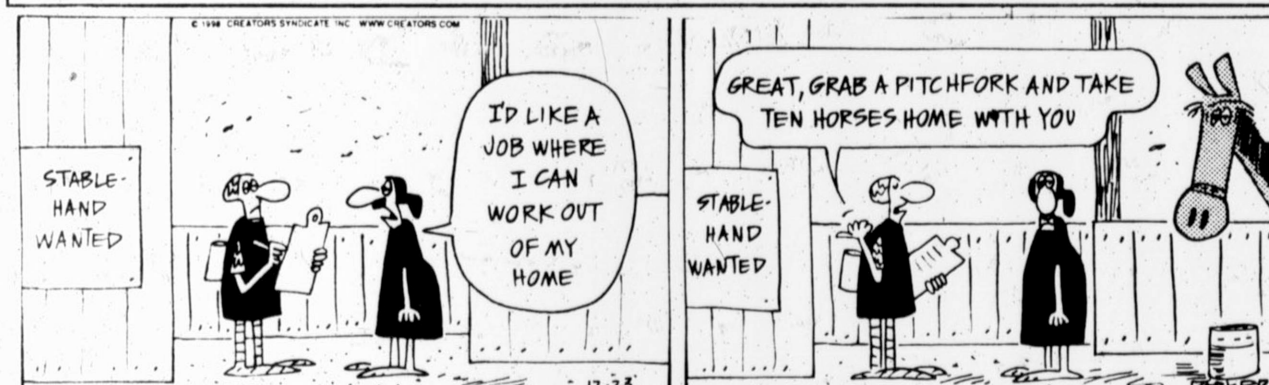
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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 2  | Barney                                                          | Teletubbies                                                  | Sesame Street               | Mr Rogers                | Puzzle Place                                          | Charlie      | Wimzies                                                 | Tots TV                                 | Noddy              | Cooking      |           |
| 3  | Garage Club                                                     | Bobby                                                        | Mork                        | 700 Club                 |                                                       | Kangaroo     | Station                                                 | Santa Claus                             | Adv. Mumfie        | Bobby        |           |
| 4  | Today                                                           |                                                              |                             | Leeza                    |                                                       | Sunset Beach |                                                         | Judge Lane                              | News               | Days-Lives   |           |
| 5  | Snowman                                                         | Spot                                                         | Teddy                       | Mole                     | Movie: A Mom for Christmas **                         |              | Small One                                               | Movie: Babes in Toyland 'NR'            |                    |              |           |
| 6  | Hillbillies                                                     | Hillbillies                                                  | Little House on the Prairie |                          | Live - Regis & Kathie Lee                             |              | Griffith                                                | Griffith                                | Matlock            | Hunter       |           |
| 7  | Good Morning America                                            |                                                              |                             |                          |                                                       |              | The View                                                | Howie Mandel                            | News               |              |           |
| 8  | Tiny Toon                                                       | Animanics                                                    | PinkyBrain                  | Histeria!                | Batman                                                | Batman       | Griffith                                                | Griffith                                | Matlock            | News         |           |
| 9  | This Morning                                                    |                                                              |                             |                          | Ricki Lake                                            |              | Price Is Right                                          | Young and the Restless                  | News               |              |           |
| 10 | Magic Bus                                                       | Ned's Newt                                                   | Garfield                    | Hercules                 | Paid Prog.                                            | Paid Prog.   | Paid Prog.                                              | Life in Word                            | Kenneth C. Robison | Angel        |           |
| 11 | Sportscenter                                                    | Sportscenter                                                 | Sportscenter                | Sportscenter             |                                                       |              | Sportscenter                                            | Sportscenter                            | Skiing             |              |           |
| 12 | Movie: In Presence                                              | Movie: Little Shepherd of Kingdom                            |                             |                          | (45) Movie: Grizzly Mountain Dan Haggerty. ** 'G'     |              |                                                         | Movie: Legend-Tomb                      |                    |              |           |
| 13 | Movie: All I Want for Christmas ** 'G'                          | Movie: Howards End (1992) Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson. PG |                             |                          | Movie: Dave Kevin Kline. *** PG-13                    |              |                                                         |                                         |                    |              |           |
| 14 | Movie: Auntie Mame (1958) Rosalind Russell, Forrest Tucker. *** | Movie: Top Secret! Val Kilmer. ** 'PG'                       |                             |                          | Movie: Volcano Tommy Lee Jones. **                    |              |                                                         |                                         |                    |              |           |
| 15 | (6-5) Movie: Love Finds Andy Hardy                              | Movie: Blossoms in the Dust (1941) Greer Garson. ***         |                             |                          | Movie: Period of Adjustment (1962) Jane Fonda. ** 'G' |              |                                                         |                                         |                    |              |           |
| 16 | Paid Prog.                                                      | Paid Prog.                                                   | Club Dance                  | Crook & Chase            |                                                       |              | Dallas                                                  | Aleene's Creative Living                | Waltons            |              |           |
| 17 | Paid Prog.                                                      | Paid Prog.                                                   | Assignment Discovery        | Home Matters             |                                                       |              | Housesmart!                                             | Interior Motives                        | Home               |              |           |
| 18 | Poirot                                                          |                                                              | Equalizer                   | Equalizer                |                                                       |              | Murder, She Wrote                                       | Northern Exposure                       | Law & Order        |              |           |
| 19 | Designing                                                       | Designing                                                    | Attitudes                   | Attitudes                | Party of Five                                         |              | Chicago Hope                                            | Unsolved Mysteries                      | Movie:             |              |           |
| 20 | Sports                                                          | Sports                                                       | Sports                      | Paid Prog.               | Paid Prog.                                            | Paid Prog.   | Paid Prog.                                              | Paid Prog.                              | Paid Prog.         | Last Word    |           |
| 21 | CHiPs                                                           |                                                              | Reasonable Doubts           | In the Heat of the Night |                                                       |              | Movie: Gremlins (1984) Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates. *** |                                         |                    |              |           |
| 22 | Rocko's Life                                                    | Rugrats                                                      | C. Brown                    | Blue's Clues             | Little Bear                                           | Muppets      | Gullah                                                  | Busy World                              | Little Bear        | Blue's Clues | Eureeka   |
| 23 | Videos                                                          | Videos                                                       | Foxworthy                   | Something                | Single Guy                                            | Boston       | Wings                                                   | Movie: Miracle on 34th Street (1973) ** |                    |              |           |
| 24 | (6:00) Despierta America                                        |                                                              |                             |                          | Maite                                                 |              | Navidad con las Estrellas                               |                                         |                    |              | Película  |
| 25 | Year by Year                                                    |                                                              | Christmas at War            |                          | Real West                                             |              | Great Tribes                                            |                                         |                    |              | West      |
| 26 | Nature                                                          | Acorn                                                        | Pet Con.                    | Pet Line                 | Petsburgh                                             | Amazing      | AnimalDr                                                | An. Court                               | Pet Con.           | Pet Line     | Petsburgh |

## THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

|    | 12:30                                                            | 1 PM                                        | 1:30                                         | 2 PM                       | 2:30                                                 | 3 PM                                  | 3:30                             | 4 PM                      | 4:30                | 5 PM          | 5:30       |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|
| 2  | Body Elec.                                                       | Alexander                                   | Art                                          | Atlanta Symphony-Christmas |                                                      | Christmas                             | Reading                          | Science Guy               | Wishbone            | Arthur        |            |
| 3  | Menace                                                           | Bear                                        | Ghostbats                                    | Candy                      | Eek!stravag.                                         | Bad Dog                               | Walter M.                        | 3 Friends                 | Countdown           | Animals       | First Snow |
| 4  | Days-Lives                                                       | Another World                               | Donny & Marie                                | Maury                      | Oprah Winfrey                                        |                                       |                                  |                           |                     | News          | NBC News   |
| 5  | Dalmatian                                                        | Tale Spin                                   | Bonkers                                      | Shnookums                  | Jingle Bell                                          | Movie: Ernest Saves Christmas PG      |                                  | GrowPains                 | Holidays in Concert |               |            |
| 6  | Hunter                                                           | Movie: The Bear (1989) Jack Wallace. ***    |                                              |                            | Mama                                                 | Mama                                  | Full House                       | Fam. Mat.                 | Fam. Mat.           |               |            |
| 7  | Jeopardy!                                                        | One Life to Live                            | General Hospital                             | Rosie O'Donnell            |                                                      |                                       | Brown                            | Judge Judy                | News                | ABC News      |            |
| 8  | News                                                             | Empty Nest                                  | Empty Nest                                   | Coach                      | Coach                                                | Webster                               | Charles                          | Saved-Bell                | Blossom             | Full House    | Full House |
| 9  | Bold & B.                                                        | As the World Turns                          | Guiding Light                                | Roseanne Show              | Hollywood                                            | Edison                                | News                             | CBS News                  |                     |               |            |
| 10 | Angel                                                            | Forgive or Forget                           | Little House on the Prairie                  | Spider-Man                 | Hercules                                             | Rangers                               | Knights                          | Nanny                     | Grace Under         |               |            |
| 11 | Skiing                                                           | Triathlon                                   | Figure Skating                               | NFL Great                  |                                                      |                                       | Golf Senior Match Play Challenge | Up Close                  | Sportsctr.          |               |            |
| 12 | Movie: (15) Movie: Ronnie & Julie Ten Garr. ** 'PG'              |                                             |                                              |                            | Movie: In His Father's Shoes Robert Richard. ** 'PG' |                                       |                                  | Movie: Warriors of Virtue |                     |               |            |
| 13 | Movie: Dave                                                      | Movie: Some Kind of Wonderful PG-13         | You've Got                                   |                            | Movie: Roseanna Jean Reno. PG-13                     | (45) Movie: Adventures in Babysitting |                                  |                           |                     |               |            |
| 14 | (45) Movie: A League of Their Own (1992) Geena Davis, Tom Hanks  |                                             |                                              |                            | Movie: Splash (1984) Tom Hanks, Daryl Hannah. PG     | Movie: That Thing You Do!             |                                  |                           |                     |               |            |
| 15 | Movie: Pocketful of Miracles (1961) Glenn Ford, Bette Davis. *** |                                             |                                              |                            | Movie: Bundle of Joy (1956) Debbie Reynolds. **      | Movie: On Moonlight Bay               |                                  |                           |                     |               |            |
| 16 | Waltons                                                          | America's Country Hits                      | Crook & Chase                                | Club Dance                 | Dukes of Hazzard                                     |                                       | Dallas                           |                           |                     |               |            |
| 17 | Home                                                             | Design                                      | Interior Motives                             | Great Chefs                | Great Chefs                                          | Gimme Shelter                         | New House                        | Fix-It-Line               |                     |               |            |
| 18 | Law & Order                                                      | Poirot                                      | Equalizer                                    | Equalizer                  |                                                      |                                       | Murder, She Wrote                | Northern Exposure         |                     |               |            |
| 19 | Movie: Always Remember I Love You                                | Movie: I'll Be Home for Christmas (1988) ** |                                              |                            |                                                      |                                       | Golden Girls                     | Golden Girls              | Ellen               | Ellen         |            |
| 20 | Ultimate                                                         | Texas Special Olympics                      | College Basketball New Mexico vs. Washington |                            |                                                      |                                       | Golf                             | Golf                      | Extremists          | Ultimate      |            |
| 21 | (12:00) Movie: ** (The Godchild (1974)                           |                                             |                                              |                            |                                                      |                                       | Lois & Clark-Superman            | Babylon 5                 |                     |               |            |
| 22 | Allegria                                                         | CharlieB                                    | Tiny Toon                                    | Garfield                   | Doug                                                 | Clarissa                              | Rocko's Life                     | Catdog                    | Alli That           | Figure It Out | Alex Mack  |
| 23 | Movie: Sneakers (1992) Robert Redford, Sidney Poitier. ***       |                                             |                                              |                            | Baywatch                                             | Saved-Bell                            | USA High                         | Hercules-Jynys            |                     |               |            |
| 24 | (12:00) Pelicula Se Anunciara                                    | Gordo                                       | El Blablazo                                  |                            | Cristina                                             | Primer Impacto                        | Bienvenidos                      | Noticiero                 |                     |               |            |
| 25 | (12:00) Legends of the Real West                                 | Real West                                   |                                              |                            | Custer's Last Stand                                  |                                       | Law-in the Real West             |                           |                     |               |            |
| 26 | Amazing                                                          | AnimalDr                                    | An. Court                                    | AnimalBite                 | Zooventure                                           | Lassie                                | Skippy                           | Human Nature              | Petsburgh           | Amazing       |            |

