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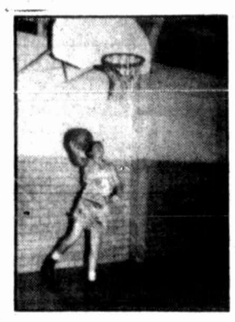
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NEWS DIGEST



▲ Time to recycle Christmas trees

What was once someone's Christmas tree sits in the parking lot of the city of Big Spring compost area before being ground up. The city is encouraging the recycling of trees instead of disposing of them in the landfill.



◀ Practices spin move

Jason Gwyn spins around underneath the basket as he tries a fancy shot as he was at the Big Spring YMCA basketball court, practicing his basketball skills Monday morning.

Just for Youth ▶



Out with the old, in with the new! Find out what some local kids think about events in 1993, and what they hope will happen in 1994. See Youth Explosion, page 5.



◀ Slip-sliding at the park

Hannah Corson, and her uncle Charles Corson, spin down the corkscrew slide at Comanche Trail Park Friday.

World

•PLO-Israeli talks continue:
Mideast peace talks resumed here today with Israel's foreign minister optimistic about reaching agreement with the PLO but refusing to budge on security for Israel. See page 3.

Nation

•Congress scatters:
Members of Congress are spread across the globe during the two-month holiday recess, straining the capacity of military aircraft to carry them on far-flung trips. See page 3.

Texas

•One killed in mall shooting:
An Irving electrician who stopped to eat in the food court of a suburban shopping mall was killed in front of his family when an altercation between two groups of young men erupted in gunfire. See page 2.

Sports

•Change of emphasis:
Twelve years ago, Russ McEwen was an insurance agent whose daughter was interested in gymnastics. Today, McEwen is a gymnastics coach who sells insurance. See page 7.

Weather

• Partly cloudy, low in the 20s:
Tonight, partly cloudy. Low in the upper 20s. Northeast wind 5-15 mph. See extended forecast, page 3.

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Perry, Rominger AgExpo speakers

By TIM JONES
Staff Writer

The West Texas Agriculture Exposition planned for early January will bring visitors to Big Spring and benefit local businesses, while featuring two leaders in the agribusiness field as keynote speakers:

Richard Rominger, deputy secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, has been announced as one of the speakers who will speak during the West Texas Ag Fair slated for Jan. 7-8.

The event will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College.

Rominger is an assistant to USDA Secretary Mike Espy and is "on the cutting edge in the agriculture industry," according to Rick Liles, executive director of the Howard County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Also speaking will be Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry. Both Perry and Rominger are scheduled to make their addresses on Saturday, Jan. 8.

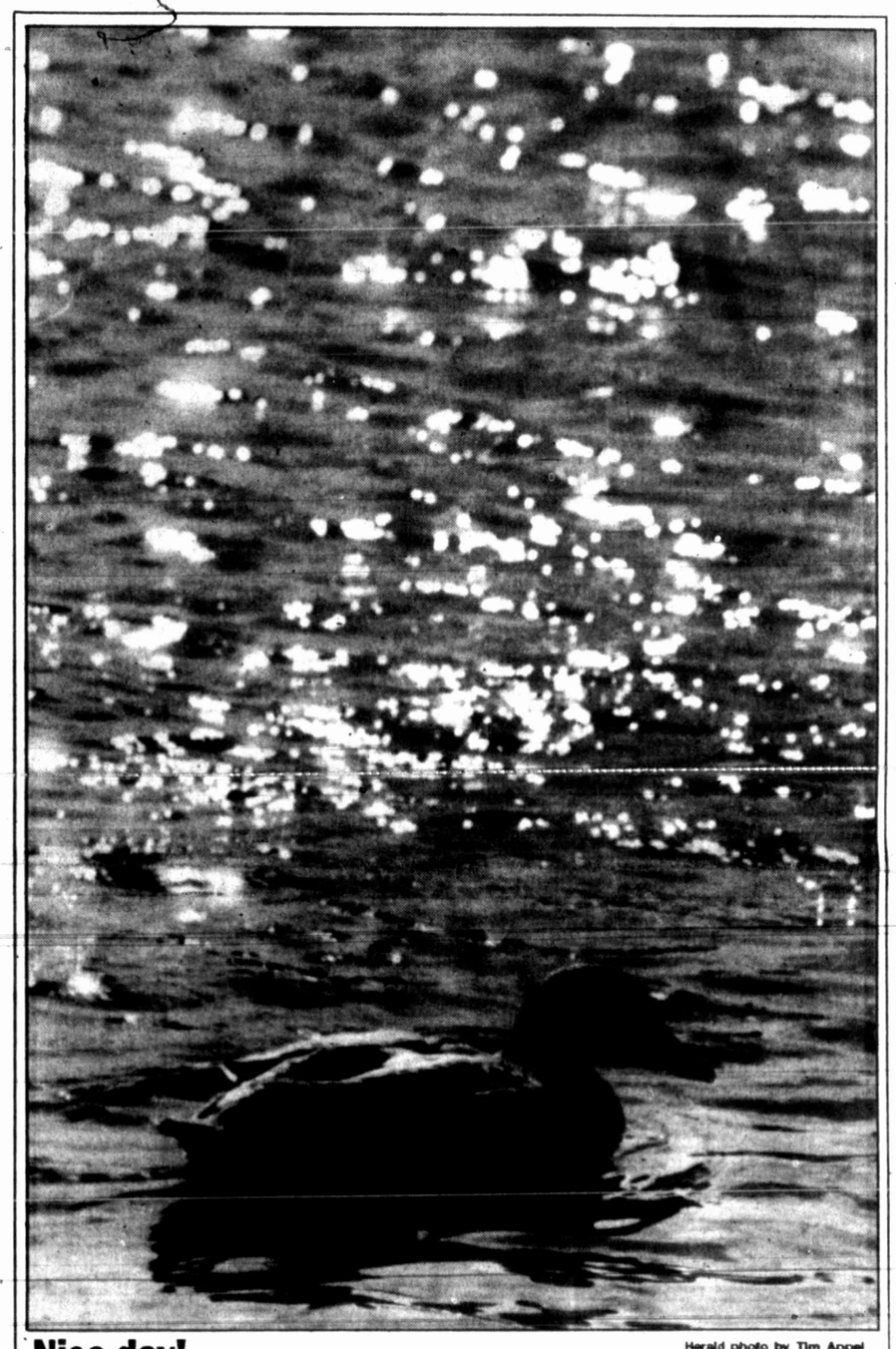
A kickoff Agriculture Appreciation Day Barbecue is scheduled for 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 7, beginning the two-day AgExpo.

Tickets are available at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce office.

Experts from across the state will give presentations on topics including beef cattle, horses, ostrich production, horticulture and field crops.

Local committee members who have worked to plan the event are: Coordinator Gibson Feagans, Committee Chairmen Marae Brooks, Lynn Simmons, Rick Liles, Carol Choate, Don Richardson, Bruce Griffith, R.G and Cheryl Click and Mel Prather. Committee members are John Burson, E.G. Bednar, Rudy Halfmann, Larry Shaw, Dusty Johnston, Lynn Walling, Michael Kelsey and Bill Fryrear.

Out of town committee contact persons include: Jim Word and Debbie Benge, Ector County; Earnest Kiker, Midland County; Greg Jones, Martin County; and Charles Allen, Charles Stickler and Charles Neeb in Fort Stockton.



Nice day!

Herald photo by Tim Appel

A lone duck paddles across a quiet Comanche Trail Lake while the low winter sun sparkles off the surface on a warm December afternoon Monday. The unseasonably warm weather was in direct contrast to freezing temperatures that gripped much of the nation in the wake of a cold front that pushed its way into North Texas Tuesday morning.

Tipsy wrecker helps prevent five accidents

By JANET AUSBURY
Staff Writer

The "tipsy wrecker" and "tipsy taxi" services offered by Mitchem and Sons Wrecker Service prevented five drunk-driving incidents over the Christmas holiday, according to owner David Mitchem.

Four taxi runs and one wrecker run were requested by partygoers last weekend. Mitchem was particularly pleased to see the taxi service utilized, as this is the first year Mitchem and Sons has offered the tipsy taxi rides.

Christmas did not prove to be a busy time, but Mitchem anticipates New Year's Eve will be a different story. "For Christmas, people are not so much into drinking and partying," said Mitchem. "They're into family relations.

"At New Year's, people indulge too much. That's the biggest time for us."

The purpose for offering tipsy wrecker service for the last eight years and adding tipsy taxi service is personal, as well as to provide a community service.

"I have children, grandchildren and employees here," Mitchem said. "I would hate to see them maimed or even not be here after the New Year."

Mitchem noted that several other businesses helped sponsor the tipsy taxi and wrecker services: Big Spring Chrysler, Pat Gray Body Works, A-1 Furniture, G&M Garage, Carlos' Restaurant, Permco, Sunset Tavern, Shuffle Inn, Oasis Tavern, Tropics, Martha's Hideaway, Big Spring Auto Glass, Herman's Restaurant and Dr. Gale Kilgore Inc.

"Now we can pay our drivers," said Mitchem. "Big Spring needs to thank the drivers and the people who donated for making this possible."

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>
> David Mitchem
> 'Tipsy wrecker'

Tipsy taxi and wrecker rides are free, but patrons may tip the drivers if they wish.

New Year's Eve hours for the services will be 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. "People need to remember we will take them from a party to their home. We won't take them from one party to another," explained Mitchem. "And you need to call us before you get into a wreck or get pulled over by the police."

The taxis and wreckers sport red ribbons in support of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers. Mitchem has considered expanding the services to other holidays as well. "It depends on how the drinkers feel, whether they would use the service," he said.

For now, Mitchem will concentrate on reaching New Year's Eve partygoers and convincing them to leave the driving to someone else. "I hope people will call us and we will have a safe holiday," he said. "That's what this is all about."

Those wishing to use these services New Year's Eve can request tipsy taxi service at 267-4505 or tipsy wrecker service at 267-3747.

Big John's more than barbecue

By JANET AUSBURY
Staff Writer

John Price, owner of Big John's Feed Lot on West Third Street, would be the last to admit he has an eye for the unusual and interesting.

Price is more soft-spoken than one would expect from a man for whom the nickname "Big John" is entirely accurate. He is friendly and welcoming to customers and guests, but a little hesitant to speak about himself.

"This has always been Big John's Feed Lot for as long as I've owned it," Price said about the restaurant's unusual name. "No real reason I called it that, I guess."

He said the name "Big John" dates back to his days as a car salesman.

Price is amused by the calls and visits he receives from people who believe he sells animal feed. "It's funny sometimes," he said. "People from out of town, especially radio people wanting to make a tape for an ad, think this place really is a feed lot."

The restaurant's décor, which features old signs, license plates and antique household implements, bears a surprising resemblance to that found in trendy restaurants around the country.

"I had this decor going before it was trendy," said Price. "It's popular now. The longer you can keep something, the more you appreciate it."

He credits his customers and visitors with many of the decorations. "People bring these things in so I can put them up," he said. "A lot of younger people have never seen this stuff and like to look at it."

Price particularly appreciates the effect antique items have on his customers. "It's interesting how things like that will jog people's memories," he said, pointing to a wooden icebox sitting next to a table.

"One man who was in here saw that and it got him talking about his parents. They used to have an icebox just like it. He hadn't thought about them in years."

The restaurant takes up most of Price's time. "I like to garden and piddle around the house once in a while," he said. Las Vegas is a favorite spot for Price and his wife Bea to vacation when he can take a few days away from work.

A collection of pictures of Price, Bea and fellow employees in Las Vegas adorns a wall in the kitchen. "My wife hit the biggest jackpot; she won $5,000," Price said proudly. "The chances of winning are slim and none, but it's fun."

Price hopes to visit Las Vegas again soon. "It's a fantasy world. You get away from reality for a few days."

The restaurant's lobby is adorned with autographed pictures of people who have visited the restaurant. Some, like Ken Curtis (Festus on the television show "Gunsmoke") are celebrities. "We've had a lot of interesting customers," said Price as he surveyed the pictures of weightlifters and cowboys tacked up high on the walls.

He is especially proud of a letter Curtis wrote in character as Festus. "My wife said to hang on to that because it doesn't happen often," said Price.

