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Heath Wilkerson holds up four fingers, one for each day he and others have to wait until Christmas.

North Korea agrees to release remains

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea agreed today to release the remains of a pilot who died when his helicopter went down in the communist country four days earlier, U.S. officials reported.

The agreement came during a high-level meeting at the truce village of Panmunjom, where the repatriation will take place Thursday, said a U.S. Embassy official who asked not to be identified.

However, there was no word on the release of the other pilot who survived the incident last Saturday.

The U.S. Army OH-58C helicopter, on an unarmed training mission, strayed into North Korean territory, where it either made an emergency landing or was shot down.

Chief Warrant Officers Bobby Hall of Brooksville, Fla., and David Hilemon of Clarksville, Tenn., were aboard. Hilemon died and Hall was taken captive.

The incident complicated efforts by both sides to continue improving relations that had been extremely tense until an accord was signed Oct. 21 to ease concerns over North Korea's nuclear program.

The Clinton administration had been showing increasing impatience with North Korea, warning that relations could be set back unless it quickly released the downed pilots.

The embassy official said Hilemon's remains were scheduled to be repatriated at 10 a.m. local time Thursday (8 p.m. today), accompanied by U.S. Rep. Bill Richardson.

Richardson has been in Pyongyang trying to negotiate the issue. He had gone there last Saturday to discuss the nuclear pact.

Several countries, including China, also were asked to intervene with North Korea on behalf of the United States.

The last U.S. radio contact with the ill-fated aircraft indicated the pilot believed he was still in South Korea and about 3.5 miles into North Korean territory, a senior Pentagon official said.

Heavy snow had fallen the night before. U.S. officials have speculated the pilots may have become disoriented because the snow may have covered navigational placards on the ground and made landmarks difficult to identify.

HELPING HANDS



Girl Scouts from troops 109, 164, 230, 234 and 247 were on hand at the Salvation Army Saturday, assisting in relabeling canned goods that will be distributed through food baskets to needy families. Afterward, the scouts folded dozens of paper bags that the cans arrived in.

Commissioners OK health center

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

During a recent meeting of the Howard County Commissioners' Court, the probability of Howard County and 22 other surrounding counties being able to form a 23-county mental health authority moved one step closer to reality.

Commissioners voted 3-0 with two abstentions to approve funding for the Howard County Mental Health Center, a necessary step if the county is to become the center of a mental health authority.

County Judge Ben Lockhart, Commissioner Bill Crooker, HCMHC Director Shelley Smith and Assistant Director Landon Sturdivant pointed to the mental health alliance between Midland County, including the city of Midland; Ector County, including the city of Odessa; Pecos County, including the city of Fort Stockton; the Fort Stockton Independent School District and the Iraan Independent School District (also known as Permian Basin Mental Health and Mental Retardation) as an example of how the 23-county mental health authority can work with support from the local level.

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The number of counties currently served by Big Spring State Hospital Community Services is 23 with a service area of more than 24,000 square miles and a population (within the service area) of more than 223,000. The average number of persons per square mile is nine with 15 mental health centers, four psychosocial rehabilitation programs, and two residential facilities in the service area.

The fiscal year budget for BSSH Community Services for 1993 was \$6.2 million, which

could be enhanced by forming a mental health authority.

As a 23-county mental health authority, according to Crooker, this area could avoid consolidation with a system such as that like Midland, Odessa, and Pecos counties.

In abstaining from Monday's vote to help fund the HCMHC, Commissioner Bobby Cathey said he couldn't vote for or against the contract and the possibility of forming a 23-county mental health authority.

Cathey did say that he would like to see the city match any effort by the county.

Shoplifter assaults employees

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Two HEB employees were not seriously injured as they attempted to detain a shoplifter around 8:30 Tuesday evening.

Reports say the two employees were assaulted by a man shoplifting a 10-pound sack of potatoes and an 18-pack of beer. The suspect, identified as John Darron Roark, 29 of 3223 Cornell, was allegedly shoplifting the items when the two workers attempted to detain him.

Roark reportedly assaulted the employees as he tried to get away. However, he was detained until police officers arrived at the grocery store.

Roark was arrested, booked into the city jail and charged with robbery. Judge Bill Tune set Roark's bond at \$5,000 and he remains in jail as of press time.

Drive nets 65 coats for needy children

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Some local needy families will be warmer this winter thanks to the generosity of Howard County residents.

The Big Spring Herald recently concluded a Christmas drive for the Northside Community Center and collected 65 coats for boys and girls.

Money, canned goods, clothes, shoes and toys were also donated by giving residents.

At least \$465 was collected for the community center, including a \$200 donation from the Big Spring Chicano Golf Club.

Residents donated 11 pairs of shoes, 7 belts, 3 pairs of gloves, 29 coats for boys, 36 coats for girls, 11 sweaters for boys and four sweaters for girls.

Other items collected included 46 pairs of boys shorts, 189 pieces of boys shirts and pants, 14 boys sweatshirts, robes, pajamas, underwear, socks, football pads and 18 pairs of girls pants.

People also brought in a toaster, baby bottles, bibs, baby clothes, rattles and formula.

Among the food items donated were cans of hot chocolate, popcorn, cake mix and frosting, chicken, mustard, hot



Northside Community Center volunteer Yolanda Hilario holds up a coat for Lupe Chavarria to see as Anastasia Trevino looks at other coats on a rack in the background. The center conducted a coat and toy giveaway Tuesday with nearly 50 local families served.

sauce, jelly, red beans and rice, green beans, soup, salmon, pumpkin, black-eyed peas, beets, corn, hominy, evaporated milk, yams, peaches and tomato products.

Members of the Big Spring Fire Department were also in the giving spirit and donated numerous toys such as a slide, Barbies, dolls and cars.

Clients of Mental Health-Men-

tal Retardation also made some wooden toys and donated them to the community center.

Employees of the federal prison raised \$500 in donations for the center as well.

Did you know...



...that after 10 weeks of staying at \$1.199 per gallon, gasoline in Big Spring has dropped four cents to \$1.159 per gallon. (Herald graphic: Tim Appel)

Texas Trivia

Who established the first Panhandle ranch in 1878?
Col. Charles Goodnight
What is the official state tree of Texas?
Pecan

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WORLD/NATION

Nation: Federal officials are defending the shooting of a knife-wielding homeless man outside the White House as a justified use of force because the man did not follow orders to give up his weapon. See page 6A.

World: Heavily armed soldiers and police occupied a town in the southern state of Chiapas today as Mexico's new president strove to show he can deal firmly with a resurgent Indian uprising. See page 4A.

STATE

Hoping for stay
Attorneys for a convicted killer hoped an appeals court today would halt his execution scheduled for early Thursday. David Allen Gardner, 40, faced lethal injection for the August 1980 abduction and slaying of 14-year-old Kandi Kae Reynolds near Weatherford. See page 3A.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Tonight
61 ▲ Highs 29
Lows ▼
Cloudy
Tonight, clear. Low in the upper 20s. Light and variable wind.
Permian Basin Forecast
Thursday: Mostly sunny, becoming cloudy at night. Highs in the lower 60s and lows in the 30s.
Friday: Mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain. Highs in the upper 50s, lows in the upper 30s.
Saturday: Cloudy, with highs in the 50s and lows in the 30s.

OBITUARIES

Berry Watson

Services for Berry B. Watson, 75, Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 1994, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Chaplain Bill O'Dell, of the VAMC in Amarillo. **WATSON** officiating, assisted by Rev. Dean Thomas, interim pastor at Baptist Temple Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Watson died Tuesday, Dec. 20, in a local hospital. He was born on Jan. 26, 1919, in Alpena, Ark., and married Flora Belle Simpson on March 12, 1941, in Brownwood. Mr. Watson worked for the railroad for a number of years. They came to Big Spring in 1953 from Carlsbad, N.M., being transferred with Wacker's Department Store. He later worked for Gibbons Discount Center as the storehouse manager until retiring. He then worked for Dr. Hamilton's Cutting Horse Ranch until 1986. He was a member of Baptist Temple Church where he was serving as a Deacon. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the 27th Regiment of the 5th Division Marine Corps. Mr. Watson was part of the first counterattack on Iwo Jima and received the Purple Heart for wounds received there. He had belonged to the V.F.W. and the Big Spring Sheriff's Posse.

Survivors include his wife: Flora Belle (Flo) Watson, Big Spring; one son: Wesley Watson, Midland; one daughter: Shirley Ann Browning, Luther, Okla.; one brother: Sammy Dean Watson, Vallejo, Calif.; three sisters: Verna Gass, Harrison, Ark.; Rhea Jones, Calif.; and Rosa Lee Holmes, Rapid City, Mich.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a grandson: Craig Alan Brownling.

Jolene Miller

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 1994, at Trinity Memorial Park with Royce Clay, minister of 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating, under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mrs. Miller died Monday, Dec. 19, in a Colorado City hospital. She was born on Dec. 7, 1924, in Altus, Okla., and married Granvil Miller in Jan. of 1947 in Big Spring. She came to Big Spring in 1947 and was a homemaker. She was also a member of 11th & Birdwell Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband: Granvil Miller, Big Spring; one son: Tip Miller, Big

Spring; two daughters: Debbie Craig, Canton, and Susie O'Neal, Mt. Vernon; two brothers: Tommy Weaver, Odessa, and Sammy Weaver, Sulphur Bluff; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one infant brother.

Elmo Martin

Graveside services for Elmo Larkin Martin, 80, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, 1994, at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating, and under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Martin died Tuesday, Dec. 20, at a Midland hospital.

He was born on June 19, 1914, in Big Spring, and married Desdemona Watkins on Sept. 19, 1944, in Borger. She preceded him in death on Oct. 28, 1990. He then married Dorothy Summers in 1992. He was the eldest surviving grandson of Howard County's first settler. He graduated from Big Spring High School and worked for Shell Pipeline Company for 28 years. After retiring, he returned home to operate the family's ranch which was a portion of the ranch his great-grandfather, W.T. "Uncle Bud" Roberts, had established in 1877. The Roberts original home is where he and his wife lived and was the tract of land where his great-grandfather had dug the county's first water well on Moss Creek. In 1977, the Roberts family received the State of Texas Family Heritage Award for owning land in the same family for 100 years. He was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Rebekahs and Past Worthy Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and had served as Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows Lodge.

Survivors include his wife: Dorothy Martin, Big Spring; two sons: Larkin Martin and Morgan "Bubba" Martin, both of Big Spring; two step-sons: David Summers, Big Spring, and Stephen Summers, Los Angeles, Calif.; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or the donor's favorite charity.

MARKETS

March cotton futures 83.80 cents a pound, up 71 points; Feb. crude oil 17.11 up 9 points; cash hog steady at 34.50; slaughter steers steady at 70 cents even; Dec. live hog futures 34.20, up 30 points; Dec. live cattle futures 69.95, down 35 points; according to Delta Commodities.

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Big Spring ON THE RUN

POLICE

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

•**SIMON JOSE ALCANTAR**, 29 of 502 North Runnels, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**JESSE AGUILAR JR.**, 17 of 502 North Runnels, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**MICHAEL DEAN WILLIAMS**, 47 of P.O. Box 671, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**ERNEST WILLIAM CLARK**, 54 of 2911 West Highway 80 #60, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1700 block of Purdue and 1100 block of Mulberry.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 700 block of Birdwell.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 2300 block of Dahne.

•**FALSE REPORT TO POLICE OFFICER** in the 400 block of East Fourth. Someone gave a false burglary report to a detective at the police station.

SHERIFF

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

•**THOMAS E. KIRKPATRICK**, 17 of P.O. Box 1183,

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.

TODAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephens Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Survivors, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312. This is open to all survivors.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•West Texas Legal Service offers legal help on civil matters for those unable to afford their own attorney. Northside Community Center. Call 1-686-0647.

THURSDAY

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, free food for area needy, 10 a.m.-noon.

•Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on alcohol and drug abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army Building, 308 Alford.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center art classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 1610 Abrams, has services at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on first floor.

•Couples golf play, 5 p.m., Comanche Trail Golf Course. Call Mary Robertson, 267-7144.

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

•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

•Country/western music, singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn.

FRIDAY



was arrested on a warrant for bondsman off bond. He remains in jail under a \$5,000 bond.

•**MICHAEL GEORGE HILGER**, 20 of HC 76 Box 2-B, was arrested for bondsman off bond. He was released after posting a \$4,000 bond.

•**JESSIE RODRIGUEZ LOPEZ**, 27 of 2310 Runnels, surrendered to sheriff's office on a motion to revoke his probation. He had been on probation for forgery. He was released after posting a \$1,000 bond.

•**BETTY DIANE CUNNINGHAM**, 42 of 1200 Austin, surrendered to sheriff's office on a motion to revoke her probation. She had been on probation for driving while intoxicated. She was released after posting a \$1,500 personal recognizance bond.

•**DISTURBANCE** in the 100 block of West Davis Road.

RECORDS

Tuesday's temp. 63
Tuesday's low 28
Average high 56
Average low 28
Record high 78 in 1981
Record low 8 in 1973
Rainfall Tuesday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.45
Year to date 17.69
Normal for year 18.37
**Statistics not available.

FIRE

The Big Spring Fire Department reported the following incidents during a time period from 8 a.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Wednesday:

•**HOUSE FIRE** in the 500 block of N.W. Seventh. A fire was started in the kitchen by a

2-year-old playing with matches.

•**SHED FIRE** in the 600 block of Tubbs Road.

•**DUMPSTER FIRE** in the 800 block of Cherry.

•**SMALL FIRE** in the 3400 block of East 11th Place. Someone was using a cutting torch and caught some cotton on fire.

•**ACCIDENT** in the 2400 block of Gregg. Assisted police and ambulance at the scene.

CLARIFICATION

In a Herald article that ran Friday, Dec. 16, a story about Rape Crisis/Victim Services inadvertently used the words volunteer and counselor interchangeably. Those who work for RC/VS are actually volunteer advocates and not counselors.

Grady to join coalition

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Grady Independent School District board of trustees approved a measure to join a small rural schools finance coalition during their regular meeting Dec. 12.

Superintendent Johnny Tubb says the coalition is made up of formerly property-wealthy school districts or Chapter 36 districts. "We, as a coalition, will try and present a different scenario to the legislature about the continual decline of oil values. We have problems too," he explained.

Other districts in the coalition include Loop, Plains, Denver City, Seminole, Whiteface, Guthrie, Sundown, Klondike, Dawson, Borden County, Andrews, Wink, Iraan and McCamey.

"We are uniting to let the legislature know about our problems. Most of our money comes from oil and mineral values and we are in a period of tremendous decline. Our property values dropped 24 percent from last year to this year," Tubb added.

One goal of the coalition is to get the "hold harmless provision" extended. Currently, Chapter 36 schools are being "held harmless" at their 92-93 school year wealth levels for a three-year period.

Other items approved or discussed at the board meeting:

•Approved the 1993-94 school audit as presented by Steve Stallings of Stallings and Herm of Stanton.

The family of
Larry Don Harp
wishes to express its heartfelt thanks
for the many prayers, flowers, food,
cards, visits, and memorials.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to
Hospice of the Southwest,
Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, and
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Boone doesn't want to relinquish the Frisbee to Allison Sechrist after fishing it out of the lake at Higginbotham Park in Lubbock Tuesday. Associated Press photo

Gardner attorneys put hope in appeals court

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Attorneys for a convicted killer hoped an appeals court today would halt his execution scheduled for early Thursday.

David Allen Gardner, 40, faced lethal injection for the August 1980 abduction and slaying of 14-year-old Kandi Kae Reynolds near Weatherford.

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals today was reviewing an appeal from Gardner's attorneys. Rejection by the state's highest criminal appeals court would send the case into the federal courts.

"I hope the execution goes through, but I realize the possibility it may not," Don Schnelby, an assistant district attorney in Parker County, said

Tuesday.

Attorneys for the Texas Resource Center, who provide legal help for death row inmates, and the state attorney general's office both anticipated Gardner would receive a reprieve.

Gardner's attorneys contended the ex-mechanic and native of Kenton, Ky., was not properly told that comments made to a psychiatrist could be used against him at the punishment phase of his trial.

The girl and another 14-year-old described as a runaway, Rocky Allen Crecy, were hitchhiking along Interstate 20 near Weatherford when they were picked up by Gardner.

Court records show Gardner

pulled to a gravel road and stopped along the side of a bridge and told the two teenagers to get out of the car and walk down an embankment.

Crecy was stabbed there several times and left for dead. Miss Reynolds was taken to an area near Lake Weatherford where she was stabbed several times and hit in the head with a rock.

Crecy, however, managed to get to a farm house for help.

Gardner was arrested three days later and led authorities to the girls' body.

The execution would be the 15th this year and 86th since the state resumed carrying out capital punishment in 1982.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Marine honored for civics class

HOUSTON (AP) — A Houston Marine has been honored for his work while he was a reserve volunteer sent to help guard 25,000 Cuban refugees at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base in Cuba.