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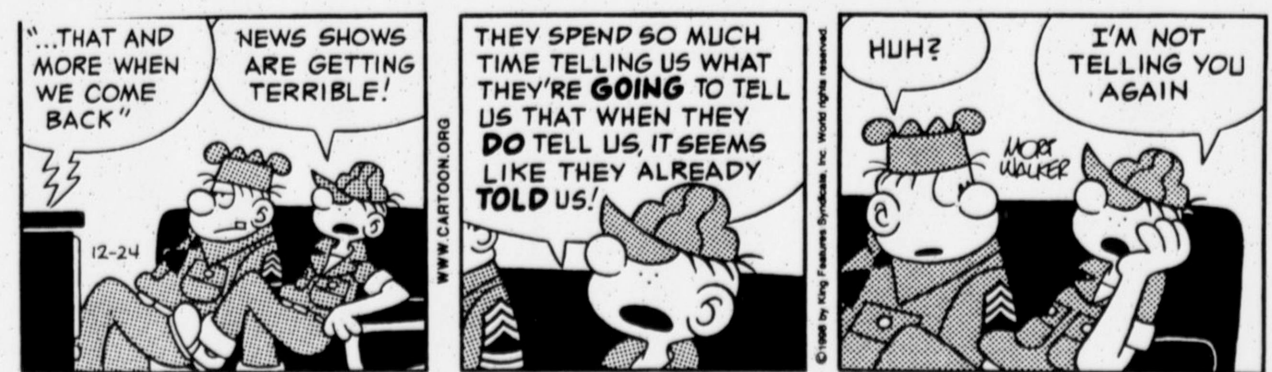
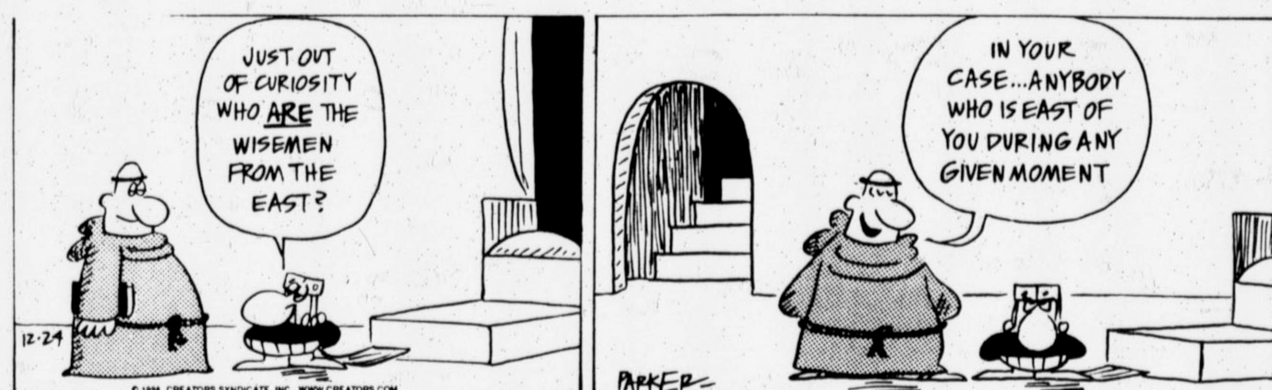


## THURSDAY DECEMBER 24

|    | 6 PM                                                  | 6:30                                                   | 7 PM                                                   | 7:30                                                   | 8 PM                                                   | 8:30        | 9 PM                 | 9:30                                                   | 10 PM                      | 10:30                    | 11 PM      |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 2  | News                                                  | News                                                   | Denyce Graves                                          | Mystery!                                               |                                                        |             | Encore!              | Charlie Rose                                           | News                       |                          |            |
| 3  | Drummer                                               | Christmas                                              | Christmas                                              | Christmas                                              | Movie: Christmas Eve (1986) Loretta Young. ***         |             |                      | 700 Club                                               | AXN                        |                          |            |
| 4  | News                                                  | Ent. Tonight                                           | Friends                                                | Jesse                                                  | Frasier                                                | Veronica's  | ER                   |                                                        | News                       | Bringin' in the Holidays |            |
| 5  | Small One                                             | Movie: Buster-Chaunc.                                  | (25) Disney Christmas                                  |                                                        | (05) Holidays in Concert                               |             |                      | Movie: Babes in Toyland Tommy Sands.                   |                            |                          |            |
| 6  | Roseanne                                              | Roseanne                                               | Grinch                                                 | (35) Movie: A Christmas Carol (1938)                   | (05) Movie: The Sword in the Stone (1963) ***          |             |                      | Movie: The Escort (1997)                               |                            |                          |            |
| 7  | News                                                  | Fortune                                                | Vengeance Unlimited                                    | Movie: Holiday in Your Heart (1997) LeAnn Rimes.       |                                                        |             |                      | Christmas Eve                                          | Seinfeld                   |                          |            |
| 8  | Fam. Mat.                                             | Fam. Mat.                                              | Wayans                                                 | Jamie Foxx                                             | Harvey                                                 | For-Love    | News                 | Movie: Miracle on 34th Street (1947)                   |                            |                          |            |
| 9  | News                                                  | Home Imp.                                              | Real-Life Miracles                                     | Diagnosis Murder                                       | 48 Hours                                               |             |                      | News                                                   | Christmas Celebration      |                          |            |
| 10 | Mad                                                   | Simpsons                                               | Animal Rescues                                         | Fox Files                                              | Simpsons                                               | M'A'S'H     | Frasier              | Cops                                                   | Real TV                    |                          |            |
| 11 | Sportsctr.                                            | Best of Sportscenter                                   | Games of the Year                                      |                                                        | Sportscenter                                           |             | Sportscenter         | Sportscenter                                           | Skiing                     |                          |            |
| 12 | Movie: Warriors of Virtue                             | Movie: Starship Troopers                               | Casper Van Dien. *** 'R'                               | (15) Linc's                                            | RudeAwak                                               |             |                      | Movie: News                                            | Dead Man's                 |                          |            |
| 13 | Movie: All I Want for Christmas ** 'G'                | Movie: Dave (1993) Kevin Kline, Sigourney Weaver. ***  |                                                        |                                                        |                                                        |             |                      | Inside the NFL                                         | Artists                    |                          |            |
| 14 | Movie: That Thing You Do!                             | Movie: Beverly Hills Cop Eddie Murphy. *** 'R'         |                                                        |                                                        |                                                        |             |                      |                                                        |                            |                          |            |
| 15 | Movie: On Moonlight Bay                               | Movie: Meet Me in St. Louis (1944) Mary Astor. ***     |                                                        |                                                        |                                                        |             |                      | Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. *** | Movie:                     |                          |            |
| 16 | Waltons                                               | Prime Time Country                                     | Prime Time Country                                     | Today's Country                                        | Dallas                                                 |             |                      | Dukes                                                  |                            |                          |            |
| 17 | Gimme Shelter                                         | Our Favorite Toys                                      | Our Favorite Toys                                      | Our Favorite Fun Food                                  | Justice Files                                          | Toys        |                      |                                                        |                            |                          |            |
| 18 | Law & Order                                           | Biography                                              | Biography                                              | Tony Bennett an All-Star Tribute Live by Request       | Law & Order                                            | Biography   |                      |                                                        |                            |                          |            |
| 19 | Movie: Ebbie (1995) Susan Lucci, Taran Noah Smith. ** | Movie: Unlikely Angel (1996) Dolly Parton. **          |                                                        |                                                        |                                                        |             |                      | Attitudes                                              | Golden Girls               |                          |            |
| 20 | Last Word                                             | Sports                                                 | Big 12 Show                                            | Baseball Japanese All-Stars vs. MLB All-Stars          |                                                        |             |                      | FOX Sports News                                        | Sports                     |                          |            |
| 21 | ER                                                    | Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. *** | Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. *** | Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. *** | Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. *** |             |                      |                                                        |                            |                          |            |
| 22 | Doug                                                  | Rugrats                                                | Hey Arnold!                                            | Brady                                                  | Brady                                                  | Wonder Yrs. | Happy Days           | Laverne                                                | Love Lucy                  | Bewitched                | M.T. Moore |
| 23 | Xena: Warrior Princess                                | Walker, Texas Ranger                                   | Movie: Coneheads (1993) Dan Aykroyd. ***               |                                                        |                                                        |             |                      |                                                        | Movie: Cry-Baby (1990) *** |                          |            |
| 24 | Premios Eres 98                                       |                                                        | Fiesta de Nochebuena                                   | Bienvenidos                                            |                                                        |             |                      |                                                        | P. Impacto                 | Noticiero                | MisaGallo  |
| 25 | Law-in the Real West                                  | Christmas Unwrapped                                    | Movie: A Christmas Carol (1938) Reginald Owen. ***     |                                                        |                                                        |             |                      |                                                        | Trains Unlimited           | Christmas                |            |
| 26 | An. Court                                             | AnimalDr                                               | Emergency                                              | Rescues                                                | Wildlife                                               | AnimalDr    | Panda - A Giant Stir | Emergency                                              | Rescues                    | Wildlife                 |            |