Some celebrity visitors are not represented by pictures on the walls. "Dan Seals from Seals and Crofts was in town one time buying a Cadillac for his daddy," recalled Price. "We thought he was a bum when he walked in here."

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Herald photo by Janet Ausbury

John Price, owner of Big John's Feed Lot, shows off the 1950s-vintage jukebox in the dining area of his restaurant. The jukebox was given to Price by his sister.

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Patrolman succumbs to injuries

The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A Fort Worth policeman who was hit by an allegedly drunken driver with at least eight previous DWI convictions lost his fight for life after spending five days in a coma.

Officer Alan Chick, an 11-year veteran, died at 4:23 p.m. Monday at John Peter Smith Hospital after his life support was disconnected. Family members and Chief Thomas Windham were at his side, police officials said.

"Officer Chick was one of those Fort Worth police officers who gave it his all. ... It's very sad when one of these incidents ends this way," Windham said.

Chick suffered severe head injuries early Wednesday. He was helping a motorist start a stalled pickup on Loop 820 when a white Cadillac struck the back of the truck, then hit Chick. The motorist, Julie Ann Wright, and her brother-in-law suffered minor injuries.

Eugene Standerford, 55, of Dallas, was released from the Tarrant County Jail Thursday night on $10,000 bail. He was arrested at the accident site Wednesday on suspicion of driving while intoxicated.

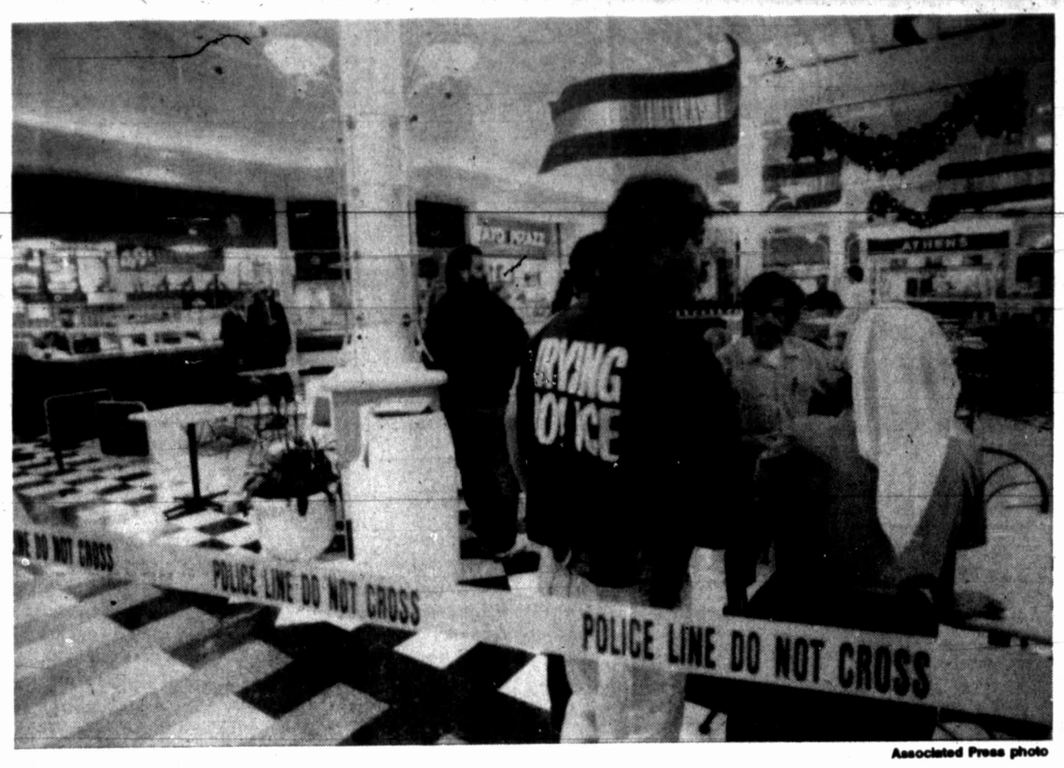
Standerford had been charged with DWI 12 times previously and convicted eight times, state records show.

Paula Watson, president of the Tarrant County branch of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, blamed the judicial system for Chick's death.

"Even now, with a charge of involuntary manslaughter, the most Eugene Standerford stands to face is 10 years in prison," said Ms. Watson.

"It's just not fair," she said, adding that she had seen Chick's young son. "He was crying and screaming that he wanted his daddy. And his daddy's not here, all because Eugene Standerford chose to drink and drive."

Test results showed Standerford's blood alcohol level was 0.15 percent at the time of the accident, police said. A level of 0.10 percent is the legal definition of drunkenness in Texas.



Associated Press photo

An Irving police gang unit officer talks with witnesses to a shooting in the Irving Mall's food court Monday night. A bystander was killed and two teenagers were wounded after two groups of young men got into an argument on an escalator, police said. No one was arrested, and police interviewed nearly two dozen witnesses.

One killed; two injured in Irving Mall shooting

The Associated Press

IRVING — An Irving electrician who stopped to eat in the food court of a suburban shopping mall was killed in front of his family when an altercation between two groups of young men erupted in gunfire.

Kevin Reuss Bacon, 37, was shot in the head and died Monday evening, officials said.

Bacon had been shopping in the Irving Mall with his wife, Cyndi Bacon, and their daughters, ages 2 and 4, when they went to the food court shortly after 6 p.m., said Dr. Paul Sanders of Dallas, Mrs. Bacon's employer.

Police said Bacon was a bystander. The intended victims also were shot and were taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital in nearby Dallas, said Sydney Gomez, a spokeswoman for the Irving Police Department.

Richard Damon Clark, 18, was listed in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the abdomen. Christopher Deon Bagley, 19, was in serious condition with a thigh wound, Gomez said.

The suspect, who used some type of automatic handgun, escaped from the mall. No one was in custody late Monday. "At this time, there's always a possibility that there could be more than one (suspect). It appears that there's one," Gomez said.

The three were shot after an altercation broke out between a group of young black men and another group of Hispanic youths.

"Apparently there wasn't an immediate indication ... that it was gang-related at all. But that's not to say it wasn't," Gomez said.

According to a statement police gave to mall store managers, the scuffle began on an escalator near the food court.

"The black males made it down the escalator and sat down to eat. The Hispanic males returned and one of them pulled a pistol and fired several shots," the statement said.

Sanders said Mrs. Bacon saw the suspect, but remembers little about the incident. "She saw the gun before it happened," he said, adding that the family was traumatized.

"The two little girls can't sleep and they're crying."

Hutchison hearing to continue

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A judge was to hear arguments today on a defense request that the ethics indictments against U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison be thrown out because the charges are too vague and do constitute a crime.

Visiting Judge John Onion is also expected to announce a ruling today on a defense request to move the Republican senator's trial out of Travis County.

The senator is charged with four felonies and a misdemeanor stemming from her 2½-year tenure as state treasurer.

The indictments allege she misused state personnel and equipment for personal and political reasons and destroyed hundreds of computer files to cover up the alleged misuse.

Mrs. Hutchison resigned in June after winning a special election for the Senate. She says the highly publicized criminal case against her is a plot by Democrats to hurt her chances at re-election in 1994.

Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, a Democrat whose office is in charge of the prosecution, says politics is not involved in the case.

Testimony on the change of venue motion ended last Wednesday, but the judge said he would withhold a ruling on that motion until he decides other defense motions. The final motion is the one to quash the indictments.

Arguments in the motion to throw out the indictments got under way last Wednesday, but were halted for the Christmas holiday.

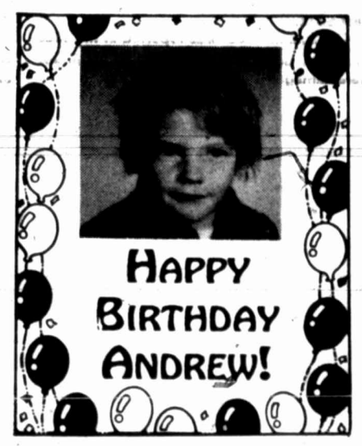
Earlier the judge rejected motions by the senator's lawyers to dismiss the charges on other grounds, including arguments that the indictments were brought by a predominantly Democratic grand jury and politically motivated district attorney.

The indictments are ambiguous, according to defense lawyer Mike Tigar who told the judge that would be possible for an officeholder in Texas to do everything outlined in the indictments and still not have committed a crime.

The responsibility of a statewide officeholder is to meet with the public, answer their calls, conduct speaking engagements and do a good job, Tigar said. He said his client was doing that, and doing it well, and that's what led to the indictments against her.

Prosecutor Steve McCleery said the case is based on misapplication of state property and "is not a case to criminalize political activity."

Defense lawyers claim that the indictment is not specific because it does not include a date of the alleged misapplication, a description of any items misapplied or an adequate measure of the value of the items allegedly misapplied.



Briefs

Army officials calling for trauma crisis study

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A communitywide task force to study the county's growing trauma crisis has been initiated by the commander of Brooke Army Medical Center.

Col. David McFarling, BAMC commander, on Monday called for the study after a shortage of qualified nurses to staff the intensive care unit caused the hospital to divert trauma patients last week.

The Army center reopened its emergency center to trauma cases Monday.

"The true situation was we did have more than half of our ICU-trained nurses out with the flu," McFarling said.

A temporary service used by the hospital was unable to provide enough qualified substitutes, he said.

Police seek parents of abandoned infant

DALLAS (AP) — Police searched for the parents of a newborn, whose body was found in a vacant lot in far north Dallas by city workers.

Police speculate they may live in one of the apartment complexes not far from where the infant's body was found on Monday.

Two workers with the city of Dallas street department found the infant, with umbilical cord still attached, wrapped in a blanket and lying in a cardboard box.

Police say the results of an autopsy performed at the Collin County medical examiner's office will be used to determine whether the infant was alive when it was left in the vacant lot.

Sgt. Jim Chandler, a spokesman for the Dallas Police Department, said hopefully the autopsy results will shed some light on the incident.

GOP chides Whitehead over division transfer

AUSTIN (AP) — In a strange case of musical chairs, some Republicans are questioning the legality of and motivation behind State Treasurer Martha Whitehead's decision to transfer the state tobacco tax collecting division back to the state comptroller.

The Legislature transferred the division four years ago to the Treasury from the state comptroller to increase efficiency. The latest transfer of the division back to the comptroller will start Jan. 11.

Democratic Gov. Ann Richards appointed Ms. Whitehead in June. Ms. Whitehead is campaigning on a promise to seek legislative and voter approval to abolish the Treasury in 1995.

The transfer of the tobacco tax collection transfer and her proposal to abolish the agency would generate millions of dollars, Ms. Whitehead contends.

Republican treasurer candidate Teresa Doggett and others are questioning whether such initiatives would provide the economic benefits Ms. Whitehead promises.

Cisneros says hometown housing massive problem

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros says his hometown has a "massive" problem with deficient housing and that he regrets not spending more time tackling the crisis as mayor.

"The problem of substandard housing is massive. There are miles of homes with insufficient heating or inadequate plumbing. The local housing situation is very difficult," Cisneros said in Monday's San Antonio Express-News.

Cisneros, mayor of the city from 1981-89, said San Antonio does not have a large homeless population compared with other urban areas but has "mile after mile" of inadequate housing, particularly on its west and east sides.

Cisneros, in town for the Christmas holiday, spoke with the Express-News after appearing Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press." The former mayor also had spoken publicly earlier this year about San Antonio's housing problem.

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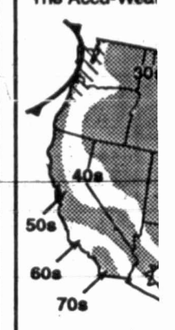
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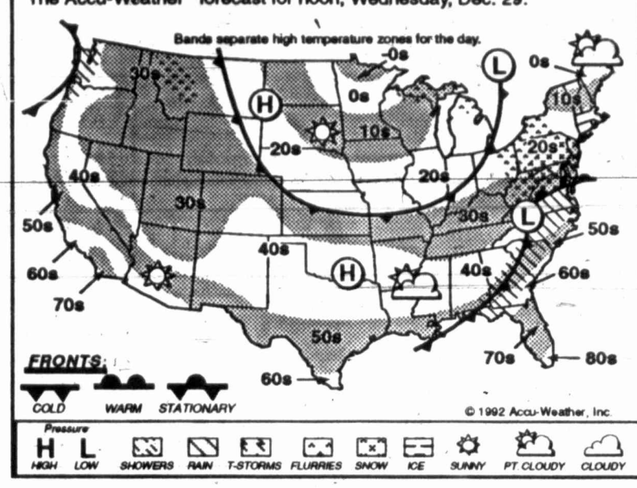
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Wednesday: Partly cloudy. High in the upper 40s. Low in the upper 20s. Northeast wind 10-15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy. High in the mid 40s. Low in the upper 20s.