Gunnery Sgt. Lionel Villafranco, 45, was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal Tuesday when his Provisional Rifle Company, composed of volunteers from across the country, returned to Houston after a month of duty.

Villafranco did more than pull guard duty at the base in Cuba. He set up a bilingual civics class, taking scores of Cuban students on imaginary field trips through many facets of American life.

Marine Corps officials said the work was above and beyond the call of duty.

Investigator meets with Pic-a-State officials

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Scott Wenner went to another state to buy a lottery ticket from a third state and became a lucky winner. Officials are trying to figure out whether he can cash in on the jackpot.

The New Jersey man, who purchased the winning Texas lottery ticket in Pennsylvania, was still waiting to receive his \$10.4 million prize while authorities attempted to sort out the mess.

Commissioner sets dates for new rules

AUSTIN (AP) — Against the wishes of Gov.-elect George W. Bush, Texas Insurance Commissioner Rebecca Lightsey is moving forward on proposed anti-discrimination insurance rules.

Bush's spokesman Reggie Bashur said Tuesday that Ms. Lightsey, who was named to the post last week by Gov. Ann Richards, should leave the matter of whether to adopt the rules to the next insurance commissioner.

Ms. Lightsey said she will hold a hearing on the proposed rules Jan. 4. In a prepared statement, she didn't say whether she supports the rules.

State sites selected for federal benefits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rio Grande Valley, Houston, Waco and El Paso are four of the winners in a hotly-contested national sweepstakes for federal benefits to revitalize urban and rural economies.

The White House was expected today to announce its selection of 100-some cities and regions culled from hundreds of applicants for the Federal Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities program.

News of the winning contestants began trickling out Tuesday as members of Congress and local officials learned of their successful bids.

As one of three national rural empowerment zones, the Rio Grande Valley stands to receive \$40 million to improve living and working standards as well as entice business to the poverty-stricken area.

Crew error caused explosion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Crew missteps and lack of oversight by the owners of a gasoline tanker have been blamed for an explosion last year in the Houston Ship Channel that claimed three lives and temporarily closed the waterway.

The National Transportation Safety Board concluded Tuesday that the blast that destroyed the OMI Charger on Oct. 9, 1993 occurred because company and industry procedures weren't followed.

Two explosions tore through the 660-foot tanker after welders repairing a leak in a cargo tank pierced a steel bulkhead and ignited gas fumes in an adjacent tank. In addition to the three fatalities, 10 of the ship's 27 crew members were injured.

Peso devaluation worries businesses

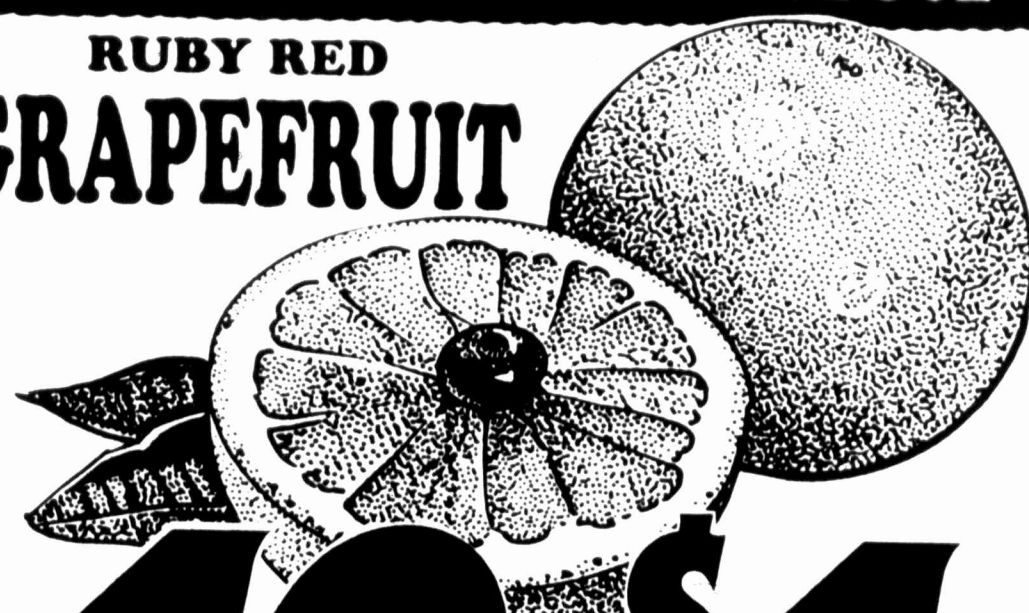
EL PASO (AP) — The peso's sudden plunge has injected a bit of unease into what is generally one of the most comfortable seasons for border retailers.

Merchants watched warily Tuesday as the peso plummeted more than 13 percent in value against the U.S. dollar.

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"Facts are like cows. If you look them in the face hard enough they generally run away!"

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Crime, craziness must stop

Is the Secret Service getting more lax, or is America just getting crazier?

Three apparent threats to President Bill Clinton's life have been made in as many months. The two most recent, which took place in about as many days, may have been stray gunfire or just a homeless mental patient with a knife.

But then again, they may not have been.

Clinton is certainly not riding a wave of popularity these days. But it is unclear what, if anything, he's done to warrant shooting attacks on the White House or men with knives waiting outside the gate.

Trying to assassinate the president will earn a person a lifetime in jail. For some reason, these people don't seem to care.

Are people simply no longer afraid to try to kill other people? Is this truly just a reflection on many Americans' dislike

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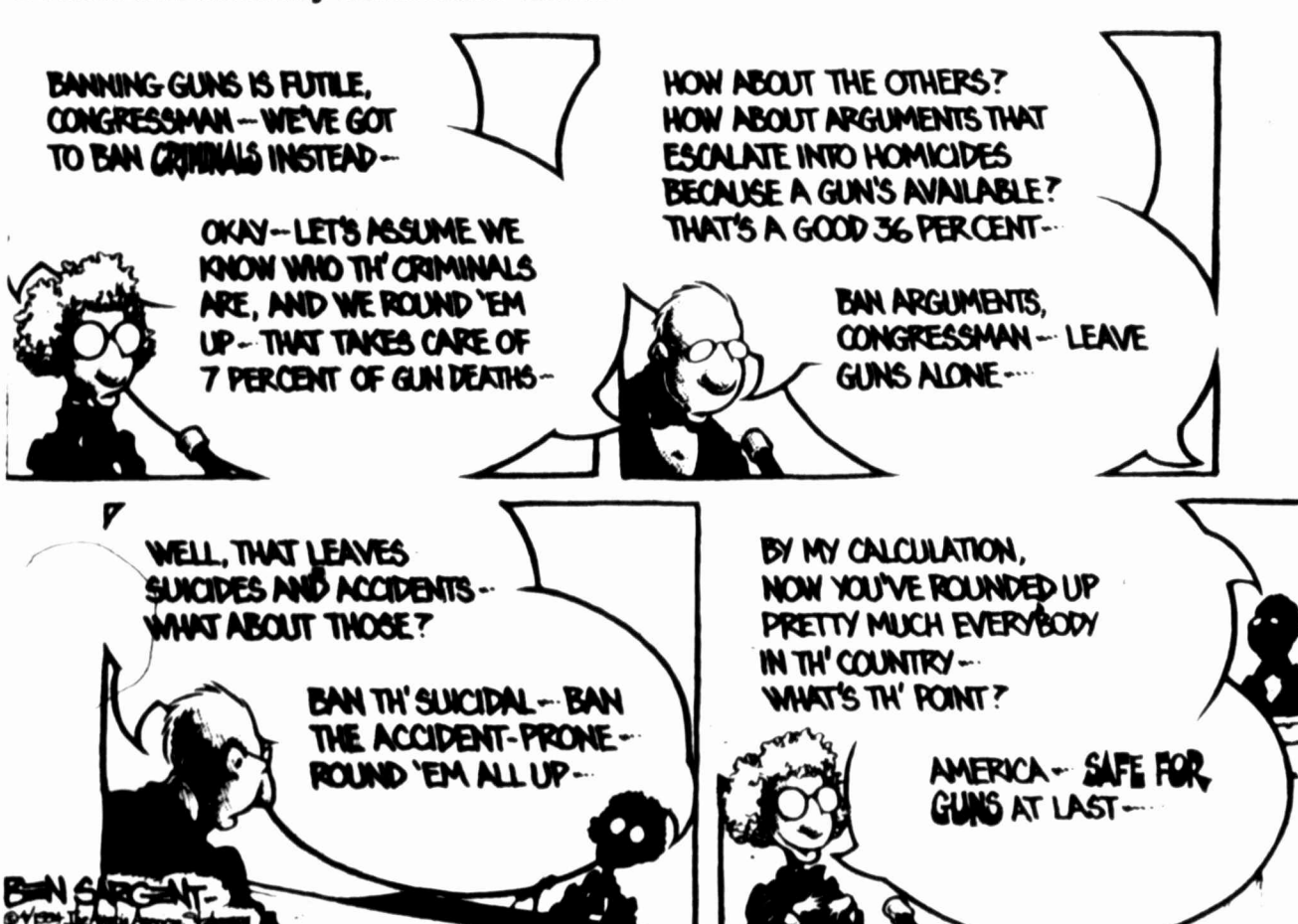
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of Clinton, or is it more a mirror of a crumbling society, in which anybody, no matter how rich or poor, famous or obscure, is a target?

Frightening as this is, perhaps these horrifying shootings will convince the apathetic that crime can touch anybody's life. The spread of crime must be controlled, for the safety of an entire nation. We must return to respecting each other's existence on this planet.

There is no longer such a thing as a "safe" house or a "safe" neighborhood... unless all of us, from Secret Service to street sweeper, take steps to make it so.



Plug in lights, change an outlook

PROSPERITY, S.C. — Paul Livingston is adjusting the harness of light on his plywood reindeer. He drops to one over-alled knee, a supplicant to a cardboard Santa.

When you drape 15,000 bulbs over hundreds of creative cutouts, there's always maintenance tinkering to be done. "I started right after Easter," he says, making another light loop over Prancer.

"Easter? Did I say Easter? I mean Thanksgiving." (You could believe Easter.) His voice and manner are reminiscent of Matthew Cuthbert, the stoic farmer in "Anne of Green Gables." The hustle and worry associated with our most demanding of holidays must be somewhere else. It isn't here in Prosperity. Paul Livingston moves slow and sure as a palbear. He doesn't worry about the electric bill, either. It's only for one month.

"Some men hunt. Some men fish. I do this." No wasted syllables, no wasted motions.

There's about an acre of yard. On it are the usual angels, elves and candy canes of Christmas, the manger scene in the little straw hut, but in this yard you also have one-dimensional Holsteins, ceramic ducks, the silhouette of a man smoking a pipe. And a partridge in a pear tree.

"I've been on television twice," he says, fingering a galus in the universal sign of pride. That makes sense. The Livingston house stands alone, and the light display has sure impact.

Prosperity is small and rural, not too far from Clinton, S.C. The two towns show up on the same road signs with arrows pointing in opposite directions. That makes a popular photograph for Bill Clinton detractors. You see copies in restaurants and stores all around here. Clinton one way, Prosperity the other.

The Livingston yard fits my Theory of Inverse Ability. I came up with it as a result of riding the backroads of the South for 20 years, and trot it out this time of year for anyone who'll listen.

My inspiration was a thousand tumble-down trailers, or modest brick ranches on postage stamp yards. The regular homes wear bulbs and foil doors, play music and generally

go all out to showcase Christmas.

On the other hand, grand mansions more often than not limit decorations to a single wreath. The rich know restraint. That's how they got rich.

The poor and middle-class far more for Christmas. Most of the rich are too worried about being tasteful to do a bang-up job of decking halls.

One year in a wealthy Memphis suburb there was an orchestrated effort to require all homeowners to use white Christmas lights only. That's how the rich think. They had rather be dead than tacky.

I say always ask a child. See which he prefers, the coordinated, subtle white of a rich matron's Christmas? Or the garish, multi-colored bulbs that flash and race and threaten to blind? Show him both and ask which house Santa is more likely to visit.

Perhaps those with less need Christmas more. For one season of the year there is hope and brightness and glitter. You can plug in a string of lights and change a whole landscape, or an outlook.

"People come from all over," Paul Livingston says, in his spare way. "They seem to like it."

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These moral improvers might have a point

A group of moral improvers in Toronto wants to purge everyday language of violent expressions.

A pamphlet put out by the North York Women Teachers' Association urges its 1,500 members to shun "more than one way to skin a cat" in favor of "different ways to solve a problem."

The authors would rather

"undermine their own position" than "shoot themselves in the foot" and would "take two for the price of one" but never "kill two birds with one stone." They "tap" computer keys instead of belligerently "hitting" them.

Some wordsmiths would gripe that these pious substitutions drain speech of color and expressive force (oops). Some

would see them as cutting off one's nose to spite one's face.

But we think we know what the ladies mean. We have always cringed at the injunction to "keep our eyes peeled" and share a colleague's revulsion for having our "brains picked." Plainly the Toronto crusaders have an (ouch) point.

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WORLD



A Mexican army soldier with a grenade launcher waits Tuesday at Bochil, Mexico in the southeastern state of Chiapas.

Mexican troops occupy southern Chiapas town

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico (AP) — Heavily armed soldiers and police occupied a town in the southern state of Chiapas today as Mexico's new president strove to show he can deal firmly with a resurgent Indian uprising.

Soldiers and state police rolled into the town of Simojovel late Tuesday night, said Joel Padron, the community's parish priest.

The town's mayor had asked for army protection after rebels had occupied the town Monday, ransacking the town hall and burning government archives. The rebels have retreated and are now believed to be hiding in the nearby mountains.

The town is 22 miles north of San Cristobal, which the rebels also occupied on Monday.

There were no reports of fighting as armored vehicles and troop transports traveled the main highway to Simojovel. The 18-vehicle convoy carried about 200 flak-jacketed and armed police, who cleared rebel roadblocks of logs and stones.

Police ripped down several wooden signs reading, "This

Property has been seized by the Zapatista National Liberation Army" along with red and black flags set up by the guerrillas.

Still, fears about new violence ran high today after President Ernesto Zedillo's three-week-old government countered a show of force by guerrillas with one of its own.

The rebels, who demand better living conditions for poor Indians, announced Monday that many had slipped through an army cordon manned by thousands of troops and taken up positions in 38 Chiapas towns. Uniformed guerrillas began popping up at roadblocks throughout the state.

In hopes of reassuring nervous investors that Mexico was not going to be torn by an uprising, Zedillo on Tuesday let the peso to drop 14 percent against the dollar. He vowed to seek a peaceful resolution of the conflict, but promised harsher steps against those who committed "illegal acts."

The presence of rebels outside their territory plunged Mexico into a state of nervousness.

"We are very worried because

the weapons of both groups are very close to each other and to the people of this community," Padron, the priest in Simojovel, said Tuesday night.

San Cristobal Bishop Samuel Ruiz, who mediated previous peace talks, said Zedillo's seizure of a town and highways as "criminal acts" minimized the seriousness of the situation.

Others criticized the rebels. "The risks the Zapatistas are taking are putting everyone in a grave situation," said Pablo Romo, a Roman Catholic priest and executive director of the Fray Bartolome Center for Human Rights in San Cristobal.

Meanwhile, the abrupt slide in the new peso was the biggest in a single day drop since Mexico's full economic opening in 1987.

When guerrilla leader Subcomandante Marcos announced the surprise move Monday, he described it as the first rebel "military campaign" since 12 days of fighting killed 145 people and led to a Jan. 12 cease-fire.

On eve of truce, Serbs push attack

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Missiles slammed into the desperate Bihac enclave in northwest Bosnia, where Serbs pressed an attack before a scheduled holiday cease-fire brokered by Jimmy Carter.

After a two-day diplomatic blitz, the former president said the warring sides supported a temporary truce, starting Friday.

"My hope is that we can soon have a cease-fire, the total disengagement of military forces," he told reporters in Belgrade, the Yugoslav capital, late Tuesday. "All these things have been promised by both sides."

Carter said talks on a four-month cease-fire would also begin Friday, with the goal of concluding them by Jan. 1. It appeared that if no agreement were signed by New Year's Day, the current truce would likely go the way of dozens of others.

U.N. officials in the capital, Sarajevo, said today that outgunned Muslim-led government troops and Muslim civilians in Bihac remained under attack late Tuesday, in the continuation of a Serb offensive that began Nov. 5.

"A number of improvised rockets ... and a number of mortar and artillery rounds" exploded in the suburbs of Bihac, near the border with Croatia, resulting in an unspecified number of casualties, said Lt. Col. Gary Coward, a U.N. spokesman.

Ethnic Serbs from Croatia and Bosnian Muslims opposed to the Sarajevo government were flushing out remaining government troops from Velika Kladusa, another town

Russian jets bomb Chechen capital; 120 die in overnight raids

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Chechen anti-aircraft guns fell silent today for lack of ammunition, allowing Russian jets to bomb the Chechen capital with impunity in early morning raids.