## FRIDAY DECEMBER 25

|    | 7 AM                                                   | 7:30                                                     | 8 AM                                        | 8:30                      | 9 AM                                               | 9:30         | 10 AM      | 10:30                                       | 11 AM              | 11:30        | 12 PM     |
|----|--------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|
| 2  | Barney                                                 | Teletubbies                                              | Sesame Street                               | Mr Rogers                 | Puzzle Place                                       | Charlie      | Wimzies    | Tots TV                                     | Noddy              | Baking       |           |
| 3  | Ugly Duck                                              | Angel                                                    | Toys                                        | 700 Club                  |                                                    | Christmas    | Elves      | Night Before Christmas                      | Shiny Year         |              |           |
| 4  | Today                                                  |                                                          |                                             | Leeza                     |                                                    | Sunset Beach |            | Judge Lane                                  | News               | Days-Lives   |           |
| 5  | Circus                                                 | Bluetoes                                                 | Claymation                                  | Better                    | Movie: The Christmas Star                          |              |            | Toys                                        | 'Twas the Night    | What         |           |
| 6  | Hillbillies                                            | Little House on the Prairie                              | Movie: Dick Tracy (1990) Warren Beatty. *** |                           | (35) Movie: Three Men and a Little Lady (1990) *** |              |            |                                             |                    |              |           |
| 7  | Good Morning America                                   |                                                          |                                             | Live - Regis & Kathie Lee | Walt Disney World Parade                           |              |            | College Football: Blue-Gray Classic         |                    |              |           |
| 8  | Tiny Toon                                              | Animanics                                                | Cmas-Church                                 | PinkyBrain                | Histeria!                                          | Batman       | Batman     | Matlock                                     | News               |              |           |
| 9  | This Morning                                           |                                                          |                                             | Christmas Celebration     | Price Is Right                                     |              |            | Young and the Restless                      | News               |              |           |
| 10 | Bus                                                    | Life-Louie                                               | Garfield                                    | Hercules                  | Paid Prog.                                         | Paid Prog.   | Paid Prog. | Life in Word                                | Kenneth C. Robison | Angel        |           |
| 11 | Sportsctr.                                             | Best of Sportscenter                                     |                                             |                           |                                                    |              |            | Best of Sportscenter                        |                    |              |           |
| 12 | Movie: Out                                             | (45) Movie: Ghosts of Mississippi Alec Baldwin. ** PG-13 |                                             |                           | Movie: 12 Angry Men Jack Lemmon. ***               |              |            |                                             |                    |              |           |
| 13 | Movie: Batman Returns Michael Keaton. ** 'PG-13'       | (15) Movie: Anastasia Voices of Meg Ryan. *** 'G'        |                                             |                           | Movie: House Hunt Nathan Lane. PG                  |              |            |                                             |                    |              |           |
| 14 | Movie: Nutcracker Pr.                                  | (45) Movie: Scrooged (1988) Bill Murray, Karen Allen.    |                                             |                           | Movie: Jingle All the Way (1996) Sinbad. PG        |              |            |                                             |                    |              |           |
| 15 | (6:30) Movie: The Gay Divorcee (1934)                  | Movie: Roberta (1935) Irene Dunne, Fred Astaire. ***     |                                             |                           | Movie: Top Hat (1935) Fred Astaire. ***            |              |            |                                             |                    |              |           |
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| 19 | Designing                                              | Designing                                                | Attitudes                                   | Attitudes                 | Party of Five                                      |              |            | Movie: A Different Kind of Christmas (1996) |                    |              |           |
| 20 | Sports                                                 | Sports                                                   | Sports                                      | Sports                    | Houston Astros '98                                 |              |            |                                             |                    |              |           |
| 21 | Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. *** | Movie: A Christmas Story (1983) Peter Billingsley. ***   |                                             |                           |                                                    |              |            |                                             |                    |              |           |
| 22 | Rocko's Life                                           | Rugrats                                                  | C. Brown                                    | Blue's Clues              | Little Bear                                        | Muppets      | Gullah     | Busy World                                  | Little Bear        | Blue's Clues | Eureeka   |
| 23 | Movie: Smoky Mountain                                  | Movie: Cry-Baby (1990) Johnny Depp. ***                  |                                             |                           |                                                    |              |            |                                             |                    |              |           |
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## INSIDE