Friday: Fair. High in the mid 50s. Low in the lower 30s.

Congress scatters during holiday recess

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of Congress are spread across the globe during the Capitol's two-month holiday recess, straining the capacity of military aircraft to carry them on far-flung fact-finding trips.

At least two dozen trips by committees, delegations and individual lawmakers have been scheduled this month and next to destinations such as Moscow, China, Africa, Europe and the Mediterranean. And that doesn't count travel by congressional staff.

Congressional recesses always are a peak travel time. But trips are so numerous now that resources are being strained.

A White House team traveling to Moscow Dec. 12-19 to prepare for a January summit meeting was forced to take a two-engine DC-9, a plane with limited range not normally used for overseas trips, because all larger aircraft were claimed by congressional delegations and senior administration officials.

Among the trips was one by Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., and about a dozen House members to Geneva in early December to observe world trade talks. Sens. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y. and Jay Rockefeller, D-W.Va., and aides to Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., also attended some of the sessions.

With negotiations on a new agreement to liberalize global trade then at a delicate stage, U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor invited members of Congress to help bring pressure for a deal, said Rostenkowski aide Jim Jaffe.

The Middle East was the destination of a five-member delegation led by Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz. The group's itinerary included stops in Israel, Egypt and other countries in the region.

Perhaps the mileage champions are members of the House Science Committee, who returned Dec. 14 from two weeks in Czechoslovakia, Kazakhstan, China and Hong Kong.

Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill., led a group that included Sens. Jim Jeffords, D-Vt., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., through Angola, Mali, Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Egypt. All are members of the Senate Foreign Relations Africa subcommittee.

And a House Armed Services Committee delegation led by Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Texas, checked out the "quality of life" for U.S. military personnel in South Korea, Hong Kong and Singapore, with a stopover in Hawaii on the way home.

Travel will grow even heavier in January.

The House Appropriations defense subcommittee, led by Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., is planning a trip to the Mediterranean, the former Yugoslavia, Somalia and the Middle East.

House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., and five or six House colleagues will focus on economic issues during a trip to Indonesia, Thailand, China and Hong Kong.

And Sen. Bennett Johnston, D-La., is leading a delegation on a two-week Asia trip that includes China, Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia.

Palestinians, Israel begin second day of talks

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Mideast peace talks resumed here today with Israel's foreign minister optimistic about reaching agreement with the PLO but refusing to budge on security for Israel.

Israel missed the Dec. 13 deadline for withdrawing its troops from Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank because of disagreements over who should control the borders with Jordan and Egypt.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he believed both sides want to overcome their differences. But he said Israel could not compromise its safety.

"Our main concern is and will remain ... the security of Israel, but otherwise we have full respect for the Palestinian side," he said after an hourlong meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The two sides also disagree over the size of the Jericho district and how to protect Jewish settlers in the occupied lands.

Peres and his delegation then left to resume talks with a Palestinian team led by Mahmoud Abbas, a chief adviser to PLO chief Yasser Arafat.

Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said he expected the peace talks to include two or three more meetings and could stretch into Wednesday. He said that without being "rosy," he believed there was a chance for agreement.

"The continuation of negotiations from yesterday to today and maybe tomorrow will give a chance for three or four points to be reconciled," he told reporters.

The negotiations that opened Monday night follow meetings last week in Paris and Oslo, Norway.

Asked about the chances for success, Peres replied, "The hopes are unlimited, but time I cannot mention."

Peres and Abbas, also known as Abu Mazen, began the negotiations in Cairo last October but have not headed the delegations since. Both men also were involved, at least indirectly, in secret negotiations in Norway earlier this year that led to the first real breakthrough between the two sides.

On arrival Monday, Peres promised "very serious negotiations," but he had said in an interview earlier with the Israeli daily Yediot Ahronot that the Palestinians would have to make concessions.

"I very much hope that Arafat comes down from that tree he's climbed because I am not bringing anything new with me," he said.

Neither Abbas nor Peres gave details about their first meeting Monday evening, which lasted more than one hour.

Oil/Markets

February crude oil $13.97, down 16; and March cotton futures 66.60 cents a pound, down 28; cash hog is 40.50; slaughter steers is 50 cents lower at 72.50; February live hog futures 45.30, down 20; February live cattle futures 72.75, down 17 at 10:03 a.m., according to Delta Commodities.

Index	3785.39
Volume	64,839,160

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ATT	53¼	-⅛
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Atlantic Richfield	105¼	+¼
Atmos Energy	26¾	nc
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Chevron	88¼	+¼
Chrysler	53¾	+⅝
Coca-Cola	44¼	nc
De Beers	22¼	+¼
DuPont	49¾	-⅛
Exxon	64	-¼
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Mutual Funds

Amcap	12.77-13.55
Euro Pacific Growth Fund	22.01-23.35
ICA	18.78-19.93
New Economy	31.44-33.36
New Perspective	15.02-15.94
Van Kampen	15.70-16.47
Gold	387.40-387.90
Silver	5.04-5.07

Noon quotes courtesy of Edward D. Jones & Co., 219 Main St., Big Spring, 267-2501. Quotes are from today's market, and the change is market activity from 3 p.m. the previous day.

Police

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:

- Theft was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- Robert Edward Baker Jr., 20, was arrested on local warrants.
- Theft was reported in the 1100 block of North Lamesa.
- Travis Brandon Slemp, 19, was arrested for public intoxication.
- Theft was reported in the 1200 block of Settles.
- Theft was reported in the 3300 block of East Marcy.
- Theft was reported in the 1700 block of East Marcy.
- A citation for following too closely was issued after an accident in the 200 block of East Sixth.
- Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Wood. Yard ornaments valued at $65 were damaged.
- Unauthorized use of a vehicle was reported in the 4200 block of Muir. A motorcycle valued at $1100 was taken.
- Roy Olivas Gomez Jr., 20, was arrested on local warrants.
- Eric Dale Twilligear, 24, was arrested for no driver's license and no insurance.
- Theft was reported in the 2600 block of Barksdale.

Sheriff

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents:

- Dennis Michael Richardson, 40, was transferred by the police department.
- Juan Manuel Nieto, 19, was transferred by the police department.
- Michael Jon Fox, 33, was arrested for revocation of probation.
- Roberto Paradez, 43, was transferred by the police department.
- John A. Morellon, 37, was arrested for revocation of probation.
- Felipe Saiz, 20, was transferred by the police department.
- Steve G. Hildebrand, 25, was arrested for public intoxication.
- Jack Morris, 42, of Bryant, Ark., was arrested on a Polk County theft warrant.

Lotto

AUSTIN (AP) — Here are results of Lotto Texas Pick 3 winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in this order:

6-4-9

Your freedom to self-destruct



Paul Harvey

Editor's Note: This is the first in a two-part series on the decriminalization of drug use.

The morning of Dec. 13, 1993, Detroit Judge Richard Kaufman read from a 41-page opinion, banged his gavel and, in effect, re-wrote the future.

He decreed that your constitutional rights include your right to self-destruct.

That seems to say that you may now kill yourself in any number of ways.

Slowly, with cigarettes, as long as you don't blow smoke on anybody else.

Slowly, with alcohol, as long as you don't endanger others.

And you can risk it through casual sex, as long as you don't then spread your disease.

Or you can die quickly if you want to, ending an intolerable life by inhaling carbon-monoxide gas.

When this issue gets to the Supreme Court, those justices, even as you and I, will be torn between principle and pragmatism.

Justice is seldom as narrow as the letter of the law.

If we set aside morality — and focus only on what individuals have to lose or to gain — Dr. Kevorkian's argument is difficult to refute.

The choice of a protracted, painful death is agonizing for the terminal patient and his family and devastating to family resources, and it diverts medical personnel from patients who have a chance to survive.

Thus society also suffers.

In the Netherlands, where physician-assisted suicide is legal and acceptable as a means of terminating unrelievable pain, the Dutch suicide rate of 12.8 per 100,000 is relatively low.

Now —

If we assume the right to self-destruct includes tobacco, alcohol, social disease and carbon monoxide — must it not also include drugs?

There is plentiful pragmatic argument for legalizing drugs.

The surgeon general of the Untied States, Joycelyn Elders, believes that legalizing recreational drugs might:

Divert users from crime.

Relieve overloaded courts.

Relieve overcrowded prisons. (One million of our country's 1.4 million prisoners have drug-dependency problems.)

And decriminalization of drugs would enhance our national Treasury. (Presently our government's federal, state and local taxes are harvesting from legalized tobacco sales more than $5 billion a year and from legal liquor sales $17 billion.)

Further, moneys American users are now spending in Asia and Latin America would support American farmers choosing to grow cannabis and poppies.

Historic precedent is on the side of decriminalization. Many drugs, including heroin and cocaine, were legal early in this century, dispensed over the counter with other medicines.

Coca-cola originally contained cocaine.

Legally available drugs in the Untied States did not foster violent crime and did not result in pandemic misuse.

The sale and use of drugs were made criminal acts by our Supreme Court as recently as 1919.

When any law proves unenforceable, as did the prohibition of liquor, that law can be repealed. And yes, public opinion does influence the court.

Should the 1919 law be repealed?

Not before we have examined and balanced whatever "morality" is involved.

During our next visit.

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Price

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His favorite anecdote, however, involves a celebrity who never even entered the restaurant. "A long time ago, before Willie Nelson was famous all over the country, his band stopped in to eat and bring him back a plate," said Price.

"Willie was drunk in his room. He never did get out! This was back in the early 1970s, when we knew about him down here."

Before customers and visitors leave, Price makes sure they receive one of his unique business cards: a colored, plastic miniature fly swatter with the restaurant's address and the phrase "Help Save Big John's—Swat A Fly."

He smiled broadly as he handed out two of the swatters. "I've got these scattered all over the world," he said.

County officials want National Guard's help

The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A county officials' group called the backlog of state prisoners in county jails a "dangerous situation" and asked the governor to use Texas National Guard facilities to help alleviate the problem.

James P. Allison, General Counsel of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas, made the request at a Senate Criminal Justice Committee hearing.

"In the past two months, at least three violent disturbances have occurred in overcrowded jails," Allison told lawmakers.

"If action is not taken immediately, these incidents will surely increase with great risk to the safety of our property and more importantly to our personnel," he said, adding that a special session of the Legislature should be called to solve the problem.

Allison was one of several to testify, including prison officials who said the state was in jeopardy of failing to meet a Sept. 1, 1995, deadline to reduce the backlog of inmates from 28,000 to 3,000.

Gov. Ann Richards said in a statement Tuesday, "When you consider that they (guardsmen) are not trained to be prison guards, we are not going to call them in. Furthermore, we are not going to call a special session because it would serve no purpose."

Ed Komandosky, a spokesman for the Texas National Guard said he was unaware of discussions about transforming Guard facilities, such as barracks and tents, into holding areas for state prisoners.

Weather Records

Monday's temp	74
Monday's low temp	31
Average high	56
Average low	28
Record high	78 in 1922
Record low	6in 1924
Rainfall Monday	0.00
Month to date	0.02
Month's normal	0.69
Year to date	19.84
Normal for year	18.50

**Statistics not available.

Correction

In Thursday's edition of the Herald, an automobile accident near the Brandin' Iron Inn was erroneously reported because of incorrect information. The driver named as Adrian A. Porter is Adrian E. Porter. He was hospitalized at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for three days following the accident. Porter said his vehicle slid nearly one quarter of a mile, not the other vehicle involved in the incident.

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"The constitutional right of free expression is powerful medicine in a society as diverse and populous as ours."

John M. Harlan, Supreme Court justice, 1971

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Be a part of change

Jan. 3. That's the date for filing for several county positions open for election including Commissioner seats from Precinct 2 and 4.

There are few better ways to help your city, county than to run for local office.