There was no immediate word on casualties, but Chechen officials said 120 people were killed in overnight air raids Tuesday on Grozny, the capital. That report could not be confirmed.

A Chechen official told the Interfax news agency today that ammunition was running very low and the guns were silent.

The latest bombing raid came a day after hundreds of thousands of Chechens and their Muslim neighbors protested Moscow's military offensive by forming a human chain along the region's main highway.

Russian troops pulled back from some areas after Tuesday's protest, but Moscow still kept up the pressure on the separatist republic in the Caucasus Mountains. Russians troops fired rockets into Grozny and skirmished with defenders on its outskirts.

A Russian helicopter was shot down Tuesday, killing two military doctors and a crewman, a government spokesman told the ITAR-Tass news agency. Four Russian soldiers also were killed, raising the military's official death toll to more than 30 since the offensive began Dec. 11.

Unofficial estimates, however, put Russian deaths in the dozens.

The situation in Grozny "is becoming more and more tragic," the Russian government said in a statement. It heaped blame on Chechen President Dzhokhar Dudayev, saying he

was holding the population "hostage" to his defiant policies.

Dudayev, who declared Chechnya independent three years ago, on Tuesday called the Russian air raids "mass killing of peaceful citizens."

Meanwhile, men, women and children clasped hands along the road through Chechnya and the neighboring regions of Dagestan to the east and Ingushetia to the west. Like Chechnya, both areas are populated mainly by Muslims.

Dudayev had called for the protest along the road, which runs more than a 600 miles, about a tenth of that in Chechnya.

In Chechnya and Ingushetia, entire villages stood along the road waving at cars. Some people held hands and sang, or waved Chechen flags. Handwritten signs proclaimed "Freedom to Chechnya," and honking cars carrying portraits of Dudayev drove up and down the snowy road.

"Allah akbar" — God is great — some demonstrators chanted.

Troops continued to block one six-mile stretch of road near the Ingush border. The soldiers, sitting on tanks and armored personnel carriers, looked uneasy as civilians approached and suggested they leave their weapons and go.

Moscow's show of force in the mountainous republic of 1.2 million people has been generally unpopular with both troops and ordinary Russians.

Yeltsin, released from the hospital Monday after nose surgery, met with his prime minister Tuesday to discuss Chechnya and other issues, Interfax said.

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'Cemetery Lady' enjoys walking among the dead

LOCKNEY — Mary Lou Bollman often walks among the dead.

In Floyd County, she's known as "The Cemetery Lady," and folks around here pretty much expect to see this 85-year-old woman meandering through the local graveyards.

An avid genealogist since her college days, Bollman is a seeker of lost relatives and misplaced family records. And

sometimes she is a finder of long-forgotten tombs, buried in a tangle of weeds and time.

With her soft, snowy hair coiled into a neat bun, Bollman resembles the "over-the-river-and-through-the-woods" grandma. But the grandmother in that holiday song probably wouldn't wear a lavender nylon jogging suit or sit cross-legged on the floor.

Nor would she own a T-shirt

that proudly proclaims: "I'm collecting dead relatives." But that's exactly what Bollman does — collect dead relatives, that is.

People from across the United States have called on Bollman for help in tracing their family histories. And anyone who visits the South Plains in search of a hazy past is likely to end up on Bollman's doorstep.

"People come here looking for

ancestors," explained Evelyn Queen, a hostess at the Floyd County Historical Museum. "We have people coming in all the time looking up the obituaries of their parents."

Those who are unable to find relatives or grave sites are referred to Bollman, Queen added. In fact, the museum opened the Mary Lou Bollman Genealogy Center five years ago, in honor of Bollman's 80th

birthday.

On that same birthday, Bollman received letters of praise and congratulations from U.S. Rep. Bill Sarpallus and Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. Accompanying Sarpallus' letter was a flag that once flew over the U.S. Capitol.

"I still have that flag somewhere," Bollman muttered thoughtfully, eyeing a room packed with at least 11 bookcases, dozens of overflowing boxes

and a stepladder.

"I'm not much of a housekeeper," she apologized. But history buffs, fellow genealogists and even the merely curious probably would find Bollman's "work room" to be a virtual paradise.

In it are news clippings, census records, yellowing photos, county histories and cemetery records.

Thomas: Lights must go

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The man with millions of Christmas lights took his case for turning them all on at once to the U.S. Supreme Court. At least one justice didn't see the light.

Justice Clarence Thomas, who handles emergency matters from Arkansas, refused Tuesday to halt a state Supreme Court ruling ordering Jennings Osborne to tone down his light show.

With his emergency request for a stay denied, Osborne could now ask each of the other eight Supreme Court justices to stay the ruling. Neither he nor his attorney, Sam Perroni of Little Rock, returned telephone calls seeking comment.

Neighbors sued Osborne over his massive display, claiming it caused traffic jams of sightseers who left garbage in the upscale neighborhood.

The state Supreme Court agreed, ordering him on Dec. 5 to trim the show. On Friday, the court refused to set aside that order.

The display, spanning three house lots, included more than three million lights last year.

The lights were turned on for the first time this season on Saturday, with a 70-foot red angel alight on the Osborne home and other lights on display at the two adjacent houses.

Attorney Gary Corum, who represents the neighbors, has asked the state Supreme Court to order Osborne jailed "until he discontinues and dismantles the massive display he has built and operated in defiance of this court's orders."

"We won the case, we've got an order in place telling him not to do it," Corum said Tuesday. "If they want to put someone out there to guard the switch, that would be fine with me."

Tons of fun: Meet Flabio

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — He's got that California look — and more. He's tanned, with blue eyes, long blond hair and a come hither gaze.

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Man shot outside White House

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials are defending the shooting of a knife-wielding homeless man outside the White House as a justified use of force because the man did not follow orders to give up his weapon.

White House security precautions have been increased in light of a string of recent incidents, but police rejected any suggestion they were more prone to shoot.

"They took the appropriate action under the circumstances," Park Police spokesman Maj. Robert Hines said Tuesday. "If they were not quick to fire, we could

have an officer over there with a knife wound."

Hines said the officer who fired the shots was a seasoned employee who would be assigned to administrative duty in keeping with routine procedure. The officer was not identified by name.

The alleged attacker, Marcelino Corniel, 33, was in very critical condition at a local hospital after being shot twice by a Park Police officer during the sidewalk standoff on Pennsylvania Avenue. He underwent surgery twice, the second one beginning nearly 12 hours after the shooting and lasting more than four

hours until shortly before 2 a.m. this morning.

Prosecutors planned to charge Corniel with assaulting a federal officer, said Monty Wilkinson, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office. Additional charges could be added later, investigators said. The assault charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

Witnesses said Corniel charged across Pennsylvania Avenue from Lafayette Park armed with a knife and menaced Park Police and Secret Service officers before the shooting.

Extraordinary video footage

from the Conus television service shows that in the final moments of the confrontation, Corniel stood practically motionless facing four officers, one of whom then advanced and fired.

Witnesses said officers had repeatedly ordered Corniel to drop the knife, which it turned out was taped to his hand.

Hines said there was no doubt the suspect posed a threat. "The fact that he had the knife taped to his hand, what does that tell you? He wants to use it. He wants to get at them," Hines said.



Evidence technicians look over the scene of a shooting outside the White House Tuesday.

Gingrich: Middle class more than just money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Middle-class Americans should be defined by their work ethic and core values, not by how much money they take home, says incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich.

"I think it's a state of mind, and this is where frankly some of my liberal friends just don't get it," the Georgia Republican said Tuesday on CNN's "Talk Back Live."

Defining who belongs to the middle class has become a hot political issue as the Clinton administration and the Republican leadership in Congress argue over who would be eligible for a middle-class tax cut both sides support.

President Clinton, in his tax cut plan unveiled last week, spoke of providing a tax credit for the children of households earning up to \$75,000.

The "Contract With America" agenda promoted by Gingrich would give tax credits for children in families earning up to \$200,000.

According to the most recent data available from the IRS, 93 percent of the returns it received reported income of under \$75,000. Fewer than 1 percent reported income of \$200,000 or more.

Gingrich defined the middle class as "that group of Americans who work for a living, who want to save, who believe that they want their children to have a better future, who are prepared to postpone immediate gratification to try to give their kids a better future, who believe in studying and doing their homework."

"It's a psychological, not an economic figure, and I think the minute you start putting numbers in there it gets very weird," he said.

Gingrich also stressed the work ethic when asked on the Atlanta-based program about how he, as a son of a single teen-age mother, could consider ending welfare payments for single mothers.

"Had my mother gone on welfare I would not be speaker of the House," Gingrich said. All of his relatives were poor, he said, "but everybody was taught to work every day."

Gingrich also indicated there was substantial support for the idea of a flat tax under which everyone would pay the same percentage of his or her income, with few deductions allowed. "People are so mad at the IRS," he said, that many would be willing to pay slightly more in taxes if they were guaranteed simplicity and no audits.

Gingrich has said the limit

on congressional terms the Republicans are pushing would not apply to him (or other current lawmakers). When asked about that, he talked instead about his recent proposal to limit the time a speaker can serve to eight years.

However, House speakers traditionally have had relatively short tenures.

Among the 49 men who have been House speaker since 1789, only two have served more than eight years consecutively: Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., D-Mass., 1977-87, and John McCormack, D-Mass., 1962-71. Henry Clay of Kentucky served 11 years over three terms in the 19th century and Sam Rayburn, D-Texas, served 17 years in split terms of 1940-47, 1949-53 and 1955-61.

On other topics, Gingrich:

— Said government should be pro-family but should not legislate matters of sexual preference. "I am both against having sex police in the men's room and I'm against teaching 'Heather has two mommies' in kindergarten or the first grade."



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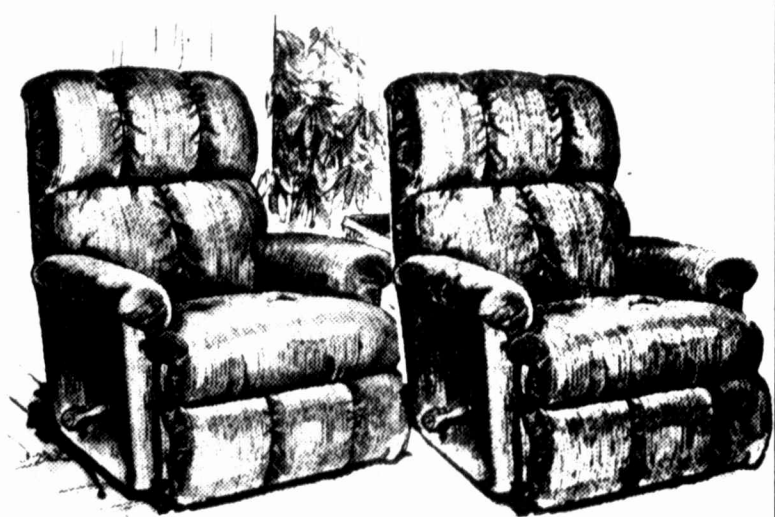
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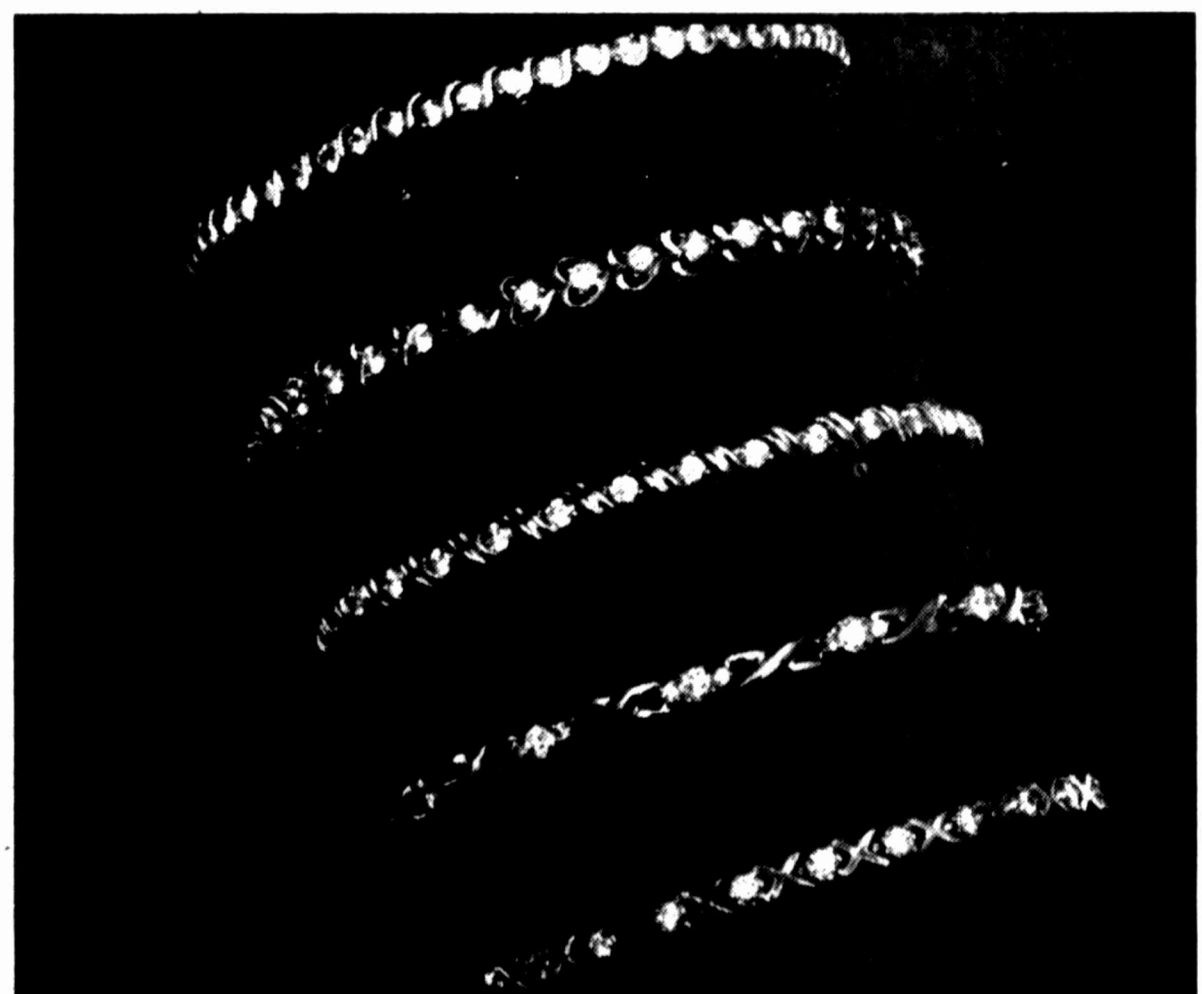
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SPORTS

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1994

SCOREBOARD

TEXAS COLLEGE BASKETBALL SCORES	
Women	
Texas Tech 67, Old Dominion 53	Texas A&M 78, LSU 52
Men	
Texas 95, Stephen F. Austin 94	Temple 67, Texas Tech 64 (2 OTs)

TEXAS NBA SCORES	
Tuesday	
Dallas 110, Golden State 107	

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Stanton ladies hold the gold

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports writer

EDITOR'S NOTE - This is the first of a six-part series highlighting the most notable local sports figures in 1994.

STANTON - The question arises: Are Lupe Chapa, Laura Herm, Sande Bundas and Kristen Wyckoff a group of basketball players who run track in the offseason, or are they track stars who play basketball in the offseason?

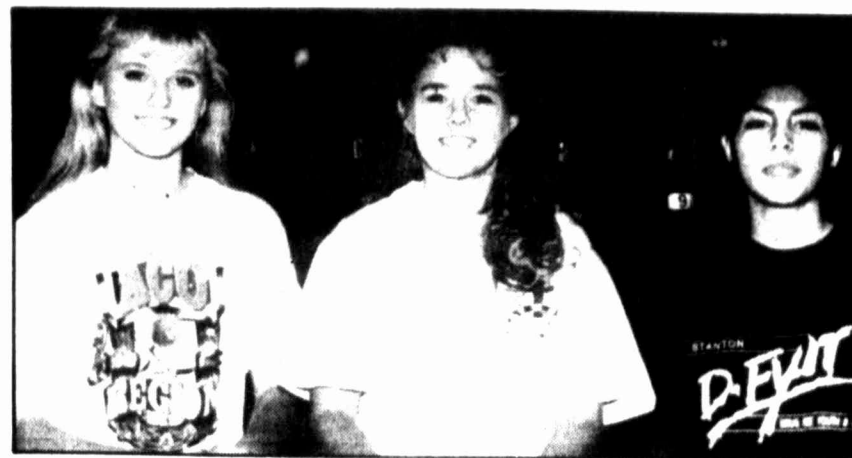
The answer is irrelevant. The truth is, this Stanton High School quartet is talented in both track and basketball, and they've got the hardware to prove it.

Walk into the entrance of Stanton High School's gym, and you'll see a display case full of golden basketball trophies.