## Saddam said to be worried about internal threats to regime

ABOARD THE USS ENTERPRISE (AP) — Evidence collected by U.S. intelligence indicates that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein was more concerned about internal threats to his regime than about the damage he faced last week from impending air strikes, the commander of U.S. forces in the Persian Gulf said today.

The repositioning of Iraqi ground forces and last-minute shifts in their commanding officers indicated the Iraqi leader wanted to make sure the U.S. and British air attack did not spark a revolt in the ranks, said Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, head of the U.S. Central Command.

Zinni, visiting the Prince Sultan air base in Saudi Arabia with Defense Secretary William Cohen, described the separation of Iraq's ground forces into four sectors under the command of ruthless officers loyal to Saddam.

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Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni

was done so they insured they had control," Zinni said. "I think it was done more for internal reasons and internal military problems they thought they might have than for any military preparations they had for us."

Zinni visited the base, which is the focal point for the Deny Flight mission over southern Iraq, on a morale-boosting pre-Christmas visit with the troops.

Cohen later flew to the USS Enterprise aircraft carrier and thanked several hundred crewmen for their key role in Operation Desert Fox.

"I want to say thank you — thank you for your patriotism, your dedication," Cohen said. "It's great to have all the equipment and the aircraft and all that goes with it. But without you, we wouldn't be a superpower."

The crew then took in a

mini-concert in which they sang along with Carole King to her classic, "You Make Me Feel Like a Natural Woman."

"A lot of people in America tend to take the military for granted," said King.

The entertainers traveling with Cohen — who also included Mary Chapin Carpenter and David Ball, volunteered their services, and expenses were paid by the United Services Organization, the voluntary group that serves members of the military and their families.

Earlier, Cohen paid a call on government officials in Kuwait.

Cohen said that he knew it could be frustrating for the pilots, sailors and Marines on the ships "that they're not actually engaged in action all the time or having some sort of conclusive result. But they are, in fact, keeping (Saddam)



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Saddam Hussein

contained, and that's our objective."

U.S. commanders have been fielding a steady flow of complaints from the ranks about hardship duty at overseas deployments such as Prince Sultan Air Base, where troops live in a tent city and brave 120 degree temperatures, and due to concerns about terrorism are rarely allowed to venture off base.

British and American forces that participated in the four days of strikes on Iraq suffered no casualties. But Zinni, for the first time, said anti-aircraft fire was heavy enough in some places to cause combat pilots to abandon their targets.

## Gore visits families of military personnel stationed in the Gulf

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Al Gore got down on bended knee and talked sports with 4-year-old Patrick, a baseball fan whose father is overseas with the Navy this holiday season.

Then Patrick began singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame," and the vice president joined in: "One, two, three strikes you're out at the old ballgame."

Gore chatted with Patrick at Norfolk Naval Base, where the vice president met about 70 people with family members serving overseas. The Navy asked reporters not to use last names.

About 9,800 crew members — including Patrick's father — are aboard five ships in the Persian Gulf and eight in the Mediterranean Sea.

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## U.S. takes tough line on Iraqi sanctions

By Barry Schweid

The Associated Press

With the future of U.N. weapons inspections clouded, the Clinton administration is standing firm on keeping economic pressure on Iraq unless it gets rid of its remaining chemical and biological weapons.

Iraq must be prepared "to move toward disarmament" and must not threaten its neighbors or the Kurds to get the sanctions lifted that were imposed by the U.N. Security Council after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990, Undersecretary of State Thomas Pickering said Tuesday.

A U.S.-led military force pushed the Iraqis out of Kuwait in 1991. U.N. weapons inspections began after the war. Iraq's latest refusal to cooperate prompted the United States and Britain to bomb it last week.

Battling to save the inspection system, the administration said it was up to Chairman Richard Butler and his U.N. Special Commission on Iraq to decide how to operate in Iraq.

"It is up to UNSCOM to decide how it can be most effective, and intervention by the Security Council in dictating the work, role, personnel system and activities of UNSCOM ... would not be wise, would not be effective and would not be acceptable."

Thomas Pickering, U.S. undersecretary of state

"It is up to UNSCOM to decide how it can be most effective in the pursuit of the mission," Pickering said.

Three of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — Russia, China and France — objected to the four-day U.S. and British bombing attack. In its aftermath, they could be getting ready to try to end the eight-year-old U.N. oil embargo on Iraq, revise the inspection commission and force out Butler as its chief.

Pickering said at a news conference that the United States would be willing to consider boosting an exemption from the embargo that permits Iraq to sell \$5.2 billion worth of oil every six months, provided the proceeds are used for food and medicine.

With oil prices in decline,

more oil may have to be sold to purchase food, although Iraq is deliberately limiting its production, the senior American diplomat said.

And, Pickering said, the United States would take "a careful look" at a Russian proposal to convene the 22 political commissioners next month for an "updated assessment" of UNSCOM's operations.

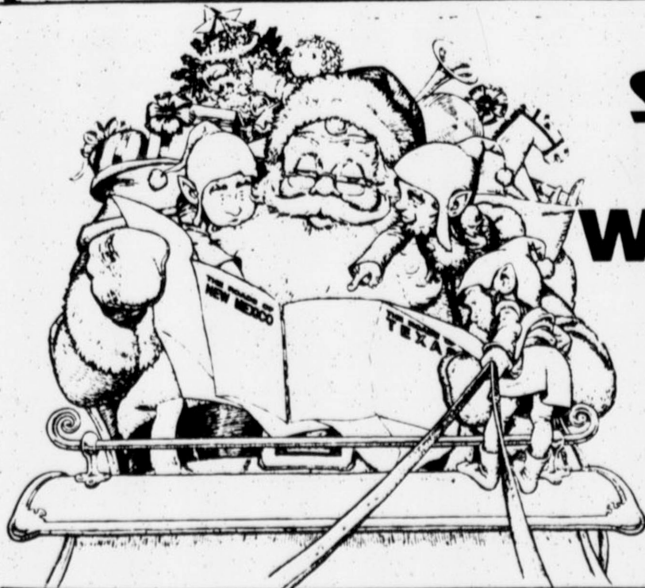
But he dismissed France's proposal to change the inspection system. The United States intends to keep relying on "the technical and professional expertise" of Butler and his commission, Pickering said.