People willing to serve are always in great demand and welcomed.

If you are one of those who is constantly saying there needs to be change around here, take the leap from talk to action.

The change can start with you. All you need to do is file and run for the position.

This is the cornerstone of our country - people seeing a need for change and taking a chance on making that change a reality.

It is what truly makes our system of government work.

You still have time to decide whether you want to be an instrument for change in this county.

Shaking up schools

Scripps Howard News Service

Defenders of public education have a case to make. No doubt about that. Public schools, historically, have been one of the pillars of American democracy, educating rich and poor alike, absorbing children who could barely speak English into a new way of life.

Where the schools have failed, however, the damage to students and communities has been dreadful, and resistance to change by the educational establishment often has made things worse.

That is why experiments now taking place in public schools around the country, especially in cities wracked by crime, poverty and chaotic learning conditions, deserve support and encouragement instead of sniping by politicians, bureaucrats and labor unions.

Most controversial of the experiments has been the public-private partnership in Baltimore, where eight elementary schools and a middle school have been turned over to a commercial contractor, Education Alternatives, a Minneapolis company that tries to rescue failing schools. How? By personalizing instruction, by bringing in computers, by cleaning up and repairing buildings, by taking the money normally spent on each student and doing a better job with it.

By most reports, the Baltimore experiment, which began last fall, has shown signs of success. Children like it. Parents like it. Test scores are up; truancy is down. "There is a whole different mood here," said a mother who has two sons in the program.

So promising has been the reception in Baltimore that officials in Washington, D.C., another failing system, may hire a private contractor for 10 or 15 of its schools. "We have to make radical changes," says D.C. School Superintendent Franklin Smith.

Similar experiments are under way in Chelsea, Mass., where Boston University has taken over a bankrupt school system; in Milwaukee, where poor parents are sending children to non-sectarian private schools at public expense; and in Minneapolis, where the school board has agreed to turn over school management to a private consulting firm.

Minnesota and California are pioneering the creation of charter schools run by teachers and exempted from the kind of nitpicking regulation that discourages new approaches to instruction.

No one would argue that every off-the-wall scheme for improving education is worth trying. Many public schools do well; some are excellent. But the problems of the worst schools are so intractable that simply sticking with failed programs is the wrong way to go.

Berry's World



Write the Editor

- All letters must be signed and include an address and telephone number.
- Neither form nor libelous letters will be published.
- Letters should be no more than 300 words in length, or about two handwritten pages.
- Representative letters may be published when numerous letters are received on the same topic.
- The Herald reserves the right to limit publication of letters to one per month per writer.
- Because we cannot research and verify all information in letters, by publishing them we neither imply nor guarantee the accuracy of information stated by writers.

Mary and Joe, Chicago style

This Christmas column originally appeared in 1967 and has been reprinted many times since.



Mike Royko

Mary and Joe were flat broke when they got off the bus in Chicago. They didn't know anybody and she was expecting a baby.

They went to a cheap hotel. But the clerk jerked his thumb at the door when they couldn't show a day's rent in advance.

They walked the streets until they saw a police station. The desk sergeant said they couldn't sleep in a cell, but he told them how to get to a welfare office.

A man there said they couldn't get regular assistance because they hadn't been Illinois residents long enough. But he gave them the address of the emergency welfare office on the West Side.

It was a two-mile walk up Madison Street. Someone gave them a card with a number on it and they sat down on a bench, stared at the peeling green paint and waited for their number to be called.

Two hours later, a caseworker motioned them forward, took out blank forms and asked questions: Any relatives? Any means of getting money? Any assets?

Joe said he owned a donkey. The caseworker told him not to get smart or he'd be thrown out. Joe said he was sorry.

The caseworker finished the forms and said they were entitled to emergency CTA fare to County Hospital because of Mary's condition. And he told Joe to go to an Urban Progress Center for occupational guidance.

Joe thanked him and they took a bus to the hospital. A guard told them to wait on a bench. They waited two hours, and then Mary got pains and they took her away. Someone told Joe to come back tomorrow.

He went outside and asked a stranger on the street for directions to an Urban Progress Center. The stranger hit Joe on the head and took his overcoat. Joe was still lying there when a paddy wagon came along, so they pinched him for being drunk on the street.

Mary had a baby boy during the night. She didn't know it, but three foreign-looking men in strange, colorful robes came to the hospital asking about her and the baby. A guard took them for hippies and called the police. They found odd spices on the men, so the narcotics detail took them downtown for further questioning.

The next day, Mary awoke in a crowded ward. She asked for Joe. Instead, a representative of the Planned Parenthood Committee came by to give her a lecture on birth control.

Next, a social worker came for her case history. She asked Mary who the father was. Mary answered and the social worker ran for the nurse. The nurse questioned her and Mary answered. The nurse stared at her and ran for the doctor. The doctor wrote "post partum delusion" on her chart.

An ambulance took Mary to the Cook County Mental Health Clinic the next morning. A psychiatrist asked her questions and pursed his lips at the answers.

A hearing was held and a magistrate committed her to the Chicago State Hospital.

Joe got out of the House of Correction a couple of days later and went to the County Hospital for Mary. They told him she was at Chicago State and the baby had been placed in a foster home by the State Department of Children and Family Services.

When Joe got to Chicago State, a doctor told him what Mary had said about the baby's birth. Joe said Mary was telling the truth. They put Joe in a ward at the other end of the hospital.

Meanwhile, the three strangely dressed, foreign-looking men were released after the narcotics detail could find no laws prohibiting the possession of myrrh and frankincense. They returned to the hospital and were taken for civil rights demonstrators. They were held in the County Jail on $100,000 bond.

By luck, Joe and Mary met on the hospital grounds. They decided to tell the doctors what they wanted to hear. The next day, they were declared sane and were released.

When they applied for custody of Mary's baby, however, they were told it was necessary for them to first establish a proper residence, earn a proper income and create a suitable environment.

They applied at the Urban Progress Center for training under the Manpower Development Program. Joe said he was good at working with wood. He was assigned to a computer data-processing class. Mary said she'd gladly do domestic work. She was assigned to a course in key-punch operating. Both got $20-a-week stipends.

Several months later, they finished the training. Joe got a job in a gas station and Mary went to work as a waitress.

They saved their money and hired a lawyer. Another custody hearing was held and several days later the baby was ordered returned to them.

Reunited finally, they got back to their two-room flat and met the landlord on the steps. He told them Urban Renewal had ordered the building torn down. The City Relocation Bureau would get them another place.

They packed, dressed the baby and hurried to the Greyhound bus station.

Joe asked the ticket man when the next bus was leaving.

"Where to?" the ticket man asked.

"Anywhere," Joe said, "as long as it is right now."

He gave Joe three tickets and in five minutes they were on a bus heading for southern Illinois — the area known as "Little Egypt."

Just as the bus pulled out, the three strangely-dressed men ran into the station. But they were too late. It was gone.

So they started hiking down U.S. 66. But at last report they were pinched on suspicion of being foreigners in illegal possession of gold.

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Relatives say she's totally unfit



Bob Greene

"She went bad somewhere," he said. "She just went bad. I'm here because she is my daughter, but she just went bad. She shouldn't have those children right now. Anyone should be able to see that. She can't take care of those children."

He was perhaps the most poignant figure to be present at the hearing on the third floor of the McHenry County, Ill., courthouse last week, though he was not allowed to sit in the courtroom itself. He is the father of the woman we have been writing about — the 22-year-old woman whose children the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) is recommending be returned immediately to her and her boyfriend.

The children — a 4-year-old girl, 3-year-old-boy, and 18-month-old girl — have been living for more than a year with foster parents Charles and Patricia Lewis of Crystal Lake, Ill. They had been found living with the birth mother in a car; they had been removed from her after reports of neglect, and now there are additional allegations of abuse toward the children by her and her boyfriend. The woman's father, a quiet, 46-year-old machine-shop worker who lives in Round Lake Beach, Ill., stayed to himself in the hallway outside the courtroom.

"I found out my daughter had been living in the shelters with my grandchildren," he said. "There was one time I picked the kids up, and I went to take them to my mother's. They were just so filthy ...

On weekends, he regularly visits his grandchildren at the home of the foster parents. He said that for the first time in their young lives, he is sensing that, in the foster home, they are thriving.

"My daughter has told me so many lies, throughout her life," he said. "Yet I still love her. But those children deserve a decent home. She can't give them a home. DCFS doesn't seem to understand that."

He is not the only member of the family to feel that way. His sister — the aunt of the woman in court — is a Chicago police officer. "I read the story in the paper last week about those children, and even though there were no names used, I knew who it was," she said. "The way those poor children were brought up — you'd see them and just want to cry.

"If the judge gives them back to (the birth mother), I will be so angry. She doesn't know how to be a mother to those children. We can't even buy them clothes anymore. ... We've bought them clothes, and next time we see them the clothes are gone, because (the birth mother) has either sold them or done something with them.

"There is no doubt in my mind about this — DCFS should not give those children back to her. You might as well just write the children off. I don't know if they will die, but they will have no chance for a decent future if they are given back. Why not give them a chance for a future? Who is DCFS trying to serve?"

The birth mother's 72-year-old grandmother — great-grandmother to the children — seems angriest of all.

"If I saw (the birth mother) right now, I'm afraid I would want to kill her," the grandmother said. "For what she has done to those children.

"She is not a fit mother. The only proper decision for the judge to make is to leave them in the home of the foster parents. If he gives them back to (the birth mother), they will have no chance at all in life."

She thinks she knows why the birth mother and the boyfriend want the three children in their household:

"They want the children for the welfare check they will get if the judge gives the children to them," she said. "That's what this is all about. Those children were never taken care of properly, their whole lives, and finally they are in a foster home where they are being cared for, and DCFS wants to give them back.

"We're the family, and we know this situation better than anyone else. I am so fearful of the life those children will lead if they are given back. Why is DCFS proposing this? I thought they were supposed to look out for the welfare of the children. What are the DCFS people doing here? What can they possibly be thinking? If they get their way, it will make me physically sick. I will not sleep through the night for the rest of my life if those children are sent back."

That's only the family's opinion, of course. DCFS — whose caseworker has observed the children with the birth mother and the boyfriend a total of three times, for a total of three hours — says it knows better. The hearing in McHenry County before Judge Frank J. Rhode Jr. will not resume until January. In our next column we will resume our report on the case.

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DD Turner

Give the students a chance

Bang, bang, bang. It took 10 shots but I managed to knock down two pigs at the Western Sportsmen Club Sunday.

I blame it on the wind and being unfamiliar with the gun, which was different from the one I shot all those many moons ago.

My arm still hurts from trying to hold that thing steady while aiming for the little piggies.

Thank you, Ed Wright, for the opportunity to shot.

He invited me out to try my hand at shooting because he appreciated my comments in a Nov. 11 column.

I can appreciate the safety with which Mr. Wright operates the range when he is in charge. No loaded guns until they are at the appointed place to shot.

Also, there is one good rule this club has and one for which it should be commended - No alcohol.

Could there ever be a more volatile combination than alcohol and firearms? It sure would be hard to find.

While I appreciated the invitation to shoot, I don't think it is the sport for me. After all, what the world doesn't need is one more idiot with a gun and I do fall into that category.

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There is a resolution going around which, so far, about 100 Texas counties have signed: to make school paper an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

This is noteworthy simply because of the idea of making it an amendment to the Constitution.

Prayer in school doesn't require an amendment to the Constitution.

In a way, this reminds me of the anti-abortion crowd in Corpus Christi.

First off, you have a sheriff there who has stated he would not enforce the laws when it came to anti-abortion protesters.

But, then came the clincher. A group tried to change the city's charter to read "conception begins at birth."

The charter making Corpus Christi a city! Wow! It actually came to a vote. And, was soundly defeated by the majority of the citizens of Corpus Christi.

Talk about an attempt to trample on other peoples' rights. It is on par with the law Colorado enacted concerning homosexuals. Simple trouncing of choice.

Now, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that students can request to pray before events such as graduation if it is a non-denominational prayer and the administration had no hand in it.

What we ought to do is let the students decide whether they want prayer or not in their schools at certain times.

Couldn't hurt. We are trying to mold them into thinking adults and this would give them the opportunity to show how far they have come in that regard.

They might surprise us.

DD Turner is managing editor of the Herald. Her column appears Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday.