More than a couple of those ornaments were won by SHS teams on which the four played. The Lady Buffs' basketball team broke through for a District 6-2A championship last season and are currently ranked 12th in the state Class 2A poll.

Chapa, Herm and Bundas, all seniors, start for the team and Wyckoff, a junior, is one of the first off the bench. Put them on the track, however, place a baton in their hands, and you have something positively golden. The four proved that when they won the Class 2A state title in the 1,600 meter relay at this year's state track meet.

By the time they arrived in Austin last spring for the state meet, Memorial Stadium was familiar territory for the girls. Chapa, Herm and Bundas were making their third state meet appearance, while Wyckoff was there for the second time. While success was no stranger



Pictured above are, from left, Sande Bundas, Laura Herm and Lupe Chapa - three-fourths of Stanton's golden 1,600-meter relay team.

three relays - the 400, 800 and 1,600 - down to Austin, but they finished no better than second in those events. Second-place finishes were fine, but they were starting to get old. So when the four qualified this year in the 800 and 1,600, their intent was clear.

They had a good run in their first event, the 800, but came in second, a tenth of a second behind winner Celina. The pressure grew - but so did their determination.

"When we got runner-up in the 800, we felt like we just had to win the mile (1,600 relay)," Herm said. "We didn't know if we'd ever get back to the state meet. We knew it was now or never."

As the group readied for the 1,600 relay, Chapa was the most confident of the group.

"There was never any doubt,"

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Mavs beat Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) - Jason Kidd's professional debut in his hometown went just the way he hoped it would.

"I definitely wanted to win my debut game back in Oakland," Kidd said after scoring 19 points in the Dallas Mavericks' 110-107 win over the Golden State Warriors.

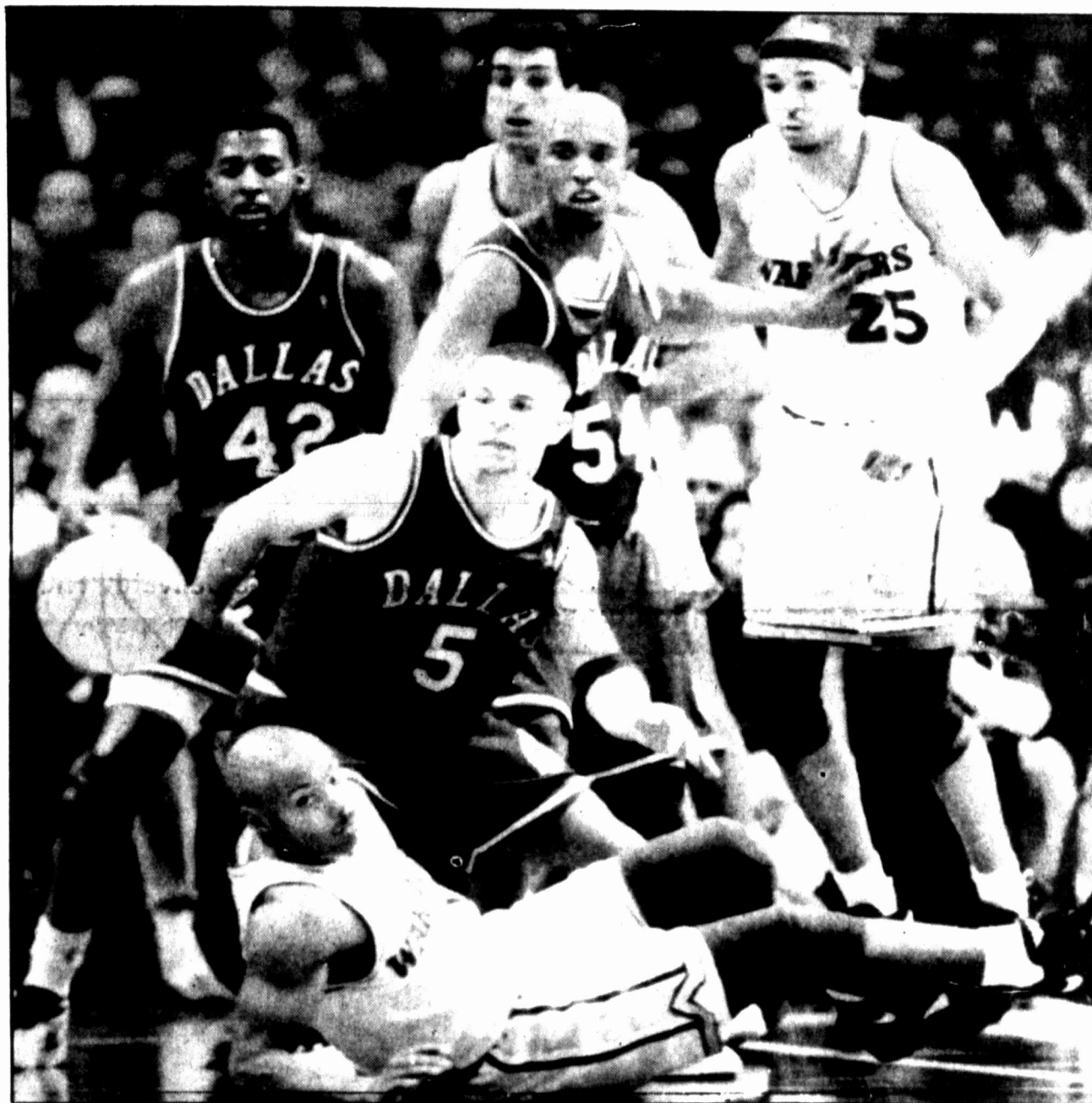
Kidd was greeted by a standing ovation on his return to the Oakland Coliseum Arena, where he played games as a local prep star and during his college career at California.

With Kidd's passing and drives to the basket opening scoring lanes, Jamal Mashburn had 27 points and Jim Jackson 26 as the Mavericks ended a 14-game losing streak to Golden State.

Golden State had five players in double figures, topped by Latrell Sprewell with 28 points. Rony Seikaly and Tim Hardaway each had 20.

But Kidd, who also had 10 assists, Mashburn and Jackson proved to be too much for the Warriors.

Mashburn delivered consecutive 3-point baskets in the final 1:48 and Jackson had 16 points in the fourth quarter.



Golden State Warrior Tim Hardaway goes down as Dallas Maverick Jason Kidd (5) goes for the ball Tuesday. Dallas won 110-107. Also pictured, from left, are Roy Tarpley (42, Dallas), Golden State's Rony Seikaly, Dallas' Popeye Jones and Golden State's Chris Gatling.

Year-ending series caps fabulous '94

Random thoughts while listing all the resolutions I broke:

The end of the year, it seems, just lends itself to looking back, to seeing what we did or didn't do, to list our accomplishments and failures ... you know, that sort of thing.

Here at the frenetic hive of energy known as your friendly neighborhood newsroom,

things are no different. As I type, us newshounds are busily preparing year-in-review stories on a variety of topics.

Well, that's all fine and good, Reagan, but what does that have to do with the price of gas?

Glad you asked.

On top of our usual bundle of look-back stories, Hoosier Hargrave and I have added something we hope will become, well, special.

I hate to use the word "special." It reminds me of Dana Carvey's Church Lady on "Saturday Night Live." So, every time I use the word, I

hear his squeaky little voice going, "Isn't that spe-e-cial?"

Back to the subject, Reagan. Last year at this time, Dave and I debuted what we called "Sports Notables," in which we profiled sports people in this area whose accomplishments merited a little extra attention.

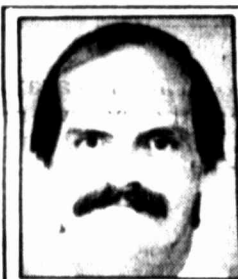
Reception to the series was kind of nice. And each and every one of the recipients deserved the coverage.

Well, you know Dave and I - we can't help tinkering with stuff. Starting today, we unleash "Sports People '94" on an unsuspecting public.

OK, you might say, what's the big deal? So what if you changed the name? What does this mean? And what of Naomi?

The difference this time around is that the series will be highlighted Sunday with the unveiling of our inaugural Sports Person of the Year.

person - and you really don't expect me to tell you that person's name right now, do you? - has been judged by the Hoosier One and myself as the area's outstanding sports notable for the past 12 months. For the last time, don't ask me who are Sports Person of the Year is. OK, OK, I'll give you a hint ... The winner's not vegetable or mineral and walks upright - but that's as far as I go.



Steve Reagan
Sports writer

NHL makes progress - can it save the season?

TORONTO (AP) - For the first time in the NHL lockout, there could be significant progress in the dispute.

Sources told The Canadian Press the league has made a contract proposal that doesn't include a payroll tax, which has been a deal-breaker as far as players are concerned.

The proposal may be too costly for the players, but it will likely be a starting point for negotiations to resume, probably next week.

Until now, the league has pro-

posed a number of schemes to harness rising salaries, and all have included a tax or salary cap unacceptable to the players.

"There have been discussions on how we might proceed without a tax, but it is a complicated area," union head Bob Goodenow said Tuesday night.

There is to be a general assembly of the NHLPA today, which more than 200 players are expected to attend.

The tax issue played a significant role in a meeting Tuesday night of 49 player representa-

tives, assistant player reps and six members of the NHLPA's bargaining committee. Players are adamantly opposed to a tax because they feel it acts as a salary cap.

"Zero chance," Jeremy Roenick of the Chicago Blackhawks said of the chance of a payroll tax being accepted. "It won't happen. We will lose the whole season."

"We are a capitalist society. We don't live in old Russia where it was communism. To put a cap on our salaries, to put

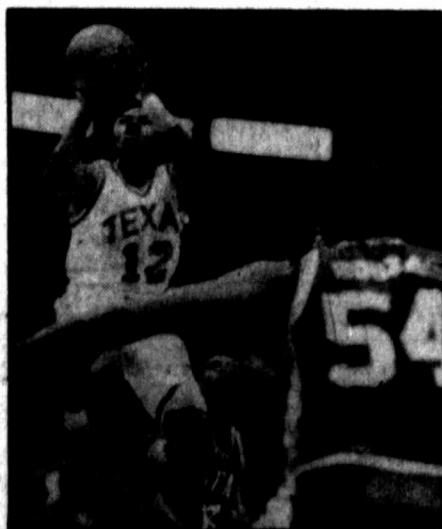
a limit ... it goes against everything our government and living here in North America stands for."

Defiant players emerged united from the session, saying it would be a gross miscalculation on the league's part to think the players would vote to accept a payroll tax.

Some management officials, and especially general managers, have said they are confident that if a secret vote was taken, players would accept the owners' last proposal.

BOTTOM of the ORDER

SHOT OF THE DAY



Serious hang time
Texas guard Roderick Anderson (12) takes a shot against Stephen F. Austin's Javan Rouzan (54) Tuesday. Texas won 95-94.

TEXAS SPORTS

Sparring partner dies

WACO (AP) - The death of a 17-year-old boxer who fell ill while sparring has been ruled accidental by a peace justice.

An autopsy showed that Jimmy N. Rodriguez died last Wednesday because his brain bled after he was hit in the head. When the blood accumulated in his brain, it cut off his oxygen supply.

Football player killed

KILDARE (AP) - Arkansas State linebacker Dedrick Greenleaf was found fatally shot in his car Tuesday on a remote country road near his home.

Detectives suspect Greenleaf was shot, then died while trying to reach his family's home in Kildare. No arrests have been made.

NATION/WORLD

Lendl retires

NEW YORK (AP) - Diet, conditioning and hard work made Ivan Lendl the world's No. 1 tennis player. His own body made him retire Tuesday.

Suffering from facet joint syndrome, a degenerative condition of the spine, Lendl was forced to withdraw from several tournaments this year, and then retire from several others.

TCU coach wanted at Ole Miss

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) - Mississippi head football coach Tommy Tuberville has recommended the hiring of Texas Christian assistant coach Hugh Nall as offensive line coach of the Rebels.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
California at Cincinnati,
8:30 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

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SPORTS IN
BRIEF

-Here are results from recent Coahoma Youth Basketball League games:

Suns 21
Spurs 18

Chase Ward scored 15 points and Jason Shifflett four to lead the Suns past the Spurs. Ward also was noted for his fine defensive play.

Travis Hipp scored six points to lead the Spurs, who had good defensive play from Lane Belew and Clete Stone.

Rockets 36
Suns 25

Thomas New scored 19 points and Tom Griffin 11 in the Rockets' victory over the Suns. Paul Ruiz played well for the Rockets on defense.

For the Suns, Chase Ward had 16 points and Randall Rich five points, while Ward also had a fine defensive game.

Lakers 29
Celtics 18

Taylor Parris and Derek DeHoyes scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, to lead the Lakers past the Celtics.

David Ontiveros was noted for his fine defensive play for the winners.

The Celtics were led by Daniel Murphree, who scored 10 points, and Rickey Dean Richters, who scored five. Blane Wright had a good defensive game.

Cardinals 24
Jays 21

The Cardinals, behind 12 points by Kortney Kemper and 10 points from Sheena Harding, edged the Jays in recent Youth League action.

Playing well on defense for the Cardinals was Lyndi Barr.

Amber Bingham scored 11 points and B.D. Prater six for the Jays, who received a fine defensive game from Kami Bennett.

Hawks 34
Roadrunners 9

Karen Sterling scored 16 points, Kenni Kay Buchanan 10 and Rhonda Barnett and Leslie Phinney played well on defense as the Hawks downed the Roadrunners.

Lesla Monroe had four points and Tawana Jacobs three for the Roadrunners, who received good defensive play from Kynzi Roberts and Mikanna Herring.

Stanton

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she said. "I knew we would get a gold this year, because our intensity had been really high all year. We knew what second or third place felt like, and we wanted to know what first place felt like."

"They were all nervous," Wyckoff said. "I think I was the most relaxed one in the group. I just kept telling them, 'It's going to be OK.'"

After the race began, it became clear it would once again come down to either Celina or Stanton. At the final baton exchange, Chapa began her quarter of the race in second place.

That soon changed. Chapa slipped by Celina's anchor runner to win the gold in a time of 4:01.6.

"All I remember is passing the girl and finishing the race,"

BASKETBALL

High School

Boys
Buena Vista 79, Forsan 77
Chris Evans 28 (7 three-pointers),
Shane Sims 19.
Girls
Forsan 51, Buena Vista 42

College

Men
Army 79, Dartmouth 75
Temple 67, Texas Tech 64, 2OT
Youngstown St. 78, Niagara 61
SOUTH
Clemson 75, Miami 55
Marquette 70, Fla. International 57
Mississippi 75, Delaware St. 61
N.C. Charlotte 92, Appalachian St. 61

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South Alabama 105, Ala.-Birmingham 86
South Carolina 80, Charleston Southern 65
Southern Miss. 77, NE Louisiana 56
Stetson 87, Radford 78
Tr. Chattanooga 86, Alabama St. 66

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Wake Forest 81, Citadel 58
MIDWEST
Colorado St. 90, SE Missouri 70
E. Michigan 81, Jackson St. 68
Ill. Chicago 67, Marquette 65
Iowa 85, W. Carolina 60
Kansas 80, Santa Clara 75
Michigan St. 79, Tennessee 68
Ohio U. 84, West Virginia 70
Toledo 74, Sacramento St. 64
Wichita St. 63, Evansville 61

SOUTHWEST
Colorado 88, North Texas 70
James Madison 70, Arkansas St. 52
Lamar 64, St. Edward's, Texas 57
Oklahoma St. 111, LSU 67
Texas 95, Stephen F. Austin 94
Texas El Paso 113, Cardinal Stritch 61

STAR WEST
Arizona St. 96, Cal Poly-SLO 43
Cal St.-Fullerton 83, San Diego St. 73, OT
Loyola Marymount 80, Washington 61

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Montana St. 89, S. Utah 68
Nevada 79, San Diego 54
New Mexico St. 102, Texas-Arlington 63
South Florida 73, Pepperdine 60
Southern Cal 82, Mo.-Kansas City 74

St. Mary's, Cal. 88, UC Santa Barbara 77
UC Irvine 89, Oregon St. 73
Utah 105, Chicago St. 38

TOURNAMENTS

NBA Roundup

Lakers reach milestone

Cedric Ceballos got 50, and the Lakers got 2,500.

Ceballos scored a career-high 50 points Tuesday night as the Los Angeles Lakers beat Minnesota 108-95. It was the 2,500th victory for the Lakers' franchise, second most in NBA history behind the Boston Celtics.

But the night belonged to Ceballos, a 5-year veteran acquired from Phoenix in an offseason trade. He scored 18

points in the fourth quarter, including a 3-pointer with 5.7 seconds left that made him the fourth player this season to score 50 in a game.

"I started thinking about it with about two minutes left," said Ceballos, whose previous best was 40 points. "Tony Smith came over to me and told me I can't come in the locker room unless I get 50. I had my clothes and my car keys in here, and I wanted to come in."

Chapa said. "I felt, 'Well, we finally got the gold.' But it was the greatest feeling in the world when it finally set in."