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wise, would not be effective and would not be acceptable," he said.

Pickering flew to New York on Monday to discuss the U.S. view with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan. And Secretary of State Madeleine Albright spoke by telephone Tuesday with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

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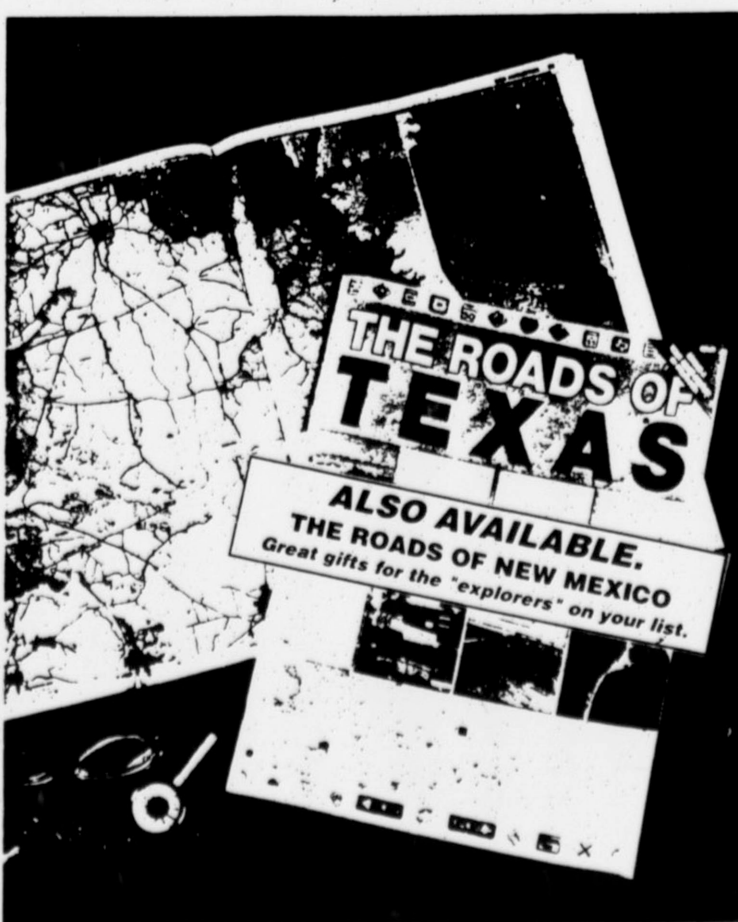
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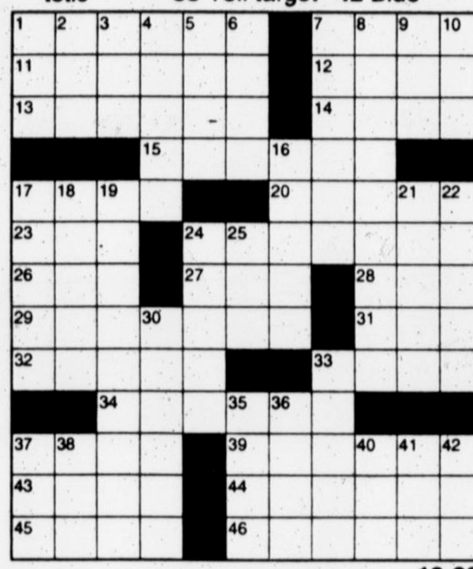
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# Guerrillas fire on northern Israel

**KIRYAT SHEMONA, Israel (AP)** — Guerrillas in south Lebanon fired a hail of rockets at northern Israel today, injuring at least 13 people and inflicting heavy property damage.

Although the cross-border attack with Katyusha rockets was the heaviest in nearly three years, most people in Israel's north had spent the night in shelters, accounting for the relatively light casualty toll.

In the border town of Kiryat Shemona — hit so often by rocket attacks that some Israelis call it "Kiryat Katyusha" — a rocket smashed into a bank, wrecking its cash machines. Broken glass littered the streets and a tree was uprooted by a direct hit. The electricity was out in some areas but was later restored.

As of midday, several hours after the attack, tens of thousands of people in northern Israel were being told to stay in shelters.

Israel's army said its forces were returning artillery fire and were prepared to launch airstrikes.

Prime Minister Benjamin



Netanyahu called a special meeting of his security Cabinet to discuss the attack and planned to fly to the north for a visit later today.

Hezbollah guerrillas claimed responsibility for the attack and threatened more strikes. "Since force cannot be con-

fronted except with force and murderers must pay the price of their crimes ... the Islamic resistance rocketed Zionist settlements," Hezbollah said in a statement. "We renew our pledge to protect our people and their villages, no matter how great the

struggle." Northern Israel had been braced for a retaliatory attack after an Israeli airstrike Tuesday killed a woman and her six children in eastern Lebanon. That was the highest civilian casualty toll this year in the war between Israel and Lebanese guerrillas.

Israel expressed regret over the civilian deaths, saying the target of the airstrike had been a Hezbollah radio transmitter.

A session of Israel's parliament opened today with speaker Dan Tichon expressing condolences over the slain civilians in Lebanon and offering sympathy to "those who sit in the shelters under the threat of Katyusha rockets" in northern Israel.

Dozens of rockets were fired in today's attack, falling with enormous booms that could be heard for miles.

"What is here is tremendous damage — to property," Mayor Chaim Barbiavi told army radio. "People were in shelters. ... We were ready for this situation."

Hezbollah guerrillas last fired rockets on Kiryat Shemona in August, after Israel killed a leading southern Lebanese guerrilla.

# Arafats frees spiritual leader of Hamas

**GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)** — The Palestinian Authority freed the spiritual leader of the Islamic militant group Hamas today from nearly two months of house arrest.