This date in history

The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, December 28th, the 362nd day of 1993. There are three days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 28, 1917, the New York "Evening Mail" published a facetious — as well as fictitious — essay by H.L. Mencken on the history of bathtubs in America. To Mencken's disbelief, many readers accepted the essay as factual, including its claim that Millard Fillmore was the first president to have a bathtub installed in the White House.

On this date:

In 1694, Queen Mary II of England died after five years of joint rule with her husband, King William III.

In 1832, John C. Calhoun became the first vice president of the United States to resign, stepping down over differences with President Jackson.

In 1846, Iowa became the 29th state to be admitted to the Union.

In 1856, the 28th president of the United States, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, was born in Staunton, Va.

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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.

ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Bingo listings appear on Sunday Springboard.

Today

•Tamale making contest, 7 p.m. Boxcar Cafe. $1 entry fee, two categories - sweet tamales and hot tamales. Must have seven tamales to enter.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

•The Big Spring Senior Citizens Center will have ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•High Adventure Explorers Post 519 will meet at 7 p.m. at the VA Medical Center room 212. Ages 14-20.

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•Big Spring Alliance for the mentally ill will meet 7:00 p.m. at the Howard Co. Mental Health Center, 4th and Runnels. For information call 267-7380.

Friday

•Tonight games of Dominoes, forty two, bridge, and chicken track from 5:00-8:00 p.m. 2805 Lynn, Kentwood Center. Public invited.

•7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Spring City Sr. Center will have a country/western dance. Public invited.

•The Spring City Senior Center will have free fashion painting classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

Saturday

•Spring City Senior Center will have a Country/Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Area seniors invited.

•Big Spring Squares will dance 8 p.m. in the Squarena on Chaparral Rd. For information call 393-5693 or 267-7043.

Monday

•There will be gospel singing at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Drive at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For information call 393-5709.

•Women's Aglow will have their monthly meeting 7:15 p.m. at Days Inn. Optional Buffet 6:30 p.m. For information call Kay Bancroft.

•Howard County Youth Horseman meeting 7 p.m. at Howard County Youth Horseman Arena Clubhouse. For information call Paula Perry 393-5617.

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•The Genealogical Society of Big Spring will meet 7:15 p.m. in the Howard County Library conference room. Visitors welcome. Enter through west entrance. Doors must be locked after meeting begins.

•L.U.L.A.C. of Big Spring Chapter #4375 will meet 1 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. For more information call Mina at 267-2740.

•Masonic Lodge #1340 will meet 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

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Getting the year off to a great start

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Features Editor



Now that Christmas is over, and school's still out - how about another holiday?

Just in time, there's New Year's Day, coming up Saturday, with New Year's Eve right before. This is the time of year when people are making resolutions.

"That's when you say something, like you have a habit you want to break, and make a good one," said Brittany Heath, 9, a local kid who was spending time at the YMCA holiday day camp last week.

"We usually do it in school," said fellow YMCA visitor Jeannie Guzman, 9. "You say something like next year you're going to help your mom."

"It's a good idea," said Lance Monteleone, 11. "Because you can change things."

The night before people start these resolutions, they usually have a good time celebrating the end of an old year - that is 1993, in this case - and the start of a new one (1994).

"They party hard," said Lance.

"Sometimes they have fireworks," agreed Tyler Archibald, 12.

"They watch that ball drop on TV," said Jeannie, referring to the annual celebration in Times Square that lots of people watch while they celebrate at home.

Many people also have hopes and dreams for the new year. Like this group of kids at the YMCA:

"Freedom," said Tyler. "And I hope all the homeless could get a home."

"I want the air to clean up," said Jeannie. "We saw pollution when we were driving into Dallas. It was terrible. I wish we didn't have that."

"I wish there would be less poor people," said Brittany.

Lance agreed. Once he saw some people sleeping in their car because they didn't have a house.

"People should help them," he said.

Fallon Young, 9, has a New Year's resolution this year: To read more books.

"I have to do it for school," she said. "I have to read 10 books by Jan. 11."

A few nights ago, she almost ran into some trouble while reading.

"My mom told me to get started on some of my reading," she said. "So I was reading in the kitchen and I sneaked some chips out and was eating them while I was reading."

That worked just fine until her mother said it was time for them to leave.

"I had to stuff a bunch of chips in my mouth real quick," Fallon said. "It was the sour cream and onion kind, and my mom hates those."

In a book Brittany read, "Karen's New Year," a girl made 10 New Year's resolutions. It's one of the Babysitter's Club series.

"I might try that, too," Brittany said.

Another thing people do at the end of a year is think about all the things that happened during that year.

This group of kids can remember a lot of things: Standoff at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco; hurricanes; floods; bombing at the World Trade Center.

Jeannie wishes there would be less violence in the world.

Lance and Tyler are glad their team, the Bulldogs, won the Little League Superbowl in Division II.



Herald photos by Debbie Lincecum

At top, Tyler Archibald, Brittany Heath, Fallon Young, Jeannie Guzman and Lance Monteleone spell out YMCA - where they are spending some of their vacation. Above, the kids take a rest after a grueling interview.

Girl gets wish: No teasing

The Associated Press

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Santa Claus brought her the doll she pined for. But it was Amy Hagadorn's classmates who gave the disabled third-grader her Christmas wish: a day without teasing.

Amy, who has cerebral palsy, confided her wish in a letter to Santa mailed to radio station WJLT-FM and read on the air last week:

"I have a problem at school," she wrote in pencil. "Kids laugh at me because of the way I walk and run and talk. I have cerebral palsy. I just want one day where no one laughs at me or makes fun of me."

Last Friday, Amy's classmates at South Wayne Elementary School held a special day in her honor, granting her request, teacher Susan Danec said.

The radio station, meanwhile, invited Amy to its broadcast Tuesday and arranged for Santa to drop by with the 3-foot-tall Barbie doll she wanted.

Mayor Paul Helmke proclaimed Tuesday as Amy Hagadorn Day.

"I think I had my Christmas today," a delighted Amy said.

Since Amy's letter was widely reported, the 9-year-old has gotten cards, letters, gifts and calls from as far away as England.

In Kansas, residents of a group home for people with cerebral palsy want to become Amy's pen pals. A Toronto mother whose son was born with half a skull is sending a videotape on how children should act around people with disabilities. And a Tennessee woman said she planned to use Amy's story in her Sunday school class.

New toy testers

How did these kids get so lucky?

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — When Duracell wanted to discover the best new toy for 1993, it gave 700 kids a crack at 24 new toys.

And crack some of the toys they did.

"Our kids broke the Picnic Panic game," said Mark Symms, program director at the Texas Medical Center YMCA in Houston. "After a few days, our picnic basket wouldn't pop the ants out anymore."

About 30 Houston kids from the Houston YMCA were selected to take part in the Sixth Annual Duracell Kids' Choice National Toy Survey. They, like their kid counterparts in 29 other cities, picked Loopin' Louie to be the best new toy of 1993.

"Loopin' Louie was the best game, because it was the most fun," 10-year-old Beth Sease said.

Louie is a barnstorming pilot who swerves around a playing board, knocking chickens off barn tops. The object for the four players is to protect their chickens from Louie's plane.

In the two months since the Houston kids started testing new toys, Loopin' Louie remains their favorite. In fact, the only real problem is the fights caused when some kids aren't allowed to play.

"They still play with it every day, but they'll fight over it when it comes time to pick four players," Symms said. "And sometimes they get upset if Louie knocks all their chickens down. Other than that, it's a great game."

According to the Houston survey, the best new toys of 1993 besides Loopin' Louie are:

— Radio Control Racer, a toy car controlled by a remote with a mini-steering wheel.

— Zoom Ball, a ball attached to long strings with handles on each end.

— One player holds the handles on one end of the strings, and the other player holds the handles on the other end. The ball speeds toward a player until he uses the handles to pull the strings apart and sends the ball zooming in the opposite direction.

— Snardvark, a board game in which the object is to race to the end of the Snardvark's tongue before he eats the game pieces.

— Two-sided Magna Doodle, a magnetic drawing board that allows kids to draw on both sides at once.

— Crayola Designer Lite Desk, which allows kids to design things such as clothing and cars by drawing on transparencies placed on a lighted desk.

The ranking from the national survey was identical, except the two-sided Magna Doodle did not charm other kids as much as it did little Houstonians.

"We believe children are the true toy experts," said Bunny Webb, Duracell spokeswoman. "So the top kid-tested toys on our list are best bets for parents who are looking for ideas about the kind of toys and games their kids will enjoy playing for a long time."

Nine out of the 24 toys tested require batteries. The top toy, Loopin' Louie, does require a battery.

The survey did not include any licensed toys like Talking Barney or the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers, two of the hottest-selling toys this year. Duracell eliminated licensed toys like Barney because kids are tempted to respond to his personality and his show, not the actual quality of the toy.

"In my 20 years in the toy business, I have never seen so much licensed hype as I have this year," said Ruth Roufberg, an independent toy consultant to the Duracell survey. "In tougher economic times, licensing is a quick and easy way for toy manufacturers to increase sales without creating an original concept or spending many advertising dollars."

Christmas is the make-or-break time of year for toy makers. Nearly two-thirds of all toy sales occur in the last three months of the year. That means U.S. consumers shell out a total of $10 billion for toys during the months of October, November and December.

Toy sales increased 8 percent last year, according to the Toy Manufacturers of America. Toy sales have increased every year since 1963. They have proved resilient in times of war, recession, stagflation and cultural disaster such as the age of disco.



Associated Press photo

Tot testers from left: Michael Bins, 7; Jason Birden, 10; Jonathan Barker, 7; and Angela Randle, 9; enjoy a try at Loopin' Louie, rated the most popular holiday season in a survey of kids at a Houston YMCA.

Would you get to know an iguana?

JENNIFER BROOKS
Thomson News Service

Iguana be loved by you?

Then enter the House of Iguanas, an innocent-looking home in Marion, Ohio, home to at least five of the leaping lizards.

"Iguanas have gotten a bad rap from people," said iguana-owner Jason Mahaffey, affectionately scratching the head of a 2-foot-long specimen on his shoulder. "Everyone I've talked with said they might want one, but someone always tells them, 'Nah, those things will eat your face.'"

Iguanas are, in fact, vegetarians, but the rumors inspired Mahaffey's name for his fledgling iguana-breeding business — "Jay's Bad Reps" — as in "bad reputations."

Admittedly, iguanas do look exactly like something that might want to eat your face. Their scales are sharp as rasps, their toes and tails are absurdly long, they have spikes on their spines and a weird flap of skin under their necks.

On the other hand, their mouths are curved in a permanent reptilian grin, they eat nothing more gruesome than carrots and kale, and they make ideal pets for anyone — like Mahaffey's mother — who is allergic to animal hair.

Mahaffey's favorite iguana, Chode, spends most of his free time creeping up one side of Mahaffey and down the other. Resting atop his owner's head, Chode flicks his tongue contentedly, cocks a yellow eye at his surroundings, and plods deliberately down Mahaffey's arm, onto the couch and right up the wall.

"They can climb up anything but cardboard and plastic," Mahaffey said proudly, watching as Chode crawled right underneath a hanging picture frame.

Mahaffey keeps his growing menagerie in a converted room in the house. Iguanas need a great deal of warmth and light to thrive. Mahaffey keeps his brood in aquarium tanks lined with carpet remnants and special heated rocks where the lizards can bask.

Right now, he is selling young lizards he picks up from Columbus distributors. In a few years, when his animals mature, Mahaffey hopes to breed them for sale. Mahaffey will sell his iguanas for $20-35.

Brain Twister

These questions come from Sunday's Big Spring Herald. See how many you can answer, then check next Tuesday for the correct responses.