"I was drinking a cup of water," Wyckoff said. "When Lupe passed that girl, I just chuckled that cup and started running toward her. I pushed a couple of people out of the way ... and just slung Lupe around in my arms."

The group is now concentrat-

ing on basketball, but one more track season looms ahead, one more chance for a golden harvest. Are the girls going to be happy with their one moment of glory?

"I don't think so," Bundas said. "We've got another year of running, and everybody is back. I think our chances are pretty good. I do know that people are going to be looking out for Stanton. We've made a name for ourselves."



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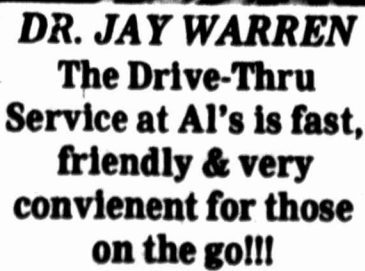
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East Carolina 78, N. Arizona 56
Third Place
E. Illinois 85, Chaminade 65
UNO Classic
First Round
New Orleans 72, William & Mary 61
Northeastern 82, Bradley 77

NBA Standings

National Basketball Association
All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

Orlando 18 5 783 —
New York 12 10 545 5 1/2
New Jersey 11 15 423 8 1/2
Boston 10 14 417 8 1/2
Philadelphia 8 15 348 10
Miami 6 15 286 11
Washington 6 15 286 11

Central Division
Indiana 14 7 667 —
Cleveland 15 8 652 —
Charlotte 13 10 565 2
Chicago 11 11 500 3 1/2
Detroit 9 12 429 5
Atlanta 10 14 417 5 1/2
Milwaukee 7 15 318 7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division
Utah 17 8 680 —
Houston 13 8 619 2
Dallas 12 8 600 2 1/2
Denver 12 9 571 3
San Antonio 11 9 550 3 1/2
Minnesota 5 18 217 11

Pacific Division
Phoenix 18 5 783 —
Seattle 15 7 682 2 1/2
L.A. Lakers 14 8 636 3 1/2
Sacramento 12 10 545 5 1/2
Portland 11 10 524 6
Golden State 8 15 348 10
L.A. Clippers 3 20 130 15

Tuesday's Games
Utah 91, Philadelphia 88
Charlotte 99, Indiana 95
Atlanta 115, Milwaukee 97
New Jersey 85, New York 83
Orlando 108, Portland 104
Seattle 110, L.A. Clippers 79
L.A. Lakers 108, Minnesota 95
Dallas 110, Golden State 107
Sacramento 105, Washington 102

Wednesday's Games
Detroit at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9 p.m.
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Washington at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NFL Standings

National Football League
All Times EST
AMERICAN CONFERENCE
East

y-Miami 9 6 0 600 362 307
New England 9 6 0 600 338 309
Buffalo 7 8 0 467 331 346
Indianapolis 7 8 0 467 297 311
N.Y. Jets 6 9 0 400 254 296

Central
x-Pittsburgh 12 3 0 800 282 197
y-Cleveland 10 5 0 667 305 195
Cincinnati 2 13 0 133 243 376
Houston 1 14 0 267 202 342

West
x-San Diego 10 5 0 667 344 272
L.A. Raiders 9 6 0 600 294 308
Kansas City 8 7 0 533 300 289
Denver 7 8 0 467 319 366
Seattle 6 9 0 400 278 288

NATIONAL CONFERENCE
East
x-Dallas 12 3 0 800 404 233
N.Y. Giants 8 7 0 533 264 295
Arizona 8 7 0 533 229 257
Philadelphia 7 8 0 467 278 275
Washington 2 13 0 133 296 391

Central
Minnesota 9 6 0 600 335 300
Detroit 9 6 0 600 268 294
Chicago 9 6 0 600 268 294
Green Bay 8 7 0 533 348 268
Tampa Bay 6 9 0 400 232 317

West
x-San Fran 13 2 0 867 491 275
New Orleans 6 9 0 400 318 379
Atlanta 6 9 0 400 307 379
L.A. Rams 4 11 0 267 265 341

x-clinched division
y-clinched playoff spot

Saturday's Games
Detroit 41, Minnesota 19
San Francisco 42, Denver 19

Sunday's Games
Green Bay 21, Atlanta 17
Chicago 27, Los Angeles Rams 13
New England 41, Buffalo 17
San Diego 21, New York Jets 6
Tampa Bay 17, Washington 14
Indianapolis 10, Miami 6
Arizona 28, Cincinnati 7
Kansas City 31, Houston 9
New York Giants 16, Philadelphia 13
Pittsburgh 17, Cleveland 7
Los Angeles Raiders 17, Seattle 16

Monday's Game

Dallas 24, New Orleans 16
Saturday, Dec. 24

Arizona at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Dallas at New York Giants, 1 p.m.

Green Bay at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.

New Orleans at Denver, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Houston, 4 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 4 p.m.
Washington at Los Angeles Rams, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25
Detroit at Miami, 8 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 26
San Francisco at Minnesota, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Re-signed Omar Vizquel, shortstop, to a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed Mike Hult, outfielder, to a one-year contract. Sent Scott Brow, pitcher, outright to Syracuse of the International League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
COLORADO ROCKIES—Re-signed Marvin Freeman, pitcher, to a two-year contract. Declined to exercise their 1995 option on Willie Blair, pitcher, making him a free agent.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Re-signed Matt Thompson, outfielder, to a one-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Signed Doug Henry, pitcher, to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Placed Pellom McDaniels, defensive end, and Donnell Bennett, fullback, on injured reserve. Signed Tommie Stowers, running back. Activated Ronnie Woodfork, linebacker, from the practice squad. Re-signed Shaumbe Wright, fullback, to the practice squad.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Waived Lamont Hollingquest, line-backer. Signed Coleman Bell, tight end.

Nebraska may have
star QB for bowl game

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Quarterback Tommie Frazier, who is being taken off blood thinners so he might have a chance to play for top-ranked Nebraska in the Orange Bowl against No. 3 Miami, says he's aware of the risks.

"I'm feeling fine," said Frazier, who hasn't played since late September when he was sidelined by recurring blood clots in his right calf.

Frazier, a junior from Bradenton, Fla., who once was considered a leading contender for the Heisman Trophy, said he made the decision with his parents and doctors to stop taking the medication temporarily.

"I felt that I sat out long enough and I was able to go back out and play," Frazier said. "If they told me I had to stay on it, I would stay on it because my health is more important right now."

Dr. Deepak Gangahar, a Lincoln cardiovascular surgeon who has treated Frazier, said his patient "has a keen desire to play football. He is a tremendous athlete, but we shared with him that there is some risk involved. It is quite low, perhaps 5 percent."

"He understands that. His family understands that, and he is willing to take the risk to participate," Gangahar said.

Dr. Bill Haire, associate professor of internal medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, said the regimen is definitely not what a standard patient would receive.

"But, it's not at all unreasonable to do this," he said.

Noting Frazier's overall physical condition, Haire said: "Tommie Frazier is not your standard patient."

Frazier expects to resume blood-thinner treatment after the bowl game for about two months.

After the bowl game, Frazier's condition will be assessed by physicians, Gangahar said.

Both of the drugs Frazier has been taking are prescription blood thinners.

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By JANET AUSBU

Features Editor

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Local senior citizen Pat Webb, who has been through Green Thumb works part-time for County Welfare/Ind Care office in the under the supervisor Irene Dominguez.

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Bomb s comfort

By CATHY FRYE

Lubbock Avalanche

PLAINVIEW Juanita Hamm ground home in P attracted curious eager reporters. B

In recent years has discovered ju house can be - when it rests 13 the earth's surface. Their four sons once dubbed the dren," have long away. And the at the Hammans' existence finally late 1980s.

"The kids got s ing things into Juanita Hammans ing the long-ago gave impromptu hordes of curious the house is not me anymore," added.

It's no wonder has been 27 years Hammans moved the first residential out shelters.

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And while the steel doors and maintenance ro at least 100 people safety in this fo idence, Swayze when it came hearth comforts.

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Green Thumb cultivates work skills

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

Green thumb, to most people, means a skill for gardening. Green Thumb Senior Community Service Employment Program means almost the same thing - encouraging senior citizens to cultivate their skills as carefully as they would a garden.

Green Thumb began in the 1960s when National Farmers Union leaders worked to turn Congressional attention to unemployed, low-income adults in rural areas.

Under the leadership of National Farmers Union President James Patton, the Farmers Union convinced former President Lyndon B. Johnson to include a pilot employment project for older, rural workers in his "War on Poverty."

Local senior citizens, such as Pat Webb, have been employed through Green Thumb. Webb works part-time for the Howard County Welfare/Indigent Health Care office in the courthouse, under the supervision of director Irene Dominguez.

Webb is a retired nurse who joined the Green Thumb program two years ago. "It's a training program for senior citizens over 55 to get back into the work force," she explained.

"You get out of the house for half a day, it's extra money. I'm not a sit-at-home, do-nothing person."

Webb worked in people's homes and was employed at the state hospital for 11 years. Now her duties include typing and filing medical records, taking patients' blood pressure and administering shots during the office's Tuesday-morning diabetes clinics.

She first learned about Green Thumb by reading a previous Herald article. The next time area supervisor Nita Rodriguez arrived in Big Spring, she worked with Dominguez on getting some part-time help for the indigent health care office.

Webb fit the bill. The ability to work 20 hours a week, work out with her supervisor what hours she works and build up leave time all appealed to her.

She has known people who



Maria Padron has her blood pressure checked by Green Thumb employee Pat Webb during the diabetes clinic held by the Howard County Welfare/Indigent Health Care office. Webb, a retired nurse, works part time for the county office performing clerical duties and helping out with patients' health care.

have stayed in the Green Thumb program for as long as five years, but the program is intended to be a shorter-term way of integrating older people back into the job world.

Webb herself is not particularly anxious to leave, although the demands of taking care of her ill husband may require her to leave sooner than she wants to.

"I've enjoyed it," she said. "I couldn't find someone better than Irene to work for."

Dominguez is equally pleased with Webb and the Green Thumb program in general. "Green Thumb gives people the opportunity to go back to work," she said. "Pat is a hard worker. Green Thumb people are hard-working people."

She recalled a woman who came to her office, too poor to afford health care. Through Dominguez' efforts, the woman was able to get food stamps, move into Canterbury Homes, and find employment in the Green Thumb program.

For more information about Green Thumb, contact Nita Rodriguez at (817) 776-4081.

Talking holiday turkey cooking

Today, Americans enjoy the safest, most wholesome and abundant food supply in the world. Some 7,500 federal inspectors oversee the safety and quality of meat and poultry from the time it leaves the farm until it arrives ready to buy in the grocery store.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

Most food contamination in the home results from unsafe storage and preparation techniques. Keep hot foods hot (above 140 degrees Fahrenheit) and cold foods cold (below 40 degrees Fahrenheit).

When shopping, always pick up hot and refrigerated foods last. Select turkey products that are in packages free of tears and have a valid "sell-by" or "use-by" date on label. Refrigerate turkey promptly when you get home, leaving it in original wrapping, or if not using it within two days, place in freezer.

Always wash your hands before beginning food preparation. If you have any kind of skin cut or infection, use plastic gloves when handling food. Wash hands, countertops, dishes and utensils in hot, soapy water between handling of different foods. This will prevent the spreading of bacteria from one food to another.

Always keep turkey cold until you are ready to cook it and then cook it completely.

Use a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the turkey product to tell when it is done. The thermometer should show 170 to

175 degrees Fahrenheit in the breast portions, and 180 to 185 degrees Fahrenheit in the thigh and leg portions. Turkey meat is completely done when it is no longer pink inside.

Never refreeze foods once they have been thawed.

The following chart shows how long it will take to thaw turkeys of various sizes in the refrigerator. Place the turkey in its original wrap on a tray or in a pan to catch moisture that accumulates as it thaws.

Whole turkey:
8 to 12 pounds 1 to 2 days
12 to 16 pounds 2 to 3 days
16 to 20 pounds 3 to 4 days
20 to 24 pounds 4 to 5 days

Pieces of large turkey:
Half, quarter, half breast 1 to 2 days

To thaw in cold water, check the wrapping to make sure there are no tears, and place the bird in its unopened bag in the sink or in a large container and cover it with cold water.

If the wrapping is torn, place the turkey in another plastic bag, close securely and then place in water. You will need to change the water frequently to assure safe but effective thawing. The National Turkey Federation recommends every 30 minutes as a rule of thumb.

Thawing time in cold water (whole turkey)

8 to 12 pounds 4 to 6 hours
12 to 16 pounds 6 to 9 hours
16 to 20 pounds 9 to 11 hours
20 to 24 pounds 11 to 12 hours

A turkey can also be thawed in a microwave oven. Since microwave ovens vary in what they can accommodate, check the manufacturer's instruction for the size turkey that will fit in your oven, the minutes per pound and the power level to use for thawing.

Widow earns A&M degree after 11 years of college

By CHRIS WHITLEY

Bryan-College Station Eagle

COLLEGE STATION — Doris Morgan-Bloom is getting ready to graduate.

Like the rest of the 3,348 Texas A&M students who will cross the stage at G. Rollie White Coliseum this weekend, Ms. Morgan-Bloom has a story about the struggle to get her diploma.

But Ms. Morgan-Bloom's story is a little different from everybody else's.

She's 47 years old. She's a widowed mother of nine and a grandmother of 15. And she has been a college student for 11 years.

Her diploma will be the fulfillment of a dream that was initiated by her mother and consecrated to her late husband.

To her, it's more than just a diploma — it's the realization of an arduous mission completed.

So how does she feel? "I can't even put it into words," said Ms. Morgan-Bloom before the Friday ceremony.

After completing that last rigorous math final earlier this week, she knew she was in the clear. At that moment she started to, as she put it, "rejoice in my spirit."

"It really hit me, 'You're walking Friday!'" she said.

Not all of her large family and numerous friends will get to see her walk because she can only get six tickets to the ceremony.

It is a small price to pay for all she has had to endure.

She married at a young age and made a quick transition from teenager to parent. Yet she enjoyed parenting and gave birth to nine children, who now range in age from 17 to 31.

Ms. Morgan-Bloom said she would have liked to continue her education earlier but taking care of the kids took priori-



Doris Bloom, 47, graduated Friday from Texas A&M University after being a college student for 11 years.

"During that time, I had young children," she said. "I wanted to be the best wife and mother I could possibly be, so I concentrated most of my time on my homemaking."

In 1977, on his way home from work, her husband was killed in a car accident by a drunken driver. The driver eventually received six months probation for his crime.

The tragedy left Ms. Morgan-Bloom shattered and alone with a household of children.

"After my husband died, my life changed dramatically," she said. "It was all in my lap."

She decided she couldn't give her children the life she felt they deserved without a degree, so she set out to seek an education.

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Bomb shelter provides comfortable, unusual home

By CATHY FRYE

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

PLAINVIEW — Bill and Juanita Hamman's underground home in Plainview once attracted curious tourists and eager reporters. But no more.

In recent years, the couple has discovered just how quiet a house can be — especially when it rests 13 1/2 feet under the earth's surface.

Their four sons and daughter, once dubbed the "mole children," have long since moved away. And the avid interest in the Hammans' subterranean existence finally faded in the late 1980s.

"The kids got so tired of showing things into closets," said Juanita Hamman, 65, describing the long-ago days when she gave impromptu tours to hordes of curious visitors. "But the house is not a big deal to me anymore," she quickly added.

It's no wonder. After all, it has been 27 years since the Hammans moved into one of the first residential nuclear fallout shelters.

In 1961, Jay Swayze, a former Plainview building contractor, decided that a fallout shelter didn't have to be drab and claustrophobic. So he set about building what he called the "Atomit," short for "atomic habitat."

And while the radiation-proof steel doors and fully equipped maintenance room ensure that at least 100 people could find safety in this four-bedroom residence, Swayze didn't scribble when it came to home-and-heart comforts.

Upon entering the Atomit, one must immediately descend a softly illuminated staircase —

two flights with 27 steps, to be exact. At the bottom is a foyer/porch decorated with planters overflowing with greenery. The house, which rests in a concrete "shell," is spacious and easy to take care of, the Hammans said.

There is no dirt down here. The temperature stays about 70 degrees, and the temperamental South Plains weather is never a concern.

In fact, the Hammans provided shelter for Plainview residents during two tornadoes that swept into town during the early 1970s.

In 1973, Juanita Hamman was awakened at 4:30 a.m. by the sound of the auxiliary generator coming on. She realized immediately that things aboveground must be pretty turbulent. Sure enough, neighbors began pouring into her home.

"At that time, very few people had basements or storm cellars," she said. "And we were the only ones with power and water."

Even on calm, sunny days, however, the Hammans' home was full. The Atomit was a novelty for neighborhood youths, who especially enjoyed the "starlit" porch at parties and dances. The "stars" are merely tiny tiles that glow under a black light, Juanita Hamman explained.