The release of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin is likely to heighten tensions between the Palestinians and Israel, coming as the two sides accuse each other of violations of the now-stalled Wye River land-for-security accord.

A spokesman for Hamas, Mahmoud Zahar, said the

group welcomed the decision to free Yassin.

Israel has repeatedly said Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has not done enough to fight Islamic militants like Hamas. Word of Yassin's release drew new criticism from Israeli government spokesman Moshe Fogel.

"The Palestinian Authority has to decide whether it wants to meet its commitments to fight Hamas terror and move the peace process forward or turn a blind eye to the terrorist activities of the Hamas

leadership," Fogel said.

The frail, ailing Yassin, who uses a wheelchair, was not expected to make any public appearances until later in the week, Hamas sources said.

With the lifting of the house arrest, he was expected to receive a few close associates. During his house arrest, he was prevented from receiving visitors.

Yassin was put under house arrest on Oct. 29, after a Hamas activist killed himself in an unsuccessful at-

tempt to blow up a school bus full of Israeli children. The attack came only six days after the signing of the Wye River accord.

Yassin's house arrest, which deeply angered his following, was one of Arafat's strongest steps yet against Hamas. At one point, in a leaflet signed by its military wing, Hamas demanded his release.

The radical group opposes any peace with Israel and has carried out more than a dozen suicide bombings over the past several years.

## DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-23 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: CHRISTMAS IS COMING, THE GEESSE ARE GETTING FAT, PLEASE TO PUT A PENNY IN THE OLD MAN'S HAT.—BEGGAR'S RHYME

## THE ASSOCIATED PRESS News in brief

### Fed holding line on rates

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Just a few months ago, many economists were anticipating a lengthy series of interest-rate cuts as the Federal Reserve battled spillover from the world economic slump.

Now, faced with evidence of the U.S. economy's resilience, some believe the three quarter-point rate cuts from Sept. 29 through Nov. 17 may be it for quite some time.

"I don't think there's going to be any further easings," said economist Joel Prakken of Macroeconomic Advisers in St. Louis. "Unless the economy really slows down very quickly and very sharply, I think they're going to sit and see what happens."

As expected, Federal Reserve policy-makers decided Tuesday to leave the benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks unchanged at a four-year low of 4.75 percent.

Prakken said this fall's cuts may be enough to sustain the U.S. economy through any remaining ripple effects from the global slowdown that began in Asia last year and toppled the Russian economy and threatened Latin America this year.

But other economists believe the trade deficit, running at a record annual rate of \$167 billion this year, eventually will brake the U.S. economy enough to trigger another rate cut, but probably not at policy-makers' next gathering in early February.

"The bottom line is they're going to cut rates but it's going to be later rather than sooner," said economist David Jones of Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. of New York. "They may wait until March or May and it may be that they won't cut as much, given how strong growth is now."

### Clinton urged to aid steel industry

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Displaced steel mill worker Ken Houser and others like him are behind the growing pressure on President Clinton to take more aggressive steps to block steel imports.

They are also placing the administration in a quandary as it searches for ways to fight the recent surge in imports, blamed for thousands of layoffs and other cutbacks across the country. Congress has given the administration until Jan. 5 to come up with a plan.

Houser, who lost his job at USX Corp.'s Fairless Works plant near Philadelphia the day before Thanksgiving, understands the administration's desire to promote free trade globally. Houser simply disagrees with Clinton's priorities.

"Clinton is stuck in the middle," said Houser, 44, who has worked in steel mills for a quarter century. "I agree with the world economy and everything, but when it comes down to the American workers, he's got to stand up for us. I don't feel they are doing it."

Although the steel industry has already filed federal trade complaints against Japan, Russia and Brazil, accusing them of flooding the U.S. market with steel at cut-rate prices, rulings are not expected until next summer.

Fearing more jobs could be lost by then, steel producers and the steel workers union are seeking more immediate action, including a broad investigation that could lead to quotas.

Steel is not the only U.S. industry complaining about imports. Apple growers warn that thousands of jobs are threatened by a surge of low-cost foreign imports into the country. And computer chip makers, machine tool companies, textile manufacturers and automakers all could join in filing "dumping" complaints and seeking protective tariffs.

# Clinton-Monica saga saturated TV newscasts

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Monica, Monica, Monica — by far the most-covered story on evening news broadcasts this year.

ABC, NBC and CBS did more stories on the President Clinton-Monica Lewinsky scandal than the combined total about the Asian and Russian economic crises, the standoff with Iraq, the bombing of U.S. embassies in Africa, the UAW strike, the Middle East peace process, nuclear testing in India and Pakistan and John Glenn's return to space, the Center for Media and Public Affairs said Tuesday.

"We thought that nothing could top the O.J. Simpson story and this proved us wrong," said Robert Lichter, president of the Washington-based think tank.

Through Dec. 15, the three evening news broadcasts did 1,502 stories about the scandal, eating up just under 43 hours of time, the group's study said.

The second biggest TV story of the year — the weapons inspection standoff with Iraq — generated 502 stories and 13 hours worth of time.

Although polls indicated

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many Americans thought the Lewinsky story received too much coverage in 1998, it did result in the first impeachment of an American president in 130 years.

"You can make a case that the recent coverage was necessary and useful," Lichter said. "But a lot of the early coverage was speculation and heavy breathing."

Despite the preponderance of Lewinsky coverage, ratings indicate that many viewers are still interested. CNN recorded its highest one-day ratings of the year on Saturday during the House vote to impeach Clinton.

NBC's "Nightly News" won the Monica broadcast derby, devoting nearly 15 1/2 hours of coverage to it this year. ABC had 14 hours and CBS spent 13 1/2 hours on the story, the center said.

## Sara Lee recalls hot dogs

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Hot dogs and cold cuts — including some sold under the Ball Park, Grillmaster and Hygrade brands — are being recalled after food poisoning sickened at least 40 people in 10 states, killing four.

Sara Lee Corp. announced Tuesday that it is recalling meats processed at the company's Bil Mar Foods division in Zeeland, Mich., because they might be tainted by listeria bacteria.

Sara Lee spokeswoman Theresa Herlevsen declined to say how many packages were involved in the recall, which will cost an estimated \$50 million to \$70 million.

Sara Lee is cooperating with investigators from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the federal Agriculture Department, Herlevsen said.

The CDC was still waiting for the results of tests to determine if meat processed at the Michigan plant was the source of the outbreak, CDC spokeswoman Barbara Reynolds said. She wouldn't say whether other plants were under investigation.