1. Name some workers who were on duty Christmas Day. (1A)
2. What page do the movie advertisements run on?
3. Who is named a Sports Notable on page 8A?
4. Name two places a person can play bingo. (1B)
5. What is the subject of Jean Warren's column on page 5B?
6. What kind of goats are being raised in West Texas? (7B)

These are the answers to last week's Brain Twister:

1. Home for the Holidays
2. Keep a cut tree moist; turn off lights when tree dries out.
3. It's in disarray, and there's room for improvement.
4. Lists and information about people who have died.
5. The Partees, The Masons.
6. Money scratch pads, lava lamps
7. Bad checks. 8 Employment -- Help Wanted

Especially for kids and their families

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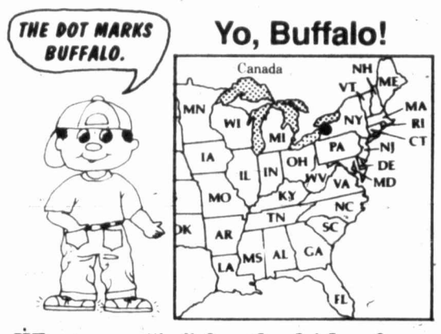
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By BETTY DEBNAM

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Is This You?

The Kids of 1993



Yo, Buffalo!

What was "in" for the kids of 1993? The Mini Page surveyed some kids from Buffalo, N.Y., to find out. Buffalo is in western New York state at the east end of Lake Erie.

The Mini Page thanks survey teachers Rita Cirrincione, Nikki Ventura, Joe Quinn, and Fred and Pat Mleczko of Cayuga Heights Elementary School and Depew Middle School. The schools are in Depew, a suburb of Buffalo. We also thank Pam Hamilton of The Buffalo News NIE Department.

Here are some of Buffalo's kids' favorite fads. Put a check if these are popular where you live.



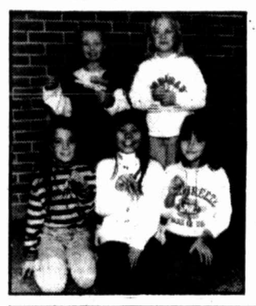
☐ high-tops ☐ sneakers ☐ jeans



☐ oversize shirts ☐ stirrup pants
☐ leggings ☐ high-tops



☐ wearing pants, caps and shirts backward
☐ pro team jackets



☐ water guns (not allowed in school)
☐ pacifier necklaces
☐ woven bracelets



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☐ troll collecting

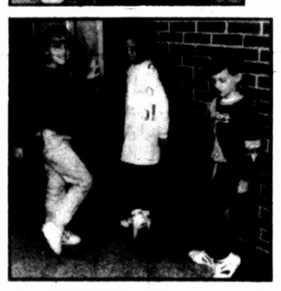


A skater shows us his in-line wheels.

☐ in-line skates



While skating, you would want to wear your safety stuff.



☐ sneakers and high-tops that light up as you walk

Look through the rest of your paper for things that remind you of 1993. Make a poster to keep.



Sayings

☐ "Yo" ☐ "Cool"
☐ "Radical" ☐ "Awesome"
☐ "Duh" ☐ "Sweet"

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes



(sent in by Kevin Meihaus)

Lady: "I would like a pair of alligator shoes."
Clerk: "Certainly, madam, what size does your alligator wear?"

(sent in by Christine Balli)

Q: What did the baby light bulb say to his mom?
A: "I wuv you watts and watts!"

(sent in by Kalia Holderman)

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For more information contact Literacy Coordinator - Glenda Cummings at the...
Big Spring Herald
263-7331

Faces of 1993

Can you identify these faces of 1993?

Political — Sports



Music — TV



1. Hillary Clinton, 2. Al Core, 3. Rose Perot, 4. Rush Yamaguchi, 5. Magic Johnson, 6. Whitney Houston, 7. Garth Brooks, 8. Rosetta LeNoire, 9. John Siamos

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Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Buffalo Chicken Wings



Buffalo chicken wings were created by a restaurant in Buffalo, N.Y. They are usually deep-fried, but here is an easier recipe.

You'll need:

- 20 chicken wings
- 1/2-cup margarine, melted
- salt and pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup hot pepper sauce

What to do:

1. Dip chicken wings in melted margarine.
2. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. Place on a cookie sheet.
4. Bake in a preheated, 400-degree oven for 25 minutes.
5. Sprinkle hot sauce evenly on top.

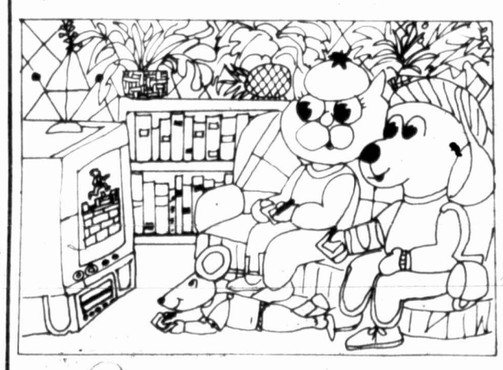
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Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are playing video games. See if you can find:

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- word MINI
- ladle
- kite
- letter U
- number 7
- key
- sailboat
- pineapple
- letter P
- bell
- number 2
- tin can
- letter L
- cup
- heart
- chicken leg
- number 3





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Did you see "Jurassic Park"? It was one of the big hits of 1993.
☐ Yes ☐ No



Photo by Jim Lesinski, The Buffalo News

Hey, girls! Did you collect Aladdin dolls, tapes, discs and books like these girls from Buffalo? ☐ Yes ☐ No



Photo by Jim Lesinski, The Buffalo News

Hobbies

Hey, guys! Were you into ...
☐ model building ☐ reading
☐ collecting sports cards
☐ collecting stamps



On the wall in the hall

Use this issue as a guide and take your own class survey. Hang up the results outside your room so other kids can compare.

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1993 for You and Me!

Here are more favorites of Buffalo kids. Put a check if these are your favorites, too.

Authors

☐ Beverly Cleary
☐ Betsy Byars
☐ Roald Dahl
☐ Ann M. Martin
☐ Judy Blume

Foods

☐ pizza
☐ buffalo chicken wings
☐ spaghetti
☐ french fries
☐ hamburgers

Most important subjects

☐ math
☐ science
☐ reading
☐ social studies
☐ spelling



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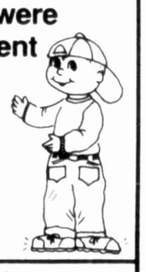
☐ Kris Kross
☐ Amy Grant
☐ Billy Ray Cyrus
☐ Whitney Houston
☐ Michael Jackson

Sports stars

☐ Jim Kelly
☐ Thurman Thomas
☐ Andre Reed
☐ Michael Jordan
☐ Kristi Yamaguchi

Changes if you were president

☐ no drugs
☐ stop pollution
☐ lower taxes
☐ no war
☐ equal opportunities



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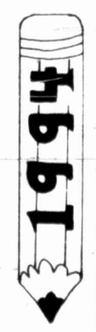
☐ "Full House"
☐ "Saved by the Bell"
☐ "Family Matters"
☐ "Step by Step"
☐ "Home Improvement"

TV and movie stars

☐ Macauley Culkin
☐ Olsen twins
☐ Tim Allen
☐ Bob Saget
☐ Jaleel White

Kids and teachers!

Use this issue later in the year as a guide for a Mini Page 1994 Kids of Today survey in your class. Please send your results to: Mini Page Survey, Box 70567, Washington, D.C.



Let's hear from schools across the U.S.A.

Neil Armstrong Elementary, Hazelwood, Mo. (Teacher: June B. Brinks, 3rd grade)

Ways to make money

- household chores
- shovel snow
- clean room
- sell lemonade
- mow lawns
- wash car
- birthday gifts

Eldridge Park School, Lawrenceville, N.J. (Teacher: Patricia Nolan, 4th grade)

Favorite sports stars

- Bo Jackson
- Marcus Allen
- Larry Bird
- Michael Jordan
- Wayne Gretzky

Ohio City Liberty, Ohio City, Ohio (Teacher: Brenda Valentine, K-6)

TV shows

- "Full House"
- "Home Improvement"
- "Saved by the Bell"
- "Family Matters"
- "Blossom"

Next week: Get set for the new year with our 1994 kids calendar.

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BASSET BROWN THE NEWS HOUND'S 1993 TRY 'N FIND

Words that remind us of the kids of 1993 are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: VIDEOS, FOOTBALL, BASEBALL, FULL HOUSE, PIZZA, SKATING, ALADDIN, KRIS KROSS, SWIMMING, JIM KELLY, BLOSSOM, NANCY DREW, YO, MATH, HOMEWORK, BON JOVI.



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7.	Michigan	6
8.	UCLA(1)	6
9.	Massachusetts	7
10.	Purdue	9
11.	Louisville	6
12.	Arizona	8
13.	Indiana	5
14.	Connecticut	7
15.	GeorgiaTech	7
16.	Minnesota	7
17.	Wisconsin	6
18.	Cincinnati	6
19.	Syracuse	7
20.	OklahomaSt.	7
21.	GeorgeWashington	6
22.	Illinois	6
23.	BostonCollege	7
24.	Marquette	6
25.	W.Kentucky	3

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McEwen taking group to the top

1993 Sports Notables

By STEVE REAGAN
Sportswriter

Twelve years ago, Russ McEwen was an insurance agent whose daughter was interested in gymnastics. Today, McEwen is a gymnastics coach who sells insurance.

Although he splits time among vocations, however, there's nothing part-time about his passion for the sport – or his success, for that matter.

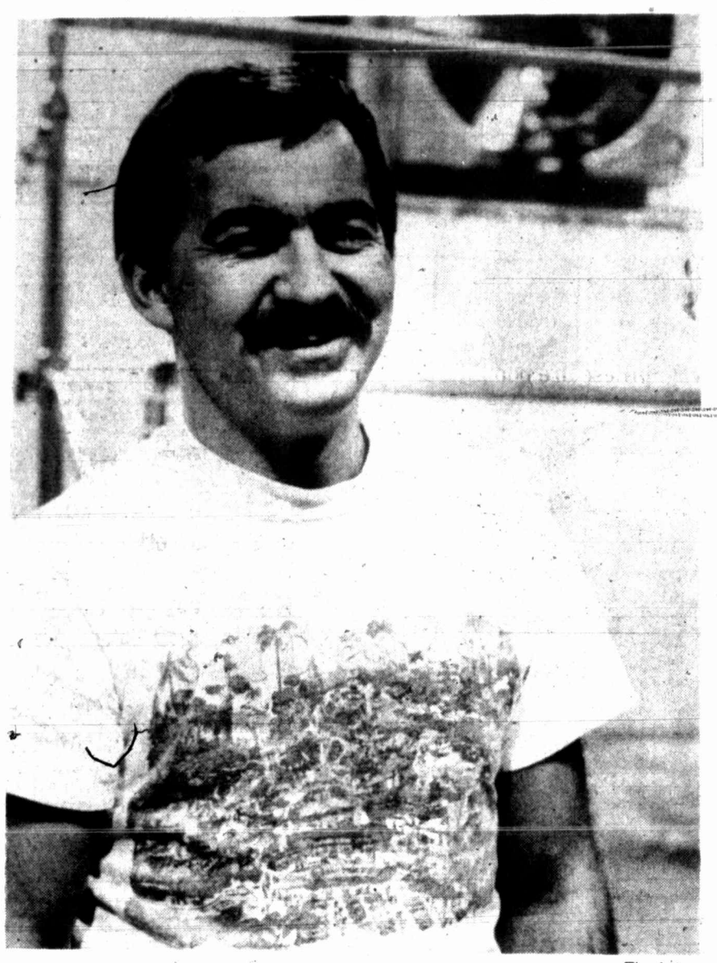
"I love it," he says simply. "This is my passion. Insurance is my vocation."

Since helping to establish the Big Spring YMCA gymnastics program in 1981, McEwen has transformed the Sidewinders into one of the preeminent gymnastics groups in the state.

They have won the state YMCA gymnastics meet five of the last six years (including the last four in a row). This year, however, was a breakthrough year for the Sidewinders, as they finally attained an elusive top-10 team finish at the national Y meet at Tampa in July.

The significance of the Sidewinders' feat, McEwen said, is that it gives them a nationwide stamp of legitimacy.

"In any sport that's a subjective judging sport, it's difficult to get to the point where the judges recognize your team," McEwen said. "By being a top 10 finisher, it means a credibility in the gymnastic community that enables you to take that next step.



File photo

RUSS McEWEN

"But most importantly, it brings a confidence to your gymnasts that, they did it before, and they can do it again," he said.

McEwen is quick to avoid all the praise for the Sidewinders' success. He says part of the reason is the local YMCA facilities, which he calls "second to none," and of course, the talent in the gym plays a major role.