The same concept has been applied throughout the house to provide an aboveground view. When looking out of their windows, the Hammans are treated to mountains and lakes — both non-existent in this part of Texas. Murals have been painted outside of each window, and special lighting allows the Hammans to create midday landscapes or rosy, moonlit



Bill and Juanita Hammons climb the stairs leading up from their underground home in Plainview. The house was built by a previous owner as a bomb shelter in the early 1960s.

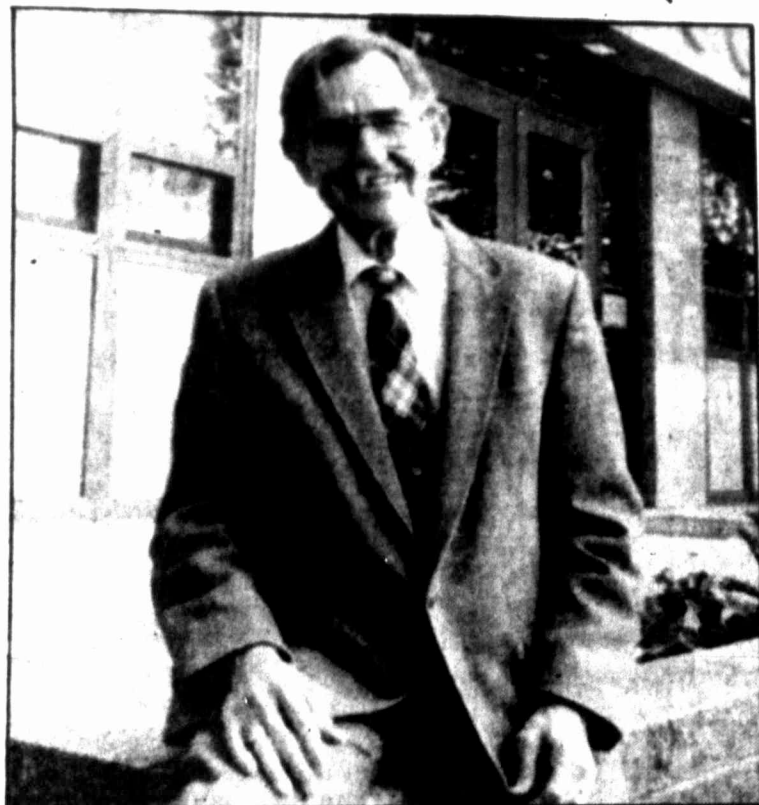
views. "That looks a lot better than my backyard," someone once told them.

Asked if the lack of a "real view" bothers her, Juanita Hamman gave an unconcerned shrug.

"I've noticed that many of my neighbors never even pull their drapes," she said of those who claim to need sunshine. "If I need to look outside, I just run upstairs."

Despite the fact that Swayze did indeed create a cozy home, he lived there only five years. He and the Hammans swapped houses when building projects became scarce.

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Kent County Judge Mark Geeslin sits in front of the Kent County Courthouse, in Jayton. Geeslin says government entities in counties with small populations face challenges.

Judges uphold law in state's lonesome corners

By BRIAN COFER
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

SNYDER — On the first Monday of the month, the district judge travels from Snyder to Gail to hear cases.

When there's a case for him to hear, that is.

"We didn't have anything for him this time, so he didn't come," said County Judge Van York.

Welcome to Borden County, population 800, which boasts fewer than one person per square mile. Not too far away, Kent County has lots of cows and oil rigs, but barely 1,000 souls.

There are no supermarkets, drugstores, physicians or attorneys in either county. But they're still governmental entities with many of the same responsibilities as their urban counterparts.

"It can be challenging," said Kent County Judge Mark Geeslin. "It sure can be."

Roads must be maintained. Law and order must be upheld. And someone has to hear those court cases. Try doing all that and more with a budget of \$1 million or \$2 million and 20 or 30 employees.

"It gets done," York said. "We never have a problem getting people to do it all."

Sometimes, to get it done, people have to do double and triple duties. In Kent County, the county and district clerks are the same person. In Borden County, the sheriff also holds

the titles of assessor-collector and chief appraiser. In both counties, one justice of the peace serves the entire county.

But even when wearing more than one hat, it's not necessarily an overload of work.

"Well, there was a DWI, and there's been an assault," Geeslin said, looking back on his judicial responsibilities for the past year.

Fact is, little crime happens in Kent County, where Geeslin estimates that he has seen about a dozen criminal cases in the past four years. In the event of a trial, Geeslin shuns the courtroom upstairs, preferring the table and chairs in the commissioners courtroom.

York gets a little more business in his courtroom, only because Borden County gets more traffic passing through on U.S. 180. "Almost everybody I see is from somewhere else."

And he knows if someone isn't a Borden County resident. After all, these people aren't just his constituents, they're his friends and neighbors, too. That allows him to lend a more personal touch to public administration, he said.

"I'll give the people of Borden County one thing," he said. "They might not like something you do, but they won't hang you for it. They might not elect you again, but I can go out and we'll still talk, and we're still friends."

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Fan of kids' books makes her picks

Scrapps Howard News Service

Here are some gift recommendations from Cincinnati Post books editor Maureen Conlan, herself a collector of children's books:

"Mabel," by Suzanne M. Coll, based on a story by Peaches Gilbert, illustrated by Shannon Mayfield (Gibbs-Smith, \$15.95). The illustrations — colorful,

with a hint of Grandma Moses — sweeten this true story about the friendship between a barn cat and a city woman.

"Letters from Felix — A Little Rabbit on a World Tour," by Annette Langen and Constanza Droop (Abbeville, \$16.95). Sophie's stuffed rabbit Felix gets lost on vacation. He travels around the world writing letters to her; the letters themselves form part of the

text, in the manner of the adult "Griffin & Sabine" books.

"A Weekend with Matisse," by Florian Rodari (Rizzoli, \$19.95). This series of weekends with famous artists is an example of the quality nonfiction books available for children. Written in the first person, each artist tells about his or her life and vision. Illustrations — reproductions of paintings and sketches — seem vivid as

originals.

"Catkin — Mouse Hunter, Closer Than Friend, Wind Dancer at the Bough's End," by Antonia Barber, illustrated by P.J. Lynch (Candelwick, \$16.95). A cat named Catkin is sent to rescue a baby girl stolen by the Little People; lovely illustrations inspired by ancient Celtic illuminated manuscripts.

Tall tale spinner seeks more wild Texas tales

By JANET AUSBURY
Features Editor

Entrants in Wolf Chili's Texas tall tales contest will have their work judged by one of the best-known collectors of Texas tall tales: Wallace O. Charlton.

Charlton's books are known state-wide and nation-wide, and include his most recent work, "From An Outhouse to the White House." His collections of Texasisms also include "This Dog'll Hunt," "That Cat Won't Flush," "Texas Wit and Wisdom" and other publications.

A historian and radio commentator who has collected Texas trivia, quotations and other items for more than 30 years, Charlton knows a good tall tale when he sees one, and he hopes to see many as a result of the Wolf Chili contest.

"All you need to do is have a good tall tale," he said. "It doesn't have to be yours, or original, or true." It must simply be a wild tall tale of 500 words that includes the words "Wolf Brand Chili" at least once.

Charlton said Wolf hopes to make this an annual competition. He has judged essays before; he recently judged an essay contest for San Antonio fourth-graders. "I'm looking forward to reading some grown-ups' writing now," he quipped.

He and several others will look for the best, most exaggerated tale they can find. "Don't let the truth get in the way of a good story," he advised.

His last guideline for writing a genuine Texas tall tale: "A fairy tale starts, 'Once upon a time...' and a Texas tale starts, 'You're n' gonna believe this, but...'"

Charlton hopes to see enough tall tales that a book can be compiled of the best ones. In the meantime, his projects include a work in progress

A fairy tale starts 'Once upon a time...' and a Texas tale starts, 'You're not gonna believe this, but...'

Wallace O. Charlton

about the Confederacy, as well as starting his own publishing company.

Those who wish to follow in Charlton's footsteps and become masters of the tall tale can send their entries to Wolf Brand Chili Texas Heritage Essay Contest, P.O. Box 941551, Plano, Texas 75094-1551. Deadline is Dec. 31. For more information, call (214) 520-3555.

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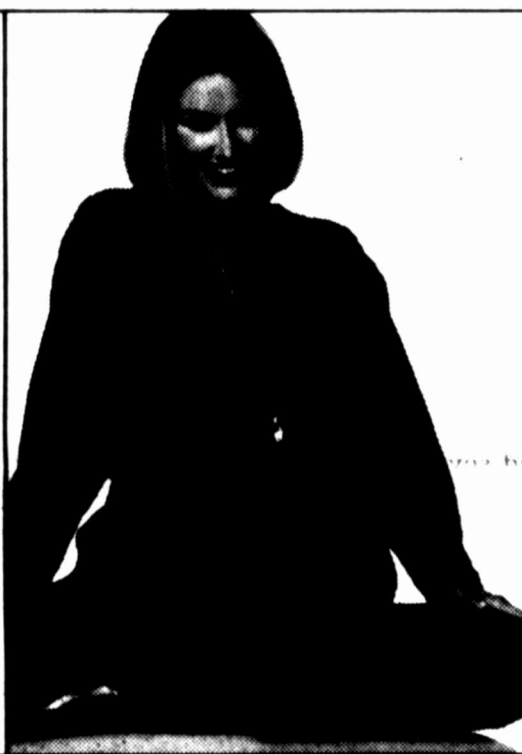
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A list of holiday favorites:

— Clementines, the seedless tangerines from Morocco and Spain. They're easy-peel, dainty, have an intense orange color and all the flavor of old-fashioned tangerines without those pesky seeds.

— Danish rice pudding, fluffy as new-fallen snow: Have 1-1/2 cups cooked rice chilling. Meanwhile, soften an 8-ounce package of cream cheese (low-fat OK) and mix with 2 tablespoons each port wine, milk and sugar, a teaspoon of vanilla and some freshly grated orange rind. Toast 1/2 cup slivered almonds in a dry skillet, cool and fold into the cream cheese with chilled rice and 1 cup whipping cream, whipped. Pile into your best cut-crystal bowl, cover and chill. Top with cherry pie filling mixed with 1 canwell drained Bing cherries if you like. Add a squeeze of lemon and a dash of ground cloves.

— Puffs 'n' stuff: Make cream puff shells extra-small and store them in the freezer. Fill with pastry cream and top with fudge sauce for bite-size eclairs, or stuff them with savory chicken salad.

— Split-pea soup served in white ceramic mugs, the han-

dles tied with red curling ribbon.

— Shortbread made with butter in round cake pans, cooled, cut in wedges.

— Mincemeat made with butter, not suet, so it's not greasy-tasting at room temperature. Stretch bottled mincemeat with diced canned pears and drained tart cherries. Use a layer in a vanilla ice cream pie with nut crust.

— Stuffed mushrooms or new potatoes to avoid the dreaded cream-cheese overload at holiday appetize: buffets. Stuff mushrooms with crab salad, bread dressing or frozen spinach souffle; brush caps with butter and bake. Garnish and arrange in a tree pyramid on a tray. For potato appetizers, boil tiny red ones; cut a circle from top of each and fill with a sour-cream dip.

— Broccoli bisque and little cheese wafers.

— Starfruit or carambola, which is grown in southern Florida. Cut each five-lobed fruit crosswise to make natural star shapes with a light, lemony flavor and no seeds. Float in punch cups or champagne flutes.

— Turkey pot pie or shepherd's pie, comfort food that's quick to assemble with convenience products.

— Cranberry juice ice cubes and green-tinted ice cubes in tree shapes or stars, piled in a bowl at a self-service bar for dropping into club soda.

— Blond fruitcake made with banana-bread batter and a touch of amaretto, chock full of candied pineapple, diced dried apricots and macadamia nuts. No joke material here.

— Scripps Howard News Service

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Serious illness a money disaster

By PETER MacPHERSON
Congressional Quarterly

WASHINGTON — Even for families with health insurance, a serious illness can bring financial disaster, according to a study published Tuesday in a leading medical journal.

Sometimes children must delay college plans. In other cases, families are forced to seek less expensive housing. Some defer medical care for

everyone but the patient.

According to an article in this week's Journal of the American Medical Association, nearly one-third of the families caring for seriously ill patients during a two-year period lost most or all of their life savings.

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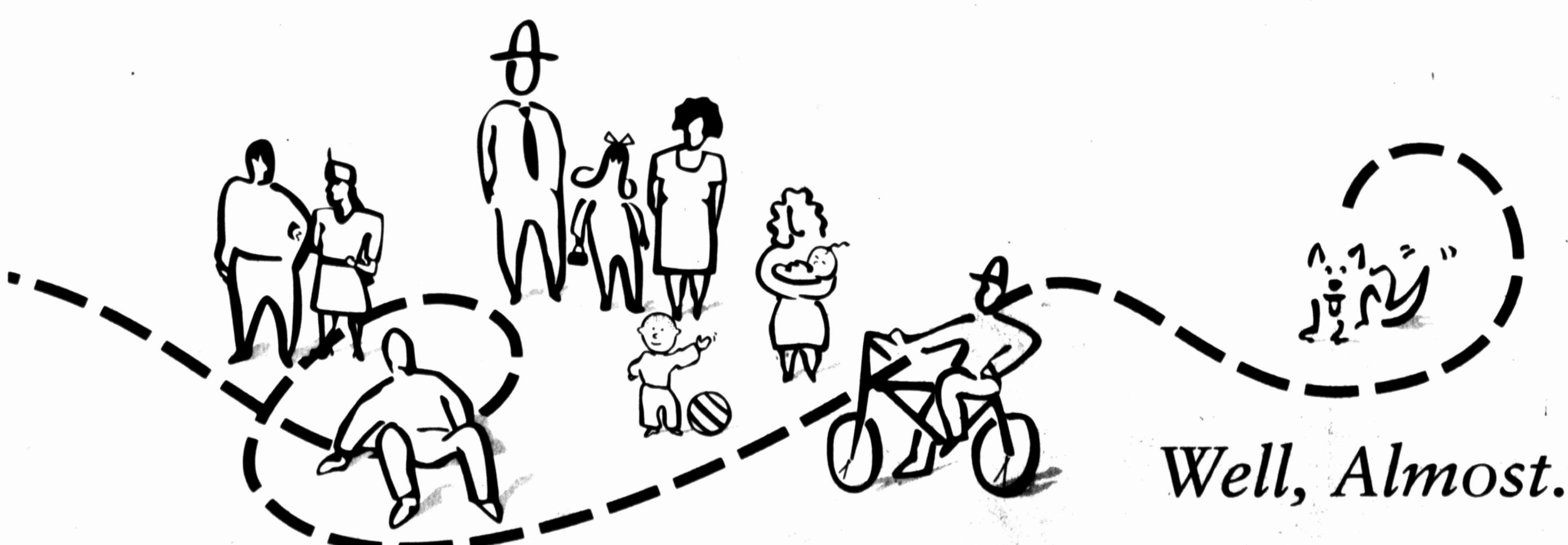
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•Turning Point St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad substance abuse.

•TOPS weight 6:30 p.m., Can 1700 Lancaster p.m. Call 263-13.

•Project Free support group, physical/emotional abuse and alcoholism, Sta p.m. Call 263-51.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon on TUESDAY

•Support for Diseases, 7 p.m. of each month West. Public Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m.

•Seniors' group, 2 p.m. South. Call 263-

•Compassion: port group for have experienced child, 7:30 p.m. each even-numbered room 113 of the Center Building Church, 705 W. by southeast corner.

•VOICES support adolescent victims of abuse, incest, any other crisis 3:45 p.m. Crisis/Victim 3312.

•Diabetes support Tuesday 6 p.m., Scenic Mall Center classroom.

•Cancer support Tuesday of each p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Center room 2 Rice, 263-7361 e.

•"The McWay" drug and group meets p.m., Corners 1909 Gregg. For tion, please call 7047 from 8:30 a.m. after 5 p.m., call 5234.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon 8 p.m. closed n

•Widow/Widower group, 5:30 p.m. Baptist Church Hubert Wright speaker. Dini Alberto's. Call 5234.

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•Gamblers Anonymous, p.m., St. Stephen's Church, room Midland. Call 267-1069.

•Survivors of violence support group, 11:30 a.m. Crisis/Victim 3312.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon 8 p.m. 12 and 1

THURSDAY

•Salvation Army ration program Permian Building Council on Abuse, 7 p.m. building, 308 E. 1st.

•Permian Building Council on Abuse support group meeting Benton. Call 267-1069.

•Battered Women's group, 2:30 p.m. 267-3626.

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- Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.
- TOPS weight support group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster. Weigh-in, 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual/spiritual abuse and/or dysfunctional families, starts Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

TUESDAY

- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 7 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, Canterbury West. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday of each even-numbered month, room 113 of the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 W. Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.
- VOICES support group for adolescent victims of sexual abuse, incest, rape, date rape, any other crime of indecency, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, noon-1 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 263-7361 ext. 7077.
- "The Most Excellent Way" drug and alcohol support group meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Cornerstone Bookstore, 1909 Gpagg. For more information, please call 263-3168 or 267-7047 from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m., after 5 p.m., call 267-1424.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.
- Widow/Widowers support group, 5:30 p.m., Midway Baptist Church, 1-20 East. Rev. Hubert Wright will be the speaker. Dinner afterward at Alberto's. Call 398-5522 or 393-5234.