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# Impeachment of the President



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## Leading players in Senate drama

By Kevin Galvan

The Associated Press

Over breakfast one morning, Thomas Jefferson asked George Washington how he could have supported a bicameral Congress.

"Why did you pour that coffee into your saucer?" Washington replied, according to the tale.

"To cool it," said a slightly puzzled Jefferson.

"Even so," said Washington, "we pour legislation into the senatorial saucer to cool it."

Now that the white-hot partisan battle in the House has produced two articles of impeachment against the president, Bill Clinton's supporters hope cooler heads will prevail in the upper chamber of Congress.

The Senate, which gets the last word on expelling a president from office, was conceived as a moderating institution. Its members originally were chosen by state legislatures, unlike the House whose representatives were elected by common citizens. Although the public has elected senators since 1913, the chamber's role has remained largely the same.

Like most systems, the Senate is subject to the strengths, weaknesses and vagaries of the individuals who control it. Here's a look at some key players in the upcoming Senate trial:

• **Sen. Trent Lott**, The Republican majority leader from Mississippi has said Clinton's trial will begin after senators return from holiday break Jan. 6. While Senate leaders are still grappling with what form the trial will take, Lott has suggested it might last only from three days to three weeks. Never a timid spokesman for his party, Lott criticized Clinton for launching the attack on Iraq as the House took up impeachment last week. But after the vote he issued a statement urging senators to embrace their roles as jurors and "be judicious in any discussions" with the White House.

• **Sen. Tom Daschle**, D-S.D. The minority leader called the impeachment vote "a sad day for all Americans" and rejected calls for Clinton's resignation. He deplored Clinton's behavior in concealing his affair with Monica Lewinsky, but said a president shouldn't be "forced from office by a party-line vote in the House."

• **Sen. Mitch McConnell**, R-Ky. The incoming chairman of the Senate Rules Committee was one of the first Republicans to say the Senate trial must not become the sort of brawl that broke out in the House, suggesting that explosive testimony could be taken in closed session. "This will not be a spectacle," he said. "It will not demean the Senate."

• **Sen. Robert Byrd**, D-W. Va. The most senior Democrat in the Senate is an expert on its history and an influential voice on how the impeachment charges should be handled. On Monday, he suggested that a censure resolution, while not provided for in the Constitution, wasn't prohibited either, boosting the hopes of those who want to avoid a full-blown trial. But Byrd stressed that any such resolution must be decided by senators themselves, not through a deal cut with the White House.

• **Sen. Orrin Hatch**, R-Utah. The Judiciary Committee chairman has already drawn some sneers from fellow Republicans who think him too willing to cut a deal with Clinton. The day after the House voted, he suggested that GOP leaders poll senators to determine whether there is a will to convict. If not, he said, an alternative should be sought quickly.

• **Sen. Patrick Leahy**, D-Vt. The Judiciary Committee's ranking Democrat sharply criticized the House's handling of the case against Clinton. "The determination had been made in the House that they were going to have impeachment, come hell or high water. I think that ... we can restore political sanity in the Senate."

• **Sen. Joseph Lieberman**, D-Conn. He was the first Democratic senator to condemn Clinton's behavior as immoral. Shortly after he spoke, Democratic Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York and Bob Kerrey of Nebraska agreed that Clinton's behavior was not solely a private matter. Lieberman says he has not made up his mind about impeachment, and he cautions that it's too soon to assume that anti-Clinton forces couldn't muster a two-thirds vote in the Senate to oust the president.

Another key player isn't a senator at all. **Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist**, as the Constitution mandates, is to preside over the impeachment trial. Rehnquist, a conservative, had to recuse himself from decisions involving the last president threatened with impeachment, President Nixon, because Nixon appointed him to the high court.

In the Johnson case, most rulings were made by the Senate itself, which can overrule the chief justice by a simple majority vote.

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## Trial to move chief justice into spotlight

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's a short walk across the street from the Supreme Court to the Capitol, where Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist would preside over President Clinton's impeachment trial. But the trip will take him from the relative anonymity of the television-free court into millions of American living rooms.

Rehnquist would be only the second chief justice to preside over a presidential impeachment trial, but the first to conduct at least some of the proceedings on TV.

While the high-profile trial might mean he would no longer go virtually unnoticed on his daily strolls outside the Supreme Court building, many court watchers say he is a good fit for the role.

"He will run a very fair, efficient proceeding and he will not allow it to get out of control," said Washington law-

yer Theodore Olson, who has often argued before the highest court.

Charles Cooper, a former law clerk to Rehnquist and a frequent advocate before the high court, predicted the chief justice would use his authority to keep an impeachment trial "focused on the facts that are relevant and keep the extraneous or purely political stuff to a minimum."

Rehnquist is keeping his thoughts about an impeachment trial to himself. But at the court, he is known for his calm, gentlemanly manner and ability to run a tight ship.

The 74-year-old Rehnquist, nominated by President Nixon, joined the high court in 1972. He became the nation's 16th chief justice when promoted by President Reagan in 1986.

He is one of the court's most conservative members but is well-liked by colleagues

of all ideologies.

Rehnquist seemingly hates to waste time. He keeps oral arguments to a strict one-hour limit and has shortened the justices' private conferences. When a major snowstorm shut down most of Washington in January 1996, the chief justice kept the Supreme Court open for business.

At the Supreme Court, the chief justice acts as presiding officer and has one of nine votes. At a Senate impeachment trial, Rehnquist would have no vote and a limited role as presiding officer. He would rule on questions involving evidence and other incidental matters, but a simple majority vote of senators could override his judgment.

Rehnquist already is somewhat of an expert on impeachment. His 1992 book, "Grand Inquests," detailed the 1868 Senate impeachment trial of President Andrew Johnson,

presided over by Chief Justice Salmon Chase, and the 1805 impeachment trial of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Chase.

Both were acquitted. Rehnquist said in each case, senators put aside partisan differences to reach verdicts that confirmed the independence of the judicial and executive branches.

The trials established that "impeachment would not be a referendum on the public official's performance in office; instead, it would be a judicial type of inquiry," Rehnquist wrote.

What would the Supreme Court do with Rehnquist occupied by an impeachment trial?

"I think our daily routine won't be affected by it, but the chief justice's certainly would if he has to preside," Justice Sandra Day O'Connor told a group of high school students last week.

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