"I think for the first time this year, the girls realized how good they could be, and they had confidence going into the national meet," McEwen said. "Going into the national meet this year, I had a much better feeling about finishing in the top 10. In the past, I hoped we could. This year, I knew we could."

On a timeline, it's been only 12 years since McEwen started the program, but if you could chart progress, McEwen and the Sidewinders seem to have come a million miles.

McEwen said he became interested in becoming a gymnastics coach because his daughter Kisa was involved in the sport. There wasn't an active YMCA program here, so McEwen and the Y officials started one from scratch.

In the beginning, the Sidewinders met two nights a week on the YMCA's basketball court, with McEwen hauling the equipment on and off the court each night.

"I had no lifelong desire to be a gymnastics coach," he said. "I always said when Kisa quit, I would too."

Things, as they say, changed.

"You make a commitment," McEwen explained. " and the other thing is you have kids making tremendous sacrifices ... In the early days, we had beginning level compulsory gymnasts who had some isolated spots of success. Now, the kids are competing at level 9 and 10 (near-elite level)."

As the talent level has increased, so has the quality of the training facility.

"Our facilities here have a great deal to do with our ability to train gymnasts," McEwen said. "They're second to none. It allows us to train our girls better than anyone else in the West Texas area."

The future looks rosy, he said.

"I'd very much like to be in the position to be in the top five nationally at the YMCA meet and, with the right combination of athletes ... win the national championship.

"If we keep the nucleus we have right now, if our four top girls don't get injured ... and if can pick up another two or three top-level gymnasts, that goal is attainable in 1995."

And McEwen will be right there on the sidelines.

"If I were to win the lottery, I'd still be a gymnastics coach," he said. "And my commitment to the kids is so much that I wouldn't ever move from Big Spring."

Teams peaking at the right time

Cowboys overcome slow start; can clinch NFC East

By The Associated Press

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys started slow, but they're finishing fast.

The defending Super Bowl champions can have something they didn't own on the road to Pasadena last year: the luxury of the home-field advantage. The Cowboys had to beat San Francisco in Candlestick Park to secure a Super Bowl berth.

The New York Giants provide a big road block on Sunday in the Meadowlands. Both the Cowboys and Giants are 11-4 and play for the NFC Eastern division title and the NFC homefield advantage. The loser will play host to a first-round wildcard game.

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson said the team that wins will get many rewards, including a bye week.

"If you want to go all the way, your best shot is by winning this week," said Johnson. "Just look at history and see the percentage of teams who go on the road and make it to the Super Bowl in the playoffs. There aren't that many. There is a distinct advantage with the home team."

Dallas has won four consecutive games since it lost 16-14 to Miami on Thanksgiving Day, including a 38-3 rout of the Washington Redskins Sunday.

"That was the game we were looking for," Johnson said. "We played excellent offense, were solid in the kicking game and played strong on defense."

The Dallas players say they feel a playoff atmosphere going against the Giants.

"We beat them earlier in the year (31-9), but they are a much better team now," said defensive end Russell Maryland. "I think we're getting better, too.

"We've done well against the Giants for the last couple of years. I know one thing, there will be a lot of hype this week. It's like a playoff game. It gets you pumped," Maryland said.

Safety James Washington said, "We took care of business in December. Now our time of the year (January) is here."

Johnson said Giants coach Danny Reeves has done an amazing job getting New York turned around.

"Reeves is a leader and commands respect," Johnson said. "That value (in a coach) can never be underestimated. Reeves has the Giants playing significantly better."

Dallas might get pass rusher Charles Haley back for Sunday's game in the Meadowlands. Haley, who has back problems, didn't play against Washington and Johnson called him "doubtful" against New York.

Johnson said he was leaving it up to Haley to make the call whether he can play.

"Charles should be able to play with this problem for the rest of the season," Johnson said. "It's just a matter of how much pain he gets. He tried to play in a few games with the pain and wasn't that effective."

Aggies looking for respect (and Cotton win)

By The Associated Press

IRVING — Seventh-ranked Texas A&M has no shot at a national title, but there's something else nearly as important on the line for the Aggies against No. 4 Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.

Respect.

Being from the much-maligned Southwest Conference and cast under NCAA scrutiny for several years has given the Aggies somewhat of a cloudy national reputation.

A&M's public relations have been further dimmed by losses in the last two Cotton Bowls. They didn't score a touchdown in either game, losing 10-2 to Florida State in 1992 and 28-3 to Notre Dame in the last game.

But Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum said Monday his team is proud of its 32-4 record the last three seasons despite the disappointing bowl games.

He just wishes others would take notice, rather than potshots.

"The whole perception of our program, I think, would be dramatically different if we won one or two of these last two Cotton Bowl games," he said. "If you throw a Cotton Bowl win over Florida State or Notre Dame, we could say we've played as well as anyone in the country.



Associated Press photo

Texas A&M coach R.C. Slocum answers questions during a news conference at Texas Stadium in Irving Monday. Texas A&M will meet Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day.

"But we've had the burden that you can gather up a lot of statistics and say we have not beaten the so-called big-name teams. I can argue about some of the games."

Here's his five-point plan on why the Aggies should be more respected:

—They're facing a Notre Dame team that beat Florida State and now the Seminoles are a 17-point favorite over No. 1 Nebraska.

—A&M began this season with a 24-0 victory over LSU. The Tigers later knocked off defending national champion Alabama.

—The Aggies opened last year beating Stanford, which then won 10 games and played in a bowl game.

—Several members of Notre Dame's team that routed A&M 28-3 in last year's Cotton Bowl are now budding NFL stars. Quarterback Rick Mirer is setting rookie passing records in Seattle, Reggie Brooks has become Washington's all-time rookie rushing leader and Jerome Bettis of the Los Angeles Rams is challenging for the NFL rushing title.

—In 1990, the Aggies beat Brigham Young 65-14 in the Holiday Bowl. Earlier that year, BYU beat eventual national champion Miami.

"So, you can make some arguments, but you don't very often talk yourself out of these predicaments," Slocum said. "For us to get out of it, we're going to go have to play our way out."

Slocum compared his team to the Denver Broncos, who lost three Super Bowls under coach Dan Reeves. The backup quarterback behind John Elway on those teams was Gary Kubiak, a former Aggie and now the team's running backs coach.

"It's really unfortunate, but it is, at the same time, a very real thing in sports," Slocum said. "I fully recognize that. I accept that burden and so do our players."

They'll get their chance to prove themselves Saturday.

Home-field advantage may be out of reach for Oilers

By The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston Oilers coach Jack Pardee did his best not to peek, but finally he couldn't resist.

The Oilers, despite a 10-game winning streak, have little chance to clinch home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. And, chances are, a conference title game appearance would be in Buffalo, site of Houston's milestone playoff choke in January and a humiliating defeat in October.

The savory thought of redemption and sweet revenge was too much even for the Oilers' steadiest hand.

"We've got to get to Buffalo first. That's still a long way away," Pardee said Monday. "I guess if you build a perfect script or story it would be to go back up there and beat them.

"We're not there yet and they're not there yet and if we were we haven't beaten them ... But it would be good. If we go back up there we're a different team than we were on the first trip up there this year."

And how.

The Bills, who staged the biggest comeback in NFL history to knock Houston from last season's playoffs, crushed the Oilers 35-7 on Oct. 11 to complete a 1-4 start.

The Oilers, with stifling defense and adequate offense, have since won all 10 games, including two over AFC Central Division rival Pittsburgh and an impressive 10-7 victory over San Francisco on Christmas Day.

"Back when we were 1-4 our prospects of having a chance to win 12 games this year didn't seem realistic," Pardee said. "The start we had makes all of us appreciate it more."

Sunday's regular-season finale, at the Astrodome against the New York Jets, is likely to be meaningless, at least for the Oilers.

By the 7 p.m. CST kickoff, Houston will know if Buffalo has clinched home-field advantage throughout the playoffs with a victory over Indianapolis.

Pardee said quarterback Warren Moon, suffering from a broken rib, might be held out Sunday depending on how he feels and the game's importance.

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BASKETBALL

Men's top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous rankings:

Record	Pts	Pvs
1.Arkansas(46)	7-0	1,573 1
2.NorthCarolina(11)	9-1	1,511 2
3.Duke(3)	6-0	1,468 3
4.Temple(3)	4-0	1,406 4
5.Kentucky	7-1	1,314 5
6.Kansas	11-1	1,268 6
7.Michigan	6-1	1,153 7
8.UCLA(1)	6-0	1,123 9
9.Massachusetts	7-1	1,115 8
10. Purdue	9-0	975 10
11. Louisville	5-1	916 11
12. Arizona	8-1	873 13
13. Indiana	5-2	795 12
14. Connecticut	7-0	773 15
15. GeorgiaTech	7-1	703 14
16. Minnesota	7-2	650 16
17. Wisconsin	6-0	566 17
18. Cincinnati	8-2	389 20
19. Syracuse	7-1	361 21
20. OklahomaSt.	7-2	329 22
21. GeorgeWashington	5-1	280 23
22. Illinois	6-2	252 19
23. BostonCollege	7-2	201 18
24. Marquette	6-2	166 24
25. W.Kentucky	3-2	103 25

Others receiving votes: Vanderbilt 92, California 70, Missouri 42, Washington St. 41, LSU 32, Xavier, Ohio 31, Ohio St. 30, Florida St. 28, Ala.-Birmingham 27, Maryland 25, Penn 16, Cleveland St. 15, Va. Commonwealth 15, Oklahoma 13, New Mexico St. 12, Iowa St. 9, Georgia 7, Villanova 7, Georgetown 5, Florida 4, West Virginia 4, Kansas St. 3, Mississippi St. 3, Tulsa 2, Baylor 1, Montana 1, St. Louis 1, Tn.-Chattanooga 1, Virginia 1.

Women's top 25

The Top Twenty Five women's basketball teams as compiled by Mel Greenberg of the Philadelphia Inquirer as voted by a panel of women coaches, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 26, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pv
1.Tennessee(64)	8-0	1,624 1
2.Iowa(1)	5-0	1,550 2
3.PennSt.	5-0	1,446 3
4.Connecticut	7-0	1,367 4
5.Colorado	7-1	1,304 6
6.NorthCarolina	6-0	1,276 5
7.TexasTech	7-1	1,238 7
8.Vanderbilt	7-2	1,137 8
9.SouthernCal	5-0	1,090 9
10. Alabama	8-0	1,010 10
11. Stanford	4-2	960 11
12. OhioSt.	6-1	880 14
13. Virginia	6-1	849 13
14. LouisianaTech	6-3	743 10
15. W.Kentucky	7-2	624 19
16. Kansas	6-1	607 17
17. Purdue	7-2	487 16
18. Auburn	5-3	437 15
19. Northwestern	7-0	425 23
20. Maryland	4-2	387 20
21. SWMissouriSt.	4-3	210 18
22. GeorgeWashington	3-1	193 22
23. Hawaii	7-1	147 21
24. Georgia	6-2	142 25
25. Montana	7-1	138 —

Others receiving votes: Oregon St. 131; Mississippi 117; Oklahoma St. 75; Washington 66; Southern Miss. 53; Seton Hall 39; UNLV 39; Indiana 38; Texas 32; Rutgers 28; Minnesota 27; N.C. Charlotte 21; Notre Dame 20; Georgetown 19; New Mexico St. 16; Southern Meth. 16; Stephen F. Austin 13; Boise St. 12; Florida International 12; Tulane 10; Toledo 10; Arizona 9; Creighton 7; DePaul 5; Marquette 5; Santa Clara 5; Arkansas St. 4; Fairfield 4; Kent 4; Long Beach St. 4; San Diego St. 4; Duke 3; Middle Tenn. 2; Virginia Tech 2; N. Illinois 1; Radford 1.

ON THE AIR

Football
St. Jude Liberty Bowl, Louisville vs. Michigan State, 7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Basketball
Detroit Pistons at Atlanta Hawks, 6:30 p.m., WTBS (ch. 11).
Denver Nuggets at Dallas Mavericks, 7:30 p.m., HSE (ch. 29).