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Survivors support group for survivors of sexual abuse, 10-11:30 a.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

THURSDAY

- Salvation Army drug education program, sponsored by Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, 7 p.m., Salvation Army building, 308 Alford.
- Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse community re-entry group meeting, noon, 905 N. Benton. Call 263-8920.
- Battered women support group, 2:30 p.m. Call 263-3312 or 267-3626.
- Al-Anon, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, small cafeteria on the first floor.
- Howard County Mental Health Center family education meeting 6 p.m., last Thursday of each month. Followed by Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 7 p.m. Call Shannon Nabors or Dixie Burcham, 263-0027.
- Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meeting 7 p.m., last Thursday of each month following the TXMHMR family support meeting. Call 267-7220 for more information.
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How we let ourselves go during wintertime

I know a woman who tried on her bathing suit last week. She had worn the suit all summer, wowing them at the beach. Now it's December. She looked



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at herself wearing that same bikini and cried for three days.

Ever notice how we tend to let ourselves go after Labor Day? It's as though we were all sucking in our guts since the first of May, and now we can collectively exhale. The phenomena extends beyond weight gain, and a begrudging acceptance of midriff bulge. We seem to become more slovenly about our appearance as winter approaches.

Look at all the money we spent on hair products last summer. All those expensive conditioners and hot oil treatments we indulge in to undo the damage done by sun and chlorine, now those jars and

tubes gather dust on bathroom shelves. These days, instead of fussing with our hair, we just pull it back with a rubber band, tie a babushka and we're ready to meet the public.

Men claim they allow their beards to grow over in the winter to protect their faces from the cold. Oh, sure!

Women may pretend to buy that explanation, but we know better, and we understand. Shaving can be so tedious. During "shorts" weather we had to shave and wax our legs practically every day. Now that we keep our legs covered we can fudge a little.

Personally, I think it's a form of hibernation. Early in February, just like our little friend the ground hog, we'll stick our heads out of our burrows. We'll take a look around, sniff the air, realize we have a way to go, and scurry back inside to rejoin the semi-conscious.

I write this column as a gentle reminder. As we approach the season of light... and dark chocolate, keep in mind that spring will come, it always has. The snow will melt away; the love handles won't.

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FOR THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1994
ARIES (March 21-April 19): A powerful play with a partner could be disturbing. Chill out. Remain secure, and go for the bottom line. As you deal with a problem in a new way, you open up to change. You discover a way of doing things you hadn't considered. Tonight: Talk to a partner. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Power plays abound. Don't get triggered, and stay out of big issues. Be open to what's going on. Let your creativity flow. Stay on top of the situation. Another pushes your buttons. Take responsibility, and move forward. Tonight: Vanish while you are ahead. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Work-related matters distract you to a high degree, and you wonder why you are doing what you are. Loosen up, and be content with your potential. Talk through a problem early in the day. You enjoy yourself no matter what. Tonight: Out and about. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't get carried away by a situation. You will be better off if you ease up and worry less. Your creativity is high. A venture you have been working on will blossom. Be ready for fast changes. Another wants to talk through a problem. Tonight: Be playful. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be happy-go-lucky. Don't push yourself as hard. Do what makes you happy. Being vulnerable in a discussion will help you in the long run and will relieve pressure. Be aware of bottom lines and your choices. Tonight: Have fun. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Chill out, say little and gather information. People are out of sorts, and you need to gain perspective. The more open you are to change, the better. Awareness of your choices will empower you. Make long-distance calls. Touch base with friends. Tonight: Have fun. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stay secure, and don't push another away. Confronting a situation may be important to your well-being. Lighten up and loosen up. The happier you are about something, the better off you will be. Be careful dealing with your finances. Tonight: Take it easy. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take responsibility. A loved one wants to know what makes you tick. Be willing to share.

Focus on achieving success and making it happen. Manage what's going on, and try to stay out of power plays. A light attitude will get you further. Tonight: Manage a situation well. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful about what's going on. Do not push another away. The clearer you are about your circumstances, the better. Focus on long-range goals before you go further with a situation. Ease up about a problem and you will feel good. Tonight: Get past a barrier. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You feel happier. However, you must deal with a friend who may create unnecessary obstacles. Handle this graciously, and do not make too much of it. The more open you are to change, the better. Listen to your instincts, and follow through. Tonight: Get close. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be aware of what makes you happy, and be willing to discuss problems thorough. Your awareness is important. Creativity flows, and understanding is high. You get ahead. A boss may be hard on you. Lighten up and you'll feel better. Tonight: Out and about. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): News from a distance could disappoint you. Lighten up, and consider your alternatives. Be happy about what is offered to you. You get much accomplished because of your efficiency and manner of handling others. Let your popularity flow. Tonight: Relax. **

IF DEC. 22, 1994 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Focus on partnership and getting more of what you want financially. Listen to your instincts. Others will come to you for your perceptions. If you are single: You will want to be in a relationship, but you must abandon your insistence on a partner who always thinks the way you do; let go of old images. If attached: This could be an unusually romantic year; be open to change, and let your creativity flow; the two of you work better as a duo than individually. LEO likes you.

THE ASTERISKS (*) SHOW THE KIND OF DAY YOU'LL HAVE: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

Holiday dilemma leaves wife confused

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 27 years and have three grown children. His jobs have caused



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us to move to various states and, consequently, I've had few opportunities to spend Christmas with my parents.

My father passed away last year and my mother is now 81, and quite frail. I propose that we fly to Michigan to spend Christmas with my mother. She has even offered to pay our plane fares.

My husband refuses to go because Mother lives in a cold climate, and he doesn't want the hassle of traveling during the Christmas holidays, with the threat of ice and snow.

I feel that this may be my mother's last Christmas. Our children and grandchildren have offered to travel to wherever we are to be with us for Christmas.

Abby, this is causing a lot of animosity between my husband and me. If my mother dies this year, I know I will regret not having this one last Christmas with her. What should I do? — NEW ORLEANS READER

DEAR READER: Fly to Michigan and spend your Christmas with your mother. And if your husband chooses to stay home, tell him that he will be missed.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow, and my only son is getting married soon. He is marrying a lovely girl, and I like her very much. She has planned a beautiful wedding, but here is the problem.

The song I would like the orchestra to play when I dance with my son at the reception is "A Song for My Son," but my

future daughter-in-law prefers that we dance to "Sunrise, Sunset." Even though I think "Sunrise, Sunset" is a lovely song, I prefer "A Song for My Son."

Abby, should I be the one to choose which song my son and I will dance to at the reception? Or should the choice be made by my future daughter-in-law because her family is paying for the wedding? — MOTHER OF THE GROOM

DEAR MOTHER: Don't get into a power struggle with your future daughter-in-law. As a diplomatic compromise, I suggest you begin with "A Song for My Son" and end with "Sunrise, Sunset."

DEAR ABBY: I have been meaning to write this letter for weeks. A while back you published a letter from a woman signed "Nameless," a widow in her 60s who met a very attractive widower in his 70s at a World War II veterans reunion. They were instantly attracted to each other, but he was afraid of upsetting his family with the news that he had met someone special, because he had been widowed only six weeks.

I was in the same position as that man. A few years ago, I met a wonderful widow aboard a Princess Cruise ship. We, too, lived 1,000 miles apart and had grown children.

I suggest that they book single rooms on a 10-day (or two-week) cruise and experience the courtship of dating daily... meeting for dinner and dancing, shipboard games, etc. It is an ideal way for two people to get to know each other.

If they are right for each other, they will know it, and the courtship will be exciting. And if they are as fortunate as I was, his children will encourage him to propose marriage. — A LOVE BOAT ALUMNUS

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6:30 PM	News (266) Full House	Wh. Fortune Simpsons	C. Sandiego Science Guy	Shade	News (7624) M*A*S*H	News (7624) M*A*S*H	News (9624) Coach	Who's Boss? Volver a Empezar	Tin Soldier (2446204)	American Sky News	The Meteor	Ready or Not Degraded J	Game (317841)	Prime Time Praise	Rockford Files	Beyond 2000 Next Step	World of Discovery	Kung Fu (636792)	NBA Action Texas Speed	(993911) Outside the Lines	Movie: The Black Swan	Happen Now Out All Night
7:30 PM	Sister, Sister	Beverly Hills 90210	Father C. mas Atlanta (545315)	Waltons (545315)	Twins Night Boys Back	American Portrait	Bermuda Triangle (05) Movie: Jeremiah	Agustas Rosa	Movie: The Story Lady (3659228) Gaymation	Phyllis George	Man	For Love or Money (CC)	Movie: Under Siege (CC) (4732131) Richie Rich	(679150) Crefo Dollar	Biography (127808)	World of Discovery	Christmas on Ice (139624)	Auto Racing	Lines Bodybuilding	(154112) S. MacLane	Roc (193402) Comoview	
8:30 PM	Roseanne Ellen	Models Inc. (CC) (40808)	Gospel Christmas	Rescue 911	Kathie C. mas	Roseanne Elen	Deltaine (CC) (402056)	Johnson (4990752)	Marmar (28624)	(3659228) Gaymation	Music City Tonight	Movie: Robo Cop 3 (35) Life With (4906353)	(4732131) Richie Rich	America-Map Van Impe	American Justice	Vanishing Worlds	Sneaux Zone (44426)	College	Movie: Singapore	Video Soul (439841)		
9:30 PM	Turning Point (CC) (8044)	Lonesome Dove-Series	To Be Announced	700 Club (541599)	48 Hours (CC) (71112)	Turning Point (CC) (84228)	Law & Order (CC) (29402)	(05) Movie: The Stalking	Cuentame! en Navidad	Steve Allen's Comedy (149976)	Club Dance	(4139567) (45) Movie: (28939570)	Movie: (28939570)	Dream On	Praise the Lord (25537)	Twentieth Century	Cronkite Re- (121624)	Spencer's Mountain (907228)	Rodeo: Pro Bullfighting	Cincinnati Sportscenter	Istanbul (871565)	Roc (337044) Jazz Central
10:30 PM	News Cheers	Fresh Prince in the Heat of the City	39228 MacNeil	Father Dowling	News Late Show	News Ent Tonight	News (24889) Tonight Show	Moon (49705150)	Nocturno Un Un Rincon	Harry Connick	(438353)	Stone Cold (6783957)	Comedy Zone	Crypt Tales Murder 9 to 5	Prayer	Law & Order (126179)	World of Discovery	(907228)	Rodeo: Cow-Boy Finals	Cincinnati Sportscenter	New York Film	(818889)
11:30 PM	Roseanne Nightline	the Night Northern	Lehrer Nutcracker	Black Station Big Bro Wake	Married	Nightline (35) Ronda	Nightline (CC) (75995) Late Night (20)	Movie: Bitter	Cerca del Cielo	Holiday On God!	Phyllis George	Mirror, Mirror 2 Raven	Movie: Bitter	Jerry Savelle Duplicates	Biography (345402)	Vanishing Worlds	Movie: The Macchans	Rodeo: Cow-Boy Finals	Cincinnati Sportscenter	New York Film	(818889)	
12:30 AM	Rush L. Ent. Tonight	Exposure Newz (73377)	(631150)	Pad Program	Jon Stewart	(7017841) Last Call	(68599) (8182778) Extra	(270663) Book II (CC) (866177)	Music City (666177)	The Killing Fall	Dance	Harvest (2001)	Munroe	Movie: The Macchans	Cronkite Re- (920179)	Press Box	Fishing	Three Faces of Eve	Comoview			

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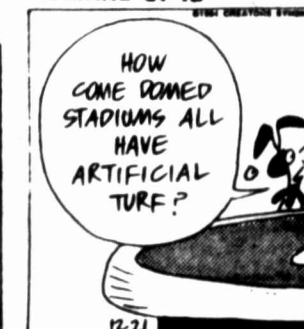
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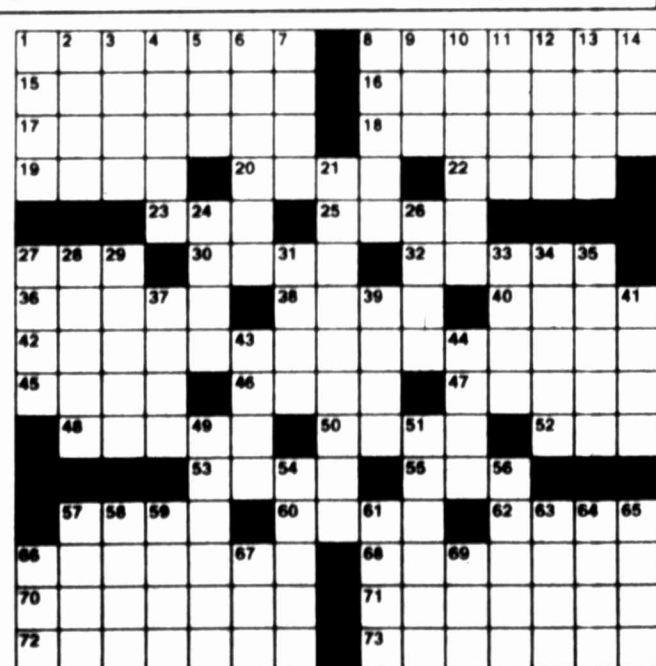


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THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

- ACROSS
- Item for a cook
 - Sun screen
 - Bellerophon's mount
 - Part of 5D
 - Effective
 - Old movies
 - Potter
 - about (is on the go)
 - Lost
 - Curling mark
 - Weird
 - Lettuce type
 - Says further
 - Org.
 - Player
 - Defense acronym
 - the night before
 - Light without heat
 - Bills
 - The Emerald Isle
 - Lend
 - Kingdom
 - To not to
 - Debraud
 - dixit
 - Affirmative
 - Mine car
 - Better's concern
 - Carefree
 - adventure
 - Card cheat
 - Native of Calabria
 - Heartfelt
 - IRS word
 - Country homes
 - Support for planking



Tuesday's Puzzle solved:



- DOWN
- See
 - Sound, e.g.
 - Edible ones
 - Mistral card
 - Neighbor of Max
 - Thrust
 - Movie dog
 - Out-of-date
 - Gaffe friend

- Fresh sets of horses
- Greek god
- die
- Eight: pref.
- Palmas
- Pictured
- Storied lawman
- NFL players
- Mil. rank
- Earthy pigment
- Jewel
- Fashion name
- British gun
- Proprietor
- Chocolate source
- Greek mountain
- Part of n.b.
- Certain
- European
- Fiber plant
- TLC word
- Clinging mollusk
- Close-mouthed one

- Painful places
- Deutschland
- uber
- Now hear—
- Rave's companion
- Strongbox
- Earth
- Stangy negative
- Actor Julia
- Patella sits
- Dir. letters
- Before
- Hall

This date in history

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 21, the 355th day of 1994. There are 10 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 21, 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pan Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

On this date:

In 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower went ashore for the first time at what is now Plymouth, Mass.

In 1891, basketball is believed

to have been played for the first time, at Springfield College in Massachusetts.

In 1896, scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered radium.

In 1913, the first crossword puzzle was published, in the Sunday supplement of the New York World.

In 1914, the first feature-length silent film comedy, "Tillie's Punctured Romance," was released.

In 1942, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled all states had to recognize divorces granted in Nevada.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died of injuries he'd suffered in a car accident in Heidelberg, Germany.

In 1948, the state of Eire (formerly the Irish Free State) declared its independence.

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched

from Cape Kennedy on its way to humankind's first orbit of the moon.

In 1969, Vince Lombardi coached his last football game as his team, the Washington Redskins, lost to the Dallas Cowboys, 20-10.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to be Secretary-General of the world body, succeeding U Thant.

In 1991, 11 of the 12 former Soviet republics proclaimed the birth of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the death of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

Ten years ago: Soviet Deputy Premier Ivan V. Arkhipov arrived in Beijing, becoming the highest-ranking representative of his government to visit China in 15 years.

The Associated Press

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Gift Ideas

The Gift The Little Drummer Gave Is Still Popular Today

While drumming has been around for thousands of years in many different forms, the emphasis in the song "The Little Drummer Boy" is perhaps one of the most memorable elements of the song. Harry Simeone, who wrote the tune 33 years ago, probably had no idea that his hit song would inspire the creation of a critically acclaimed children's book as well as a holiday cartoon that is shown seasonally.

The song follows the story of a boy who has nothing to give to the baby Jesus but the sound of music. As the boy plays his drum, the baby becomes content, soothed by the music. The song brought enjoyment to a number of listeners as well, climbing the music charts in December 1959 eventually to find a permanent home in the holiday "house of classics" category.