NBA standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
New York	17	6	.739	—
Orlando	15	11	.577	3 1/2
Miami	12	11	.522	5
Boston	11	16	.407	8
New Jersey	10	15	.400	8
Philadelphia	9	16	.360	9
Washington	8	18	.308	10 1/2
Central Division				
Atlanta	17	7	.708	—
Chicago	17	8	.680	1/2
Charlotte	15	11	.577	3
Cleveland	11	14	.440	6 1/2
Indiana	10	15	.400	7 1/2
Detroit	8	17	.320	9 1/2
Milwaukee	7	20	.259	11 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Houston	23	3	.885	—
Utah	19	8	.704	4 1/2
San Antonio	16	11	.593	7 1/2
Denver	12	13	.480	10 1/2
Minnesota	8	19	.296	15 1/2
Dallas	2	23	.080	20 1/2
Pacific Division				
Seattle	20	3	.870	—
Phoenix	20	5	.800	1
Portland	16	11	.593	6
Golden State	14	11	.560	7
LA Clippers	11	14	.440	10
LA Lakers	9	18	.333	13
Sacramento	6	19	.240	15

Monday's Games
Orlando 122, Sacramento 110
Charlotte 109, Detroit 94
Washington 96, Milwaukee 87

Utah 97, Minnesota 93
Phoenix 118, Boston 102
LA Clippers 96, Philadelphia 86

Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at New York, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Philadelphia at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Sacramento at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Seattle at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
LA Clippers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Boston at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

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BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ORLANDO MAGIC—Activated Anthony Cook, forward, from the injured list.
Continental Basketball Association
COLUMBUS HORIZON—Placed Kelvin Upshaw, guard, on the injured reserve list.
GRAND RAPIDS HOOPS—Singed Tony Graves, forward.
HARTFORD HELLCATS—Placed Barry Manning, guard, on the injured reserve list.
LA CROSSE CATBIRDS—Acquired Stan Kimbrough, guard, from the Yamima Sun Kings for future considerations. Placed Gerald Glass, guard, on the injured reserve list.
OKLAHOMA CITY CAVALRY—Placed Steflond Johnson, forward, on the injured reserve list.
OMAHA RACERS—Placed Brian Martin, forward-center, on the injured reserve list.
ROCHESTER RENEGADES—Acquired Jared Miller, forward, from the Columbus Horizon for a third-round pick in the 1994 draft.
ROCKFORD LIGHTNING—Signed Andre Spencer, forward.

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Jacqueline Bigar - Horoscope

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1993

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are a live wire today in dealing with loved ones. Be aware of your limits. Opportunities for real understanding and clarity will come easily if you listen more. Tonight: Vanish while you can.**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Expect upheaval in its highest form today. Be aware of exactly where you are heading. Prepare to understand more about what others are feeling. Information comes quickly and in a stunning manner. Tonight: Laugh, tell jokes, lighten up.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Watch your spending today. In fact, balance that checkbook before doing anything else. You might be shocked at what you discover. Moderation is the best course. Tonight: Find someone to treat you.**

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Although you are well-aspected by the moon, others are not. Expect upheaval from partners, and don't let the irritation get to you. Try to be more understanding. Use laughter as a healing tonic. Tonight: Claim your power.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You absolutely must slow down. Your nerves are frayed and you feel as if you are in a pressure cooker. Withdraw and take some time out to do something relaxing for yourself. Be aware that many others are in the same boat. Tonight: Vanish.**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A friend's problem is important and needs to be addressed. Loved ones will react, however, with a show of jealousy or insecurity. Don't feel obligated to take care of everyone else right now. Tonight: Look to getting what you want.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): B[illegible]more considerate to a family member. You could be creating upheaval where others expect it least. Family and domestic matters need attention. Lighten up. Be prepared to use both a firm approach and your sense of humor. Tonight: Work late.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Think of what you need to do during today's roller-coaster ride. You can make a difference. Lighten up about events, and be ready to move on. Listen to your instincts. Tonight: Enjoy your favorite music.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The only way to stabilize your current financial situation is to stop all the spending. Listen to what a partner has to say. Your ideas might be good but they do not apply now. You'll figure out what to do. Tonight: Let another treat.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be sensitive to the energy of someone who is having a hard time understanding what you are asking for. Listen to your instincts, and follow through. Being aware of your needs will help you examine your interaction with others. Tonight: Stay sensitive.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Although you need a break, keeping your nose to the grindstone will stabilize you and make you more content. Understand the needs of another and you will help a situation come to a satisfactory conclusion. Much that goes on today has little to do with you. Tonight: Soak in a bubble bath.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Remain easygoing and you'll get through the day without a problem. You might shake your head at what a loved one is doing for attention. While it seems your hopes are not being fulfilled, that is not the case. Ease up and let your creative juices flow. Tonight: Remain optimistic.****

IF DECEMBER 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Expect the unexpected in relationships this year. Partners will seem to have the upper hand, and you'll need to work at restoring the balance. That could be difficult, but the answer will be found in establishing clearer lines of communication. If single, expect excitement but not much stability – although by the end of your birthday year you should have what you want. Friends will help you gain a better understanding of what is happening. Work at analyzing your feelings about commitment. SCORPIO is lucky for you.

Dear Abby - Letters...

A child's allergies can be dangerous

DEAR ABBY: As a practicing allergist, I would like to make parents, hosts and hostesses for holiday and birthday parties aware that they should be extremely careful with children who are allergic to various foods.

I once had a young boy as a patient who was severely allergic to peanuts. He and his mother regarded this with extreme caution, but once, while attending a birthday party, his allergy proved fatal.

His mother had informed the hostess about "Billy's" allergy and strictly ordered that he not eat anything containing peanuts. The hostess agreed not to feed Billy any such food. Unfortunately, other ladies were helping with the party. One handed out homemade peanut-butter cookies and insisted Billy try one. He tried to refuse, but she insisted. Less than 30 minutes later, Billy was dead.

I want to use this horribly sad incident to warn anyone who is helping with children's activities to please be cautious with your own children as well as others'. Anyone who hands out treats to children, please be aware of the dangers involved. Make certain that the children you serve are not allergic to any foods so they don't end up like Billy. — CLAUDE A. FRAZIER, M.D., ASHEVILLE, N.C.

DEAR DR. FRAZIER: Thank you for a warning that applies all year around. I'm printing your letter in the hope that once alerted, other parents can prevent a similar tragedy.

DEAR ABBY: I am in a bit of a dilemma and need your advice.

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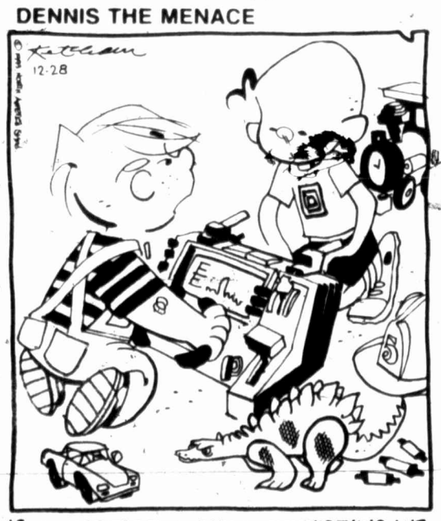
I told her she could live her own life, and let me live mine.

Abby, your column isn't long enough to describe the emotional abuse my mother has put me through since all this started. What is your advice? — NO NAME OR TOWN, PLEASE

DEAR NO NAME: I think the advice you gave your mother — to live her own life and let you live yours — was sensible and to the point. Surrogate motherhood is not about renting one's womb; it's about helping a woman fulfill her dream of motherhood.

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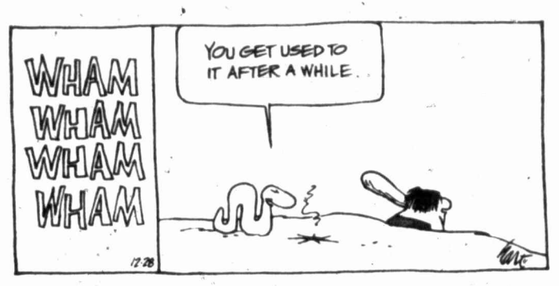
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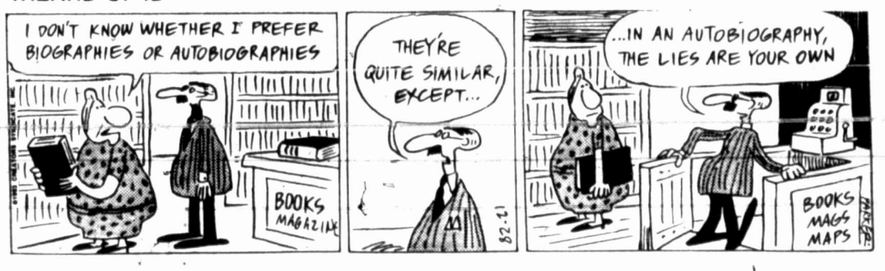
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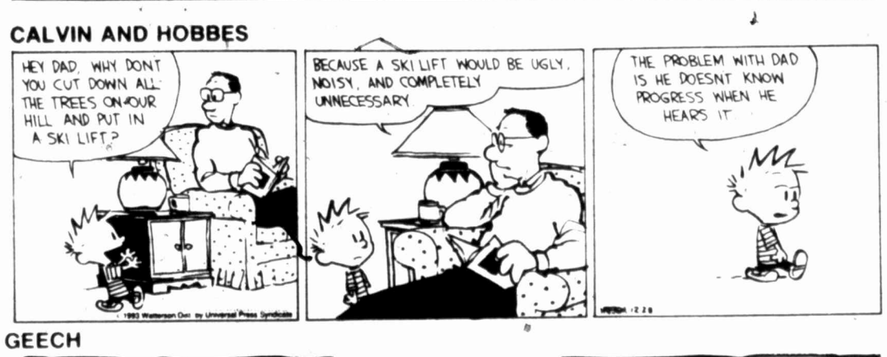
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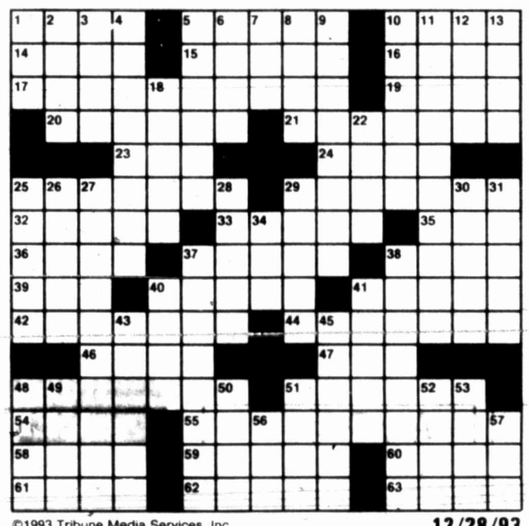
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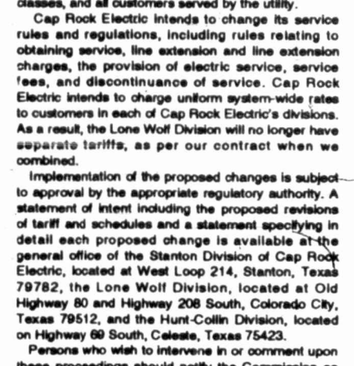
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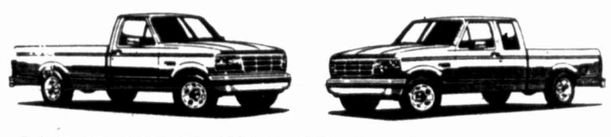
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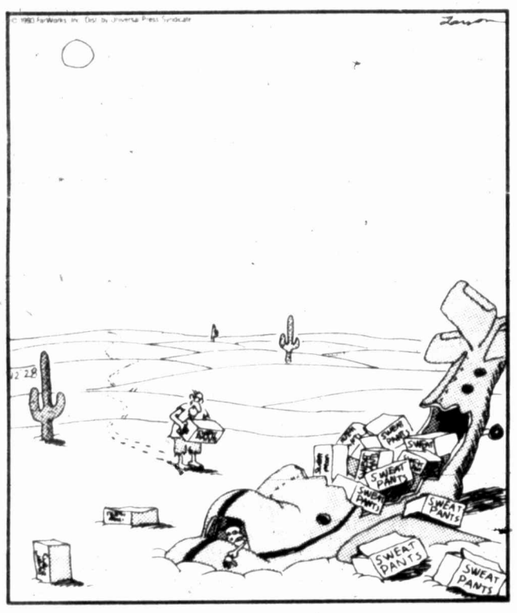
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