Drumming has come a long way since the little drummer boy's time and since the song was written, but it still remains a universally enjoyed activity that also has some therapeutic benefits. In fact, it is a great stress reducer—an important element during busy and often frantic holiday times.

Remo, Inc., the largest manufacturers of drum heads makes a number of personal drumming instruments, or hand held drums and tambourines that make great gifts for someone who needs de-stressing or for children interested in becoming a modern-day little drummer boy or girl.

One such product, the Ocean Drum, resembles a tambourine in shape and features hundreds of steel



What may be the oldest musical instrument is gaining new fans. Long associated with Christmas by The Little Drummer Boy, more and more drums are found under the tree today.

heads contained within the drum head that make a sound just like the ocean when swayed from side to side. The top can also be used as a regular drum.

The Paddle Drums, which look like a racquet ball paddle but sound like a drum, can be played indoors or outdoors and come in different sizes. The larger the head size, the louder the sound. And, with a soft versus a harder foam ball, the sound varies as well. Paddle Drums are recommended by music therapists because they utilize hand-eye coordination.

This holiday season, let the spirit of the little drummer boy into your home—with drums. For more information about where to purchase Remo products call 1-800-552-DRUM.



Livvy, Henry and Gretta, the biggest Nortins of all, are dressed for play and ready for action.

Here are some surprising facts about trolls.

- The original trolls, so popular in the 1960's, were designed by the Danish artist Thomas Dam, who carved his first troll as a gift for his daughter.

- Nortins are the second generation of the original trolls with faces designed by troll creator Thomas Dam. Because Nortins are original designs, they are preferred by collectors.

- There are over 200 Nortin characters with more than 30 different faces.

- Trolls are among the hottest toys in the industry and are expected to be one of the best selling toys this holiday season, according to the Toy Manufacturers of America.

- One ardent fan, smitten by troll love, has 1800 trolls in her troll family.

- Each Nortin has a unique personality and expression.

It's even possible to join a Nortin Troll Fan Club. For a membership application, write: Nortin Fan Club, Dept. 1, 164 Central Avenue, Farmingdale, NY 11735. Indicate where you read this article and get \$1.00 off the \$12 annual membership fee.

COMPUTER NEWS & NOTES

Remember, It's Not The Extra Memory
—It's Where It Goes That Counts

If your PC is acting sluggish and having trouble managing its memory, here's encouraging news you may not want to forget. There are tools available that can prevent that problem and actually improve the speed of your computer.

When talking about computers, the term "memory" usually refers to Random Access Memory (called RAM). It's the space software programs require to load and operate. This type of memory becomes filled as you start up software applications and often ends up in short supply.

While two megabytes of RAM may seem like ample space for running your favorite programs, keep in mind much of this memory goes to programs running "in the background" of your computer. For example, a portion of RAM is usurped by DOS, the PC's operating system. If you're running



Can you relate? You probably need a good memory manager.

Windows, even more of this memory is used up. Add to this list screen savers, anti virus programs, fax board software and other programs in operation whenever your computer is on, and most standard PCs have trouble providing enough RAM for their software to run efficiently.

Because of an inherent quirk in DOS operating system, your computer can run out of memory even if you've had your dealer install extra memory chips.

There Is A Solution

Happily, one company, Qualitas, now provides software that can orchestrate how your computer allocates its memory for running software programs.

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newsworthy trends

Who is most likely to get Parkinson's disease—a serious disorder of the nervous system that leads to difficulty with movement, including the initiation of movement? A new study found some surprising answers to that question.

It's often believed that Parkinson's disease, or PD, occurs only in elderly people, but that isn't true. Parkinson's can occur at any age, although it is rare for symptoms to appear in people under 30. A study in Germany which divided patients into early onset (before 40), middle onset (40-60) and older onset (over 60), found that in the early onset group of patients, males predominated, although this predominance levelled off with later age of onset. It has been noticed that it is rare for people with PD to be cigarette smokers, but this German study found that more of the younger onset group were smokers.

Whatever age that Parkinson's strikes, it's important to receive early diagnosis and treatment, which may help to slow the progression of the illness. For free brochures that can tell you more, write: Parkinson's Disease Foundation at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, 650 West 168th St., New York, NY 10032. Or call: 1-800-457-6676. In New York, call (212) 923-4700.

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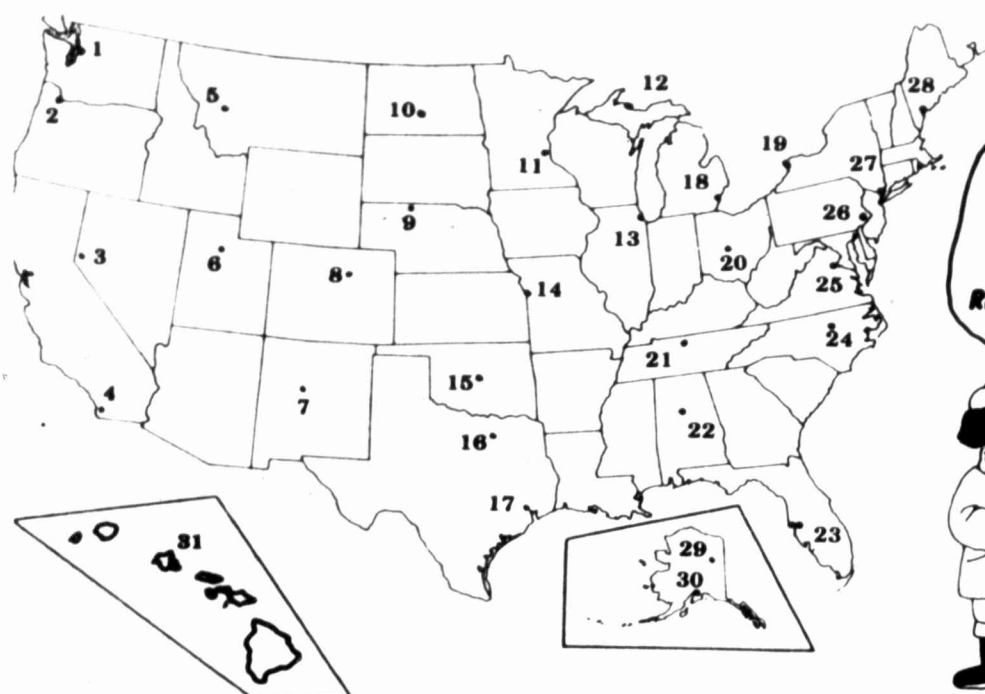
Especially for kids and their families

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By BETTY DEBNAM

Know Your Snow!



WRITE THE
AVERAGE
SNOWFALL
NEXT TO
THE DOT
REPRESENTING
THAT CITY.



Snow is a sign of winter in some parts of the United States. These are the average snowfalls from cities throughout the country.

To find the city, match the number on the map to the number next to the city.

	(inches)
1. Seattle, Wash.	12.0
2. Portland, Ore.	6.5
3. Reno, Nev.	24.4
4. San Diego, Calif.	T (trace)
5. Helena, Mont.	47.5
6. Salt Lake City, Utah	57.5
7. Albuquerque, N.M.	11.2
8. Denver, Colo.	60.3
9. Valentine, Neb.	32.4
10. Bismarck, N.D.	41.4
11. Minneapolis, Minn.	49.9
12. Marquette, Mich.	128.6
13. Chicago, Ill.	38.0
14. Kansas City, Mo.	19.9
15. Oklahoma City, Okla.	9.2
16. Dallas, Texas	2.8
17. Houston, Texas	0.4
18. Detroit, Mich.	41.0
19. Buffalo, N.Y.	90.9
20. Columbus, Ohio	27.5
21. Nashville, Tenn.	10.3
22. Birmingham, Ala.	1.4
23. Tampa, Fla.	T (trace)
24. Raleigh, N.C.	7.2
25. Washington, D.C.	16.6
26. Philadelphia, Pa.	20.8
27. New York, N.Y.	22.6
28. Portland, Maine	69.4
29. Fairbanks, Alaska	69.6
30. Anchorage, Alaska	69.5
31. Honolulu, Hawaii	0

Weather forecasters' symbols:

- ☁ Snow shower ~ Freezing rain
- ☔ Rain shower △ Sleet
- ** Light snow ** Heavy snow
- .. Light rain

A snow recipe

Old Man Winter arrives in our part of the world around Dec. 21. In some parts of the country, he mixes up snow in different-size batches, from showers to blizzards. To make snow, he needs:

- 1. Cold air ...**
to bring in below-freezing temperatures both in the clouds and near the ground.
- 2. Moisture ...**
to form clouds that might make snow, sleet or rain. The wetness might come from an ocean or large lake. For example, cold air from Canada blows across the Great Lakes, picking up a lot of moisture that turns into snow.
- 3. A lift ...**
to raise the moist air. When warm air bumps into cold air, the warm air is forced over it. Mountains also force the air to rise. Notice the snowfalls in cities near the Rocky Mountains.

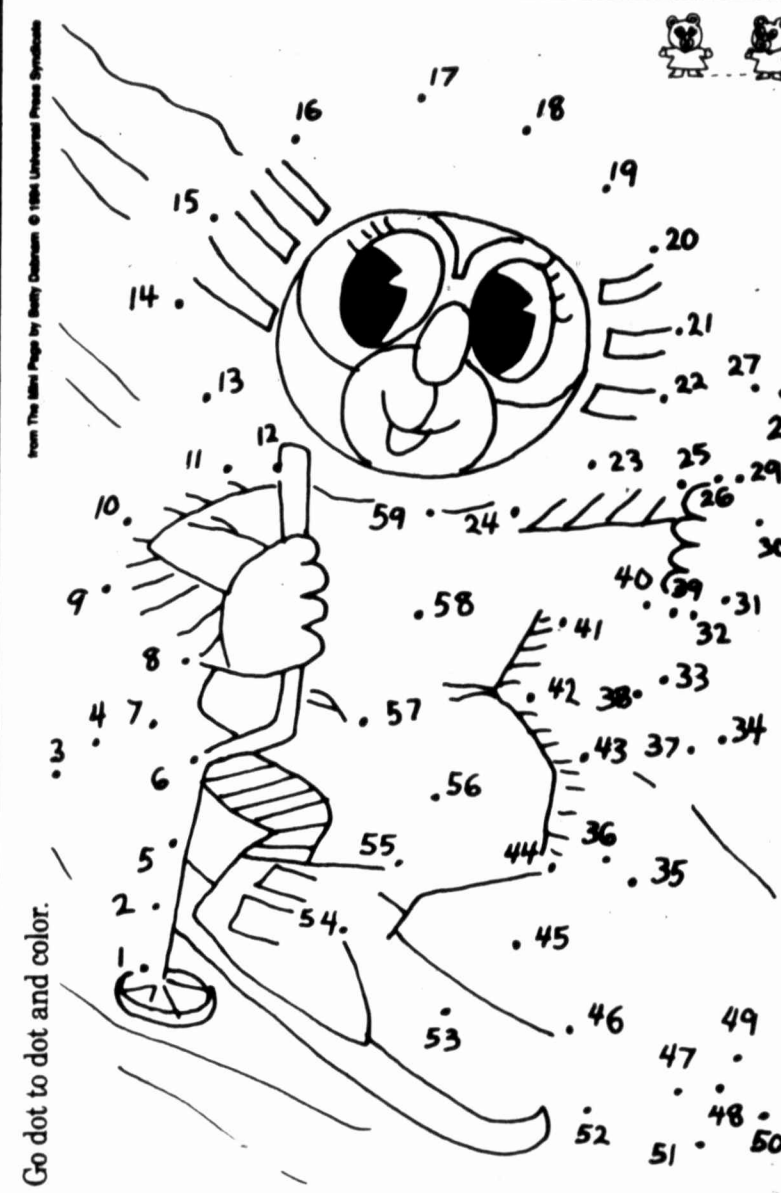
The Mini Page Teacher's Guide

For use by teachers and parents at home and at school.
For use with issue: Know Your Snow!

Main idea: This issue is about winter weather. The following is a list of activities to be used with this issue. They are listed in order of difficulty. Ask the children to do the following:

1. Draw a picture of yourself playing in the snow.
2. Design a winter safety poster. Be sure to include tips on staying warm.
3. Pretend you are a weather forecaster. Write a forecast for the next several days.
4. Discuss the following: Have you ever been in a snowstorm? What was it like? What do you think it would be like to live in a place that gets lots of snow? What do you like best about winter in your area?
5. Look in the weather section of your paper to see which parts of the country are expecting snow.
6. Pretend your family is getting ready for a hard winter. Look through the ads in your newspaper for supplies you might need.
7. What is the difference between the temperature in your area yesterday and the coldest ever recorded in the United States?

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe Cold Weather Cocoa

You'll need:

- 7 cups powdered milk
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups cocoa
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 6-ounce jar non-dairy creamer

What to do:

1. Combine all ingredients in a large jar with a lid. Stir until well-mixed.
2. To make cocoa, stir 1/3 cup mixture into 1 cup boiling water. Makes about 30 servings.

Make a snowflake

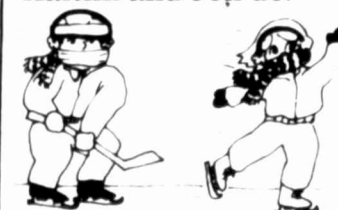
- You'll need:
- a circle of paper
 - scissors

What to do:

1. Fold paper in half and then in thirds.
2. Cut notches in the sides and top to form a design.
3. Unfold your snowflake.

Meet Kaitlin and Jon from North Dakota.

North Dakota is one of our states with very cold winters. Put a check if you do some of the winter things Kaitlin and Jon do.



- ☐ Enjoy ice skating, ice fishing, ice hockey, sledding.

- ☐ See snow on the ground from mid-November to early April.

- ☐ Help your parents plug in the car heater each night. This keeps the radiator water from freezing and the oil from getting too cold to flow through the engine.

- ☐ Consider mittens, boots, heavy coats and scarves a part of everyday life.

Cold facts for the U.S.



Look for the weather forecast in your local paper.

- What is the expected high?
- What is the expected low?

Compare these figures with these facts below.

- Lowest temperature ever recorded in the U.S.: minus 80 degrees F at Prospect Creek Camp in northern Alaska on Jan. 23, 1971.

- Lowest temperature ever recorded in the lower 48 states: minus 70 degrees F at Rogers Pass, Mont., on Jan. 20, 1954.

- How tall are you in inches?
- Compare your height with these snow-fooling facts.

- The greatest U.S. snowfall in a 24-hour period: 76 inches at Silver Lake, Colo., on April 14-15, 1921.

- The most snow in one season: 93.5 feet (1,122 inches) of snow fell at the Rainier Paradise Ranger Station in Washington state in the winter of 1971-72.

Wind chill

When the temperature and the wind together make you feel colder than the thermometer shows, we call it the wind-chill factor. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from the body at a faster rate. This drives the body temperature down. Animals are also affected.

For example, if the temperature is 0 degrees and the wind speed is 20 miles per hour, the wind chill makes it feel like minus 40 degrees.

Animals feel the wind chill, too.

Hurrrray! Snow is ...



Snow is fun to play in.

- pretty and fun. It helps resort areas make money. Kids usually love it.

- a farmer's helper. Sometimes it acts as a blanket and keeps crops from freezing.

- an air cleaner. Like rain, snow helps clean the atmosphere.

- an important source of water for plants and people. Some parts of the western United States depend on water from melted snow high in the mountains to fill their reservoirs.

- important to transportation in the middle part of the United States. Melting snow helps fill rivers.

Booooo! Snow is ...



It can take a lot of work to clear a path through snow.

- a people stopper. It keeps them indoors.
- a traffic stopper. It snarls traffic and strands cars and people.

- wet. Dripping mittens, socks and coats are signs of winter in some parts of the country.

- a cause of accidents in the air and on the ground.

- very costly. We spend millions on salt to melt snow and on plows to take it away. The salt used to melt the snow sometimes causes rust on cars. We also spend a lot of money on snow fences, which slow the wind and help to keep the snow away from highways.

The Mini Page thanks Gloria Washington of the National Weather Service, Public Affairs Office.

Next week, read about the Kids of '94!

TRY 'N FIND SNOW

Words that remind us of snow are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: SNOW, ICE, COLD, FROZEN, WINTER, FLAKE, ICICLE, DRIFT, WEATHER, SLIDE, PLOW, SHOVEL, SLED, SNOWMAN, FROST, FREEZE, SCARF, COAT.

I LIKE TO ICE SKATE!

A O C S N O W M A N M U Z B F
W E A T H E R B P D F I O V R
P W I N T E R C Q E P L C X O
L D S F Q L E V O H S I A E S
O E T G R S S Y A C C C E K T
W S C A R F N L F U O I C I E
G F R O Z E N O I V L C O J S
J E Z E E R F A W D D L A K T
T F I R D D E L S K E E T B L

Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and Alpha Mouse are having fun skiing. See if you can find:



- canoe
- pencil
- bird
- frog
- candy cane
- bat
- fish
- arrow
- lima bean
- snake
- letter A
- shark